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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**May is:**
- National Dental Care Awareness Month
- National Inventor's Month
- National Photography Month

Click here for more information.

- May 1 - Low Day
- May 1 - School Principals' Day
- May 2 - National Life Insurance Day
- May 4 - National Teacher Appreciation Day
- May 5 - National Astronaut Day
- May 5 - National Skilled Trades Day
- May 7 - National Space Day
- May 12 - National Receptionists Day
- May 19 - Emergency Medical Services for Children Day
- May 20 - School-Business Partnership Executive Council Meeting
- May 21 - National Waitstaff Day
- May 24 - Aviation Maintenance Technician Day

Click here for more information.

**TRANSITION SERVICES**

**Special Education, Career & Transition Services**

LCPS Career & Transition Services "helps students plan for independence in post-high school life" Career & Transition Services. LCPS Special Education Transition Specialists, Jenna Arndt and Sarah Conlin recently held the annual "When the Bus Stops Coming" event on April 8, 2021 from 6-8 pm. This event provided information on transition planning for students who will need more intensive or ongoing support upon exiting school. Community Independence Instruction (CII) began again on March 16, 2021. Jenna and Sarah have had several schools and classrooms sign up to go out in the community and work with students on workplace readiness and independent living skills. Transition Services also released its first Career & Transition newsletter in April. The newsletter highlighted events, contact information, Rock Ridge's Independent Living Lab, Project Search, and School-Based Enterprises led by our students. LCPS Career & Transition is excited to continue working with the schools, students, community, and parents to assist our students with their goals and employment.

**FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**English Learners, Family and Community Engagement**

LCPS English Learners (EL), Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Program is dedicated to empowering all LCPS staff and families to create long-lasting partnerships in their students' education, extending the reach of the LCPS classroom into the home in order to dually support increased student academic achievement and success while also expanding community collaboration and togetherness. This is done by providing opportunities for schools and families to meaningfully connect. During the 2020-2021 school year, the LCPS EL FACE network has provided multiple virtual access points for LCPS families and staff to engage and gather around a common goal of deepened student success. There are upcoming spring Virtual Family Workshops. To learn more please contact EL FACE Coordinator, Veronica Cuadrado Hart, at veronica.cuadrado@lcps.org. Follow us on Twitter @LCPS_FACE.

**MORE INFORMATION**

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CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

CAREER CLUSTER - EDUCATION & TRAINING

The Education and Training cluster is about using your ability to motivate and your love of people to provide education and training that reaches individuals of all ages and across a range of industries. Careers include teaching in a classroom, serving as a college president and serving in your community as a social worker. VDOE.

This career cluster includes the following career pathways.

- Administrative & Administrative Support
- Professional Support Services
- Teaching/Training

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

LCPS has been partnering with Shenandoah University (SU) for Teacher Cadet since 2005 when the course was first offered in Loudoun County Public Schools and Northern Virginia. LCPS was the first to offer this program thanks to the collective work of Dr. Mary Bower, Shenandoah University Director of Educator Licensure, and Shirley Bazemore, retired LCPS Director of CTE. They worked together to establish the dual enrollment credit feature. To start the program off there were four teachers sent to South Carolina for training to teach Teacher Cadet and the Teacher Cadet program. The first programs were started at Park View High School and Potomac Falls High School. As teachers became available, they were certificated and trained and it has grown to what it is today. SU provides certificates, honor cords, and during the pandemic, they have created a virtual library for instructors to access and share with students. Each summer, LCPS and SU partner to present the Teacher Cadet program at the Virginia Association for Teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences Summer Institute.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Nicky Harte, a senior at Briar Woods High School is currently enrolled in the Teacher Cadet I Dual Enrolled (DE) course. Nicky shares a few words with us about her future career goals. Nicky shares, “When I was growing up I always said that I wanted to become a teacher when I’m older, and now that I’m older my dream is still the same. My love for teaching started at a young age when my younger brother was born. I never left his side and was always trying to teach him and help him learn new things every day. Flash forward to now and not much has changed. I am still working with younger kids from volunteering at summer camps, working at a preschool, and a Lego robotics camp. I have also had the amazing opportunity of taking Teacher Cadet through my high school, in which I will hopefully have the opportunity to work in an elementary school classroom and grow more as a student and future teacher. I feel like I was born to become a teacher and I am so excited to one day have a classroom of my own and teach the minds of the next generation.”

