



Cedar Chapel Special School Newsletter

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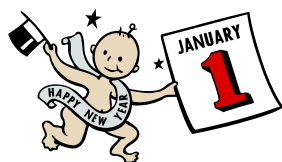
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Principal's Message

January 2010

Mark Your Calendar

- Monday, Jan. 4
Schools Open
- Tuesday, Jan. 12
SIAC, 5:30 pm
- Monday, Jan. 18
Schools Closed -
Martin Luther
King Jr. Day
- Wednesday, Jan. 27
End of 2nd
Marking Period
- Thursday, Jan. 28 &
Friday, Jan 29
Schools Closed -
Professional Days



Dear Parents and Community:

Happy New Year! I hope that your holiday season was relaxing and filled with quality time spent with your family and friends. May you be blessed with peace and a promise of good things to come in the New Year.

The annual holiday party at Cedar Chapel was a great success. Our students were filled with holiday spirit as they participated in various holiday activities. Their afternoon was topped when they received a visit from Santa. Thank you, once again, to the Cedar Chapel **SIAC** and the **Pocomoke Ladies of the Elks** who provided Santa gifts for your children this Christmas season. A special thanks to **Mr. Herb Creed**, who did a wonderful job of providing us Santa!

Congratulations to **Chase Baker** and **Bryce Wise** whose artwork was picked to be displayed in this year's Cedar Chapel Special School's Christmas card. We are extremely proud of their artistic ability!

Many thanks to all those that contributed toys to the Worcester County Sheriff's Annual Toy Drive to help those in need. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. A special thanks to **Mrs. Mary Beth Lampman** for chairing this event.

Congratulations to **Mrs. Allison Lucas**, our Cedar Chapel Special School 2010 Teacher of the Year! Please join me in wishing Mrs. Lucas 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.

As we begin a new year, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support, cooperation and for entrusting us with your child. Let's continue to work together in order to provide our students with the best!

Sincerely,

Rae Record
Principal





Special Olympics



Equal Measurements at St. 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.

Training Times and Locations:

Ten Pin Bowling: Sunday mornings starting in January

Polar Bear Plunge: January 30

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

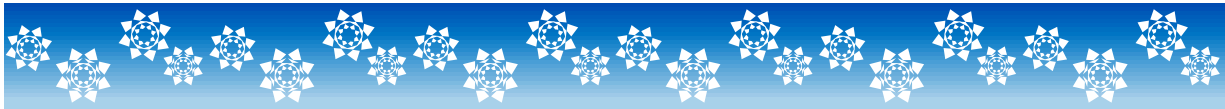
All students at Cedar Chapel over the age of eight are encouraged to participate in any of the sports. Students will need to fill out a Special Olympic Participation Form that includes a medical review before participating. Students must complete eight weeks of training and compete in required tournaments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

Special Olympic Maryland Schedule of Competitions

Ten Pin Bowling: February 13th and 14th - TBD

Spring Classic Basketball: March 20th & 21st -District Heights

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

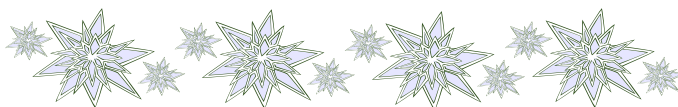


Emergency School Closings and Delays

When it is necessary to delay or close schools due to inclement weather, a message will be aired over local radio and television stations no later than 6:30 am.

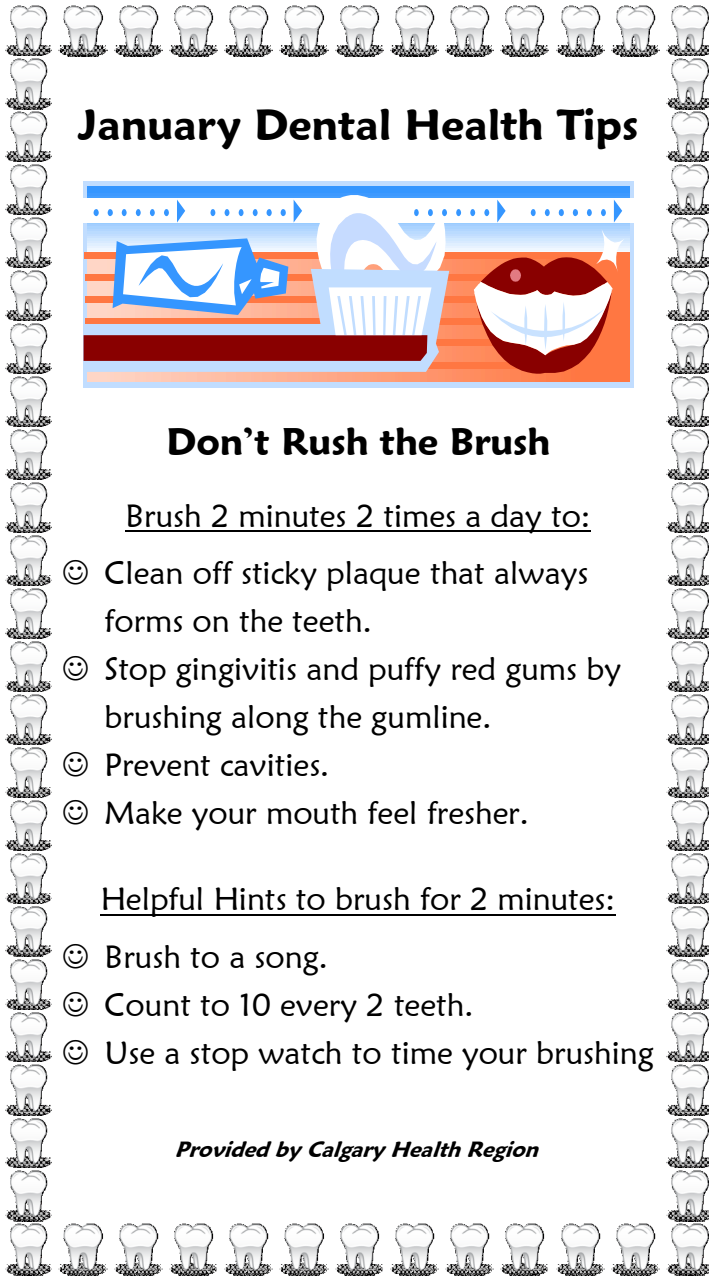
When the opening of school is delayed one hour, all school programs will be conducted and breakfast will be served. When opening is 1-1/2 hours to 2 hours delayed, breakfast will not be served. We will provide a morning snack for the students.

