

# This Week at Bridges!

## Week 3 is GIVING BACK WEEK

July 9 - July 13

### About Giving Back Week:

Giving back week offers students a chance to give back to their communities. Elementary grade students will experience field trips to help restore the public green spaces around Baltimore City and to better understand the importance of wildlife preservation. Middle grades students will also act as classroom assistants at the Baer School, a Baltimore City Public School that specializes in serving students with severe disabilities. All students are participating in a materials drive for B.A.R.C.S.

### This week's Giving Back Field Trips:

**Grades 4-6:** Herring Run Park Clean Up - 7/10/12

**Grades 7-9:** Assisting in the classrooms at the Baer School - 7/10/12 & 7/12/12

### This week's Assemblies, Homeroom Speakers and All-Program Activity

#### Assemblies

#### Wednesday

*EM Assembly* - Nature themed scavenger hunt.

*MS Assembly* - Motor Skills Workshop

#### Friday

Weekly student award winners and House Cup update!

#### Wednesday All-Program Activity: Team Sports & Student/Staff Basketball

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#### Word Search!

*Find all the words listed below, circle them, and turn into your Head Counselor for 10 House Cup Points!*

Tributary

Preserve

Water Quality

Disabilities

Braille

Special Needs

Epilepsy

Deaf

Invasive Species



# Week 3 - Giving Back Week

Grade 4-6: July 10, 2012

## Herring Run Park – removing invasive species from a park within the Herring Run Watershed

*Did you know that ...*

- Herring Run is a tributary that flows through Baltimore and Baltimore County before emptying into the Back River?
- A tributary is a stream or river that flows into another river or lake known as a main stem river or lake.
- The total length of Herring Run is over 41 miles?
- The Herring Run Watershed Association was founded in 1978 in order to preserve the tributary through stream cleanups, advocacy, education and more? Their efforts have helped to improve the stream's water quality.



*Students and volunteers show off their haul of invasive plant species.*

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Grade 7-9: July 10 & 12, 2012

## Baer School – assisting in classrooms for students with special needs

*Did you know that ...*

- For over 75 years, the Baer school has been providing an education for students in the Baltimore city area with various physical and mental disabilities, such as epilepsy?
- The famous German composer Beethoven was deaf for much of his later life?
- The Nobel Prize winning physicist Albert Einstein had a learning disability that was detrimental toward his abilities to speak and read?



*Students prepare for a day assisting in the classrooms.*

- Braille is a reading and writing system that is widely used by visually impaired people? Developed in 1825 by Louis Braille, this system is made up of three by three dotted rectangular units known as cells in which any of the six dots can be raised.