

NewsLines

Newport News Public Schools Community Newsletter



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Student Investigators Showcase Results at All-City Science, Engineering and Technology Fair



What type of bait captures the most fish? Do different genres of music affect a person's heartrate? Which bounces higher: cold or warm tennis balls? What effect does fin shape have on the flight of a model rocket? Should we use store bought or natural antibiotics?

The results of these investigations and more were revealed during Newport News Public Schools annual All-City Science, Engineering and Technology Fair on January 27 at Woodside High School.

More than 80 students exhibited 58 projects representing 15 categories of science. Projects were judged by over 30 judges from various professional organizations in the city. NASA Langley Research Center, Jefferson Lab, Virginia Living Museum, The Mariners' Museum, Riverside Health Systems, Christopher Newport University, Norfolk State University and numerous others were represented by the judges.

All first and second place winners are eligible to compete at the Tidewater Science and Engineering Fair to be held March 10 at Old Dominion University's Webb Center.

For a complete list of winners, click [here](#).

NNPS Students Donate Over \$18,000 to United Way of the Virginia Peninsula



Newport News Public Schools students raised more than \$18,000 for the United Way of the Virginia Peninsula's 2024 campaign. Student representatives from each school announced their school's total and presented checks to United Way officials at a celebration February 2 in the School Board Administration Building Auditorium.

Student leaders described how their schools held varied and creative fundraisers along with collecting monetary donations for the United Way, which supports organizations helping citizens needing assistance across the community.

"The total that we raised this afternoon proves that our school community is committed to providing for those families that are most in need in our community," said Rusty Fairheart, NNPS chief operations officer. "When we're asked about our next generation of leaders, it's easy for us to say that we're amongst them today.

"So we appreciate your leadership within your school, within the broader community and we encourage you to continue to provide service to your school and the community."

[View the photo album on Facebook.](#)

Students Light Up the Sea at Engineering Design Challenge



Fourth and fifth grade students representing each elementary school in Newport News Public Schools put their heads together to solve a surprise project.

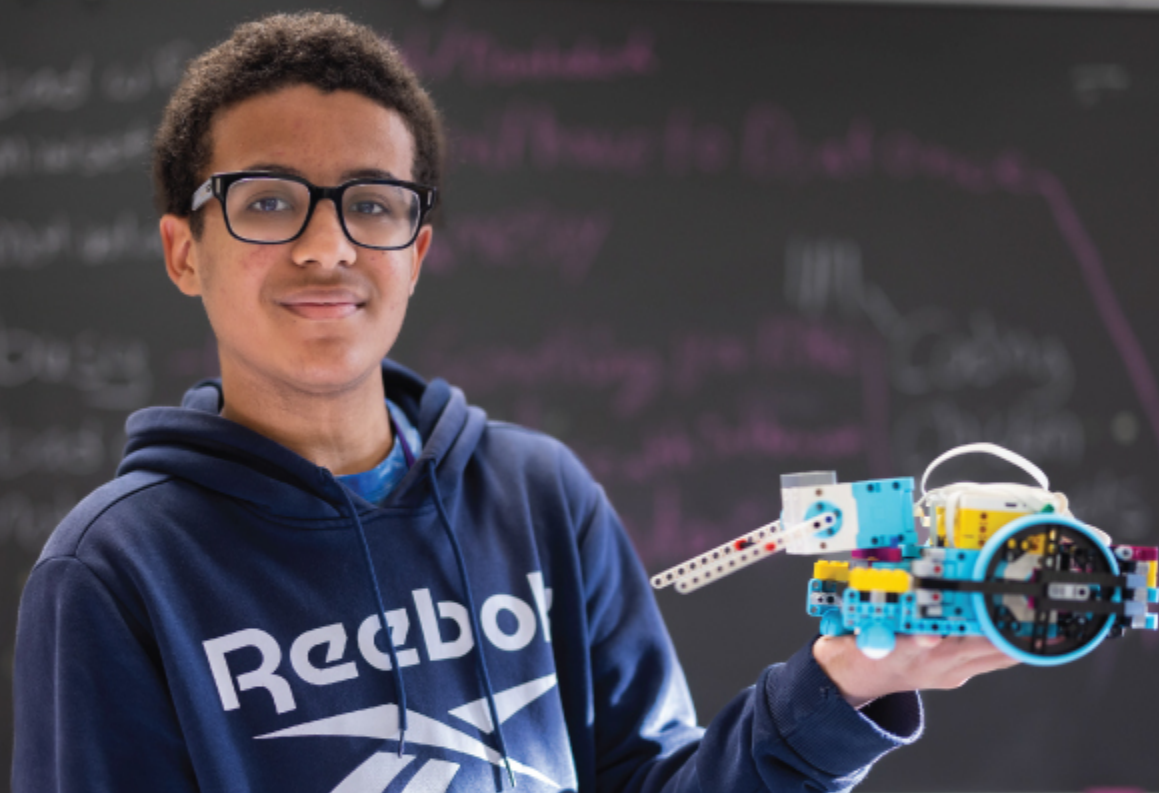
The Engineering Design Challenge, which was themed Sea of Light, encouraged students to combine science and engineering as they devised a solution to a specific project presented on the spot. Students worked in teams to think critically, problem solve and innovate during the challenge February 2 at Newsome Park Elementary School Science, Technology and Math Magnet.

