

# Backpack Newsflash



A NEWSLETTER FROM CB CARES PARENT NETWORK \* SPONSORED BY FRED BEANS AUTO DEALERSHIPS

## CB CARES AWARDS 12 INNOVATIVE LEARNING GRANTS

Since 2014, CB Cares Educational Foundation has awarded close to \$60,000 for innovative classroom projects and district-wide initiatives. These grant projects have included “Seed Money” for sustainable garden, building free little libraries and West’s children’s theater productions. This last grant cycle, Lenape’s Mr. Burgess was awarded \$4500 for a teacher training “Tools to Address Intolerance and Issues of Diversity.” This training will be conducted by Barbara Simmons of the Peace Center and founding director of Peace Talks Radio. Mrs. Simmons has produced documentaries on Peace and Conflict from around the world and is an adjunct professor at Arcadia University.



*Mr. Bucher, Superintendent Mr. Kopicki, Dr. Garvin, Mr. Burgess & Kimberly Cambra*

CB Cares Educational Foundation (CBCEF) is pleased to provide funding to teachers and staff and administrators of the Central Bucks School District through the Innovative Learning Grants Program. The Foundation Board will award grants for innovative projects that enhance the district’s curriculum and public education. Grant projects may be limited to a single classroom, involve several grade levels or departments, or they may be school/district wide. Grants are funded through the generous donations of the Pennsylvania EITC program and our EITC business partners who include Fred Beans Dealership, Hatboro Federal Bank, Fulton Bank and Univest Bank. Both educators and administrators are encouraged to apply for an Innovative Learning Grant. For a complete list of grants awarded and to learn more about CB Cares EF grants process and cycles – visit [CB-Cares.org](http://CB-Cares.org).

## DECEMBER’S BOOMERANG ASSET #24 Bonding to School



From our home to yours...  
Wishing our friends of  
CB Cares  
the Joy of Family,  
the Happiness of Friends,  
and  
the Wonder of the Holiday Season!



# Boomerang Youth Recognition Award

## BOOMERANG YOUTH RECOGNITION AWARD

The following students represent the Boomerang Youth Recognition Award  
**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.

### Elementary: Sean Tourish, Grade 1, Titus ES



Sean is considered a miniature superman – at the sign of trouble or upset, he magically arrives on the scene and becomes that person that helps in the classroom, comforts a friend who is sad and in need or walks a friend to the nurse. Since the first day of school, Sean has shared his caring smile and positive energy. A fellow student was having a tough time with the first day of school and Sean immediately noticed and became his first friend in first grade. In no time, his buddy was laughing and smiling – Sean continues to be sure his friend has someone to play with or sit with each day. Sean no longer needs to hold his friend's hand out to recess or sit with him at lunch, but always makes sure his buddy has a friend – Sean gave him the confidence and wings to fly and make new friends. Sean knows how to make a great day every day.

### Middle School: Jake Heilig, Grade 9 - Tamanend MS



Jake Heilig is known as a kind, thoughtful and compassionate young man. Jake's caring demeanor has made an incredible impact on both teachers and students. He never has anything unkind to say about others, and he is willing to stand up to those who do. One of Jake's most obvious traits is to see the good in everyone, believes that everyone deserves a fair chance and is motivated to help those who need it. Jake is patient and takes time to assist other students with school work. Jake takes initiative to help anyone and works well with all types of learners. Jake is an active member of the Friends group, a select group of students who befriend our students with autism. Together, the Friends enjoy activities in and out school and have established a culture of acceptance and kindness in our building. His motivation is to make sure the kids have fun. Even if they don't speak, Jake knows the students are enjoying their experiences. In response to a survey about the impact the Friends group made on him, Jake wrote the following: "I realized just how lucky I was to have the opportunities I do. I learned that I should use my privileges to help others around me, and positively impact the community. Through the kids' excitement of something as simple as shooting a basketball, these kids showed me that it's the little things in life that matter, and that I shouldn't take anything for granted. I have been able to self-reflect and make changes in my life."

### High School: Gabby Gutierrez, Grade 12 – CB South HS



Gabby Gutierrez leads one of the largest clubs at CB South, Operation Eternal Gratitude (OEG). OEG sends care packages to soldiers overseas. As secretary, Gabby makes sure OEG has direction, she communicates with all club members and she organizes all aspects of OEG. She deeply cares about the soldiers overseas, the students involved, and the club itself. Gabby was an integral part of our student led Veteran's Day celebration and ran the ceremony. She put in endless time and effort because she cares about our veterans and CB South. Gabby is also a key member of the Wall of Honor committee at CB South since her 10th grade year. This committee was put together to plan and create an area of our school to honor all CB South graduates who have spent time on our military. She was one of the core students who helped take this 'idea' to a position where we will dedicate this wall by the end of the school year.

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

**December's Asset is #24 Bonding to School.** Young person cares about his/her school. The student is actively engage in promoting a positive school community.

