



# Sussex County Public Schools Gifted and Talented Education Program (G.A.T.E.)

Sussex County Public Schools is pleased to offer opportunities for advanced learning to some of our brightest scholars in the division. Eligible students can now receive academic and enrichment services through our newly established Gifted and Talented Enrichment Program. This program, which is often referred to as G.A.T.E, provides high ability learners with social, emotional and advanced academic experiences that allows the students to advance their critical thinking, problem solving and 21st Century skills. Students in grades Kindergarten through Twelfth Grade meet weekly during pull out sessions with their peers to complete rigorous challenges and projects with the Gifted Education Coach, Mrs. Paulette Nowell.



Designing and implementing our GATE program was quite challenging in the beginning, but well worth every minute and meeting that occurred. In the beginning stages, the local gifted education plan for our division updated to comply with the Standards for Gifted Learners mandated by the Virginia Department of Education. The identification and selection process designed to ensure that students who

statistically underrepresented in gifted and talented programs all across the nation were included in our GATE program. After selected students notified and building schedules approved, we are proud to share that we currently have 52 students in our division who enrolled in the program with 23 students pending enrollment upon further monitoring.

GATE students participate in a wide arrange of real-world problem solving and critical thinking activities on campus and beyond the school walls. At the elementary level, our 5th grade GATE students

planned and implemented a service-learning project where they collaborated with all of the staff and students at the elementary school and collected over 800 food items that donated to a local church for distribution in the Sussex County community.





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#### **Mission Statement**

#### **Educating Tomorrow's Leaders**

We believe that all students can learn. The mission of Sussex County Public Schools is to provide a safe and secure learning environment where all students develop into knowledgeable and productive citizens. Sussex County Public Schools will provide the necessary instructional resources, learning opportunities and leadership for students to reach their highest educational potential to be our leaders of tomorrow.

#### Division's 2021-2022 Guiding Principles

- Intentionally Increasing Student Achievement
- Teacher Support
- Principal Instructional Leadership Support
- Community Outreach/Partnerships



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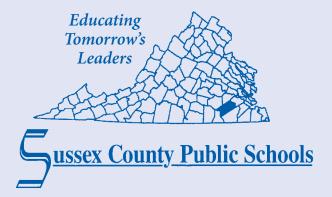
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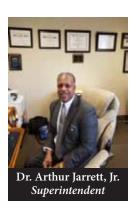
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#### MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

#### Dear Parents and Community,

As we have transitioned to in-person learning, I am grateful for the daily student interactions, conversations with parents, meetings with



administrators and teachers, and collaboration with our School Board and community as a whole. We are appreciative of our educational partners and alumni who are committed to furthering the mission of Sussex County Public Schools. I can say with confidence that every success that we have experienced been accomplished TOGETHER. Every opportunity to learn lessons been embraced with a mindset of growth and progressive movement.

At the beginning of the school term, we spoke extensively about "riding and managing the waves of change" in our schools and communities. Surfing on the ocean waves was the visual symbolically used to emphasize the importance of heightening and fulfillment of our vision. During convocation, everyone in attendance challenged to reach his or her highest potential and to work together as a team to navigate the changes facing us. With these thoughts in mind, we challenged to pinpoint our focus toward the advancement of our students and our county. With pleasure, I take this time to commend everyone for the unwavering dedication and commitment to this great work.

"Others can inspire you, but ultimately the only thing that empowers you is what lies within you and learning how to better utilize what you've been given."

-T.D. Jakes, Instinct: The Power to Unleash Your Inborn Drive

Sincerely,

Dr. Arthur L. Jarrett, Jr. Division Superintendent

# Sussex County Public Schools Gifted and Talented Education Program (G.A.T.E.) (continued)

During their study of weather, elementary students had an opportunity to meet and learn from three local news meteorologist via Zoom. Megan Wise (Channel 10), Emily Kaye (Channel 8) and Frances Peyton (Channel 6) were thrilled to share with students a day in the life of a meteorologist. The students listed attentively and asked great questions. They even had a cameo on the 5'oclock news with Megan Wise!

At the middle school, students went on an off campus-learning excursion to the Science Museum of Virginia and learned tons of information from the many interactive exhibits that were available. They even had the opportunity to view a science film in the IMAX Dome and touch a python during a live experience presentation. The highlight of the entire trip was students practically having the entire science museum to themselves to explore. Additionally, students look forward to their monthly Break Out activity, which allows them to collaborate with peers to solve challenging clues in hopes of being the first team to break out of the library.

At the high school, students connected with a mentor in their field of interest. Graduating Senior, DeAsia Rose, paired with her mentor, Sonya Davis (former SCPS Social Worker) who has agreed to assist her with her journey in Real Estate.

Additionally, three sophomores, Imani Covington, Grace Parker and Emma Smith all assisted Mrs. Nowell with designing the website for our 2022 Youth Summit and Health Fair. These brilliant young scholars began the project not knowing anything about web design, but ended knowing how to create an entire website with multiple pages and features from start up to finish!

Typically, in schools across the nation, GATE high school students only receive gifted education services in honors classes or attend specialty schools such as the Appomattox Regional Governors School. At SCPS, we provide a weekly pull out service to all high school GATE scholars who are eligible for our program in addition to their honors courses.















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# Sussex County Public Schools Gifted and Talented Education Program (G.A.T.E.) (continued)

In its first year of establishment, the GATE program collaborated with the College of William and Mary to provide our scholars with opportunities to excel with other likeminded individuals all across Virginia. In March, two third graders, Alexander Jones and Azariah Baines, participated in the college's Saturday Enrichment

Academy where they studied the architectural genius, Frank Lloyd Wright. This summer, more students will be able to apply for enrollment in the program.

Additionally, Caniyah Williams and Olivia Lavender will participate in the college's residential Camp Launch Program that held on campus for two weeks in July. Both seventh grade Girls are looking forward to this opportunity.

Each summer several of our students have the opportunity to enroll in the Meherrin Summer Regional Governor's School for elementary and middle school students. Eight of our GATE scholars applied and all eight were accepted! They are Abbelynn Hernandez (4th), ZaNaria Drew (5th), Rylie Pacheco (5th), Tyson Hudson (5th), Madelynn Winfield (6th), Katie Dowling (6th), Victor Martinez Nava (7th) and MarZavien Stith (7th).

We are thrilled with the outcome of the program. We look forward to many more experiences that are rigorous, rewarding and promote lifelong learning for all of our students. If you are interested in referring any student for the G.A.T.E. program, please contact Mrs. Nowell for details. Many thanks to our Division Superintendent, Dr. Arthur Jarrett, our Director of Pupil Personnel, Dr. Lorraine Davis and our building administrators for contributing to the success of our GATE Program.

Submitted by Mrs. Paulette Nowell, SCPS Gifted Education Coach

## SCPS Administrative Office Has New, Yet Familiar Faces



Sussex County Public Schools has a new Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Mrs. Alvina B. Matthews. Although new to this role, Mrs. Matthews has twenty-one years of experience in the field of education, of which, eighteen years dedicated to supporting and educating the future leaders of Sussex County. Mrs. Matthews' educational career began in Brunswick County as an algebra teacher, was cultivated in

Halifax County as a professional school counselor, and now is peaking here in Sussex County. In addition to being a teacher and counselor, Mrs. Matthews has also served as an assistant principal and principal during her tenure here.

When reflecting on her success as a principal, Mrs. Matthews emphasized the importance of building relationships. She stated, "If you love and believe in your students, faculty, and staff, they will return that love. And when they love you, they will work for you". She provided daily reminders to her students, faculty, and staff about how smart and beautiful they were as she serenaded them each morning.

Mrs. Matthews believes that as the Director of Instruction, she can be instrumental and impactful as the district continues to fulfill its mission of educating tomorrow is leaders.



Sussex County Public Schools welcomes Mr. Morris N. Taylor as the Director of Federal Programs. He brings to his new position a wealth of knowledge in school management, instruction, and finance. Over the past nine years, Mr. Taylor served in the capacity of the principal and assistant principal for Sussex Central Middle School and Sussex Central Elementary School. Mr.

Taylor has over twenty-two years of experience in education and leadership experience, which has prepared him for his new role.

As the Director of Federal Programs, Mr. Taylor will oversee the expenditures of all federal grants, the CARES and ESSER funds, and the Career and Technical Education funding. When asked about his job, he quoted as saying, "I take pride in knowing that in this position I can still help teachers and students. While I may not be in a school building physically, I can still have an impact on education by providing all stakeholders with the tools that they need be successful". He will miss all of the teachers and students at the elementary school, but he welcomes the challenge of a new role within the school system.

