



# Cedar Chapel Special School Newsletter

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## Mark Your Calendar

Friday, February 5  
Report Cards Issued

Monday, February 15  
President's Day  
Schools Closed

Thursday, February 18  
WCPS Tech Fest

Thursday, February 25  
Snow Hill Planning  
Council Meeting  
6:00

Tuesday, March 1  
Read Across  
America

Tuesday, March 9  
SIAC 5:30

## Principal's Message

February 2010

Dear Parents and Community:

It is hard to believe that we are already beginning the second semester! As with the first semester, we have many activities and programs planned.

The School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC) has planned three important fund raisers that will help support our school budget for the next school year. Please mark your calendars for the annual **Bowling Tournament** that has been set for **Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**. The chairperson for this event, Ms Terri Piano, will be contacting the sponsors of teams that participated in this event last year. Read more about how you can sponsor a team in this month's newsletter. Our second fundraiser is a **"Tricky Tray"** night in May. This will consist of food, entertainment and silent auction items. In June we are planning on having a **Family Carnival** with games, food and entertainment. We will be sending out more information on these events very soon. We strongly encourage parents and community members to participate in these important fundraisers to help support our school. We appreciate all you can do for our students.

I am pleased to announce that Cedar Chapel Special School students will be participating in the **Worcester County Honor Card Program** for students in grades 6 through 12 and up to age 21. Students will be eligible to earn an Honor Card if they meet the requirements for good grades, attendance, and behavior. More information on how students receive an Honor Card is enclosed in the newsletter.

Congratulations to **Mrs. Allison Lucas**, our Cedar Chapel Special School 2010 Teacher of the Year! We are very proud to have Mrs. Lucas represent Cedar Chapel Special School in this year's competition. Mrs. Lucas is creative and innovative in her approach to teaching. She is constantly broadening her knowledge, improving her skills and sharing with her peers what she has learned. She demonstrates the highest level of professional commitment and I am honored to have her represent Cedar Chapel in this year's nomination. Please join me in wishing Miss Allison luck as she competes for the Worcester County Teacher of the Year Award. She will be honored, along with the other school representatives, at the Clarion in Ocean City on **Friday, March 26, 2010**.

I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming fundraisers and school events. We are a great school because of our dedicated staff, supportive parents and caring community.

Sincerely,  
*Rae Record*  
Principal





# Special Olympics



## **Equal Measurements at Stephen Decatur Middle School:**

Cedar Chapel students and graduates have joined with Stephen Decatur Middle School (SDMS) in an inclusive after-school program called "Equal Measurements." The program is designed to provide athletic training and peer interactions for CCSS students while teaching SDMS students awareness, empathy and valuable knowledge about individuals with special needs. Through interactive lessons students become desensitized about myths and become more accepting of all people. The CCSS students play seasonal sports with the SDMS students as they take on the role of mentor, coach, teammate and friend. The program fosters great interaction between the students from both schools.

We are currently completing basketball skills and will soon move into Unified Basketball Games. We hope to create several Unified teams to participate in the 2010 Special Olympics Maryland Basketball Tournament from this program.

## **Winter Games:**

We are sorry to inform you that Lower Shore Special Olympics has decided **not** to participate in Winter Games this year. This is a very expensive sport and we did not feel that we could cut back on participants in a way that would be fair to everyone. We plan to return to this competition in 2011.

## **10 Pin Bowling:**

Special Olympics Maryland has changed 10 Pin Bowling from February to December 2010. We will announce our new training schedule as soon as we decide the best way to handle this change.

### **Training Times and Locations:**

**Polar Bear Plunge:** January 30

**Basketball:** Stephen Decatur Middle School - Thursdays  
*No experience needed.*

### **Special Olympic Maryland Schedule of Competitions**

**Ten Pin Bowling:** *Ten Pin Bowling – Changed to December 2010*

**Spring Classic Basketball:** March 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> - District Heights

**Summer Games:** June 11th through 13th - Towson University  
(swimming, track, bocce, and softball)

All students at Cedar Chapel over the age of eight are encouraged to participate in any of the sports. Students will need to fill out a Special Olympic Participation Form, that includes a medical review, before participating. Students must complete eight weeks of training and compete in required tournaments in order to advance to state competitions. If you would like your child to participate in the winter sports training, please call Rick Blessing at 410-632-5230.



## **The Honor Card**

Cedar Chapel Special School will soon be implementing the Honor Card Program. Students in grades 6 through 12 and up to age 21 will be eligible to earn an Honor Card if they meet the requirements by making academic progress, having no unlawful absences, and having no office referrals during the marking period. We believe that it is important to have an incentive program that recognizes students and encourages them to continue their pursuit of academic excellence. Students who earn the Honor Card will be given an identification card and a corresponding sticker that indicates the marking period for which the card is active. Students can earn new stickers for each marking period. Honor Card students present their cards to participating businesses which entitle them to a discount towards the purchases of merchandise or services.



