



## CARMEL CLAY SCHOOLS

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### **Good News** **January 14, 2011**

#### **AWARDS & RECOGNITION**

##### **German Teacher Named “Best of Indiana”**

Angelika Becker, CHS German Teacher, has been named “Best of Indiana” by the Indiana Foreign Language Teachers Association. Angelika will be representing her school and the state of Indiana at the Central States Conference in Milwaukee.

##### **CCS Commended by DOE for Consistently Making AYP**

The Carmel Clay School district has made Adequately Yearly Progress (AYP) since 2003 and Dr. Tony Bennett, Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction, recently congratulated Dr. Swensson and all the staff at Carmel Clay Schools for this accomplishment.

##### **Clay Middle School Coach Breaks Record**

Bob Weaver (pictured right) earned his 300<sup>th</sup> victory as basketball coach and has broken the record for highest number of wins in Hamilton County.



##### **Cherry Tree Student Wins Scholastic Contest**

Kade Kultgen, Cherry Tree third grader, wrote a story about how to help a new student feel comfortable in a new school and was one of 10 winners out of 1000 entries in the Scholastic contest.

##### **Carmel Middle Students Place in Top Three in Veteran of Foreign Wars Patriot’s Pen Contest and Named Winners in the Richard Lugar Writing Contest**

Mara Paterson, first place, Hallie Stallings, second place, and Nick Fowler, third place, were honored for their excellent writing skills by the VFW. This year’s topic was “Does Patriotism Still Matter?” Matthew Hodges and Paige Bousamra were recently named Hamilton County winners in the Richard Lugar/Farm Bureau essay contest. The topic was “Agriculture: Then and Now.”

##### **CDC Hangs Clay Middle School Educational Posters**

After studying the Ebola virus last year, students in Mark Weaver’s Science class made posters to help curtail the spread of the disease and submitted them to the Center for Disease Control. The posters now hang on the walls of the CDC and the U.S. Assistant Surgeon General showed his gratitude to students by presenting each with a brass CDC commemorative coin and stand.

### **CHS Students Named Semifinalist**

Kevin Song, Zenas Shi, and David Zheng were named Semifinalist in the Intel Science Talent Search – the nation’s most prestigious pre-college science competition.

### **Community Involvement**

#### **Lions Club Helped Students Prepare for Business**

Carmel Lions Club members helped 5<sup>th</sup> grade students prepare for Junior Achievement’s annual event, Biztown.



#### **Creekside Pen Pals with Chile Students**

Spanish students at Creekside Middle School have been writing each other in Spanish and English.

### **PHILANTHROPY**

#### **Forest Dale Fundraiser for Hamilton County Habitat for Humanity**

Students and staff at Forest Dale Elementary sold candy cane pens in December and raised \$378 for the Hamilton County Habitat for Humanity.

#### **College Wood Staff Buys for IPS #19 Staff**

As part of a long-standing partnership between College Wood Elementary and IPS School #19, the College Wood staff, on their own initiative, purchased and surprised the entire staff at IPS School #19 with gift cards.

#### **Carmel Elementary Collects 5 Million Pop Tabs for Riley**

Carmel Elementary has reached their goal of collecting 5 million pop tabs and has received an award from the Ronald McDonald House that will be displayed proudly in the front office. Carmel Elementary has been saving pop tabs since 2001 and is inviting the community to join them in meeting their next goal of 6 million.

### **EVENTS**

#### **CHS Culinary Students Prep for Taste of the Chamber**

Students from the Family & Consumer Sciences Department will be creating “Carmel” cheesecakes for attendees of the Taste of the Chamber event and contending with some of the top restaurants in Carmel. This business event is held on Jan. 20 from 4:30-7p.m. at the Ritz Charles on Meridian Street. While not a family event, community members are invited to attend and to bring their appetites! Tickets are \$5 for members (CCS employees are members) and \$10 for non members.



## CHS Orchestra plays at Palladium

In a tuning concert for the Palladium, the high school orchestra was invited to play Jan. 7 for family and friends. This unique experience was appreciated and enjoyed by all.



## West Clay 4-on-4 Basketball Game for Everybody Counts

Four wheelchair athletes from the Rehab Hospital of Indiana teamed up against four faculty members, who were provided their own special sports wheelchairs, on Jan. 14 to celebrate the last day of Everybody Counts week. Everybody Counts is a program that teaches disability awareness.

## Creekside vs. Carmel Fire & Police Charity Basketball Game

On Friday, Jan. 28, Creekside Middle School will host its seventh annual Charity Basketball Game, benefitting the Julian Center, a shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic abuse. Four round-robin basketball games, pitting all three Carmel middle schools and the city's police and fire departments will begin at 6 p.m. in Creekside's north and south gymnasiums.

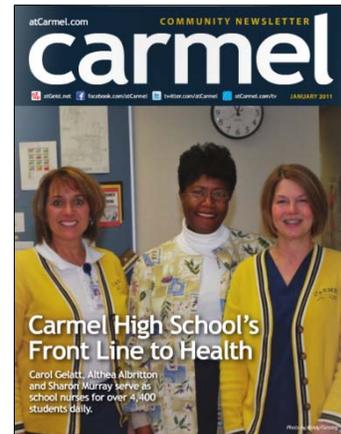
## News

### Behind the Scenes in the CHS Clinic

The work, accomplishments, and innumerable tasks of the CHS nursing department are spotlighted on the cover of AtCarmel magazine. You can read more online here [www.atcarmel.com](http://www.atcarmel.com).

### Superintendent's Guest Column for Carmel Star

With the newly upcoming legislative session beginning, Dr. Swenson discusses the importance of receiving the local control needed to pursue high achievement. To read his article, please visit [http://www1.ccs.k12.in.us/district/downloads/cms\\_block\\_file/43444/file/40255](http://www1.ccs.k12.in.us/district/downloads/cms_block_file/43444/file/40255).



### Creekside Autism Work is a Model for Others

With the help of a grant three years ago, Creekside has become the model site for educating students on the autism spectrum and will branch out to six elementary buildings this year. You can read the full article here <http://atcarmel.com/blog/creekside-middle-school-offers-support-autistic-children/>.

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