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This HOLIDAY Season

**Celebrate the People in the Central Bucks School District
Who Make a Difference in Your Child's Life**

Looking for a special holiday 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/>

DECEMBER'S BOOMERANG ASSET #38 Self-Esteem

CB CARES AWARDS 15 INNOVATIVE LEARNING GRANTS

The following teacher's have been awarded an Innovative Learning Grant for their school:

Mr. Oberecker/Ms. Vice/Ms. Dollarton
Mr. Hottenstein
Ms. Byrne/Ms. London
Ms. Jansen/Ms. Ruth/Ms. Aptacy/Ms. Farrell
Ms. Dixon
Ms. Jaeger/Ms. Ledwith
Ms. Fuentes
Ms. Rick
Mr. Willard
Ms. Reitz
Ms. Christein/Ms. Frederick
Mr. Vogelsigner
Ms. Koch
Ms. Stone/Ms. Mattern
Ms. Gleicher
Ms. Pustay

Innovator's Day
Environmental Project
Book Café
Osmo Genius Kits
Explorations in Education
Mindfulness Initiative
Love of Reading
Rainbow Reading
Virtual Workshop
Book Love Club
Classroom Library
Classroom Library
Digital microscope
Solar Telescope
Underage Drinking Assembly

Cold Spring
Jamison
Titus
Mill Creek
Bridge Valley
Groveland
Bridge Valley
Holicong
Tamanend
Unami
Holicong
CB East
CB West/South
CB South
CB South



2nd grant cycle
ILG applications are
due NO Later than
January 31, 2018



Boomerang Youth Recognition Award

The following students represent the Boomerang Youth Recognition Award for

November's Asset #39 Sense of Purpose
Young person believes their life has purpose.



Charlotte Imperato Bridge Valley Elementary grade 5

Charlotte believes in a purpose driven life and at age ten thoughtfully considers how she spends her time and how as well as how her actions will prepare her for future goals. She was overheard telling friends that she believes every person on this earth is here for a specific reason and she feels it is her responsibility to be prepared to fulfil this purpose. She said "sometimes I don't feel like doing my homework or pay attention in school but I do it because I know it will help me become a better person and gain a good education to become someone who makes a difference in the world." Her desire to become a teacher someday has driven her to help found a group called the Nerd Herd that helps with the Quest classroom during recess.. Charlotte's sense of purpose is demonstrated in her commitment to serve others through her school, church and extra-curricular activities in the community.



Morgan Simkiss Unami Middle School grade 7

Morgan is really quite impressive. Although new to middle school, she has already contacted her guidance counselor and me on ways to support our "positive community". Due to her enthusiasm and efforts, I will be assembling a group of student leaders into a council, meeting with me once a month to brainstorm ideas for community building and service here at Unami. Morgan is a teenager that has her finger on the pulse of the middle school student. She wants to take an active role in our advisory periods and helps to identify the needs of her peers. Morgan has suggested ways to connect with teenagers, what topics are most relevant, and how to best implement this with the student body. She has shown interest in being a motivational speaker and has taken the initiative to meet with the principal to share her ideas. Morgan takes an active role in supporting her friends, and reaches beyond her friendships to help other students. Her concerns are current and real, making her ideas relevant. Morgan shows a maturity well beyond her years. Unami is going to benefit from Morgan's ideas and passion for the next three years. Her enthusiasm is contagious and her light is bright!!



Michael Erichetti CB South High School grade 12

Michael has demonstrated a strong sense of personal power by organizing and presenting the first ever 911 Assembly at CB South. His father was a first responder in New York City on September 11, 2011. Michael believes strongly that our first responders are some of the bravest and selfless individuals that exist in our society, and he honored our local first responders by inviting local police and fire departments to the assembly to be recognized with a certificate and a standing ovation of applause. Michael's passion and dedication could be seen through his planning phases of this assembly by setting up countless meetings and emails to make this event a success. The first responders were extremely flattered to have been honor and through Michael's efforts we have strengthened the bond between community and school.

Boomerang nominations are due by **Monday, December 18th**

December's Asset #38 Self-Esteem

Young person feels good about themselves.

DECEMBER'S ASSET TIPS

#38 SELF-ESTEEM

Tips for Building this Asset

A young person's self-esteem can be affected by many people and situations. Notice how what you say and do affects the young people around you. Young people's self-esteem increases when they feel loved, respected, and accepted; taken seriously; and listened to. Feeling safe and secure, and able to make choices and do good deeds also boosts self-esteem. The most important key to building other's self-esteem is to let them know they matter and are an important part of society.

Also try this

In your home and family: Compliment your child and let her or him hear you saying positive things about her or him to someone else.