CTE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Ms. Diane Breinig is currently in her 24th year teaching. She has taught numerous Business and Family and Consumer Sciences courses throughout her 18 years of teaching in LCPS. She currently teaches Teacher Cadet I-II – DE, Early Childhood Education I-II, and Personal Finance. She is also the Educators Rising Teacher Leader at Briar Woods High School. She decided to become a teacher because she has a passion for helping students learn, and for building relationships that will last a lifetime. There are so many of her former students that are currently teaching, and it just warms her heart to see that they are also following their passion. It is such a blessing to have found a profession that really does give back. She absolutely loves being a teacher and helping to shape the minds of young people. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, loves sporting events of all kinds, enjoys concerts, and making the most of every day.
THE GEORGE C. MARSHALL INTERNATIONAL CENTER

The George C. Marshall International Center brings to life the timeless values of selfless service and unwavering integrity to develop visionary leaders worldwide. In support of this mission, the Marshall Center is committed to developing an educational framework to translate General Marshall’s principled approach to leadership for the leaders of today and tomorrow. This framework will debut during the Five-Star Character: The George C. Marshall Ethical Leadership Conference for rising high school seniors on August 20 and 21, 2021.

The conference will leverage lessons from the life and example of George C. Marshall, whose life as a soldier and statesman serves as a positive and timeless model of effective ethical leadership and “five-star character.” Using examples from Marshall’s long career of service, participants will learn and apply these enduring lessons in a modern context.

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

F.A.M.I.L.Y Mentoring Group, co-founded by Benjamin Blakley and Derrick Veney Sr., alumni of Loudoun County High School, have worked for Loudoun County Government, and have had a variety of experiences in the fine arts, athletics/coaching, and entrepreneurship. This school year they have worked with Freedom High School’s Leadership Academy to mentor students in career exploration, career development, and personal growth development.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Alana Galbert, senior at Riverside HS, completed an informational interview with Nicole Acosta, Director of Grants and Non-Profit Programs at the Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties. As virtual interviews are becoming more common, Alana found it helpful to talk to Mrs. Acosta, as it provided her clarity for the way she wants her own career to go and it solidified her interest in helping and giving back to her community.

SBP COUNCIL SPOTLIGHT

Geoff Lawson, Vice President and General Manager of the National Conference Center in Leesburg, has worked in the hospitality industry for 44 years. Geoff joined the SBP Executive Council in 2014 and currently is serving his 2nd term on the council. In addition to serving LCPS, he is a member of the Dulles Chamber of Commerce, Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce, Visit Loudoun, and Lansdowne Conservancy & Committee for Dulles (CFD).

FUN FACT

Dual Enrollment partners with LCPS include the following institutes of higher education:

- George Mason University
- James Madison University
- Northern Virginia Community College
- Richard Bland College of William & Mary
- Shenandoah University

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May 19 and June 2
The Family Room
Spring 2021 Semester

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So a 12 year old graduates high school and college in the same week? What is the take-away? His continuous curiosity! We all take different paths, but be your own guide on the path to remaining curious!

Meet the 12-year-old graduating high school and college in the same week.

Click here to read the article.

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COMPUTER SCIENCE ELEMENTARY RESOURCES

The Computer Science office works continuously to provide resources for its LCPS CS teachers. The Computer Science office created two different resources through Google Slides. The first is through nearpod which gave students the chance to learn about Earth Day and the second resource "April Showers Grow CT Flowers" includes five resources that integrate computational thinking into science and math concepts. If you are interested in seeing more content like this, follow the Computer Science office @CSForLCPS.

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

22nd Century Technologies (TSCI) is supporting the Computer Science Department by taking on 4-5 interns this spring, who will be familiarized with all aspects of the mid-sized IT firm. This will include what it’s like to work on a coding team, an introduction to their cybersecurity practice, an overview of how they capture new work, and how to be an effective employee. TSCI looks forward to supporting LCPS student interns as they progress towards their goals in higher education.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Brian Minnick, Loudoun Valley High School student, was awarded the 2020-2021 ACM/CSTA Cutler-Bell Prize in High School Computing. This prize is only awarded to four students in the United States. Brian created a project controlling a Fully 3D Printed 3D Printer Without Microprocessors. For more information about Brian’s project click here. Congratulations, Brian!

