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SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Diana L. Mitchell., Ed.D., Superintendent

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Choptank Elementary School Sends Christmas Cards to Terminally Ill Child

During the week of November 6th and November 13th, School Counselor Ms. Willey and School Social Worker Mrs. Webb, provided classroom lessons to students in Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade on the topic of empathy. Ms. Willey and Mrs. Webb talked with students about what empathy means, what it looks like, and ways that they can show empathy to others that they meet and interact with. The children then put empathy into practice by creating Christmas cards for Jacob Thompson, a terminally ill nine-year-old boy who requested to receive Christmas cards early this year. Jacob has been diagnosed with Stage 4 Neuroblastoma (Brain Cancer) and has only a few months left to live. Students put their creativity to work in completing Christmas coloring pages and creating Christmas cards filled with warm wishes, beautiful pictures, and kind words. All Christmas pictures and Christmas cards have been mailed off to Maine in hopes of letting Jacob know that the students at Choptank Elementary School are thinking of him.

