

## **In Session with the “Oriole” Superintendent**

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### **Reflections on the 2014-15 School Year**

It seems as if the school year has gone by like the blink of an eye. We started back on September 2, 2014, and the school year will end June 10, 2015 with a half day of school. Students and staff will then begin summer recess.

As I think back on this school year, I reflect with great Oriole pride on the positive things that have happened in our district this year. Following is an attempt to highlight some of them, but I know full well the list is not inclusive of everything:

- Homecoming parade moves back downtown
- Ferris State University is on site at CHS offering college courses and credits
- New I-8 Athletic Conference
- Charlotte Upper Elementary - KC (Kindness and Caring) Club
- Swim teams and clubs
- Monthly employee recognitions – support and certified staff
- Band – marching festivals, showcased on WKAR, concerts and festivals, Band Bounce
- Choir - honors, competitions and Cabaret
- SET SEG employee safety award
- Boys Varsity Basketball advances to regional game
- Discovery Education presentation night at the Upper Elementary and the Middle School
- Student performances – GREASE, School House Rocks and Matchmaker
- Robotics at the Elementary, Upper Elementary and High School
- Athletic and academic scholarships, a MSHAA female scholar athlete and MHSAA sportsmanship award
- Bond refunding – which is saving the community residents almost 4 million in debt payment
- Board of Education recognitions, retirements and welcome of new members
- Career & Technical, Business and FFA programming advancements for students at CHS, LCC and other colleges
- Early Childhood educational opportunities – Great Start School Readiness and Kindergarten Prep Camp
- CMS and CHS student art is showcased at CHS
- CMS - Rachel's challenge
- Project Lead The Way and STEM – (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)
- Fuel Up to Play 60 & Meet Up and Eat Up
- Leadership Conferences – Business & FFA
- Honor Society inductions at CMS and CHS
- Seniors Honors Convocation and Graduation
- Parkview science nights and fairs
- Senior projects downtown and inside of CHS

- School and Business partnerships
- IMPACT concussion testing for student athletes
- District - school and program Facebook pages
- Aquatic center programming, including triathlon training and hosting of swim meets
- March is reading month – initiatives at all levels
- Charlotte Performing Arts Center hosts multiple community based events and programs

Again, this is a sampling of programs, events, offerings and highlights throughout this past year. It is amazing how many great things are happening here. There is incredible Oriole Pride at Charlotte Public Schools.

Go Orioles! Oriole Pride !