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Bellefonte Area School District

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Welcome to the Spring edition of our *Red Raider Magazine*.



The 2013-2014 school year is almost over. Again, it has been a busy and productive year for everyone. We have accomplished many things. Here are some of the Bellefonte Area School District highlights from this year:

- Kindergarten through twelfth grade Science curriculum maps are being developed and written.
- Elementary music curriculum maps were completed this year.
- Elementary guidance curriculum maps are being developed and written.
- English Language Learner (ELL) curriculum maps are being developed and written.
- Spanish curriculum maps are being developed and written.
- Kindergarten through second grade will be upgrading to the Common Core Edition of the 2014 Everyday Math series.
- Project Lead the Way programs are being expanded to add additional courses for students at the high school next year.
- Our Chinese program will continue into next year and World Languages will be expanding into first grade.
- All of the Bellefonte Area School District schools will continue to get additional Chrome Book carts to allow for more access to technology.
- Promethean Boards were installed in all classrooms in three of the four elementary schools. Currently the fourth school will be receiving at least seven (7) more boards.
- We will continue to enhance the ability to provide feedback in our Customer Service Survey by giving access to the community on our School Website beginning the 2014-2015 school year.
- Continuation of the summer school programs for middle and high school students.
- Enrichment program opportunities for students in the high school continuing throughout the summer.
- Program opportunities will be available for our Kindergarten through sixth grade students over the summer.
- The entrance areas of our schools were renovated to allow for more security.
- Student ID badges will contain barcodes that will allow students to scan their code to allow them access to their lunch accounts and library accounts
- The district's website is being updated to be more user friendly with a new responsive design. This will be available over the summer.

Our Administration and Staff continue to work diligently to ensure that many great things are happening in our school district! As we move forward we will continue to look for ways to make Bellefonte Area School District an even better district for our most valuable asset – our students!

Have a great and relaxing summer!

Regards,

Dr. Cheryl A. Potteiger

Bellefonte Area High School



Hard Work pays off for the High School SWPBS Team

The BAHS School-Wide Positive Behavior Support team has been working hard all year to make the high school a better place, and this winter, the team really hit its stride.

Some highlights from this season include a winter pep rally, where students and staff competed against one another in a basketball game; an egg hunt, where students who received at least ten spark cards got to spend time outside during the day during the school day and search for treats; and a spring pep rally, where students competed in relay races and pied teachers in the face.

The Pie-in-the-Face event was a result of the FBLA and Student Council/Senior Institute Fundraisers; FBLA raised more than \$600 for The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, and Student Council/Senior Institute raised more than \$1,300 for a local child who was born with birth defects that require multiple

surgeries. The culminating moment of the pep rally occurred when student Sarah Menna got to pie Dr. Potteiger in the face. She was a great sport.

The Rachel's Challenge student team has continued its work, as well. Recently, students created a handprint and wrote one of Rachel's messages in the center. These handprints are currently on display in the high school lobby. Additionally, students created "tweets" with messages of kindness at the last mentoring meeting.

Disciplinary infractions have decreased significantly and the BAHS program received Banner-Status, a state-wide recognition, at the Pennsylvania SWPBS Conference on May 28. This recognition is awarded to schools that demonstrate exemplary School-Wide programs; BAHS is one of the first high school programs to receive this honor.

BAHS is seen as a model high school school-wide behavior support program. As a result, other schools are seeking our input. The teacher



team will present at a PATTAN webinar on May 7, and multiple schools have traveled to Bellefonte to see our program in action.

The High School SWPBS and Rachel's Challenge teams will work to set goals for next year. A new student team will be selected based on nominations from teachers. Those students will have an opportunity to make additional positive changes in the school.

A Message from the Bellefonte Area High School Administrative Team:

It is our pleasure to congratulate the class of 2014.

High school graduation is one of the major milestones in all of our lives. In our culture, it is a rite of passage, a way of proving you can finish what you started, and, ultimately, a starting point for what will be our life's work.

In this particular Bellefonte Area High School class of 2014, we have many unique, talented, and innovative students who are undoubtedly destined to achieve great things throughout the remainder of their lives.

Some of those great things will include completing a post-secondary education program, gaining employment in the field of his or her choice, starting and caring for a family, giving back to their community, and otherwise making a positive impact on those with whom they come into contact.

