

The Brave Brag Newsletter

December 4, 2024

INDIAN HEAD ELEMENTARY

Message from the Principal

As we move into the final stretch of 2024, we have some exciting updates and heartfelt thanks to share.

A Big Thank You to Our Dad Volunteers!

We want to extend our deepest gratitude to all the dads who have volunteered their time and energy to support our school community. Your involvement makes a huge difference! If you haven't yet had the chance to volunteer, we encourage other parents to sign up. Please reach out to Tyneka Dorsey, our Family Liaison, at tcutchemberdorsey@ccboe.com to learn about available opportunities.



Congratulations to Our 1st Quarter Achievement Awardees!

We are proud to recognize our students who excelled during the 1st quarter for earning Honor Roll status and for demonstrating excellence in following the 3 Rs: Respect, Responsibility, and Readiness. Your hard work and dedication are truly inspiring!

Be Kind Top Influencers – October Recognition!

A round of applause to our October Be Kind Top Influencers! These students consistently displayed kindness, and we are so proud of their positive impact on our school community. Keep up the great work!

PTO Movie Night – December 13th

Mark your calendars for our PTO Movie Night on December 13th. Bring your family and enjoy a fun evening together! See the flyer below for more details.

Cyberbullying Concerns

I want to make you aware of an increasing concern regarding cyberbullying among students who use social media apps or participate in group chats. Unfortunately, many of the incidents that occur online outside of school hours are carrying over into the school environment, creating

disruptions and negatively impacting students' well-being and focus during the school day. I encourage you to have a conversation with your child about the importance of appropriate online behavior and respectful communication. It is vital to remind them that words and actions online can have real-life consequences, and that they should treat others with kindness both in person and in digital spaces.

Additionally, we ask that you regularly monitor your child's device usage and social media activity to help ensure they are using technology responsibly. By working together, we can create a safer and more positive learning environment for all students.

Only 15 School Days Until Winter Break!

Can you believe it? Winter Break is just around the corner, with only 15 school days left until we break for the holidays. Let's finish strong! Please encourage your child to stay focused, work hard, and continue following school rules so that we can end 2024 on a high note.

Thank you again for all your continued support.

♥ Ms. Shane Blandford, Principal

PARENT INVOLVEMENT DAY

Thank you to all of the parent/guardians who were able to attend our parent visitation day! It was so great for our students to see parents in school supporting learning!





OCTOBER TOP INFLUENCERS

Our October Top Be Kind Influencers earned a breakfast treat, certificate and spirit stick for influencing others to be kind!



IHES TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Please join us in congratulating Mrs. Swinea, our outstanding science teacher, for being nominated as Indian Head's Teacher of the Year! Mrs. Swinea's dedication and passion for teaching make her an incredible asset to our school. She will be recognized at a ceremony in 2025!



JUDY CENTER NEWS

THE CHARLES COUNTY JUDY CENTER

The Judy Center is grant funded by MSDE and serves families who have children ages birth - 5 who are not yet in school and live in three school zones in Charles County; Dr. Mudd, Eva Turner and Indian Head Elementary Schools. Our goal is school readiness and supporting families where they dream.



WHAT WE OFFER:



DAYTIME PARENT/CHILD PLAYGROUPS FOR BIRTH-5 YEAR OLDS NOT IN SCHOOL.



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT, DAYTIME AND EVENING OPPORTUNITIES



SUPPORT FAMILIES BY MAKING REFERRALS TO COMMUNITY AGENCIES TO MEET THEIR NEEDS.



SUPPORT OUR CHILDCARE PARTNERS WHO SERVE CHILDREN WHO WILL COME TO SCHOOL AT A JUDY CENTER LOCATION.

IF YOU ARE EXPECTING OR HAVE A CHILD AGES BIRTH-5 WHO IS NOT YET IN SCHOOL, LET US KNOW!

CLICK HERE 

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZXLB6B6>



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COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS

Charles County Public Schools & CASA
Community Partnership

Join us for an

Evening with CASA

CASA, Inc. is an organization dedicated to supporting Latino and immigrant communities. They offer comprehensive support, including housing, employment, health care, vocational training, legal assistance, and important information about your rights in the state of Maryland.

By becoming a CASA member, you can access a variety of benefits, including the opportunity to receive an ID with your current address. Financial aid for CASA membership is available on a first-come, first-served basis. This event is for Charles County Public School families.

LET'S COME TOGETHER!



Thursday, December 12, 2024
6-8 p.m.



Benjamin Stoddert Middle School
2040 St. Thomas Drive
Waldorf, MD 20602



Enjoy dinner



Movie, activities and popcorn for kids



For more information about this event, please contact Pilar Lepe, International Registration Coordinator, at 301-934-7404 or Jenny Herrera, Bilingual Family and Community Outreach Facilitator, at 301-934-7434.

For further details, visit www.cboc.com or check us out on Facebook at CCPS ELD Program.



Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Charles y CASA
Asociación Comunitaria

Únase a nosotros para una
**Noche con
CASA**

CASA, Inc. es una organización dedicada a apoyar a las comunidades latinas e inmigrantes. Ofrecen un apoyo integral que incluye vivienda, empleo, atención médica, capacitación vocacional, asistencia legal e información importante sobre sus derechos en el estado de Maryland.

Al convertirse en miembro de CASA, puede acceder a una variedad de beneficios, incluida la oportunidad de recibir una identificación con su dirección actual. La ayuda financiera para la membresía de CASA está disponible por orden de llegada. Este evento es para las familias de las Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Charles.

¡UNÁMONOS!



Jueves, 12 de diciembre de 2024
De 6 PM a 8 PM



Escuela Intermedia Benjamín Stoddert
2040 St. Thomas Drive Waldorf, Maryland 20602



Disfrute de una deliciosa cena



Película, actividades y palomitas de maíz para niños



Para obtener más información sobre este evento, por favor comuníquese con Pilar Lepe, Coordinadora de Registro Internacional, al 301-934-7404 o con Jenny Herrera, Facilitadora Bilingüe para la Familia y la Comunidad, al 301-934-7434.

Para obtener más detalles, visite www.cboe.com o visítenos en Facebook en CCPS ELD Program.

WINTER SPIRIT WEEK

Holiday Spirit Week!

MONDAY!
DEC. 16TH

**Crazy
Hair Day!**

TUESDAY!
DEC. 17TH

**Candy
Cane Day!**
WEAR RED & WHITE!

WEDNESDAY!
DEC. 18TH

**Holiday
Sweater &
Hat Day!**

THURSDAY!
DEC. 19TH

**Tinsel &
Sparkles!**

DRESS LIKE HOLIDAY DECORATIONS!
TINSEL, SPARKLES, LIGHTS, ETC!

FRIDAY!
DEC. 20TH

**Holiday
Pajama
Day!**



IMPORTANT DATES

December 4

- 2 Hour Early Dismissal

December 9

- Interims Posted

December 13

- PTO Movie Night

December 16

- 5th Grade Winter Concert - 6:00p.m.

December 23-January 1

- Winter Break - Schools Closed



Shane Blandford

Shane is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters