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# Good News Report

Communications & Community Engagement

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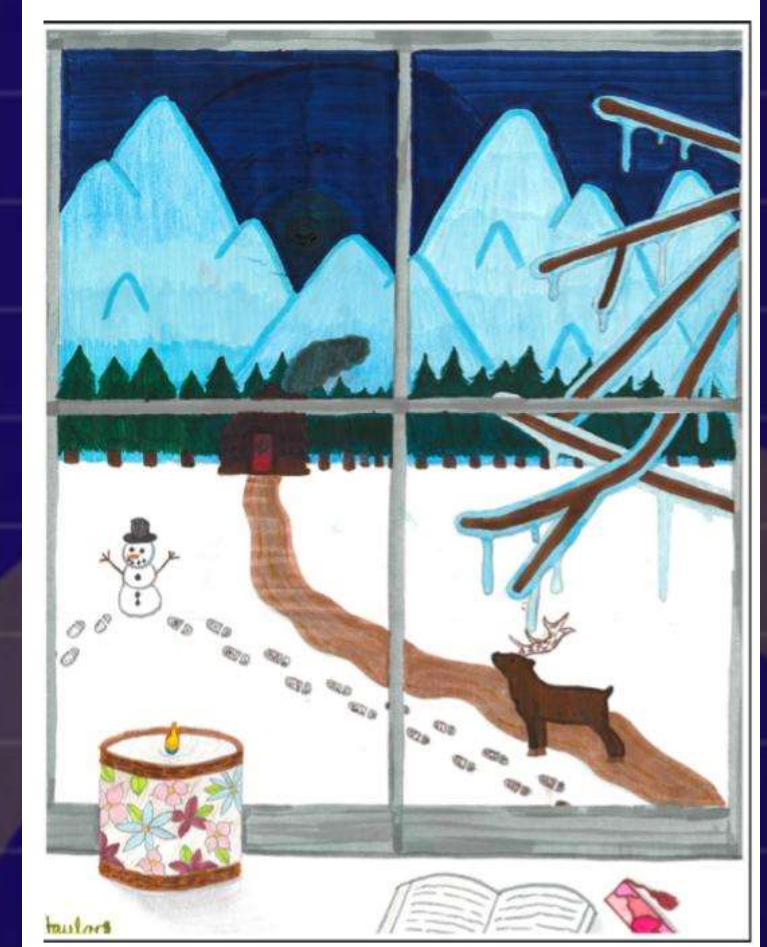
# Superintendent Holiday Card Contest Winners



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# SPS/United Way of South Hampton Roads Partner For “Reading Days with Elementary Schools”



23 athletes across various sports from Old Dominion University visited 3rd Grade students at Elephant's Fork Elementary, Hillpoint Elementary and Mack Benn, Jr. Elementary for a live book reading on December 1st, 4th and 5th.

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# Freedom's Foundation of Valley Forge Essay Winners from LHS

Retired SPS teacher India Meissel returned to Lakeland High School to present Haley Frye and Harmoni Jean with the George Washington Honor Medal for their award-winning essays as judged by the Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge.

The 2023 essay topic was: With so much diverse information available, how can you become an informed citizen and make an impact on our nation's political life even before you are eligible to vote?





# Three SPS Students Selected for the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) Honor Choir

Congratulations to Tanaya Thompson (Lakeland High School), Unique Chatmon (Lakeland High School) and Noah McDuffie (King's Fork High School).

The American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) Honor Choir is an auditioned honor choir for soprano, alto, tenor, and bass singers in grades 10, 11, and 12. The Southern Region comprises Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia. The mission of ACDA is to inspire excellence in choral music through education, performance, composition, and advocacy.



