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Chesapeake Member Is Fast Becoming a Media Darling

On Monday the *Washington Post*, a major national newspaper based in Washington, D.C., published an article featuring Benjamin Carson, MD, a long-time member of Chesapeake Conference’s Spencerville church in Silver Spring, Md. The article continues a recent spike in interest in the famed pediatric neurosurgeon who works out of the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. Carson, who has written four books—the first of which shared how his mother and his faith catapulted him from his impoverished upbringing in Detroit to Yale University—garnered renewed interest after he spoke at the *National Prayer Breakfast* where he criticized President Barack Obama’s healthcare plan.

His conservative views went viral and in a spate of recent media interviews, he rebuffed speculations that he may run for president on the GOP platform, calling the possibility “very small.” Click here to read the *Washington Post* article “Benjamin Carson, balancing healing with political activism”, which has already gained a whopping 2,700 comments.—Story by Visitor Staff

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Philadelphia Area Members Record Revelation CD

Over the past three years, God has worked mysteriously to lead several Pennsylvania Conference members living in Philadelphia to focus their creative energies on the mysterious book of Revelation. They are writing and producing songs, creating art and preparing talks to culminate in a concert tour and prophecy series this fall.

It all began when Jennifer Schwirzer, a member of the Chestnut Hill church, felt impressed to study the book in depth. She says, “I’d always had a hard time grasping Revelation. God impressed me to put the various sections to poetry. I write songs as an act of worship; this would be my morning devotional exercise.”

In 2010 Schwirzer met Delon Lawrence, an aspiring record producer, and Lee Givhan, a
spoken-word artist and singer and invited them to work with her on the songs.

The nearly completed CD, titled *The Lamb Wins*, has grown to include more than 20 performers. The concert tour throughout the Columbia Union will begin in August. To learn more, click [here](http://website.com) to view their Facebook page and [here](http://website.com) to view their first video, “A Thousand Years.” Pictured are Schwirzer, Givhan and Lawrence.—*Story by Pennsylvania Conference Staff*

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**Coatesville Pastor Named Senior Chaplain for State Police**

Edward Earl Blackwell, pastor of Allegheny East Conference’s First church in Coatesville, Pa., and the Rehoboth church in Reading, Pa., was recently named chief of chaplains for the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP). Pastor Blackwell achieves two milestones with his appointment. He becomes the first Seventh-day Adventist and the first African-American to hold that distinction. The senior chaplain is the highest-ranking chaplain in the PSP. Blackwell has been a member of the PSP since January 2010.

“I have received strong support from my chaplain colleagues who are ordained ministers of the gospel, representing every denomination and faith group,” Blackwell says. “I am grateful for the opportunity that God has given me to assist the men and women who serve as troopers for the State of Pennsylvania.”—*Story by Robert L. Booker*

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**Dundalk Spanish Company Gains Church Status**

Chesapeake Conference’s Dundalk Spanish congregation in Baltimore recently celebrated their promotion from company to church status. Chesapeake Conference officers Rick Remmers,
The small group began meeting in a Baltimore area youth center in June 2008. Attendance has grown to more than 80 persons, representing 11 nationalities since it began, says senior pastor Orlando Rosales.

In 2009 parent congregation Baltimore Spanish church purchased the building owned by the Dundalk English-speaking church for the Dundalk Spanish company giving members a permanent place of worship. Pictured are conference and church officers.

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**Maranatha Spanish Couples Renew Wedding Vows**

Hector and Maria Valencia were among 12 couples belonging to New Jersey Conference’s Maranatha Spanish church in Union City who recently renewed their vows. Despite being married for 60 years, Hector said, “It has been many years, but I still love her as I did the first day.” Maria, agreed, “I am very happy and excited, and I thank God for all these years together.”—Story by Paulo Macena
Parejas de Maranatha Spanish renuevan sus votos matrimoniales

