



EBB VALLEY EAGLE'S DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2010



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December 2010 - Notes from the Office...

Thanksgiving, Christmas and Chanukah holidays are a time for family and friends to gather together and share the blessings of the year. Here at Ebb Valley we have much to be thankful for. We have a beautiful, state of the art school facility, supportive parents, dedicated teachers and respectful, responsible students. Words cannot express how wonderful it is to be involved in the lives of our students, parents and staff.

Special thanks go out to Mrs. Christina Eckrote and the PTA volunteers who put together a very successful Holiday Bazaar. Many of the vendors and shoppers commented on what a well organized event we held. Of course parking was a slight problem. I have requisitioned an underground parking garage, but there's no chance we'll ever see that. We also want to thank Mrs. Markle and her food service team for staffing the kitchen and preparing the great food that was sold. We also appreciate Mr. Noel and his crew for their efforts in setting up and cleaning up.

Cell Phone and On-line Safety

Recently several parents have reported that their children are getting an increased number of chain letter type text messages and e-mails where students are threatened with harm if they do not forward the message. Elementary aged children often do not have the maturity to understand that messages such as these are a hoax and really carry no threat. Please take the time to sit down with your child and talk about how you want them to handle messages such as these. While cell phones are convenient, allowing contact with your child (especially since many families no longer have a land line telephone), some parental guidance may be needed. Parents may want to consider contacting the cell phone service provider and blocking text messages and phone calls from anyone other than parent approved contacts.



One School, One Book

One School, One Book is a program designed to create a shared reading experience within a single elementary school community. A chapter book is chosen, every family in the elementary school receives a copy, and every family reads that book at home over the course of a single month. Activities at school coordinate, promote, and enrich the shared reading experience. Ebb Valley will be participating in One School, One Book this school year.

Returned Check Policy

Ebb Valley Elementary accepts only checks or money orders for field trips. We have an increasing number of checks being returned to us for insufficient funds. Our bank charges the school \$15.00 for every bounced check. The office staff will notify you via letter or phone call if your check is returned to us. It is expected that you will bring in cash for the amount of your bounced check plus pay this \$15.00 fee imposed on us by the bank.

Summer Enrichment

Summer Enrichment Program Booklets for the 2011 sessions are available in the school office. Topics have a wide variety of content and interests, including music, art, math, reading, drama, history, and geography. If you have youngsters who have previously enjoyed the Summer Enrichment Program, please consider attending this summer. If your child has not attended in the past, please request a booklet and become a part of an enriching, rewarding and fun-filled experience. Application forms and registration fees should be turned in to your child's homeroom teacher by Friday, February 25, 2011.



Ebb Valley would like to Thank the Manchester Valley Athletic Boosters for their generous gift to us of \$50.00 for being runner-up in the 2010 Manchester Maverick Stampede.

First Grade News:

Winter Celebration- On December 23rd, the first graders will be enjoying a holiday celebration, where they will be performing a reader's theater, making ginger bread houses, and exchanging cards. We will begin our performances at 9:00am. The celebration will last until 10:45am. All are welcome to attend!

Supplies are needed -

1) Please send in items requested for the Gingerbread Houses by **Monday, December 13th** (A letter will come home with your child identifying what you will be asked to supply.)

2) Please send in a 1 gallon empty, **rinsed** milk jug for your child by **Monday, December 13th**. We will be using the jugs for card holders.

Fifth Grade News:

ILA- Students have finished their fiction chapter books and have returned to reading nonfiction texts. In Writing, students published their personal narrative stories before the Thanksgiving break. Also, Writer's Notebooks were graded and will continue to be graded monthly.

Mrs. DeStefano, Mrs. Spickler, and Mrs. Anderson (media teacher) have planned a project to integrate the reading, writing, and media curriculums. The project involves students creating a digital book review, and advertisement, and a book flyer using Microsoft Publisher. Currently, students are working on this project in Media and ILA. We are excited to see the finished products!

