



Tidewater Times

Special thanks to:

All of our families who helped beautify our school at our "Practical Life Day" and cookout.

Judi and Lauren @ Chesapeake Garden Eco-Boutique for their donation of a fabulous gift basket for our Parent Night.

Our Grounds Committee for their unending job of keeping up the gardens and grounds.

Parents for taking time to come to Orientation, Visitation Day with their child, and Parent and Teacher night at school.

The Covell Family for their sponsorship of the Reptile Man show for the children and for their contribution of copy paper and crayons.

Steve Covell and Vivek Amin for appearing "after-hours" to install the track and hanging divider in the library.

Library volunteers who come every Friday to return books to the shelves and help the Pre-K friends choose books to borrow.

The Tidewater Family whose donation provided a much needed library renovation and a very beautiful new space for meetings!

Ms. Rhoda and many other families for feeding our lambs this summer.

Parents for providing paper supplies for September and for providing transportation to Flag Ponds.

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News from the Director

Autumn.....Indian Summer.....Colors...So Radiant, So Intense...

Dancing Leaves.....Joy

Seeds.....

Bountiful Harvest

Corn Stalks.....Pumpkins.....Gourds.....

Tumble.....Roll.....Giggle.....

Squirrels.....Gathering Acorns

Children.....Catching Leaves

Snakes, Turtles, Salamanders.....Going Home for Winter.....

Clear Blue Skies.....Giant White Puffs.....

Golden Sunsets.....Geese Overhead.....

Butterflies Last Fling.....Winter Chrysalis.....

Fawns now Bucks.....Our babies now children!

The Tidewater School seeks to embrace all of life: *Land, Sky, Water and All Life* that moves upon the surfaces of our home, the Earth. Autumn is the season of dramatic change. Your children are exploring and living fully, which is what we long to see. Experience within nature allows for greater sensory exploration and stimulation for the brain to lay pathways for memory and meaning. They will remember harvesting the herbs from the garden. They will understand the life cycle of the butterflies, the birds, the bees, the flowers, and our precious lambs. This is life!

Our goals for our children at Tidewater are the same goals as those at other schools: The children will learn to read and write. Our approach is different: Our children will learn with joy as we respect their inner, unique characteristics and their own particular learning styles. In this environment, we seek to use all that is around us to make learning as natural and as real as possible. Given meaning and understanding, children embrace learning with purpose and passion.

Each of us is invited to participate in this movement of life. The sad part is that as adults, the child within us becomes buried. I offer you the opportunity to **Connect the Dots**. Go above and write your words of observations, feelings, and thoughts. **Connect YOURSELF** to the beautiful rhythm of life. Feel freshness and enjoy this day with your own inner child.

As our month of October begins, I wish to extend to you a personal invitation to our seminars on October 4th, our Open House on October 7th, Breakfast in the Library on October 10th, and Conferences on October 24th. I also wish to thank each of you for your goodness and kindness over the past few weeks. I have learned another lesson about life: *I am blessed with this sadness because I have been loved so well. How terrible it is to be sad because one has not been loved!* As you gaze upon your precious families, know that you are blessed with an abundance of love.

Shalom.....Ms. Nancy

Special thanks to:

Andrea and Jeff Zolt for helping with the shopping and assembly of the library furniture.

Our Cloverbud and 4H Parent Leaders: Karyn Brim, Kay Weber and Valerie MacKrell.

Jen Behe, Laura Amin, Andrea Zolt and others for donating books to our library.

Our Book Club Friends for August and September. We now have many new books in our library with special birthday labels indicating who donated the book.

Karyn Brim, Karen Walling, Denny Wayson and Cheryl Danielson for our Pampered Chef summer event and for families who made it possible for Tidewater to purchase new kitchen wares for the children.

Susan Allen for working with our students and lambs in preparation for the County Fair.

Parents for organizing and hosting our new parent group: The Tidewater Breakfast Club.

Our "Logo" Team which has worked all summer developing a Logo and Branding for our school: Kierstan Boyd, Laura, Nancy, Suzanne, and Randi.

Erin Quicker for donating a digital camera to Pre-K.

Greg Frederick for fixing the toilet.