CS STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Mr. John Chapin is in his 8th year of teaching. He has worked in various careers before going into teaching. He is currently the Academies of Loudoun Computer Science Pathway Leader and teaches AP Computer Science A and Computer Science Junior Research (AI and mobile Application Development). Mr. Chapin decided on a career switch after volunteering for the Microsoft TEALS Program at Tuscarora High School. His first teaching role was teaching Math and Science at Freedom High School. Mr. Chapin believes, “In the past, the computer science community was an elite club that seemed to make it clear that not everyone was welcome or worse, implied that most people could not learn to program. Those days are over and we, as a CS educational community, need to figure out how to get more student participation and figure out how to engage and make all students successful. Computer Science pedagogy, is in its infancy. I feel an immense amount of responsibility and challenge as well as excitement to be part of the LCPS team developing the answers.”

FUN FACT

Did you know the first person known to be a computer programmer was a woman?

Ada Lovelace lived in England where she worked as a mathematician and writer. She is famous for working on the "Analytical Engine".

SAVE THE DATE

CONNECTIONS TO
YOUR FUTURE
INTERNSHIP FAIR

Are you a local industry leader thinking in the STEM field and want to share potential Fall 2021 internship opportunities with Loudoun County Public School high school students? May 19, 2021 4-7:00pm Virtual Sched

Thinking Computationally

The LCPS CS Office wants to remind everyone of the resources the CS team created for our elementary students in nearpod.

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VIRTUAL IN-CLASS GUEST SPEAKER

Freedom High School & Loudoun Valley High School

LCPS is always looking to provide its students with authentic learning experiences. In order to achieve this goal, LCPS has numerous partnerships with businesses in the area. The Computer Science Office was able to bring in four Unanet industry professionals who spoke to two Computer Science classes on April 15, 2021. The presentation lasted for an hour and the panelists discussed their career experiences in technology and provided students with advice on how to navigate this ever-changing field. Both Unanet and the two Computer Science classes enjoyed this opportunity. We hope that this is the first of many in-class presentations to our students and look forward to hosting more of these types of events.

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Moorefield Station Elementary

Social Emotional Learning (SEL) has continued to be a growing need for students in LCPS. At Moorefield Station Elementary, Principal Karen Roche noticed students and staff morale beginning to wane. Working together with her administrative team and Division Instructional Facilitator (DIF), she came up with the idea of an “SEL Day.” The concept was simple: teachers dedicate one full day to just building connections and checking in on their students’ well-being. Her DIF, Wes Strayer, collaborated with the SEL Team, Lindsay Orme and Devon Becker, to provide resources and planning for teachers to structure their “SEL Day” activities. As teachers completed their schedules and their SEL Day activities came and went, a few things were noticed throughout Moorefield Station: smiles, confidence, and a renewed sense of self and purpose!

VIRGINIA’S 5 C’S

Critical Thinkers analyze, question and synthesize ideas to evaluate information, make inferences, draw conclusions, establish patterns and connections, or solve problems. Critical Thinking provides a foundation for self-directed, lifelong learners to apply and transfer their knowledge across multiple situations in order to make informed decisions.

Critical Thinker Criteria:
- Clarify Purpose
- Analyze Point of View
- Apply and/or Transfer Knowledge
- Develop Conclusions and/or Solutions
- Engage in Feedback, Reflection, and Revision

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LCPS BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS NETWORK OPPORTUNITIES

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The LCPS Business Partnerships Network is supported by the following offices within the Department of Instruction. Click on Career and Technical Education, Community Connections, or Computer Science to learn more.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION
Work-Based Learning

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS
Job for a Day, School Business Partnership Executive Council

COMPUTER SCIENCE
Experiential Learning

To get involved, click below to complete the brief BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS NETWORK PLACEMENT SURVEY to connect with the appropriate LCPS point of contact!
For additional information please email LCPSPartner@lcps.org

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