



# Backpack Newsflash



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## A SUNNY SUNDAY FOR PUMPKINFEST 2016



What a difference a day made for this year's annual Pumpkinfest. Sunday October 23rd proved to be a sun drenched perfect autumn day to frolic and fancy the festivities of this unique event at the Tile Works. CB Cares would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success including our sponsors, performers, vendors, volunteers, world-class carvers both professional gallery and youth gallery. Special thanks to the Bucks County Parks and Recreation Department for the use of the grounds of the Moravian Tile Works. (upper right) Pumpkin "Carving" by Tim Petrosky who took home the coveted "Malloy" Award for most creative. (Below) Matt & Erin Darby's Tyranno Gourdus Rex. (pictured left) Charlotte Hahn was awarded the "Newfield" ribbon for most creative youth carving. The proceeds from Pumpkinfest benefit CB Cares programs. If you were unable to attend Pumpkinfest and would like to make a donation, please visit: [www.cb-cares.org](http://www.cb-cares.org).



## NOVEMBER'S BOOMERANG ASSET #26 Caring

### CELEBRATE THIS MONTH'S ASSET #26 CARING ON NOVEMBER 19TH BUCKS COUNTY'S RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DAY TO HONOR ABBY



Abby Schumer was a kind and giving 10 year old Central Bucks Student when she lost her fight to cancer almost 5 years ago. Since her death, her parents started the Abby's Light Memorial Foundation. Random Acts of Kindness Day (RAKD) is held on November 19th to honor Abby's birthday. Bucks County Commissioners have declared the date Bucks official RAKD. Through efforts from Central Bucks Schools, and CB Cares in past years, it is estimated around 15,000 people are touched by Random Acts of Kindness, many performed by school children in the community. Keep the LIGHT bright for Abby on November 19th and the other 364 days of the year by simply initiating caring and kind acts towards one another to make our community and world a better place. For more info visit: <http://www.abbyslight.org/>



# Boomerang Youth Recognition Award

## BOOMERANG YOUTH RECOGNITION AWARD

The following students represent the Boomerang Youth Recognition Award

### October's Asset: #30 Responsibility

Young person accepts and takes personal responsibility for his/her behavior. They take responsibility for their actions and decisions at home, and/or school and community.

#### Elementary: Alexa Bergmaier, 6th Grade, Doyle ES



Alexa was chosen at October's elementary boomerang winner because she is the definition of responsibility as described by her six nominations! Alexa is a Doyle ambassador and welcomed and toured new families in her school over the summer. She is self-motivated and can be counted on for every detail. Alexa serves as a kindergarten safety and even makes sure her buddy has a partner if she has to miss school. In school, she does not hesitate to ask questions and is thoughtful to help out teaches at recess and provide peer tutoring to students. At home she completes her works before recreational activities and prepares the night before for the day. Alexa is organized and has a strong work ethic and is an exemplary role model!

#### Middle School: Gabby Cataldo, 9th Grade, Tamanend MS



Gabby began 7<sup>th</sup> grade with 2 challenges, transitioning into a new school and also taking on home responsibilities as her mother began receiving cancer treatments. Gabby quickly took over cooking, cleaning and caring for her two brothers to help he mother. This amazing sense of responsibility carried over into her school life and she has maintained academic excellence as an honor student. As a 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grader, Gabby still maintains her responsibilities at home and in school. Helping others is another way that Gabby shows responsibility; being patient and helpful with others allows her to shine, Gabby is involved in many school activities, including the morning television show and NJHS. She strives to be the best of her ability and is humble in doing so. Gabby shows great responsibility in her life both at home and in school.

#### High School: Jasmine Ramos, 12th Grade, CB West HS



Jasmine has demonstrated an excellence in her responsibility in so many areas of her life; work, home, school and in her community and received two nominations for this award. Jasmine is employed at the YMCA as a child care teacher and thru her demonstrated commitment was promoted to a managerial position. She speaks highly of her job and hopes to pursue a career in childcare. At home Jasmine takes care of her younger sister and takes on a caring role with her grandparents and extended family. In school, she has stepped up to be the Secretary of the National Art Honor Society and has gone above and beyond in her duties and responsibilities. Jasmine does not shy away from volunteering and helped with the Doylestown Arts Fest and the CB Cares Pumpkinfest.