#### SCHS – SARAH FINCH SVRTC TECHNOLOGY TEACHER AWARD

# How long have you been at Sussex Public Schools?

I have been with Sussex for seven years.

# What's something about you (a fun fact) that not many people know?

My mom and sister are also teachers.

#### What is your favorite hobby?

My favorite hobby is making greeting cards or learning a new craft.

#### What's the next place on your travel bucket list?

The next place on my travel bucket list is either Ireland or Scotland.



# ALEXIS BANKS SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

# How long have you been at Sussex Public Schools?

Employed with Sussex County Public Schools for school year (2021-2022)

# What's something about you (a fun fact) that not many people know?

Got married February 2022!

#### What is your favorite hobby?

Favorite Interests: Shopping & Going out to Eat!

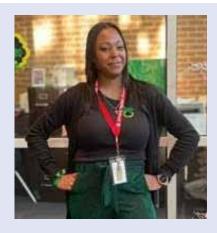
Favorite Scripture/Quote: No weapon formed against me shall prosper – Isaiah 54:17

# What's the next place on your travel bucket list?

Relocating to Japan (Spring 2022) – due to military relocation



# **Employee Spotlight**



#### SCMS – KATINA FITZGERALD-JOHNSON SVRTC INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT AWARD

# How long have you been at Sussex Public Schools?

I have been at Sussex County Public Schools for 16 years.

# What's something about you (a fun fact) that not many people know?

Fun Fact: I love to dance!

#### What is your favorite hobby?

My favorite hobby is watching movies

What's the next place on your travel bucket list? The next place to Travel on my bucket list is Italy!

#### IT – COREY LONG, JR. – SVRTC TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT AWARD

Corey Long Jr and I am a computer/network technician.

# How long have you been at Sussex Public Schools?

I have been here at Sussex County Public Schools for 10 months and have enjoyed every minute of it.

# What's something about you (a fun fact) that not many people know?

fact) that not many people know?
A fun fact about me is that I originally

wanted to go to college to study archeology but decided to go with cybersecurity around my sophomore year in high school.

#### What is your favorite hobby?

My favorite hobby is playing video games because it is a great way to release stress and relax your mind.

What's the next place on your travel bucket list? The next place on my travel list has to be Ontario, Canada. There is no huge reason as to why I want to go to Canada. I just want to experience the cool Canadian weather and sightsee major tourist locations.



# **Sussex Central High School Student Academic** & Attendance Recognition Celebrations







During the 2021-2022 school

year, Sussex Central High School sponsored quarterly recognition programs to celebrate the academic and attendance accomplishments of our students. Principal Belinda Urquhart and Assistant Principal Ivan Parker recognized students for earning principal's list and honor roll. The SCHS Attendance Team also joined in to celebrate students who had perfect, good, and improved attendance.

Attendance honorees received certificates and goody bags. Perfect attendance students earned special bracelets. All attendance recipients got a chance to win one of the special prizes that included



Mrs. Holmes assisting with the events

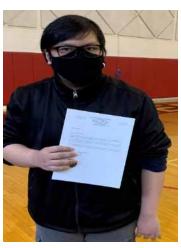
gift cards to popular eateries or one of their favorite small electronics devices. Mrs. Urquhart presented the academic achievers with an official letter that featured a gold seal exemplifying their accomplishments.

To end the celebrations, students enjoyed ice cream and music socials with their friends.

We commend all of our achievers for putting in the time, effort and hard work to have a successful school year.













Sussex Central High School Student Academic & Attendance Recognition

**Celebrations** (Continued)



Left to right Ms.Marsha Granderson, Mrs Motton, Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Pierce and Mrs.Banks







"Helping Hands"

The support team is shown filling bags of goodies for the Attendance Celebration!

Ms. Williams, Mrs. Banks, Mrs. Motton, Mrs. Grandson & Mrs. Pierce



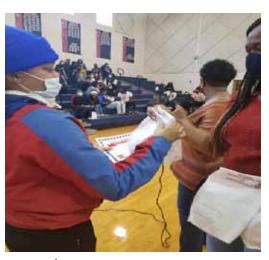


# Sussex Central Middle School Earth Day

Students at SCMS participated and showed their support for mother earth by designing and creating Acrylic Marker Glass art.







Students were given special gift bags/incentives for their perfect attendance and treated to an "Ice Cream Social" for their academic accomplishments.