Isabel y Manuel Valcarcel de la iglesia Maranatha Spanish, Union City, de New Jersey Conference, estuvieron entre las doce parejas que renovaron sus votos recientemente. La pareja lleva treinta y cinco años de casada. Isabel comparte: “Fue una ocasión muy especial para nosotros. Agradezco al liderazgo de nuestra Asociación por preparar este evento e interesarse en mantener la armonía en la familia”.—Story by Paulo Macena

Potomac Conference Elders Dig Deeper Into Discipleship at Retreat

On Saturday, March 23, more than 120 Potomac Conference elders met in Chantilly, Va., for leadership training at a one-day elders summit. The theme, “Deeper: Discovering the Deeper
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Roots of Biblical Servant Leadership,“ focused on how to learn the Word of God better in order to clearly, effectively and powerfully reflect Christ.

John Cress, Potomac Conference vice president for Pastoral Ministries, kicked off the summit with the challenging message, “The Cost of Following,” based on Matthew 16:24, which focused on the full impact of being a disciple. In the afternoon Bill Miller (pictured), conference president, gave the keynote talk, “The Roots of Biblical Servant Leadership,” where he addressed the need for elders and pastors to lead like Jesus in their congregations. After these plenary presentations, the elders proceeded to breakout seminars.

The next elders retreat will be held Saturday, April 27, at the Marriott in Richmond, Va. To register, call the pastoral ministries office at (540) 886-5734.—Story by Tiffany Doss

Spring Valley Academy Celebrates Pi Day

Lisa Alexander had always dreamed of doing something to celebrate Pi Day (which falls on March 14—ha!), a day set aside to ponder the mysteries of 3.14—a rather irrational number. So once Alexander was hired as middle school math teacher at Spring Valley Academy in Centerville, Ohio, she knew she wanted her students to join in the worldwide celebration. On the Monday before Pi Day, she encouraged her middle school students to teach the elementary school students about the number, which is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. The students also taught their peers the Pi Song and a cheer. Then, on Wednesday, the middle school students made pies for the entire student body.

On Thursday (Pi Day), they served a piece of pie to everyone in celebration of Pi Day!
Several students even serenaded Principal Vern Biloff and the office staff with the Pi Song! In all, they baked 50 delicious pies. “It was great seeing the whole school get excited about math!” Alexander said. Pictured (left to right) is Alexander, seniors Helena Carmon and Aliane Kubwimana and math teacher Peter Hutauruk.—Story by Vicki Swetnam

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**Spotted: Three Living Legends at Brinklow’s Award Ceremony**

Juanita Jones Abernathy, a civil rights activist; Sister Helen Prejean, a death penalty abolitionist; and Sunitha Krushnan, PhD, an anti-trafficking crusader; were recently honored at Allegheny East Conference’s Emmanuel-Brinklow church in Ashton, Md. They were recipients of a 2013 Living Legends Award, in a ceremony that the church has held since 2006 to honor both church and community members who have made exceptional contributions to the world.—Photo by David Coleman

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**Union Staff, York School Students Turn Trash Into Treasure**

Members across the Columbia Union regularly participate in recycling efforts to help protect the Earth, but some have found additional benefits to keeping trash out of landfills.
Harold and Christine Greene (pictured), staff at the Columbia Union Conference office in Columbia, Md., just finished a third year of paper recycling to benefit the Westminster Timberwolves Pathfinder Club. The Timberwolves are the club from the Greene’s home church, Chesapeake Conference’s Westminster (Md.) church.

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—Story by Beth Michaels

End Quote: I Want a Do Over

“When it comes to Christian Education, I want a do over. As a newly baptized member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church who did not have the privilege of getting to know the beauty and culture of Christian Education, one day it dawned on me, I want a do over.

Over the course of the last couple of years I have had the opportunity to visit the schools of Allegheny East Conference as well as the campuses of Pacific Union College, Pine Forge Academy and Oakwood University. The peace and presence of Christ that resonates on these campuses is indescribable.