Math- Students are working on the Cluster 3 Multiplication unit and starting the Cluster 4 Division unit. The CCPS website has a multitude of math fact games and resources to compliment Cluster 3 and other clusters.

Social Studies- Now, students have Social Studies with Mr. Anderson. The fifth grade curriculum starts where the fourth grade curriculum ends, Colonial America. This first unit covers the 13 colonies and Native Americans. ILA classes will integrate the Social Studies content throughout the marking period.

Congratulations to the fifth grade students who were recognized at our November 8th Pep Rally for the first marking period. Please remember that fifth grade uses the checkbook instead of "Ws" or colors as in previous grades to document behaviors that do not reflect our Ebb Valley Flight Plan.

Ebb Valley Media Center
"One School, One Book"

Take a Break



Relax and Read

The holiday season is often hectic and stressful. As a result, children sometimes have trouble settling down and falling asleep. One way to help is to establish a routine of reading aloud at bedtime. Bedtime stories and cuddling can help relax a child and parent. I would sometimes find myself falling asleep while reading to my daughter at bedtime. Both of us have very fond memories of bedtime reading.

The benefits of reading aloud are remarkable -- studies have shown that reading to children helps them to listen better and longer, build bigger vocabularies, understand concepts better, feel positive about both books and learning, and more.

Take some time during the holidays to build some memories and benefit educationally. Enjoy a bedtime story with your child.

Media Literacy

Children between the ages of 8 and 18 spend **7 hours and 38 minutes** daily consuming media. TV, Internet, video games, movies, cell phones, books, and billboards all demand our attention. The 5th graders are starting a unit where we will be looking at communication. Together we will be working on improving their ability to find and evaluate information critically. Learning how to tell which websites are bogus and what is behind advertising is important. We will be looking at what media does to grab their attention and how not to fall into its trap.

Have you heard?



One School, One Book
is coming!

Can you imagine a whole school community reading the same book at the same time? What book will it be?

We're hatching all sorts of surprises. Your January newsletter will bring more details.

Have a great Holiday!

Keep Reading!

Helga Anderson
Media Specialist

HEALTH NEWS

During the month of December, students in Health are starting the Body Systems Unit. Our kindergarten and 1st grade students learn about body organs and basic functions. In 2nd grade we discuss all our senses. Third graders learn the skeletal, digestive, and respiratory systems. Our 4th graders learn about the muscular, circulatory, and nervous systems. In 5th grade, students research a body system for a project.

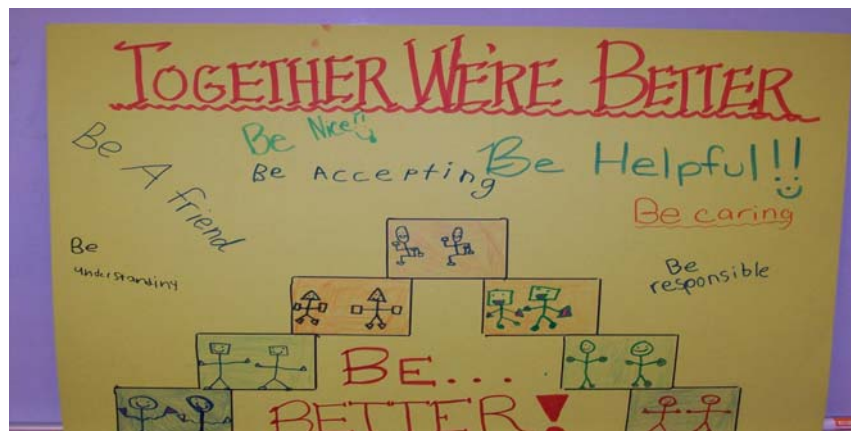
We are so proud of the 5th graders who participated in the nationwide poster contest for disabilities awareness. Here are the entries from Ebb Valley Elementary School's 5th graders. Wish us luck!!!



