# Chester Chats

School Newspaper written by students for students



We would like to give a warm welcome to our new students Riley, Hudson, Jack and Jugad. Welcome to CBA!

#### Annie

By: Grace F.



Did you know Annie has straight hair? Well I guess she did at one time. On March 19<sup>th,</sup> we went on a field trip to see the musical Annie! Since I played Annie last year in our play at school, I think this would be a wonderful experience writing about it. I was honored to be Annie last year, and I am honored to go to the play this year! Just as I expected there were huge spotlights and balconies! I sat way up high, and I felt like I was sitting on the ceiling. The show was even better than I had expected, especially from up there. In fact, the girl who played the part of Annie on Broadway was nine, just like me! Some scenes in the play were added, some were the same, and some weren't even there.

The Orchestra was the Philadelphia Orchestra which is one of the best orchestras I have ever heard. In my opinion, the way they pull off the scenes and put them on with no hands to be seen is pretty cool. They also added snow and lightning bolts to the background with sounds!

If you went, I bet you would want me to remind you that Grace Farrel made her voice last for at least 10 seconds in a straight line and no pauses. How about the president? He was really a riot. Wow! Who was the seamstress? The costumes sparkled in the spotlight. In one scene, the radio girls wore sparkling pink dresses and then all of a sudden, a little while later, it's Annie with her curly hair! Here she comes down the staircase in her red curly hair and shiny red dress. Like I said the play was outstanding but the actresses, singers, and dancers are what really brought it, and what always will.

#### **Talent Show** By: Ava B. and Lizzie C.

This was our third annual Talent Show. This year there was a new component where students could display an art piece instead of performing on stage. 3 students submitted artwork: Audrey M., Natalie M., and Katie M. Ariana B. made a model of a car and racetrack.

When you are a performer you get ready in the Spanish room back stage. Then when you are done you come out to sit and wait for your turn to perform. Ms. Moser's job is to make sure everyone has their music set and they are ready to go on. If you are not performing in the Talent Show, then you are an audience. Hopefully the students liked the show this year and do it again next year. Behind the scenes, there are secrets and surprises that might happen. but those secrets and surprises are meant to be a surprise.

Rhett B. and Peter C. did an amazing sports routine.

James B. and Gavin B. played "Ode to Joy" on the Recorder.

Caitlin T. sang "Shake it Off". Kirti P. performed a ballet routine. Meghan E. sang "Shake it Off". Michael R. performed a martial arts routine. Samantha E. played "Little Drummer Boy" on the piano. Madison H. sang "Centuries". Ray C. did an amazing magic routine. Violet M. sang "Naughty". Robert E. played the piano and sang "Stav With Me". Danielle L. sang "Super Trouper". Grace F. sang "Best Day". Courtney C. performed a gymnastics routine. Emma N. put science on a. experiment. Ava B. and Lizzie C. performed a dance routine. Ettienne L. played the ukulele and sang the song "Problems." Congratulations to all performers

and art submissions. Everyone did wonderful! We are looking forward to next year to see what everyone can do!



The 2015 Talent show participants!

#### Play Practice By: Ryan M.

This year for the spring concert we are having a play. The play we are performing is the Stinky Cheese Man.



But you can't just perform without a practice. So we have to practice. All the people with big parts speaking or acting have to practice. Almost everyone that got a part has to practice for the play. The days that people have to practice are on Tuesdays. I think this play will be the best!!

#### Franklin Institute By Sena A.

Have you ever been to the Franklin Institute?

Did you ever go to the sports room? Well if you haven't, you get to play cool sports games like the soccer game. In that game, you get to kick the soccer ball at the screen and then the ball appears up on the SCREEN. You can also drive a racecar... 3, 2, 1 go!

In the space room there are really fun games. One of the fun games are building your own rover out of Legos and racing it on a bumpy, hilly, rock. Another fun game is the computer game. When you play the computer game you get to save the sun from blowing up by riding a spaceship and going to the sun! BOOOOOOOOOM!

In the science exhibit there is lots of fun stuff to do. There is a pipe game. There are two water pumps, and you have to put the pipes in the right order, then turn the lever. It makes the water run through the pipes. If you want to hear about more fun stuff, go to the Franklin Institute.



4<sup>th</sup> grade at the Franklin Institute

#### Hoops for Heart By: Scott G. and Cruz V.

This month is Hoops for Heart. We battle the teachers head to head in a basketball game. The colors of this year's banner are orange and sort of gold. The teachers will try to beat us again, but they will never win. Who will help the teachers this year? Take a guess, the parents. Although they will be harder to beat, they will never win.

We were able to raise the following amounts in previous years:

2004-2005-\$1,089.00 2005-2006-\$3,535.00 2007-2008-\$3,908.00 2008-2009-\$3,584.00 2009-2010-\$1,832.00 2010-2011-\$3,136.00 2011-2012-\$2,708.00 2012-2013-\$4,169.00 2013-2014-\$4,752.00

The American Heart Organization rewards us with prizes. We get rubber ducks that go on a lanyard, a fire fly, a Hoops for Heart T-shirt, a basketball, a mini beamo, portable capsule speaker, a smakball, and for the grand prize and for 1,000 dollars a ZIKE Z150. When you raise money online you can get Mrs. Cool Duck, Scribble Ninja, Sock Monkey Duck, the Super Duck Trophy, Spy Duck, and the Ski Duck.



