

Cumberland County Schools Quarterly Newsletter Volume 1, Issue 3

March 2021

Third Nine Weeks

A note from Dr. Maxwell pg. 1

Gratitude is defined as the quality of being thankful. When I think of this school year and everyone that has worked so diligently to make this school year a success, I definitely have a feeling of gratitude. One year and one week ago today, we were asking: "When will we return to school?" At the time, no one knew that we would not complete the school year in-person. As a school community, we have reached so many milestones. Today marks the 125th day that we have been in school. Having used 12 inclement weather days, we only have 43 student days left in this school year. In our remaining time with students and each other, it is my hope that we will continue to strive for excellence together!

Third Nine Weeks

A note from Dr. Maxwell pg. 2

As the final touches were added to this newsletter, I received the sad news that Mrs. Emogene Teeple and Mr. Robert "Bob" Savage had passed away. Both of these individuals served the students of Cumberland County for many years. When I began my teaching career, Mrs. Emogene Teeple was the Elementary Instructional Supervisor. She always had a smile on her face and a kind word to say. Her encouragement and positivity were characteristic of how she worked with teachers, always willing to help in whatever way possible. She had a profound impact on my life as a teacher. I was also fortunate to get to know and work with Mr. Bob Savage. Mr. Savage was passionate about music and shared his love of music with his students. His enthusiasm for the school music program was contagious. He would beam with joy when he announced that there would be a band concert, and the pride he took in preparing students to perform in those concerts was second to none. It was a privilege to have known and worked with both of these educators. They may no longer be with us, but they will always remain in our hearts and minds.



As you read through this newsletter, be on the lookout for 5 hidden eggs that contain special messages! If you complete all 5 challenges and locate the Prize Egg, you will find a special reward!

Departmental News & Notes



Curriculum & Instruction Grades Pre-K - 8th

Dr. Rebecca Farley

- ▶ Pre-K and Kindergarten registration will held on May 3, 2021 from 7:00-5:00.
 - Pre-K registration is in the big building at the Community Complex. [Click here to see the Pre-K Flyer.](#)
 - Kindergarten registration will be held at individual schools. [Click here to see the Kindergarten Flyer.](#)
 - COVID guidelines to follow soon.
- ▶ Visit the Cumberland County Schools [website](#) to see artwork from students (see some below).
- ▶ The Fairfield Glade Art Guild is hosting a contest of the Seniors' artwork; go by the Art Circle Library to cast a vote for your favorite!!

We are working to develop inservice; hopefully we will have something for everyone!



Curriculum & Instruction Grades 9-12 and CTE

Dr. William Maddox pg. 1

Preparing Student to be College & Career Ready

TENNESSEE



HEADLINES FROM HIGH SCHOOL

- Congratulations to our Valedictorians and Salutatorians. CCHS, Bryan Ramsey (Val), Joanna Hopkins (Sal) SHMS, Kayle Davis (Val), Chloe E. Smith (Sal)
- Two high schools have begun online course selection, paving the way for future countywide implementation.
- Congratulations to SMHS & CCHS for their successful basketball, wrestling, and bowling seasons!
- Hats off to Mr. Will Foster for his many years of dedication to the CCHS basketball program. Enjoy the retirement Coach Foster!

Curriculum & Instruction Grades 9-12 and CTE

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CTE HAPPENINGS

- 2 new dual enrollment Information Technology classes were added for spring semester.
- We are growing our own - 6 students enrolled in our Teaching as a Profession pathway are actively working at elementary schools weekly gaining on the job experience.
- 260 students are taking industry certifications in 14 certification areas this spring.
- Club competitions are making their comeback - FFA club members will attend the state convention in June.



Currently there are 64 WBL Students for spring in 50 different job placements.

Human Resources

Mrs. Kim Bray

The 2022-2023 calendar vote is in full swing! I greatly appreciate everyone that volunteered their time to serve on the committee this year. I believe that it was truly a collaborative effort among all members that included both faculty and parents. As of March 10, 2021 the number of votes cast has more than doubled the number cast in previous years. Thank you for voting. Please see the next slide for the winning calendar choice along with the survey results.

