Interview with Ben Carson

By Jeremy Franks, News Staff Writer

During the year, I arranged a meeting with Ben Carson. If you read *Gifted Hands* this year or last year, then you are on the right track. The book is about a kid living in Detroit, who started off by not being able to read well. He learned to read and became the top in his class. In high school, he joined ROTC because his brother did it and he barely had clothes. Still at the top of his class, he got into Yale, and found his future wife there.

Later on, he joined Johns Hopkins Hospital and completed many successful surgeries, including the notable separation of the Siamese twins, Patrick and Daniel. Here is a picture of me and him:

Here are some questions that I asked Dr. Carson:

Q. Describe ROTC.

A. ROTC stands for Reserve Officers' Training Corps. It's to prepare people in college for a military career, and in high school for teens to learn discipline. I joined ROTC because I had no clothes to wear, and I was allowed to wear the ROTC uniform in school. I wanted to become the city officer so I learned everything in the manuals, and I made it.

Q. What was the most emotional experience for you at Johns Hopkins that did not involve a death?

A. Probably the bestowing of the endowed chair named in my honor. It virtually never happens to people who are still living.

Q. What advice can you give to children today?

A. You should remember that the person who has the most to do with how you turn out is you. If you take the first 20-25 years to prepare, you spend the rest of your life reaping, or gathering, the benefits.
Interview with Ben Carson (cont.)

(Ben Carson’s Answer continued) If you spend the next 20-25 years doing other stuff and not concentrating on preparation, you have to suffer the consequences. For example, when I went to my 25th anniversary with my high school, all the "cool" people were dead. The people who were alive were congratulating me and saying how they were encouraging me in high school. They have short memories. (laughs)

I thought the interview was great. I never interviewed someone internationally famous before, and this was a first for me. Ben Carson introduced me to a movie, also titled Gifted Hands, which won one award. I loved the movie, and you should watch it. It is not exactly like the book, since some parts are different, but it still tells the same life story he had. Ben, if you're reading this now at your office, thank you so much for taking the time for this interview.

Ms. Colimore

By Nathalie Ramirez, Arts Staff Writer

After 12 years of being a stay-at-home mom, Ms. Colimore has come back to Sudbrook Magnet Middle School to become our dance teacher. Ms. Colimore has been a dance teacher for over 20 years, isn’t that long? Did you know Ms. Colimore can do a split! Well Ms. Colimore left because she was having a baby. She stayed in touch with Mr. Tiller, and he knew that she would come back when there was an opportunity. She taught at Sudbrook for 5 years before leaving. Today she teaches regular Ballet, Pointe class, and
Ms. Colimore cont.

adult classes. Ms. Colimore really loves middle school kids and our faculty.

Ms. Colimore teaches our Sudbrook students how to sew because she believes that every student should know basic sewing skills for fixing shoes, costumes and leotards. Be responsible for your stuff and take good care of it. Dance items are very expensive! Plus it feels good to be able to do something for yourself.

Ms. Colimore always makes a dance to show our parents what we learned. Nybia Williams answered some dance questions and told me about what she does in class with Ms. Colimore. Nybia said she has been taking dance classes since she was 3½, and she has never stopped. In the winter dance concert she was Mother Ginger. Nybia said “it was a lot of fun to see of people play different instruments for the party scene.” Nybia likes having Mrs. Colimore because Mrs. Colimore knows a lot about dancing.

Green Team is Extreme

By Aidan Shipperley, Science Staff Writer

Have you ever wanted to help save the environment and get paid with service learning hours? Well my name is Aidan, and I am a proud member of the adventurous Green Team. The Green Team is an exciting team that meets every day from 7:40-8:20. From 7:40-7:55, the Green Team leader Ms. Erb (Room 105) welcomes all members and gets them ready. At 7:55, Ms. Erb tells us to go, and the fun part begins. We grab huge recycling bins that roll on wheels and all the boxes left out. We go on the elevator to go to the cafeteria. Then, we get to go outside (even in the rain!) Next, we go to the gigantic recycling bin to dump in the other bins and boxes. And then, we go back on to the elevator, and split people in to even groups. One group gets the first floor, and the other group gets the second floor, and the real adventure begins. You go to each room with your team and grab each recycling bin in each room. Finally, at about 8:15, both teams go to the elevator and meet up there. Then the whole Green Team walks back to Ms. Erb’s room and signs out. So why wait? It is never too late to join the Green Team. You could possibly get all of your service learning hours this year and/or next year. Whether you are in 6th grade, 7th grade, or even 8th grade, you could start a new adventure today!
Ms. Thompson

By Jeanelle Quiambao, Arts Staff Writer

Ms. Thompson is the new strings teacher. I got an opportunity to interview her and ask her a few questions.

“Ms. Thompson, how did you get interested in playing strings instruments?”

Well, when she was in 4th grade, their teacher showed her class the instruments. She chose from the strings group. She was the shortest kid in class, so she picked the biggest string instrument, the string bass.

Ms. Thompson started playing instruments when she was nine years old. It was just like us when we were in 4th grade (or 5th). We got to choose our own instruments to play. Her first instrument was actually the cello. She said that the string bass was too big for her, so she chose the cello instead.

I also asked her what other instruments she plays. Ms. Thompson said that she plays the violin, viola, cello, string bass, guitar, bass guitar, and mandolin. I believe that all these instruments sound great! Her favorite type of instrument is the strings instruments. She plays almost all of the strings instruments; from violin, to mandolin! Wow!

Ms. Thompson also told me that all the level 1, 2, and 3 students are playing holiday music, classical music, and other types of music. There are lovely songs that are going to be played and there are many types that you are going to enjoy at the concerts this year.

