

Backpack Newsflash



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You're ALL Invited to join us
Monday, January 18th
For MLK Day of Service
13th Annual Opening Ceremony
 8:30-9:30 am
 Covenant Church
 4000 Rt. 202
 Doylestown



Various MLK volunteer opportunities are listed on the back page of the Backpack Newsflash. For a complete list of service projects visit cb-cares.org.

JANUARY'S BOOMERANG ASSET #9 Service to Others

3RD ANNUAL YOUTH PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE SUMMIT HONORING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - SUNDAY, JANUARY 17TH

The 3rd Annual Peace and Social Justice Summit will take place again on the Sunday of the weekend honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The conference is a forum for 8th through 12th graders in Bucks County to discuss their own experiences with issues related to prejudice, acceptance of and by others who have differences, and how we as individuals and a society understand and manage our own actions as it pertains to the sensitivities of others. The framework for the discussion and main question relates to where we are today as it relates to each student's perspective of Dr. King's dream. The program, primarily attended by Central Bucks middle and high school students during its first two years, has been expanded this year to include Bristol Township and Centennial School District students. With attendance growing to about 200 students last year during a major ice storm that enveloped the area, we anticipate a tremendous response to this program this year. Outreach also has increased, with partnerships in the event having grown from Central Bucks School District, CB Cares Educational Foundation, Second Baptist Church of Doylestown, the Peace Center, Bucks County Commissioners, Jack and Jill Bucks County Chapter, and Temple Judea of Bucks County, to now include the Pearl Buck Foundation, the Bucks County Jewish Coalition, Bristol Township School District, Centennial School District, Delaware Valley University's Alpha Phi Omega fraternity to expand our outreach efforts to reach as many in Bucks County as possible.

The program typically begins with students gathering together to discuss the mission and goals of the program, followed by a video that energizes the students to speak out about their own experiences related to prejudice in any form—race, color, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, or other form of discrimination they have felt during their lifetime. They then break out to smaller workgroups of 10-12 people who meet with a trained facilitator who fosters a discussion where students can openly and safely discuss their issues, learn from each other, and share what each of us can do to improve relations and sensitivities to our differences. After that 1-hour session, the students re-group and share their findings with the entire conference—a very high energy and supportive part of the program. The program will take place on Sunday, January 17, 2016 from 4:00-7:00 at Central Bucks High School South, 1100 Folly Road, Warrington, PA 18976. Registration is requested at thepeacecenter.org and is open to all 8th through 12th grade students.



Boomerang Youth Recognition Award

BOOMERANG YOUTH RECOGNITION AWARD

The following students represent the Boomerang Youth Recognition Award recipients for December's Asset is #22 **School Engagement**. Young person is actively engaged in educational activities inside and/or outside of school. They take learning a step further and by their actions and enthusiasm serve as a role model to others.



Elementary: Justin Phan, 3rd grade, Barclay

Justin, a third grade student who is in the ESL program, is a pleasure to work with and always enters with a smile and makes sure to say "Goodbye, Mrs. Leech and Ms. D!" every day before he leaves. When he gets home, Justin shows intrinsic motivation by consistently completing additional math and reading comprehension work EVERY night—even weekends! He has taken his learning seriously and is a responsible student that has set high standards and goals for himself. He has grown into a thoughtful writer and reader, and sends me weekly recordings of his reading for extra fluency practice. The mark of an engaged learner is one that is enthusiastic about learning—even when teachers or parents aren't watching; Justin embodies these qualities, is a motivated learner, and is a role model for all of our students.



Middle School: Ryan Hutchinson, 8th grade, Lenape

Ryan Hutchinson is an 8th grade student who is extremely involved both within Lenape and the surrounding community. At Lenape, Ryan is actively involved in all of his educational classes, frequently participating and giving his all. Ryan participates in the school play, serving as part of the stage crew, helping to make sure that all props are in place for the actors. Ryan also joined the Lenape Live this year, working behind the scenes on the technology side. Outside Lenape, Ryan continues his educational experiences by participating in the Boy Scout program. Ryan often comes in eager to share his weekend adventures and learning experiences. The Scout program has been an excellent way for Ryan to learn many life skills and build camaraderie with his peers. Currently, Ryan is pursuing his Eagle Scout distinction. Additionally, Ryan also takes music lessons outside of school. Ryan is part of the School of Rock group and enjoys learning and playing the drums as a member of this group. Ryan is a very engaged and connected student, both within Lenape and in the community, and is a role model for this asset!