Just a reminder, if you would like to change your tax deductions for the remainder of the year you will need to complete a new W-4. [The 2021 form can be found here or on the CC Schools website in the HR portal.](#) You have the option to return the form directly to the county finance department or you can send it to the HR office and we will forward it to finance.



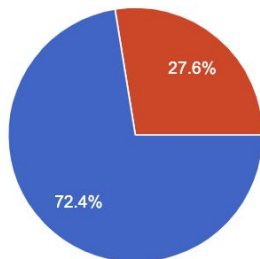
Human Resources

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2022-2023 Calendar Results

Please select your preferred calendar choice.

1,847 responses



- Option 1
- Option 3

Option 1: 1,338 votes

Option 2: 509 votes

Year: 2022 Month: 7 1 Sunday, 2 Monday

Approved 3/17/2021

Cumberland County Schools
2022-2023

Option #1 Calendar

Board Approved:
Events

| July 2022 | August 2022 | September 2022 | October 2022 | November 2022 | December 2022 | January 2023 | February 2023 | March 2023 | April 2023 | May 2023 | June 2023 | July 2023 | August 2023 |
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191 Certification Day (No Students)

192 Administrative Day (No Students)

193 Students First Day/6:00 Release

194 Administrative Day (No Students)

195 Teacher In-Service (No Students)

196 First Full Day of School

197 Letter Day - No School

198-199 Fall Break - No School

1219-1220 Administrative Day/6:00 Release

1219-1220 Winter Break - No School

1219-1220 Administrative Day (No Students)

1219-1220 School Resumes

1219-1220 MLK Day - No School

1219-1220 Presidents Day - No School

1219-1220 Spring Break - No School

1219-1220 Teacher In-Service (No Students)

1219-1220 Administrative Day (No Students)

1219-1220 Students Last Day/6:00 Release

Regular School Day

No School/Holiday

No School/FB Breaks

Admin Day/No Students

Teacher In-Service/No Students

Administrated Day-Early Release

Teacher Days

Field Vacation/FB Breaks 16 days

In-Service/MLK, 6:00, 4:00

Admin-6:00, 6:00, 4:00

PT Cost 1 day/Unsubsidized In-Service 2 days

*No holiday parties prior to 1219

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Please note: In the event school is cancelled in excess of the 13 day maximum, additional days and/or hours will be added at the Cumberland County Board of Education's discretion

Coordinated School Health

Mrs. Marsha Polson

- Winners of the Milk Mustache Contest are Crab Orchard and Pleasant Hill
- The most submissions for the Superbowl Online Cookbook was Pleasant Hill followed by Crab Orchard, Central Office and North Cumberland School
- The 4th Grade Diabetes Drawing contest winner was Student Rhonan Fields of North Cumberland
- The AntiVape billboard design contest winner TBD



Coordinated School Health

Mrs. Marsha Polson



DISTRICT-WIDE DANCE EVENT

sponsored by

DANCEPL3Y

Looking forward to the District Wide Dance Party on April 16th.

To practice you may use the following link

<https://vimeopro.com/user23434351/cumberland-county-schools>

The password is Cumberland

Recently I attended the CSH conference and one of the best things that I learned is this:

You do Enough, You have Enough, You are enough!!

Federal Programs

Mrs. Angela Randolph pg.1

- ▶ Preliminary Title I Needs Assessments have been completed for the 2021-2022 school year.
- ▶ The ESSER 2.0 Application has been submitted.
- ▶ The District Improvement Plan has been submitted and is in the review process.
- ▶ The Federal Programs Annual Training for attendance clerks "FY21- Homeless, Foster Care, ESL, Immigrant, and Migrant" was completed on March 18th at Central Services.
- ▶ We participated in the Virtual National ESEA Conference on February 8th-February 11th and heard several Keynote Speakers including Robert Jackson and Tara Brown and participated in trainings provided by Brustein and Manasevit.