The class of 2014 has writers, scientists, mathematicians, entrepreneurs, musicians, farmers, and a seemingly endless array of talented graduates. It will be a great pleasure to see where these students go and to take account of the lives they pursue. If their lives in any way mirror their accomplishments and personalities during their years at Bellefonte Area School District, the world is in for a treat.

It has been our pleasure to serve those here in Bellefonte. All of the employees in the BASD have cared about and worked tirelessly to make sure we are giving our students a world class education. Now, it is time to go out and pursue the next phase of their dreams, whatever they may be.

Our advice to our graduates is to simply do what you need to do to live the life that will lead to your personal happiness and the happiness of those around you. Work hard, take care of your loved ones, give back to your community, and, most importantly, have fun.

Congratulations, class of 2014. You did it!

Sincerely,

The Bellefonte Area High School Administrative Team

Mrs. Jennifer Brown, Principal

Mr. Michael Fedisson, Vice-Principal

Mr. Daniel Park, Vice-Principal



“The best way to predict the future is to create it.”

– Abraham Lincoln



“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more. You are a leader.”

– John Quincy Adam





**“Go confidently in the direction of your dreams!
Live the life you’ve imagined.”**
— Henry David Thoreau

“Light tomorrow with today.”
— Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Class of 2014

Senior year seemed to start slow, but has gone by quickly with the many activities and events. Earlier in the year, the senior class made the annual Homecoming float and held a school Blood Drive. On May 17, the Senior Ball was held at the General Potter Barn in Potter’s Mills. It was a gorgeous venue with a lot of history and character. The evening was complete with dinner, dancing, and a photo booth...which was a hit!

The class trip to Boston was also very enjoyable. Students went to a Red Sox game, went whale watching, went on boat tours of the harbor, enjoyed learning history on the Freedom Trail, ate great food, did some shopping, and had a great time.

Other senior activities include the Senior Breakfast, Appreciation Ceremony, Awards Night, Senior Picnic, the All-Night Party, and of course, Graduation. The members of Class Cabinet worked really hard this year to plan the events and make sure students would really enjoy them. The 2014 Parent Group also worked equally hard to fundraise to help offset some costs for the students and to have a great All-Night Party. The members of the class greatly appreciate all the efforts from everyone who contributed.

We wish the class the best of luck and are very proud of how well behaved they have been during different events. You’ve made Bellefonte proud!

Mrs. Myken Poorman, Senior Class Advisor
Mr. Michael Wilson, Senior Class Advisor



Bellefonte Goes to Kent's Fest and Special Olympics

On Friday, April 25, Bellefonte's elementary, middle, and high school life skills classes and elementary autistic support class participated in Kent's Fest, an annual Lip Sync and Talent Show at Lock Haven University. What a show they put on.

Mr. Rager's Middle School Life Skills class placed second overall out of 20 variety acts with their performance of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game." The award for "Best Crowd Involvement" went to Mrs. Grimminger's elementary Life Skills class and their rendition of "The Lion King." Ms. Gorzelnik's class strutted its stuff with their black hats to the tune of "New York, New York" and took home the "Most Appealing" distinction.

Our newest addition to the Fest, was Miss Ashley Sterbank's autistic support class from Bellefonte Elementary School and their performance of Annie's "It's a Hard Knock Life." This first time group earned "Best Broadway Show."

We are all very proud of our students and their teachers, and parents who helped organize and plan the event.

Special Olympics was held on April 10 at Penn State and featured a wide variety of events. Ms. Gorzelnik's class sold the most buttons for the Paterno Family Beaver Stadium Run to benefit Special Olympics Pennsylvania. They received a plaque and had their photo's with Sue Paterno and with Franco Harris. They also participated in the Geri Ryan Track Meet, which is sponsored by Centre County Special Olympics.

Our students from all levels of our Life Skills Support program, as well as our elementary Autistic Support program, worked very hard and exhibited teamwork, dedication, and good sportsmanship. We are Bellefonte proud.

BAHS Students Pilot Chromebooks

Earlier this year, each BAHS social studies teacher was provided with thirty Chromebook laptop computers for classroom use.

Throughout the year, teachers have participated in training sessions focused on using the Chromebooks for 21st Century skills such as collaboration and communication. Having the Chromebooks in the classroom has allowed teachers to seamlessly integrate them as a tool for learning.

Teachers have planned and delivered a wide variety of technology-enhanced learning activities such as note taking, sharing documents, online research, writing essays, submitting assignments, and completing online quizzes.

