

## Feature Story

### School Board Recognizes Partners-In-Education and Volunteers

The Suffolk School Board and Suffolk Public Schools recently recognized the top five Partners-in-Education for 2017-18 and the top three volunteers for the year. For more information, contact Bethanne Bradshaw, Public Information & Community Relations Officer, at 757-925-6752 or [bethannebradshaw@spsk12.net](mailto:bethannebradshaw@spsk12.net) (Photo IDs follow write-ups.)

### Recognized Volunteers

- **Sylvia Polliard** has been a tireless volunteer at Nansemond Parkway Elementary School for many years. She has spread a love for reading with countless students in that time through her work in the school library. She scours library shelves to find books that align with the curriculum, brings puppets from home to engage the students during story time, helps students to achieve their AR goal, and encourages them to become independent readers. Ms. Polliard has logged more than 350 volunteer hours this school year.
- **Barbara Hoyt** has logged 540 volunteers hours this school year at Northern Shores Elementary School. She too faithfully volunteers almost every day in the library, shelving, labeling and repairing books. The media specialist calls her “my right hand man”, saying “I don’t know what I would do without her generosity of time and quoting Seth Parker, “You may not have a lot of money, but if you save a lot of heartaches for other folks, you are a pretty rich person.” The school says, in their mind, Barbara is the richest person they know.
- **Jennifer Davis** has logged 560 volunteer hours this year at Pioneer Elementary School. A dedicated weekly library volunteer for several years, Ms. Davis stepped up to serve as PTA president this year, and worked with parents, students and staff to ensure the success of many wonderful events at Pioneer. She has been unwavering with her continuous dedication to provide the best for our school. In addition to her work at Pioneer, she also serves as a volunteer and board member for many organizations in our community.



## Recognized Partners-In-Education

- **Lakeland High School's Rho Kappa Honor Society** was nominated by Kilby Shores Elementary School for recognition. These high school students visit the elementary school twice a month, working with Early Childhood classes, helping first-graders reach their Accelerated Reader goals, serving in the Santa Shop, and helping third-graders with the annual exploding pumpkins experiment. This year, Rho Kappa members logged more than 430 volunteer hours.
- **Suffolk Fire & Rescue – Engine 6** – was nominated by Hillpoint Elementary School for recognition. These firefighters have designated Wednesdays as their day to be at Hillpoint. When they arrive they check-in and usually head to the gym to assist the PE Teacher and work with students. They have visited with students at lunch, help at special events such as Field Day, and bring the fire trucks and apparatus on Career Days. Suffolk Fire & Rescue has been long-time Partners-In-Education with schools across the city .... And this year, different units partner with 10 of our elementary schools.
- **Zion Community Church** was nominated by John Yeates Middle School for recognition. Once a month, they bring volunteers to cover all lunch shifts (10:00 am - 1:40 pm) so that teachers can have a duty-free lunch. On that day, even more volunteers bring and serve teachers and staff a special lunch. The volunteers provide additional support to our guided reading groups in eighth grade English classes. The men of the church work with the male student mentoring group. This year, Zion surprised teachers and staff with a free Teacher Appreciation gala at a Harbour View area hotel.
- **College Drive Walmart** was nominated by Creekside Elementary School for recognition. The store supports students year-round through their outreach program "Blessings in a Backpack," which provides non-perishable food items for about 20 students each weekend. In addition, Walmart manager Rosa Copeland has donated school supplies, gift items, and equipment to support several school activities, such as the Girls with Pearls etiquette and leadership club.



- **The Suffolk Sheriff's Department** was nominated by Elephant's Fork Elementary School for recognition. In addition to organizing holiday toy donations, they teamed up with Wal-Mart and local churches to upgrade the playground equipment for Kindergarten and Early Start students. Each Thursday, they send two volunteers to tutor first grade students in reading. The Sheriff's Department has committed to having its deputies visit each of our 11 elementary schools every day, coming by to check on teachers and staff and to build relationships with students. Throughout the division, they have logged more than 650 volunteer hours in our schools.