Family Resource Center

- ▶ School supplies donation by Mr. Noland

Federal Programs

Mrs. Angela Randolph pg.2

Title II Summary

- The coaches are working with Kindergarten through 5th grade teachers during PLC's to learn about the "Science of Reading" as it applies to CKLA instructional practices and foundational skills.
- The coaches created Learning Box Activity Cards for students and families to use with the manipulatives included in the grade-level learning boxes.
- Teachers had the opportunity to earn In-Service credit by attending after-school virtual workshops on Best Practices for Virtual Learning, Interactive Technology Tools for the Classroom, and Strategies to Increase Complex Thinking in the Classroom.
- A Coaching Connection Newsletter was sent for January/February that provided teachers with links to ELA resources, math and science activities, and technology add-ons to support classroom instruction.
- The coaches collaborated with local organizations including the Crossville Fire Department and Cumberland County Sheriff's Office to provide books for children in our community.



Federal Programs

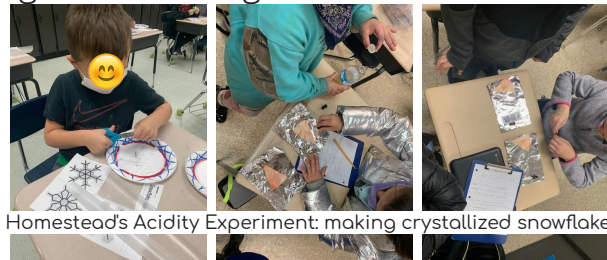
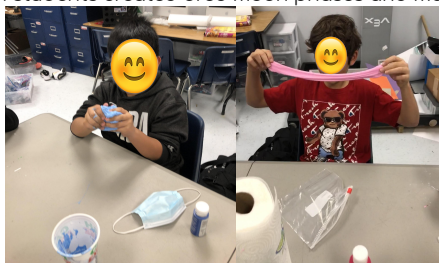
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21st CCLC

Our programs are offering some amazing activities:



Martin students created oreo moon phases and made slime!



Homestead's Acidity Experiment: making crystallized snowflakes



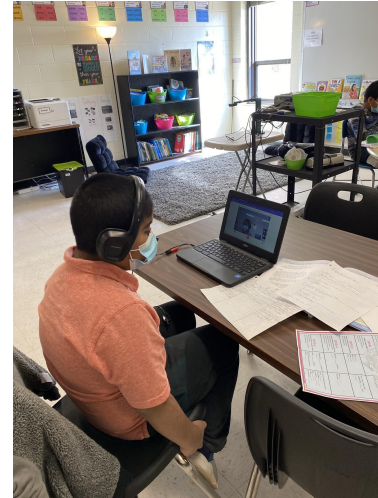
North students created Oobleck and catapulted spiders in to webs!

Federal Programs

Mrs. Angela Randolph pg.4

Title III

- ESL teachers in the district have been busy preparing students for the WIDA Access for the EL assessment.
- ESL teachers are currently in the process of completing the WIDA Access for EL assessment.



School Nutrition

Mrs. Kathy Hamby pg.1

The Tennessee Department of Human Services (TDHS) is extending its Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program into the fall semester by sending qualifying families a card they can use to buy food for their student who has been impacted by the pandemic.

P-EBT will provide parents with approximately \$5.86 in benefits per student for each school day that child missed because of the COVID-19 this is based on an average number of days established by the TDHS. The number of days varies based on if students are coded 100% Virtual or Hybrid. These benefits can be used to purchase food at any establishment that accepts EBT or online with Amazon and Walmart.

To be eligible, students must receive free or reduced meals at school or attend a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school, and they must have missed at least five consecutive days of in person instruction because of school closure or virtual learning. In Round 3, once qualified, the student is qualified for the remaining part of the school year.

For more information:

<https://www.tn.gov/humanservices/covid-19/p-ebt-and-covid-19-faqs.html>



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School Nutrition

Mrs. Kathy Hamby pg.2



Valentine's Day



Partnering with Coordinated School Health

Pleasant Hill Elementary's "Start your day the Parfait Way!"



