

## Feature Story

### **Outstanding Career and Technical Education Student of the Year**

Congratulations to Tieceura Hill, a recent graduate of Nansemond River High School. She was recognized as the Outstanding Career & Technical Education Student of the Year by the Suffolk Career and Technical Education Advisory Council. Tieceura studied Marketing Education and served as the 2017-18 President of the Nansemond River High School chapter of DECA and the DECA District 21 Co-President. She placed in the Top 10 this year in the DECA State Competition for her Breast Cancer Awareness project, which she organized in honor of her aunt. She plans to attend Tidewater Community College in the fall. Call Andre' Skinner, Coordinator of Career and Technical Education and Adult Education, at 925-6759 for more information.



### **Fifty Retirees Celebrated at Banquet**

This year's retirees from Suffolk Public Schools were recently celebrated at the 2018 Retirement Banquet. The years of service below are those years with Suffolk Public Schools only – a total of 1,025 years of service to Suffolk students! Congratulations to the following retirees:

- Johnnie Adams-Coleman, HES, Teacher Asst., 9 years
- Fatiyah Ali, MBES, Teacher, 4 years
- Wilma Archer-Jack, JYMS, Cafeteria Associate, 10 years
- Karen Bailey, CES, Teacher Asst., 13 years
- Cynthia Barrett-Walloe, SAO, Admin. Asst., 20 years
- Janette Belote, NSES, Teacher, 33 years
- Gail Bess, SAO, Coordinator, 41 years
- Dale Blake, LHS, ROTC Instructor, 14 years
- Debbie Bunch, JYMS, Teacher, 35 years
- Elizabeth Butler, MBES, Teacher, 28 years
- Deborah Creekmur, NRHS, Teacher, 30 years
- Laurie Curtis, JYMS, Teacher, 13 years
- Eva Daniel, NPES, Teacher, 4 years
- Gilbert Dawes, Jr., CCAP, Teacher, 13 years
- Deborah Eaton, SAO, Admin. Asst., 15 years
- Mary Eberwine, KFHS, Guidance Counselor, 15 years
- Phyllis Elmore, LHS, Teacher, 17 years
- Amy Espinosa, HES, Teacher, 35 years
- James Fowler, KFHS, Teacher, 11 years
- Inga Francis, NRHS, Teacher, 14 years
- Melissa Gardner, SAO, Accounting Tech. II, 33 years
- Mary Gray, MBES, Teacher Asst., 8 years
- Joyce Hale, NRHS, Cafeteria Associate, 14 years
- Robin Healey, KSES, Teacher, 10 years
- Virginia Hill, Transp. Dept., Bus Driver, 44 years
- Dona Hindlin, NRHS, Teacher, 13 years
- Sharon Holsinger, KSES, Teacher Asst., 15 years
- Charlene Jerlin, KFHS, Guidance Director, 19 years
- Montina Jones, JFKMS, Teacher, 6 years
- Mary Joyner, PES, Teacher, 22 years
- Christina Klein, JYMS, Teacher, 30 years
- Coleen Lee, EFES, Teacher, 27 years
- Sherri Lilley, KSES, Teacher, 42 years
- Patsy Markham, KSES, Teacher, 34 years
- Lisa McNair, Transp. Dept., Bus Aide, 11 years
- Roland Myers, KSES, Teacher, 18 years
- Lillie Parker, NRHS, Custodian, 20 years
- Juanita Parker, KSES, Speech Pathologist, 33 years
- Loretta Parker, Transp. Dept., Bus Driver, 21 years
- Judith Perry, KFMS, Teacher, 15 years
- Herlene Plowden, KFHS, Custodian, 14 years
- Deborah Raspberry, KSES, Teacher, 19 years
- Scott Reed, LHS, Teacher, 16 years
- Bernette Rodgers, Transp. Dept., Bus Aide, 14 years
- Linda Skeeter, KFMS, Teacher Asst., 34 years
- Sherri Story, KFHS, Teacher, 12 years
- Phyllis Thibodeau, MBES, Teacher, 26 years
- Gloria Tucker, NSES, Custodian, 7 years
- Anita Wellenstein, DES, Teacher, 12 years
- Diane Whitley, LHS, Teacher Asst., 17 years

# Video Feature

## **Superintendent's 2-Minute Drill ...**

Hear the latest from Dr. Deran Whitney, superintendent of Suffolk Public Schools as he talks about graduations, Suffolk's first white coat ceremony, specialty programs in Suffolk Public Schools and more. Watch it [here!](https://goo.gl/vF6oZo) (https://goo.gl/vF6oZo)

