



# Backpack Newsflash



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## We Need U to help Us spell commUnity!

Join us for this year's Celebrity Chef & Waiter Gala as we mark CB Cares EF's 20th year of service to the Central Bucks School District and community. Last year was **SOLD OUT!**  
Don't wait to come to the table for CB Cares. Reserve your seat **TODAY!**



This epicurean extravaganza will not disappoint beginning with the event's farm-to-fork philosophy with menu items carefully selected by our own CB Cares Director, Kimberly Cambra! Savor the inspiring talents of our culinary students and celebrity chefs at the most gastronomic event in Bucks County along with a VIP reception and 4-course wine-paired dinner.

Over the last 5 years, we have had the opportunity to expand our programs as an educational foundation to include Innovative Learning Grants that allows teachers to pilot innovative learning opportunities. To continue to be a top school district, now more than ever collaboration is needed to meet our goals of preparing our children both emotionally and academically for a future of personal success.

Please come to the table and show your support on Sunday, June 4th or become a sponsor at a meaningful level. Your contribution will make a significant impact in your community and allow us to deliver valuable resources, tools and solutions for families.

To purchase tickets or for sponsorship info:

<http://cb-cares.org/events/cb-cares-community-events/>

## MAY'S BOOMERANG ASSET #37 Personal Power



### Celebrate the People in the Central Bucks School District Who Make a Difference in Your Child's Life

Looking for a special year-end gift for that exceptional teacher or staff member in your child's life? This program is a wonderful way to honor those educators who have truly made a difference and inspired your child in some way. CB Cares EF will send a student-designed card to the honoree with a special tribute message. All you need to do is simply designate your gift in your honoree's name and CB Cares EF takes care of the rest. Go today to <http://cb-cares.org/teacherstaff-recognition/>



# Boomerang Youth Recognition Award

The following students represent the Boomerang Youth Recognition Award for

## April's Asset #25 Reading for Pleasure

Young person reads for pleasure most days of the week either alone, with family members or with friends.

### Elementary School: Caroline Jordan Butler Elementary Grade 3



When Caroline first started to read she really struggled. She worked hard in the reading recovery program through 2nd grade. In 3rd grade she blossomed and went from struggling avoidant reader to a child who will get lost in a book. She loves to read and reads all different kinds of books. When she was little she would only try to read if I read with her and for a very short period of time. Now she carries a book with her everywhere she goes, reads by herself and loves to go to the library taking out a stack of books at a time! I am so proud of her effort and success. I think it has made a huge difference in how successful she is in school. Cultivating a love of reading at a young age is invaluable to a child. I think she is well on her way to a lifetime of success.

### Middle School: Jordyn Marchincin Tohickon Middle School Grade 9



I believe Jordyn exemplifies this month's asset! She has always been fond of reading and she has a thorough passion for it which constantly inspires others to also read more. She recently shared with me her experiences in the reading Olympics and during her preparation, she happily read the recommended texts and her personal favorites. This led to her excelling in the event and her joy certainly shined! Another example of the asset was when we took a trip and Jordyn talked all about the aspect of the book she was reading and her enthusiasm was clear as she described all the aspects of the book, explained the previous stories in the series and read through sections to highlight what aspects that she believed I would love given my own favorite styles. She encouraged me to start the series at the beginning, read excerpts to encourage me and detailed all the characters so I would be up to date when I started my own.

### High School: Lydia Hu CB West High School Grade 11



Lydia was nominated by 5 different staff members!! Lydia is a WONDERFUL and a voracious reader. She comes to the library every day for a new book (or two) to check out. She finds the time to do her schoolwork, at which she excels (4.0 GPA the last time I checked), and read dozens of independent books throughout the year. She single-handedly runs the CB West Reading Olympics team, recruiting members, organizing meetings, and representing readers at the annual competition. Last year, I asked if she could read the Pulitzer Prize winning novel, *The Goldfinch*, and tell me about it. Despite its 771-page length, Lydia read it in 2-3 days and reported back details and convinced me that I need to read the book as well! She's currently checked out over 90 books this year, making her the CB West student who has read the most books this year. Lydia is incredibly talented & hardworking, & whenever she completes an assignment she reaches for her book. For many months, I wasn't even sure if Lydia had a smart phone (spoiler alert: it turns out that she does) - I even asked her other teachers if they'd ever seen Lydia with a phone - because many other students reach for their phones for distractions when they finish an assignment early, but not Lydia. Her love of reading shows a true thirst for knowledge.