I say to students attending Adventist schools, ‘Seize the day, absorb every moment and count yourselves blessed to have parents, family and
friends who thought enough of you to enroll you in an Adventist Christian School. Grasp a hold of what is before you, as I surely would have, if only I could have a do over.”—Shayla-René E. Little is a member of Allegheny East Conference’s Emmanuel-Brinklow church in Ashton, Md.

UPCOMING EASTER EVENTS AROUND THE COLUMBIA UNION

Click here for a complete listing of upcoming events around the Columbia Union Conference.

MARYLAND

March 23-30: “Pilgrimage to Calvary” is a weeklong Easter program, which follows the final week of leading up to Christ’s resurrection. Pastor Patrick Boyle will present the program. Sabbath-day programs are held at 11 a.m. and weekday programs begin at 7 p.m. It will be followed by the Easter play: “Rejoice! Jesus is Alive,” Sabbath, March 30, at 5 p.m., which brings the passion and resurrection of Christ to life. The Wilna church is located at 1010 Old Joppa Rd, Joppa, Md.

March 30: “The Seven Last Words of Christ Celebration Service,” begins at 4 p.m., at the Miracle Temple Worship Center, which is located at 100 South Rock Glen Road in Baltimore. The seven speakers include Pastors Ronald Edmonds, Melvyn Hayden II, Gary Adams, Michael Dyson, Maurice Taylor, T. DuWayne Privette and Ronald Reeves.

March 30: “Where Love & Mercy Meet,” is the name of a dramatic musical that tells the story of a married couple going through a difficult season. It will be performed on Sabbath, March 30, at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., at the New Hope SDA Church in Fulton, Md.

March 29: There will be a “Tenebrae” Service on Friday at 7:30 p.m., featuring ProMusica of Washington Adventist University at Spencerville Adventist Church. The service includes Scripture readings and choral music around the themes of the crucifixion of Christ. The Spencerville Adventist Church is located at 16325 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, Md.

March 29-30: “The Road Less Traveled Resurrection Celebration” will be held at the Sligo church in Takoma Park. The church kicks off Easter weekend Friday, 7:30 p.m. with a program titled “The Journey to the Cross” which will be held in the sanctuary. Saturday, March 30 the program for the divine service will be titled “The Road Less Traveled”. Two services
are held at 8:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. The speaker will be Pastor Charles A. Tapp. The Sligo Church Choir will provide the music and a reception in the atrium is to follow the service. On Sunday March 31 the last part of the program is titled “The Road to Victory” and will be held in the sanctuary at 11 a.m. A reception is to follow after the program in the atrium. For more information, call (301) 270-6777. The church is located at 7700 Carroll Avenue.

OHIO
March 31: The Newark church is hosting their “Resurrection Sunday Service” on Easter Sunday, March 31, 7 a.m. The speaker will be William Hagerman. There will be a benefit breakfast for the Newark Lightbearers Pathfinder Club. The Newark Community Church is located at 701 Linnville Road in Heath, Ohio.

PENNSYLVANIA
March 30: The “Resurrection Celebration Musical,” will be held Sabbath, March 30, 10:45 a.m. at the Chestnut Hill SDA Church in Philadelphia, Pa.

VIRGINIA
March 29-30: The Courthouse Road church in Richmond, Va., begins Easter weekend with a special agape feast on Friday evening, 7 p.m. The Easter worship service will be held on Sabbath, March 30, at 11 a.m. This will feature a music and a profound message from Peter Casillas, evangelism coordinator for the Potomac Conference. Following the divine service there will be a potluck dinner then a presentation. The church is located at 530 Courthouse Road.

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Spence expressed pride that the 44 WAU students and their projects were among 62,000 from 38 countries representing 1,600 universities and 7,300,000 project volunteer hours towards a common commitment. The WAU program is one of more than 500 in the United States. Participating students use business concepts to develop community outreach projects, transform lives and shape a better, more sustainable world. During this academic year, the WAU team organized eight projects in the Takoma Park community, including Job Quest, a partnership with Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington that provides job readiness training for unemployed residents.

