

# CCPS

## E-Newsletter

### OCTOBER 2017



Creating an educational culture of continuous growth through shared partnerships and responsibilities.

# Fall Break

## October 9-13

### CONNECT U TV FEATURES STUDENT 2 STUDENT PROGRAM IN CHRISTIAN COUNTY

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### MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Fall season marks the “transition” from summer to winter and **fall break** is welcomed by all. Everyone has been working very hard since the first day students arrived on August 8...while many transitions are taking place in schools across Kentucky.

The word transition applies to our accountability system, pension system and working budget. As you know, all schools in KY are in the midst of a transition, as efforts are being made to develop a new accountability system. We can expect changes in the accountability system over the next two years.

I applaud staff across the district who continue to focus on the mission. Recent test data shows that Christian County has once again exceeded the state’s graduation rate! We also exceeded the state’s College/Career Readiness rate. Kudos to our students, staff and many other who worked tirelessly to help our district reach this level of success.

Special recognition to **Crofton**, **Indian Hills**, **Sinking Fork** and **CCHS** for overall gains by non-duplicated gap groups!

Have a restful fall break! - Superintendent Mary Ann Gemmill

**CHRISTIAN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**EXCEEDS THE STATE GRADUATION**

**RATE FOR THE 2ND YEAR IN A ROW!**

**WE ARE #CCPS\_PROUD**



# Student of the Month

Emma Hale, Sinking Fork Elementary



Emma Hale is a 6th grade student at Sinking Fork Elementary School. Emma’s teachers say she is helpful, thoughtful, considerate and respectful both in and out of the classroom. They also add that Emma is a hard worker and very organized.

Emma has attended the school since her preschool year and she is a proud Sinking Fork Panther!

Recently, Emma was recognized as the district’s student spotlight of the month. She was recognized at a board meeting by members of the Board of Education and Superintendent Mary Ann Gemmill.

*You are cordially invited to the*  
**STAFF APPRECIATION RECEPTION**

Enjoy refreshments, gift bags and door prizes from a community truly thankful for your selfless commitment to education.

**Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**2:30 PM – 5:30 PM**  
**War Memorial Building**  
**1202 S. Virginia St., Hopkinsville**

Please RSVP by October 20<sup>th</sup> to  
heather.lancaster@christian.kyschools.us

From small seeds grow mighty trees.  
Thank you for helping our children grow.

Sponsored by the  
G.O.A.L. Committee  
"Giving Our Appreciation for Learning"

Each year it is a delight to be appreciated by the GOAL committee. Whether it is receiving a gift bag, door prize, or eating refreshments, every act of kindness does not go unnoticed.

Thank you for continuing to support and encourage CCPS employees." - Nancy Sims, Sinking Fork Elementary

...Come and be  
**AMAZED!**

CHRISTIAN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ANNOUNCES ITS PLANS FOR AN INCREDIBLE EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED BY LOCAL STUDENTS AND STAFF MEMBERS.  
DON'T MISS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL AND THE UNITED WAY!

**Our little lights  
Variety Show**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2017**  
**6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.**

INSIDE THE PAC (LOCATED INSIDE CCMS)

ADMISSION IS \$2 PER PERSON. DONATIONS ARE ACCEPTED AND APPRECIATED.

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proceeds benefit:  
**United Way**



# The Great American Solar Eclipse

CCPS Science Teachers Share Experiences from August 21, 2017

Two teachers set out on adventure of a lifetime on April 29, 2017 when they were given the opportunity to participate in a national science experiment.

Jeff DiMatties, science teacher at Freedom Elementary and Christina Nations, Earth Space Science teacher at Hopkinsville High School learned skills necessary to operate telescope equipment specifically designed to capture images of the total solar eclipse on August 21, 2017.

In addition, the experiment included a thorough study of the sun's corona while working alongside professors, amateur astronomers, solar physicists and even scientists from NASA!

Both teachers say that viewing the solar eclipse in the way they were trained meant utilizing information, media and technology skills. Various trainings prepared the team to understand and apply the scientific information received, all while making a significant contribution to scientific research.

"The solar eclipse made real-world science interesting and fun," says Mr. DiMatties. "There is no classroom activity or computer simulation that comes close to experimenting an actual solar eclipse with a sense of profound wonder."

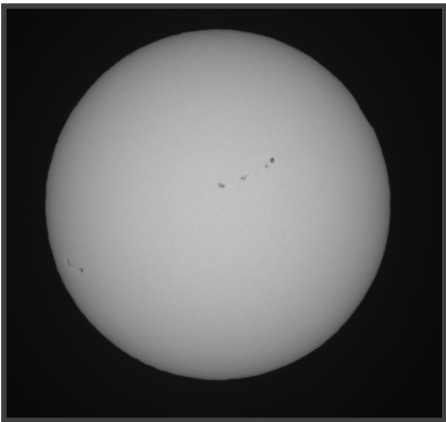
Mr. DiMatties and Ms. Nations are appreciative of the of the opportunity to have worked with the Citizen CATE Experiment.



\*These images (below) were captured by DeMatties and Nations. Images reflect use of the "solar" telescope lens. Visible sunspots can be seen on each of the images.

Mr. DiMatties and Ms. Nations make final adjustments while anticipating final moments before the solar eclipse.

Sun (normal)



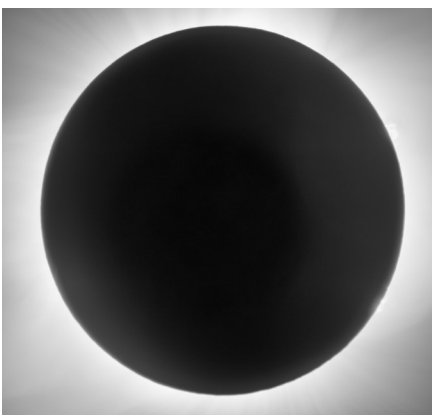
Partiality (1)



Partiality (2)



Totality





Join Us for  
Community Reader Day  
Friday, November 3  
Sign-Up by October 6  
\*details at  
[christian.kyschools.us](http://christian.kyschools.us)

**! 1ST 9 WEEK TERM ENDS OCTOBER 6**  
**REPORT CARD DATE FOR THE 1ST 9 WEEK TERM IS OCTOBER 25**



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## New Kentucky Education Accountability System & Closing the Achievement Gap

# FORUM

Friday, October 13th 6:00pm-7:30pm

You're invited to engage in the discussion about the new changes to the Kentucky Accountability System and Closing the Achievement Gap. Come see what it will mean for your family!



### Featured Guest Speaker

Brigette Blom Ramsey  
Executive Director  
Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence

### Location

Hopkinsville Municipal Center  
715 South Virginia Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42240

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