

## CCS Kudos

The School Board would like to recognize the hard work and dedication of staff members as brought to their attention by the Carmel community. Kudos to Kim Barrett! If you would like to share your positive CCS employee experience with the School Board, click [here](#).

### Students Explore the Outdoors

West Clay's 5<sup>th</sup> grade students (pictured right) participated in outdoor learning this past week. Each student was able to canoe, fish and attempt to climb the Alpine tower. They also explored a fen while learning why it is such a unique habitat. After identifying organisms in the river, they were able to determine the health of the Flat Rock River. Finally, students learned the skill of archery and became active participants in Native American games. It was a great day full of active learning and help from volunteers.



### Carmel Elementary Staff Competes to Stay Healthy

The Carmel Elementary Staff (pictured left) is competing for their health by participating in their own version of "The Biggest Loser" competition. Staff members are using pedometers provided by the CCS Wellness Initiative and motivating one another to eat better and walk more! Competitors are monitoring their weight, BMI and blood pressure to stay healthy.

### Students Active in Learning About Safety

School Resource Officer D.J. Schoeff visited all grade levels at Smoky Row to introduce himself and discuss safety. Schoeff spoke with the students (pictured right) about personal safety, as well as various safety procedures at school, such as fire drills and lockdown drills.



### Special Presentation at West Clay

"Grandma Rose" visited West Clay last week. During the presentation, several 5<sup>th</sup> graders (pictured left) assisted her to teach other students how to "swim free" from being teased by trying five key strategies: do little, agree, distract, laugh or make a joke and walk away. Thanks "Grandma Rose!"

### Reducing Waste: Carmel Elementary Pilots Food Rescue Program

When students at CE choose not to eat an item from their lunch, that food does not go to waste. If the food is unopened, students (pictured right) can put unwanted items in a special bin near the trash cans to be saved. It is then donated to the Hamilton County Food Rescue Program who collects at the school every other week. Cafeteria Manager LeAnn Schelling keeps everything refrigerated until it gets picked up, disposing of items that go past their freshness date.



### Impressionist Art at Carmel Middle School

Students in Madame Pillar's 8<sup>th</sup> grade French Class completed a unit on French Culture and Art which culminated in the creation of their own impressionist-style artwork (pictured left). Made of chalk pastels, these chef-d'oeuvres replicated the art of a French (or French inspired) master artist. The students also researched their chosen artist and what influenced him/her to paint their particular painting.

### Woodbrook Students Display Spirit

Woodbrook Lions (pictured right) show their spirit in plenty of tropical Hawaiian apparel as a part of Spirit Week in conjunction with Carmel High School's Homecoming.



### Frozen Yogurt and Pizza Put the "Fun" in Fundraiser

Prairie Trace hosted its first community retail night of the school year with Jets Pizza and Orange Leaf! Teachers gave out samples of frozen yogurt and dinner made for you to take home, all while giving money back to the school! Everyone enjoyed yummy treats and great pizza at Orange Leaf and Jets! (pictured left)

### Smoky Row "Amazing Race" Adventure

Thank you to the Smoky Row 5<sup>th</sup> grade team and parent volunteers for an "Amazing Race" adventure last Friday! It is so much fun for the kids and a great team-building exercise! (pictured right)



### Carmel Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Tailgate

Carmel Middle School PTO hosted 175 students at the 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> grade tailgate. Students enjoyed food, dancing and games while building school spirit. (pictured left)

### Forest Dale Students Participate in Anti-Bullying Assembly and Spirit Week

Craig Tornquist of *The Stand-Up World of Craig Tornquist* presented two sessions of his anti-bullying assembly on Monday. Tornquist is a Carmel High School graduate and has led presentations all across the country. Students also enjoyed participating in "Western Day" (pictured right) and "Blue and Gold Day" (pictured far right) for spirit week.