The culmination of the program is an annual series of competitions that provide a showcase for teams to present the results of their projects and be evaluated by business leaders serving as judges. Teams compete first at the regional and national levels, then at the international level when the national champion teams from each country meet at the world cup. As a regional champion, the WAU team will advance to the 2013 Enactus U.S. National Exposition in Kansas City, Missouri, May 21–23.

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Women of A Movement–Living Legends Awards 2013
by Will Kitching

Mrs. Juanita Jones Abernathy, Sister Helen Prejean, and Dr. Sunitha Krushnan, three women of courage, three voices that cannot be silenced, three separate movements with one mission: lifting up and protecting even "the least of these." Three women who have committed their lives to fighting for the human rights of the downtrodden, the abused, and the innocent. These women are the 2013 Living Legends Honorees for Service to Humanity.

In front of a standing room only congregation and world-wide audience via live-streaming, The Living Legend Awards For Service To Humanity, presented by The Human Symphony Foundation, was held at Emmanuel-Brinklow Seventh-day Adventist Church on Saturday evening, February 23.

The Living Legend Singers conducted by Markus Williams, creator of the Living Legend Awards and Artistic Director, set the mood for the evening with a moving rendition of *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, arranged by Roland Carter. Doreen Hines, Executive Director, presented inspiring opening remarks where she talked of "the year of the woman" and the ongoing movement around the world for human rights and dignity.

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Before the first award of the evening, Debra Anderson and Chloe McNeil, played out a thoughtful skit of a mother and 7 year old daughter facing the realities that not all people are treated equally, and how different the battle worn mother viewed what to do versus the fresh vision of her young daughter who felt that changes still needed to be made.

The first honoree presented was Juanita Jones Abernathy, civil rights activist, who has been actively involved with the revolutionary civil rights movement for more than 40 years beginning with the Montgomery bus boycott. Her ongoing work for human rights and peace takes her around the world.

Mrs. Abernathy told the audience that "Racism is alive and well in the USA." She further remarked that there is still much to do, "If not us, then who? If not now, when?"

The next award was presented to Sister Helen Prejean, a member of the Congregation of St. Joseph. Since 1984, she has divided her time between educating citizens about the death penalty and counseling individual death row prisoners. She has accompanied six men to their deaths and in doing so, began to suspect that some of those executed were not guilty. This inspired her to write the book, "The Death of Innocents: An Eyewitness Account of Wrongful Executions".

Sister Prejean said that "Black on Black crime rarely gets the death penalty because the life of a Black person is considered negligible. But Black on white crime very often pulls the switch for the death penalty."

The final award of the night went to Dr. Sunitha Krishnan, a mental health professional who has done extensive research and has committed her life as a full time volunteer in rescuing hundreds of children from severely abusive conditions and restoring their childhood to them. She is making it possible for India's government and citizens

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“Crossing Your Red Sea” on Stewardship Day

Stewardship Day at Emmanuel-Brinklow on Sabbath, March 2, was a day when members got to reflect on their faithfulness to God. Seth Badu, Treasurer for the Columbia Union, was the guest speaker. He also spoke for our 2012 Stewardship Day. His message, “Digging In” made us more aware that stewardship was a spiritual matter. Special music was given by Judah - four young ladies of Brinklow.

The church was packed to overflowing, even with our Youth Church also holding their worship service on the premises that day.

The theme for Stewardship Ministries this year is Across Your Red Sea. This ministry has been rather busy this year, kicking off the church’s new Breakfast Club on the 1st and 3rd Sabbaths at 7:30 a.m. They have also engaged members in a Financial Fast as well as another one held just for men.

Ruthven Phillips, Stewardship Ministries Leader, and the team, have great plans for helping our members understand stewardship.

C.D. Brooks Preaches at Brinklow

Pastor Charles D. Brooks, fondly known as “C.D. Brooks, the former SpeakerDirector for Breath of Life, and member at Emmanuel-Brinklow, preached on the last Sabbath of February. His topic was “The Test and the Testimony” which closed out our Black History month with a rich recounting of where we as a people have been. Elder Brooks also ushered in our annual Living Legends Sabbath, a program held that evening to honor 3 women for their service to humanity.

