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# Good News Report

Communications & Community Engagement

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# Nansemond River HS Engineering & Lakeland HS Biomedical Sciences Receive National Recognition from Project Lead The Way for their Commitment to Empowering Students

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**PLTW  
DISTINGUISHED  
HIGH SCHOOL**

2023-24

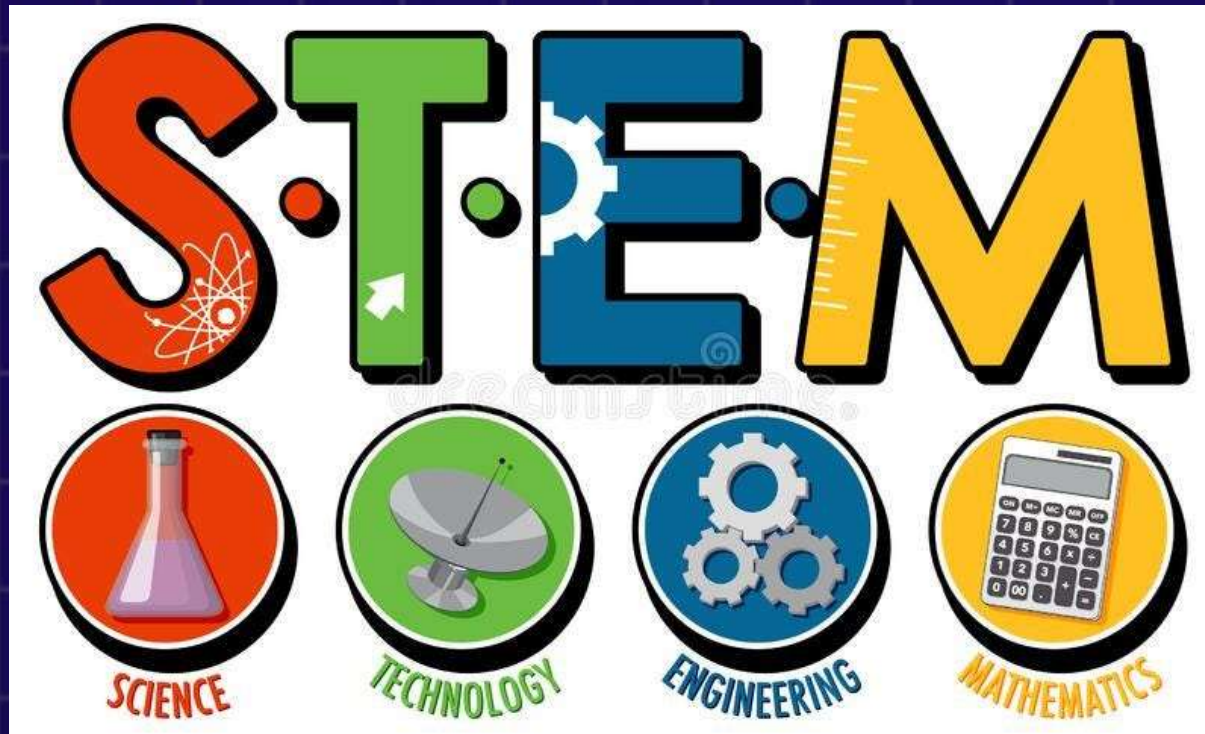
PLTW high school programs prepare today's students for the careers of tomorrow, by not only incorporating STEM skills into their learning but building students' collaboration, teamwork and communication skills so they can be ready for whatever path they take.

# Co. Fred Cherry Middle School Music Department Receives the VMEA Blue Ribbon School Recognition

The Col. Fred Cherry Middle School Band, Chorus and Orchestra programs celebrated earning the 2024 VMEA Blue Ribbon School with a formal gala at Hub 757.



# SPS STEM Leads Complete The STEAM Lead Training Program



Each STEM Lead completed two years worth of professional development and will be receiving certificates from 21st Century Education.



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# LHS Jazz Ensemble Receives A SUPERIOR Rating at the Orchestra Directors Association Jazz Assessment



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# Winners of the 2024 High School Art Competition



**BEST IN SHOW**

**Ashley Barrios Marroquin, King's Fork High School, "Self Portrait"**

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**MIXED MEDIA:**

**FIRST PLACE**

Ashley Barrios Marroquin, King's Fork High School,  
"Stephen Parker"



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## DIGITAL ART & PHOTOGRAPHY

FIRST PLACE

Kira Hoffman, King's Fork High School, "Longing"



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**THREE-DIMENSIONAL**

**FIRST PLACE**

Kiley Whitworth, Nansemond River High School, "Captor Reaping"

# Winners of the 2024 High School Art Competition



**DRAWING: BLACK & WHITE**

**FIRST PLACE**

**Kiley Whitworth, Nansemond River High School, "Sphyrnidae"**

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## DRAWING: COLOR

### FIRST PLACE

Annandale Arakelyan, King's Fork High School,  
"My Little Brother"



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## PAINTING

FIRST PLACE - TIE

Laila Goode, King's Fork High School, "Violet"



# KFHS Student, Maurice Hunt, Selected To Participate in the I'm Determined Youth and Family Summit 2024

Maurice Hunt, Jr., a 9th grade student at King's Fork High School, has been selected to participate in I'm Determined Youth and Family Summit 2024, sponsored by the Virginia Department of Education.



