

Page County Public Schools

Facts at a Glance

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UPDATE ON GRANTS

Page County Schools are participating in the **MAESTRO** (Math and Earth Science Teachers Resource Organization) project funded partially by the National Science Foundation. The overarching goal of MAESTRO is to have more students learning mathematics through the concrete domain of Earth Science. Professional Development for this project is provided by James Madison University.

The **JMU Office for Children and Families** are partnering with our high and middle schools to support a Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) initiative. JMU staff will deliver two evidence-based programs *Teen Outreach Program* and *Draw the Line/Respect the Line* at the high and middle school levels.

U.S. Department of Education – awarded a 3 year *21st Century Community Learning Center* grant to Page County Middle School. The \$56,984 funds each year supports an after school program that provides enrichment and recreational activities, plus homework and tutoring assistance. Transportation is also provided for students to ensure their safe arrival home. 4-H is one of our partners in this extended school day program.

Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth continued their funding for the tobacco prevention program *All Stars*, for 6th, 7th and 8th graders at Luray and Page County Middle Schools. The \$40,265 award provides funds to purchase a research-based curriculum, offers training for teachers, and provides student materials. This 3 year award also includes the evidence-based PE/health curriculum SPARKS for all middle school students.

Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth also funded PCPS and the youth coalition in Page County with a two year grant for \$51,787. These funds will support various opportunities for our families to become physically active and eat healthy foods. A Healthy Community Action Team has been created to sustain these efforts to reduce and prevent childhood obesity in our district.

The corporate **Alcoa Foundation of the Kawneer Company** awarded PCPS \$15,000 to install a wind turbine at Luray High School. The goal of the project is to provide students and teachers access to real time wind energy data that will be applicable in math, science and technology classes. This data will help our students better understand the concepts and benefits of renewable energy.



We are committed to maximizing every student's potential - whatever it takes.

PAGE COUNTY SCHOOLS POSITIVES

2014—ALL Page County Public Schools are Accredited by the Virginia Department of Education

Both Luray HS & Page County HS were named Blue Star Schools for the 2013-2014 academic year. A school, testing ten or more students, must have achieved a 75% passing rate on the Financial Literacy Certification Test **and** have EITHER a majority of students on a given grade level take the Test OR have the students who took it achieve an average score of 80% or higher. All Blue Star schools are honored at the annual MoneyPOWER Conference for Financial Literacy in New York City on November 4th, 2014.

Luray Middle School's Maestro program was honored with the "Innovation in K-12 Education Award from the Shenandoah Valley Technology Council in May of 2014. Through a partnership with James Madison University, Luray Middle School implemented the "Maestro" program for use in a collaborative in science and math. Now in its second year, sixth-grade science and math teachers work together to coordinate a daily piece of their lesson plan so students see the connection between the two disciplines.

Stanley Elementary Students were treated with a surprise school-wide ceremony sponsored by the Virginia Lottery. At this ceremony, officials from the Virginia Lottery recognized Mrs. Elizabeth Kite as Super Teacher of the Year. This prestigious honor was bestowed on only eight teachers state-wide!

The Second Semester Transition, or SST, provides **Page County Middle School** students with the opportunity to earn high school credits while still in middle school. SST is designed for students whose birthdays make them older than their middle school peers and/or who have been held back in the past. The goal of the program is to increase the graduation rate for these students. Last year, seventeen eighth graders earned a total of 33 high school credits towards graduation at PCHS. In 2013, we are poised to offer SST again to nineteen 8th graders during the spring semester.

Springfield Elementary School celebrates their 75th anniversary during 2014-2015. To highlight this event, over 300 visitors joined SES at the 75th celebration. During this time, a panel of alumni from as far back as the 1930's reminisced via a round table discussion. Community members, several former Principals, and staff spent the day honoring the tremendous tradition that we call Springfield Elementary School.

2014-2015 Enrollment

Preschool— 12	3,377
Preschool	151
Grades K—5	1,531
Grades 6—8	807
Grades 9—12	1,039

2013-2014 Student Membership

Minority	5.7%
Special Education	12.1%
Free and Reduced Lunch	51.4%
ESL	.08%

2013-14 Cost Per Pupil

Page County	\$ 9,171
State Average	\$ 10,969

2013-2014 SOL Pass Rates

	<u>Page Co.</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
Reading	70%	74%
Math	72%	74%
Science	77%	80%
History	84%	84%
Writing	64%	75%

Attendance Rate

2013-14	95.16%
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2014 Graduation/Credentials

VA On-time Graduation rate	96.7% (ranked 4th in Virginia)
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Standard Diplomas	125
Advanced Diplomas	147
2 year college attendees	102
4 year college attendees	60
Post Secondary Education	59%

2013-2014 Page Co. Credentials Awarded

Automotive Technology	46
Cosmetology State Board	10
Electricity NCCT	16
Health Assistant NACES	16
Criminal Justice NOCTI	3
Practical Nursing LPN	7
PCPS Credentials	280
Dual Enrolled Credits	290