



# News Spot

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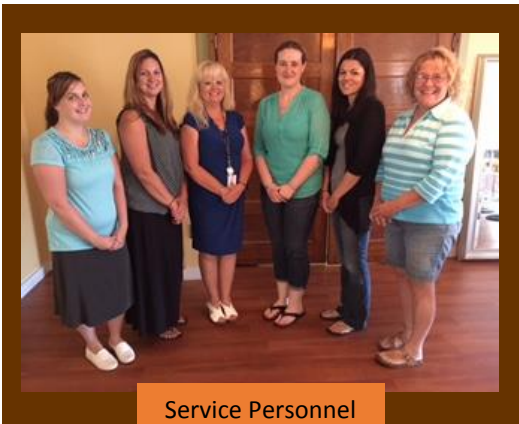
## MINERAL COUNTY SCHOOLS WELCOMES NEW EMPLOYEES



Professional Personnel

A luncheon was held on August 14, 2015 for the 2015-2016 new employees. The luncheon was hosted by BB&T Bank and held at the Candlewyck Inn, in Keyser, West Virginia. The new employees are:

Professional Personnel: (back row L-R) Tania Hershman, Teacher, EGPS; Sarah Reichert-Price, Teacher, FPS; James Johnson, Teacher, FHS; Brian Bowers, Teacher, KMS; Amber Lopez, Teacher, FAPS; Michael Lewis, Principal, KHS; (front row L-R) Julie Cryser, Teacher, NCPS; Krystal Knotts, Teacher, WFPS; Jessica Moreland, Teacher, FHS; Samantha Cunningham, Teacher, KPS; Jenise Grabenstein, Teacher, KPS



Service Personnel

Service Personnel: Stephanie Corbin, Secretary/Accountant, EGPS/MCAS; Rebekah Louk, Aide/Paraprofessional, FHS; Gayle Kasmier, Secretary/Accountant, KHS; Hannah Clutter, Aide/Paraprofessional, KMS; Lana Kephart, Cook, KPS; Kathryn Taylor, Cook, KMS

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### *Please Vote!*

LEVY VOTE ON  
NOVEMBER 7



The school levy election on Saturday, November 7, is very important to the students and employees of Mineral County Schools. We encourage everyone to vote!

### New Employees not Pictured or Hired after the Luncheon:

Donald Alt, Bus Operator; Luann Beatty, Aide, KPS; Dawn Beeman, Teacher, KPS/Countywide; Hannah Biser, Aide, FIS; Lindsay Burns, Teacher, NCPS; Jennifer Clark, Cook, KHS; Torria Connor, Teacher, KHS; MeChelle Crotts, Teacher, FIS; Amy Davis, Teacher, BPS; Brenton Ebert, Teacher, MCTC; Patricia Emerick, Teacher, KMS; Tammy Gerard-Ray, Cook, KPS; Griffith Glover, Teacher, KHS; Lisa Johnson, Teacher, FMS; Amber Leatherman, Teacher, Countywide; Rebecca Minor, Cook, KMS; Kirsten Denne, Teacher, FMS; Melissa Reel, Aide, EGPS; Elizabeth Robertson, Aide/Paraprofessional, KPS; Ashley Shreve, Teacher, EGPS; Karen L. Smith, Cook, KHS; Norman Smith, Bus Operator; Christopher Szafran, Teacher, KHS; Tracey Taylor, Teacher, KMS; Thomas Tusing, Teacher, KMS; Moira Twigg, Speech Assistant, Countywide

# Welcome



## PROFESSIONAL EVALUATIONS UPDATE

The West Virginia Educator Evaluation System ensures an equitable annual assessment of every public school educator's professional practices. The completion of classroom roster verification will not be utilized in the 2015-2016 school year. The West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) has asked schools to focus their efforts on creating and maintaining an accurate master schedule. The county administration team will be reviewing the schools' master schedules.

The WVBE has waived language in Policy 5310 requiring the use of state summative assessment data in connection with the Student Growth component of evaluations conducted for Mathematics (4-11) and Reading/ELA (4-11) educators for the 2015-2016 school year. All educators will complete two student learning goals for the Student Growth (15%) component of the evaluation. The West Virginia Department of Education will continue to use state summative assessment results for the School-wide Growth (5%) component.

## WVBE POLICY 5202

The revised WVBE Policy 5202 now includes additional Praxis exams required for West Virginia Professional Teaching Licensure. These additions are reflected in the revised guidance document available online at [http://wvde.state.wv.us/certification/forms/documents/AdditionalendorsementviaPraxis\\_Oct\\_2015.pdf](http://wvde.state.wv.us/certification/forms/documents/AdditionalendorsementviaPraxis_Oct_2015.pdf). Please note that a Form 8C requesting the addition of Multi-Categorical, Mentally Impaired (Mild/Moderate) or Specific Learning Disabilities with a K-6 designation, requires that an applicant must have an Elementary Education Endorsement reflected on their current WV Professional Teaching Certificate. Those requesting the addition of a Special Education 5-AD endorsement must have or be eligible to have a content endorsement in English, Math, Science, Social Studies, or Biology. The content endorsement may be added by completing an approved program, taking a PRAXIS Test in one of the content areas, or by submitting a completed Form 26 for the Special Education Restricted Content Endorsement with all requirements met for a least one content area.


## CHANGE IN HIRING ORDER OF COACHES



House Bill 2005 empowered the State Superintendent to issue Citizen Coach Authorizations. These certificates are endorsed for Temporary Coaching Authorizations and must be renewed annually. Due to this change, an individual from the community would be eligible to serve as an athletic coach even if a regularly employed professional educator applies for the

position. The coaching position would be filled by the person with the best qualifications for the job.

Administrators are reminded that all coaches must sign a contract before entering his/her duties as a coach. In addition, a community individual must be approved for the WVDE Citizen Coach Authorization before assuming any duties and responsibilities with student athletes.



*Graduation Dates*

Mineral County Technical Center – May 27, 2016

Frankfort High School – May 29, 2016

Keyser High School – May 29, 2016

## SERVICE PERSONNEL EVALUATIONS

Service Personnel will be evaluated according to county policy. All school service personnel will receive a minimum of one annual evaluation. Probationary employees will receive a minimum of two evaluations annually.

## WVDE ACCEPTS ON-LINE PAYMENTS



WVDE only accepts online payments for certification using a valid credit card (American Express, Discover, MasterCard, and Visa). Payment posting/received does not grant "received" or "pending" status to any application. There is a link from the WVDE website to the online payment page. Employees using this option should print the receipt and send it to the Human Resources Office along with the certification application.

## Certification Renewals

Professional employees whose teaching certificates expire on June 30, 2016, should be certain that renewal requirements are met. Employees can view their current certificates on the WVDE website. Mrs. Grady will be visiting the schools to conference with employees on certification concerns.



## NATIONAL BOARD CLASS

We would like to host a preparation class for National Board certification. If you are NB certified and would be interested in teaching the class, please email Mrs. Grady at [sgrady@k12.wv.us](mailto:sgrady@k12.wv.us).