Nominations will be due to your school by **Monday, December 19th**

## The Season of Giving...



On November 22nd, CB Cares EF was presented with a check for \$25,000 from bank president, Linda Roehner. CB Cares EF continues to be able to provide innovative learning programs through the generous support of businesses like Hatboro Federal.

Thank you to our Educational Improvement Tax Credit partners at Hatboro Federal.



## TIPS FOR BUILDING ASSET #24 BONDING TO SCHOOL



Parents and others in the community can make a big difference in improving schools and making them caring places for young people. If you know a young person who doesn't like school, ask her or him why. Remember that for students, part of bonding to school involves knowing someone in their school cares about them.

### ALSO TRY THIS:

**In your home and family:** Tell your child about one adult and one peer who cared about you when you were in school. Help your child identify which adults and friends at school he or she likes best and why.

**In your neighborhood and community:** Be an involved partner with the school. Volunteer to tutor in an after-school program or as an athletic coach. Use these opportunities to bond with students, helping them in turn to bond to school.

**In your school or youth program:** Identify young people who do not have an involved adult in their lives and find ways to help them connect to a caring, available adult.

**Nominate a deserving student for a Boomerang Award!**

## DID YOU KNOW?

This school year marks CB Cares' 20th year of service to the Central Bucks School District and community. Beginning next month, CB Cares will embark on several fun initiatives to commemorate this special milestone. Stay tuned as we plan to take a look back at our work and programs over the past two decades from Teen Task Force to First Night Doylestown.

# 20 YEARS

## CB Cares November Asset #26: Caring in Action at Doyle ES



Breyana Gommel, AJ Pineno, Kylie Cooke, Rosbin Vicente-Lopez, Cooper Tyksinski, Ella Davis, Riley Joslin, Riley Smith, and Cara Ricciardi

This group of 5th graders recognized the impact of Hurricane Matthew on areas of our world, particularly Haiti. They were motivated to respond with the caring act of raising money via a bake sale. These seven students planned and executed the entire event themselves. They brainstormed ideas, presented them to staff and students, recruited bakers, and ran the sale over two days during conferences. This group of students demonstrates Caring in action. They recognized a need, and gave serious thought to how they could help out. Their kind and thoughtful act raised over \$300 for Matthew Relief efforts.

## UNDERSTANDING CHILDHOOD BRAIN DEVELOPMENT: UNLOCKING POTENTIAL



**DR. JAY STONE**  
DOYLESTOWN HEALTH  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2017  
LENAPE MS 7PM



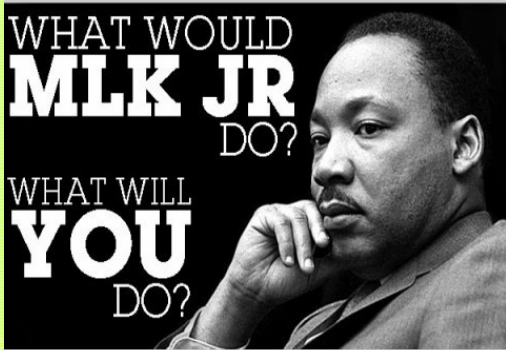
A Clinical Neuropsychologist and a Certified School Psychologist who specializes in the assessment and treatment of neurological, behavioral and learning challenges. Dr. Stone is co-owner of The Center for Neuropsychology & Counseling, PC in Warrington and is on the staff at Doylestown Health.

To register: <https://www.doylestownhealth.org/dialogue-online/2016/august/parent-positive-series>

## 4th Annual Teen Peace and Social Justice Summit ♥ Sunday, January 15th ♥ 4-7p

- Open to all 7-12th graders
- Inspirational Speakers
- Meaningful & Safe Discussions on Race/Prejudice and Bias
- All schools, faith-based communities and organizations invited to attend this free event

To learn more and register to attend visit : <http://www.thepeacecenter.org/>



### Make it a DAY ON!

Monday, January 16th  
CB Cares' Annual MLK Opening Ceremony  
Second Baptist Church of Doylestown  
8:30 am prompt  
Lenape Middle School Choir will perform  
Second Baptist's Back Bench Boys  
Special Keynote speaker TBA

### WANTED: GENTLY USED & NEW CLOTHING

The Bucks County Chapter of The Links will be hosting a clothing drive to benefit A Woman's Place at Second Baptist Church.

#### Most needed items are the following:

- Women's clothing
- Children's new and gently used winter clothing sizes new born to 16
- Boys and Girls tops or bottoms
- Boys and Girls Winter coats
- Socks

Volunteers are welcomed to participate on Monday, January 16th at Second Baptist Church Of Doylestown , 6055 Swamp Rd. Fountainville , Pa 18925

If you are unable to join us on Monday January 16, 2017 feel free to drop off donations at the church from 8:00am to 12:00pm.

#### *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.