Mr. Anderson's Class



Mrs. DeStefano's Class



Mrs. Spickler's Class

Music News and Announcements

***Save the Date 5th Graders**

Important upcoming dates:

5th Grade Chorus Concert:

Thursday, December 16th 7:00 P.M. (Day show starts at 9:00 AM)

Please be sure to mark your calendars as we need all of the 5th graders present in the winter program. It is a tradition at Ebb Valley that ALL students participate in one choral setting a year. This provides a greater number of students involved in a performance setting, as well as avoids pull outs from other academic areas. Fifth grade students have been working extremely hard in preparation for this program so please mark your calendar and save this date: Thursday December 16th. (It is the same night as the strings and band concert)

Letters were taken home by students and were to be signed by a parent/guardian stating that their child will attend. Another reminder will be sent home 2 weeks before the concert and the day of the show as an extra reminder. Students should report to Mr. Meerdter's room by 6:45 PM. There is a scheduled snow date for the concert that is on the school calendar. We hope to see all of you there. Thank you very much for your support in the music department, and your child.

The music department has a website and we encourage students and parents to visit this site on a regular basis as it contains all of the important dates, materials for general music and band/strings, student resources etc... You can find the website through Ebb Valley's Homepage by clicking Music on the left navigation bar, or type in the following URL in your web browser: <http://www.carrollk12.org/eve/music/default.asp>

ATTENTION AGAIN 5TH GRADE **EISTEDDFOD AUDITIONS:**

The eisteddfod is an all county chorus in which all of the elementary, middle, and high schools come together for a county wide performance. It is a huge honor and privilege to be a part of this extraordinary group. The student performs with a large vocal ensemble in Westminster High School's auditorium in front of several hundred people. There is a professional CD and DVD produced of this event as well as the event televised on Channel 21 CCTV. Mr. Meerdter will be auditioning students who would like to be a part of eisteddfod in January after the winter break.

Audition requirements are as follows:

- *Pitch accuracy
- *Vocal Range
- *Vocal intonation
- *Responsibility-you must have attended the day **and** evening performances of the winter program (with the exception of illness or family emergency)
- *Leadership-you are representing our school in this performance

We can only take 9 students with us instead of 10 this year due to the population of schools in Carroll County growing. Please Note: Any student who wishes to audition for the eisteddfod must be in a performing choir. Due to the way chorus is held here at Ebb Valley (every 5th grade student is in chorus for the first half of the year), every student in the 5th grade can audition who attended the winter show!

Attention 3rd, 4th, and 5th Graders

Recorders are needed in January

Starting in the last week of January students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade will be working with recorders. We will be looking at the history of recorders dating back to the 16th and 17th centuries to the modern day recorder, as well as working on reading music and correct technique on how to play. Students will need to purchase their own recorders to use in music class. Coffey music is a good music dealer to shop for recorders, as well as Hess and Stu's. I only request that parents not purchase recorders from Wal*Mart or dollar stores as these are mostly used as toys and the notes are tuned incorrectly. Students will need the recorders for the last week in January, so the recorder is a good stocking stuffer if your child does not already own one. Students will keep their recorders at school so be sure to keep the recorders' case. If you already have your recorders from last year, you may use that recorder. The popular recorders (color transparent) go for about \$10, yet you can find a good quality instrument for \$6 at your local music stores.

Instrumental Music Notes

Our 5th Grade/Advanced instrumental music students are hard at work preparing for our upcoming "Winter Concert". These students will perform, along with the 5th Grade Chorus, on **Thursday, December 16th at 9:00am and 7:00pm**. We have prepared a variety of songs for you ranging from a march, to classical music, to traditional and "jazzy" holiday tunes. More detailed information will be sent home with students the first week of December. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us as we try to get you into the holiday spirit!