# Athletic Wins

- John Yeates Middle School Soccer Champions
- KFMS - Boys Basketball
- JYMS - Girls Basketball





# Athletic Wins

- **Nansemond River HS Football-Qualified for the Region Playoffs**
- All Region-First Team
  - Roman Soriano-Offensive Lineman
  - Immanuel Ezeogu-Receiver
  - Alkendric Overton-All Purpose
  - Emmanuel Ezeogu-Linebacker
- Second Team
  - Alkendric Overton-Quarterback
  - Shimyael Holt-Defensive Lineman
  - Shorash Haji-Punter
  - Nick Grier-Punt Returner
- **King's Fork Football**
  - Allen Dockery Honorable Mention
  - JaVianta Massenburg Honorable Mention



# Athletic Wins

- **Nansemond River HS Competition Cheer-Region 5 B Champions and Southeastern District Champions**
- All Region and All State First Team
  - Ariana Foreman
  - Mekhia Williams
  - Alexa Novellino
  - Teaysha Daubon
- **Nansemond River HS Band Accolades**
  - Heritage High School Competition-Won Best Overall Band
  - First Place Marching Band-Suffolk Holiday Parade
  - Norview High School Band Competition-2nd place Drum Major





# Athletic Wins

- **Nansemond River HS Field Hockey-Region 5 B Champions and Southeastern District Champions**
- All Region-First Team
  - Jordan White
  - Kaleigh Bibbo
  - Anyia Woods
  - Brayden Johnston
  - Brylee Johnston
  - Aubrey White
  - Caydence Parker
  - Cammie Stuffel
  - Kirsten Carroll
- Second Team
  - Rylee Binley
  - Caitlyn Outlaw
  - Victoria Seay
- All State-First Team
  - Jordan White
  - Anyia Woods
  - Aubrey White
- **Second Team**
  - Brylee Johnston
  - Kirsten Carroll



# Athletic Wins

- **Lakeland HS Field Hockey**
  - Hannah Joyner 2nd Team Forward
  - Kylee Gorham 2nd Team Midfield
  - Liliana Boyd Honorable Mention
  - Cameron Worrell Honorable Mention
- **Nansemond HS Golf Team-Qualified for the State Tournament and Region Tournament**
  - Joey Tamayo
  - Nick Conboy
  - Devin Baummer
  - Stenette Byrd IV
  - Jonathan Abu-Absi
- **Nansemond River HS AFJROTC Won Best Performance of a Marching Unit 2023  
Suffolk Holiday Parade Marching Band**





# Athletic Wins

- **Nansemond River HS Cross Country State Meet Participants**
  - Ethan Whiteowl
  - Kaitlyn Phelps
  - Tijuana Meeks
- **1. King's Fork HS Jakari Sartin - All State - Cross Country**
- **King's Fork HS placed Top 3, in the Class 5B Regional Meet - gaining him an automatic bid to the State Championship and representative from Class 5B.**
- **Nansemond River HS Volleyball-Qualified for the region tournament**
  - All Region First Team-Michelle ParkeR
  - All Region Second Team-Laila Green
- **Nansemond River HS Boys Volleyball-Qualified for the Region Tournament**



# Athletic Wins

- **King's Fork High School Girls Volleyball**
  - Jayda Russell Honorable Mention
  - Miracle Stephens Honorable Mention
- **Nansemond River HS Volleyball-Qualified for the region tournament**
  - All Region First Team-Michelle ParkeR
  - All Region Second Team-Laila Green
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# Athletic Wins

- Nansmond River High School ESports team ranks #1 in Rocket League's 2023 top 10 Regional/State Rankings



# November Teacher Spotlight

- Margaret Frarey - NPES
- Lottie Holzendorf- LHS
- Kenna Tarkenton - JYMS
- Courtney Owens- JYMS
- Joseph Hassell - NRHS
- Makenzie Rush - NPES
- Tiffany Carr/ Dante Copeland - LHS/KFHS
- Amy Eccleston - NRHS
- Samantha Marshall/Monica Vaughan - KFMS