Pre-Kindergarten News

To peer inside the Pre-K classroom is to see young minds constantly at work. The children are observers and scientists who absorb and process volumes of information each day. The foundational learning which takes place at this age is immeasurable and more importantly, very joyful!



Mixing colors!

To understand what is happening in Tidewater's unique pre-school environment, it is helpful to understand the foundations of our curriculum. Our philosophy at Tidewater draws heavily from the work of Maria Montessori, Jean Piaget, Alfred Adler, and others. This month, I want to talk about the Montessori environment in our classroom and how it promotes learning.



These friends are serious about their work.

Maria Montessori said, "The environment should reveal a child, not mold him". A traditional Montessori environment is set by the teacher in a way that promotes order, beauty and exploration. Materials are displayed in a manner which makes it easy for a child to find and return the materials to their proper place. Whenever possible, equipment is child-sized and "real" so that children become proficient in using the tools that they have in their home environments.

The materials in a Montessori classroom are divided into several critical categories: Sensorial, Practical Life, Math, Language Arts, Science, Music and Culture. The sensorial materials concentrate on isolating and refining a child's ten fundamental senses (I would be happy to share this list if you are interested). The materials are orderly and mathematical by nature, and their use requires careful attention and concentration. These unique materials also promote independence because they are self-correcting and require little input from an adult.

Practical Life activities mirror and support the home environment. These materials are the ones that children gravitate to when they enter the classroom and they help to foster social skills and independence. Practical Life activities also represent the care and keeping of the classroom such as sweeping, wiping tables, carrying chairs and

Mark your Calendars!

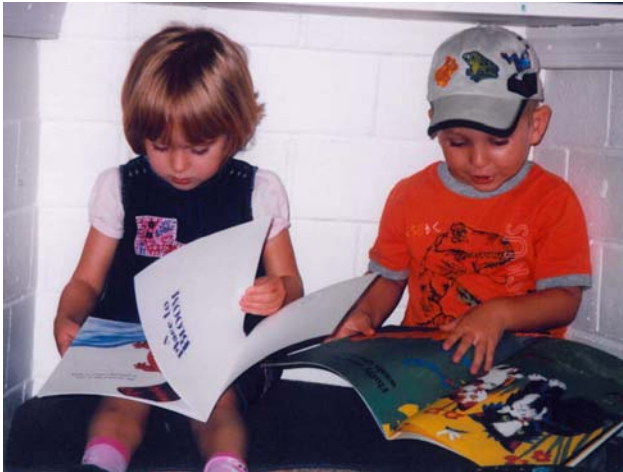
**PUMPKIN
PATCH
DAY**



Friday
Oct. 31
9:30 - noon

FOR ALL STUDENTS

rolling work mats. These activities should not be reserved for grown-ups, but are accessible and necessary elements of children becoming both responsible and independent members of a community.



PK friends read together.

The Language Arts materials are designed to develop a child's phonemic awareness, alphabet recognition and understanding of the rhythm of language. Children are encouraged to explore language through their senses and to enjoy the social aspects of communication.



Using the decimal cards

Mathematical work at the Pre-K level emphasizes sorting, seriation and equivalency. Many of the materials used in Pre-K can also be found in our Kindergarten and Elementary classrooms. These unique tools serve as the hands-on foundation for more advanced levels of thinking as the child develops.

Montessori believed that pre-school aged children are ready to be part of the "society of other children" and that mixed-age groupings foster self-discipline, independence and responsibility. In our class, older children mentor younger children and younger ones carefully observe and imitate older children. They learn to respect each other as members of a community and at the same time recognize each others' individual self worth. In addition, at Tidewater there is regular interaction between the Pre-K, Kindergarten and Elementary children. This is a benefit of having not only mixed ages, but also a wide range of abilities, learning styles and backgrounds at the school.



PK friend uses the flower press.



Digging in the clay

I invite you to sign up for our "Silent Journey" seminar when it is rescheduled so that you can experience the excitement of the Montessori materials for yourself. Although this philosophy represents only part of Tidewater's approach to learning, it is an integral part of your children's daily work and an inspiring way to learn.

Ms. Laura

PK and K friends enjoy the Barbershop Quartet.



