

Backpack Newsflash



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HAPPY SEPTEMBER FROM CB CARES!



WANTED: 2014-2015 Boomerang Nominees

With close to 2500 Boomerang nominations last year, it's safe to say there are plenty of good students who make great choices in our community. This year, our goal is to get closer to 3,000 nominations. We are confident we can reach this goal together with a little help from everyone.

The Boomerang Award was created to recognize students in the Central Bucks School District for living by one of the 40 Developmental Assets, designated monthly. The 40 Developmental Assets are positive experiences, behaviors, and personal qualities that all youth need to possess, in order to be responsible, caring, and strong in the face of peer pressures and other life challenges. Anyone can nominate a student for a Boomerang, simply by writing a nomination about a student that best represents the monthly Asset and submitting it to the Boomerang coordinator at your child's school. All of the nominations are reviewed at the building level and one winner per school is submitted for the monthly judging at Outback Steakhouse at which time the elementary, middle and high school winners are selected as the district winners. The Boomerang winners receive a Boomerang Award certificate, a letter being recognized as the monthly district winner, and the student's school also receives a letter of distinction from CB Cares. One of the best perks is the Outback Steakhouse gift card for a visit to the Jamison location. It was 11 years ago at this very location the Boomerang Award got its name and the program developed - because CB Cares believes "what goes around comes around".

55 Years STRONG ★ SEARCH INSTITUTE ★ Home to the 40 Developmental Assets



For its 50-plus-year history, Search Institute has been an innovator in listening to young people and promoting positive change with and for young people.

Founded in 1958 by Merton P. Strommen, Ph.D., the organization pioneered using social science research to understand the lives, beliefs, and values of young people. Peter L. Benson, Ph.D., became the president in 1985. The next major milestone came in late 1990 and 1991 with the release of *The Troubled Journey: A Portrait of 6th to 12th-Grade Youth*, which introduced the framework of Developmental Assets. Since 1990, studies of Developmental Assets have been conducted with more than 4 million young people across the United States. It also became the foundation for hundreds of community coalitions that formed in the 1990s to motivate individuals, families, organizations, and communities to work together to build Developmental Assets.

Complementary to the asset-building approach, Search Institute launched an investigation of the nature of thriving in adolescence. This effort led to a series of studies and the introduction of the idea of Sparks—the interests or passions that motivate youth and give them a sense of purpose, focus, and future orientation. This work has become a foundation of Search Institute's focus on Developmental Relationships. In October 2011, Search Institute's longtime president and CEO, Peter Benson, passed away suddenly. In August 2012, Kent Pekel was named Search Institute's president and CEO.

To learn more about Search Institute visit: www.search-institute.org.

BOOMERANG YOUTH RECOGNITION AWARD



Boomerang Youth Recognition Award



Boomerang Award Assets 2014-2015



Family		
	Month	Asset
Fall	September	#20 Time at Home. Young person spends time most days in high quality interactions with family. They might share the importance of family experiences and relationships in the school setting.
	October	#35 Resistance Skills. Young person is able to recognize risky or dangerous situations and make positive choices when faced with challenging events in their life. They are able to resist peer pressure.
	November	#30 Responsibility. Young person accepts and takes personal responsibility for his/her behavior. Young person accepts and takes personal responsibility for their actions and decisions at home, and/or at school, and/or in the community.
Community		
Winter	December	#34 Cultural Competence. Young person has knowledge of and comfort with people of different cultural/racial/ethnic backgrounds. They accept and appreciate differences in people; they establish friendships with those from different backgrounds.
	January	#9 Service to Others. Young person values service to others, in their family, school, or community. He/she commits to meaningful and caring actions.
	February	#36 Peaceful Conflict Resolution. Young person seeks to resolve conflicts peacefully. Young person understands the benefit of peaceful conflict resolution. They are considered to be a 'resource' to others, one who helps to solve problems, e.g. peer mediation or just a good friend who is known to help others with difficult situations.
Mind & Body		
Spring	March	#28 Integrity. Young person acts on his/her convictions and stands up for his/her beliefs. Young person talks openly about what he/she believes in and values: they "talk the talk and walk the walk."
	April	#25 Reading for Pleasure. Young person reads for pleasure most days of the week, either alone, with family members, or with friends.
	May	#37 Personal Power. Young person has a healthy sense of personal power. He/she believes 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 don't just happen to them.

Special thanks to our Boomerang partners:
OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE, JAMISON, PA
BUCKS COUNTY HERALD



Youth To Community Arts Program

We look forward to the Fall months and returning to some of our favorite venues. This year a special Youth 2 Community performance schedule will take center stage at Pumpkinfest on Saturday, October 25th.

