

Have a Great Summer!

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Newport News Public Schools teachers of the year range from a career switcher with two years on the job to a veteran of 30 years. The 43 standouts have amassed more than 600 years of experience. Some are generalists, and others are specialists, teaching speech, reading, art, English as a second language, music, physical education, math, science, English, economics, civics, history, and technology. One is a librarian, another a counselor. **Read about our Teachers of the Year on page 2.**

Divisionwide Teacher of the Year: Christine Steigleman



Congratulations!

Middle School Teacher of the Year: Kurt VanDeusen



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NNPS Teachers of the Year

Divisionwide Teacher of the Year: Christine Steigleman

Christine Steigleman, a fifth-grade teacher at Hiddenwood Elementary School, is elementary and district teacher of the year. Now in her third year at the school, she likes to take advantage of technology in the classroom and is always looking to make learning more engaging for her students.

Steigleman took part in an augmented

reality project using iPods and has used – and taught others to use – Glogster in the classroom. She has been a volunteer with the People to People program, heading overseas for service projects in Ireland, Malta, and Italy. Locally, she has helped at Hampton's International Children's Festival and Clean the Bay Day.

Brian Nichols, director of elementary education and Steigleman's former principal, says, "She relentlessly pursues new and innovative ways to engage all students in rigorous, self-directed learning opportunities. Her students are not only prepared for the next grade; they are ready to make a difference in the world." -MH

Middle School Teacher of the Year: Kurt VanDeusen

Kurt VanDeusen, who teaches pre-algebra and physical science to eighth-graders at Huntington Middle School, is this year's middle school teacher of the year. A 14-year teaching veteran and self-pro-

claimed nerd, he also coaches a Hampton Little League team and teaches Sunday School.

At Huntington, VanDeusen coaches a Lego Ship Repair team. He also is a life-

long learner who enjoys attending lectures at the Jefferson Lab and has participated in the Zero-G Weightless Flights of Discovery. He also has applied for the Teacher in Space program. -MH

High School Teacher of the Year: Adria Strothers

Adria Strothers, who teaches English to ninth- and 11th-graders at Warwick High School, is the NNPS high school teacher of the year. She has been at Warwick since 2002 and

is a member of the school's Youth Development team.

Strothers also is active in her church, where she has taught and tutored and helped

collect food and clothing for the needy. She also works with the G.E.S.U.S. Ball organization, which helps young people develop confidence and abilities by participating in sports. -MH

NNPS Sends a Fond Farewell to This Year's Retirees:

James Altizer
Lorraine Arduini
Patricia Barresi
Shirley Bever
Leon Biggs, Jr.
Dianne Blakeney
Enora Bond
Leslie Bowers
Elizabeth Bowman
Raymond Boyd
Jamie Bradshaw
Linda Britt
Tonia Brnich
Leslie Brooks
Carolyn Brown
Dr. Cheryl Brown-Davis
Joanne Burruss
Valerie Burton-Keemer
Eula Butler
Esau Byerson
Kristen Churaman
Deborah Clevenger
Evelyn Colclough
Kimberly Coleman
Joyce Cooke
Betty Cotton

Susan Crispens
Pamela Curtis
Alexis Dabbs
Doris Damron
Donna Dargan
Bridget Davenport
Kathleen Diggs
Albert Dorner
Isabelle Drewer
Jacqueline East
Louise Edwards-Pair
Jerry Farrior
Yvonne Fletcher
Suzanne Franceschi
Sherri Grages
Belinda Gray
Judith Grigg
Robert Gurley
Sandi Hall
Teresa Hallgren
Delores Hamlett
Doris Hamm
Susan Harper
Julia Ann Hayes
Karla Hill
Susan Hill

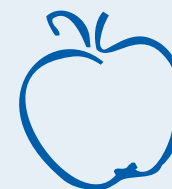
Daune Hockenbroch
James Hopkins
Jacqueline Hornsby
David Hundley
Mildred Jackson
Karen Jarvis
Karol Ann Johnson
Sue Johnson
Frances Kempton
Carol Kennedy-Dickens
Joan Krause
Kathy Kutchen
Dorothy Langley
Sarah Lawrence
Charlene Lee
Eugenia Leonard
David Lilley
Bonnie Lowe
Thelma Luina
Linda Mann
Gloria Martin
Donald Mollenhauer
Susan Moore
Paul Morgan
Phyllis Morris
Ruth Murray