Picture IDs:

*Polliard – accepted by NPES assistant principal Jennifer Conner*

*Hoyt – NSES principal Lori White (l), Hoyt (c), NSES media specialist Michelle Sowerby*

*Davis – PES principal Dr. Danielle Belton (l), Davis (r)*

*Rho Kappa – LHS students pictured with LHS teacher/sponsor India Meissel (back row center) and KSES principal Lorri Banks (second row from front, left)*

*Suffolk Fire & Rescue – Pictured with HES principal Catherine Pichon (second from right)*

*Zion Community Church – Pastor Ben Fitzgerald (front left), JYMS principal Dr. Wendy VanHosen (c)*

*College Drive Walmart – CES principal Tara Moore (l), Rosa Copeland (c), CES assistant principal Candace Myrick*

*Sheriff's Department – Sheriff E.C. Harris (front second from left), EFES principal Jessica Avery (front second from right)*

## **Video Feature**

### **News Bite – Boat Trip Offers Outdoor Classroom Experience ...**

Since 2013, all Suffolk 7<sup>th</sup>-graders have participated in the boat trips made possible through the Nansemond River Preservation Alliance. Thanks for investing in our students! Find out more about this [educational boat trip!](https://goo.gl/KVjH7M)  
(<https://goo.gl/KVjH7M>)

## **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 has started 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.

## **Shining Stars**

### **Suffolk Ruritan Club Awards Academic Achievement**

Congratulations to the following students that received the Suffolk Ruritan Club's Academic Achievement Award. These students are fifth-graders who have the highest academic achievement averages and eighth-graders who have the highest and second highest academic achievement averages. Call the division's instructional services department at 925-6760 for more information.

- Braylen Beamon, Booker T. Washington Elementary
- Abigail Stepp, Creekside Elementary
- Brylee Johnston, Driver Elementary
- Daniel Acosta, Elephant's Fork Elementary
- Ava Kirk, Hillpoint Elementary
- Ava England, Kilby Shores Elementary
- Genevieve Bonte, Mack Benn, Jr. Elementary
- Andrew Perkins, Nansemond Parkway Elementary
- Eshani Patel, Northern Shores Elementary
- Cara Starkey, Oakland Elementary
- Henry Reeves, Pioneer Elementary

- Nitaicandra Stevens, John F. Kennedy Middle School, Highest Academic Average; Thalia Bonte, John F. Kennedy Middle School, Second Highest Average
- Alexis Olsen, John Yeates Middle School, Highest Academic Average; Patricia Carrelo, John Yeates Middle School, Second Highest Average
- Erika Lin, King's Fork Middle School, Highest Academic Average; Tabitha Ralph, King's Fork Middle School, Second Highest Average
- Anthony Jiang, Forest Glen Middle School, Highest Academic Average; Logan Harris, Forest Glen Middle School, Second Highest Average

**Amadas Industries Recognizes Top Science and Math Students**

The Amadas Industries Award has been given again this year to recognize top eighth-grade students in the fields of science and mathematics at each of the four middle schools. Winners include Jordan Clark of Forest Glen Middle, Nitaicandra T. Stevens of John F. Kennedy Middle, Alexis Olsen of John Yeates Middle, and Matthew Shaver of King's Fork Middle. These students were selected for their potential and interest in pursuing a career in engineering or a technical field, aptitude for science and mathematics based on performance in math or science classes and standardized tests, and participation in special activities pertinent to the technical field, such as mathematics competitions and science fairs. Amadas Industries awarded a certificate and a cash gift to each of the four winners, as well as inviting students and families for a company tour. Call Jamie Jache at Amadas Industries at 539-0231 for more information on the company award. Call each school for additional details on the student winners.

**Woodmen of the World Awards Announced**

Congratulations to seven outstanding students selected for this year's Woodmen of the World Award. The top eighth-grade American history student from each middle school and the top 11<sup>th</sup>-grade American history student from each high school were recognized by the local chapter of the Woodmen of the World, a national life insurance fraternal organization. The seven students receive an engraved plaque and a cash gift for their scholastic achievements in history. Winners include Colin Cantwell of Forest Glen Middle School, Alysha Johnson of John F. Kennedy Middle School, Trent Sterner of John Yeates Middle School, Peyton Wilson of King's Fork Middle School, Andrew Thompson of King's Fork High School, Landon Wigg of Lakeland High School, and Jeremiah Lewis of Nansemond River High School. Call the division's instructional services department at 925-6760 for more information.

**John F. Kennedy Music Programs Recognized**

Congratulations to the John F. Kennedy Middle School Orchestra and Chorus who recently performed at the Kings Dominion Festival of Music. Both ensembles received an excellent rating for their performances. The chorus was also awarded third place in the Middle School Choral Competition. For more information, contact the school at 934-6212.



**Lakeland High Choral Programs Receive Honors**

Congratulations to the Lakeland High School choral programs for their recent success at the Kings Dominion Festival of Music. The Cavalier Singers placed took first place and Bella Voce placed second. For more information, contact the school at 925-5790.

