

School Corner

Our Town is pleased to introduce a new informational column called **The School Corner**. Our goal is to share school news, events, and accomplishments with our readers. We'd like to help spread the word about the activities that today's kids are involved in, and the things that they are engaged in to make "a difference."

their first day in their new greenhouse. Thanks to the IBM Com-Depot, they were able to purchase and assemble the new greenhouse this summer. Nickajack currently participates in the Captain



celebrates 50th Anniversary

are invited on Sunday, October 13 from 3:00-5:00 pm. The Smyrna, 30080. Overflow parking will be available at Campbell. Ride the shuttle over to Teasley Elementary. Call 770-437-5945 or www.ourtownmonthly.com/events/429691360482511 or 770-437-5945.

After school on a Monday or Thursday, be prepared to participate in a national program of 15 girls, each with two to three coaches, meet twice a week to be better humans.

running program. On any given day they set goals, build self-



healthy choices, celebrate their individuality, help their communities. The season culminates with a fun 5K event, where each girl learns that it's not a race; it's about moving forward in a

interested in GOTR that they have three full teams – more

than any other school in Georgia! King Springs is grateful for their coaches – teachers, parents, family members, and women from the community – who volunteer their time to help enrich and empower their girls. In turn, the girls often inspire their coaches.

The girls are encouraged to involve their entire family by being active together and making healthy food choices. Team members are reminded to be active at least twice a week outside of GOTR. With soccer players, swimmers, dancers, taekwondo students, and expert hula hoopers on our teams, it's not a difficult task.

If Girls on the Run sounds like fun, it is! Being active with a Girl on the Run is magic. When they run, they talk and share, and you want to be listening.

St. Benedict's Episcopal Day School

St. Benedict's Episcopal Day School in Smyrna, GA is getting a "jump" on things this school year. Students practiced jump-roping skills all summer with hopes of joining the school's traveling performance jump rope team. The jump rope team was created last year by Physical Education teacher Robin Hornik-Kish as part of St. Benedict's participation in Jump Rope for Heart. The St. Benedict's jump rope team is unique in that it is comprised of students as young as six years old, while many other teams only take fourth and fifth graders. The goal of the team is to inspire students at St. Benedict's and across the Southeast to get active and be "heart healthy". Last year, the school of 250 students raised more than \$42,600 for the American Heart Association, which placed the school No. 1 in the Southeast and No. 8 in the nation among participating schools. Last year the AHA named Coach Kish Outstanding Jump Rope for Heart Coordinator of the year. This year the jump rope team has set its sights on performances at the Atlanta Heart Walk, The Marietta Heart Walk, the Share the Wealth PE Convention in Jekyll Island, The Atlanta Hawks, Georgia State University, the Atlanta Healthiest Business Awards plus demonstrations at area elementary schools such as Teasley, Burnt Hickory and Nickajack. St. Benedict's own Jump Rope for Heart event will take place this spring, on April 11, 2014.



Center Academy – A Great Little Secret in Smyrna

Center Academy, located in Smyrna, Georgia specializes in learning differences and attention issues. Our commitment is to excellence in education, while providing a nurturing, learning environment. We serve a diverse student population. Many children attending Center Academy utilize the funds from the Georgia Special Needs Scholarship (SB 10) to help pay the tuition. Our focus is on the student, offering an individualized program to meet the needs of each child. We are a SACS/NAIS accredited school enrolling students from grades 5 through 12.

Generally, students come to Center Academy because they are not achieving success, are in need of individualized instruction and/or smaller class sizes. We serve ADD and ADHD students, as well as students with Aspergers.

2013-14 is an exciting year for Georgia Special Needs Scholarship (SB10) students. For the first time, students are permitted to transfer from a public school to Center Academy at any time during the school year without losing their scholarship funding. This is GREAT news for families who have started the school year and realize that they need to find a different school setting immediately. No longer are students expected to remain in a difficult situation until the end of the school year.



Center Academy will be holding a Fall Open House November 4 through November 8. Coffee and information will be available daily from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Please come and join us to learn more about our wonderful school. We offer shadowing for all prospective students to experience the Center Academy difference. We would love to share our great little school with you. Feel free to contact us at: infosmy@centeracademy.com

If you would like to submit information to The School Corner, please email your submission to Info@ourtownmonthly.com by the 12th of each month for the next month's publication. Submissions should be limited to 250 words or less and photos submitted in a jpeg format are welcome.