Classroom projects have included debates (Mr. Fitzgerald), a socratic seminar on Napoleon's legacy (Mrs. Morris), a trial of Genghis Khan (Mrs. Durney), tracking donations and voting records of elected officials (Mr. Martin), a debate and election between the first four presidents of the United States (Mr. Maney), creating an obituary of an important reformer in American History (Mr. Ketterer), international foods research and preparation (Mr. Mease), and interactive maps used for WWII and Vietnam (Mr. Packer).



Bellefonte Area Middle School





BAMS Jazz Band Performs at Penn State Festival

This year, the Bellefonte Area Middle School attended and performed at the annual Penn State Jazz Festival. Students spent the day performing and working with guest jazz clinicians including some of the finest professional jazz musicians on the east coast. Students worked with musicians including Antonio Hart, Slide Hampton, Jeffrey Kunkel, and Marko Marchinko. Charts that were performed include the famous *April In Paris*, *Skyfall*, and *Chicago's 25 or 6 to 4*.

Students heard two other local middle schools, and all three of the Penn State jazz bands perform. They watched and learned from the work that clinicians did with these groups as well. Students attended a masterclass on what it means to perform in a jazz ensemble and why understanding the history of jazz is an invaluable tool for a modern day performer.

Throughout the day, students also explored the Penn State campus. They spent some time at the HUB, the Penn State music buildings, the Lion Shrine, and even took a pit stop at the famous Penn State Creamery.

One of the performers in the Penn State jazz bands, a former Bellefonte graduate, took some time after his performance to discuss what it is like to be in the jazz band and answer some questions from students.

The day ended with a celebratory concert in which the top Penn State

jazz band, Center Dimensions, performed a concert for students, parents, and community members that featured the four guest clinicians. Many students reported this as their favorite part of the day. The energy of the group was unparalleled. Students are excited to return to Penn State to receive more feedback on their playing and experience another magnificent performance next year.



George and Martha's Excellent Adventure

On April 25, 2014, the Bellefonte Area Middle School received two very distinguished guests: General George Washington and his wife Martha.

Actually, the guests were Bill and Cara Elder, 18th Century 1st Person Historic Interpreters. Bill and Cara came to BAMS from Deland, Florida and presented to the 6th grade class who has been studying the American Revolution in depth. Two hundred students (one hundred at a time for two presentations) attended and then participated in an active question and answer period.

The Elders are retired teachers who have been presenting to schools and organizations in Florida and Pennsylvania. They have contributed to living history events in Mt. Vernon, VA, Valley Forge, PA, Williamsburg,

VA, Princeton Battlefield (NJ), Hope Lodge (PA), and others.

BAMS was very happy to have had the benefit of their vast knowledge and talent. It is truly a wonderful opportunity to learn history by watching it come to life.



Bellefonte Graduate Returns to BAMS

Written by: MaryElizabeth Ann Newman
BAHS Class of 2010

It was about June in the year 2006 when I was getting ready to graduate from the 8th grade and move on to the high school....

Looking back now, those three years I spent in the Bellefonte Area Middle School were some of my best. I had nothing but wonderful, positive experiences throughout my middle school career, and I had some fabulous educators who willingly guided and supported me along the way.

Today, I am a senior at Lock Haven University and am triple majoring in Spanish (thank you Ms. Sten!), Special Education, and Early Childhood Education. I will be graduating this December with all three degrees.

As per my special education requirements, I am given specific classroom placements where I am required to teach a specific number of lessons and complete educational hours. This past placement, I was lucky enough to be placed with Mr. Rager in his Life Skills Classroom at Bellefonte Area Middle School.

I consider myself extremely fortunate to have been provided a chance to work with this exceptional group of students in my former middle school. Not only did these students (and teachers, of course: Mr. Rager, Miss Lori, Miss Sandy, and Mrs. Ceprish) welcome me with open arms, they included me in absolutely everything in which they participated, including the Special Olympics, Kent's Fest, and "Critter Day" in Miss Crisan's room.

The students of Mr. Rager's classroom are such a joy to work with and are truly an inspiration.

I also just recently found out that I will be returning to BAMS for my semester-long student teaching placement, and I could not be more thrilled. In short, I just wanted to thank all of the teachers, staff, and students who have made my return to BAMS so exceptional.

I absolutely cannot wait to return in the fall.

