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“Why My Mother Deserves the Celebrity Treatment” Essay Contest



Students in Central Bucks will have an opportunity to put into words why they believe they have the greatest mom of all. The 7th annual Mother's Day Essay Contest is open to all CBSD students and held in conjunction with CBCEF's Celebrity Chef & Waiter Gala. Students are encouraged to write essays of 250 words or less about “Why My Mother Deserves the Celebrity Treatment.” Four winning essays will be selected and winners will be announced the week of May 7th.

Grand Prize: The lucky mother of each winning author will receive a pair of tickets to the Celebrity Chef & Waiter Gala on Sunday, June 4th and VIP swag bag the night of the event (total value \$350).

Contest Rules: Each essay must be 250 words or less. The student's name, grade level, and school must appear on the top of each essay. The student should write about “Why My Mother Deserves the Celebrity Treatment” and deserves a special evening out to be treated like a celebrity.

Deadline for Entries: Essays are due May 1st to: CB Cares' Mother's Day Essay Contest, 252 W. Swamp Road #5, Doylestown, PA 18901.
Email submissions to vlacoff@dh.org.

CENTRAL BUCKS COMMUNITY CELEBRATED THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF COACH MIKE PETTINE, SR.



On Saturday, April 1st the community gathered to celebrate the coaching career of Mike Pettine, Sr. Hundreds of people attended the afternoon memorial service which included Coach Pettine's son and grandson, former players and a video montage of Pettine doing what he did best on the field. Off the field he felt responsible to shape his players into leaders and his coaching style incorporated teaching life lessons. The former players who spoke spanned Coach Pettine's 33 year career and each one expressed the significant influence he had on them on (con't page 3)

APRIL'S BOOMERANG ASSET #25 Reading for Pleasure

Did you know coaches are a leading positive influence on today's youth?



Visit our website: Cb-cares.org to download a nomination form. Nominations are being accepted through April 30, 2017. The recipient will be honored at a community ceremony in late spring with a plaque and \$500 award. This initiative is brought to you through a partnership between CB Cares EF and Bucks County Orthodontics.



Todd M. Welsh, DMD





Boomerang Youth Recognition Award

The following students represent the Boomerang Youth Recognition Award for **March's Asset #17 Creative Activities**

Young person participates in creative activities which have a direct impact on him/her and others. Their creative activity can take a variety of forms - music, drama, art or any other creative expressions.

Elementary: Avery Merz- Titus Elementary – Grade 4



Avery is a fourth grader who exemplifies the asset of “Creative Activities” both at home and in school. Avery’s creativity stems from his interest in the sciences. He is an avid Lego builder and has recently been fascinated by the challenge of the Rubik’s cube. Over the summer, he constructed a Lego robot that contained a program that allowed the robot to put together a Rubik’s cube in less than three minutes. He then created a movie documenting his project and shared it with his classmates, who in turn gained a newfound obsession with the Rubik’s cube and applying their problem solving skills to master it. Avery also taps into his creativity when approaching challenges in QUEST. For example, Avery found unusual ways of using common materials in order to create a Rube Goldberg machine. Avery’s creativity not only benefits him, but it also provides more enriching experiences for his classmates and encourages them to think outside of the box. Avery has a desire to share his knowledge with classmates and teachers, and his enthusiasm for his interests is infectious.

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Middle School: Emily Walsh - Holicong Middle School – Grade 9



Emily is a very passionate and creative student that was recommended by 2 teachers for this award. Emily’s artwork always surpasses because she is inquisitive art student that explores new styles and techniques in her free time. Learning through trial and error is of great benefit to her as it enhances her problem solving abilities. Emily seems to always be working on 4 or 5 projects at once—everything from knitting to watercolor painting to calligraphy to ceramics. Emily seeks out extracurricular art activities and has participated in at least 3 art contests this year. Emily’s creativity has a positive influence on others because she readily shares the knowledge she has gained with her peers in offering constructive criticism. Emily is also known around Holicong as an exceptional creative writer and an artist. She contributes her time and energy to the school literary magazine and art elective classes. She is also a creative baker at home and each month likes to shares new recipes in our school literary magazine.

High School: Matthew Oriente - CB West High School - Grade 10



Matthew participates in numerous instrumental ensembles which positively impact many areas of the community, playing the saxophone for styles that range from classical to contemporary jazz. He contributes to the school spirit at CB West by playing in Jazz Band 1, Marching Band, Jazz Band 2, and Symphonic Band, and is also a member of the school’s Music Therapy Club; recently, the Music Therapy Club performed for the residents of the local nursing home. Matthew is also involved in community based bands like the Doylestown Heat Big Band, that helps fundraising efforts for the Doylestown Lions Club. They rehearse semimonthly at a local nursing home, inviting the residents to listen and sing along to the big band tunes. Matthew is especially gratified to be part of the band to bring this music to the residents as well as play at community events, such as Pumpkinfest, the Doylestown Memorial Day Parade, and the Doylestown Summer Concerts. Matthew has also played with his own Jazz Band at CB Cares Events, local restaurants, and the Doylestown Arts Festival. He plays saxophone in the community based band, Jazz 4 Nothin’, performing at local venues, outdoor concerts, and fundraisers. Matthew enjoys being part of these many ensembles, and he is especially gratified that he is able to use his talent to have such a positive impact on the community.

