



Heads Up

October 4, 2013

¡Bienvenidos a Chesapeake Academy!

Chesapeake Academy is so excited to welcome two exchange students from Guatemala in October, November and December. The students are ambassadors through the Faces and Our Cultures program and will arrive on October 14. Anika Samayoa will be joining our 7th grade. Anika plays the guitar, plays tennis and enjoys cooking. In 8th grade, Dany Alfaro is very athletic and looks forward to joining the soccer team. As part of their exchange, Anika and Dany will present programs to the student body about Guatemala and they will even prepare a Guatemalan meal! The Keesees will serve as host family for Anika and the Shivers family will host Dany. We look forward to meeting our visiting Ospreys!

Structures in September: What makes a tower so tall? How does a tower's shape determine how sturdy it is? What makes a bridge able to hold so many cars? How does the design of the bridge help it stay strong?

These are some of the questions explored recently by multi-age groups in the lower school. This three part process began with a study of shapes. Each team was first assigned a structure (bridges or towers) and a shape, such as a cylinder, cube, or pyramid. Teams then worked together to discover the pros and cons of building with their assigned shape. Finally, as experts on their particular shape, teams were able to create a presentation and share their findings with the rest of the lower school.

The second phase of the project involved building their structure using whichever shapes the team believed would compliment their design. Each child brought in recycled materials such as boxes, cans, or plastic bottles and teams worked collaboratively to create either a 3 foot tall tower, or a 3 foot long bridge. As a grand finale, each child was able to construct a structure made of yummy treats! Using pretzel rods, icing, marshmallows and much more, they explored building with various mediums. We are so proud of all of our young architects and their creativity and cooperation during our weekly meetings!

Boxtops For Education: Our students and parents collected a total of **2,341** Boxtops for Education in September!

Congratulations to the *2nd grade class* for winning the monthly competition. They will celebrate with a party hosted by Mrs. Helen Dillon GP '18, '16 '14 and CAPP. Keep saving boxtops! It is an easy way to fund the many CAPP events for our children at Chesapeake Academy! Next "Final Friday" collection date is October 25th.

CARPOOL! Morning and afternoon carpool is going well. Thank you for following our easy procedures. These rules keep our children safe and keep cars from blocking the town streets.
Three reminders:

- 1). ALL students are to be dropped off at the back of the building in the morning. Please do not drop children off at the front lobby prior to 8:30 a.m.
- 2). If a student is late, a parent must escort him/her into the front office and sign in with Connie Smith.
- 3). If you arrive before the cones are removed for afternoon carpool, please pull into the parking lot and wait until the cones are removed and then return to the carpool line. Cars may not back up onto the street as it causes travel difficulties for our neighbors.

Added BENEFITS for attending the Oyster Roast...

Did you know that oysters are an excellent source of vitamins A, B1 (thiamin), B2 (riboflavin), B3 (niacin), C (ascorbic acid) and D (calciferol)? In fact, four or five medium size oysters supply the recommended daily allowance of iron, copper, iodine, magnesium, calcium, zinc, manganese and phosphorus!

For the dietary benefits alone, purchase your tickets and come to Chesapeake Academy's signature autumn event – the 12th Annual Community Oyster Roast, Saturday, October 19, from 5 pm to 9:00 pm. The all inclusive price includes all-you-can-eat succulent roasted oysters, clam chowder, oyster stew, hamburgers, hotdogs, sweet potato fries, dessert, beer, wine and soft drinks. Tickets sent home for you to purchase or sell are only \$45 per person. You must be at least 21 to attend. You will also enjoy warming up over fire pits and dancing to the Phun Doctors Band. Please turn in your sold raffle ticket stubs and all revenue from raffle and event ticket sales as soon as possible so we can get the best head count we can! Volunteers are needed for set-up and clean-up before and after the event. Ticket holders are also asked to volunteer the night of the event for an hour to help make our event the best ever! Contact Catherine Emry at cemry@chesapeakeacademy.org to volunteer! Thank you for your support!

Music to our ears: Beginning with this year's theme of "Respect", grades 1-6 have been learning a song titled "Show Me Some Respect". These classes are also reviewing "Whacky Do Re Mi" with solfege hand signs to be presented at Grandparent's and Grandfriend's Day. Our fifth graders also got their first try at reading scores with both music notes and words. Pre-K 3 and 4 and Kindergarten have begun the year with simple familiar songs that include clapping and dancing. Third graders have had their very first recorder class and have begun playing real songs with the notes B, A and G. They love the colorful recorders and straps. Sixth graders had their first tone chime class, beginning with chords. They have advanced to songs and are pleased to hear tunes and melodies. Seventh and eighth grades have begun tone chime classes, where we are reviewing songs and learning new ones. We even have Christmas music to begin learning!