## Teacher Spotlight

<b>Margaret Frarey</b> NPES <p>Ms. Frarey, Early Start Pre-K Teacher, skillfully engages her students with a unique blend of empathy, adaptability, and a profound grasp of diverse learning needs. She fosters an inclusive atmosphere that celebrates differences, ensuring every student feels a strong sense of belonging. Ms. Frarey's commitment to establishing a classroom conducive to unlocking each student's full potential underscores her excellence in education.</p> 	<b>Lottie Holzendorf</b> LHS <p>Ms. Holzendorf, Health and PE Teacher, is an exceptionally compassionate and considerate teacher, consistently ensuring the well-being of both her students and her colleagues. She contributes to the overall success of the department by taking initiative on districtwide programming. For example, she spearheaded the creation of the SPS Canvas CPR Course, now a cornerstone resource utilized by the High School HPE Staff. We are grateful for all Ms. Holzendorf's contributions!</p> 	<b>Kenna Tarkenton</b> JYMS <p>Ms. Tarkenton, Science Teacher, brings years of expertise to SPS. At JYMS, she ignites a love for science through inquiry based, hands-on labs, exemplifying best practices and safety measures. Thank you, Ms. Tarkenton, for your dedication to engaging students in meaningful and memorable learning experiences!</p> 
<b>Courtney Owens</b> JYMS <p>Mrs. Owens, CTE Teacher, leads her students to greatness. This year, her JYMS students excelled at the Virginia Technology Student Association at Camp Planktank (November 17-19), earning state competition qualifications. Congratulations to her students for their outstanding achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aria Green: Promotional Marketing</li> <li>• Kennedy Jones: Promotional Marketing</li> <li>• Bryan Santo: Essay on Technology</li> </ul> 	<b>Joseph Hassell</b> NRHS <p>Mr. Hassell, Social Studies Teacher, cultivates strong student relationships, fostering a respectful and participatory atmosphere. His classes are vibrant with debates and discussions. Beyond student support, he provides valuable instructional strategies and advice to fellow staff members. Thank you, Mr. Hassell, for your unwavering dedication!</p> 	<b>Makenzie Rush</b> NPES <p>Ms. Rush, Fourth Grade Teacher, embodies the philosophy that Math is not a spectator sport. In her first year in Suffolk, she wholeheartedly embraced effective mathematics teaching methods, employing hands-on lessons and encouraging students to use manipulatives for lasting learning. Skillfully implementing the 5E learning model, she ensures students are actively engaged and explore mathematics. Thank you, Ms. Rush, for contributing to the success of the SPS team!</p> 
<b>Tiffany Carr &amp; Dante Copeland</b> LHS-CPPA/KFHS <p>Mrs. Carr and Mr. Copeland, Choir Directors, have achieved a significant milestone for Suffolk Public Schools! Students from their choirs have been selected for the National Honors Choir by The American Choral Directors Association. This accomplishment reflects the dedication and commitment of Mrs. Carr and Mr. Copeland to providing excellent arts education. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to both educators for their invaluable contributions and remarkable recognition!</p>  	<b>Amy Eccleston</b> NRHS <p>Amy Eccleston, a dynamic French Teacher, fosters active classroom participation and cultivates a positive language learning environment. As a supportive colleague and staff member, we extend our gratitude to Mrs. Eccleston!</p> 	<b>Samantha Marshall &amp; Monica Vaughan</b> KFMS <p>Ms. Marshall and Mrs. Vaughan, a dynamic 8th-grade duo, foster a thriving environment for small group instruction in English. Their well-organized and engaging lessons offer targeted support tailored to students' strengths and growth areas. This approach not only provides individualized attention but also promotes peer-to-peer learning, cultivating a supportive classroom community. Thank you both for empowering students to excel in critical thinking, reading, and writing!</p>  

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# The Virginia Department of Education Awards Suffolk Public Schools with \$198,715 for School Security Equipment

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The Virginia Department of Education has awarded Suffolk City Public Schools a total of \$198,715 for the purchase and installation of school security equipment for:

