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# SUPERINTENDENT'S PRESS RELEASE

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## **Zeta Phi Beta is Committed to Choptank School**

What do the Greek letters **ZΦB** and **Choptank Elementary School** have in common? It's the ladies of **Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.** About this time last year, as part of their commitment to community outreach, the state office of Zeta Phi Beta **adopted** Choptank Elementary School. Through the efforts of all state chapters of ZΦB Sorority, the Sorority donated over **1000 books** to Choptank Elementary School but promised to continue in their efforts to support the **Title I** school. This year, the ladies of ZΦB wrote personal **Valentine's** cards for every student and staff member of the school. They also donated **school supplies** to the students of Choptank. Normally, around mid-year is when students run out of supplies or lose those that they had at the start of the year. The ladies of ZΦB wanted to provide the students with supplies during this critical point in the school year. Donations included **book bags, art supplies, notebooks, pencils, and math supplies.** Many students who were in need of **book bags** at this point in the school year were excited to receive a new one.

In addition to supporting Choptank with school supplies, the ladies of ZΦB have also been supportive with the school's efforts to enhance **writing instruction.** Members of the Sorority have become **Pen Pals** to a group of approximately **fifteen 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls** by writing to them monthly. The girls meet once a month to discuss their letters and share ideas for writing letters back to the women of Zeta Phi Beta.



Mr. Klauder, CES Assistant Principal; Ms. Jennifer Lake, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher; Mrs. Janice Lake, Kadence Robinson, Ethan Prah, Kimberly Argueta-Barnos, Norma Miller, Mary Thompson, Mrs. Emma Pinkett, CES Principal, and Mrs. Webb, School Social Worker.



Mrs. Webb, School Social Worker; Mrs. Pinkett, CES Principal; Patricia Twitty, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. State of Maryland ZHOPE Coordinator, and Mr. Klauder, CES Assistant Principal along with CES Penpal girls.



Small sampling of the handmade Valentine's Day cards given to students and staff