His message was educational and inspiring. Of course, no one should be surprised at how Pastor Brooks - beloved by scores of people - weaves invaluable spiritual thoughts and guidance through ordinary circumstances and events.

“His parting words to the congregation were: “He (God) owns you, act like it.”
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“The speakers, two enormously well-informed professionals on these subjects, will be Sandy Crank, former Associate Commissioner for Policy of the Social Security Administration, and Dr. Ricky C. Brathwaite, Ph.D, M.S.Hsys, Health Economist and Project Manager for Atlas Research, in Washington, DC. Dr. Anthony A. Medley, Senior Pastor, Emmanuel–Brinklow SDA Church

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Brinklow Outreach
by Doreen Hines

I am praising God as I write this article! I am praising Him for a Church with visionary leadership.

This week has seen a new crop of fruits that are beginning to bud as a result of the deliberate efforts to minister to our community. On February 23, 2013, The Living Legend Awards for Service to Humanity was presented by The Human Symphony Foundation. This was the eighth Annual event. As we do each year the community was invited and turned out in huge numbers. I invited my travel agent who had been to the last two awards. My sister invited her neighbors and her community prayer group that meet weekly to pray for our adult children.

This week my travel agent called at 8:45am, and in a warm but steady voice she assured me that nothing was wrong but she had something she needed to say to me. With a little anxiousness, I listened attentively as she said “If anything happens to me, I would like my funeral at your church.” Of course I interrupted and said, I would be honored to make that happen but what is wrong? She again reassured me that all was well but she continued “I am not a church person but each time I come to your church I feel such joy and peace, I just wanted to be sure you know that this is what I want”.

As I called my sister to share a praise report with her, she related the following. Her neighbor, who came to the Living Legends Awards for the first time, called and was thrilled by the presentations. She had picked up a flyer on the Vegetarian cooking classes being offered by the parish nurse team. She expressed her desire to attend the class. On a follow up call she stated that she has been doing her own research on Seventh-day Adventists and likes what she has been reading. She has now registered and paid for her cooking class. Hallelujah!!!

I want to thank my church for making our church a place where individuals feel welcomed and the presence of God drawing them to Him. Thank you for the continued support of The Human Symphony Foundation.
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Stewardship Ministries Prayer Line

All are invited to call in to the Stewardship Ministries’ “Faith and Finance” prayer line, Monday-Friday from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. The number is 202-212-6007.

Busy for Jesus

by Christine C. Hill, Interest Coordinator

Elders and laymen are busy responding to requests for Bible Studies in preparation for baptism. Currently, we have 12 precious souls ranging from ages seven through adulthood. PRAISE GOD!!!

Our aim is to keep each study Christ-centered and to encourage each student to develop a love relationship with Christ that will lead to total surrender and obedience. According to 1 Peter 1:23, 25, being born again by the living and enduring Word of God helps the student to live a Christlike life.

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Diet, Physiology and Spirituality

with Dr. Joy Peterson, RD

If you would like to be a part of a very spirit-filled, Bible-based presentation on Diet, Physiology and Spirituality with Dr. Joy Peterson, RD bring your lunch and stay next Sabbath March 23rd, at 4 p.m., at the Hope Center (East Campus). Come prepared to learn how the Disease Process System, as we know it, can be reversed back to God’s Health Care System. You need to hear this! FMI call 301-672-9257.

Inner City Ministries

“Come Join Us on Palm Monday”

Lyric soprano Sheri Jackson and Mark Francis will be the featured artists this month at the Central Union Mission homeless shelter, 1350 R. St., Washington, D.C. 20009, on Monday, March 25. The worship service begins at 7 p.m. and Pastor Anthony Medley will deliver the devotional message. Come and be blessed by wonderful music and a compelling devotional message. Your presence will be an encouragement to the homeless as Brinklow continues to provide inspiration at the Central Union Mission homeless shelter monthly with a message and music. This program has been well received by the Mission.

