HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



Senior Scholar: Prestigious Awards forE. C. Glass Student Samuel Fedeler

E. C. Glass senior Samuel Fedeler was named the first recipient of the \$25,000 Charles Pryor Award for Excellence in Science Scholarship. Dr. Pryor awarded LCS earlier this year with \$100,000 in scholarship money to be given to four seniors over the next four years who are interested in pursuing a career in science. Samuel also received the prestigious National Merit Scholarship prize.

■ Junior Scholars: 2 HHS Students to Attend Harvard Summer Program

Heritage High School juniors Rebekah Chun and MaHogany Matthews were accepted into the Harvard Summer Program.

Rebekah was one of only four students in the country to earn a full scholarship to attend the program. They will take college classes, earning a total of eight credits.

■ Washington Post's National Ranking: Both LCS High Schools Make List

E. C. Glass and Heritage high schools were included in the latest ranking of the Washington Post's most challenging high schools. Both LCS schools met the requirements because they had at least as many AP tests as graduates in 2013. According to the Post, only 9 percent of the nation's public high schools make the list.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

■ Stock Market Competition: LMS Students 3rd in State

A group of Linkhorne Middle School economics students placed third in the state out of 2,698 teams, including high school teams, in the Virginia Stock Market Game. Students and their advisor, Brenda Murphy, were invited to an awards program at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

■ Division-wide Science Fair: 5th-Grade Winners Recognized at CVGS

Students participated in the first LCS Fifth Grade Science Fair. Individual science fairs were held at each elementary school and winners participated in the division-wide event at Sandusky Middle School. Those winners received ribbons and their projects were on display at the Regional Science Fair at Central Virginia Governor's School.

FACULTY & STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

■ Hutcherson Pre-K Special Education Teacher Gerin Martin Named LCS Teacher of the Year

Hutcherson Early Learning Program's Gerin Martin has been named the Lynchburg City Schools Teacher of the Year. Ms. Martin is a special education and pre-Kindergarten teacher, but her instruction goes far beyond the walls of the Hutcherson classrooms. Ms. Martin has been vital in the establishment of inclusive placements for preschoolers. She serves on many school- and division-wide committees. She is the coordinator of the community playgroups held twice each week and open to all pre-school aged children in the community.



■ Perrymont Elementary Principal Recognized by Lynchburg College Faculty

Perrymont Elementary School Principal Karen Nelson was selected by Lynchburg College to receive the J. Edward Petty Outstanding Graduate Alumni Award, which is awarded each year to "an alumnus who exemplifies the outstanding characteristics of Dr. J. Edward Petty who devoted his career to the education of others."

■ Director of Special Education Receives National Award

The national Council of Administrators of Special Education recently presented the Harrie M. Selznick Distinguished Service Award to LCS Director of Special Education Wyllys VanDerwerker. The award recognizes individuals who have been career-long leaders in the administration of special education programs. Recipients of this award are chosen based on their significant contribution to the field.

■ New Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

Lynchburg City Schools is pleased to welcome Dr. Jay C. McClain to the school division's senior leadership team. Dr. McClain will take on the role of Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, in place of Mr. Al Coleman who is retiring in June after more than 40 years serving the staff and students of Lynchburg City Schools. Dr. McClain comes to Lynchburg after serving as Teach For America's Vice President of the D. C. Region's Teaching and Leading Continuum. He is also a former director for Cluster III of the Fairfax County Public Schools and principal of two large elementary schools.

WHAT'S IN STORE FOR THE FUTURE OF LYNCHBURG CITY SCHOOLS?



■ Groundbreaking Ceremony Held on April 22nd for New Heritage High School

Lynchburg City Council and School Board members were joined by more than 100 supporters at the Heritage High School Groundbreaking Ceremony on April 22nd. At a March meeting, the Lynchburg City School Board unanimously approved the \$63.4 million bid for the construction of the new Heritage High School. The total project, which includes construction, architect fees, and furnishings for the new building, is estimated to cost about \$76.9 million, down from a nearly \$90-million estimate in 2012. Construction has begun, and the project is on track for students to be in the new building by fall 2016. Follow the progress and the countdown to completion online.

■ LCS-ONE: The Plan to Provide a Personal Computer for All Students in Grades 4-12

LCS has set a course for meeting the 21st Century needs of our students. Next school year, all 9th-grade students at both high schools will receive an LCS-issued Chromebook. By the end of the 2016-2017 school year, all high school students in Lynchburg City Schools will have a device. In the academic years that follow, LCS will continue with the plan to provide Chromebooks to all students in grades 4 through 8.



Leland Melvin | Heritage High Class of 1982

The astronaut and former NFL player returned to his old elementary school, Perrymont Elementary, to speak to Kirsten Wilson's second-grade students about what it's like to travel in space and how they can achieve their dreams.



These are only a few of the many LCS stories, highlights, and events. Log on to our website to learn more about Lynchburg City Schools. We also invite you to share your stories at www.lcsedu.net/my-lcs-story.



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