When schools do not open or dismiss early due to inclement weather, all school afternoon and evening activities are cancelled.

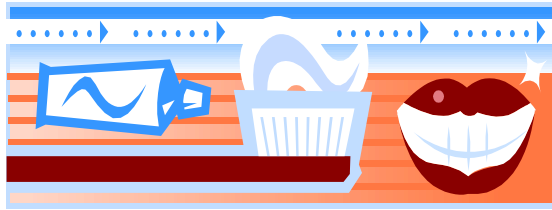




*“Alone we can do so little;
Together, we can do so much.”*
Helen Keller



January Dental Health Tips



Don't Rush the Brush

Brush 2 minutes 2 times a day to:

- ☺ Clean off sticky plaque that always forms on the teeth.
- ☺ Stop gingivitis and puffy red gums by brushing along the gumline.
- ☺ Prevent cavities.
- ☺ Make your mouth feel fresher.

Helpful Hints to brush for 2 minutes:

- ☺ Brush to a song.
- ☺ Count to 10 every 2 teeth.
- ☺ Use a stop watch to time your brushing

Provided by Calgary Health Region

AFG Update

CCSS has been working since January of 2009 toward Re-Accreditation for Growth. CCSS was initially accredited in 2003 and will complete the re-accreditation process with a visit from the Middle State Association of Colleges and Schools in April 2010. Staff is working diligently to complete the following products for the team's review:

1. **Context of the School** - Combines the profile of the community, the profile of the CCSS student body and staff, and the student performance data to create an overall picture of CCSS.
2. **Period of Appraisal** - Summarizes an internal evaluation of the AFG Planning Process and the Plan for Growth and Development, accompanied by various artifacts of evidence.
3. **Planning Process** - Outlines the role of each stakeholder group involved in the Planning Process.
4. **Plan for Growth and Improvement** - Requires the reaffirming of the CCSS Mission and Beliefs as well as the development of the CCSS Profile of a Graduate, Student Performance Objectives and Action Plans to implement the CCSS plan for improvement.
5. **Standards Review** - Surveys all stakeholders in the 12 Standards that define the expected levels of quality on all areas of the school and its operation.

Through this detailed process staff have celebrated great successes and defined new goals. If you are interested in reviewing any part of the CCSS Plan, please contact the school. Staff will be happy to assist you.

Cedar Chapel Special School PAW PRINTS

The following students were presented with a Paw Print Award:

Bryce Wise	12/04/09
Gabby Mulatu	12/11/09
Elijah Shipe	12/18/09
Deonte Foreman	12/22/09



Congratulations and keep up the GREAT WORK!!



Hats Off to...

~Chase Baker & Bryce Wise whose artwork was chosen to be displayed on the CCSS Christmas card!



~Mrs. Allison Lucas for being nominated the 2010 Cedar Chapel Teacher of the Year!

~Mrs. Lampman and Everyone who donated toys for the annual Toy Drive for the needy. We had a wonderful response!

~Pocomoke Ladies of the Elks for their generous Christmas donation!



Cedar Chapel Special School students are continuing to read 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 November:

Mrs. Brooks

Dylan Johnson · Gabby Mulatu · Sammy Sykes

Mrs. Lucas

Chase Baker · Travis Willimas

Mrs. Radford

Bradley Dornes · Michael Knight · Tyrae Tindley
Michael Wilson



Jeanne Helke	January 2
Brandon Smack	January 3
Carol Hastings	January 5
Belinda Gulyas	January 6
Tyrae Tindley	January 7
Courtney Mullis	January 24
Michael Fentress	January 30