For more information or to assist in/support this ministry, contact Elder Carlos Medley, Inner City Ministries Leader, at (301) 236-0093.

Personal Ministries:

A Testimony in Action

Brinklow member Bro. George Harris, a personal witness in his neighborhood, was interviewed by Stewart Hill (right), Personal Ministries Leader recently. When Bro. Harris knows of a need in his neighborhood, he reaches out to help. His neighbors are blessed by his loving service. He is known as “the man” in his neighborhood and nine of eighteen families there have visited Brinklow. Sabbath School Superintendent, David Coleman assisted by holding the mike and asking a question or two during the interview.

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organizations to manage jointly a range of protective and rehabilitative services for children who have been trafficked for commercial sexual exploitation. She has been awarded the Stree Shakthi Purskar national award, Perdita Huston Human Rights Award, and the World of Children Award.

Dr. Krishnan said, "Though I have been physically attacked and beaten for my stance against the commercial child sex trade, we will continue to fight against this incredible evil against our children."

The guest musical artists gave outstanding musical performances! They were Simone Paulwell, Zina Johnson, Mark Francis, and Monique Griffiths who brought the house down with her incredible presentation of "Defying Gravity!"

The presenters for each of the Honorees were outstanding young people active and making an impact in their community. They were Eliana Stanislawski, Dandio Coulibaly, and Audra Zumwalt.

The Living Legends program always has many people attend from the community and other SDA Churches and are always blessed by what they hear. Brinklow members Warrick S. & Christine C. Hill commented “Our guests were very impressed with the dynamic presentations of the Living Legends honorees, enthusiastically stated that they received a spiritual blessing, and are awaiting the February 22, 2014, presentations.”

The Living Legends Awards for Service to Humanity is an award given to three individuals annually that are making an impact on our local and global community. The award is a component of The Human Symphony Foundation, along with The Living Legend Singers, and the Human Symphony Learning Institute. The foundation is a non profit 501c (3) organization that exists with the purpose of celebrating and fostering the building of humanity. If you would like more information about the foundation visit their website, www.humansymphonyfoundation.org.

Monique Griffiths gave an outstanding performance and received a standing ovation!

"Across Your Red Sea" –21-Day Financial Fast

The men of Brinklow recently began the program, “Across Your Red Sea:” 21-Day Financial Fast. Participants read daily chapters of the book, *The Power to Prosper 21 Days to Financial Freedom*, by Michelle Singletary and discuss them each Thursday at 9:00 pm. The purpose is to become better stewards of their resources. For information see www.emmanueladventist.org or email emmanuelstewardship@gmail.com.

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and trying to be aware of the resources and how they are used,” explains Christine, registrar for the union’s Office of Education. Harold serves the union as IT director. The Timberwolves are also supported by those who drop coins in the penny collection bottle in the church foyer, the large yard sale the church hosts every summer, and the fundraising dinners and snack sales the Pathfinders host at church functions.

York Students Learn New Uses for Trash

When it comes to throwing trash away, the students at Pennsylvania Conference’s York Adventist Christian School in York are also learning to think twice about where it should go. Whether it is a Capri Sun drink pouch, chip bags, aluminum cans, broken laptops, used ink cartridges or glue sticks, among a slew of other items, everything now gets a second look.

“We will be recycling in all of our classrooms. We even held a contest to see which room was recycling the most,” McCary reports. “I am a recycler myself, and I noticed around the school that there were a lot of things that could be recycled that were being thrown away,” explains Jennifer McCary, principal. “Recycling is easy and it gives the students something they can do to be proud of. Plus they can take what they’ve learned at school and apply it at home.”

The school recently kicked off a school-wide spirit week that focused on the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling. McCary says the assembly was meant to engage the students in the TerraCycle and Dream Machine Recycle Rally programs that the school participates in, and to teach them to be mindful of what they throw away. In just one month, the students collected 6,355 recyclable items!

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