



Community Unity

Educational Resources Committee

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Did you know? – This newsletter is available online at our web site: <http://www.communityunity.org>. The internet links printed in this paper copy are "live" online – click on them and go to right to the resource!

CORYDON ELEMENTARY KIDS - GO YOU!

Community Unity salutes the kids of Corydon Elementary School (and teacher Brett Owen) for the project they did with Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft Teaching Artist John McCarthy. Their clay tile mural, titled *Diversity, Peace and Justice*, is both beautiful and meaningful. Great work, kids!

RACHEL'S CHALLENGE COMES TO HARRISON COUNTY

From the Rachel's Challenge web site:

Rachel Scott was the first person killed at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999. Her acts of kindness and compassion coupled with the contents of her six diaries have become the foundation for one of the most life-changing school programs in America.

Powerful video/audio footage of Rachel's life and the Columbine tragedy holds students spell-bound during a one hour school presentation that motivates them to positive change in the way they treat others.

This is followed by a separate interactive 90 minute training session involving both adult and student leaders that shows how to sustain the momentum created by the assembly. The assembly creates the “want to” or desire for positive change. The training session teaches the “how to” and ensures that the positive impact will continue.

That evening the Rachel's Challenge speaker conducts a powerful session with parents and community leaders. This session is similar to the assembly program and ends with a specific challenge to parents and community leaders, showing them how they can reinforce the decisions their youth are making. Entertainers, politicians, sports celebrities, educators, and even two Presidents of the United States have been impacted by Rachel's Challenge. However, students are the target audience and they have proven that they will respond with positive words, attitudes, and actions. Your school will never be the same after being exposed to Rachel's Challenge!

All presentations are in the Corydon Central Auditorium on **Thursday, October 20, 2011.**

The First Presentation at 9:00 AM includes:

Corydon Central Junior High (7th-8th)
Corydon Intermediate (6th)
Heth-Washington Elementary (6th)
New Middletown Elementary (6th)
South Central Elementary (6th)
South Central Jr/Sr High (7th-9th)

The Second Presentation at 10:30 AM includes:

Corydon Central High School (9th-12th)
South Central Jr/Sr High (10th-12th)

Community Presentation at 7:00 PM:
Open to the Public

Rachel's Challenge
<http://www.rachelschallenge.org/LearnMore/WhatIsRC.php>

JUST ASK

ASK stands for About Special Kids - Answers For Families Of Kids With Special Needs. The ASK web site is rich in state-wide events, publications, answers to questions and a resource directory organized by subject and location. Training courses are available for signup online.

ASK
<http://www.aboutspecialkids.org/Training.aspx>
<http://aboutspecialkids.org>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO IMPORTANT WOMEN BORN IN WINTER

Fanny Garrison Villard (12/16/1844) - Campaigner for non-violence and voting rights, co-founder of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Maria Dadilla de Martinez (12/21/1886) - writer, educator, artist, feminist activist in Puerto Rico.

Charlotte Ray (1/13/1850) - first black female attorney in America.

National Women's History Museum
<http://www.nwhm.org>

BULLYING - IT'S NEVER OKAY

When dealing with bullying on school property, it's important to send a clear message that bullying is never okay. From pre-school through high school, teachers should discourage insult "humor", "playful" physical contact like hitting, kicking or tripping and "normal" ostracizing behavior. It's tempting to let these pass as typical, kids-will-be-kids behavior, but bullying can have a life-long negative impact on the target and on the bully. Kidpower.org provides resources online for kids, teens, adults and seniors. Refusing to tolerate bullying and teaching kids to deal with their hostilities and their fears in productive ways make the classroom--and the world--a better place.

Kidpower
<http://tinyurl.com/KidpowerNoBully>

YOUNG CYCLISTS GO UNDERGROUND

A group of youth bicyclists from North Carolina cycled from Mobile, Alabama, to Niagara Falls, New York, following a route of the Underground Railroad--all 1,800 miles of it. The group, called Spoke'n Revolutions, stopped in Corydon along the way, visiting the Oswell Wright marker on Chestnut Street and the historic Leora Brown School. Oswell Wright was a free black man who was jailed for helping an enslaved man to escape.

Spoke'n Revolutions
<http://tinyurl.com/Spoke-nRev>

LIBERTY ON THE BORDER: A CIVIL WAR EXHIBIT

The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati, Ohio, will host an exhibit with a regional focus from September 10 through January 6, 2012. *Liberty on the Border*

explores the area's tensions and battles of the Civil war. The mission of the Freedom Center is to "reveal stories about freedom's heroes, from the era of the Underground

Railroad to contemporary times, challenging and inspiring everyone to take courageous steps for freedom today." Visit the web site to learn more about the Center's exhibits or to schedule one of five age-appropriate school group tours. Visit the blog for posts on history, people, commentary and more.

National Underground Railroad Freedom Center
Web site: <http://www.freedomcenter.org>
Blog: <http://freedomcenter.org/freedom-forum/>
School Tours:
<http://tinyurl.com/FreedomCenterTours>