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## Welcome to the Winter edition of our *Red Raider Magazine*.



### This has been an extremely cold winter and we have had quite a few delays and cancellations.

We will continue to use our *SchoolMessenger*® system to keep you informed of any further delays or cancellations throughout the upcoming months. If you have changed your contact number(s) recently, please be sure to contact your child's school to update this information.

The decision to delay or cancel school involves a variety of steps with input from various agencies. The Centre and Clinton County Superintendents and Transportation Specialists conference each time we experience inclement weather. Decisions to delay or cancel may vary between districts due to the fact that some of the outlying areas in the districts may have very different weather patterns.

The following is the schedule for PSSA and Keystone testing. Students in grades 3 through 8 will continue to take the PSSA. High school students no longer take The PSSA. They are now taking the Keystone exams. Math and Reading PSSA's will be given from March 17, 2014 through April 4, 2014. Writing PSSA's will be given March 31, 2014 through April 11, 2014. Science PSSA's will be given April 28, 2014 through May 2, 2014. The Keystone Exams will be given May 12, 2014 through May 23, 2014. We ask that you please try to schedule any educational field trips or time off with your children around those dates.

Bellefonte Area School District is currently in the process of developing our K through 12 Science curriculum. This will be completed and posted by July of 2014 on our website. The teachers and administrators are working extremely hard to make sure that Bellefonte Area School District has a comprehensive and rigorous curriculum that addresses the PA State Standards and Common Core.

The *SchoolMessenger*® system that we are using is not only used for emergencies but also as a tool to provide timely communication to our students and parents.

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Thank you for continuing to work with us to ensure a quality education for all of our students.



# Bellefonte Area High School



## SWPBS at the High School

The BAHS School Wide Positive Behavior Support Team has had a busy winter. Both the student and faculty teams have been working hard to make the school a more positive and supportive place.

In October, the faculty SWPBS team arranged a flash mob to surprise the students. Mrs. Erin Harclerode, a tenth grade English teacher, choreographed a dance to "What Does the Fox Say?" which the teachers then performed at a pep rally. "I think it's great for the students to see their teachers take a break from the traditional classroom routine and be a little goofy," said high school mathematics teacher and SWPBS team member Melissa Duckworth.

And the students agreed. Junior Emily Houser commented, "It was very unexpected, but it really lightened the mood of the student body."

Additionally, the staff team has been working to discuss data and make changes as needed. Overall, discipline referrals have gone down significantly. To encourage even more positive behavior, the high school is challenging students to a class competition to see which grade can receive the fewest tardies and cuts in a month.

The student SWPBS team has kept its promise to keep Rachel's Challenge alive in the high school. One of their recent efforts involved sending personalized thank you notes to the teachers in the high school. Additionally, the student team was integral in organizing Reindeer Games, a festive day of fun and

games that was held the day before holiday break. The student body was appreciative of the committee's efforts and enjoyed all of the activities.

In 2013, SWPBS brought several new initiatives to the high school. Now that the groundwork has been laid, the committees are looking forward to a busy and rewarding spring.



## Ms. G's Students Feed BAHS

On Thursday, November 14, 2013, The Life Skills class at BAHS had its Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon. The students in room 141 made a menu, shopped for and prepared the food for the feast. The students also made class-made gifts to thank the invited guests for all they do. Both staff and students had a wonderful time sharing company, conversation and appreciation during this holiday season.



## BAHS Visits the Place Where Dreams Come True

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December 19, 2013  
By Sam Cini, BAHS Senior  
Red and White Staff Writer*

While students at Bellefonte were anticipating the magic surrounding Thanksgiving, Black Friday, and the start of deer season, the Fine Arts Department experienced a different kind of magic.

The students spent the days leading up to Thanksgiving break at the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Florida. They spent time in their respective club's workshops and concerts, marched in a parade, and got to enjoy the majesty of the park on their own time.

Junior Andrew Uhring was one of the few people who participated in every workshop at the park.

"It was a lot of fun," said Andrew. "The feeling of marching in Magic Kingdom in front of all those people was amazing. The choir and orchestra concerts went really well, and the drama workshop was fun."