## **Meet Our 2018 Valedictorians and Salutatorians ...**

We asked this year's Valedictorians and Salutatorians three questions. Hear what they had to say! Watch it [here!](https://goo.gl/u73PM2) (https://goo.gl/u73PM2)

# News

## **Tell Us Now If Your Child Will or Will Not Be Riding the Bus Next Year ...**

The 2018-2019 Student Transportation Form is available online NOW for currently enrolled students. This form will allow the Transportation Department to properly plan by knowing who is and who is not riding the school bus and where your child will need to be picked up. To access the [2018-19 Transportation Request Form](https://goo.gl/DB7mm2), please visit <https://goo.gl/DB7mm2>. Please complete one form per student at each individual school. If you have any questions or concerns, email [kebabaldwin@spsk12.net](mailto:kebabaldwin@spsk12.net) or [annettemclamb@spsk12.net](mailto:annettemclamb@spsk12.net).

## **Summer Food Service Program - Open Site ...**

Suffolk Public Schools is participating in the Summer Food Service program. Meals will be provided to all children without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided, at a first come, first serve basis, at the sites listed below. All locations will be closed on July 4, 2018. For more information, contact Food & Nutrition Services at 925-5789.

**Beginning on June 25 to July 26, 2018, Monday through Thursday:** Breakfast-9:05-9:30 AM; Lunch- 10:40-11:55 a.m. at Mack Benn Jr. Elementary School, 1253 Nansemond Parkway, Suffolk

**Beginning on June 25 to August 2, 2018, Monday through Thursday:** Breakfast-8:00-8:30 AM; Snack- 10:00-10:30 a.m. at John F. Kennedy Middle School, 2325 E. Washington St., Suffolk

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## **Parents: Don't Wait Until September!**

State law requires all rising sixth-graders to have a tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap) booster shot prior to entry into the sixth-grade. The Department of Education has advised there will be no grace period allowing school attendance for students who have not obtained the Tdap immunization. Your child will not be able to start classes until the Tdap shot is verified. Therefore, it is important that your child have this immunization prior to entering school in September. Please review your child's shot record. We ask you to obtain the immunization for your child as soon as possible from your family doctor or local health department and provide a doctor's statement to the school nurse. There is no fee for immunizations obtained at the health department. If your child has had the Tdap immunization within the last five years, he or she does not need to repeat it, but the school must be provided with proof of the immunization from your doctor or local health department. Please send verification information to school as soon as the immunization is obtained. This information will become a part of your child's health folder. As you review your child's immunization record, please keep in mind that this immunization may be listed as T, Td, Dtap and/or Tdap. If you have questions concerning the immunization, please call your doctor or local health department (514-4700).

## **14th Annual Youngstarz Basketball Camp**

The 14th Annual Youngstarz Basketball Camp will be held at Nansemond River High School Monday, July 2 through

Thursday, July 5 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The camp is for boys and girls currently in grades 2-7 (entering grades 3-8 next school year). The mission of the camp is to teach the fundamental skills needed to play in a game of basketball as well as skills to make you a better student and a better person. Space is limited to 60 attendees. Cost is \$130 per child. Students can bring their lunch or buy lunch. Contact Coach Ed Young at Nansemond River High School at [edwardyoung@spsk12.net](mailto:edwardyoung@spsk12.net) for more information.

## **Mark Your Calendars**

### **Suffolk Public Schools will soon begin its summer office hours ...**

The school division will follow a four-day work week, from Monday, June 18 through Thursday, August 16. All buildings will be closed on Fridays. Office hours will be from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

## **Guiding Lights**

### **Creekside Elementary Honors Volunteers**

Volunteers from Creekside Elementary School were recently honored with a special breakfast to personally thank them for all the time they spent helping at the school. Attendees also received gift bags as a small token of the school's appreciation. For more information, contact the school at 923-4251.



## **Shining Stars**

### **Girl Scout Encourages Summer Reading**

Paige Starkey, a fifth grade student at Mack Benn, Jr. Elementary School recently created an outdoor free lending library to help her classmates and other students read books year-round. Starkey said students "can take a book and leave a book for reading pleasure during the summer months." Even though the idea came to encourage reading during the summer, the book project will be open year-round.

The "Biggest Little Library" will be located in front of Mack Benn, Jr. Elementary School. "Since the school library will not be open during the summer months, I would like for my classmates and other students to grab a book to read from The Biggest Little Library in Suffolk," stated Paige. She helped build the library from a recycled and repurposed a chicken coop.

The idea was something she thought about for her Girl Scout project. Paige saw a reading need for her classmates and others in the community. The library will be open to parents, students and staff. Books donations are also welcomed. Call the school at 934-6224.



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