



Cedar Chapel Special School Newsletter

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Mark Your Calendar

Monday, October 3rd

Claire's Gourmet
Cookie Dough
Fundraiser Begins

October 10th – 14th

Fire Prevention Week

October 10th – 14th

National School Lunch
Week

October 17th – 21st

National School Bus
Safety Week

Tuesday, October 18th

School Pictures
CCSS Fundraiser at
Hooper's Crab House

Friday, October 21st

Schools Closed
MTSA Convention

Sunday, October 23rd

Fall Festival – Soccer
Crown Sports, Fruitland

October 24th – 28th

Red Ribbon Week

Tuesday, October 25th

SIAC – 6:00 –SHHS

Wednesday, October 26th

Fall Fundraiser ends

October 24th – 28th

Red Ribbon Week

Principal's Message

October 2011

Dear Parents and Community:

Welcome to Fall! I want to thank those families who came to the annual "Back to School Night Picnic" to meet their child's teachers and learn about upcoming events for the school year. October is filled with many exciting events. **Fire Prevention Week** is celebrated the week of October 10th. Teachers will be reviewing fire safety with the students in the classroom. Once again the Snow Hill Volunteer Firemen will be coming to talk to the students about fire safety.

National School Bus Safety Week is celebrated the week of October 17th. It is a great opportunity to say thank you to the bus drivers and bus assistants that safely transport our children each day.

Red Ribbon Week is celebrated on October 24th through October 28th. The focus of Red Ribbon is to teach students to be drug free and to say, "No" to drugs and to peer pressure. Our school nurse has planned a variety of activities for this event.

Our annual cookie dough fundraiser has begun! This year we are selling Claire's Gourmet. Please review the many treats and sweets that are available for sale. All funds raised will go directly to providing our monthly community based instruction. Please see details on this fundraiser in the newsletter.

As you are already aware, the Hooper's Crab House Spirit Week fundraiser will be held on Tuesday, October 18th. Please try to support this fundraiser. Please see details on this fundraiser in the newsletter.

You have previously received a survey from Dr. Jon Andes, Superintendent of Schools, asking for your input on how to help improve our school system. Thank you for your speedy response to this survey. I am happy to report that we will have many classrooms that have earned an ice cream party reward! Your input is greatly valued in helping to make budgetary decisions for our school and county.

In closing, I want to remind you to help keep the lines of communication open by keeping in contact with your child's teacher. Thank you for all you do to support our school, especially for the confidence and trust you place in us each day.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Rae Record
Principal





Special Olympics



Training Times and Locations:

-Soccer: Cedar Chapel Special Olympics is currently training their High School age soccer team on Mondays and Thursdays from 5:30 – 7:00 at Crown Sports in Salisbury. Two qualifying tournaments are required to advance to Special Olympic Maryland's Fall Festival that will be held on October 23rd. This year Crown Sports in Fruitland will be hosting the Fall Festival. This is a great opportunity to watch our students demonstrate their athletic abilities. The first qualifier will be Sunday October 9th in Baltimore County and the second will be at Stephen Decatur High School (TBD).



-Ten Pin Bowling: Lower Shore Special Olympics is also providing bowling training on Wednesday evenings at 5:30. These are being held at Eastern Shore Lanes in Pocomoke City. If your child is not yet signed up but would like to bowl, please contact Robert Blessing at Cedar Chapel.

Equal Measurements:

During the last school year, 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 plan to continue this great program. This year there is another great group of Middle School students that are wonderful working with our students.

Fall Competitions:

Berlin Soccer Qualifier – TBD - Stephen Decatur High School

Baltimore County Qualifier – October 9th – McDonogh School, Baltimore

Special Olympics Maryland Fall Festival – October 23rd - Crown Sports, Fruitland.

If you would like your child to participate in the Special Olympics, please call Rick Blessing at 410-632-5230.



Our Schools Matter:

They are at the foundation of what makes
Worcester County great,
our communities strong,
and our children's future bright.

Please support our efforts to maintain our
great schools.

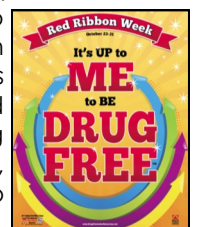
Find out what you can do to help.



Where Did Red Ribbon Week Come From?

In 1985, Special Agent Enrique S. "Kiki" Camarena of the Drug Enforcement Administration was kidnapped in Guadalajara, Mexico and killed by drug traffickers. Shortly after Camarena's death, citizens from his hometown of Calexico, California began to wear red ribbons to remember him and to commemorate his sacrifice. The anti-drug message spread quickly and in 1988 the National Family Partnership took the Red Ribbon Celebration nationwide. The Red Ribbon itself now symbolizes a continuing commitment to reducing the demand for illicit drugs within our communities.

