

Summertime and the livin' is...not so easy!

Since school ended in June, FCPS staff has worked very hard preparing for the new school year, which kicks off August 25:

- ☀ Human Resources hired more than 260 additional teachers to handle enrollment projected at nearly 40,000 students
- ☀ Communication Services updated the Calendar Handbook, web, directories on S/K drives and printed reams of back-to-school forms
- ☀ Transportation planned new bus routes to improve student safety and efficiency
- ☀ Teachers taught summer school, planned curriculum and attended training
- ☀ Professional Development hosted 1,000 people at Summer Institute
- ☀ Warehouse moved truckloads of furniture and delivered supplies. They even moved **Monocacy Valley Montessori Public Charter School** to 217 Dill Avenue in Frederick
- ☀ Facilities Services opened **Centerville Elementary**, replaced roofs, moved 21 portables and installed 6 new ones, improved HVAC and sprinkler/alarm systems, completed an **Urbana High** addition, and is managing construction at **Brunswick** and **Urbana middle schools** and **Middletown Primary**
- ☀ Food Service ramped up for major changes ...
 - ◆ all snacks (French fries, too) baked not fried
 - ◆ all ice cream low fat, low sugar and meeting Maryland nutrition guidelines
 - ◆ all canned fruit in light syrup
 - ◆ high-fat whole milk removed; 1% strawberry milk and other lower-fat options offered daily
 - ◆ all cookies low fat
 - ◆ 100% fruit-juice smoothies
 - ◆ all cereals whole grain
 - ◆ whole-wheat stuffed-crust pizza... *For more menu changes, see page 4.* ★

What's New?

- ❖ Check out the lists of **new faces in key places** on page 2 and **retirees** on page 3. Plus the Superintendent's Q&A about the six **early dismissal days** for students to give teachers more time to collaborate and analyze the vital work they do, page 2.
- ❖ FCPS launches **First Class Fitness, Food, Fun** this year in recognition of the strong link between health and learning. You'll see posters, channel 18 bulletins plus info on the back of school menus. Schools will get monthly newsletter templates for sharing fitness strategies. The www.fcps.org home page will also link to tips for parents, students and staff.
- ❖ Full-day kindergarten begins at **Ballenger Creek, Centerville, Liberty, Valley, Walkersville, Whittier, and Wolfsville**.
- ❖ The web's updated at www.fcps.org with new info, including links to **fcps**teach and other resources. Combined with our <http://insidefcps> intranet, there isn't much you won't find at your fingertips when you need it.
- ❖ To keep up with changes, subscribe to FCPS **Find Out First** email news. Click on the blue envelope on the www.fcps.org home page, and choose the email info right for you, from calendar updates and news releases to BOE action, policy changes and more. This year, 3 schools are piloting school-level Find Out First: **Valley Elementary, Walkersville Middle** and **Linganore High**.

First Class STAFF

Thanks to you,
public education works
in Frederick County!

(L to R) Transportation specialists **Don Harrington, Dawn Hess** and **Carol Welty**—among others—worked long summer hours redesigning bus routes to increase student safety. Frederick cluster HVAC technician **Mike Wathen** is Maintenance Employee of the Month for July. Web master **Charles Helfenstein** and multimedia assistant **Kelly Gordon** teamed up to get www.fcps.org ready for the new school year.



New Faces in Key Places

We begin the new year on firm footing with **Dr. Linda Burgee's** transition completed from interim to superintendent, with a 4-year contract through June 2009.

To separate leadership responsibility for curriculum and instruction from other, non-instructional FCPS responsibilities and provide a full-time second-in-command for our increasingly complex system, **Dr. Dan Cunningham** has accepted a newly created deputy superintendent position. He will oversee student services (including dropout prevention, outreach for families in crisis, counseling, psychological services, health and the safe and drug-free schools program), school security, testing and accountability, family and community involvement and leadership development.

Dr. Hank Bohlander takes the helm as associate superintendent for secondary education. **Steve Martin** is associate superintendent, elementary.

Ann Bonitatibus is instructional director for high schools. **Vicky Stultz** joins **Sherry Collette** and **Gloria Julius** as an elementary director. **Bruce Brown** remains instructional director for middle schools.