#1 Goal

Helping families by making sure kids have meals



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|---|---------------------------|
| March 2020 – May 2020 | 354,085 Meals Served |
| June 2020 and July 2020 | 326,322 Meals Served |
| School Year 2020 – 2021 (August 1 – February 24) | 1,001,702 Meals Served |

Emergency Management & Security

Mr. Bo Magnusson

- So thankful that the courts are allowing us to return on a limited basis. Their support is so needed and greatly appreciated in helping with truancy issues!!
- Very excited that we are seeing some homeschoolers re-enrolling in our schools. We have a long way to go, but thankful we are seeing this potential trend.
- Our Safe Schools Counselors continue to be very busy providing excellent service to our students. They are such a valuable asset to our students, schools, and community.
- All Building Testing Coordinators have received training and are currently conducting Test Administrator and Protocol Training in their buildings. Testing materials should be arriving at Central within the next couple of weeks. TCAP-ALT and MSAA testing is now underway with TCAP and EOC testing beginning April 21st.

Maintenance

Mrs. Mary Kington

- ▶ We received a total of 753 work order requests this period. Completed 586 of those to date.
- ▶ We installed 3 new HVAC units and 2 new gym exhaust fans at Stone Elem while fighting the weather.
- ▶ Completed the Travelers Insurance inspection report for CCHS
- ▶ Completed POCA's for Pleasant Hill and SMHS
- ▶ We have completed more landscaping at South Elementary
- ▶ The Schools and Education Committee of the County Commission toured Martin Elementary to view the renovations that have been completed.
- ▶ Completed bleacher inspections for all schools.

Athletics

Mr. Dean Patton pg.1

Elementary Basketball

Congratulations to:

Glenn Martin Elementary for their Girl's Elementary Basketball Championship and North Cumberland Elementary for their Boy's Elementary Basketball Championship. We are especially grateful for the hard work of the school administrators and office personnel that selflessly put in many added hours to ensure that the basketball season could come to a safe completion.

SMHS Basketball

Stone Memorial High School Senior and basketball player, Tessa Miller is the 18 year old daughter of Matt Miller and Jackie Wilbanks. Tessa has found success both within and outside of the basketball arena. Just this past weekend, Tessa was recognized by the Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association as a Miss Basketball Finalist for the 2020-21 Season for Class AAA girls basketball. Additional milestones this year for Tessa includes: Gatorade Player of the Year nominee, District 6AAA MVP, Defensive Player of the Year 6AAA, District Tournament MVP, All-Tournament Team for the Region Tournament, and Selected for the All-State Team. Her career stats include: over 1,700 points, 1,100 + rebounds, 150+ blocks, 280 + assists, and 150 + steals.

Tessa has a GPA of 4.37, received a 28 on the ACT, and is a Summa Cum Laude scholar. She has signed to play basketball at Belmont University in the Fall. Tessa is also a member of the volleyball team at SMHS and in her senior season was named to the All-District Team. Her classmates selected Tessa as Miss SMHS for a Senior Superlative. Tessa Miller embodies all characteristics of true Panther Spirit.

CCHS Basketball

Cumberland County High School Jets basketball team had 3 Players named to the All District Team- Adam Floyd, Kole Torres, and Jackson Inman and 3 player named to the All Tourney Team - Adam Floyd, Jackson Inman, and Jaxon Reed



Athletics

Mr. Dean Patton pg. 2

SMHS Wrestling

The SMHS Panther wrestling season ended last month with 2 State qualifiers on the boys' team, 2 State qualifiers for the girls' team, and one State medalist. Junior Ryan King and Sophomore Aubrey Thompson both made it to the top 16 in their weight classes in the TSSAA State Tournament. Sophomore Jaelyn Patton and Senior Aaliyha Threet made it to the top 8 in the TSSAA Girls' State Tournament with Aaliyha actually taking the 4th place medal home to Crossville. It was a difficult season with cancellations due to COVID, but these young adults managed to fight through, rise to occasion, and make us proud.