Third grade travels... The third grade class has been on an epic journey from England to Jamestown alongside Samuel Collier and Captain John Smith. We have enjoyed listening to an audio version of the novel *Blood on the River: Jamestown, 1607* and continue to have in-depth discussions about this important time in our state's history. This literature unit also coincides with our social studies curriculum focus on Virginia history.

Clock Makers: Fourth grade has begun their unit on time. To start off the unit, they completed a Reader's Theatre production in which they created a voice for a character from ancient civilizations. These characters were experts on telling time using nontraditional methods such as a sun clock, a water clock or an hour glass. Next, the class built their own clocks, meeting a set of specific criteria. This group of talented engineers designed a laptop clock, a strawberry clock, a bacon clock, a cooking pot clock, a meteor clock and a star clock. Now, they are using their creations to keep accurate records in solving the mystery, *The Eleventh Hour* by Graeme Base.

A word from the library: "Reading is like a muscle; the more you work it, the stronger it gets!" Parents, together we can do even MORE for your students! Encourage a love of reading and promote academic success! Be Reading Role Models!

Update from Pre-Algebra 7: *(By student Sophie Scott)*
This week, in Pre-Algebra 7, we completed a challenge called *Who Wants to be a Millionaire?* The object of the challenge was to figure out if you could pack \$1,000,000 in \$1 bills into a suitcase and carry it off without any wheels or help. If so, how? We needed to figure out the dimensions of the suitcase, the weight of the cash and if it would all fit. We worked on measuring and converting measurements to estimate the volume of 1,000,000 one dollar bills. So, what do you think? Is it an impossible task to take away \$1,000,000 without any help or wheels? We were astounded by what we found!

Keeping up with current events: The recent happenings in the government have provided the 8th grade Economics, Government and Global Relations class with an abundance of topics to discuss. One skill that they have been working on over the last couple of years in social studies is to spot information bias in sources. This week, the students were presented three articles concerning the shutdown in Washington, each from a different viewpoint: liberal, conservative and neutral. After reading the articles, they analyzed the selections with their small discussion groups to find examples of bias and determine from which viewpoint each article was written. The students then had look past the party differences to get to the root of the matter: what happened, why did it happen and why do we care?

Calling all unloved Legos! Find yourself tripping over old discarded Legos? Early Childhood is ready to do their part to end your midnight barefoot Lego injuries! PreKindergarten and Kindergarten want to triple the size of our Lego stashes. If your kids have forgotten these treasures, you can bag those unloved cubes up and send them our way! Your vacuum cleaner will thank you and so will our eager little builders!

Athletics at Chesapeake... Our fall sports teams are in full swing and have already had some great showings. Check the important dates section below for upcoming sporting events on campus at Chesapeake Academy!

THE BOOK FAIR is COMING SOON! The Fall Book Fair will be setting up next week and classes will be previewing and bringing home their "Wish Lists" for you to see. The fair will be open all day October 15th, 16th and 17th in the library. The fair will also be open until noon on Friday the 18th, Grandparent's and Grandfriend's Day. The LAST DAY (Monday, 21st) all regularly scheduled classes will have their final chance to purchase and add to their personal library of books. Don't forget to look at the TEACHER WISH LIST outside the Library door. This is a great way to add to the classroom library and acknowledge thanks to a student's teacher! You may select from their "wishes" and have a book plate inserted with your child's name and the teacher's name for the classroom. Also, please watch the CA webpage for a new link to the Scholastic Online Book Fair for those family members and friends who are not able to travel to CA for the Book Fair. Chesapeake Academy still benefits from your online purchase and your books can be delivered to the Library for pick-up. A great option for some early secret holiday shopping!

Reminder about Apple Sales: Please have all forms and money to Connie Smith by October 16th. Checks should be made payable to Chesapeake Academy. Any questions, please call Chris Cammarata at 761-3206.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday, October 7: Varsity Soccer vs. Lancaster (Home)

Wednesday, October 9: New Parent Roundtable
8:30-9:30am; Cross Country vs. Aylett (Home)

Monday, October 14: Columbus Day - School Closed

Tuesday-Thursday, October 15-18: Book Fair

Wednesday, October 16: CAPP meeting 8:30-9:30 am

Friday, October 18: Grandparent's and Grandfriend's Day; (12 pm dismissal)

Saturday, October 19: Oyster Roast 5:00-9:00pm