**Congratulations to these students and all of those students who were nominated.**

November's Asset is #26 Caring. Young person places high value on helping other people. He/she thinks about ways of helping others and is motivated to initiate kind and thoughtful acts.

Nominations will be due to your school by **Monday, November 21st.**



### ATTENTION 7-12TH GRADERS!

CB Cares invites all middle & high school students looking for performance opportunities to contact CB Cares EF.

#### Need a gig?

Performers needed for

- Doylestown Borough's holiday celebration.



FREESTYLE DANCE ACADEMY ZOMBIE DANCE TROUPE PERFORMED "THRILLER" FOR PUMPKINFEST GO-ERS. SCHOOL OF ROCK'S HOUSE BAND ROCKED THE AFTERNOON OTHER PERFORMANCES INCLUDED AN IMPRESSIVE LINE UP FROM:

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\*\* SPECIAL THANKS TO DOYLESTOWN SCHOOL OF ROCK\*\*  
TONY AZZARO/FREESTYLE DANCE ACADEMY

Interested? Y2C auditions are Tuesday afternoons. Contact CB Cares and rock your community!  
To learn more about the Youth 2 Community Arts program visit <http://www.cb-cares.org>

### INNOVATIVE LEARNING GRANTS TAKE CENTER STAGE AT UNAMI MS AND CB WEST

Last month, CB West and Unami MS presented Innovative Learning grant programs in the District. CB West presented "Three Spooky Stories" in the spirit of Halloween for first and second grade students from Linden and Doyle ES. The "theater in the round" production took place on the steps of CB West HS. Mother Nature provided two beautiful days for all of the students. Congratulations to Ms. Jeanine Waldron and Mr. Jon Taylor on another successful production of CB West's Children's Theater. ▼ BOO-Ya!



Kudos to Unami MS for a wonderfully implemented Innovative Learning grant program which proved to be no small undertaking. On October 18th, Unami's, One Book, One School, Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie author, Jordan Sonnenblick, presented to all students, leaving them with two messages, follow your dreams and look to use your talents to help others. The day included a "writer's workshop" for students.

Next round of Innovative Learning grant recipients will be announced November 11th.

**SCREENAGERS - GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL AGE**  
**HERE ARE SOME RESOURCES TO HELP CONTINUE THE LEARNING.**

<http://www.screenagersmovie.com/>

*Whether your goal is to block certain content, set time parameters or just be mindful of usage, a variety of apps and programs are available.*

The *ScreenagersMovie* website has the following resources for parents:

- Screen Time Contracts
- Parenting Apps
- Digital Citizenship
- Internet Addiction

Sign up for “TechTalk Tuesday”; information that can be sent directly to your email and can help spark family conversations about technology.

To help kids make wise media choices, parents should develop a *Family Media Use Plan* for everyone in their family.

<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/media/Pages/default.aspx>

The **Common Sense Media** website is a great resource for parents trying to navigate the evolving world of apps. The blog postings below can be found on the site and help to educate.

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>

[SOCIAL MEDIA APPS PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT](#) – Instagram, Kik, Periscope, Snapchat, Steam, Tumblr, Twitch, Twitter, Vine

[Sneaky Camera Apps Parents Should Know About](#) – Stealth Cam,

Private Ninja Cam, Top Secret Cam

[SOCIAL MEDIA RED FLAGS PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT](#)



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**CB WEST'S NATIONAL ART  
HONOR SOCIETY  
AWARDED**

*“Judge’s Award of Distinction”*

New this year for Pumpkinfest’s Youth Gallery was the “Judge’s Award of Distinction” which recognizes the school who best represented team work and overall theme. CB West’s “Five Senses” took home this honor with each 2-man teams creating a pumpkin that best represented on of the five senses as pictured here.

**ALL THREE HIGH SCHOOLS NAHS STUDENTS CARVED AND EXHIBITED INCREDIBLY IMPRESSIVE PUMPKINS WHILE ENDURING THE ELEMENTS OF WIND AND RAIN. WELL DONE!**

*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.