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## CHESTERFIELD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Marcus J. Newsome, Ed.D., Superintendent

### News Release

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#### **Chesterfield names 2012 Teacher of the Year**

Ann Zyglocke is the 2012 Teacher of the Year for Chesterfield County Public Schools. With 24 years of experience, she teaches third-grade students in the Center Based Gifted program at Winterpock Elementary School. Her award was announced today during a surprise visit to Winterpock Elementary by School Board members and Superintendent Marcus Newsome, who brought congratulations, roses, balloons and cake.

“Mrs. Zyglocke is an amazing teacher and a wonderful colleague,” wrote Heavenly Husick, a fellow teacher at Winterpock Elementary. “A parent recently stated that [Ann Zyglocke] has ‘an undeniable knack for making even the most mundane subject matters interesting. Her excitement about teaching is so contagious that the children become completely infected with curiosity and enthusiasm.’ She encourages her students to become scientists, explorers, engineers and humanitarians through her creative approach to teaching.”

Annually, every Chesterfield County school selects a Teacher of the Year. Chesterfield County Public Schools then selects from those honorees an Elementary School Teacher of the Year, a Middle School Teacher of the Year and a High School Teacher of the Year, then chooses the countywide Teacher of the Year from those three honorees. Phyllis Hollimon, a school counselor at Bailey Bridge Middle, is Chesterfield’s Middle School Teacher of the Year. Allyson Midgley, who teaches French at Clover Hill High, is Chesterfield’s High School Teacher of the Year. Hollimon and Midgley also learned of their awards today during surprise visits from School Board members and the superintendent.

“Our teachers are superstars, and our school system and community are stronger because of their skill, creativity and commitment. Their accomplishments are one of the main reasons that Chesterfield County Public Schools is nationally recognized as a high-achieving school division,” Dr. Newsome said.

Zyglocke earned a bachelor’s degree in early childhood education from Virginia Commonwealth University. She has worked in Chesterfield County Public Schools her entire career: Crestwood Elementary 1987-1997, Swift Creek Elementary 1997-2004, Grange Hall Elementary 2004-2008 and Winterpock Elementary since 2008.

“My philosophy about teaching and about student learning is that knowledge is there to be discovered through activity and curiosity and a sense of wonder,” Zyglocke wrote. “More than anything, I want my

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students to move on at the end of the year with the belief that learning is one of life's great pleasures. ... My belief in learning through discovery and experimentation and curiosity is demonstrated daily in my classroom. It is a place of humor, excitement and sharing, but also one of discipline where children respect the learning environment.”

The next step is submitting Zyglocke's nomination to the Virginia Department of Education, which will select eight regional Teachers of the Year from across the state, then will choose the Virginia Teacher of the Year from the eight regional winners.

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*A complete list of Teachers of the Year from Chesterfield County schools accompanies this news release.*

## **2012 Teachers of the Year from Chesterfield schools**

### **Elementary schools**

*Chesterfield's Elementary School Teacher of the Year is Ann Zyglocke of Winterpock Elementary. She is also Chesterfield County's Teacher of the Year.*

Bellwood — Maureen Capel  
Bensley — Francine McConnell  
Beulah — Ann Schumm  
Bon Air — Bruce Fillman  
Chalkley — Lauren Lattimer  
Marguerite Christian — Nancy Sheetz  
Clover Hill — Carole Marable  
Crenshaw — Chris Naylor-Henry  
Crestwood — Anne Phelps  
Curtis — Kay Rowe  
Davis — Insley Koehler  
Ecoff — Beth Craig  
Enon — Patricia Chamberlain  
Ettrick — Andrew Henderson  
Evergreen — Athena Long  
Falling Creek — Diana Bryan  
Gates — Paul Moschetti  
Gordon — Terri Cooper  
Grange Hall — Kathy Glotz  
Greenfield — Martha Travis  
Harrowgate — Sherrie Anderson  
Hening — Crystal Chandler  
Hopkins — Lynn Urban  
Jacobs Road — Julie Franklin  
Matoaca — Katherine Bailey  
Providence — Jill Gusewelle  
Reams Road — Nancy Woodmansee  
Robious — Marigrace Wilkes  
Salem Church — Melissa True  
Elizabeth Scott — Sarah Eaton  
Alberta Smith — Taylora Dunford  
Spring Run — Linda Benner  
Swift Creek — Carroll Savage  
Watkins — Adrienne Martin  
Bettie Weaver — Kelley Miller  
Wells — Karri Pennington  
Winterpock — Ann Zyglocke  
Woolridge — Deborah Pinkston

### **Middle schools**

*Chesterfield's Middle School Teacher of the Year is Phyllis Hollimon of Bailey Bridge Middle.*

Bailey Bridge — Phyllis Hollimon  
Carver — Elizabeth Rueby  
Elizabeth Davis — Jennifer Gilbert  
Falling Creek — Katharine Rogers  
Manchester — Frances Forto  
Matoaca — Priscilla Vaughan  
Midlothian — David Yohe  
Providence — Edward Maynes Jr.  
Robious — Rachel Gruner  
Salem Church — Paula Ward  
Swift Creek — Cathy Titus  
Tomahawk Creek — Dorrie Bishop

### **High schools**

*Chesterfield's High School Teacher of the Year is Allyson Midgley of Clover Hill High.*

Bird — Paul Hetterich  
Chesterfield Community — Carol DeMasi  
Clover Hill — Allyson Midgley  
Cosby — Jaclyn Clark  
Thomas Dale — Peter Barringer  
James River — Mary Ellen Fines  
Manchester — Deborah Romig  
Matoaca — Traci Brown  
Meadowbrook — Angelique Clarke  
Midlothian — Amy Petersen  
Monacan — Sarah Ehret  
Chesterfield Technical Center — Maureen Noe  
Detention Home — Jennifer Warren