The Sea of Light challenge involved building a lighthouse with a light beam shining onto a pre-determined spot. The place winners were Richneck Elementary School in first place; Yates Elementary School took second place and third place went to General Stanford Elementary School.

The U.S. Coast Guard served as NNPS' community partner for the event. The Engineering Design Challenge is part of the school division's ongoing STEM education initiative.

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Excels in robotics.

**Billy • 8th Grade
Crittenden Middle School**

Learn more about Billy at nnschools.org/spotlight

Leaders, Students Connect at NNPS RISE! Male Empowerment Conference



Newport News Public Schools Youth Development Department hosted its 4th annual RISE! Male Empowerment Conference on February 10 at Heritage High School.

Nearly 300 students in grades 6-12 connected with nurturing adults throughout a day of empowerment sessions focused on topics such as positive self-image, accountability, leadership and the importance of mental health. Emerge, empower, excel were the three tenets of the conference.

"It's always a good showing of individuals from various community organizations that come, including from churches and schools," said Michael Nichols, Youth Development supervisor.

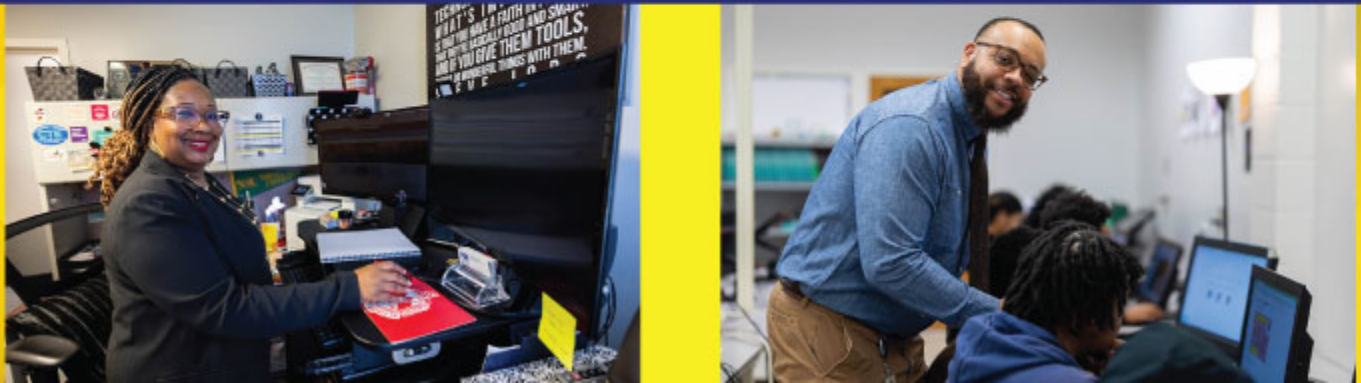
"We have RISE! coaches at the schools who make sure that their kids get there. And then they come and stay and support them as well. Some of them even did sessions."

