



Bullfrog Staff Spotlight



Hey, my name is Orville Hays. This is my fourth year at “The Creek” and my 7th year working in MCPS overall. I started off in the county as a special education bus driver. Then, I worked in the high school alternative programs as a Para-Educator. I am now a Special Education Para-Educator for the ED unit. I truly believe I have the best job in the school. Not only do I get to work with a group of gifted individuals in the ED unit, but I get to experience some of MCPS finest as I circulate from class to class. I have learned so much over the years from the different teachers that I have had the opportunity to work alongside of.

I am originally from Spanish Town, Jamaica. I came to the U.S. in October of 1989 and lived with my family in Boston, Mass. After visiting Maryland a few times, I decided to relocate in 2002. Shortly after relocating I met my beautiful wife Dana. In May, we will celebrate 8 years of marriage. We are blessed to have two of the best gifts anyone can have. My son Mekhi is 6 years old and my daughter Maysa is 3 years old. Everyone always ask what their names mean so I guess I will share. Mekhi means “King,” and Maysa means “Graceful.”

Some things I enjoy are family trips and family road trips. One of our longest road trips was to Ontario, Canada and at least once a year we drive to Providence, R.I. Some of our favorite and shorter trips are to Williamsburg and Massanutten Resort. I also like to play basketball and lifting a little bit of weights. I enjoy listening to music. Some of my favorite genres of music are Jazz, Gospel and Old school R&B. One of my hobbies, and I actually get paid to do it, is cutting hair. I am a Master Barber and last year we were blessed to be able to open our first barber establishment. Hays Signature Cuts is located in Gaithersburg/Washington Grove MD.

I am also very active in my local church. I serve as an usher and I am part of the Men’s Ministry. Through the Men’s Ministry, I head a program in a local youth detention center. We serve as mentors and try to lead these young men back on the right path. I use my gift as a barber to connect with them and tell them about ways they too can become an entrepreneur.

I definitely consider it a blessing to be a part of a school that believes in and cares for the children they serve. I have the ability to instill in these children to believe in themselves and care for others. I am privileged to be a part this school. We truly believe we are family no matter race, creed or social status. I believe the school plays a big role in this. “Caring at the Creek” is not just what we say, but what do.

~ Orville Hays ~