Thank You!

To all the families who are providing meals for Ms. Nancy.

Kindergarten News



K friend uses playdough to make the letter O as he learns his letter sounds.

As we first gathered together, we had new names and faces to remember, colorful objects waiting to be touched, new routines to master and most importantly, time to share with friends. As a group, we decided what daily jobs needed to be done, what behavior would be appropriate and how we wanted to spend our time together. During our daily show'n tell time, we

heard about what's happening at home, shared discoveries found in nature and enjoyed favorite books. I heard over and over: "We do that at our house!" "I have that book!" "I like that too!...and so friendships began to form in the classroom. We established our community.

The children quickly began exploring the materials on the classroom shelves. Squeals of delight erupted as blue watercolor was mixed with yellow watercolor to form GREEN watercolor! Individual colored blocks began to form symmetrical shapes and pegs were properly placed to form patterns. Through the experiences with the classroom materials, students became more aware of colors, size and shapes not only in the classroom but in our environment. We each brought "a surprise" that would fit in a shoebox. Our classification-language skills were immediately put to the test as we gave clues to our peers: It is living.



It is fun to take turns reading books to each other.

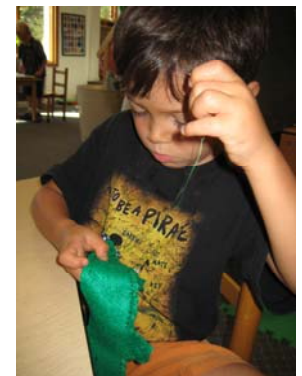
It is a plant. It's green. It's soft. It grows on the ground. It grows on bark. It's MOSS! What interesting objects fit in a shoebox: leaves and a ball from a Sweet Gum tree, different sized seashells, an assortment of leaves collected from the yard, and a nest...to name just a few.



Kindergarten friends hang out together on the playground.

We've made discoveries not only in the classroom but outdoors, too. If we're the first ones to lift the tarp on the sandbox, we might spy a lizard on the run! (And, some hands are fast enough to catch that lizard! Or, maybe just its blue-tail! "Look! Look! The tail keeps moving!") We've taken walks along the nature trail to inspect the bluebird boxes, noticed where moss and ferns grow and enjoyed running across the open field.

Come visit our nature table in the classroom. We've brought some samples into our room to observe over the coming weeks. We started a Worm Jar with 6 worms but the collection has grown to 41 worms in just 3 weeks time. (Thanks to the girls who've dug under logs to find more!) We're watching 6 tadpoles develop into frogs. Which comes first: front or back legs? If you don't know, ask a Kindergarten friend. Our newest babies just arrived...Monarch caterpillars at less than 1/4" long.



K friend concentrates as he uses his needle and thread to sew his felt alligator together.

They ONLY eat fresh milkweed. If you have milkweed in your yard, would you share some fresh leaves with us? We're looking forward to watching the hungry caterpillars develop into beautiful butterflies.



We work together to plant spring bulbs as part of our Peace One Day observance.

What do increased study of science and nature and increased outdoor time accomplish? Especially in the very young, it has proved extremely beneficial for cognitive functioning, reduced symptoms of attention deficit disorder, increased self-discipline and emotional well-being. One of our parents commented "at the Tidewater School, your motto should be 'no child left inside.' Our curriculum includes time and opportunities for learning both inside and outside the classroom.



Mr. Michael of Reptile World introduced us to Pepe, the beaded lizard, from Mexico.

Upper Elementary student gives the Kindergarteners a chance to feel Kylie's soft, furry coat.



Kindergarten friends join Elementary to watch Ms. Susan Allen shear Jasper in preparation for showing by Emma at the Calvert County Fair.



A recent study found that children today spend an average of 6 hours each day in front of the computer and TV but less than 4 minutes a day in unstructured outdoor play, leading researchers to discover a new condition specific to this current generation that they have called "nature deficit disorder". This extreme emphasis on indoor time spent in front of screens versus outdoor play and discovery has been correlated with negative psychological and physical effects including obesity, loneliness, depression, attention problems and greater social isolation due to reduced time with friends and family. – Richard Louv, Last Child in the Woods.