In addition, all of our instrumental music students will be presenting "mini-performances" throughout our building as we lead up to the holiday break. Our beginners will perform "Jingle Bells" and other simple melodies they have learned, while our 5th graders will go "caroling" with their instruments, visiting each of the various grade level areas. Consider having them give you a preview as a way to practice these tunes!

Looking for some "stocking stuffers" for your young musician? Check out our local music stores for some fun holiday books (I'll be happy to make a few suggestions), reeds, or even some music-themed gifts!

This Just In!

From Mrs. Spera, School Counselor

Classroom Guidance Units this month:

Kindergarten and First Grade have been developing learning behaviors including active listening and sound decision-making. First graders sharpened their “active listening” skills, and learned about “brick vs. straw” decisions.

Second grade participated in a cooperation unit, learning to work together through different cooperation “challenges” (large group, small group, partners)

Third graders will be developing their knowledge and awareness of bullying, how to respond to bullying behavior, and how not to become a bully. Third graders are participating in a “Stop Bullying” poster contest later on this month.

Fourth grade will be focusing on identifying our learning styles and self-identity. By knowing ourselves and how we learn best, we can build our personal, social, and academic confidence.

Fifth graders will be developing their knowledge and skills related to bullying behavior. Specifically, we are building our empathy for others, empowering “bystanders”, and understanding the dynamics of a bully situation.

Quarter 2's Highlighted Character Trait is:

SAFETY

NESAP Holiday Food Drive: Through the month of November, we collected non-perishable foods and other items for NESAP. Our food drive was a great success. Thank you to everyone who helped with donations. **Special thanks to Mrs. Carl and the fourth grade students**, who started and continue to manage this project at EVE!



PBIS News!

Ebb Valley Students are following their *Flight Plans!* Many Eagle Feather tickets are being earned every day. Our first quarter results showed that about 90% of our students reached or exceeded first quarter behavior expectations and were recognized at our Pep Rally (and entered into our quarterly prize raffle). This quarter (second), expectations are a little bit harder to reach, but we're hoping to maintain 90% or better! Stay tuned.....

**We are currently *seeking additional parent PBIS team representation*. If you are interested, and can make a once-a-month meeting commitment (usually either right before or right after school), please email Mrs. Spera at ljspera@k12.carr.org or call the school at 410-386-1550.



Market Day Update

We would like to thank everyone who is supporting Ebb Valley by making purchases to Market Day. Our school receives either 10% or 15% of all purchases depending on the total sales. We will keep you updated in the chart below with the monthly profit totals. All monies earned will go into an account to help fund school projects and incentives. We would like to extend a special thank you to everyone participating in the Market Day program.

Month	Profit
September	167.05
October	245.54
November	264.12
December	
January	
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	
July	
Total for Year	676.71

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, Market Day pick up will be Friday, December 3rd in the cafeteria from 6:15 - 7:00PM.

Donating Coke Reward points to EBB VALLEY is easy!

Ebb Valley earns points for every coke rewards code / coke cap that you send in. We will use these reward points along with Campbell's Soup Points to purchase new recess equipment.

Our Coke rewards total is now at 11,824. One recess kit can be purchased with 23,044 points. We would like to be able to purchase a kit for each grade level.

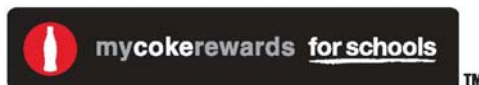
Please contact your family, friends and place of business to have everyone save their coke reward points and coke caps for Ebb Valley. Reward points can be placed in the container in the front lobby and we will enter them for you.

Want to donate points? Here's how you can get them

 <p>Bottles each have a code under the cap worth 3 points</p>	 <p>24 packs (of 12 oz. cans) have a code under the flap worth 20 points</p>	
 <p>32 packs pack a punch with a code under the wrap worth 25 points</p>	 <p>A 12 pack of 12 oz. cans has a code under the flap worth 10 points</p>	

Get codes and donate points from any of these participating brands



Head to mycokerewards.com to enter codes, donate points and support our school.

