

THE CR REPORT

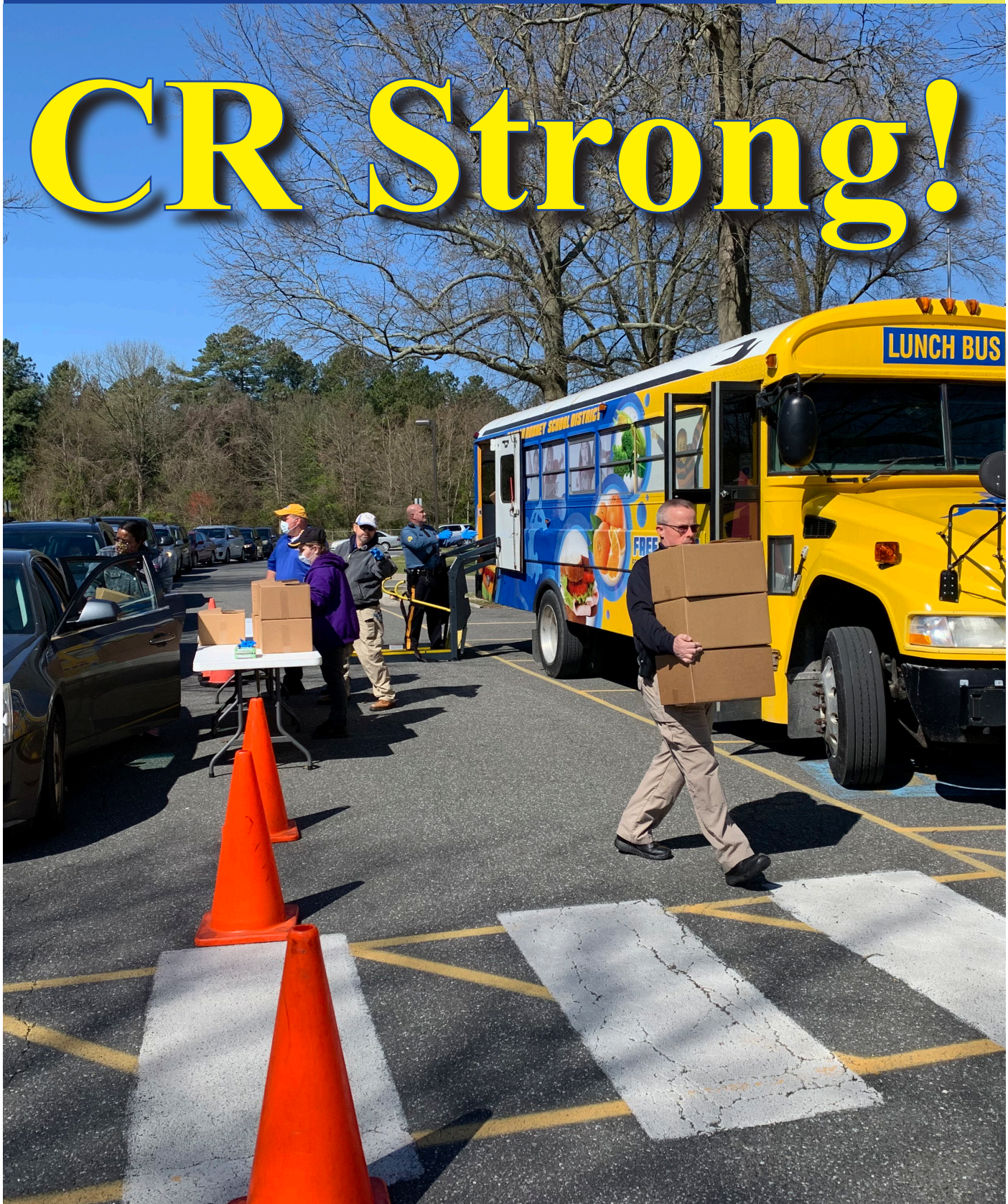
CAESAR RODNEY SCHOOL DISTRICT QUARTERLY
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Caesar Rodney School District, 7 Front Street, Wyoming, DE 19934