### May's Asset #37 Personal Power

Young person believes that they can effect change and make a difference in their school and/or community. They believe that they have some control over things that happen in their world, that things just don't happen to them.

Nominations will be due to your school by **Tuesday, May 23rd.**

**Quest Team inspire Kutz students to create “Reading for Pleasure” video for monthly Boomerang Award**



With the collaboration of two Quest team teachers – Adam Controy of Kutz ES and Sinead Doherty of Buckingham ES , a short video was created and produced by students for students! This pilot program will take shape next year with monthly videos capturing the monthly Boomerang message to help give students a better understanding of the Developmental Assets. Here’s the link, in case you missed the launch:

<https://vimeo.com/212792041>

*“What goes around, comes around”*

**TIPS FOR BUILDING ASSET #37  
PERSONAL POWER**



Young people who have a strong sense of their own power believe that when good things happen to them, they had some control over the outcome. If things go wrong, help young people focus on the positive steps they can take to remedy the situation. Help them see how they can make a difference in their lives and the lives of others.

**In your home and family:** Teach your child practical skills, such as how to change a tire, cook a meal, and sew on a button. Well-prepared young people are more likely to feel a sense of personal power.

**In your neighborhood and community:** Support young people’s efforts to be industrious. For example, buy lemonade from their lemonade stand, read their homemade newspaper, and attend a play they put on in their garage.

**In your school or youth program:** Challenge the young people in your class or program to come up with a creative way to raise money for an underprivileged family or a charity in your area. Then put the plan into action. Serving others helps young people realize they can make a difference in the world, which gives them an enormous sense of personal power.

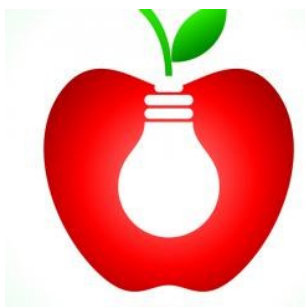
**Nominate a deserving student for the Boomerang Award - TODAY!**



**Over \$20K Awarded for 2016-2017 for Innovative Learning Grants (ILG)**

← Ms. Haag’s classroom (Unami MS) was awarded an ILG for her Markerspace project which will bring weekly opportunities to her students to creatively develop projects in the field of computer science.

ILG check was presented to Mr. Lechniak (Gayman ES) to purchase camcorders for the Mustang TV Studio. Equipment will be used to develop and edit segments for broadcasting. ↓



**Innovative Learning Grants News!**



# teacher appreciation WEEK

May 8-12, 2017



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NOVA's 5th Annual



**Date:** Sunday, June 11, 2017  
**Time:** 8:30 AM (1 mile run/walk)  
9:00 AM (5 mile run)  
**Place:** Doylestown Central Park, 310 Wells Road, Doylestown, PA 18901  
**Cost:** \$10 (1 mile run/walk) and \$30 (5 mile run). Prices increase to \$15 and \$35 after June 7, 2017. Kids under 4 free. **REGISTER NOW**

<http://www.novabucks.org/news-events/nobullyingrun/>



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### HEADLINING THIS YEAR'S CELEBRITY CHEF & WAITER GALA

◀ ERIKA MARTIN &  
FRANCESCA RUSCIO  
NBC10 News Traffic & Weather

JENNY LEE STERN ▶  
Broadway Actress & Cool Linden Mom



★Celebrating CBSD Alumni ★ Francesca Ruscio (CB East '11) and Jenny Lee Stern (CB West '96) ★

#### Our Mission Statement:

CB Cares Educational Foundation, in partnership with Doylestown Health, the Central Bucks School District, local businesses, and the community, is dedicated to enriching the experience of students through learning grants and 40 Developmental Asset based programs which promote responsible and resilient youth.