Ms. Suzanne

Cloverbud News

All year long, the Kindergarten children will be participating in the Cloverbud Club. In September, Ms. Suzanne's class learned the Cloverbud Pledge. The kids designed their own poster to help them remember the pledge. Also, since September is Calvert County Fair month, the Cloverbuds found sticks in nature and decorated them with yarn, feathers, beads, dried flowers and felt. Their creations became beautiful Peace Sticks that were then entered in the County Fair. Hopefully, parents and kids had a chance to see their work displayed at the County Fair 4-H building. Ms. Suzanne plans to use the sticks in the classroom to aid in communication and conflict resolution. The kids are also involved in a year-long task of collecting aluminum cans. As the cans collect at Tidewater, Dawn Hundley will take them to the recycling center. Around Earth Day (in April) the class will get to choose a local charity to which they can donate their recycling money. If you would like to participate in the recycling program, please place your empty aluminum cans in the bright colored garbage can outside the front of the school. Thanks to all the parents who have been so active in Cloverbuds. Your support is making this an amazing club!



Lower Elementary News

We began the year with a celebration of “me” and are now off to change the world. It only takes one small child, one idea and a couple of coins to make a difference, as we learned in One Hen.



A performance for kindergarten inspired by the Barbershop Quartet.

As a class we have shared ourselves through words and deeds. We have attended programs and performances that have triggered great performances of our own:

- A visit from Reptile World prompted reports;
- Strong faith and determination continues our collection of Pennies for Peace;
- The children were enthused by the pep rally to kick off the Usborne book fair.

To say all of these have been an inspiration is not an exaggeration. Our first and second year friends continually share their gifts and talents with others throughout the school.



Music with Ms. Geneva



UE Friends present reports of other countries.

A couplet of what we are up to ...
Our morning journals begin our day,
Our plans unfold and we make our way.

Nouns, compounds, movable alphabet we explore;
Golden beads, strip board, stamp game and more.

In music and jump bunch we share rhythm and rhyme,
We're delighted they've started, we have a great time!

Our year has only just begun.
Togetherness and learning are so much fun!



U. S. Pride: A tour of the Capitol and White House

Our LE students are celebrating with "All About Me" posters of themselves and family and friends.



Math concentration with the stamp game.



Exploration of land and water formations



Noun work can be fun!



Sharing books, knowledge and common interests: Origami and Paper Folding



Practical Life: Taking pride in our classroom environment.

This has truly been a month of celebration! A special thank you to Ms. Rhoda and the summer campers who brought the bi-quarium back to life; the Quicker family for their contribution of the many tadpoles; the kindergarten and elementary friends for our "show off toad"; and the Kachurak family for our most recent addition of three goldfish.

Ms. Ann

Cub Scout News

Cub scouts is off to a great start this year with two new scouts joining the Wolf Den (2nd and 3rd grade). Den leaders Kay Weber and Valerie MacKrell conduct twice monthly meetings at Tidewater and will guide the boys in fun activities in the areas of geology, family heritage, recycling, geography, wood working, physical fitness, and more. We will also be participating in several field trips with our Pack to the Newseum, the B & O Railroad Museum, and a behind-the-scenes tour of the National Zoo.

Two new first grade Tiger Scouts have joined a Tiger Den within our Pack that will be led by Bill Brim.

Upper Elementary News

The 2008/2009 school year has begun on a wonderfully, positive note. During the course of this past month, we have been very busy...especially between our Peace One Day Celebration and our work with 4-H and preparing for the County Fair!



UE friends
clean up after snack.

Our weeks seem to fly by as our days are filled with so much activity. We began the year by approaching our day in a slightly different manner and are working on a new and more concise way in which to organize our work. The work folders are a HUGE success and provide a concrete organizational system. Another change, community snack, has also been a terrific success. By far, the highlight for me has been the sense of camaraderie which has developed. It is rare that the children choose to eat snack alone versus together as a group. What ensues is a happy exchange of spontaneous conversation and a lot of laughter. If anything, we just need to learn to not spend too much time at snack!



Our "older" girls lead the group!



Good friends reunited!