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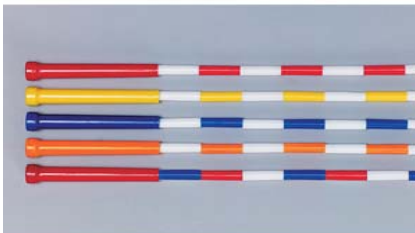
Campbell's Labels for Education!

For over 30 years, Campbell's Labels for Education program has awarded over \$100 million in FREE merchandise to schools nationwide. Ebb Valley Elementary is participating in the Campbell's Labels for Education program. We are asking parents, teachers and friends in the community to collect Campbell product proofs of purchase that can be redeemed for free educational merchandise. At this time, we are looking to use our Campbell's labels along with the Coke Reward Points to purchase new recess equipment for each grade level.

You can help Ebb Valley Elementary earn free merchandise simply by collecting Campbell products proof of purchase and sending them in to our school.

At this time, we have submitted a total of 11,725 points to Campbell's to help us get our recess equipment. To purchase this equipment for all grade levels we need a total of 55,600 points.

We need your help and that of your family, friends and coworkers to help us reach our goal of new recess equipment. It's easy to pitch in. Simply save products proofs of purchase from any of the following Campbell products and send them to Ebb Valley:



Campbell's® soups

Campbell's® Select Harvest™ soups

Campbell's Supper Bakes® meal kits

SpaghettiOs® Pasta -Original and Meatball

Campbell's® beans, gravies, and pasta

Prego® pasta sauces

Swanson® broths and canned poultry

V8® vegetable juices

V8 Splash® juice drinks

V8® soups

Campbell's® tomato juice

Pepperidge Farm® breads, cookies, crackers, and frozen products

BOX TOPS TOTALS



Proceeds from the box tops collection will be used to help fund technology improvements and other projects around the school.

Total Box Tops submitted to date is 14,103.

Ms. Wilkinson's class is the winner of a Pizza Party for winning our Box Tops contest last month. We will be having another contest at the end of January.

Save those Box Tops and send them in!!

The Box Tops website offers other ways to earn cash for our school. Parents can go to www.boxtopsforeducation.com to learn more!



Your Financial Partner Since 1932

Student Banking

We received 41 deposits on our most recent day of banking at Ebb Valley Elementary. Currently, 35 students are on track to earn the Pizza Party at the branch through the first Incentive Program! Congratulations to those students. Keep Saving!

EBB VALLEY WEBSITE

Please visit the Ebb Valley website for daily news and information about what's happening at our school.

www.carrollk12.org/eve

The website will be updated daily with all the events happening at Ebb Valley.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARDS

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for the twenty-second annual Outstanding Teacher Awards. The deadline for nominations is January 3, 2011.

The Outstanding Teacher Awards recognize the men and women of the Carroll County Public School System who represent excellence in the teaching profession. Any full-time elementary, middle, high school, career and technology, special education teacher, counselor, or media specialist in the Carroll County Public School System is eligible for nomination. Any parent, student, fellow teacher, or school administrator may submit a nomination.

Nomination forms may be submitted electronically through the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce website at <http://carrollcountychamber.org/ota.html>. The form also is available on the Carroll County Public Schools website at:

<http://carrollk12.org/Assets/file/CCPS%20News/2010%20OTA%20nomination%20form.pdf>.

Forms must be received (not just postmarked) by Monday, January 3, 2011, before 5:00 p.m. at the Chamber office located at 700 Corporate Center Court, Suite L, Westminster, MD 21157. Nominations received after 5:00 p.m. on this date will not be considered. Please do not mail or deliver nomination forms to Carroll County Public Schools.