Booker T. Washington Elementary  
Forest Glen Middle  
John Yeates Middle  
King's Fork High  
King's Fork Middle

# Awards and Grants

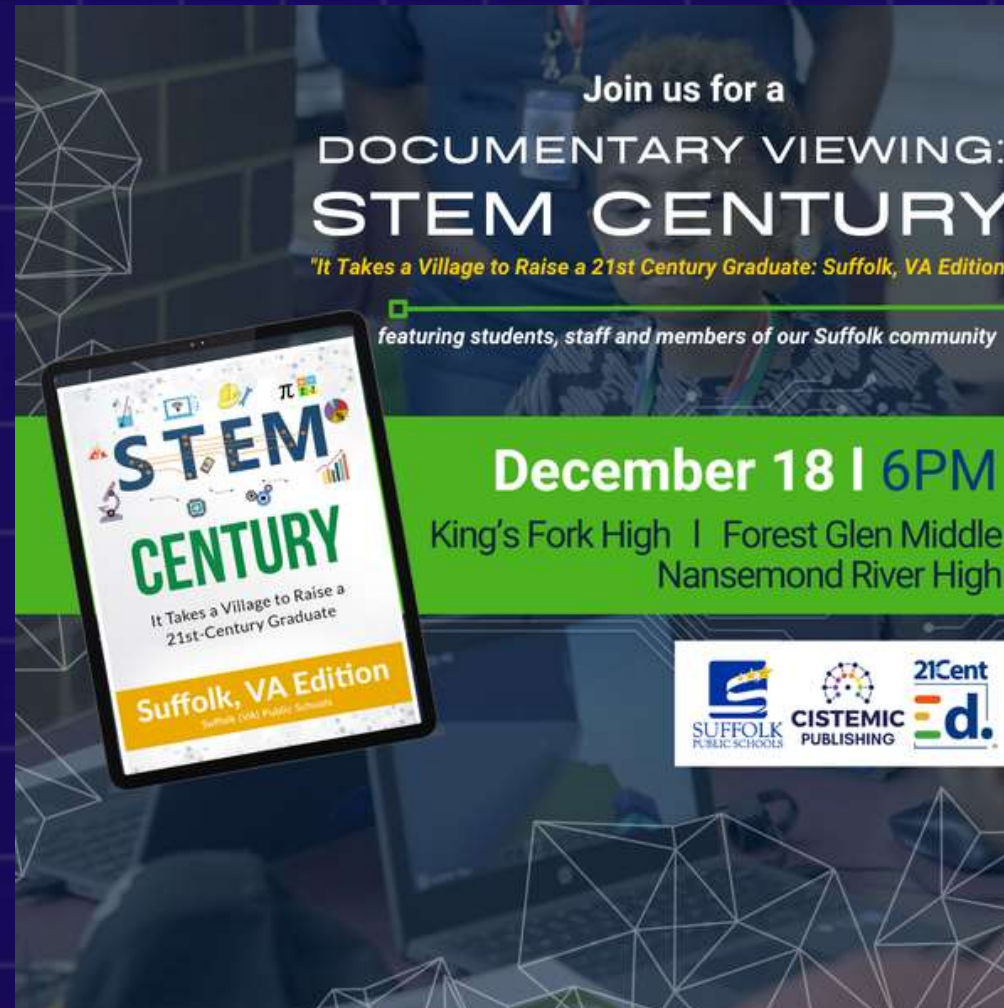


A donor from Team Excel will contribute \$10,000 to provide prizes and incentives for the Team Excel competitions across our five middle schools: John Yeates Middle School, John F. Kennedy Middle School, King's Fork Middle School, Forest Glen Middle School and Col. Fred Cherry Middle School.

The Women's Impact Fund provides College and Career Academy with \$6,000 in Scholarships to support Cosmetology and Nurse Aide programs.



# Suffolk Public Schools/ STEM Century "It Takes a Village to Raise a 21st Century Graduate: Suffolk, VA Edition" Documentary Watch Party



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