Patricia Needam
Katey O'Brien
Patricia O'Brien-Dorner
Katherine Overman
Janice Palmer
Claude Park
Frederic Patrick
Calvin Patterson
Susan Payne
Valeria Pearce
Hope Perdue
Kenneth Peterson
Kathleen Pietrasanta
Pamela Ponton
Carol Preston
Dr. Cynthia Pugh
Daisy Purvis
Priscilla Reamon
Nancy Reaves
Belinda Redcross
Brenda Reid
Frances Rowe
Marilyn Schempf
Jerry Sicchitano
Anna Shelton
Mary Shinnery

Debra Sparrow
Josephine Stephens
Thomas Stroup, Jr.
Timothy Sweeney
Alice Talbot
June Tessarolo
Nancy Thomas
Linda Vulcan
Bonnie Wallace
Dr. Darryl Waller
Marilyn Watkins
Kiyoko Weeks
Deborah West
Vanessa Whitaker
James White, III
Glenn Whitlock
Alice Wilkerson
Beverly Williams
Judith Williams
Sharon Wilson
Barbara Woolwine
Brenda Wright
Jacquelin Wright
Sybil Young
Olivia Zorumski



Congratulations!



School Level Teachers of the Year

Early Childhood Centers

Pam Byrd, Denbigh Early Childhood Center
Joanna Croke, Gatewood P.E.E.P.
Elizabeth Goodwin, Lee Hall Early Childhood Center
Heather Roberts, Magruder Early Childhood Center
Teresa Shrecengost, Watkins Early Childhood Center

Elementary Schools

Sabrina Richardson, An Achievable Dream Academy
Jeremy Fennel, Carver Elementary School
Adia Charley, Charles Elementary School
Armina Johnson, Deer Park Elementary School
Nancy Mason, Dutrow Elementary School
Janet Gingery, Epes Elementary School
Linda Lewis, General Stanford Elementary School
Kelly Stewart, Greenwood Elementary School
Christine Steigleman, Hiddenwood Elementary School
Jeanne Papas, Hilton Elementary School
Felicia Bracey, Jenkins Elementary School
Karen FitzGerald, Kiln Creek Elementary School
Donna Williams, Lee Hall Elementary School
Keisha Robertson, Magruder Primary School
Erin McCoy, Marshall Elementary School
Jennifer Mulrine, McIntosh Elementary School
Joe Bauer, Nelson Elementary School
Beth Guthrie, Newsome Park Elementary School
Kathryn Hinchey, Palmer Elementary School
Laura Harris, Richneck Elementary School
Stella Spencer, Riverside Elementary School
Julie Hise, Sanford Elementary School
Nancy Rose, Saunders Elementary School
Laura Schmitt, Sedgefield Elementary School
Nancy Pulley, Yates Elementary School

Middle Schools

Lori Dagley, An Achievable Dream Middle & High
Katrina Lynch, Crittenden Middle School
James DeRouen, Dozier Middle School
Beth Keesecker, Gildersleeve Middle School
Scott Weisiger, Hines Middle School
Kurt VanDeusen, Huntington Middle School
Janika Worthington, Passage Middle School
Justin DeWall, Washington Middle School

High Schools

Nichole Johnson, Denbigh High School
Kim Bates, Heritage High School
Christopher Chappell, Menchville High School
Adria Strothers, Warwick High School
Allison Stein, Woodside High School

2011-2012 Academic Calendar

<http://www.nnschools.org/calendars/>

July 4 Independence Day (Schools & offices closed)	10 Interim period 1 reports issued 14 Schools closed 1/2 day	22 Half day (schools & offices) 23-30 Winter break (Schools & offices closed)	February 7 Marking period 2 reports issued 20 President's Day (Schools closed; offices open) 29 Interim period 3 ends	9 Offices closed 10 Schools & offices reopen 18 Marking period 3 reports issued
August 22 New Teachers Report 25 All Teachers & Teacher assis. report	November 7 Marking period 1 ends 8 Teacher workday (Students do not report) 16 Marking period 1 reports issued 23 Schools closed, Offices closed 1/2 day 24-25 Thanksgiving Holiday (Schools & offices closed)	January 2 Schools & offices closed 3 Schools & offices reopen 16 Martin Luther King Day (Schools & offices closed) 26 Marking period 2 ends 27 Teacher workday (Students do not report) 30 Staff development day (Students do not report) 31 Second semester begins	March 5 Interim period 3 reports issued 9 Students dismissed 1/2 day 30 Marking period 3 ends (Students dismissed 1/2 day - Teacher Workday)	May 9 Interim period 4 ends 14 Interim reports 4 issued 28 Memorial Day (Schools & offices closed)
September 5 Labor Day (Schools & offices closed) 6 All students report	December 9 Interim period 2 ends 14 Interim period 2 reports issued		April 2-9 Spring break (Schools closed) 2-3 Offices closed	June 12-14 Schools dismissed early 14 Marking period 4 ends Last student day 15 Last teacher day