All the above staff are located at 115 E. Church Street. *Need a new directory? Instructions are on page 4.*

Principals

Ballenger Creek MS	Mita Badshah
Brunswick ES	Gerald DeGrange
Brunswick HS	Kristi Mitchell
Career & Technology Ctr	Gregory Solberg
Catoctin HS	Jack Newkirk
Deer Crossing ES	Jan Hollenbeck
Glade ES	Karen Miller
Green Valley ES	Kevin Cuppett
Heather Ridge	Aaron D. Phillips
Liberty ES	Drenna Reineck
Middletown ES	Suzanne O'Toole
Middletown HS	Kathleen Schlappal
Myersville ES	Linda Wiles
Rock Creek	Gayle Brown
Thurmont ES	Kate Krietz
Thurmont MS	Barbara Keiling
Twin Ridge ES	DeVeda Coley
Walkersville HS	Rebecca Koontz
Windsor Knolls MS	Tracey Lucas
Yellow Springs ES	Donna Hauver

Assistant Principals

Ballenger Creek MS	Pat Cowan
Brunswick HS	Kathy Campagnoli
Centerville ES	Steve Raff
Deer Crossing ES	Karen Hopson
Gov. TJ HS	Drew Kibler
Gov. TJ MS	Jason Lininger
Hillcrest ES	Terri Ridenour
Middletown ES	Rose Graf
Middletown HS	Donna Clabaugh
Monocacy MS	Trese Suter
North Frederick ES	Kathy Prichard
Oakdale ES	Angela Roy
Oakdale MS	Janet Shipman
Rock Creek	Mary Malone
South Frederick ES	Gina Keefer
Thurmont MS	Jennifer Powell, Brian Vasquezna
Thurmont PS	Lura Hanks
Tuscarora HS	Jeffrey Marker, Rodney McBride
Valley ES	Neeley McDonald
Walkersville HS	Michael Concepcion, Jan Witt
West Frederick MS	Brooke Anthony
Windsor Knolls MS	David Early, Stacey Hiltner

With the consolidation of associate superintendent and instructional director offices at Church Street, two CASS coordinators—**Eileen McGrath** and **Christina Karszen**—moved to the Department of Social Services, 100 E. All Saints Street. The following moved to 7516 Hayward to be nearer Student Services: Safe and Drug-Free Schools facilitator **Linda Gouker**, health specialist **Helen Monk** and CASS supervisor **Susan Lindstrom**. Our Career and Technology Education office relocated from Church Street to 7630 Hayward Road: We welcome CTE supervisor **Charlene Bonham**.

Gary Brennan is the new Frederick County Teachers Association president (**Nancy Dietz** has accepted a position in Human Resources). **Karen Blackwood** is president of the Frederick Association of School Support Employees, and **Donna Faith** is president of the Frederick County Administrative and Supervisory Association.

This year's student representative to the Board of Education is Middletown High senior **Jonathan Mahlandt**. ★

ASK THE SUPERINTENDENT

This section features questions to and answers from Superintendent **Dr. Linda Burgee**. Please send your questions for future issues to marita.loose@fcps.org.



Q: For the first time the FCPS school calendar includes six days when schools will dismiss students two hours early so teachers can have work sessions: September 30, November 23, December 16, February 17, March 30 and April 28. What is their purpose?

A: Teacher work sessions are planned to give teachers time to evaluate student work, communicate with parents, collaborate with each other and prepare lessons. This is a concrete step toward finding some of that elusive time teachers need for activities such as assessing data to measure student progress, adapting to the new web-based high school grading program, planning for effective instruction, collaborating with colleagues to improve teaching strategies, communicating with parents and managing paperwork.

Q: Why did FCPS schedule six early-dismissal dates throughout the year instead of combining the time into 2 full days?

A: The dates were strategically placed to provide maximum benefit to teachers for planning and assessing student progress while also affording the most continuity for students. In addition, while Maryland law requires that students attend a minimum 180 school days, adding just one staff workday costs FCPS and taxpayers about \$800,000 in salaries and related expenses. These early-dismissal days provide the continuity students need and the time teachers need to analyze the vital work they do, and they don't cost the taxpayers more money.

Q: Do you think FCPS will continue this type of schedule in the future?

