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A MONTHLY INSIGHT INTO THE HAPPENINGS AT

THE MSDE

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MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION

PREPARING WORLD CLASS STUDENTS

Special points of interest >>>

- EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH
- STATE BOARD UPDATES
- NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH 2017
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MARYLAND CHARITY

CAMPAIGN 2017

"PLEDGE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

The MCC is approaching quickly; this is an opportunity to reach out and touch the lives of those in need. Help make a meaningful difference across the State of Maryland!

MSDE'S MCC KICK OFF EVENT

Join us Thursday, September 28th for our MCC Kick Off Event! This year's event will feature educational, medical, environmental and military based charities to name a few!

10:00 A.M. 8TH FLOOR RECEPTION AREA

DR. SALMON TO SPEAK AT 10:30 A.M.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH!

MSDE is proud to announce our September 2017

Employee of the Month: **Joshua Walley!**



Joshua Walley, September 2017

Joshua is a Webmaster in the MSDE Office of Communications. He was nominated by Carol Beck and 'everyone in the Division of Student, Family and Support Services and Academic Policy' for his extraordinary service! His supervisor is Bill Reinhard, the Communications Director.

The nomination submitted on Joshua's behalf highlighted the following:

Joshua Walley has been especially appreciated in the Division of Student, Family and Support Services and Academic Policy. In the last month, to meet the requirements of several new assignments from the legislature, the Division has created three web sites. All of these were created and published on a very short timeline.

Joshua's quietly effective and thorough support during this rush has reminded us that Joshua supports so many people in the Department and is ALWAYS responsive, rapid and thorough.

The Division has lead the work of the Department on writing and revising the consolidated state plan required under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Joshua has been a vital and valued part of this team. Communication with stakeholders has been a critical part of Maryland's development of the Consolidated State Plan. Joshua has always been responsive in his web design work including posting documents to the website, providing screenshots that document the Department's work consulting stakeholders, and removing items to keep the site current. Throughout, he offers advice on how to best organize the large volume of information. His expertise, professionalism and attention to detail has made a difficult process much more manageable.

Joshua patiently teaches about website updates, and he ensures that sites are consistent while increasing capacity among his colleagues.

When we drafted websites for Joshua to review, he identified changes and then offered to make the corrections. Then, he went back later with fresh eyes, found other improvements and offered to make those changes as well. This all makes a big difference because the role of the website is crucial for public access to information. Having this support helps those staff who are creating and running a task force or other Department initiative, and helps ensure that stakeholders are informed and included.

One could say that all of this is "doing your job" and that is correct, but Joshua's commitment and responsiveness makes us grateful to consider him as part of our team.

The way he does his work is an example for all of us.

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS OUR EMPLOYEE NOMINATION FORM](#)

State Board Meeting Actions: August 22, 2017



The following Actions were taken at the August 22, 2017 meeting of the Maryland State Board of Education:

- The State Board unanimously approved submission of the revised Maryland ESSA Consolidated State Plan.
- The State Board approved the 2018 State Board Meeting Dates.
- The State Board approved continuation of Maryland's Alternative Assessment – Alternate Achievement Standards (AA-AAS) program including the adoption of the Core Content Connectors and the Essential Elements.
- The State Board approved the recommendation to place Friendship Academy of Engineering and Technology on probationary status on the list of persistently dangerous schools.

The following Regulatory Actions were rendered on August 22, 2017:

- COMAR 13A.06.07.01-.10 Student Transportation- granted permission to publish the proposed amendments.
- Granted permission to adopt amendments to COMAR 13A.02.01.04 Length of School Year, to reduce from 5 to 3 the number of days by which school systems must extend their calendars in order to obtain a waiver of the 180-day school year requirement, when necessary.
- COMAR 13A.06.01.02 and .03 Programs for Food and Nutrition- approved the adoption of the amendments to COMAR 13A.06.01.02 and .03, Programs for Food and Nutrition.
- COMAR 13A.12.02.21 Hearing Impaired- adopted the proposed amendments to COMAR 13A.12.02.2.