Message from the Superintendent

I hope this issue of the CR report finds everyone safe and well. Although it seems like years ago, this issue includes pictures of our students celebrating “Black History Month,” the “100th day of school” and the musical “Cinderella”. Now we practice virtual fire drills and our lessons



Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald, Superintendent

are taught through a variety of online platforms. Yes- It is amazing how in just the blink of an eye, everything that we have come to expect from school has changed. Yet, through these challenges, we have learned and have grown. We appreciate the goodness in those who leave the safety of their homes to prepare and serve

food to those in need; those who have reached out and cared for those who are most vulnerable; those who continue to work and keep our buildings clean and safe; those who drive vans to drop off the needed materials and supplies; those who have prepared the computers and set up the schools as internet hot spots; those who have spent countless hours setting up our remote learning platforms and providing professional development for our teachers and administrators; our teachers, paras and administrators who continue to do all they can to help their students learn and grow; and all of our parents, who have accepted a greater role in the educational process. It is truly inspiring to see how everyone has stepped up to meet the needs of our children. Now, while these are certainly challenging times, I want every student to know that they are not alone on their educational journey. They have the entire community

ready to provide support, guidance, and help in any way. To the graduating class of 2020- You are not forgotten! You have overcome adversity to earn your high school diploma and I promise you, that your graduation will be one of the most memorable in the history of the Caesar Rodney School District! Now, should anyone have any questions about our remote learning programs, please contact the District office or any of our schools. I look forward to the day when our schools reopen and I can once again visit classrooms to see our teachers and students doing what they do best – teaching and learning! Until then stay safe and stay well!



WHATS HAPPENING?

BOARD MEETINGS:

Apr 21: Via Zoom Webinar

May 19: W. Reily Brown Elementary School

June 16: W. B. Simpson Elementary School

SPECIAL EVENTS:

May 29: Last Student Day for Seniors

June 6: Senior Graduation

June 16: Last Student Day (K-11th Grade)

SCHOOL CLOSINGS:

May 25: Memorial Day

June 2: Schools Closed/ In-Service Day (Primary Election day)

June 17-19: In-Service Day

FRONT COVER:

Caesar Rodney School District Child Nutrition Team serving meals at W. Reily Brown Elementary School.

BACK COVER:

Thank You to the CRSD Child Nutrition Team

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For questions or comments, please contact Jason Minto, Community Relations and Information Specialist at: jason.minto@cr.k12.de.us

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Caesar Rodney's

Social Media Posts



In February, Paul Rodgers, Caesar Rodney School District's Supervisor of Child Nutrition, did a cooking demonstration with students from the John S. Charlton School. Paul discussed with the students that when you cooking you want to look for flavor, texture, color and height.



In February, the staff at Allen Frear Elementary School gathered this morning for a heart shaped group photo to show support for Alicia Scala, the school librarian, who is fighting cancer. They all wore matching t-shirts with "In This Family No One Fights Alone" written on them.



In March, author Carol Mason Shrader and her son Benjamin were at Star Hill Elementary School reading her new book "Helix Rolls Into A Sleepover" to students. Benjamin, who has cerebral palsy, spoke about the importance of inclusion of people with disabilities. Students and staff at Star Hill wore "Spread the word to end the word" shirts to recognize the importance of inclusion.