In your neighborhood and community: Take the time to learn about what the young people in your community think and feel about current events. Ask them not only about school and hobbies, but also their opinions on important issues. Let them know you value what they think and how they feel.

In your school or youth program: Publicly congratulate young people's successes with written notes, calls home, or verbal praise. If some students or group members are having a problem, talk to them - or their parents or guardians - privately.

Take a moment to appreciate
how amazing you are



CB STUDENTS TAKE THEIR MESSAGE TO WASHINGTON

CB students represented the largest contingency on a Bucks County student trip to Washington DC, where they spoke on the floor of the House of Representatives about their personal experiences of prejudice and discrimination in our schools and community. The trip was organized by the African American Museum of Bucks County and The Peace Center, with CB Cares board member, Marlene Pray, as one of the organizers and leaders for the historic event.



Willaim Huang (Tamanend), Lily Manuel Tamanend), Seth Wohl (CB South), Ashton Noonan (Lenape), Lea Martyn (CB East), Alana Craig (Groveland), Taylor Branch and Kennedy Farrior (CB East)



Principal Spotlight:
Dr. Susan Salvesen
Doyle ES
Years in CBSD: 25

Dr. Salvesen began her career as a middle school science teacher with the NYC School System. After moving to Pennsylvania she started teaching sixth grade at Doyle Elementary School and loved every minute in the classroom.

In 1998, Dr. Salvesen was awarded Teacher of the Year by the Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce for the authentic tasks her students participated in that involved them in community service. In the midst of her career she attended the Inter-Agency meeting at Del Val College for the inception of CB Cares where Central Bucks School District, Doylestown Hospital, and local government embraced the 40 Developmental Assets and the promotion of the Assets for our children. She went on to open Groveland ES as the assistant principal and fostered the creation of a new school community with students from the neighboring elementary schools in the District. One of the highlights of her time at Groveland was honoring the New York City Firefighters as Heroes of America after 9/11.

In 2002, she docked her educational know-how with Doyle ES and she loves being the captain of this ship where children come first and the staff cares for every child. In 2016, she earned her doctorate from Lehigh University, thereby modeling life-long learning. The best part of her career has been working with the finest teachers and support staff, enthusiastic students, and supportive parents who are all dedicated to being the best they can be.

Her advice to aspiring educators:
Commit yourself to excellence every day.



Community News & Events

PICK ♥ LoVe ♥ PICK

CB Cares proudly partners with the Pick Project



The Pick Project is a youth run company that creates guitar picks from used/expired gift cards. Founded by sisters Ellie and Julia Burke (Kutz ES). Each guitar pick is hand punched and hand "picked" by kids. The picks are sold on a "DWYC" (donate what you can basis). All proceeds are used to support underprivileged kids who want to pursue their passions in



music/arts programs in the region. Their goal is simple, recycle and reuse gift cards to help kids "pick" and pursue their passion in music/arts. To date students have raised almost \$400. The community has supported the PP efforts by donating money, jewelry making supplies, and used gift cards. The Monkey's Uncle is now a location for anyone who wishes to contribute, purchase picks, or purchase our jewelry. The Pick Project is currently looking for musicians to use our picks, take a "pic", and share them via Facebook and Instagram. CB Cares is a proud community partner in The Pick Project.

CHILDREN'S ARTS & HEALTH COLLABORATIVE ESTABLISHED

The newly established Arts & Health Collaborative was recognized with a proclamation from the County Commissioners on November 15th at the Courthouse. The Choral Society has joined forces with The Conservatory, The Children's Museum, CB Cares EF and the Ann Silverman Clinic. One of the primary goals is to raise the public's awareness of Bucks County's cultural and healthcare environment through each organizations programs. For more info <http://www.buckschoral.org/>

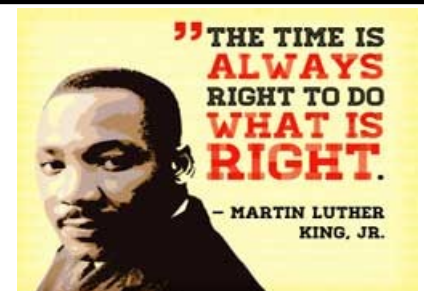


2017 Give Back Fest Raised \$2,000
Thank you for everyone's support!



DJANGO rocked this year's Give Back Fest 2017. The organizers raised \$2,000 for The Synergy Project. Opening act was Django's (pictured) Max Fabiszewski (bass), Brian Morris (sax), Payton Burak (drums) and Ben price (guitar).

Save the Date Monday January 15th MLK Day of Service



Mark your calendar to join us as we celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. CB Cares' Annual MLK Opening Ceremony Second Baptist Church Doylestown 8:30am For a listing of MLK service projects visit: <http://cb-cares.org>

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.