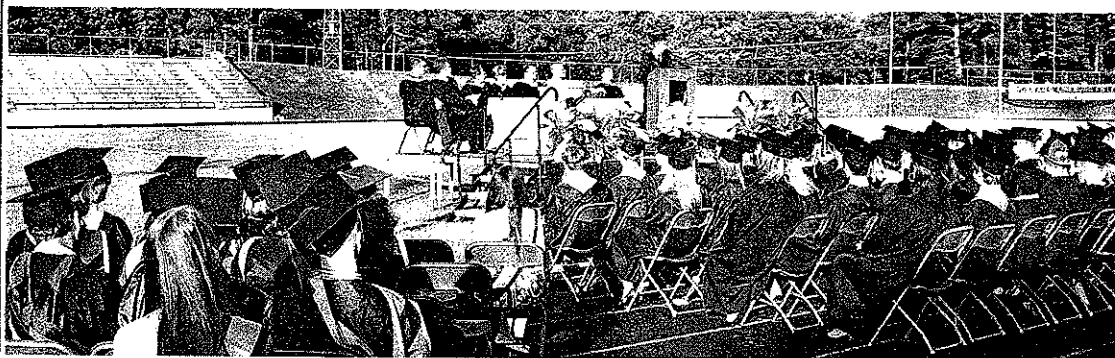


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RHS graduation 2010:

"We Worked Hard to Become the Best"

Radford High School Senior Class President John DeVilbiss told his fellow graduates that it had been a good year for an outstanding class. And the results bore out that analysis. Over \$1 million in grants and scholarships went to leaders among the 102 who crossed the stage to receive their diplomas June 10th at the 98th Annual Commencement on the Norman Lineburg Field at Bobcat Stadium.

(More graduation photos on Page 4)

Superintendent's Corner

Dr. Chuck Bishop:

Reflections on Growth in Radford Schools

As preparations continue for the upcoming school year, Radford City Schools will undergo a change in leadership at the Central Office level. As you have heard by now, my family and I are relocating to our hometown in Augusta County where I will assume the position of Superintendent of Schools in that community. As I leave Radford and begin my new position, I find myself reflecting on the work that we have collectively done in the last four and one-half years. Those accomplishments are as follows:

- Construction of a new Belle Heth Elementary School
- An outstanding working relationship with Radford City Council
- Implementation of new educational opportunities for students, including full day kindergarten, participation in the Southwest Virginia Governor's School, partnerships with New River Community College, and a renewed focus on Career & Technical Education at Radford High School
- Improved technology throughout the division
- The adoption of a capital improvement plan for school facilities by both City Council and the School board
- The adoption of successful budgets during periods of declining revenues
- Staffing each school with a full time nurse

As I leave Radford, I will remember my time here fondly. This community is a leader in education throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. Committed teachers and staff, supportive parents and community, and hardworking students are ingredients for a successful school system. Over the years, Radford City students have achieved academically, athletically and in the visual and performing arts. There is no doubt this school system will continue to live up to its outstanding reputation.

While there are many things that I will miss about this community, the relationships that have been built with school personnel, students and the community are difficult to leave behind. I will miss each of you a great deal.

Best wishes for continued success!

**INSIDE: ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT
ENTERING OR RETURNING TO SCHOOL THIS FALL!**

BACK TO SCHOOL !

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

In order to enroll in Radford City Schools for the first time, parents or guardians should report to their child's school with the following information: birth certificate, social security card, VA physical, proof of residency and immunization record. For students transferring to Radford City Schools, much of the information needed for enrollment can be obtained from your previous school. However, a parent or guardian must fill out the appropriate form requesting that records be transferred to Radford.

IMMUNIZATION ALERT!!!

Beginning with the 2010-11 school year, four new immunization requirements and/or changes will be in place for students attending Virginia public schools. Students will need the following: A second dose of varicella vaccine is required before entering kindergarten; a second dose of mumps vaccine is required before entering kindergarten; four doses of polio vaccine are required with one dose administered after the 4th birthday and for ALL new children enrolling in grades K-12; and, four doses of DTaP vaccine are required with one dose being administered after the 4th birthday and for ALL new children enrolling in grades K-12.

Parents are responsible for providing documentation that all required immunizations are up-to-date or that a medical or religious exemption has been obtained.

ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES EXPERIENCING HOUSING NEEDS

The federal McKinney-Vento Act guarantees school enrollment for anyone who, due to lack of permanent housing, lives in inadequate or temporary settings such as: emergency or transitional shelters; motels or campgrounds; cars, parks or public places; doubled up with relatives or friends; and is a migratory child or youth.

Children or youth living in these settings meet criteria for the McKinney-Vento definition of homelessness, and have special educational rights.

Contact the office of the Superintendent of Radford City Schools for more information at 731-3647.

NEW STAFF IN OUR SCHOOLS

Dalton Intermediate School welcomes Joe Davidson, Special Education Teacher.

Dates to Remember...