## Sussex County Public Schools 2022 Youth Summit & Health Fair

Sussex County Public Schools hosted its annual Youth Summit and Health Fair virtually again this year. This year's theme was "SWAG Surfing: Riding the Waves of Change," with SWAG standing for §tudents Will Achieve Greatness. This virtual event involved students and staff, Pre-K-12, participating in 20-minute sessions throughout the school day. Presenters offered information on: Health & Fitness, Effective Communication, Managing Emotions, Making & Keeping Friends, Resolving Conflict, Decision-making & Responsibility, Career Decisions, Bullying, Self-esteem & Self-worth, Resiliency, Social Media, just to name a few. Parent sessions were held in the afternoon which included "Parenting Post Pandemic" facilitated by Sophenia Pierce, and "Brain Stuff: Parent Edition" facilitated by John Richardson-Lauve. Keynote speakers included Trent Tucker, a former NBA player, Chris "Zondaflex" Tyler, and Diversity in Dance (Academic Entertainment). Current students, alumnae,

and community partners also presented during this gala event. Participation by all was most enjoyable and very exuberating as the presenters shared valuable information throughout their sessions.

Three of our very own GATE students (Grace Parker, Imani Covington, Emma Smith) designed, developed, and created the Youth Summit & Health Fair webpage with the assistance of our Gifted Education Coach, Paulette Nowell. You may go to: <a href="https://sites.google.com/sussexschools.com/2022youthsummithealthfair/home">https://sites.google.com/sussexschools.com/2022youthsummithealthfair/home</a> to view all presenters who participated in the event.







Grace Parker

**Imani Covington** 

Emma Smith

#### LOOK AT SOME OF OUR PRESENTERS



Vivienne Pierce McDaniel



Trent Tucker



Chariety Sapp



Mika Bates



Jalen Augcomfar



Zhane' Vaughan



Natarsha S. Goode



John Richardson-Lauve



Darron Johnson



Dr. Peterson

# **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2022 Youth Summit & Health Fair**

SWAG Surfing: Riding the Waves of Change,"

**S**tudents **W**ill **A**chieve **G**reatness

Kickoff to the Youth Summit & Health Fair began with the opening and closing of students and staff **SWAG** Surfing as students continue to achieve GREATNESS!





















## **Sussex Central Elementary School**

#### Watch Our Garden Grow

After a unit on plants, all Kindergarten students have to experience what they had learned in a hands-on activity of planting marigold seeds in a courtyard flowerbed. While outside, students reviewed the plant life cycle, plant parts, and what the flowers would need to grow and survive. Students from each class then took turns digging holes, dropping the seeds in, covering them up, and watering them. Classes will go out to the courtyard 2-3 times a week to water and check on their plants. In 6-8 weeks, students will get to see the results of their hard work with a beautiful bed of marigolds! Pre-K teachers have also planted several flowers and vegetables in the beds around the courtyard.











#### **Youth Summit**

Elementary students and parents were able to take part in many educational activities during this year's Youth Health Summit. Students participated in interactive virtual workshops that included health and fitness, effective communication, managing emotions, making and keeping friends, resolving conflict, responsibility, career decisions, bullying, self-esteem, and Social media. Gift card recipients were randomly selected for their participation in the youth summit.

#### **Elementary Students Show Their Spirit**

Students show their school spirit by dressing up during themed spirit days throughout the school year. Sussex Central Elementary School held several themed spirit weeks throughout the year for events including Read Across America, SOL test prep, Red Ribbon Week, and 10 Days of Holiday. Students and staff pictured were dressing up for costume day, red day, crazy socks day, and favorite sunglasses day.













# **SOL/Science Fair Night at Sussex Central Elementary School**

Students and families were able to view the hundreds of amazing science fair projects that were created and displayed in the SCES cafeteria. Projects ranged from ecosystem dioramas and bread mold experiments to comparisons on what ingredients create the best slime. Teachers from each grade level created make-it-take-it activities for students to complete at home. The second grade team's make-it-take-it activity included a series of science experiments for students to complete at home. Their hope was that these fun scientific activities might give families something to bond over, and may lead the students to pursue science in their careers. Students pictured were some of the Science Fair winners from their grade level.







"Macarena for Motivation" Ms. Matthews has moves, at the Elementary School!



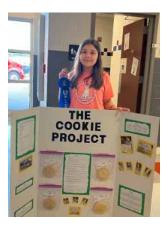
"Surrounded by Greatest"
Ms. Granderson, SAO Elementary
School, has the opportunity to take
a photo with Dr. Jarrett &
Ms. Matthews



"Team Players"
School Social Worker, Mrs Banks
& S.A.O., Mrs. Motton are always
available to celebrate the students.
I have been here at Sussex County
Public Schools for 10 months and
have enjoyed every minute of it.