Meeting materials, Opinions, and Order can be found at:

<http://marylandpublicschools.org/stateboard/Pages/default.aspx>

The September meeting of the Maryland State Board of Education was held on Tuesday,

September 19, 2017 at the Nancy S. Grasmick State Education

Building, 200 West Baltimore Street, 7th Floor Board Room, Baltimore, MD, 21201.

Appropriate accommodations for individuals with disabilities will be provided upon request. Eight business days notice prior to the event is required.

Please contact Charlene Necessary at (410) 767-0467 or TTY at (410) 333-6442 so arrangements can be made.

National
Recovery Month
Prevention Works • Treatment is Effective • People Recover
SEPTEMBER 2017

Check This Out >>>

National Recovery Month

September 2017

Each September, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) sponsors National Recovery Month in an effort to increase awareness and understanding of mental and substance abuse disorders, with a special emphasis on recovery and those who have recovered from these disorders.

Recovery Month, originally known as Treatment Works! Month, began in 1989 and honored the work of substance use treatment professionals in the field. The observance evolved in 2011 to include all aspects of behavioral health and celebrated the accomplishments of individuals in recovery.

The theme for Recovery Month 2017 is *Join the Voices for Recovery: Strengthen Families and Communities*. This year's theme puts a spotlight on the importance of family and community support during the recovery process and invites individuals and families who have experienced recovery to share their stories and triumphs.

In its 27th year, Recovery Month now highlights the achievements of those who have worked so hard to reclaim their lives in long-term recovery and honors those who help make recovery possible. This month promotes the message that recovery in all of its forms is possible and acts as a call to action to help expand and improve the availability of prevention, treatment and recovery services.

VISIT <https://www.recoverymonth.gov/> FOR MORE INFO

Great ShakeOut: Earthquake Drills



Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills

State/Provincial Government

At 10:19 a.m. on October 19, 2017, millions of people will “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” in The Great ShakeOut, the world's largest earthquake drill ever! All state government agencies and departments are encouraged to participate in the drill (or plan a more extensive exercise).

Major earthquakes may happen anywhere you live, work, or travel. The ShakeOut is our chance to practice how to protect ourselves, and for everyone to become prepared. The goal is to prevent a major earthquake from becoming a catastrophe for you, your organization, and your community.

Why is a “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” drill important? To respond quickly you must practice often. You may only have seconds to protect yourself in an earthquake before strong shaking knocks you down, or something falls on you.



Millions of people worldwide have participated in Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills since 2008. The Great ShakeOut is held on the third Thursday of October each year.

Everyone can participate! Individuals, families, businesses, schools, colleges, government agencies and organizations are all invited to register.

Register today at ShakeOut.org

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Here are a few suggestions for how all state government departments and agencies can participate. More information is at ShakeOut.org/howtoparticipate.

Plan Your Drill:

- Register at ShakeOut.org/register to be counted as participating, get email updates, and more.
- Download a Drill Broadcast recording from ShakeOut.org/drill/broadcast.
- Have a “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” drill at 10:19 a.m. on October 19. You may also want to coordinate a more extensive exercise of your emergency plan.
- Discuss what you learned and make improvements.

Get Prepared for Earthquakes:

- Secure building contents with seismic restraints.
- Encourage employees to prepare at home.
- Be sure there are fresh, accessible supplies to support your personnel while they manage an event.
- Provide CERT training for employees.

Share the ShakeOut:

- Encourage everyone to ask their friends, families, neighbors, businesses and non-profits to register.
- Include ShakeOut messaging in routine activities, and add a link to ShakeOut.org from your web site.
- Find posters, flyers, and other materials for promoting the ShakeOut are at ShakeOut.org/resources.
- Share photos and stories of your drill at Shakeout.org/share.



DROP!



COVER!



HOLD ON!