BAMS Chain Reaction Club Food and Pet Drives

The Chain Reaction Club is a group of approximately 30 middle school students who focus on spreading kindness throughout the school and community and trying to make life a little nicer and happier for students, faculty, staff, and the surrounding community.

The program has completed several projects since it formed in October, but the two most recent include the food drive and PAWS pet needs drive.

From November 7th - 15th the Chain Reaction Club held a food drive competition between BAMS' three grades. More than 875 food items were collected and delivered to the Faith Center Food Bank in Bellefonte just in time for Thanksgiving.

The second project was the drive for PAWS. From December 13 - 20 the club members manned a collection site for students to drop off items from PAWS's wish list. Over 100 items



were collected including pet food and dishes, hand sanitizer, paper towels, dog toys and bones, beds and leashes, and kitty litter. These items were delivered to PAWS by Chain Reaction Club officers and members, and Mrs. Garman, the school principal, on January 9th.

The club officers are Anna Kate Scott, President, Elizabeth Giacobbe, Vice-President, Emily Hovies, Secretary, and Celina McGrail, Treasurer. The group meets weekly before school to share successes, make future project plans, and occasionally just to enjoy breakfast and friendship.

Bellefonte Area School District's Summer Orchestra and Band Camp

This year's Summer Orchestra and Band Camp will be held July 14-18 and July 21-25 at the air-conditioned Middle School. All current orchestra and band students up to 12th grade are invited to attend. The camp is totally free of charge, and will run from 10 am until noon each weekday.

The instrumental teachers work hard to provide an enjoyable musical experience for all instrumental students from beginner level through the 12th grade by providing a variety of music. A performance to celebrate achievement will in the Middle School Auditorium on July 25th at 7:00 P.M. If you child is planning to attend, please register online or with a music teacher or feel free to contact one of us if you have any questions. Students may attend one or all days. It is still a great experience.



Mrs. Sharp's students enjoyed a face painting activity during BAMS' third quarterly event. The students and staff at BAMS have quarterly events as part of the School-Wide Positive Behavior Support program.

Bellefonte Area Elementary Schools



Benner Elementary



Fifth Grade Promotion

During the month of May at Benner Elementary School, fifth graders prepared for their final farewell.

How did they prepare? They did it with flair.

The farewell included awards, gifts and special recognition of each student as they walked across the stage.

Each group of students worked together to develop a Lip Sync with choreography to go along to their favorite song."

Topping off the fun-filled event was a reception at which students, parents, and teachers had the opportunity to talk about their last year at Benner.

Jumping Rope at Benner

In keeping with the Valentine's Day theme, all 2nd – 5th grade students at Benner and Pleasant Gap Elementary Schools in the Jump Rope for Heart. Both events were coordinated by Mr. Cyone, the schools' Health and Physical Education teacher.

This nation-wide program, which is sponsored by the American Heart Association, helps children learn about



the benefits of regular physical activity and heart health. In addition, they had the opportunity to raise money for a great cause.

Before the event, students practiced and learned new jump rope skills during Physical Education class to get them ready for the big event. During the event, students worked together to continuously keep their teams' jump ropes moving for 30-40 minutes. They got to have fun exercising while demonstrating their jump rope skills, and showing how they can cooperate with each other.

The students worked even harder raising money for the American Heart Association, with both schools breaking their previous fund-raising record. Together, students at Benner and Pleasant Gap Elementary Schools raised over \$11,500. In six years, both schools have combined to raise over \$45,000. These funds support vital heart and stroke research, as well as educational programs. In addition, because of the kids' hard work in raising that amount, each school will receive a certificate toward the purchase of new Physical Education equipment.



Mrs. Anantheswaran's second grade students published a book on Benner Bear Necessities, describing the School-Wide Rules in the various school settings.



Mrs. Kipp's students enjoy silent reading time at Benner Elementary. As always, literacy is a major initiative in Bellefonte Area School District. Silent reading is a great way for students to explore the process of reading and create meaning on their own terms.



Bellefonte Elementary



Bellefonte Goes Gardening

Mr. Witmer's and Mrs. Filipowicz's Second Grade classes participate in a weekly walking trip during the month of May to the Bellefonte Community Children's Garden.