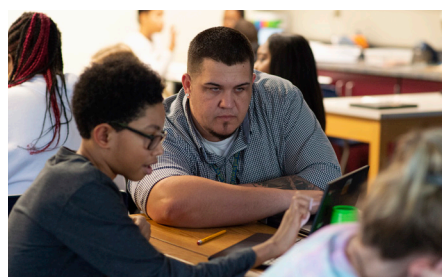
100th

Day of School





CAESAR RODNEY SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILDING TEACHERS OF THE YEAR 2020-2021



KENNETH BEGOR
Fred Fifer III Middle School



PEGGIE BIRCH
Caesar Rodney High School



AMBER CAHALL-LAWRENCE
Star Hill Elementary School



MEGAN DEMPSEY-BYLER
W.B. Simpson Elementary School



NICOLE FOX
W. Reily Brown Elementary School



AMANDA JOHNSON
F. Niel Postlethwait Middle School



JENNIFER MCCARTHY
Dover Air Base Middle School



JEANI PRESZLER
Allen Frear Elementary School



BETH SCHMIDT
Nellie H. Stokes Elementary School



MI WANG
McIlvaine Early Childhood Center



BRIAN ZAMBOTTI
Welch Elementary School



BONNIE ZISTL
John S. Charlton School

CAESAR RODNEY HIGH SCHOOL

Stage Crew & Thespians

The Caesar Rodney High School Stage Crew & Thespians performed "Cinderella" on March 5-7th inside the school auditorium.

After her father unexpectedly dies, Cinderella finds herself at the mercy of her cruel stepmother and stepsisters, who reduce her to scullery maid. Despite her circumstances, she refuses to despair. An invitation to a palace ball gives Cinderella hope that she might reunite with the dashing stranger she met, but her stepmother prevents her from going. Help arrives in the form of a kindly beggar woman who has a magic touch for ordinary things.



Cast:

Cinderella – Elyse Blaier
 King – Michael Sell
 Queen – Hannah Garey
 Stepmother – Elyse Roscoe
 Portia – Michaela Tucci
 Joy – Fiona Mitchell
 Prince Charming – Tre Myers
 Fairy Godmother – Izzie Marasco
 Town Crier (Herald) – Lucas Paret
 Chef – Colby Crawford
 Goose – Fiona Mitchell
 Steward – Kaden Childs
 Footman – David Ransdell
 Coachman – Connor Cooper
 Featured Dancers – Anna Dai, Juliana Diaz,
 Emma Hardy, Alayna Gumpman, Adriana Myers

Company Ensemble – Tony Arrington, Josh Balcena,
 Tryston Bellon, Haydee Byars-Weiser, Aryn Caswell,
 Cameron Cazzell, Kaden Childs, Connor Cooper,
 Michael Covey, Colby Crawford, Madison Crossley,
 Emily DeMarie, Amy Deo, Brenna Geidel, Valeria
 Vazquez Guzman, Tryoniece Hampton-Jones, Emma
 Holston, Isabella Hughes, Christian Kill, Nathanyl
 Lang, Josie Marasco, Maggie McCarthy, Lucas
 Paret, Lee Peppard, Katrina Porter, Danielle Rabang,
 David Ransdell, Jaion Reliford-Hall, Michaela
 Spangler, Samantha Tedesco, Josephine Welch, and,
 Audree Wells





CR Board of Education

Recognitions

In February, the Caesar Rodney School Board recognized Colton Vautard, Terri Lynn Moore, Carlee Merix and Tammy Merix as recipients of the Spirit of Caesar Rodney Volunteer Award.

Colton and Terri Lynn, owners of New U Nutrition in Camden, DE and Carlee and Tammy, owners Imperial Nutrition in Milford, DE gathered donations from their communities to ensure that every student attending the Kent Elementary ILC had gifts for Christmas. “With the high percentage of homeless, displaced, and low-income students attending the KEILC, it was evident that not all of our students would be able to experience opening up Christmas gifts at home,” remarked Adrielle Benini, M.Ed., Assistant Principal, Caesar Rodney Countywide Programs, Kent Elementary ILC. By collaborating with KEILC administration, placing flyers in their nutrition clubs, and requesting donations on their social media channels, the owners of New U Nutrition and Imperial Nutrition provided the students of Kent Elementary ILC with over \$1000 worth of new toys and gifts that students received before leaving for winter break. The leadership staff at ILC spent days wrapping the donated gifts and labelling them for each student. They were able to collaborate with a CR Countywide Programs staff member to serve as Santa and called all the students out to the hallway that was filled with gifts just for them. “The joy on our student’s faces was immeasurable as they each opened two gifts. There were squeals, giggles, and students jumping up and down as well as a tear streamed faces from staff as we watched the students unwrap their new toy. This was truly a special moment for both staff and students at the ILC that would not have been made possible without the help and support of New U Nutrition and Imperial Nutrition. We are so grateful for their generosity in supporting our students” said Adrielle Benini, M.Ed., Assistant Principal, Caesar Rodney Countywide Programs, Kent Elementary ILC.