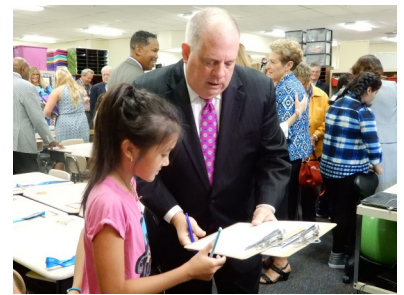
As a registered ShakeOut Participant you will:

- Learn what you can do to get prepared
- Receive ShakeOut news and other earthquake information
- Be counted in the largest earthquake drill ever
- Set an example that motivates others to participate



Welcome Back Maryland Students, Teachers, Staff (and Parents)!

Last Tuesday, September 5 marked the First Day of School for many Maryland students, educators and their families and MSDE is focused on helping to make this school year our best yet! Governor Larry Hogan and Dr. Karen Salmon, State Superintendent of Schools, kicked off the year with an Opening Day of School tour.



Dr. Salmon and Governor Hogan spent the morning visiting Woodbridge Elementary School and Arbutus Elementary School, located in Baltimore County. Dr. Salmon then extended the tour on to Anne Arundel County, visiting Monarch Academy Annapolis Public Contract School and Annapolis Elementary School.

The Governor and State Superintendent welcomed students, staff, educators and parents to the 2017-2018 School Year and spoke with the excited crowd about the year to come, as well as toured classrooms and participated in school warm ups and activities.

MSDE CLASSIFIEDS

WHAT'S NEW?

Say Hello >>>

Who's new to MSDE? Check back each month for an updated list!

Tasha Allen, Vocational Rehabilitation Spec. I (MSDE/DORS/Towson)

Diane Appel, Child Care Licensing Specialist Trainee (Division of Early Childhood Development)

Brian Eyer, Education Program Specialist I (Teacher Principal Evaluation/The Breakthrough Center)

Sean Farrell, Teacher APC (Juvenile Services Education Program)

Danyelle Jones, Teacher SPC (Juvenile Services Education Program)

Fred Mason, Program Manager Senior I (School Facilities)

Edmund Mitzel Jr., Education Program Specialist II (Teacher Principal Evaluation/The Breakthrough Center)

Mindy Potter, Vocational Rehabilitation Spec. II (MSDE/DORS/Easton)

Rick Strawderman, Teacher APC (Juvenile Services Education Program)

Tiffany Tyson, Child Care Licensing Specialist Trainee (Division of Early Childhood Development)

Andrea Wilson, Vocational Rehabilitation Spec. II (MSDE/DORS/Easton)



MSDE'S MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM



Sudlersville Elementary School Principal (Queen Anne's County) attends Parent Night for migrant families.

Best Wishes! >>>

Sharing staff members that have recently retired! Best Wishes!

Carl "Jay" Bansbach, Education Program Specialist I (Division of Curriculum, Research, Assessment and Accountability)

Dinah Chavez, Administrative Aide (MSDE/DORS/WTC)

James Clark, Director (Division of Business Services)

Beth Hart, Director (Juvenile Services Education)

Rosemary Bitzel-Wallace, Education Program Specialist I (Division of Career and College Readiness)

The Migrant Education Program (MEP) is included in The Division of Student, Family and School Support, and Title I Services at the Maryland State Department of Education. The goal of MEP is to ensure that all migrant students reach challenging academic standards and graduate with a high school diploma (or complete a GED) that prepares them for responsible citizenship, further learning, and productive employment.

Migrant Education in Maryland is available to students who meet the definition of "migratory child". Migratory families move regularly in order to find work. The largest influx of migrant students is between the months of June thru August. Migratory families come to the Eastern Shore of Maryland to seek temporary or seasonal employment in agriculture or fishing. During the summer months, there are two Summer Intercession Migrant Education Programs offered. One site is located in Queen Anne's County and provides services to students in Queen Anne's, Kent, and Northern Caroline Counties. The second site is located in Somerset County and provides services to students in Somerset, Wicomico, and Dorchester Counties.