Nominators are urged to nominate teacher(s) who have made a difference in their lives or a student's life and to give specific examples of the teacher's impact and fully answer the form's three questions. These questions are the basis for selecting the Chamber's eight Outstanding Teachers who will receive an award at the reception and awards program on March 23, 2011. These teachers will be eligible for the Carroll County Teacher of the Year Award presented by Carroll County Public Schools. The awards are sponsored by members of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, call 410-848-9050 or visit www.carrollcountychamber.org.

Community News...

Carroll Aquatics, Inc. is a 501c3 non-profit organization promoting aquatics programs for Carroll County and the surrounding areas. Carroll Aquatics makes its home at the 4 Seasons Sports Complex in Hampstead. They are dedicated to developing swimmers ages four and up with a variety of programs to meet every child's needs, from the 8 week Swim School to the Junior/Senior & National Team Swim Programs. They offer programs that allow youth to develop and follow a path that meets their individual needs and goals, whether swimming for lifetime health and fitness goals or competition. Financial Aid/Scholarships are available. For more information check out their website at www.carrollaquatics.com or call Lisa Sears at 443-744-3117.

December Dates to Remember.....

December 1 - PTA Board Meeting 6:30PM in the Media Center

December 3 - Funky Socks Day

Market Day Pick Up 6:15 - 7:00PM in the cafeteria

December 6 -10 National Inclusive Schools Week

December 7 - Holiday Breakfast 6:30AM - 8:00AM in the cafeteria

December 10 - Wear School Colors Day

Fun Run Follow-up Assembly 9:00 AM

12:25PM Early Dismissal Day

December 16 - 5th Grade Chorus / Band & Strings Concert

9:00AM school show and 7:00PM evening performance

December 20 - snowdate for 5th Grade Chorus/Band & Strings Concert

December 23 - 12:25PM Early Dismissal Day

December 24 - January 2 Schools/Offices Closed for the Holiday



Holiday Breakfast



Ebb Valley Café will be serving a special Holiday Breakfast on Tuesday, December 7th, from 6:30a.m. - 8:00a.m. in our school cafeteria. Parents are invited to come and enjoy breakfast with their child. We will be serving donuts, juice, milk and coffee. While you enjoy your breakfast, holiday movies will be shown and we may possibly see a visit from Santa himself.

Menu includes:

Donuts juice and milk \$1.25

Coffee - 75 cents

Breakfast - \$1.25

EBB VALLEY ELEMENTARY

December

BREAKFAST

2010

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1	2	3
		Bagel w/ Topping or Cereal & Toast Fruit or Juice Milk	Choice of Donut or Cereal & Toast Fruit or Juice Milk	Egg & Cheese Muffin or Cereal & Toast Fruit or Juice Milk
6	7	8	9	10
Waffles w/ syrup or Cereal & Toast Fruit or Juice Milk	Holiday Breakfast Donuts or Cereal & Toast Fruit or Juice Milk	Sausage Patty on Roll or Cereal & Toast Fruit or Juice Milk	Cinnamon Toast (2) or Cereal & Toast Fruit or Juice Milk	Scrambled Eggs w/Toast or Cereal & Toast Fruit or Juice Milk
13	14	15	16	17
Pancakes w/syrup or Cereal & Toast Fruit or Juice Milk	Bagel w/ Toppings or Cereal & Toast Fruit or Juice Milk	Breakfast Sausage Pizza or Cereal & Toast Fruit or Juice Milk	Choice of Donut or Cereal & Toast Fruit or Juice Milk	Egg Casserole or Cereal & Toast Fruit or Juice Milk
20	21	22	23	24
Waffles w/ syrup or Cereal & Toast Fruit or Juice Milk	French Toast Sticks (3) Cereal & Toast Fruit or Juice Milk	Breakfast Pocket or Cereal & Toast Fruit or Juice Milk	Cinnamon Toast (2) or Cereal & Toast Fruit or Juice Milk	SCHOOLS CLOSED
27	28	29	30	31
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Lunch - \$2.00 Ice Cream - 75 cents Milk - 50 cents