Cumberland County Youth Wrestling

Cumberland County Youth Wrestling had a good season with over 40 kids participating in grades 4 through 8, from all the schools in the county. Many of our kids participated in our tournament at SMHS as well as some out-of-county tournaments. We expect that number to nearly double next year as COVID has less of an impact. Wrestling is great sport to teach kids discipline, work ethic, mental toughness, and grit. We take what kids already do and give it structure.

CCHS Wrestling

The Cumberland County Wrestling Jets exceeded expectations again this season. The team has grown from 3 wrestlers to 24 within a span of 2 years. This has been a work in progress that has resulted in back to back region championships in the 182 pound division by Junior Greyson Hale, and six state qualifiers: Jakob Hicks (285sr.), Ty Raimbeau (220so.), Grayson Hale (182jr.), Marcus Pedde (160so.), Will Bastian (153so.), and James Lawson (138fr.). The Jets look to build on this success going forward next season.





Athletics

Mr. Dean Patton pg. 3

Jet Middle School Football

Welcome and congratulations to the “new” Middle School Jets Head Football Coach, Dwayne McGhee. Coach McGhee is no stranger to Cumberland County Football, having done coaching stints with Martin Elementary, Cumberland County Middle School Jets, and Cumberland County High School Jets.

Spring Sports are finally here! – In February our spring sports took the field and court for the first time since 2019.

County Wide Boys Soccer

County wide - Boys Soccer off to good start

The season for Cumberland United has started out hot. United is currently undefeated with scores of 5-0 against Overton Co., 7-0 against Upperman, and 7-0 against Jackson Co. The boys from the plateau are anything but selfish with their 19 goals coming from the feet of 9 different players. Keeper Jamie Perez, arguably the best keeper in the division, has posted clean sheets in every match thus far. Cumberland United is led by a slew of 8th graders whose ultimate goal is to bring home the championship. CU is coached by Blake Allen and Brooks Willis.

Elementary Cross Country held its first meet Monday March 15. The rain and mud did not stop over 400 runners from competing. Cross Country is by far Cumberland County's largest elementary sport, with runners from all grade levels participating for team and individual awards.

Special shout out to the bus garage for their continued support of Cumberland County Athletics by supplying an after-school athletic bus. Middle school athletics would not work without it.

Special Education

Mrs. Marlene Holton pg. 1

- ▶ The Special Education Department serves students from ages of 18 months to 22 years. We are working diligently to meet all special education requirements and support teachers and students in various aspects.
- ▶ Joy Garrett was awarded the TVA STEM Grant for the Gifted Education program in the amount of \$2500. This grant will allow more opportunities and resources for the intellectually gifted students in Cumberland County!
- ▶ The Special Education Department was able to help a student and their family go to the Knoxville School for the Deaf to replace his hearing aids. This happened because all the staff is willing to go above and beyond for the students in this district.



Special Education

Mrs. Marlene Holton pg. 2

- ▶ Cumberland County also received approval to continue providing TEIS services in a center-based developmental therapy (Baby Birds) for the next three years. We will be able to continue providing this beneficial service for children from the age of 18 months to 3 years of age.
 - Check out an overview video of the TEIS Baby Birds program!



Mrs. Whitney Delaney,
On-Site Director and Lead Teacher
TEIS Baby Birds 20-21 Video

Transportation

Mrs. Becky Reed

- Although we are still short handed, we have hired three new drivers since winter break!!!
 - We would like to welcome Jennifer Ellison @ Brown Elementary, Kathy Killian @ Homestead Elementary and Cheryl Garber @ North Cumberland.
- Our transportation employee of the year is Mr. Christopher Howard, our lead mechanic.
 - Christopher goes above and beyond to keep all our vehicles on the road. He is a pleasure to deal with for everyone that crosses his path!
- We realize that our department is made up of many components that make us run like a well oiled machine, but we also realize that the little things make a huge impact for our drivers.
- We are now doing a "tree" for each holiday and Danielle and I are "decorating" it with things for the drivers to keep such as plastic hearts for valentine's day filled with chocolates and personalized with each driver's name.
- Easter eggs and carrots filled with jelly beans and personalized. Just a little way to say thank you to our staff and let each one know that they are ALL employee's of the year in our book!!