Fitzgerald Appointed as a Honorary Commander at DSP



Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald, Superintendent of the Caesar Rodney School District, was appointed as an honorary commander for the Delaware State Police in February. Dr. Fitzgerald will enhance his knowledge and understanding of the mission and people of the Delaware State Police.

Spread The Word To End The Word Banner Pledge



In March, students at Fred Fifer III Middle School signed the Spread The Word To End The Word Banner to pledge to never use the “R” word to promote Inclusion, Respect and to be Kind to one another.



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With You All the Way! Tour at Welch Elementary



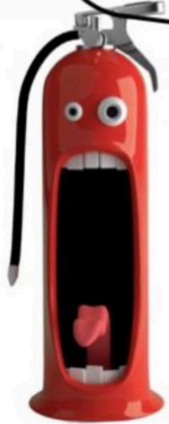
Trevor Romain, a best-selling, award-winning, children's book author and illustrator as well as a sought-after motivational speaker presented his With You All the Way! Tour to students at Major George S. Welch Elementary School in March. This exciting and educational presentation helps kids become happier, healthier, and more confident.

Tracey Quillen Carney Helps Kick Off National School Breakfast Week



In March, Tracey Quillen Carney, the wife of Delaware Governor John Carney, handed out pencils during breakfast at F. Niel Postlethwait Middle School for the start of National School Breakfast Week.

