



Backpack Newsflash

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It was a full house to celebrate CB Cares EF's 20th year of service to the community at the Doylestown Country Club. In attendance were many supporters of CB Cares which included Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick, Mayor Ron Strouse, Rep. Marguerite Quinn, Dr. Maria Gallo and Mr. John Kopicki. This year's event was deliciously layered with the inspiration and talent of our CBSD students. Both CB West and East students contributed to crafting and engineering the centerpieces and cutting boards. Student jazz group, Diversity performed during the reception.

The Celebrity Gala Committee extended invitations to four deserving culinary students to assist in the kitchen with the celebrity chefs.

First course: Leah Fox (CB South), Second course: Hunter Gorski-Levy, Entrée: Cameron Carlen (CB West) and assisting the pastry chef from Altomonte's was Olivia Lafferty (CB West). Each student received their very own chef jacket from the event.

Maintaining the coveted "Most Appreciated Waiter" award was Johnny King-Marino raising \$17,000 in TIP\$. Newcomer and tech guru Blake Lertzman brought in \$7,400 and the dynamic duo of Gina Furia-Rubel and Jeane Coyle \$6,580 for CB Cares.

"IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS."

- JOHN KOPICKI
CBSD SUPERINTENDENT





Boomerang Youth Recognition Award

The following students represent the Boomerang Youth Recognition Award for **May's Asset #37 Personal Power**

Young person believes that they can effect change and make a difference in their school and/or community. They believe that they have some control over things that happen in their world, that things just don't happen to them.

Elementary School: Ronan Farrell Bridge Valley ES Grade 6



Ronan defines the true meaning of Personal Power. My first interaction with Ronan, dates back to February 14th of this year with a visit to Al duPont Hospital to meet my long awaited student, which I had heard so much about. As we spent the day together, I quickly realized that this young boy, who had dealt with near death occurrences, on-going pain and extreme adversity, was not going to allow these challenges to determine his journey in life. Ronan returned to school this past March, in the general education classroom, after being out of school, due to a traumatic brain injury dating back to last July 2016.

As an elementary teacher we come across many new situations and experiences. Quoting one of my favorite novels, *Phantom Tollbooth*, "Expect the Unexpected, and the Unexpected will never happen" is a quote that I share with my students each year, meaning be prepared in life, for all that comes in front of you. (Con't page 3)

Middle School: Areej Alfeen Lenape Middle School Grade 9



Areej embodies the personal power asset. She moved to the United States last year from Kuwait. Areej is polite and excited to embark on a new adventure became a great self-advocate. She found friends right away and worked hard to maintain those relationships by being respectful to peers and adults. When she first struggled a bit with writing, particularly grammar, she came to guidance to see what she could do. We gave her a grammar workbook to borrow and she took it upon herself to fill in the grammar gaps on her own. After a struggle with science this year, she asked for help and has taken advantage of student helpers and tutors. Areej has helped me understand her religion and has politely requested accommodations at school. She has also volunteered to help others understand so that they can be more accepting. She loaned her guidance counselor a guide on Islamic Civilization so that she could better understand Islam. Areej has shared her personal story of empowerment with other adults and has overcome difficulty to make a life in the United States. We are excited to have Areej as a member of the Lenape family.

High School: Jessica Mandel CB South HS Grade 12



Jessica Mandel is definitely a young person who believes she can make a positive difference in her own life, her school, and the larger community. In this critical senior year, Jessica's choice of colleges and her dogged pursuit to get there exemplifies personal power. She did extensive research (starting years ago) on just the right fit for her and identifies Boston University which she pursued with vigor. On her own, she secured an internship in a special program with the Massachusetts State House for the summer prior to senior year, applied Early Decision to BU, and was not only accepted but also awarded a Presidential Scholarship for her winning essay. She applied to every available non-BU scholarship opportunity as well. At CB South, she was President of People for Pets and planned fundraisers, made posters, emailed supporters, and more. She fits this into her incredibly busy school schedule (with AP classes and exams, choir events, etc.), political activism (where her passion for doing her best to help others also shines through in meetings, marches, petitions, social media, etc. Jessica is a dedicated volunteer and each week drives an hour round-trip to volunteer at A Tabby's Place in NJ, as well as volunteers on Tuesday evenings at A Woman's Place. She glows with stories of cats and children who make her smile just as she helps them.

