Elementary Schools Collect for the Needy

The Just Say No Club at Diggs Elementary School recently organized a school-wide New Toy Drive to benefit families in need. The students collected more than 1,100 new toys, which were donated to the Charles County Children’s Aid Society. Students also donated canned goods.

Students at Mitchell Elementary School recently participated in a Giving Tree toy and gift drive to benefit Mitchell families in need. Students decorated the tree with lights and gloves and donated gifts such as books, dolls, scarves and other toys. Mitchell has hosted the annual drive for more than 20 years. This year’s event was organized by Monica Tummino, a guidance counselor at Mitchell.

Matula Elementary School students collected more than 890 pounds of food for its recent Harvest for the Hungry campaign, enough to donate Thanksgiving dinners to about 55 families through the Southern Maryland Food Bank. Regina Williams, teacher, and Katheryne West, instructional assistant, coordinated the school’s second year in the campaign. The La Plata Food Lion donated dessert pies to the campaign.

Calvert Chamber of Commerce Donates to Scholarships

During the Calvert Chamber of Commerce’s Business After Hours event Dec. 13, chamber members presented representatives of the College of Southern Maryland with a $1,275 donation to support student scholarships. This year’s donation came from proceeds from the Calvert Chamber’s 12th Annual “Night on the Patuxent Cruise.”

Matula kindergarteners Christopher Lucykanish and Samara Shields help collect food during the school’s Harvest for the Hungry campaign.


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Mitchell 5th grade student DaCarlo Lyles, 1st grade student Zachary Shingleton and 5th grade student Catherine Shingleton.

(back) Larry Weckbaugh (Constellation Energy Group), CSM Director of Administrative Services
Gladys Jones, Brian Bucci (PNC Bank), CSM Foundation Director Claire Tweedie, James Ward (Poor Richard Web Press), Tommy Godbold (The Accessory Zone), (front) CSM Vice President and Prince Frederick Campus Dean Charlene Newkirk, Calvert Chamber President Carolyn McHugh, CSM President Dr. Bradley Gottfried and CSM Vice Chair MacArthur Jones.