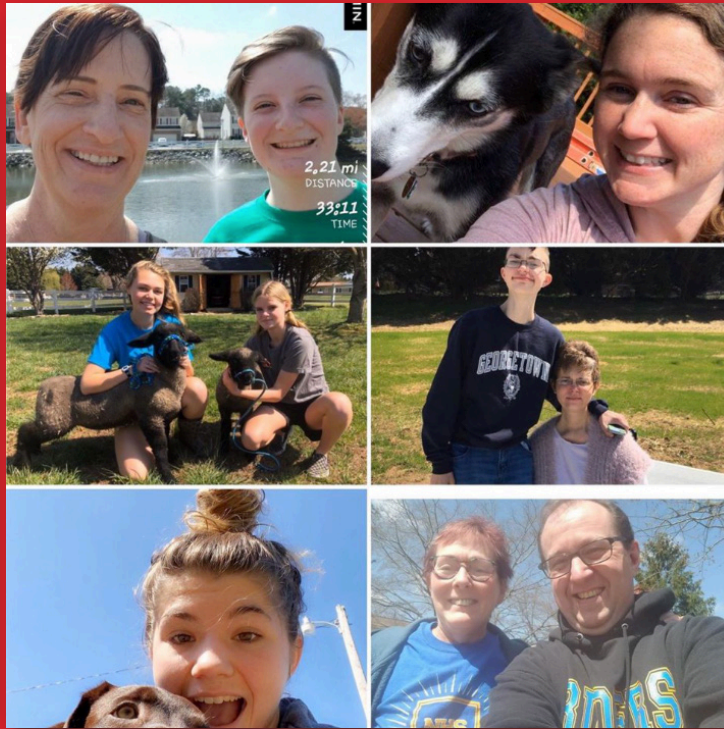
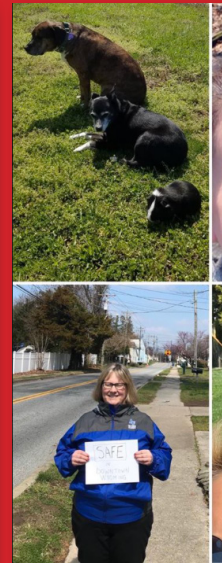
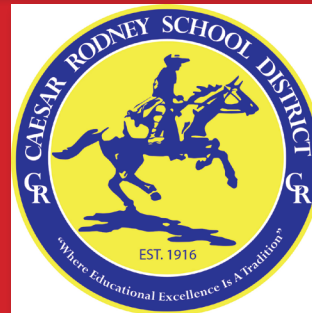
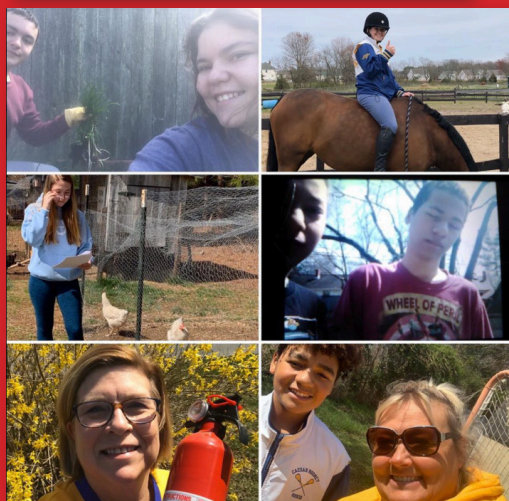
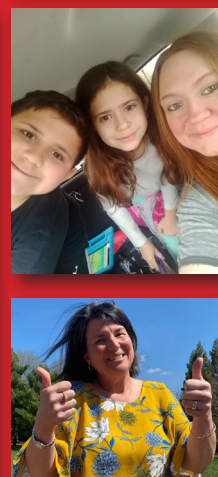
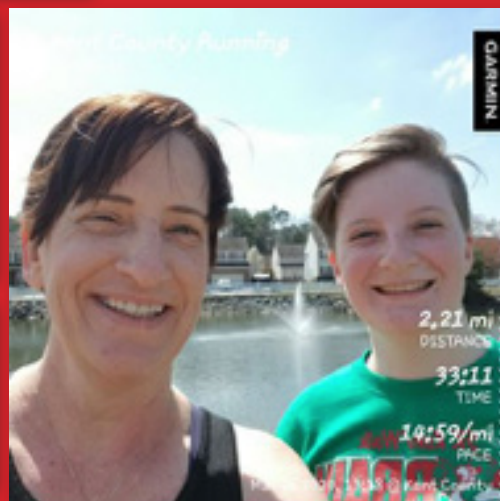
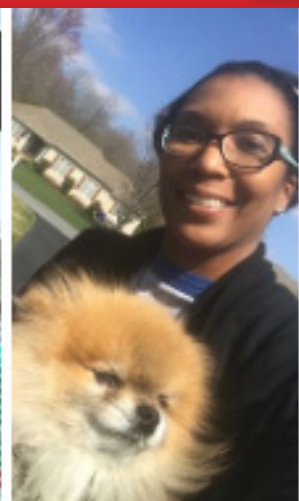
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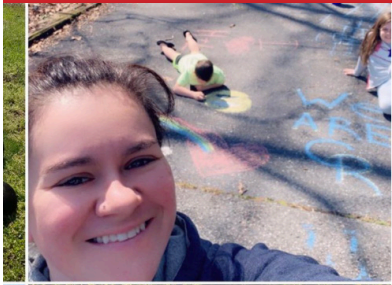
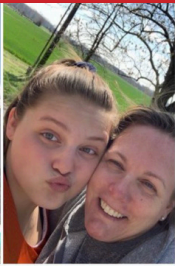
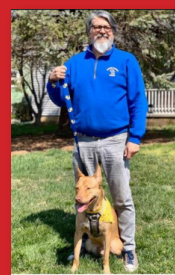
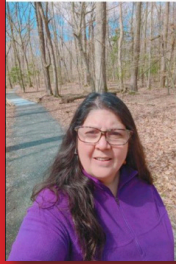
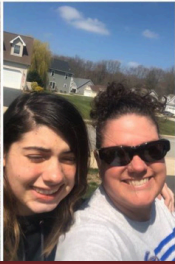
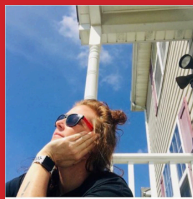
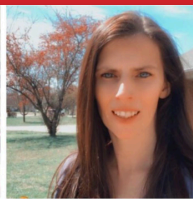
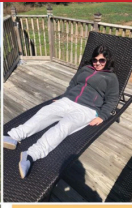
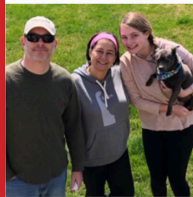
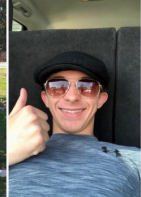
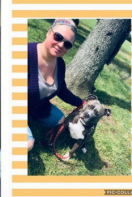
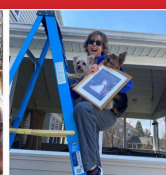
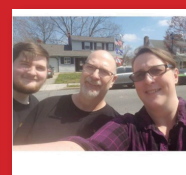
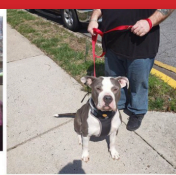
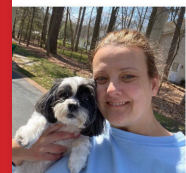
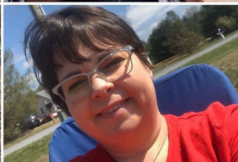