Special Thanks to our Boomerang Award partners at the Hattery Stove & Still
To learn more about the Developmental Assets visit CB-Cares.org





The 2017 Positive Coaching Award selection committee choose Mike Rush for this year's distinction. Coach Rush coaches both girl's basketball and softball teams. He's involved with Doylestown Athletic Association and CB FYMCA, with 20 years coaching experience on his resume. So many wonderful qualities were described to capture Coach Rush's positive influence

on his players but the one stand-out quality overall was the important balance to hard work and fun. He knows if they're too busy having fun, they're too busy to get into trouble. Mike's is an asset to the community by all accounts. Coach Rush will be presented with his Positive Coaching trophy and \$500 check at a ceremony later in June.

Special thanks to our 2017 PCA partners at Bucks County Orthodontics.



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CLASS OF 2017



**CB CARES EF WISHES THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2017
CONTINUED PERSONAL SUCCESS FOR THE FUTURE!**



Principal: Mrs. Sue Klimpl
School: Linden Elementary
Years in CBSD: 27
Favorites: Field Trips and non-fiction books

Backpack Newsflash launches new feature "Principal Spotlight" with Mrs. Sue Klimpl as she prepares for retirement after 27 years in the District.

Mrs. Klimpl's career began where she'll retire at Linden Elementary. Her first teaching position was as an AM kindergarten teacher where she taught for 6 years and then took time off to raise her family. The District recruited her back to Doyle Elementary, then onto Cold Spring, Butler and back to Linden as building principal. Ms. Klimpl thoroughly enjoys reading non-fiction and occasionally will read books in French to keep her language skills in place. She is fluent in French and Spanish which contributes to her ability to chair the District's World Language board and she also serves a board secretary for the Bucks County Symphony. A true lover of the arts and world languages, When she was asked what she'll miss the most about her role was the energy of children and the sound of their laughter and joy.

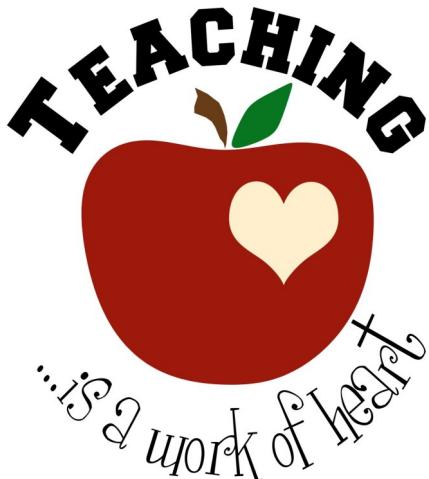
CB Cares EF wishes Mrs. Klimpl the very best on her retirement.

May's Asset #37 Personal Power Boomerang Winner Ronan Farrell continued

For Ronan, every day is a new learning...Everyday he is meeting and beating his goals...Everyday he is inspiring a student to be better than they are because they can be...Everyday he touches someone that he meets...Everyday he makes someone smile... Ronan has had to face adversity from many different aspects; physically, mentally, and emotionally, however he comes to school each week ready to just be another 6th grade student in my classroom. He does not complain, when he has to have his gate belt on, he does not ask for help from his Personal Care Assistant, he is a survivor and demonstrates to those around us that we have much to be thankful for and are blessed to be here. His teachers, his caregivers, his family, his friends, his therapists, his community and his peers have been inspired by his story. In life it is not what happens to you, but how you handle it. He has changed my perspective on personal power, and what that really means to me and his peers.

Community News & Events

THE YEAR-END GIFT THAT KEEPS GIVING WHILE HONORING AN EXCEPTIONAL CBSD TEACHER



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/>
(Proceeds will benefit ALL CB Cares EF initiatives and programs.)

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MOTHER'S DAY ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

Four well-deserving mother's received the celebrity treatment while attending the CB Cares Celebrity Chef & Waiter Gala. The ladies and their guests had a front row seat for the most entertaining dinner party in Bucks County and golden swag bags filled with goodies. Their waitress was Heather Walton! (L to R: Bella Munari's MOM/BRIDGE VALLEY, Jake Hudgeons' MOM/TOHICKON, Lily Cosner's MOM/PINE RUN and Krissy Holmen's MOM/HOLICONG)



BAPS Charities presents \$1,000 check at Celebrity Chef & Waiter Gala

The proceeds from this year's BAPS Charities Green Walk which took place Sunday, June 4th in the Borough of Doylestown benefitted CB Cares EF. Mr. & Mrs. Dipesh Pandya and Pratik Patel made a formal check presentation during the organization's big fundraiser. The funds will be earmarked for an educational learning grant in the coming school year. To learn more about BAPS Charities: <http://www.bapscharities.org/usa/>

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.