#### **Read Across America**

Read Across America is a day meant to celebrate the great joy of reading. During this event, elementary students enjoyed books read by guest readers and community members both in person and virtually. Reader sessions were engaging and interactive. Students also celebrated by dressing up for a spirit week, and were



served green eggs and ham for breakfast in honor of Dr. Seus's birthday. Gift bags were provided by the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., and recipients pictured were randomly selected for their enthusiastic participation in the event.





#### **Tiger Chorale**

In October of 2021, twenty-five students from 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades auditioned and were accepted into the Tiger Chorale led by the music teacher, Ms. Newman. These students rehearsed every Friday to prepare two concerts for families to enjoy during the December and April PTA meetings. The December concert highlighted holiday tunes both new and old, while the April concert featured a variety of songs celebrating diversity.

#### **Talent Show**

Elementary students of all grades showcased their many talents during the second annual virtual talent show. Students were able to participate by submitting a video taken from home, or by performing their talent in the music room for the music teacher, Ms. Newman, to record. All videos were then compiled into an hour long movie that was shown during the March PTA meeting for students, families, and staff to enjoy! Talents included drawing, singing, painting, gymnastics, basketball, and more!













#### **Veteran's Day Program**

On Veteran's Day, the second grade team was visited by JROTC from Sussex Central High School under the leadership of LT. Col. Kanney and Master Sergeant Whitfield. The group demonstrated examples of their marching, cadence calling, and salutes. Students were able to see what marching looks like, and see the corps take orders calling them to positions like attention and parade rest. They also participated in a call and response chant with the Master Sergeant.

#### **PTA**

The 2021-2022 school year has been full of wonderful activities for SCES PTA. We kicked off the year with a drive-thru Trunk or Treat in October. In November, we held a virtual Thanksgiving Throwdown with activities about the story, Turkey Trouble. In December, the SCES Tiger Chorale showed off their singing talents with a virtual holiday performance. To celebrate National Soup Month, we held a unique virtual meeting in January in which participants enjoyed a bowl of soup while listening to the story Stone Soup. The SCES PTA Talent Show was held during the March meeting and attendees were able to watch the amazing performances during the virtual event. The SCES Tiger Chorale performed again in April and showcased their singing abilities with a multicultural performance. The SCES PTA will be holding officer elections in May. If you are interested in serving as an officer, please contact Mrs. Nurney at SCES or Mrs. K. Johnson at SCMS.

The SCES PTA is always accepting members and would appreciate your participation and support. You can join for only \$5.00! Please see Mrs. Nurney or Mrs. K. Johnson to join. Every class to sign up at least ten members earns an ice cream party! Mrs. Torres' class and Ms. Morris' class have earned their ice cream parties and there is still time for your child's class to earn an ice cream party!

#### **Tiger Paw Store**

Students at SCES are rewarded for their excellent behavior and academics with tiger paws that they can collect and spend at the tiger store. The store is open every Friday, and students can buy fun items like candy, pop-its, rubix cubes, key chains, folders, pencils, erasers, and snacks at the store.





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# Perfect Attendance Celebration 1st quarter-

Over 60 students attended the Perfect Attendance Celebration at the Elementary School in March. Prizes, games, and dance contest kept the students up and moving! All students received a goody bags!



Kindergarten students are ready to celebrate



4th graders proud moments

#### **Computer Science Education Week**

For Computer Science Education Week, students got to experiment with Unruly Splats while learning to code! Sussex Central Elementary School's Instructional Technology Resource Teacher (ITRT), Ms. Patterson, led students through a lesson where they played whack-a-mole, learned to program the Splats to their favorite color and sound, and ended with some relay fun.





Thumbs up!



Students challenge Ms. G to "Go Low"



Ready, set, go! Camryn is ready

# **Toys for Tots**



Pre-K Students Showing Toys



Toys for Tots Toy Grab



Kindergarten Students Waiting Patiently to go back to Class & Play with their Toys!