Hoops for Heart 2015



Gavin B. and Kenzo C. 2/1,Audrey M. 2/2 Sommer B. 2/9, Joey M. 2/17, Harry S. 2/20 and Anisha D. 2/27

Natalie M. 3/3, Maeve C. 3/11, Kayla M. 3/14, Lizzie C. 3/24, Raymond B. 3/25, Sebastian S. 3/28, and Emma N. 3/30,

Grace F. 4/1, Rhett B. 4/6, and Stowe T. 4/7,

#### Planetarium By: Ariana B.



Kindergarten entering the Planetarium

Have been to vou ever a planetarium? Well on February 5, 2015, a person named Denise Vacca took a planetarium and put it in our gym! A planetarium is a place that you can go inside and see the stars and planets. Ι thought the planetarium looked like a big bubble from the outside. The only way that you could get inside the planetarium was by crawling through a hole. It was dark in the hole, but when we got in there we could see just fine. When I went inside, there was a big picture of the sun with sun glasses. Funny, right! Right! We saw the picture of the sun with sunglasses, and we got to look at the stars and planets. We also looked at constellations. We saw the Big Dipper and the Little Dipper. Then after that, we named all of the constellations and saw them. After that, we got to point out the North

Star! Pre-K and Kindergarten participated in the show called Seasonal Skies. Then 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade's show was called Explore the Skies. Last but not least, 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade's show was about The Sky Tonight.

If you would like to learn more about the planetarium that came to Chesterbrook, then please visit: http://www.starsonthemove.com/

### Word Search

**By: Ettienne L.** 



#### 100th Day of School By: Sena A.

The 100th day of school was on Thursday, February 5th. On that day, we only have only 81 days of school left! Today marks 43 days left. Kindergarten did a lot. They dressed up like they were 100 years old. They wore nightgowns, slippers, gray wigs, and more. They also made trail mix with 100 pieces of snack. They even imagined what they could buy with 100 dollars. Then, they did a hundred day centers and much more.

4th grade, 5th grade and 2nd grade did a 100th day challenge. They had to see how many things we could do in 100 seconds like sit down and get up, ABCs, count to ten, hop on one foot, write our name, blow gum bubbles, eat cheerios, and more.



Stowe, Julia, Devan and Erica as 100 year olds!

## Ice Cream Sundae Celebration

By: Colin R.

Every year for Reading Month, we set ourselves a goal of how many books we can read. If we meet our goal, we can turn Mr. Rodia into an Ice Cream Sundae. After that, we set ourselves another goal for additional teachers to be ice cream sundaes! This year our goal for Mr. Rodia was 70,000 minutes and each additional teacher was 1,000 minutes. Guess how many we read? We read over 105, 000 minutes! We ran out of teachers!

This year, we also raised money to donate to Ronald McDonald house. We raised \$3,846.95! The Ronald McDonald house is a place that when kids get sick, their family members can stay while they wait for them to get out of the hospital. The students that raised the most money were Katie, with \$120, Cruz, with \$310, and Kellan, with \$600.

We also had a reward of getting tickets for the 76ers game! The people that won the tickets to the 76ers game on March 18<sup>th</sup> are Addison, Rohan, Madison, and Emma. The people that won the dinner with the 76ers at the Ronald McDonald House are Cruz, Katie, and Scott.



Mr. Rodia, Ms. Falatko, Mrs. Roupe, Mrs. Scott, Ms. McGarrigle, Ms. Montiero, Ms. Moser, Mrs. Capotrio, Mrs. Waxman, and Mrs. Schettone as ice cream sundaes

#### **Trustworthy Day** By: Courtney C.

On Trustworthy Day in 2015, the 3rd grade class presented. They made a video of themselves reading "This Is Not My Hat" By: Jon Klassen. It was about a fish that was not trustworthy. They also told us some ways to be trustworthy. Some ways to be trustworthy are: telling the truth, not bullying, not cheating and keeping promises. If someone trusts you with something you should do what they ask. Trustworthiness is one of our character counts traits that helps us be better students.



3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Presenting Trustworthiness at PRIDE Time

#### Gal Pal Dance By: Taylor G.

The Gal Pal dance was on February 20th from 7-9 p.m. It started off with a gal giving their pal a flower and then taking a picture before going into the gym. Then people were able to choose to sing karaoke, get tattoos, and take funny green screen pictures. Around 8:00p.m., we started dancing, and before we knew it our dads were busting a move! The yummy snacks available were: candies, gumballs. cookies, fruit tarts, and cupcakes. There were lots of dances including: the Macarena, the Chicken Dance, and the YMCA. This was all put together by Mrs. Roupe, Ms. Moser, Ms. Falatko, Ms. Becca. Ms. Monteiro, and Mrs. Seltzer. Everyone had a great time. At the end of the dance, everybody had a smile on their face. As we left, we got a pen flower, and a few days later we got photos.



Catlin, Hope, Alexis and Allison dancing to the Macarena at the Gal Pal

#### Crazy Hat Day By: Zack W.

Crazy hat day is one crazy day! This year someone was wearing a bird's nest! Mr. Rodia showed a movie and snack. The secret snack was donuts and chocolate milk. The reason why we call it Crazy hat day is because it is Doctor Seuss' birthday. The reason why we wear crazy hat is to be like Dr. Seuss' first book "The Cat In The Hat". It is related to the Cat in the Hat because he wears a crazy hat! Peter's hat was amazing! It was a rainbow Mohawk. Ray was wearing an army helmet. This was one crazy hat day!

#### Coming soon...

Our last edition of the Chester Chats for the 2014-2015 school year will feature:

Articles from our graduating 5<sup>th</sup> grade class!

Favorite events from the year!

Pac's BINGO event!

Spring Art Show

Spring Play

**Kindergarten Character Days** 

And so much more!



Kindergarten with crazy hats!

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