The Bellefonte master gardeners have plots set up for the students to plant lettuce, spinach, and radishes. Mrs. Harader, a master gardener, organizes the mini lessons and the presenters for each week. Some of the mini lessons taught are the parts of a seed, the parts of a flower, the plant life cycle, pollination and pollinators, composting, kinds of soil, the water cycle and water conservation, and helpful/harmful insects. The children are eager to visit the garden and check on how their plants are doing. They even learn to thin the plants so they grow better.

As a culmination to the weekly garden trips, students had a fresh salad party in June to eat the plants they grew. It is always amazing to see many children ask for a second or third helping of salad.



Elementary Artists Show their Work

Artists in the elementary schools are working hard on projects, and their talents were showcased at Art Shows at each elementary school.

Students from Bellefonte, Benner, Pleasant Gap, and Marion-Walker Elementary Schools all had a chance to show off their artistic abilities at their respective schools this spring. Each school hosted an art show that displayed at least one piece of artwork from every student in that school.

Miss Conway included scavenger hunts and face painting at the Pleasant



Do you know what is in soil?

Mrs. Markle's 2nd grade class is currently conducting experiments to find out what is in soil. They brought in samples from their homes to test. By the end of the year, they will know what is in soil.

Gap and Marion-Walker art shows, and the Bellefonte Elementary Art Show was held along with the book fair. Each of the art shows also had musical performances by Mrs. Silvis and Miss Zimmerman's students, as well as vocal performances from Mrs. Gossett's students at Bellefonte and Benner.

In addition to the school art shows, all the schools in BASD were represented at the Gamble Mill "Art of the Bellefonte Schools" show. Four students from grades 3-5 at each school were selected to have their art pieces displayed at the Art Alliance "Kids Love Art" show.



Marion Walker Elementary



Time Well Spent

There is nothing more endearing than the interaction between a child and an older adult. On the evening of Tuesday, April 23rd, the residents of The Oaks Senior Community at Pleasant Gap enjoyed quality time with Mrs. Cheryl DeCusati's kindergarten class from Marion-Walker Elementary.



BASD celebrates Family Reading Night

What makes a perfect combination? That's right, it's families and reading.

The Family Reading Night at Marion-Walker on January 30th from 5:30-7:00 was truly a night to celebrate families and the love of reading as parents brought their families (many children in PJ's) along with blankets, sleeping bags, and pillows in tow) to the cafeteria.

Everyone got to 'hunker down' on the floor with their families and friends on blankets with milk and cookies to enjoy reading fun. A professional storyteller entertained the large crowd with choral dance moves in story context as children responded to her directions. The crowd helped tell the story in collective motions throughout her recounting of dragons, alligators, and other captivating character portrayals.

To help celebrate our love for books, a book sale in the library at 25 cents per book made book selection fun and affordable for everyone. The selection was amazing with six library tables packed with books to choose from.

Pleasant Gap Elementary



Big Buddies

The Pleasant Gap Elementary School is so excited to be working in partnership with the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program of Centre County and the Bellefonte Area High School as they kick-off their new "BASD BIG BUDDIES" program.

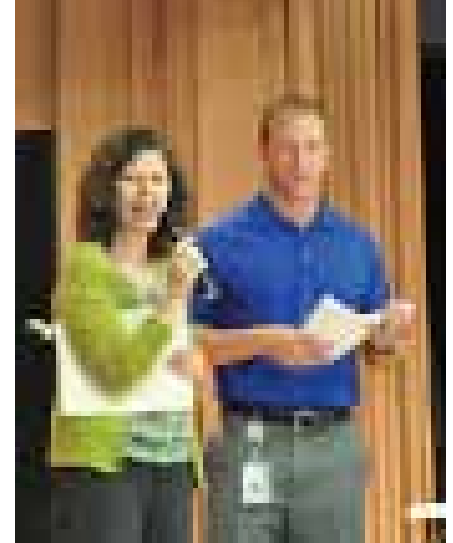
The program was created to provide additional support and mentoring opportunities for students in the Belle-

fonte Area School District. High school students are individually paired with elementary students to have scheduled and supervised interactions one time per week during school hours.

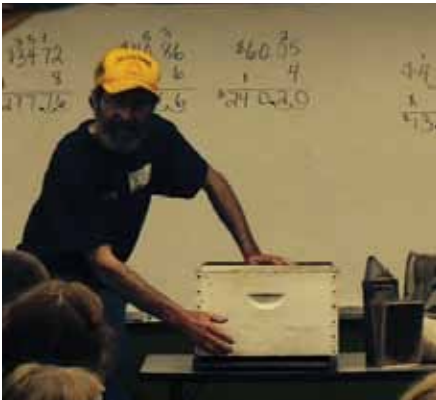
Big Buddies and Little Buddies focus on social skill building through various games and activities that are approved by program supervisors. This program serves as an excellent tool for enhancing school success and the self-esteem of our youth.

