STATE RECOGNIZES LCS NUTRITION EFFORTS

First Lady of Virginia Dorothy McAuliffe recently visited LCS to recognize the School Nutrition Department for its Breakfast in the Classroom and Community Summer Feeding programs, thanking the department and school division for their multiple efforts in providing meals for children and addressing hunger in our community.

The Breakfast in the Classroom initiative at the elementary schools has proven to be beneficial both to students and staff, with notable improvements in student behavior and a quieter, more organized start to the morning.

LCS has also implemented an exciting new program that provides breakfast and lunch at no charge to all students at 10 of the division's elementary schools, without requiring families to complete the free/reduced meal application. This Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) has led to increased participation in breakfast and lunch.

HHS CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Progress continues on the new Heritage High School with substantial portions of the building now under roof and finish work started in many classrooms. The roof will be installed on the auditorium, gymnasium, locker rooms, and administration areas this fall, allowing finish work to progress to these areas during the winter. The new parking lot in front of the school has been installed and site work is beginning on the bus loop with paving scheduled for late fall.

COMMUNITY PLAYGROUPS

Preschool Community Playgroups co-sponsored by Lynchburg City Schools and Lynchburg Parks & Rec began in September. Playgroups are open to all preschool children. They will be held from 10-11:30 a.m. all school year-on Tuesdays at Diamond Hill Center and Wednesdays at Daniel's Hill Neighborhood Center. It's a chance for you to learn how to be your child's first teacher and to connect with other families while your child has socialization with other preschool-aged kids.

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These are only a few of the many LCS 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.

2015-2016 HIGHLIGHTS

LCS RECEIVES GRANT TO SUPPORT EXTENDED CALENDAR

The Virginia Department of Education awarded LCS with a \$368,318 grant that will allow each school to provide additional academic support for up to 20 percent of its student population during the fall and spring intersessions. The grant, entitled Extending Opportunities for Success, is in support of Lynchburg City Schools' new academic calendar for fiscal years 2016 and 2017. Grant funding will provide additional time and support for students struggling to meet standards for a course, whether on or above grade level. Funding will also be used to provide a Credit Recovery Program for high school students and a Senior Intensive Remediation Program for high school seniors.



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT PROMOTES HEALTHY COMMUNITY

LCS is one of 14 school divisions across the state to receive non-infrastructure grant awards from The Virginia Department of Education. The grant supports the city's current initiative to provide safer walking and biking options around the city. The city is currently working on transportation improvements that will help students walk and bike to school. promoting healthy activities from an early age. This work includes pavement markings, new sidewalks, new pedestrian signs, and curb ramps, made possible through a separate infrastructure

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Lynchburg College Physical Therapy students raise money to purchase an adaptive tryke for R. S Payne Elementary School. Students ride it daily as part of the school's movement ed classes.



The Lynchburg City Schools Education Foundation, Inc. was established in 1985 as an endowment institution. The Foundation accepts financial support from individuals and businesses for selected projects and programs that are consistent with the goals and priorities of the Lynchburg City School Board. To learn more or to donate, please contact executive director Jodi Gillette at (434) 515-5081 or gillettejk@lcsedu.net.

grant provided through the Safe Routes to School program. The pedestrian improvements not only help schools, but also contribute to a better overall walking environment and safer streets for the community.

TEACHER RECOGNITION

E. C. Glass Business and Personal Finance teacher Terri O'Hara has been selected as Virginia's Outstanding Economic Educator for 2015 by the Virginia Council of Economic Education.

HHS art teacher Jon Roark was chosen for first place at the Hill Center Galleries Regional Juried Exhibition. Mr. Roark entered a painting in the art show that covered multiple states. Out of 600 entries, 100 were chosen to move through, and the curator of the National Gallery in Washington, D.C. judged that out of all the entries, Mr. Roark's painting was best in show.





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Kevin Beasley | Heritage High School Class of 2003

This HHS alum has caught the attention of the art world in recent years. His work has been highlighted at the Whitney Museum of American Art and the Museum of Modern Art, both in New York. He was recently one of 10 artists featured in the Annual Exhibition of Contemporary Art at the Maier Museum of Art at Randolph College.

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