How it Works:

- Set an alarm on your phone for 1:15 p.m.
- When alarm sounds GO OUTSIDE!
- Stay outside for 10 minutes, soaking up the sun!
- Take a Selfie of your home fire drill and send it to us! (Email or DMs)

We will share some of the appropriate photos that come in before 2:00 p.m.!





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CRHS Seniors Sign Letters of Intent



Emmanuel Kennedy signed a Letter of Intent to play football at Delaware State University.



Cody White signed a Letter of Intent to play football at Del Valley University.



John Devonish signed a Letter of Intent to play football at Wesley College.



Ryan Rigby signed a Letter of Intent to play baseball at Delaware State University.

Nellie H. Stokes Elementary Says "Thank You"

In March, the Eco Team at Nellie H. Stokes Elementary School delivered Chick-fil-A to the Camden Police Department and Delaware State Police Troop 3 to say thank you for their service. This is the fourth year in a row that the students at Stokes Elementary delivered food which was started after Delaware State Trooper Corporal Stephen J. Ballard was killed in the line of duty.

"This is a great opportunity for students to give back to the community and let our officers know how much we appreciate their service. I'm not sure who benefited more, them or us" said Dawn Dick, Achievement Liaison Teacher at Nellie H. Stokes Elementary School.



4TH ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION



In February, the district 4th annual Black History Month celebration. This event was attended by over 600 guests and performers. Performances showcased the talents and efforts of students from elementary through high school.

Faculty and staff members from the district also participated in a divine nine parade. Members of the nine historically black fraternities and sororities displayed their pride as they shared the rich traditions of their service organizations.

The event also celebrated the outstanding career of Dr. Donald Blakey educator and in the Caesar Rodney School District.



Dental Clinic



In February, the 436th Medical Group Dental Flight was a Major George S. Welch Elementary School to give the students a dental clinic. They covered what a dentist does, dental cavities and how to prevent them, how to properly brush and floss your teeth and what foods are good and bad for good dental health.

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss

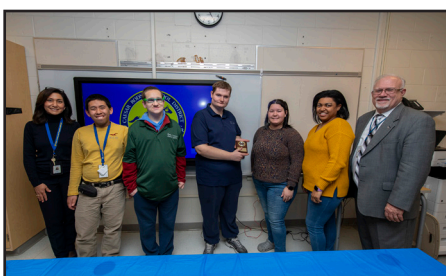


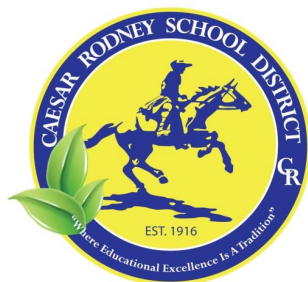
In March, staff and students around the district dressed up to wish Dr. Seuss a Happy Birthday! Fun fact: He wrote "Green Eggs and Ham" on a dare. Challenged by his publisher to write a book using only 50 different words, Dr. Seuss decided to tell the story of a picky eater who continues to refuse the colorful food offerings laid before him.