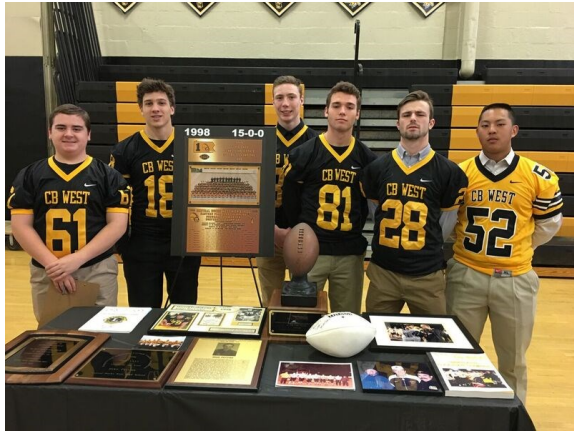
April’s Asset #25 Reading for Pleasure

Young person reads for pleasure most days of the week either alone, with family members or with friends.

Nominations will be due to your school by **Wednesday, April 26th.**

"The further we get away from the time that we played, the more that we appreciate what coach did for us,"

-North Penn Football Coach Dick Beck



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and off the field. The service was led by CB West's principal Tim Donovan, a former player and '85 team captain who under Pettine, finished with a 10-0-1 season. Coach Pettine retired in 1999 with 362 wins and 42 losses and is PA's most winningest coach. Special praise is in order for CB West's football team who helped set up the tables of memorabilia in the gymnasium and attended the service where they discovered to the indelible legacy of Coach Mike Pettine, Sr.

TIPS FOR BUILDING ASSET #25 READING FOR PLEASURE



Make it easy for your child—and other young people you know—to read for pleasure at your house. Provide a variety of reading materials such as novels, magazines, newspapers, and comic books. Also, set an example with your own behavior. Don't just read in bed when everyone else is asleep. Let the young people around you see you reading. Discuss issues with them that come up or other ideas you've learned from books. Finally, limit TV and computer time.

In your home and family: Set aside a family reading time once a week. With younger children, read aloud together. With older children, read different books while hanging out together, or read the same book and then discuss it.

In your neighborhood and community: Volunteer to read books aloud to children in your community center, school, faith community, child-care center, or library.

In your school or youth program: Set up a book club to read popular fiction, nonfiction, or classics. Get together outside of class or during the regular program time to informally discuss the books you read.

Nominate a deserving student - TODAY!



Celebrate the People in the Central Bucks School District Who Make a Difference in Your Child's Life

Looking for a special year-end gift for that exceptional teacher or staff member in your child's life? This program is a wonderful way to honor those educators who have truly made a difference and inspired your child in some way. CB Cares EF will send a student-designed card to the honoree with a special tribute message. All you need to do is simply designate your gift in your honoree's name and CB Cares EF takes care of the rest. Go today to <http://cb-cares.org/teacherstaff-recognition/>

Doyle, Kutz and Linden ES's afterschool students create RAINBOWS & LOLLIPOPS!

April is the month of the young child and to mark the occasion, CB Cares EF recruited the talent of rainbow and lollipop makers in the afterschool Program. These sun drenched rainbows and brightly colored lollipops are now on display to brighten the library showcase and storefront in the Borough of Doylestown to welcome spring.



Community News & Events

Love to write poetry?
Do you know an aspiring poet?

Submissions are now being accepted for the
3rd Annual Voices on Main Street



THE MAIN STREET VOICES POETRY CONTEST IS OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS OF BUCKS COUNTY, WITH MONETARY AWARDS GIVEN TO WINNERS IN THE ADULT AND STUDENT CATEGORIES.

FOUR AWARD-WINNING POETS WILL JUDGE THE CONTEST, INCLUDING TWO FORMER BUCKS COUNTY POETS LAUREATE, & A PROFESSOR AT BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE.



RECEPTION AND READING WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, MAY 20TH AT 3:00 PM AT THE THE JAMES LORAH HOUSE, 132 N MAIN ST, DOYLESTOWN, PA 18901.



FOR SUBMISSION GUIDELINES AND ENTRY FORM VISIT: WWW.DOYLESTOWNBOOKSHOP.COM

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2017.

CB CARES 10TH ANNUAL CELEBRITY CHEF & WAITER GALA 2017

Sunday June 4th
5pm, Doylestown Country Club

WWW.CB-CARES.ORG

TICKETS 215.489.9120
INFORMATION at CB-CARES.ORG

We Need U to help Us spell commUnity!
Don't miss this year's Celebrity Chef & Waiter Gala as we mark the 10th anniversary of this special event and CB Cares EF's 20th year of service to the community. Last year was **SOLD OUT!** Don't wait to come to the table for CB Cares and reserve your seat **TODAY!**
More Info contact: Kimberly Cambra kcambra@dh.org



- INNOVATIVE LEARNING GRANTS AWARDED IN MARCH**
Congratulations to the ILG recipients for the second grant cycle of the school year.
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| Barclay ES | Wellness Garden/Story Walk |
| Gayman ES | Mustang Studio camcorders |
| Jamison ES | Courtyard Plans of Revitalization |
| Mill Creek | Bee-bots Problem Solving Program |
| Holicong MS | Immerse Science/VR Goggles |
| Unami MS | Makerspace project |
| CB East HS | VR Goggles |
| CB South HS | Mini Lending Libraries |
| CB West HS | Tintypes Photography (pictured) |

Our Mission Statement:
CB Cares Educational Foundation, in partnership with Doylestown Health, the Central Bucks School District, local businesses, and the community, is dedicated to enriching the experience of students through learning grants and 40 Developmental Asset based programs which promote responsible and resilient youth.