Technology

Mr. Elbert Farley

- Our techs organized and distributed 2,900 Chromebooks within two days throughout the district.
- We are now officially 1:1 with managed Chromebooks in grades 5-12th! Many schools are 1:1 in lower grades as well.
- We have also completed 3,077 technology work orders to date!



Virtual Teacher Survey Data Results

*You must be signed in with your CCSchools email account to view.

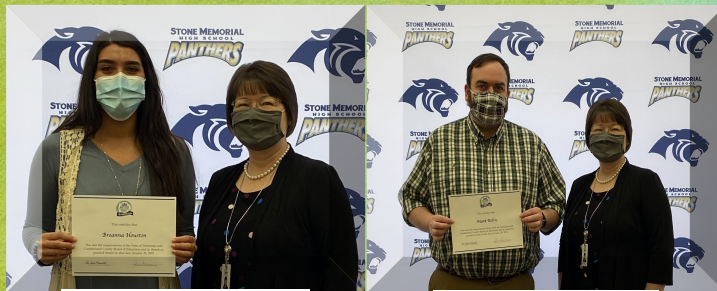




We would like to
recognize our recently
tenured teachers.

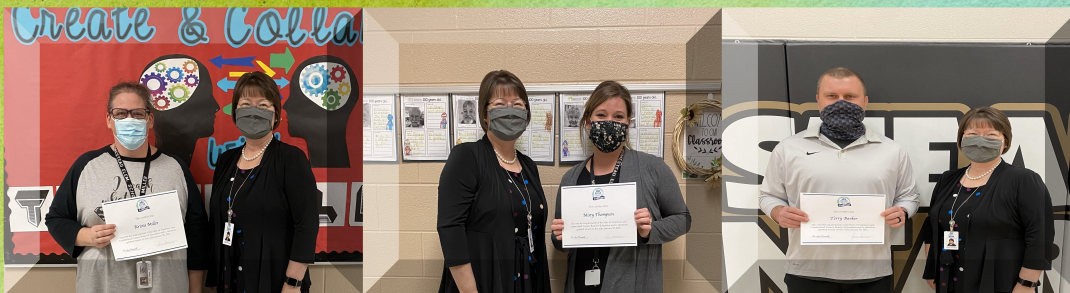


Tenured Teachers



Bre Houston, SMHS

Mark Bolin, SMHS



Krista Miller, HES

Misty Thompson, HES

Terry Barker, HES

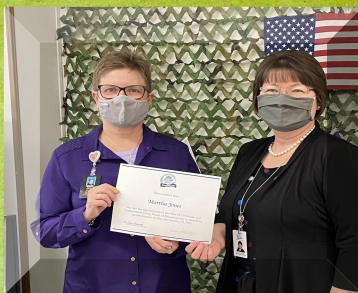
Tenured Teachers



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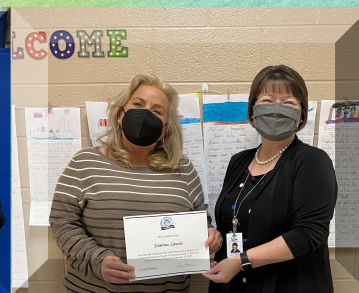
Sophie Hester, PHS




Martha Jones, Phoenix



Chealsey Baxter, MES



Joanna Lavoie, HES



Dates to Remember:
March 22-26 Spring Break
April 5 Good Friday/No School



As you begin your Spring Break stroll, we
hope you enjoyed your cinnamon rolls!
Thank you Cumberland County Food
Nutrition Service for “baking” and “making”
our sweet treat possible!