*“Alone we can do so little;  
Together, we can do so much.”*

Helen Keller



## **American Dental Health Month**

February is Children's Dental Health Month. Ms. Chris Leo, the Director of the Lower Eastern Shore Dental Educational Program, will visit our students at Cedar Chapel Special School for the second time this year on **March 3, 2010**. Ms. Leo will provide students with a presentation on good oral hygiene. We look forward to her visit and each student will receive a toothbrush and toothpaste from the program.

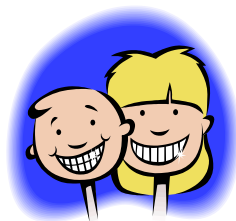
In November, we had many students participate in an Oral Screening Program which included a fluoride varnish. The program was sponsored by Worcester County in Partnership with the Judy Center and The Eastern Shore Oral Health Program; the screenings were performed in school by Ms. Chris Leo. The Dental Screenings and Fluoride Varnish Program will be offered again this year on March 3. Students must have a signed permission form to receive the dental screening. Please complete the enclosed permission form for the dental screening and return it to school. Parents are welcome to be present during the screening. All students are encouraged to participate.

The Fluoride Program at CCSS is going very well. Many CCSS students participate on Fluoride Friday with fluoride rinse or gel. If you would like your child to start receiving fluoride in school, please request a permission form or call Nurse Angie. We would like to thank The Eastern Shore Oral Health and Mrs. Chris Leo, for their support with the Fluoride Program. Fluoride does provide cavity protection to teeth, but the program does not take the place of good oral hygiene; brushing teeth after meals, flossing your teeth and regular check-ups at the Dentist.

If you or your family are in need of Dental Care, please refer to this list of dental Clinics in our area that provide Dental services. These clinics accept dental Insurance and Medical Assistance:

1. Three Lower Counties, Dental Department in Princess Anne, MD. 410-651-5151
2. Community Dental Clinic, Salisbury, MD. 410-912-0287 children 3-20yrs eligible.
3. Dr David Bradford, Berlin, MD. 410-641-3315
4. Worcester County Health Department for information 410-632-1100

Please call the school nurse if you have any questions or need assistance finding a dentist in the area, Mrs. Angie Lathroum RN at 410-632-5230.



### **A Healthy Smile Is Always In Style! Steps to a healthy smile include:**

- Brush and floss each day
- Eat nutritious foods
- Have regular Dental check-ups



# Happy Birthday!

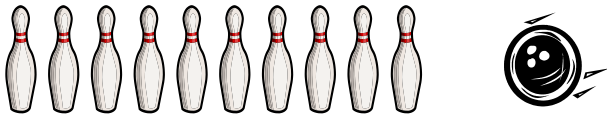
Elijah Shipe	February 1
Kathy Lueders	February 10
Virginia Hastings	February 12
Kevin Crocker	February 13
Kris Dodd	February 13
Bryce Wise	February 16
Deonte Foreman	February 18
Liz Atwood	February 18
Saryn Ricketts	February 22
Angela Lathroum	February 27
Terri Piano	February 28

## CCSS Annual Bowling Tournament

Sunday - April 19, 2010 - 1:00 pm

Please consider putting together a team to bowl with a CCSS student. We ask that each team collect a total of \$250 either by a single or by collective sponsors. Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams that raise the most money. This is a wonderful fundraiser that brings CCSS students, their families and the community together to enjoy a fun filled day. If you have any questions, please contact Tracy at 410-632-5230.

Donations are welcome in lieu of team sponsorship.



Cedar Chapel Special School students are reading up a storm at home to earn Pizza Hut coupons as part of the national "Book It!" Program. It is not too late to join in the fun. Your child's teacher will give you a form to list the books you and your child have shared. We hope that all CCSS students will participate! The following students met their classroom reading quota for the month of December.

Mrs. Brooks

Gabby Mulatu

Mrs. Radford

Bradley Dornes - Michael Knight - Tyrae Tindly

## Hats Off to...



Berlin Optimist Club  
DeiMarVa Condominium Managers Association  
Ladies Pocomoke Elks  
Lioness Club of Ocean City

For your *GENEROUS Donations*.  
Thank you for making a difference!!!

## Cedar Chapel Special School PAW PRINTS

The following students were presented with a Paw Print Award during January:



Kamau Ndirangu 1/8/10  
Xavier Green 1/15/10  
Sarah Swanson 1/22/10  
Chase Baker 1/27/10

Congratulations and keep up the GREAT WORK!!

## Read Across America

### Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration

On March 1, 2010, CCSS will celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday and Read Across America. A special guest (hint: red and white striped top hat, black whiskers, and a black tail...) will read aloud to the students and then we will enjoy

birthday cake. Please feel free to join us or celebrate the joy of reading at home in your own special way with your son or daughter.



## 100th Day

Happy  
100  
Days!

The 100th day of school will be **February 12th**. Students in classes that are keeping a running tally of the first 100 days will receive a certificate and participate in 100th day activities.