# Crater Workforce - CTE Reverse Career Fair - March 11, 2022

Nine school districts within the Crater Region established The CTE Workforce Ready Diploma Seal program in 2020 as a way to connect soon to be graduates with future employers. The nine school districts consist of Amelia, Colonial Heights, Dinwiddie, Greensville, Hopewell, Petersburg, Prince George, Surry and Sussex. On March 11, 2022, the Crater Region conducted its second annual CTE Reverse Career Fair. It was hosted by Tyler Becoming Brightpoint (formerly John Tyler Community College) and the Career and Education Consortium. Students from six area high schools brought presentation boards, résumés, and positive attitudes to impress the business partners in hopes of receiving an interview request. Representatives from 20 area businesses attended with the purpose of interacting with students to identify potential future employees. A website developed to allow those business partners that were not able to attend the in-person event an opportunity to review student résumés and profiles. Eight students from Sussex Central High School attended the CTE Reverse Fair. After all businesses submitted their requests for interviews, multiple requests made for interviews for five students for Sussex Central High School. The process will culminate in the Crater Region CTE Signing Day, scheduled for June 3, 2022, at Tyler Becoming Brightpoint.



Pictured (L-R): Mr. Irby (CTE Teacher), Tyson Garrett, Nyirah Stith, Alasia Dillard, Breanna Hatch, LaTiya Street, Jalea Walker, Darkia Graves, Niara Carter, and Mrs. B. Urquhart (Principal)

### The HR World

The world of Human Resources is ever changing. For Sussex County Public Schools, the department is a two-person team seeking to meet the needs of employees and, ultimately, the entire division. Filling positions is just the tip of the iceberg. The Director and the Human Resources Assistant dedicate each day to addressing the needs of SCPS.



Tykia Hudson operates the table at the Fall Festival in Waverly.

As the 2021-2022 school year winds down to the summer season, Human Resources must remain conscious of newly adopted laws effective July 1, 2022, as well as upcoming changes from the Virginia Department of Education. It is truly a whirlwind affair throughout the year. However, the most pressing concern currently is securing dedicated staff members to add to the Tiger Family. The entire nation is experiencing an extreme shortage of both teachers and bus drivers. Our colleges are not graduating an adequate number of teachers to fill the positions of retiring teachers. Compounding this is the search for bus drivers, those who deliver our students to and from home. The challenge to fill positions has been increasing year after year.

We must recognize the positives. Sussex County Public Schools continues

to thrive. Our students are learning and are excited about seeing their friends again. As

we continue to move toward "normalcy", spring sports are bringing smiles to all. (By the way, we need bus drivers to transport students. HINT.) The staff is determined to make school the experience it should be for students, and Human Resources is a part of that determination. Sussex County Public Schools is a beacon for all to see!

(Please contact Human Resources for additional information. Thank you. – 434-246-1099)



The HR Team is ready to serve. (Tykia Hudson and Adriene Stephenson)

# SCMS Participated in the VDOE #PurpleUpVa Initiative



DATE DATE

APRIL 20 **2022** 

April is the Month of the Military Child, providing an opportunity to recognize and honor the service of Virginia's youngest heroes, over 80,000 military connected children.

Remember to encourage your school communities to show support for the annual PURPLE UP DAY for Military Kids celebration by wearing purple on Wednesday, April 20, 2022.

Remember to encourage your school communities to show support for the MONTH MILITARY CHILD







6th Grade



7th Grade



8th Grade



# Graduation 2022



Graduation was held June 10, 2022





#### Valedictorian Tiffani Hill

Tiffani Hill is the valedictorian of Sussex Central High School's Class of 2022 with a 4.58 GPA. During my freshman and sophomore years, I served as majorette captain in the marching band. My last two years of high school I attended Richard Bland College where I recently earned my associate's degree as a part of the middle college program and became a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. After graduation, I plan to attend William & Mary on a full tuition scholarship majoring in psychological sciences in hopes of becoming a psychology professor one day.



#### Salutatorian Mollie Redman

GPA: 3.98

My name is Mollie Redman; I am the Salutatorian for the class of 2022 at Sussex Central High School. While being a student at Sussex, I have enjoyed the learning experience through rigorous coursework provided by a staff who is one of a kind as instructors. It is an honor to be the first salutatorian in my family. I would have never accomplished this achievement without the support of my tiger family. Being a tiger has taught me what it means to be an effective leader in my community. I learned those skills as a Sergeant First Class in the JROTC program. I aspire to attend postsecondary school and pursue an education in veterinary work. Because of Tiger Nation, I am equipped for a better tomorrow.

Congratulations to The Class of 2022!!!