Ms. Thompson has been teaching strings for 7 years. She teaches anywhere; from private lessons to classes in school. She also has taught strings in summer camps. Ms. Thompson has influenced many children to play music!

Ms. Thompson loves Sudbrook Magnet Middle School. She loves how dedicated the students are to their magnet and their elective. The students are doing a great job, and they played very well during the first orchestra concert.

“Who inspired you to play strings instruments?” Well, it was her first option to play. They were asked at school, and she agreed on playing the strings. Now, she continued working on that talent and she can play a lot of strings instruments. She even goes to rock concerts and music festivals!

“What other interests do you have other than playing instruments?” She loves to bake cookies and more! She also visits her family in Virginia. As I said before, Ms. Thompson is the new strings teacher; I had a wonderful conversation with her.

Remember to always keep on playing and...

FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS!!!
Glee Club

By Skye Barber and Jaien Garrett, Arts Staff Writers

Lights, camera, action! Here comes the Glee Club! Mr. Christian and Mr. Tiller had around 90 kids audition. They chose 20 kids to be in Glee Club! The Glee Club is a show choir here at Sudbrook. They travel to almost all the competitions with the level 3 chorus students. Only the best of the best singers and dancers get into the Glee Club. The Glee Club’s first performance was November 16.

The Glee Club worked really hard on their performance. The Glee Club had songs and dances for the whole school. They sang songs that are recent and songs that are more classic. Glee Club’s performance had a smoke machine and strobe lights. The special effects helped bring the performance together as did the singing and dancing. Glee Club also made a guest appearance at the winter chorus concert. Glee Club had another special treat—a performance for the whole school during 4th period on Friday, December 21, 2012. The performance before winter break was a lot like the Glee Club’s concert except it was for the entire school. They used strobe lights, and they had a costume change. While the cast changed Mr. Christian and Mr. Tiller sang a duet from a Broadway musical, called “In Your Eyes.” Everyone loved hearing the songs and seeing the Glee Club dance before the break.
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EES Dissection—Kids and Squids

By Anika Samee, News Staff Editor

On Friday November 6th, 2012, the seventh grade environmental science magnet students conducted a dissection. On the days leading up to the dissection, many students tried to guess what they were going to dissect. Mrs. Baker, who was leading the dissection, kept it a secret. Some people guessed that they were going to dissect a squirrel, some a jellyfish, some people even guessed nudibranch! They did learn about nudibranchs a few days earlier, so it would have made sense, but it was wrong. In fact, none of the guesses were right. They dissected a squid!

The purpose of the dissection was to lead the students into the next part of their unit - adaptations. They learned that the squid has spots called chromatophores that can turn light or dark, which are used as camouflage. Another adaptation they learned about is that the squid has an ink sack that is used for escaping from predators. Once groups found the ink sack inside the squid, they had the option of writing with ink! They also figured out whether or not they had a boy squid or a girl squid.

Overall, the environmental science 7th grade dissection was a good way for the students to start a new part in their unit.
Student Council Can Drive — By Jyotsna Jayaram, Editor in Chief

The Sudbrook Student Council is an active organization here in Sudbrook. It meets every Wednesday after school, but that doesn't mean you can't change the world in an hour! This time, Student Council did a can drive to change people’s lives. For many years, Sudbrook has been the school with the largest amount of food collected throughout the middle school level in Baltimore County. These cans will then go to Maryland Food Bank. Ms. McEvoy, an 8th grade Algebra 2 teacher, hosts Student Council and plans everything. She is the one in charge of this active organization. Along with math, 4 classes, tests, and all the other hard work, this strong multi-tasker juggles Student Council and maintaining its leadership! Student Council has the Can Drive every year. But this year, the Student Council's Can Drive lasted from November 5 until December 7. You could also bring in other stuff like Nutella and Peanut Butter. All this food will help feed the hungry. Sonia J., an active member of Student Council in 7th grade, said, "The Canned Food Drive will help the hungry because we will be donating the food to the people that need it more. Student Council saves lives!" As you can see, Student Council is fun and helpful. Anika S., another active 7th grader in Student Council says, "I think it is great that Sudbrook puts in so much effort to help the hungry." Student Council has been helping people for years and years. You can help too. "I feel that students should try to participate in the Student Council Can Drive because feeding the hungry is very important," says Madison B., one of Student Council's most hardest 7th grade workers. There are tons of boxes of cans, and Student Council continues working harder and harder every day.

Winter Band Concert A Success

By Jyotsna Jayaram, Editor in Chief

On December 11, 2012, Mr. Mitroff held the annual Winter Concert and it was a big success! The concert band, symphonic band, and wind ensemble have been practicing for the winter concert ever since the first day of school. Each of the bands played 3 songs. The 6th graders in the concert band were pretty good for being so young. Most of the students just started playing their instruments, and now they’re nearly professionals! Mr. Mitroff made sure the audience understood what it takes to play these complicated pieces of music. He also gave them a quick music vocabulary lesson. He taught the audience about programmatic music, which is music that tells a story. The level 2 band’s performance was more of a visual/sound performance. In one song, snow fell from the ceiling onto all the young musicians on stage, which the audience enjoyed. The snow went along really well with "Walking in a Winter Wonderland." In another song, Moniq Bevans, a 7th grade flute player, who takes African dance classes, decided to dance to one of the songs her band class was performing. The audience also enjoyed that performance. In level 3, the music was very professional and energetic! The songs were high school level pieces of music. The solos were also very beautiful. This winter concert was unique and enjoyable for the audience.
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