Observing these five young people assisting both the PK and K friends with their Pennies for Peace collection jars was also an inspiring and heartfelt experience. The gentleness, encouraging manner and enthusiastic approach were consistently evident through their interactions with these friends. They were true role models.

Of course, we have managed to attend to much work in addition to our Peace One Day activities and projects for the County Fair. We have also managed to sell close to 40 mums with all of the proceeds benefiting our 4-H program! As we look ahead to October, our days will remain busy. We are looking forward to our first field trip to the National Gallery of Art to learn about the

culture and history of Latino art. We will also begin our emphasis on literacy with a read-a-thon, *Reach for the Stars*. All money earned will be used to purchase books: 30% for each individual, 30% for charity and 40% for Tidewater. The children will be purchasing books to send to schools and public libraries ravaged by the recent hurricanes.



UE friend solves his money problems!

Be on the lookout for the Upper Elementary holding a Voter Registration drive as they strive to recreate the process within the Tidewater community. We hope to hold a debate later in the month as well. Look for more information as we head towards Election Day!



One student revisits
telling time concepts.

I would like to thank all of the families who have helped over the months with the care of the lambs. Kylie and Jasper thrived under the care provided and everyone's support and assistance was greatly appreciated! Our Upper Elementary students have worked quite hard as they prepared to show the lambs [under the careful guidance of TW alum, K. W.]. It's been a terrific learning experience for us all!

Ms. Karen

The Calvert County Fair

By: S. A and E. R.

This year on September 24th through the 28th, the Calvert County Fair will be held at the Calvert County Fairgrounds. At the fair, you can go on rides, watch people show pigs, sheep, goats, and cows. You also can see if you won anything, if you entered something. There is lots to eat and lots of fun things to do.

We will be showing the lambs, Kylie and Jasper, on Friday, September 26th at 11:00 a.m. We have been working very hard to prepare for Friday. We hope you were able to come and see us!

To prepare for the show, we have memorized all of the different body parts. WE also have been walking them around the blacktop to prepare for walking around the pen at the fair. We also have been learning the medicines they have had. Everyone in the Elementary also made Native American *Talking Sticks* to enter into the fair. The talking sticks are used when people gather together and the person holding the stick is the one who is able to talk. Everyone else listens respectfully. We also made three banners for Peace Day which we also entered. The banners were made by dyeing them using the *batik* method. Everyone had a chance to "paint" some of the wax on the fabric and then we dyed them once the wax had dried. It took a couple of days but they look good. We hope you had a fun time at the fair!

The Election

By A. S.

The Upper Elementary is studying the U.S. Election process. Part of our studying is to hold a mock presidential election. A mock election is not real but we will have debates. S. A. represents Senator Obama, R. F. is Senator Biden, A. S. represents Senator McCain and Governor Sarah Palin is represented by E. R. M. S. will be the moderator for the debates and will oversee the election.

We are also looking at how votes are gathered, our party system, campaigning, the Electoral College, specific issues [for the debates] and even voter registration!

We will hold our mock election on Tuesday, November 4th and hope everyone at Tidewater can vote. We will also have a voter registration drive and a debate sometime in October. Once we know the days, we will let you know.



Symbolizing sentences!

Pennies for Peace

By: R. F.

The Upper Elementary is hosting a "fundraiser" called Pennies for Peace. It is about this: one man's mission to promote peace. [If you want more information, you can read the book Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson and David Relin].

Before *Pennies for Peace*, kids in Pakistan and Afghanistan did not have education [especially girls] in small, remote villages. One cent will buy a pencil, one dollar will cover a teacher's salary for one day, and twenty dollars will educate a child for one year.

You should go to www.penniesforpeace.org. When you give children in Pakistan and Afghanistan an education, you will give them a better future!

We will be collecting pennies until November [right before Thanksgiving]. You can empty your jar in the collection box in either the Upper Elementary classroom/Elementary library or in the upstairs library.

Keep collecting to help children!



Researching "Big Cats."



Working on dynamic addition.

Magnets

By M. S.

Magnetism is a form of energy. Magnets work by pulling certain metals (iron, steel, nickel or cobalt) together using their magnetic field. A magnetic field is the area of energy that pulls objects together. The north and south poles of the magnet are the strongest.