Pleasant Gap has just begun to pilot this program and is looking forward to continue it next year.

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Learning About Bees

Third grade students in Mrs. Hendershot's and Mrs. Jodon's classes at Pleasant Gap Elementary School have been learning about plant growth and development and the importance of bees.

Recently Mr. Dave Benner, a beekeeper, came in to talk to the third grade classes. He shared with the students how to collect bees and how he makes honey. At the end of his presentation, he brought in honey to share with each student.

The third grade classes at Pleasant Gap Elementary School would like to thank him for taking time out of his busy schedule and coming in to discuss the importance of bees and the job of being a beekeeper.

Mrs. Krape's Class Meets Students in Ireland

On Wednesday, May 7th, our second grade class had the opportunity to meet students in a second year class of 8 and 9 year old girls in Cork, Ireland.

Miss. Nicole Auhl, the Penn State Intern in our class until the end of March, traveled to Cork for a teaching abroad experience. Before leaving,



Miss Auhl presented a lesson in writing friendly letters, and we wrote letters about ourselves to her future students in Ireland that she hand delivered.

With the planning and set-up help of Mr. Roth and Mr. Price, our classes were able to meet each other through Skype on Wednesday morning at 8:30 a.m. We were very excited to see and talk with Miss Auhl and to meet the children in her new class.

During our conversations, we introduced ourselves and asked questions prepared in advance. Some of the interesting topics discussed included favorite academic subjects, time spent in school, families, weather, popular music, musicians, school uniforms, as well as many others.

When one of our second graders responded 'no' to a question asking if we wear uniforms, there was a big "you're lucky" response from the Irish students.

Both classes were still very curious about attire, so everyone stood up to show their clothing. Everyone was thrilled.

Before we knew it, our time was up. It was 2:30 p.m in Ireland, and their school day was over. What a great learning experience for everyone. We can't wait to read the letters they wrote to us.



The Pleasant Gap Ecosystem (Unit)

The fifth grade students at Pleasant Gap Elementary end each school year with an exciting science unit of study about ecosystems.

The children explore the relationships between living and nonliving things in different environments as each small team constructs an eco-column with both a terrarium and an aquarium.

Once live animals, such as mosquito fish, snails, crickets, and isopods, are added, students regularly conduct observations of the interactions in this environment.

As a continuation of the unit, students design common pollutant experiments which simulate acid rain, road salt, and fertilizer, and study their harmful effects on similar eco-columns without living animals.

As part of this study, students learn about watersheds, why they are important, and how they can be protected. Mrs. Ann Donovan of the Centre County Conservation District visits the classes to help teach the importance of protecting the watersheds from pollutants. She brings an interactive model of a watershed where students can create and see first-hand the effects of pollution from various sources.

Central Office



Bellefonte Education Foundation Hosts Benefits Dinner

The Bellefonte Education Foundation held its annual benefits dinner on Saturday, April 5, at Celebration Hall in State College.

Local educators, sponsors, and guests came out to help recognize the achievements of the Bellefonte students, raise money for scholarships to be awarded at the end of the school year, and recognize those who have gone above and beyond for the community during their term with the district. It was an exciting evening filled with great conversation, food, and recognition of district accomplishments.

The evening began with guests appreciating the many aspects of fine arts and technology by looking at the displays of drawings, sketches, ceramics, and listening to live music and much more provided by the students of the district.

The evening concluded with the recognition of the Volunteer of the Year: Ms. Kitty Walker (Marion-Walker Elementary); Teachers of the Year: Mr. Edward Fitzgerald (high school), Ms. Mary Miltenberger (middle school), Ms. Michelle Krape (elementary school), and Hall of Fame Inductee: Mr. Jan Auman. Each individual was recognized for their accomplishments in the district and beyond. Their dedication to their individual fields has provided inspiration to the teachers, students, and the community of Bellefonte.

This evening could not have been possible without the dedication of the multiple volunteers of the organization and the wonderful sponsors who have selflessly donated money. Sponsors, who were not recognized in the previously run ad, include platinum level: Campbell, Miller, Williams, Benson, Etter, Consiglio, Inc. Without their donation and the donations of our other sponsors, such events would not be possible.



