

Feature Story

Share Your Graduation Day Photos ...

Suffolk Public Schools wants to celebrate your graduation day with you! Share your graduation day photos with us by emailing them to e-news@spsk12.net on graduation day and they could be included in our graduation video. For more information, contact the Public Information Office at 925-6752.



Graduation 2018 on YouTube ...

Suffolk Public Schools is providing LIVE VIDEO STREAMING of this year's graduation ceremonies from the Ted Constant Center in Norfolk. Any mobile device or computer with Internet connection should be able to view the live stream. At the time of the ceremony on Saturday, June 9, go to the [graduation page of our website](http://graduation.spsk12.net/) (<http://graduation.spsk12.net/>). For more information, contact Bethanne Bradshaw at 925-6752.

- **Graduation ceremonies for Lakeland High School** will be held at **9 a.m. Saturday, June 9** at the Ted Constant Convocation Center in Norfolk. This event is for ticketed guests only. Call the school at 925-5790 for more information.
- **Graduation ceremonies for King's Fork High School** will be held at **12 noon Saturday, June 9** at the Ted Constant Convocation Center in Norfolk. This event is for ticketed guests only. Call the school at 923-5240 for more information.
- **Graduation ceremonies for Nansemond River High School** will be held at **3 p.m. Saturday, June 9** at the Ted Constant Convocation Center in Norfolk. This event is for ticketed guests only. Call the school at 923-4101 for more information.

Video Feature

News Bite: Virginia's First Sea, Air, and Land Challenge comes to Suffolk ...

Six (6) Suffolk teams compete in Virginia's first Sea, Air, and Land Challenge and learn more than engineering skills. Watch it [here!](https://goo.gl/GcJ45S) (<https://goo.gl/GcJ45S>)

Sneak Peek: Florence Bowser Elementary ...

Take a behind-the-scenes look at the progress at the new Florence Bowser Elementary School, opening to students in September. Watch it [here!](https://goo.gl/NADK2h) (<https://goo.gl/NADK2h>)

News

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

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form (AD-3027), found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) Fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) Email: program.intake@usda.gov. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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 for more information.

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.

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](#), 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 or annettemclamb@spsk12.net.

Early Start Pre-Screening Applications Now Available ...

The Early Start program is for children who turn 4 years old by September 30, 2018 and who need an extra year to prepare for success in kindergarten. Children must be Suffolk residents. Prescreening applications are available on the Suffolk Public Schools website and in each elementary school. Screenings for both child and parent will take place in June. This screening will allow school officials to select children according to their needs. Appointment cards will be mailed to the home address. Eligibility criteria includes but not limited to these factors: Family income at or below 200% of the

federal poverty guidelines (or below 350% for students with special needs or disabilities), family homelessness, parents/guardians lack high school diploma, and/or language and development assessment of child. Because Early Start classes are not located in each elementary school, school placement will be determined based on Early Start zoning. Transportation is provided. For questions regarding this program, contact Tomika Doleman at (757) 925-6760.

Mark Your Calendars

Creekside Elementary School to Host End of Year Awards

Creekside Elementary School will host their end of year awards ceremonies on the days and times listed below. For more information, contact the school at 923-4251.

- **June 11-** 2nd grade 10 a.m.
- **June 12-** 1st grade 10 a.m., Kindergarten 6:30 p.m.
- **June 13-** 4th grade 10 a.m., 5th grade 6:30 p.m.
- **June 14-** 3rd grade 10 a.m.

Guiding Lights

Congratulations to District PTA Volunteer of Year

Congratulations to Creekside Elementary School's PTA President, Christine Richards. Ms. Richards was recently selected as the Southeastern District PTA Volunteer of the Year. For more information, contact the school at 923-4251.



High School Teacher Selected for National Conference

Congratulations to King's Fork High School history teacher Tanika Blunt. She was recently accepted into the third annual Friends of the National World War II Memorial Teachers Network and Conference. In July, an all-inclusive conference in Washington, D.C. will include professional development, tours of significant WWII sites, a panel discussion featuring WWII veterans, and presentations about the experiences of women, African-Americans, Jews, and Asian-Americans during the war. Beyond the conference, Blunt must commit to guide her students to a year-long community service project to empower today's young people with a heightened sense of community, civic engagement, and personal responsibility and to renew the spirit of unity and shared purpose, which defined the character of America during the war years. For more information, contact the school at 923-5240.



Shining Stars

Creekside Elementary Student Artwork Selected

Myron Campbell, an author out of Virginia Beach, has recently been visiting Creekside Elementary School to share writing tips and his books with the students. Recently, an illustration contest was held among kids in Oakland Elementary School and Creekside to create artwork for use in Campbell's next book in his series entitled Melvin Learns to Code. Creekside second-grader Cameron Waters had the winning drawing and will be featured in the book upon its release late summer 2018. For more information, contact the school at 923-4251.



Students Learn about Overcoming Adversity...

Lakeland High School students in the Independent Living class, part of the Career and Technical Education program, were honored to have guest speaker Christine Conley from the Overcome Academy to come speak to the students. The Academy pairs up Wounded Warriors with schools and businesses to communicate the veterans' message of leadership, fitness and goal setting. The students in Lawrence Strauss' class were fascinated to hear about Conley's journey through self-sacrifice, tenacity and the "overcome spirit." Conley expressed the need for goals and life plans, which coordinated with the lessons the students have studied in the course this year. For more information, contact the school at 925-5790.



Congratulations Nansemond River High School Boys and Girls Track Teams



Congratulations to Nansemond River High School's boys and girls track teams for their recent representation at the state championship. Out of 55 schools in the 5A Classification Nansemond River's Boys Track team finished eighth place, without senior leader Jevon Waller who was out due to injury. Daiqwuan Faircloth led the team with state championships in both the 100 hurdles and 300 hurdles, events in which he set the Nansemond River High School record and the Class 5A State meet record. Kevin Johnson added in all-state finish in the 200 finishing fourth, and Jacari Jennings finished sixth in the 800, with the second fastest time in Nansemond River History. Jacob Nixon finished top 20 in both the 100 and 200. Jacob, Jacari, Kevin, and Daiqwuan finished ninth in the 4x400 relay, and Christopher Blount, Caleb McGirt, Aaron Goggins, and Francisco Villagomez

competed in the 4x100 relay at the state meet.

With a supporting cast including junior hurdle qualifiers, Lauryn Freeman, and Julia Burkley, and freshman Kayla Morris, the Nansemond River Girls Track team won the class 5A state team Championship. Leading the charge over the weekend was Kori Carter with state championships in the 100 hurdles and 300 hurdles, and a runner up finish in the long jump. Tre'Breh Scott-McKoy totaled five medals with all-state finishes in the 100 hurdles (second place), Long Jump (third place) , 200 meter dash (fourth place) and High Jump (fifth place) . Tre'Breh and Kori teamed up with Tea Foster and Brene' Donaldson to break the state meet record in the 4x400 relay. Additionally, Tea' finished sixth in the 800 and Brene won the state title in the 100 meter dash. The seniors Asia Crocker and Skylar Parks both stepped up with two all-state finishes a piece. Both seniors added a third all-state finish in the form of a state championship in the 4x100 relay with Lauryn and Brene. All together the girls totaled 94 points which was 30 points ahead of second place, to win their fifth straight outdoor state title, and ninth straight state championship between indoor and outdoor. For more information, contact the school at 923-4101.

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