Congressman Bobby Scott made remarks as the event kicked off and Grammy-nominated musician SaulPaul gave the opening charge.

Community leaders served as presenters for interactive workshops. More than 15 different topic sessions were offered and students signed up for three to attend.

Read more [here](#).

Staff Spotlight: Two CTE Educators Chosen for Leadership Fellowship



Toinette Outland, NNPS career and technical education supervisor, and Dr. Carrington Faulk, marketing teacher and DECA advisor at Heritage High School, were chosen for the 2024 Association for Career and Technical Education National Leadership Fellowship Program.

Twenty-one fellows were selected for the 2024 cohort of the year-long program, which identifies and trains leaders. Participants complete the program with a strong desire and motivation to support an educated, prepared, adaptable and competitive workforce, according to ACTE.

Outland came to NNPS in 2010 as program administrator for the Heritage High School Engineering & Technology Magnet Program, which received state designation as a Governor's STEM Academy in 2012 through her efforts of expanding career pathway opportunities, leading innovative professional development for teachers and fostering challenging initiatives for students. In 2016, Outland was promoted to CTE instructional supervisor for grades 6-12 and since then NNPS CTE programs have received numerous state and national awards.

Faulk is a creative educational leader, researcher and content producer. He enjoys educating learners of all ages on how to master subjects in the realm of creativity, leadership, technology, branding and innovation.

Read more about the National Leadership Fellowship Program honorees [here](#).



Looking for family-friendly activities? Visit us online!



Looking for recreational and fun activities for your children and teens?

Visit our Youth and Families Activities page at nnschools.org/resources/activities.html to see a list of community classes, events and programs including:

- Royalty Cheer Team Registration
 - March Midnight Madness Basketball 3v3 Tournament for 6-8th grade students
 - Deer Park Little League Registration
 - Denbigh Youth Baseball League Registration
 - Warwick Little League Registration
 - Home Depot Kids Classes
 - Newport News Public Library activities
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**Hiring Teachers and Associate Teachers
for the 2024 - 2025 School Year!**

NNPS Instructional Job Fair

**Hiring
for all
subjects!**

**Saturday, March 2, 2024
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

**Warwick High School
51 Copeland Lane • Newport News**

**Join our
dynamic
team!**

Onsite Interviews for the Following Positions:

- Teachers
- Associate Teachers
- Substitutes
- Instructional Assistants
- School Counselors

Candidates should bring copies of their college transcripts.



**Scan the QR code or visit
nnschools.org/jobs
to apply and learn more.**

On the Calendar

March 3-9	National School Social Work Week
March 4-8	National School Breakfast Week
March 4	School Board Meeting on the Proposed Operating Budget, Administration Building, 6:30 p.m. Meeting will be televised live on NNPS-TV on Cox Channel 47 in Newport News, Verizon Fios Channel 17 and online at nnpstv.com, YouTube, Roku and Apple TV.
March 8	Schools Closed for Students Half Day Teacher PD (AM) and Family Conferences (PM)
March 12	Public Hearing on Proposed Operating Budget, Administration Building, 6:30 p.m. Meeting will be televised live.
March 19	School Board Meeting and Budget Approval, Administration Building, 6:30 p.m. Meeting will be televised live.
March 29	Students Dismiss Half Day Marking Period 3 Ends
April 1 - 6	Spring Break Schools and Offices Closed



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