The Earth is a giant magnet. It is made up of a metal core. The Earth's magnetic field comes from the liquid iron in the outer core.

Electromagnets are made with electricity. Electromagnets are used in big machines like cranes. Michael Faraday was the inventor of the electric generator. Using a rotating magnet, electricity is made.

Elementary Friends' County Fair Ribbons



Saturday Classes at Tidewater

Toddler Time at Tidewater

Saturdays: November 1, 8, 15

9:00 am to 11:00 am

Ages 24 to 36 months

Fee: \$60.00, includes two
Montessori Parenting texts

Teachers: Ms. Rhoda and Ms. Nancy



This will be a class for parents and toddlers to enjoy together. We will provide a guided experience inviting reflection, observation and insight of the developmental needs and challenges of the two year old. We will seek to examine and shatter the myth of terrible two's, replacing this with TERRIFIC TWO'S! This program will be offered as a continuing opportunity in the winter and spring. Please call Tidewater to register. Forms also available online. Please invite a friend or neighbor to sign up.

Time to Chat about Children, Parenting and Tidewater!

Join Ms. Nancy on Friday, October 10th at 9:30 am in our library!

Come share a breakfast treat, coffee or tea and sit with our director as we encourage and listen to one another. We would like to address questions or special topics of interest with you. If this time proves to be of value, we would like to continue to offer these chats the second Friday of each month. If you have thoughts for our first time together, please send them to Ms. Nancy in the office at tidewaterschool@chesapeake.net.



Tidewater Toddler Time at the Calvert Library, Twin Beaches Branch

These free events are open to parents with their toddlers and will be held at the Twin Beaches Branch of Calvert Library, 3819 Harbor Road in Chesapeake Beach. Friends and neighbors from the community are invited! Please call Tidewater at 410-257-0533 to register.

Thursday, October 2 from 9:30 - 10:30 am at the Twin Beaches branch. Learn about textures with "Goldilocks and the Three Bears."

Thursday, October 23 from 9:30 - 10:30 am at the Twin Beaches branch. Learn about Sensory Exploration with Native American Legends.

Circle of Friends

We would like to recognize the following friends who have generously contributed to Tidewater's Circle of Friends Annual Giving Fund this summer. The Circle of Friends Fund is used to meet expenses not covered by tuition so that the school can maintain the high educational standards for which we have come to be recognized during our 22 years of service to the community. Because the Tidewater School is a 501c3 non-profit institution, all contributions to the fund are tax-deductible. We look forward to launching our next annual giving campaign next month!

Glen Shiplet of CBA Steam Cleaning **Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Cruse in honor of Ms. Suzanne's 20 years at Tidewater.**
Anonymous Grandparent donor
Chris and Carol Keller **Mr. and Mrs. Paul Quicker**

Tidewater's Parent Fundraising Committee met in September to develop this year's plan to raise funds to support the children's photo albums and special projects. Our committee members include Andrea Baddour, Karyn Brim, Dianna Seaborn, Denny Wayson and Karen Walling. These volunteers are handling the Sally Foster wrapping paper campaign, the Montessori Services Small Hands orders (see below), and an exciting Eco-Fundz holiday gift program with The Chesapeake Garden boutique in Prince Frederick. They are working on another event to take place next spring.

The committee is also pleased to report that last month's Family Night at Panera raised \$158 for the purchase of this year's photo albums! Thanks to all who turned out for this fun event.

Safeway's "10% Back to Schools"
 Please turn in your redeemable receipts to Tidewater by October 13. If your card is registered for our school, the 10% goes to Tidewater automatically. Receipts from friends can be turned in also!
Thank you for your support!

It's not too late to send in your **Safeway** and **Giant** card numbers and those of family and friends. We will register them for the school and receive monthly credits for a percentage of the purchases.

Please support our Script Program!
 Purchase gift cards from The Tidewater School for birthdays, holidays, shopping at grocery stores, gas stations, clothing and gift stores, and restaurants you use often and benefit our school.
 Last month we raised \$150! **Next due date: Oct. 3**

Montessori Services Small Hands Catalogue for Parents is a wonderful resource for quality tools, books and toys for children. Please consider placing an order early for your holiday gifts and receive free shipping. Orders are due Oct. 22nd.