A: We will look closely at how this first year goes. Having served as a classroom teacher at FCPS before accepting administrative positions, I deeply respect and appreciate the valuable work our teachers do. I also know how important it is to have consecutive days with students in the classroom. I believe this is a strong step in the right direction toward meeting everyone's needs and continuing our progress in realizing first-class student achievement.

★★★ ACCOLADES ★★★

Lifesaver Walkersville HS pool operator **Beth Slagle** earned the highest award the American Red Cross gives, the Certificate of Merit, for saving the life of a student last June.



National Merit FCPS Communication Services staff won 3 national awards in the 2005 Publications and Electronic Media Contest sponsored by the National School Public Relations Association. The 2004 FCPS School report, written by **Marita Loose** and designed by **José Rosapepe**, and the Graduation Project brochure, written by **Dian Nelson** and designed by **Steve Blickenstaff**, earned awards of merit. Honorable mention went to the FCPS Tech Fair 2005 promotional TV spot, produced by **Bill Watson**.



Superior Ballenger Creek Elementary music students taught by **Sarah Alderman** received a superior rating, first in their class, scoring 2nd highest of 39 groups in regional competition. The BCES chorus also earned the coveted Esprit de Corps award for best teamwork and character.



Partnership The Maryland Department of Education recognized **53 Frederick County public schools** for outstanding work in welcoming volunteers during the 2004-05 school year. All of the county's 12 public middle schools and all nine high schools earned the state certificate, as did 32 elementary schools. Also, the Chamber of Commerce of Frederick County sponsored awards for outstanding service to students and the community—Congratulations **Robert Beavan, Michael Concepcion, Clyde LaBrush** and **Candy Zentz**.



Exemplary For taking a positive approach to providing environments free of disruptions and conducive to learning, **Oakdale Middle** and **Monocacy, Orchard Grove, South Frederick** and **Spring Ridge elementary schools** received state recognition as models of “positive behavioral interventions and supports.” Kudos to PBIS coach **Sara McGarvey** and all at the schools who so effectively used this approach.



1st Statewide Frederick HS student Gleb Kanesevich placed 1st statewide at the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra & Maryland Music Educators Young Artist Competition.



First Class Superintendent **Linda Burgee** received one of two Frederick County Women of Achievement Awards. Congratulations to Maintenance Department employees of the month for June and July: HVAC technicians **Tom Ward**, at Oakdale MS, and **Mike Wathen** (see cover), at Frederick HS.

Recently Retired

Roy Angleberger
 Peggy Arnold
 Paula Blundell
 Suzanne Bricker
 Lorene Burke
 Harriet Buxbaum
 Eugene Cahill
 Larry Carpenter
 Kathleen Coble
 Christine Daher
 Julia Davidson
 H. Mike Deener
 Patricia Dick
 Linda Engle
 Linda Ferrant
 Carole Foltz
 Teresa Foreman
 Delite Fox
 Charlene Fraser
 Kenneth (Mike) Gamble
 Judith Gilbert
 Maud Gladhill

Elaine Godsey
 Mary Sue Grossnickle
 James Gue
 Norma J. Hahn
 Anna Harshman
 Betty Hooper
 Dawn Hull
 Katherine Kahn
 Jeanne Keeney
 Elaine Klein
 Claire Kondig
 Sandra Koontz
 Darlene Kranz
 Robert Layman
 Beverly Lewis
 Denise Lyons
 Charles Lyons, Jr.
 Gary Marple
 Robert Martin
 Lynne Mathewes
 Esther May
 Adelaide McCallum

Nealda (Jeanne) McClung-Morris
 David A. Miller
 Jeanine Moore
 William M. Moore, Jr.
 Thomas Morris
 Karen Mount
 Sandra Naylor
 Nancy Newkirk
 Carolyn Oland
 Ellen Parkhurst
 Mary Pirtle
 Martha Pry
 Barbara Quick
 Patricia Reese
 Sherron Regauld
 Karen Rogers
 William Rose
 Phyllis Rae Rosen
 James Roubal
 Gail Rudisill
 Wendy E. Skarda
 Marilynn K. Spade