Y2C monthly performances will continue at The Plumsteadville Inn on the third Tuesday of every month, beginning at 7 pm. It is a great opportunity for families to eat dinner together. (kids 12 and under eat free with a paying adult)



CB Cares invites all middle or high school students looking for performance opportunities to contact kcambra@dh.org. CB Cares is currently looking for performers for Pumpkinfest and Doylestown Borough's holiday celebration. Interested? Auditions are Tuesday afternoons.

**pumpkinfest
2014**



Mark Your
Calendar
Saturday
October 25th

**Pumpkinfest
Attractions:**

- THE PUMPKIN GALLERY
- ☞
- RADIO DISNEY FOOD TRUCKS
- Y2C CONCERT
- OUTDOOR MOVIE IN THE MEADOW
- PONY RIDES
- AMUSEMENTS
- ☞

Come witness the imaginative artistry of the carvers as they magically transform these large pumpkins into glowing works of art between the archways of the Moravian Tile Works.

*Ahoy mateys!!
Pirate Ship sets sail at
Kids Castle.*



▲ A ribbon cutting ceremony and celebration was held September 5th for the child size pirate ship, the newest installation at Kids Castle and was generously sponsored by Andrew's Friends Fund. Students from Kutz Elementary performed pirate songs for the close to 300 people in attendance.



Shiver me timbers
- the Kutz ES Crew!

Enter to Win a VIP Pumpkinfest Family Fun PASS!

HOW TO ENTER:

1. Download Gourdy B from Cb-cares.org. Color with crayons, colored pencils or paint.
2. Mail entries directly to: CB Cares Pumpkinfest Coloring Contest, 252 W. Swamp Road # 5, Doylestown, PA 18901
3. Contest is open to all elementary school age children (k-6th grade)
4. ALL contest entries must include the child's name, age, address, phone # and family's email
5. Only (1) entry per child and all entries become the property of CB Cares EF
6. Deadline for submissions: October 10, 2014
7. Three (3) Winners will be selected and awarded a VIP Pumpkinfest 2014 Family Fun Pass!

Celebrate Family Day- A Day to Eat Dinner with your Children™ on Monday, September 22nd. Family Day is a national movement to inform parents that the parental engagement fostered during frequent family dinners is an effective tool in helping to keep America's kids substance-free. Dinner makes a difference! CB Cares encourages you to take time to eat dinner together as a family, as often as possible. Remember- besides at home, family meals can also be shared at a restaurant, in a park, or near a playing field. To learn more about Family Day activities and resources visit: www.casafamilyday.org. There you will find the Family Activity Kit 2014 filled with menu planners, worksheets and other fun family activities to do TOGETHER!



Community News & Events



HEY TEEN DRIVERS!!
Join us
Sunday
October 12th
Noon to 3pm

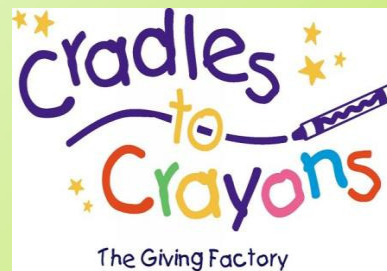
EXPERIENCE THE Y'S TEEN DRIVING SAFETY COURSE.

Students will encounter interactive simulations of drinking while driving, texting while driving and other distractions. Valuable information and demonstrations from police officers and emergency personnel. New drivers 16-18 yrs possessing a valid driving permit or license. Must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Pre-register via Rachel Mauer #215.348.8131 x1167 or rmauer@cbfymca.org

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SATURDAY September 27th ♥ 10 am - 3 pm

Join Doylestown Bookshop for the annual Shire's Big Drive which benefits Philadelphia-based Cradles to Crayons for the annual gently used clothing drive. A drop-off site has been established in the parking lot behind Doylestown Bookshop.



To learn more about the "needed" items for the clothing drive visit:

www.cradlestocrayons.org/philadelphia/donate-good

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD AT 7PM LIFE SCIENCES BUILDING- AUDITORIUM DELAWARE VALLEY COLLEGE



CB Cares and the Council of Southeast Pennsylvania, who together are the Central Bucks Drug Free Project want to Speak UP and Reach OUT to show their support during September's Recovery Month. In partnership with Del Val College, the film will be shown in the auditorium of the Life Sciences Building to be followed by a panel discussion and Q&A from the audience. To learn more about this screening visit: cb-cares.org

The screening of this award-winning documentary is a FREE to the public event and presented by:

Delaware Valley College ♦ Council of Southeast Pennsylvania ♦ Central Bucks Drug-Free Project ♦ CB Cares EF

Our Mission Statement:

CB Cares Educational Foundation, in partnership with Doylestown Hospital, 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.

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