

# Capitol Heights Elementary School

## April & May 2018



### Principal News Dear CHES Families:

I hope you had an enjoyable and restful spring break . The fourth quarter is here and will be filled with field trips, school events and end of the year testing!

PARCC tests for our third - fifth grade students are just around the corner. The students and teachers have worked hard all year and I am confident that the students will do well. The testing window begins Monday, April 23 - Friday, May 25th. Please help us by ensuring that your child arrives to school on time and remains for the entire testing session.

Students tend to perform better when they test with their class during the regularly scheduled sessions rather than during make-up testing. For your convenience, the complete testing schedule can be found at the end of this newsletter.

With the warmer weather, longer hours of daylight and all of the spring extra-curricular activities, it is often more difficult to maintain a focus on school. Continue to monitor nightly reading and review math facts daily, but also make time for play!

Sincerely,  
Miss Lattimore  
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#### Dates to Remember

April 20—CHES Got Talent @ 6:30pm

Week of April 22- Secretaries Week

April 23- May 23- PARACC Testing

April 25- Fifth Grade College Tour- University of MD- College Park

April 25- Spring Concert & Art Showcase @ 6:30pm

April 26- Michael Jackson Play @ Charles Herbert Flowers HS

April 26- CHES COLLABO (Relay for Recess)

April 27 - Girls Empowerment Day



May 1-7 - Reading Assessments (K-2)

May 4- Grandparents Day  
3rd MP Awards Assembly @ 9:30am(3-5th) & 2:00pm (K-2nd)

May 8- Kennedy Center Council of Principals and Art Supervisors


May 11- Career Day

May 25- International Day

May 28- Memorial Day- Schools Closed  
May 31- CHES Family Meeting- 6:30pm



Did you know the our districts transfer window has opened? CHES will have few seats open in K, 1, 3, 4 and 5th grades. These seats are in our Comprehensive classes. Our TAG classes are full.  
**Deadline May 4, 2018**

<b>Our</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Rules</b>	-	<b>Core</b>	<b>Essential</b>
Respect	Responsible	Ready to Learn		April Peace	May Honesty



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# Let's Talk about Talented And Gifted

Mrs. Wendy Walton, TAG Coordinator

## Assessing and Evaluating our TAG Program

We are nearing the end of the school year and your opinion matters!!! As we prepare for next year we would like to know what worked and what we need to work on. Information will be sent home so that you can complete a CHES TAG Survey. Your



answers will help us to improve!  
Thank you!

*Change is in the air...although we are still working hard through our 2017-2018 school year, we are also looking towards the future-meaning next school year! Lottery letters have been mailed and we are working on filling up our TAG seats. As previously shared, we will have a total of 7 TAG classrooms next year and if all families (who were offered a TAG seat) register their students, CHES TAG classes will be full to capacity with the exception of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade...there are 3 seats left in that grade. WHAT A CHANGE!!! We are excited to welcome new students and expand our TAG Program.*

*We have invited our future TAG Parents and students to visit CHES so that they can tour and/or participate in Classroom Shadowing (students spend time in TAG classes to see if CHES is a fit for them). If you need to schedule a tour and/or a Classroom Shadowing Day, please contact me! We want to make sure that you are secure with your decision to send your child to Capitol Heights Elementary!*

[Mrs. Wendy Walton \(wendy.walton@pgcps.org\)](mailto:wendy.walton@pgcps.org)



***Every child deserves a champion – an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be.***



## William and Mary Unit

During this last marking period our TAG ReLA classes will be focusing on our *William and Mary Unit* which includes the theme of "CHANGE". The next two months will be busy with PARCC testing and many other special events, but this Unit and the Novel studies should be evident in the TAG Classes. Also, teachers are still teaching student the Standards (skills) that their grade level needs to know.



## **CHES TAG CHANGES...**

The Lottery "season" is in high gear! We have 117 new faces that have been offered a seat in our TAG Program! We are excited!! We have invited these families to tour our school and also allowed students to "shadow" a TAG class (sit in for the morning to get a feel of our school). We have received positive feedback from the visits! Not only are the new students and families excited, but so are our students!! CHANGE is on the horizon and it seems to be a positive one! CHES...Let's get ready for change!!



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## So Much to Celebrate!!!



Our **CHES Science Bowl Team** fought a great fight this year... winning 4 games, but not the championship. WE ARE So PROUD OF THEM! Thank you Mrs. Ngaya and Mr. Salinas for all your hard work!

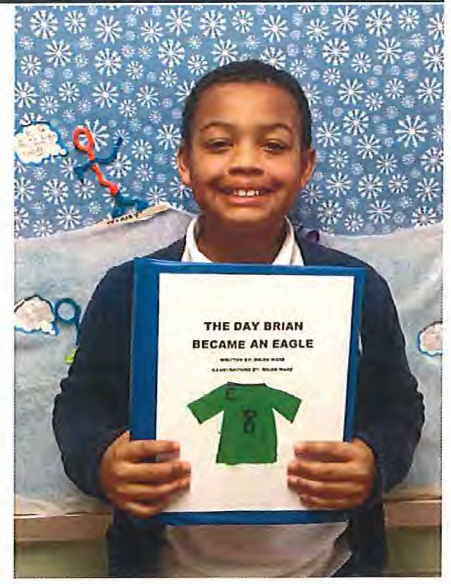


Our 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading TAG Teacher, Mrs. McCoy (aka Ms. Collins) was nominated for **Teacher of the Year**...stay tuned for the results!!

Our **MESA CLUB** won 4 trophies at their Science Competition!! Way to go team! Thank you Mrs. Ngaya and Mrs. Guzman!



### PGCPS Write a Book Winners



Left to Right: **Pierce Wren** in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Illustrated Fiction, **Donnay Smith** in 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Poetry and **Brian Ware** in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Picture Book



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## Excellences in Gifted And Talented Education

Capitol Heights ES will apply for the EGATE recertification next school year by submitting a portfolio full of artifact. This portfolio must meet show 4 TAG/Gifted Objectives (see text box below). Artifacts are being collected this school year and the portfolio will be submitted in December 2018. We are excited and ready!!!



Artifacts being used:

Pictures, Student Work, Lesson Plans, Meeting Agenda/ Notes, etc.



### EGATE

Excellence in Gifted and Talented Education



**THE 4 EGATE OBJECTIVES:**  
Student Identification  
Curriculum and Instruction  
Professionally Qualified Teachers  
Program Management and Evaluation

### What you can do to assist in the EGATE Process...

Write a letter that explains how Ms. Lattimore supports the TAG program.



Write a letter about your experiences with the CHES TAG Program!



Let us know what you think about our TAG Program by completing the CHES TAG Survey. (coming soon)

