



Charleston Newspapers

May 2012 Newsletter

Newspaper Earth Day Art Contest Results

Congratulations to Mary Woody's class at Chapmanville Middle School in Logan County for winning the Newspaper Earth Day Art Contest!



Their winning entry is a kite made of newspaper. Mary Woody's class wins a pizza party donated by Giovanni's Pizza!



See page 3 of this newsletter to view the other entries to our contest. Thank you to all who participated in this recycling project!

Teacher Appreciation Week!



Teacher Appreciation Week is the first full week in May or May 7– May 11. Thank you to all teachers for all that you do. So many of you go above and beyond what is expected. Know your efforts are appreciated!

Affidavit Time

If you received classroom newspapers during the 2011 - 2012 school year and they were paid for by NIE funds, we request you complete an affidavit form by the end of May so that Charleston Newspapers can fulfill it's requirements to it's auditors.

These forms can be filled out electronically at:
<http://cnpapers.com/nie/affidavit.php>

Or fax back the affidavit that will be sent to you by email or fax. By filling out an affidavit form, we are able to continue to provide newspapers to your classrooms.

Summer Activities

Are you interested in having your students continue their learning during the summer months? Try having them complete a summer packet on a subject of your choosing. At nieteacher.org/cnpapersnie/, there are multiple packets on different subjects with student worksheets. Students will learn to search, sort, and organize information while learning to use the newspaper to complete worksheets. They will also be learning up to date information on what is happening locally, nationally and internationally while building reading skills!

To receive newspapers for your classroom, contact Renee Daly at (304) 348-7906 or renee.daly@cnpapers.com.

Focus on Bullying Prevention

A free supplement is available to schools, [Focus on Bullying: A Prevention Program for School Communities](#). It covers the nature of bullying, developing a school-wide plan for bullying prevention, how to respond to bullying situations and addressing bullying through classroom lessons. It is available to download and make copies at nieteacher.org/cnpapersnie/. It can be found under the topic of **Bullying**.



Bullying Awareness Activities

- Sometimes bullying occurs because of a misunderstanding between people of different backgrounds. Read the newspaper for information and pictures about customs and traditions of various cultures, religions, nationalities, and ethnic groups. Discuss the special qualities of the groups in the story. What makes them unique and worth appreciating?
- Bullying doesn't just happen in school or communities. Sometimes groups within a nation bully other groups or nations themselves can bully other nations. Find articles about an international conflict where one group is dominating another. Why and how is one side dominating the other? What values are needed to resolve the issues? How might the conflict be resolved?
- Study how editorials are written in the newspaper. Now write a persuasive editorial using facts and opinion expressing why bullying is so hurtful and why bullies should stop bullying.
- "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Known as the "Golden Rule", it is a good basis for thinking about bullying. In today's newspaper, find examples of situations in which a person would not want to be treated as they treated someone else. Discuss the motivation, or reason, that someone would act this way.
- Work alone or with a partner to make cartoons illustrating verbal assertive response to bullying behavior.
- It sometimes takes courage to face a bullying situation. The newspaper is filled with people doing courageous things. Find a story about courage. Summarize the story and explain why you think the people involved are being courageous.
- Write a story, poem, or song about how it would feel if you were bullied.
- Discuss your feelings with other students in your class.
- Find an example of someone who demonstrates positive thinking in today's newspaper. What effect is their positive attitude having on the situation or their lives? Write a Letter to the Editor about the person acknowledging their positive lifestyle.
- Select an example of a comic character demonstrating a positive trait such as caring, compassion, responsibility, etc. Write a news story about what's happening in the cartoon.
- Write about a time you were able to ignore teasing or bullying and explain what the result was.
- Write a story about a school without bullying. The story should express an understanding of how your school would be different in terms of what students do, what adults do, and how it feels.

For more NIE Activities go to www.nieteacher.org/cnpapersnie/

Newspaper Earth Day Art Contest Entries

Thank you to Angela Harless' class at Elkview Middle School in Kanawha county for submitting the entries below.