Community Partner Appreciation Dinner



In February, the John S. Charlton School held their first Community Partner Appreciation Dinner. Community partners from the Children's Place, DeIDOT, Dover Children's Village, Fastenal, Tre Sorelle Dolce, and Voodoo Lax enjoyed dinner and a tour of Charlton's PAES lab. "Our high school and adult aged students have been participating in vocational placements and internships for many years. Community partners and local businesses have been gracious enough to open their doors to allow students with disabilities to learn the vital job skills and soft skills required to obtain gainful employment post-graduation and more importantly the skills to keep that job. Our appreciation has historically been more informal and we felt the need to formally recognize businesses for their continued participation. Without them our students wouldn't have the opportunity to generalize their skills to real life experiences within the workforce. We deeply appreciate their dedication to the John S. Charlton School," remarked Michelle Flanders, M. Ed., Principal, CR Countywide Programs, John S. Charlton School, and Kent Elementary ILC.





GREEN RIDERS

Planning For 21st Century Sustainable Schools

Our CR Center for Green Schools brings you the latest news regarding the district's efforts to raise awareness about sustainability, environmental literacy, and all things GREEN.

The Caesar Rodney Center for Green Schools

REMOTE LEARNING RESOURCES

Spring 2020

Parents, Educators, and Students: find support resources and cool ideas for at-home and remote learning in this edition. Just scan the QR codes below for fun activities, informative news, lessons, and ideas for getting outdoors!

Some smart device cameras have the ability to scan QR codes; otherwise Free QR code reader apps are available online

DNREC: Hosting virtual Earth Day Scavenger Hunt and Pledge



Grades K-8



TIME: All About Earth Day



Grades K-5



DNS: Social Distancing? Get Outside in Nature



Grades K-12



DSWA's Education Corner: Recycle Robot Project & Waste Riddles



Grades K-5



USGBC: Living Lab Hands-on Sustainability Lessons & Resources



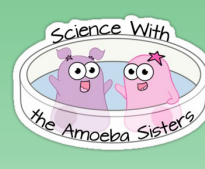
Grades K-12



Amoeba Sisters: What are Viruses & Why are They Not Living?



Grades K-12



DSWA: Cool New Video to Remind Us About Recycling*



Grades K-12



**At home recycling procedures remain unchanged at the time of publication*

Books: Coyote's Guide to Connecting With Nature



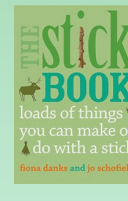
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Books: Loads of Things to Do Outdoors!



Grades 3-8



BBC: Will Covid-19 Have a Lasting Impact on the Environment?



Grades 9-12



NYT: To Prevent Next Coronavirus, Stop the Wildlife Trade, Conservationists Say



Grades 9-12



PRI: Connecting with nature in the time of COVID-19



Grades K-12



The **EcoTeams** at CRSD strive to understand our impact on the ecosystems around us by becoming environmental stewards. The **EcoTeams** also strive to have an impact on our community of students, faculty, staff, and families as we are committed to planning for 21st century sustainable schools that (1) reduce environmental impacts and costs, (2) improve health and performance for all community members, and (3) increase environmental literacy.

The main image shows a woman with short grey hair and glasses, wearing a blue polo shirt, smiling from behind a large stack of brown cardboard boxes. The text "THANK YOU!" is written in large, yellow, outlined letters at the top, and "Child Nutrition" is written in large, blue, outlined letters below it. At the bottom left, there is a yellow-bordered inset photo of five people (three women and two men) standing together, holding boxes. Some of the boxes have handwritten notes like "Served with Love by Super Heroes" and "Packed by Super Heroes". At the bottom right, there is another yellow-bordered inset photo showing a variety of food items including Welch's fruit pouches, PB&J Jamwiches, apples, and boxes of cereal, with a handwritten note that says "Packed with Love By Your Favorite Lunch Lady!! #CFOODIE".