High School: Ella Mullikin, 12th grade, CB West

Ella was born naturally curious. It became obvious that learning, whether at home or school, brought Ella joy and contentment. School was her playground, books her best friends, and knowledge her tool. When she first heard in 9th grade about Science Research Club at West, her life changed. She became a part of a world that never ends for her. After reading and learning about famous scientists, she began to recognize herself. First, Ella conducted her experiment in her room. The next summer she contacted a Del Val professor who mentored her through her project. Ella spent as much time as possible in the lab over the summer and beyond. The next summer she participated in a 2-week intensive research experience at the Hepatitis B Foundation. She didn't want that to end! She and her science club sponsor then found another opportunity at the biotech center where she happily goes each day for 2-3 hours to assist a research scientist. Ella is also passionate about the environment and sustainability. She belongs to the SAGE club. Outside of school, she is the coordinator and volunteer for the BuxMont UU Fellowship Adopt-A-Road project. In 2015 she volunteered to monitor local stream quality monthly to provide comprehensive information about the health of the Borough Dam Pond. Finally, one of Ella's favorite places is the library. When she was younger, she volunteered to shelve books. She loved to read and organize them. She was inspired to write critiques for the school newspaper and she became co-editor of the paper this year. Examples of Ella's desire to learn inside and outside of school are endless!

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

January's Asset is #9 **Service to Others**. Young person values service to others, in their family, school or community. He/she commits to meaningful and caring actions.

Nominations will be due to your school by Monday, January 25th.

Special thanks to our Boomerang partner:



Youth To Community Arts Program



3RD ANNUAL GIVE BACK FEST FEATURED Y2C PERFORMER ★ ALYSSA NEIMAN



507 POUNDS OF FOOD AND \$997 RAISED!

Once again CB Cares proudly partnered with Give Back Fest III to help raise funds and stock the food pantries benefitting the Bucks County Housing Group. Partners included: Class-Harlan Real Estate, Thomas Phillips, and Villa Capri.



Nominations are now being accepted for CB Cares Positive Coaching Award. To learn more and nominate a well-deserving coach visit www.cb-cares.org TODAY!



HOLICONG MS Recognized as a NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL



Last month a ceremony was held to celebrate Holicong's National Blue Ribbon School of excellence recognition. In attendance were District administrators, CBSD school board members and community guests. The highlight of the ceremony was the debut of Holicong's new alma mater written by vocal music director, Mr. Jim Glaser and performed by the school's choir, The H-Factor, who will also be performing for the MLK Day of Service opening ceremony.



Innovative Learning Grant Recipients Check Presentations

◀ BARCLAY

Ms. Steiner's 3rd grade classroom

BRIDGE VALLEY ▶

BTV Studio crew with Ms. Applegate, Ms. Brown and Ms. KochKoschewitz



HOLICONG MS

Mr. McGullam and Mr. Vogelsinger



TOHICKON MS

Ms. Thomas with her students.

Community News & Events

Monday, January 18, 2016 MLK Day of Service Volunteer Opportunities



Doylestown Presbyterian Church, Doylestown

10:00am-12pm

Donate items and help assemble meals for our elderly and frail neighbors. Please bring a casserole and bag of frozen vegetables as a donation. Participants should be at least 10 years old with adult supervision or above 15.

For more information contact Deb via email drkmetzo@gmail.com

Second Baptist Church, Fountainville

9:00 am-12pm

Donate items and help sort and organize clothing for Cradles to Crayons, an innovative non-profit organization providing to children ages newborn to 12 years some of the most important basics needs of life free of charge. The Bucks County (PA) Chapter of The Links, Second Baptist Church of Doylestown, Bucks County Chapter of Jack & Jill, GE, and Alpha Kappa Alpha in partnership commemorate Dr. King's legacy of service through this heartfelt project.

Most needed items are the following:

New and gently used clothing-sizes new born to size 16.

Boys/girls tops -sizes 14/16 or bottoms sizes 12-24 months.

New socks

Winter coats – sizes newborn-14/16.

New and gently used baby bibs

Second Baptist church of Doylestown 6055 Swamp Road Fountainville25

For more information, please contact Zelda Davis-Jones via email zeldadavisjones@yahoo.com.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Doylestown

10:00am-12pm

Help assemble Breakfast Bags and create inspiring greeting cards for our elderly and frail neighbors. A wonderful intergenerational service project, ideal for students in 1st - 5th grades! We ask each person/group participating in our project to bring one (or more) food items with them.

Items needed:

Instant oatmeal or cream of wheat (boxes of single-serving packets)

Granola bars

Juice boxes

Single-serving cereal boxes or coffee packs

Package of single serving fruit cups

Gallon Ziploc bags

Space is limited so register early.

For further information and to register contact Mike Haggerty at stpaulsmkday@gmail.com.



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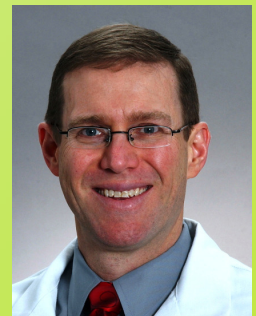
Partnerships creating a healthier, stronger community.

Mark your calendar! Growing Healthy Together: Tips to Live Healthier as a Family

Thursday, February 18 @ 7:00 p.m.

Lenape Middle School

Featuring: Jason Komasz, MD, pediatrician
and medical director of Doylestown Health's
Della Penna Pediatric Center.



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 Assets-based programs which promote responsible and resilient youth.