

OPTIONS WEEKLY

The first week of Pennies for Patients went extremely well! As a school, we flew past our school goal of \$50 raising \$98.54 in the first week! Pennies for Patients continues through January 29th, so it'll be exciting to see how much we are able to raise this year.

The competition between advising groups is off to a great start. The totals for the first week are:

Jessica \$43.90
Blake \$30.87
Wally \$13.24
Christina \$7.77
Jeff \$1.59
Gretchen \$1.17

Gretchen Taylor
English Specialist

We just received word that Options-Carmel received a 5-year renewal of their charter from Ball State University! How exciting!

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Callie Brown is January's Student of the Month

Questions/comments? mwalden@optionsined.org or call (317) 815-2098

Student Clubs:
Tuesdays— Games Club
3:00-4:30pm
Thursdays—Chess Club
3:00-4:00pm

**Teacher Appreciation
Volunteer Link:**

[www.volunteerspot.com/
login/entry/367203048046](http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/367203048046)

JANUARY DATES:

5-29 - Pennies for Patients
Student Government
18th - Martin Luther King
Flex Day
25th - Fieldtrip Statehouse
28th - PTSO Meeting 6pm



**Intramural Basketball
Hamilton County Sports
Complex**

**9625 E 150th St,
Noblesville, IN 46060
Every Tuesday: 3:30pm-
5pm**

January: 5, 12, 19, 26

February: 2, 9, 16, 23

Jessica Sunderman- Mathematics Specialist

As this semester continues, I will slowly be stepping out of the teaching position and into an observing teacher position so that my student teacher, Chase McCloskey, can take over and teach my courses. I will return to the normal teaching position around spring break and continue the rest of semester. Chase has already begun teaching Algebra 2-2 and Algebra 1-1 and will start teaching Geometry 2 as soon as I finish this unit.

Upcoming tests for all math courses: Algebra 1-2 blue days will test on January 20th and silver days will test on January 21st. Geometry 2 blue days will test on January 20th and silver days will test on January 21st. Pre-Calculus 2 will test on January 22nd.

Gretchen Taylor - English Specialist

This semester, I'm teaching a creative writing class. The students start each class responding to a writing prompt, which can be a picture, a dialogue, a situation, a list, or a question. The students work on improving their writing skills and explore different types of creative writing through a number of different activities. Last week, the students wrote excuses for why they couldn't get out of bed, a story about being attacked by a cute animal, and created an imaginary dinner party, complete with guest list, menu, and conversations. This week, the students will be going on a creative writing scavenger hunt around the school and then write a story about the things they find. The students really get to express their creativity and imagination in this class!

Ball State University of Charter Schools - Renewed Charter

Congratulations Options-Carmel! Ball State University Office of Charter Schools has renewed our charter for an additional 5 years. Charter schools operate under a charter, or contract, with an authorizer and those contracts have to be renewed on a regular basis. During a renewal year, the authorizer does an evaluation of all the components of the school to ensure integrity and success for students. Once the evaluation has been completed, the authorizer will decide to either close the school, renew the charter for one year with conditions for improvement, renew the charter for 3 years, or renew the charter for 5 years. We are proud to announce that we have received the highest recognition available with a 5-year renewal. This is a huge testament to the great work our teachers and staff are doing and the hard work all of our students and parents are putting in to make this school a success! Way to go Options-Carmel!

(see picture on following page)



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