2010-11 School Calendar

August 23	1 st Day of School
September 6	No School- Labor Day
October 4	End of 1 st Grading Period
October 28	No School- Parent/Teacher Conferences
October 29	No School- Teacher/ Staff Development
November 17	End of 2 nd Grading Period
November 24-26	Schools Closed-Fall Break & Thanksgiving Holiday
December 17	2 Hour Early Dismissal
December 20-31	Schools Closed- Winter Break
January 1	Schools Closed- Winter Break
January 3	All Schools Re-Open
January 14	End of 3 rd Grading Period
January 17	Schools Closed- Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
January 27	End of 3 rd Grading Period
January 18-19	Schools Closed- Teacher Workday/Staff Development
February 21	Schools Closed- Presidents' Day (snow makeup)
March 4	End of 4 th Grading Period
April 15	End of 5 th Grading Period
April 21	Schools Closed- Teacher Workday/
	In service (snow makeup)
April 22-26	Schools Closed- Spring Break (snow makeup)
May 30	Schools Closed- Memorial Day (snow makeup)
June 3	Last Day of School- 2 Hour Early Dismissal

Dates are subject to change due to inclement weather or emergency closings.

MEAL PRICES

McHarg and Belle Heth Elementary Schools

Breakfast- 90¢ Lunch- \$1.75

*Lunches can be prepaid for \$1.50 per day...
a savings of 25¢ per day.*

Dalton Intermediate and Radford High Schools

Breakfast- 90¢ Lunch- \$1.95

*Lunches can be prepaid for \$1.70 per day...
a savings of 25¢ per day.*

Adults

Breakfast- \$1.20 Lunch- \$2.50



GRAHAM APPOINTED ACTING SUPERINTENDENT

By Heather Bell
Radford News Journal

Robert Graham, principal of McHarg Elementary School, has been appointed acting superintendent of Radford City Schools.

Graham will serve for the duration of the search for a successor to Dr. Chuck Bishop, who has left Radford to become superintendent of Augusta County Schools. Graham began his appointment on June 14 while Bishop was still in Radford in order to ensure a smooth transition.

Radford School Board Chairman Alvin Alexander announced Graham's appointment at the June 8th school board meeting.

Graham became principal at McHarg in 2006, coming from Pulaski County Schools where he was Coordinator for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment. A native of Radford, he has degrees from Emory & Henry, George Mason and UVA.

"I am thoroughly excited and extremely honored to have been appointed. I am really looking forward to getting into the central office and helping to continue the great work that's been done, and upholding the tradition of excellence that Radford City Schools enjoys."

Graham has indicated he will reserve a decision on whether to apply for the superintendent's position after having more time to experience the job.

Alexander said the board would be asking the Virginia School Board Association to assist in the search. The board hopes to have found a new superintendent by mid-August.

LAST MEETING....

Dr. Chuck Bishop, and the School Board members with whom he worked during his most recent years in Radford, posed for this picture June 22 at his last meeting on his last day as RCPS Superintendent. From left: Alvin Alexander, chair; Vanessa Duncan, at her last meeting after two terms; Karen Gerlach; G. Lynn Burris; and Bill Flora. Newly elected board member Stephen Cox will begin his first term July 1.

SCHOOL HOURS

McHarg Elementary	8:35 – 3:15
Belle Heth Elementary	8:35 – 3:05
Dalton Intermediate School	8:10 – 2:35*
Radford High School	8:10 – 2:35*

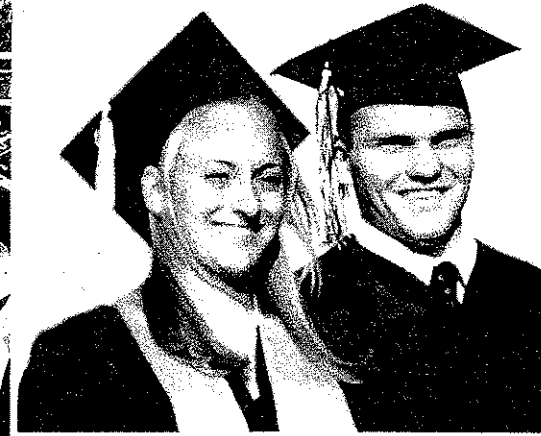
*The school day begins at 7:35 for middle and high school students enrolled in a zero period class.

OPEN HOUSE/ORIENTATION ACTIVITIES

All parents and students are invited to attend a division-wide school open house on August 19 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. This event will allow parents and students an opportunity to meet with teachers as well as gather important information about the upcoming school year.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Individuals are often needed to serve on various committees in the school division. Parents and/or community members who are interested in sharing their expertise are encouraged to contact the School Board Office at 731-3647. Check with individual schools, too, for chances to help with class projects, school events and other activities. Involved parents and community volunteers can play important roles in educating students.



"REMEMBER YOUR FRIENDS: THEY'RE ALL THAT REALLY MATTER"

Those were the words of RHS Commencement speaker Chris Bibeau, chemistry teacher. He said his terms for living well include "make it funky, quit complaining, and remember your friends. Take joy in what you do. You are the captain of your fate, you can be the change you want to see in the world...or you can sit and complain. It is the people around you that matter. Life is about human love."

Other speakers were Jared Miller, Salutatorian, Evan Doud, Valedictorian, and John DeVilbiss, Class President.

The family of Dr. James P. King presents the King Award to the outstanding boy and girl in the senior class each year. The 2010 winners of \$1000 and a pewter julep cup were Jennifer Lauren and James Sidney Clark, awarded during commencement. All other scholarships were presented at the Academic Awards Night June 3.

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