

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

By, Mark D. Rosekrans, Superintendent of Charlotte Public Schools

### Summer Events and Projects Underway at CPS

Now that the 2015-16 school year is over, the different summer programs, opportunities and projects get underway. Please allow me to highlight some of these so our community can be aware and take advantage of them over the summer months.

First, parents and students - we have new summer learning opportunities available either directly at <http://oriolesummer.weebly.com> or through access on our website. For the website, please go to our home page, [www.charlottenet.org](http://www.charlottenet.org), and you will see a link titled – **Summer Enrichment Online Resource**. Embedded within this link there are tremendous FREE learning resources to maintain and enhance student learning over the summer months. The materials available are geared mostly for K-8 in Math and ELA (English Language Arts) but we will also have materials for students entering grades 9-12 included. Please access it and continue learning over the summer!

Our FREE summer food program called “Meet Up and Eat Up” continues again this year. It will be held at Washington Elementary, 525 High Street. It will start on June 20 and run through August 12, 2016, Monday through Friday from 11:30 AM until 12:30 PM. This FREE food program is supported through the federal government and is for children up to 18 years old. The food program will not be in session on the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday (Monday).

Athletic camps at the high school and middle school are already underway. Please contact the Athletic office or the Aquatic Center office for more information. These are great opportunities for skill development and individual sport knowledge.

The Charlotte Aquatic Center is open throughout the summer months – “it’s always summer here”. A variety of water safety and exercise classes are offered or you can swim just for fun with the many open swim opportunities. Please check the website for more information.

The Charlotte Performing Arts Center will offer multiple summer opportunities for youth. Access our website for more information. Under the District Info tab choose Performing Arts Center and on the right you will see the summer camp link. This summer, the musical theater camp is Disney’s 101 Dalmations Kids. The Charlotte dates are July 11-21<sup>st</sup>.

Weymouth Child Development Center also runs a complete early child and grade level program during the summer months. Again, please refer to our website for complete details on their offerings.

Summer maintenance projects have begun with the high school roofing project. The area under construction will be the lobby (outside of the dome), school store and science classrooms. Weymouth Child Development Center has also already had their hard surface asphalt playground done this June. Complete and thorough summer cleaning and routine maintenance efforts will

also occur at all buildings and district facilities. In addition, our school bus fleet will undergo a complete maintenance review and cleaning.

We hope students and families will take advantage of the new summer online learning, and the summer food program, athletic camps, aquatics and performing arts center's opportunities. Above all, continue learning and stay active this summer.

And finally a reminder for incoming parents of kindergarten students. Please be sure to enroll NOW and submit all the required paperwork to our Registrar's office located in the Aquatic Center. Forms and enrollment information for all families and students, including transportation, are also located on the website.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable break and we will see you in the fall.

Go Orioles! Oriole Pride!