Lunch Choices also include: Tuna on Roll, Cheese Sandwich, or a Tossed Salad



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DECEMBER

LUNCH

2010

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Fruit	2 Hamburger or Cheeseburger on Roll French Fries Fruit	3 Pizza or Hot Dog Vegetable Fruit
6 Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Fruit	7 Pizzatas Hot Vegetable Fruit	8 Turkey Pot Pie Tossed Salad Baked Cinnamon Apples	9 Hard or Soft Shell Taco Shredded Lettuce Spanish Rice Corn Fruit	10 Pizza Vegetable Fruit Early Dismissal Day
13 Chicken Nuggets Cheesy Mashed Potatoes Fruit	14 Hamburger or Cheeseburger on Roll Tator Tots Vegetable Fruit	15 Cheesesticks w/ Dipping Sauce Vegetable Fruit	16 Shepherd Pie Baked Dinner Roll Hot Vegetable Fruit	17 Pizza or Hot Dog Vegetable Fruit
20 Chicken Patty Tator Tots Vegetable Fruit	21 Pizzatas Tossed Salad Fruit	22 Holiday Nuggets Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Hot Vegetable Fruit	23 Pizza Vegetable Fruit Early Dismissal Day	24 SCHOOLS CLOSED
27 SCHOOLS CLOSED	28 SCHOOLS CLOSED	29 SCHOOLS CLOSED	30 SCHOOLS CLOSED	31 SCHOOLS CLOSED



Join us for our 9th Annual

BIG BAND MERRY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Benefiting Access Carroll & Carroll County Public Schools Education Foundation

CARROLL COUNTY JAZZ ENSEMBLE
directed by Glenn Patterson

Saturday ~ December 4th, 2010 ~ 7:30 p.m.
Doors Open at 7:00 p.m.

Snow Date: Wednesday, December 8th

Westminster High School Auditorium
1225 Washington Road, Westminster

Advance ticket prices: Adults \$ 10.00 – Child/Student \$ 5.00

December 3rd, Closing Date for Advance Ticket Sales

At the door, ticket prices: Adults \$15.00 – Child/Student \$ 10.00

Reserved Center Section Seating for Sponsors Only

Reserved Seating for Groups of 10 or more (tickets purchased together)

~ Ticket Outlets ~

**Stu's Music, Coffey Music, Hess Music, Carroll Arts Center,
McDaniel College Bookstore, PNC Bank Branches**

Sponsorship Opportunities and Group Tickets are Available!

Call 410-848-5581 for details!



Honor your child's teacher this Holiday Season!



The Carroll County Public Schools Education Foundation and The Carroll County Times present the perfect way to honor your child's teacher or staff member this holiday season!

Your gift of \$10 or more will honor the teacher or staff member of your choice. They will receive an attractive card notifying them of your gesture - the amount of the gift will remain confidential. Your name will be acknowledged in the Carroll County Times as a person that supports our school system.

Please use the form below to make your gift which will support the CCPS Education Foundation's grant program for our schools. Forms may be mailed to the CCPS Foundation office below or dropped off at the Carroll County Times.

Student/Family Name *(to be listed in note card)* _____

Email _____ Phone _____
(for gift acknowledgement purposes)

In Honor Of: (Teacher/Staff Member Name) _____

School/Location _____ GIFT AMOUNT: \$ _____

- I/We wish to remain anonymous. Please do not publish my name as a donor
 Yes, you may publish my/our name(s) in the newspaper.

You may write one check for multiple gifts. Please make checks payable to CCPS Education Foundation and mail to: 125 N. Court Street, Westminster, MD 21157 OR you may drop it off at the Carroll County Times at 201 N. Railroad Avenue in Westminster, MD.



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www.ccpsfoundation.org

FREE Parenting Power Series

Held at The Shafer Center from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., The Shafer Center for Early Intervention's Parenting Power Series is designed to inform, educate, and empower parents of children on the autism spectrum.