# Woodsman Life Awards

The following students are the winners of the WoodsmenLife American History Award for outstanding academic achievement in American History:

Chyanne Presswood - Col. Fred C. Cherry Middle School (8th grade)

Karson Whitaker - Forest Glen Middle School (8th grade)

Kadmiel Arias - John F. Kennedy Middle School (8th grade)

Mateo Rocha - John Yeates Middle School (8th grade)

Ethan Brown - King's Fork Middle School (8th grade)

Madison Steward - King's Fork High School (11th grade)

Lotus McConnell - Lakeland High School (11th grade)

Brook Fiedler - Nansemond River High School (11th grade)



# Congratulation To Our Middle School Sports Champions

John Yeates MS Girls Field Hockey

King's Fork MS Football

John F. Kennedy MS Girls/Boys Track

Col. Fred Cherry MS Girls/Boys Track



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# Southeastern Virginia Environmental Education SEVEE Consortium

**All SEVEE teachers, partners, and school systems were honored for their contributions in making the Southeastern Virginia Environmental Education program a great success!**



# Suffolk Public Schools Receives The Bronze Trailblazer Award From The United Way of South Hampton Roads

Suffolk Public Schools received the Bronze Trailblazer Award from the United Way of South Hampton Roads for our fundraising efforts during the 2023-2024 UW Giving campaign season! Our school division raised a total of \$14,952.71.



# CTE Competitive Innovative Program Equipment Grant

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**Suffolk Public Schools Career & Technical Education Program won one of the 16 CTE Competitive Innovative Program Equipment Grants for High-Demand and Fast-Growth Industry Sectors.**



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# May Teacher Spotlight

- Lorena Griffin - NRHS
- Renee Parker, NRHS
- Mikka Coughlin - EFES
- Renita Ruffin - CFCMS
- Jamey Brown - BTWES
- Jonae Perry - KFMS
- Keysha Thomas - CES
- Aline Millette - KFHS
- Patrice Yishrael - NPES



## Teacher Spotlight

<p><b>Lorena Griffin</b> NRHS</p> <p>Mrs. Griffin, Spanish Teacher, goes above and beyond to make language learning a reality. From day one, she has presented engaging, relevant content and cultural connections for her students. She involves parents and other stakeholders in the language learning process to enhance community connections. Thank you for everything you do for students Mrs. Griffin!</p> 	<p><b>Mikka Coughlin</b> EFES</p> <p>With a passion for hands-on learning, Ms. Coughlin, 5th Grade Teacher, goes above and beyond to ensure her students have immersive and engaging experiences in science. Through creative experiments and interactive demonstrations, she sparks curiosity and fosters a love for exploration in her students. Her dedication to providing meaningful learning experiences is truly inspiring, making her a valued member of our school community.</p> 	<p><b>Renita Ruffin</b> CFCMS</p> <p>Ms. Ruffin, a dedicated 7th-grade Civics teacher, leaves "no stone unturned" in creating engaging and reliable learning experiences for her students. She has cultivated a classroom community that fosters and promotes success for ALL students. Through her unwavering commitment and use of a variety of teaching methods, she ensures that each student is actively involved and feels valued in their educational journey. Thank you for always going the extra mile!</p> 
<p><b>Jamey Brown</b> BTWES</p> <p>Ms. Brown, Media Specialist, excels in coordinating collaborative efforts among elementary media specialists. She tirelessly mentors new specialists, organizes meetings, and advocates for supportive structures and practices. She strives to spark the imagination of her students and foster a life long love for learning. Her contributions to both staff and students in SPS are invaluable.</p> 	<p><b>Jonae Perry</b> KFMS</p> <p>Ms. Perry is a phenomenal Math 6 Teacher. With her infectious enthusiasm and organization, students are encouraged to explore math concepts. Her dedication goes beyond the math curriculum as she fosters a supportive environment where students feel valued and capable of success. The math team looks forward to seeing Ms. Perry's progress in her educational career.</p> 	<p><b>Keysha Thomas</b> CES</p> <p>Ms. Thomas, Early Start Teacher, stands out for her exceptional organization, kindness, and openness to new ideas. Her well-planned activities and accessible resources create a smooth-running classroom and a great learning environment. Her kindness ensures each child feels valued, and her eagerness to try new teaching methods demonstrates her dedication to excellence. She has been a fantastic addition to the Creekside Early Start team this year!</p> 
<p><b>Aline Millette</b> KFHS</p> <p>Ms. Millette, Theater Teacher, revitalized King's Fork High School's theater program by taking on extra classes in her first year. She led KFHS back to regional competitions and directed "Cinderella," collaborating with the art team, orchestra teacher, and choral director. Ms. Millette is a valuable asset to SPS, exemplifying the transformative power of the arts and maintaining high expectations for all students. Thank you for all you do, Ms. Millette!</p> 	<p><b>Patrice Yishrael</b> NPES</p> <p>Ms. Yishrael, Fourth Grade Teacher, captivates her students with her passionate and caring approach. Her strong English instruction and engaging, challenging lessons help each student reach their full potential. Her intuitive understanding of student needs creates a supportive classroom where every learner feels valued and motivated to succeed.</p> 	<p><b>Renee Parker</b> NRHS</p> <p>Renee Parker's contributions to the Nanamond River High School CTE Department are immeasurable. Her collaborative spirit has fostered a supportive environment for colleagues and students alike. Her dedication and expertise, especially in the food and hospitality course, have inspired students to excel and instilled lifelong workplace skills they will carry into the Suffolk community.</p> 

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