

The DUNDALK EAGLE

Thursday, October 1, 2015

INSIDE TODAY

www.dundalk.eagle.com

50¢

Law Offices of

NICHOLAS DEL PIZZO III, P.A.
1-800-BANKRUPT • 410-288-5788

• AUTO ACCIDENTS • MEDICAL MALPRACTICE
• Social Security Disability • Bankruptcy
• Criminal/DWI • Wills & Estates

7222 Holabird Ave., Baltimore 21222 • nickdelpizzo.com

Aggressive Representation Around the Clock

Local schools triumph in Baltimore County Public Schools cleanup challenge

Bear Creek wins grand
prize of \$3,000

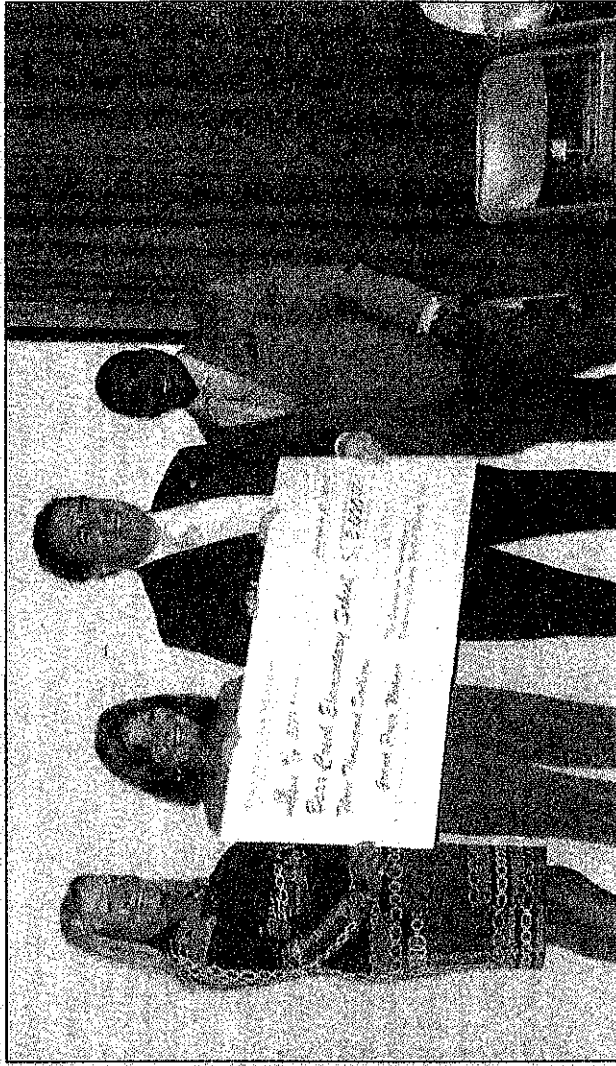
By **NICOLE RODMAN**
nrodman@chespub.com

Dundalk was well-represented among the winners of the second annual Team BCPS (Baltimore County Public Schools) Clean Green 15 Challenge.

Winners of the contest were announced during a ceremony at Bear Creek Elementary School on Monday. BCPS Superintendent Dr. Dallas Dance and Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz were on hand to congratulate the victors.

The Clean Green 15 Challenge is an anti-litter initiative that tasks students, staff and other community volunteers to participate in litter pick-up activities. The 2015 competition was held in the spring.

In the second year of the challenge, nearly two dozen BCPS schools participated, including many in Dundalk and Edgemere. During



BY NICOLE RODMAN/NRODMAN@CHESPUB.COM
Bear Creek Elementary School principal Cheryl Thim (second from left) accepted a grand-prize check for \$3,000 from (from left) Timmy Ruppberger, president of the Education Foundation of BCPS, Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz and BCPS Superintendent Dr. Dallas Dance during Monday's Clean Green 15 Challenge awards ceremony.

See **GREEN**

Page 31

GREEN

From
Page 1

the 2015 challenge, 3,356 volunteers across the county collected 3,456 bags of trash totaling nearly 42,000 pounds.

Nearly 1,000 of those volunteers — 895 to be exact — represented Bear Creek Elementary School. Their efforts propelled the school to the grand prize — a \$3,000 grant to be used for environmental education programs.

“Our school is 60 years old this year, but we are alive with activity,” Bear Creek principal Cheryl Thim said during the ceremony.

She recounted the school’s many environmental efforts, including recycling initiatives and the school’s pursuit of Maryland Green School status.

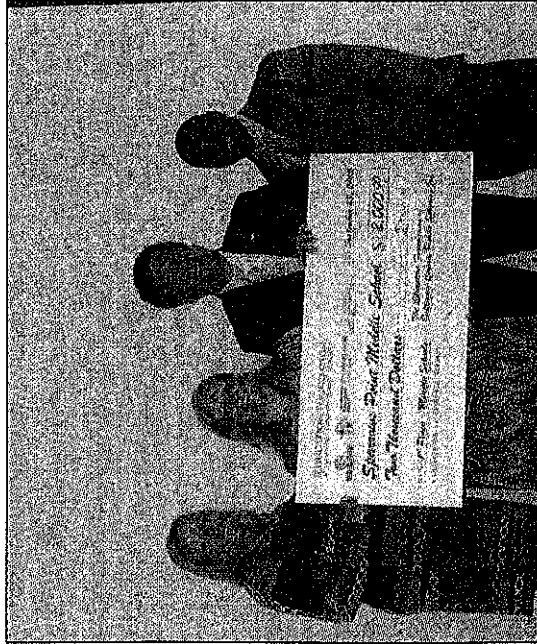
“We will continue to work hard to make positive changes that will sustain the environment,” she said.

The school’s win reflects not only on students, staff and parents, but also largely on the efforts of Clean Bread and Cheese Creek (CBCC).

The all-volunteer organization, in conjunction with the Break Creek Trail Work Group, sponsored a large cleanup at Bear Creek Park in April. Bear Creek staff, students and their families joined other CBCC volunteers for the event. Data from this cleanup, including number of volunteers and volume of trash collected, was submitted on behalf of Bear Creek Elementary.



BY NICOLE RODRIGUEZ/ARODRIGUEZ@CHESPIRUB.COM
Charlesmont Elementary School principal Marsha Ayres (second from left) accepted a first-place check for \$2,000 from (from left) Timmy Ruppertsberger, president of the Education Foundation of BCPS, Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz and BCPS Superintendent Dr. Dallas Dance on Monday.



BY NICOLE RODRIGUEZ/ARODRIGUEZ@CHESPIRUB.COM
Sparrows Point Middle School principal Lisa Perry (second from left) Timmy Ruppertsberger, president of the Education Foundation of BCPS, Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz and BCPS Superintendent Dr. Dallas Dance.

“We will continue to work hard to make positive changes that will sustain the environment.”

Cheryl Thim