Target "Take Charge of Education"
 Use your Target Red Card and designate our school to receive money on the Target website. **We just received \$72.73.**
 Our School ID # is 26676.

Special Thanks To:
 Those who are volunteering behind the scenes to help with our Fundraising.

Erin Quicker: Escript Orders (every month)	Keep sending in your Box Tops!
Denny Wayson: Box Tops	
Ms. Trish: Giant and Safeway registration	
Betty McGrane: Ink Jet Recycling	

Don't forget to send in your old cell phones, ink jet cartridges and laser cartridges. We recycle them and receive school funds too!

Special Classes **Music and Spanish and Physical Education**

Please welcome our new music teacher, Ms. Geneva. She will work with our Pre-K and Kindergarten friends on Tuesday mornings and our Elementary students two times per week. The children's response has been so positive and we are looking forward to a great year!

In October, we welcome back our Spanish teacher, Ms. Lily. Songs, dancing and Spanish are a fun combination!

Jump Bunch is coming again this year to our Elementary classes for outdoor fun!

Please use Tidewater's ID # when shopping at Staples and Office Depot.

Staples: 4001542614
 Schools receive 10% back on ink, toner, case and ream paper, Copy & Print.

Office Depot: 70201227
 Schools receive 5% back on qualifying supplies.

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Tidewater Open House

Tuesday, October 7 at 9:15 am

(and the First Tuesday of each month hereafter)

Guests will be greeted in the library area, then, following a brief orientation, they will be guided through **each** class at Tidewater by our Director, Ms. Nancy Libertini. After touring and observing, the group will gather for questions once again in the library. We welcome parent volunteers to serve as hosts for these monthly visits. Please call the office if you would like to assist. We ask that guests register in advance as space will be limited each month out of respect for the classes. Current parents are welcome - please call to reserve your spot!

A Special Thanks to the Gott Company for sponsoring our Hospice Tree for the Festival of Trees in November

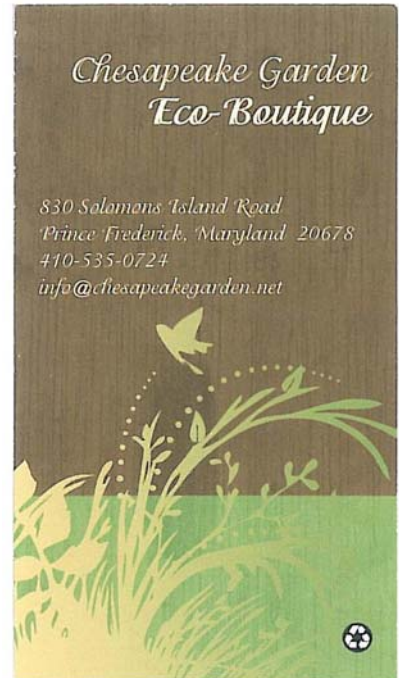
Tidewater's Charms of the Chesapeake will be the theme for our tree, in memory of those who have passed this year: Pop Pop Schoelkopf, Granny Calamoneri and Poppy Reich

We're on the Web!
www.thetidewaterschool.org



Would you like to place a special message or advertisement in The Tidewater Times? Send us your information by October 22nd with a \$25 donation to The Tidewater School.

Please note:
All parents are welcome to come in and select a book to check out from our PK/K library and/or our wonderful Parent Library! We ask that you please use our binder on the shelf to sign out your book.

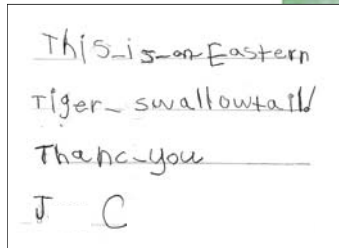


Caterpillar Identification Contest!

This former multi-legged friend was brought in as a show-and-tell by O. Q. It then built a cocoon, moving into the pupa stage.



Tidewater entomologists identified it as an **Eastern Swallowtail!**



Our winners are:
J. C., O. Q., R. Q. and F. K.