In appreciation for 13 years volunteering for the Bellefonte Area School District, Liz Stone was recognized at a recent Bellefonte Area School Board of Directors meeting. Liz, pictured here with her husband and school board member George Stone, is the BASD Volunteer Coordinator and has been instrumental in organizing volunteers to help in our schools.

Employee Recognition System

**Saluting Every BASD Employee
Courteous – Caring – Considerate
– Cooperative – Helpful –
Service Beyond Expectations –
Accommodating
Bellefonte Area School District**

The Bellefonte Area School District appreciates each employee for contributing to the success of our students. An Employee Recognition System was created to provide an opportunity to recognize employees. The Board of School Directors congratulated the following recipients of the Employee Recognition System award at the March 18, 2014 Regular Board Meeting. Employees were nominated by their coworkers in their respective district buildings.

Excerpts of coworkers' nomination comments included: "...tremendous patience, endless tolerance, and generalized kindness demonstrated through her care and support of students and staff...is extremely kind and caring, and goes out of her way to help both teachers and students...a valuable member of the team...has gone above and beyond the call of duty to help manage some of our more challenging students and always willing to take on tasks...helps out anywhere she is asked and loves the kids as if they were her own...is a very kind and caring person to the students in our school and to the staff, always has great ideas, and is second-to-none in her instruction skills...is in one word...AMAZING!...takes great pride in our kids and our building...is friendly to the staff and always puts his students first...is a valuable team member who is kind and considerate to adults and students alike...works tirelessly and attends and contributes to Child Study team meetings...always says hi and seems to help kids..."



Front row (left to right): Paula Hendershot, Lauren Walker, William Cain, De Eyer
Middle row (left to right): Gene "Jumbo" Martz, Lynn Pensak, April Buckley, Patricia Correll
Back row (left to right): Kevin Scott, James DeVier, Ralph Hallman, Kevin Harman, Joseph Houser

Congratulations!

Professional Staff Recipients:

Kevin Harman
Bellefonte Area High School
Kevin Scott
Bellefonte Area Middle School
April Buckley
Bellefonte Elementary School
Lauren Walker
Benner Elementary School
Patricia Correll
Marion-Walker Elementary School
Paula Hendershot
Pleasant Gap Elementary School

Support Staff Recipients:

William Cain
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Lynn Pensak
Bellefonte Area Middle School
Ralph Hallman
Bellefonte Elementary School
Joseph Houser
Benner Elementary School
De Eyer
Marion-Walker Elementary School
Gene "Jumbo" Martz
Pleasant Gap Elementary School
James DeVier
Bellefonte Area School District



On Friday, May 2, 2014, ten 5th grade choir students from Marion Walker, Benner, Pleasant Gap, and Bellefonte Elementary attended the annual PMEA District 4 Chorus Fest at Glendale High School. A select group of choir students from around the area come together for a full day of music making.



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From Keith Hamilton, School Board President



This year certainly has gone by quickly. On behalf of the entire School Board Members, we congratulate the Seniors who have graduated and shared their lives with our School District over their educational journey. We thank you for accepting the challenges, and we wish you all continued success in the years ahead. We thank our entire TEAM of Teachers, Administrators, and ALL of our Support Staff for their hard work and commitment as they gave you all everything they had to ensure your success. It is also time for us to review our overall progress as a District, assess how our year progressed, and what is needed to continue to be the best School District and provide our children with the world class education they need to compete. We will be evaluating our survey which was recently done within our District and see where our improvement opportunities can be focused on both inside and outside the classroom. We will be sharing that information with the community. Look also for more continued information on our new First Class Track we are working on and the renovations to our Football Stadium. We will be introducing our Capital Campaign to raise funds to support this endeavor which we have all waited patiently to bring to fruition.

Finally, a quote I am fond of from William A. Ward: 'RECIPE FOR SUCCESS; Study while others are sleeping, work while others are loafing, prepare while others are playing, and dream while others are wishing'.

Thank You For All You Do

The Bellefonte Area School District would like to extend our deepest appreciation to our local Bellefonte Community Businesses that made Teacher Appreciation Week so special.

A very special Thank you to
Cool Beans and **Pizza Mia**.



We would also like to thank each school's Parent Organization for their generosity and volunteerism. Thank you for all you do to support our schools!!

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