Joanne Spencer
 Galen Strite
 Carolyn Strum
 Jerome Strum
 Judy Stup
 Nancy Styers
 Christine Suhler
 Ethel Testerman
 Cynthia C. Togans
 Cecelia Twigg
 Mary Umberger
 John Verderosa
 Mary Walko
 Denise Wasniewski
 R. James Weir
 Max White
 Carolyn Wiles
 Gail M. Windsor
 Beth Wood
 Wanda Zink
 Warner Zumbach

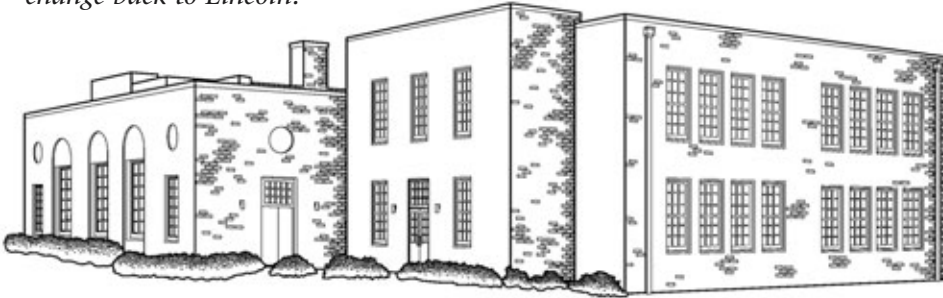


NEWS TO USE

Numba pleez? FCPS has directories galore. Printable versions with both alphabetical and organizational listings of central office staff are on the S and K drives under Directories-FCPS. For all staff phone/address/title info, visit the intranet at <http://insidefcps>. Your Calendar Handbook, pages 48-51, includes directories, too.

What's in a name? In July, the BOE voted unanimously to restore the name **Lincoln Elementary** to **South Frederick Elementary** effective with the start of the 2006-07 school year. One of the two buildings that comprise South Frederick—the “B” building on the south side of Madison Street—served as a high school called Lincoln School for Frederick’s African-American students until 1963. At that time the name was changed. The request to restore the original name came from the Lincoln Alumni Association. The group’s vice president David Key said, “Lincoln School had a pivotal role in our community’s history, and we need to recognize that. We need to remember where we’ve been in order to pave the best direction ahead.”

FCPS engraved the Lincoln School rendering (below) along with the school's motto and alma mater, "Faithful Lincoln," on a bronze plaque that was installed at the February 21, 1999 Lincoln School Recognition Day. In the coming school year, South Frederick Elementary students will have many opportunities to learn and celebrate their school's history in preparation for next year's name change back to Lincoln.



Need a room? Check 7630 Hayward and Church Street conference room availability via your Outlook calendar feature. All rooms have a TV/VCR, computer and screen. Terry.Schaeffer@fcps.org can assist in reserving your space after you’ve checked availability.

Looking ahead November 13-19 is American Education Week. This year’s theme is *A Stronger America Begins with Great Public Schools*.

- September 5 & 23: Schools Closed**
- September 30: Teacher Work Session: 2-Hour Early Dismissal for Students**
- October 4, 13, 21: Schools Closed**
- October 10-12: Parent-Teacher Conferences**
- October 14: Professional Development, Schools Closed for Students**



FCPS FACTOID

Can you name 3 new food choices offered in our school cafeterias?

A: Prepackaged healthy-combination **Munchie Lunches** for elementary students and **Power Pacs** for secondary. **Bagellers**—light cream cheese inside a rolled bagel. *See page 1 for more.*



Tune to channel 18 for FCPS news:

School Talk – 2:30 & 7:30 PM

Newsbreak – 9:30, 10:30 & 11:30 AM
12:30, 5:30, 8* & 9:30 PM
**weekdays*

Inside Look – 2 & 7 PM

Health Matters – 11 AM & 9 PM

BOE Meetings – Wednesdays: 6 PM (live)
Calendar Handbook lists meeting dates
Re-broadcast the following evening

Bulletin Board – Menus, closing info, etc.
To submit news, fax: 301-696-6958 or
e-mail Dian.Nelson@fcps.org.

Classic Arts – 11 PM to 5 AM

www.fcps.org/cable18.htm

Schedules are subject to change

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