December 2, 2010: Tips for Managing Challenging Behaviors in Children with Autism

Presented by Christine Accardo, Ph.D., BCBA-D, Program Director

All children encounter behavior issues at one time or another. The Shafer Center's Doctoral level, Board Certified Behavior Analyst, provides insight into how parents can address the behavior issues such as tantrums, aggression, and self injury.

January 21, 2011: IEP 101

Presented by Educational Consultants Andrea Bennett and Lisa Frank of The Special Kids Company in conjunction with Special Education Attorney, Mark Martin

This panel will present how to navigate the IEP process and determine which path will best meet the needs of your child as you transition to a new school placement.

February 24, 2011: Potty Training

Presented by Christine Accardo, Ph.D., BCBA-D, Program Director

Potty training can be a challenge for many children with autism. Dr. Accardo will describe some basic techniques to get started and provide some helpful hints to get through the process.

March 24, 2011: Anxiety and Autism

Panel Discussion

Anxiety is often an issue as children become older and encounter new experiences. Become informed about anxiety and autism from our experienced panel of professionals in the field.

April 28, 2011: Play Dates

Presented by Tina Morrissey, M.S., CCC-SLP, Director of Speech-Language Pathology

Play dates are excellent opportunities for your child to practice playing with a peer and to develop play and language skills as well as friendships and self-confidence. Ms. Morrissey will offer tips on hosting play dates such as choosing an appropriate peer and planning activities.

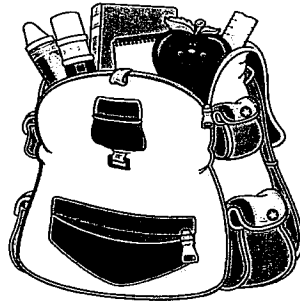
**Spaces are limited. To enroll contact
410-517-1113 or
Info@ShaferCenter.com**

**132 Business Center Drive
Reisterstown, MD 21136
www.ShaferCenter.com**



**THE SHAFER
CENTER**

Make the most of your child's school year!



Tutoring Program

Addresses unique learning needs of children with autism not met in traditional settings

For ages 4-9 years

Purpose: To offer individualized instruction to help children with autism become more proficient in reading, writing, math, and spelling

- Reading comprehension
- Oral language comprehension
- Written language skills
- Spelling
- Phonemic awareness
- Mathematical reasoning and computation

Program: Our tutoring program uses multi-sensory instruction to effectively teach core academic skills to accelerate each student's progress

- We create an individualized program
- We help eliminate behavior problems caused by uncertainty
- We motivate students and boost self confidence
- We use assessments to monitor performance and progress
- We develop a partnership with teachers and families to reinforce learning strategies for overall success

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Play Dates!

Excellent opportunities for your child to practice playing with a peer in his/her home

Develop play and language skills, friendships, and self-confidence

The play date program is for children with autism ages 4-10 years

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Relationship Development Intervention

RDI®



- A program designed to empower parents to communicate, interact, and develop a deeper relationship with their child
- Consultant acts as a coach to parents to help them develop the guided participation relationship
- Creates a high quality of life for both parents and child through a developmental program that can bridge the gap to a more balanced life for both
- Focus on family centered intervention planning

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BIG KIDS CLUB!

The Shafer Center Big Kids Club is for children with autism ages 4-6 years who have conversational or emerging conversation skills.

Kids will have fun meeting and playing with new friends with adult support (3:1 child to adult ratio) with obstacle courses, art projects, bounce houses, outside games, and group games.

Admission is **free** and families are welcome to enjoy one-hour of free respite care

The Club will meet at The Shafer Center on October 9, 2010, November 6, 2010 and December 4, 2010

Please sign up for a one-hour session from 11:00-12:00, 12:00-1:00, or 1:00-2:00 on each of the above dates. Enrollment is first come first serve.

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