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EGG HUNT- Harley Bennett, Damonte Quailles, and Tomyia Bailey show off their door prizes with the Easter Bunny from the Seaford Parks and Recreation Easter Egg Hunt held at the Ross Mansion. More pictures in next week's Seaford Star. Photo by Lynn Schofer

Communities in Schools program off to a great start

By Scott Bleile

The new Communities in Schools program at Woodbridge Middle School is off to a great start according to site coordinator, Stacey Clark.

Clark, who has been in education since 1994, worked at Woodbridge before becoming a principal at Kent County High School in Maryland and

has also worked in the Capitol School District in Dover.

"I want the kids to have fun, but also learn from what this program can bring to the school," said Clark. "We will be bringing in motivational speakers to show the kids how to solve problems in their life as well as dealing with conflict resolution and involving how doing well in school will help."

Communities in Schools had national motivational speaker Ty Howard speak to a full school assembly at WMS during Raider Pride Day on Wednesday, March 9. Howard discussed practical conflict resolution strategies for teens, and shared his eight essentials of "True Greatness."

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Community

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“This event inspired and empowered the students to do what it takes to go after and capture continuous success in education, school, community, family, healthy choices, positive relationships, and life. They walked away from this engaging hour knowing and believing — I was born to be GRRRREAT!,” echoed Clark.

Communities in Schools of Delaware is part of a nationwide network of passionate professionals working in public schools to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. Ensuring student success is everyone’s job: schools, parents, communities. In over 200 communities across 27 states, we work closely with schools, social services, businesses and thousands of volunteers to get young people the things they need to learn and grow: mentors and tutors, after-school help, family services to stabilize the home. Without these basic supports, kids in need or at-risk are far less likely to succeed and grow into productive adults.

Ty Howard is one of America’s most popular and in-demand motivational speakers for teens and young adults. He spent five of his early childhood years in foster care, graduated in the top five percent

of his high school graduation class, and served on active duty in the U.S. Navy for 10 years. He excelled in various positions in corporate America, and is now the founder and CEO of InspiraGen Institute, LLC (an internationally recognized and sought-after consulting and communications company for 20 years, based in Baltimore, Md). For more information about Ty Howard and his dynamic teen enrichment programs, visit www.dynami-cyouthspeaker.com.

“I grew up in a tough neighborhood in Baltimore,” Howard told the student assembly. “I saw friends get into drugs and were arrested. I saw my best friend get killed. I was told by my tough mother that education is something people can’t take away from you ...ever! I took this to heart and decided that I was going to make something of myself. I made different choices and I wanted to make a difference.”

Howard got the students involved with different activities showing them how their choices just in small games made a difference in the outcome. Clark would like for the program to grow by adding mentoring from people in the community and also involving high school students as lunch buddies. With the middle school now in the FOCUS school program, Clark feels that the Communities in School Program will help get Woodbridge Middle School out of the program by helping students with behavior and academics.



The Communities in School Program at Woodbridge Middle School invited motivational speaker Ty Howard to address students about the choices they make in life. Photos by Scott Bleile



Motivational speaker Ty Howard plays a balloon game with several Woodbridge Middle School students during a school-wide assembly sponsored by the Communities in School program. Howard told students that the choices you make throughout your life will affect you even when playing games.

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School Board Candidates Forum

The Western Sussex Branch of AAUW will sponsor a Seaford School Board Candidates Forum at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20, in the Central Elementary School auditorium, Delaware Place, Seaford. The two candidates running for the five-year term beginning July 1 are Dianne Abrams and Kimberley Hopkins. The election will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., at the District Administration Office, North Market Street, Seaford.

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Saturday, April 16, 2016

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Check-In
9:30 - 10:00 a.m.
Program
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Catered Luncheon
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Speaker - Rev. Kari Jones
Co-Pastor of Connection Community Church in Middletown, DE
Musician - Mrs. Joy Slavens
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