Red Ribbon Week 2011 is October 24-28. The National Theme this year is "It's Up To Me To Be Drug Free". Several fun and educational activities are being planned for the students at Cedar Chapel to help reinforce the national drug prevention theme, including healthy eating habits receiving good oral hygiene and emphasizing tobacco, alcohol and drug prevention. In honor of red Ribbon Week, we are inviting the CCSS Community to **wear red on Friday, October 28th.**



In conjunction with Hooper's Spirit Week
CEDAR CHAPEL SPECIAL SCHOOL
FUNDRAISER

All You Can Eat:

Crabs • Corn • Chicken
Soda and Coffee

Adults: \$25

Children (12 and under): \$15

Tuesday, October 18th

5 pm - 8 pm

Hooper's Crab House

12913 Ocean Gateway • Ocean City, MD

Call 410-632-5230 to Order Tickets



Congratulations to
Timothy Simpson



Graduation Ceremony
 October 19, 2011
 2:00pm
 Snow Hill Middle School

Annual Fall
Fundraiser

This year we will be selling Claire's Gourmet. Let's make this a success! Proceeds of the Fall Fundraiser will support the CCSS Community-Based Instruction Program (Field Trips).

Start Date: October 3rd

Orders & Money are due:

October 26, 2011.

Product Delivery November 15.



Cedar Chapel Special School
PAW PRINTS

As students are "caught" following the rules:

- Students are reinforced for their positive behavior with a CCSS PAW Reward as well as a verbal recognition for their hard work. (Staff also uses a Teaching Matrix to explain and visually describe the positive behavior.)
- PAWS are collected and names are drawn weekly.
- When a student name is called they will receive a prize and their photo is placed on the "PAW PRINTS" bulletin board.

The following students were presented with a PAW Print Award:

Brandon Price	9/09/11
Lessell Richardson	9/16/11
Chase Baker	9/23/11
Michael Wilson	9/30/11

Congratulations and keep up the GREAT WORK!!



KIDS HELPING KIDS

Non-Perishable Food Drive To benefit the Maryland Food Bank

October 7th – November 11th

Most Needed Items

- Meat and Protein: canned meat, peanut butter, nuts and seeds, dried beans, powdered milk
- Baby Products: diapers, infant formula, dry cereal, baby food
- Fruits and Vegetables: canned fruits and juices, canned vegetables, canned soups and stews
- Bread and Cereals: oatmeal, breakfast cereal, rice, rice cakes, pasta

Please participate in this important event by sending in your non-perishable food items.

Don't forget to check for expiration dates.



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



Emergency School Closings and Delays

When it is necessary to delay/close schools, there are 4 ways to access important school messages:

- School Messenger
- WCPS Hotline - 410-632-5399, Ext. 6600
- www.worcesterk12.com
- Local Media

When the opening of school is delayed 1 hour, all school programs will be conducted and breakfast will be served. When opening is 1-1/2 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.



Happy Birthday to You!!

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| Dale Abbott | October 2 |
| Suzanne Miller | October 6 |
| Nancy Mears | October 7 |
| Vicki Radford | October 7 |
| Ariel Godwin | October 9 |
| Frankie Watson | October 30 |



Staying Informed



It is extremely important that the school be kept informed of changes in telephone numbers and residences. If your child becomes ill or injured at school the nurse needs updated telephone numbers where parents can be reached. The school nurse also needs to be informed of any medication changes.

Accreditation for Growth (AFG) Annual Review

“AFG involves key people in creating a vision of the future, rather than letting the future happen to the school.”

As part of the Accreditation for Growth (AFG) process, CCSS conducts an Annual Review each year, which gives staff the opportunity to review the year and report student progress. The following are the data results from August 2011:

**Objective 1
Communication Skills**

- Communication Skills - 89.8% of students are achieving Mastery
- IEP Mastery Level - 37% of students are achieving at the Mastery Level on IEP Goals

**Objective 2
Student Performance**

- Alt-MSA Scores - 100% Proficient or Advanced in Reading, 100% Proficient or Advanced in Math and 100% Proficient or Advanced in Science
- IEP Progress - 11 percentage point growth from 1st quarter to 4th quarter
- Individual Target Assessments - (Functional Life Skills) 84.3% of students are achieving Mastery
- Vocational Objectives - 94.6% of students are achieving Mastery
- Functional Academics - 89.0% of students are achieving Mastery
- Career & Technology Portfolio - 100% of graduating students, completed a portfolio to share with possible employers

**Objective 3
Character Development**

- PAW Progress Targets - 95.8% of student are achieving Mastery
- Individual Incident Targets - 96.4% of student are achieving Mastery