Fellow junior Alyssa Hamaty also participated in all of the workshops, and seemed to have a positive experience as well.

"Disney was amazing. Marching in the parade fulfilled a dream that I've had since I was a little girl," said Alyssa. "Hearing the cheers from strangers after the choir and orchestra

performances gave me a feeling of pride I'm sure I'll never forget. We were also given an amazing opportunity to work with others during the drama workshop."

A trip of this magnitude took a lot of hard work and planning. Bellefonte band director and head of Fine Arts Mr. Jay Zimmerman, along with choir director and theater teacher Mr. Luke Skerpon, oversaw this work.

"As soon as the school year began, the students began working on the music they would perform, but fundraising began last May," said Mr. Zimmerman. "We had planned this trip in February and made sure to keep it a secret until all of the logistics were in place. We let the students know in April."

The group fundraised up until October, selling Burger King and Pizza Hut coupons, Butter Braid pastries, and hosting a Chicken BBQ. They also participated in fundraisers benefiting local businesses like Kerstetter's in Hublersburg, and Fisher's Market in Milesburg.

"I'm very proud that the majority of our fundraisers came from local merchants, rather than far away corporations. We also received donations from local businesses and clubs in order to make the trip happen," said Mr. Zimmerman.

According to Mr. Zimmerman, this

trip was a positive experience for everyone involved in ways other than just being great performers.

"We had students that have never been out of the state of Pennsylvania, let alone Disney World. Allowing these students to travel to another part of the country was a great experience," said Mr. Zimmerman. "Disney is a very professional organization, so the students got a chance to see what it was like to be treated like a professional performer."

The trip was Mr. Skerpon's first time directing a choir at Disney.

"It was an experience that I will never forget. Being right on the water at Downtown Disney with the stores, Christmas decorations, and the "Disney magic" all around – while doing something I love with students that are awesome – I will never forget that experience," he said.

Current freshmen in the Fine Arts may potentially have the chance to visit Disney again, but sophomores and juniors most likely won't have the opportunity to go.

"This is a trip, because of the planning and costs involved, that we only take every so many years. It is most often going to be offered once each four years so that all students have the opportunity to experience the trip once in their high school career," said Mr. Skerpon.



## **AIDA coming to the BAHS stage in April**

The Bellefonte Area High School Theatre and Fine Arts Department will present its musical season production, *AIDA*, with music and lyrics by Elton John and Tim Rice, from April 24 to 26 at the BAHS Theatre. Performances will be at 7:00PM each evening, with an additional 2PM matinee on Saturday.

Over 70 high school students will participate in the production, either in cast, technical or orchestra roles. Auditions took place in early January, and rehearsals are ongoing leading up to the production in mid-April.

The musical is under the direction of staff members including: Mr. Luke Skerpon (Co-Director – Music/Technical), Mr. Shaun McMurtrie (Co-Director – Artistic), Mr. Jay Zimmerman (Orchestra Director) and Mrs. Erin

Harclerode (Choreographer). The student leadership includes Justina Blood, senior production stage manager; Keri Ford and Mahala Meinen, assistant stage managers; and Maya Berky, junior associate stage manager.

Elton John and Tim Rice's *AIDA* is a contemporary musical take on a grand classic tale of the timeless bond between an enslaved Nubian princess, Aida, portrayed by senior Cat Rokavec, and an Egyptian soldier, Radames, portrayed by senior Christian Hopple, who is betrothed to an Egyptian princess, Amneris, portrayed by senior Jessica Brown. As forbidden love, warned by the soldier's father, Chief Minister Zoser, portrayed by freshman Jordan Emely, blossoms between them, the young lovers are forced to face death or part forever. Together, they set a shining example of true devotion that ultimately transcends the vast cultural differences between their warring na-

tions, heralding a time of unprecedented peace and prosperity.

With a pop-rock score that features stirring ballads and rousing choral numbers, Elton John and Tim Rice's *AIDA* is a modern crowd pleaser that embraces multi-cultural casting and exuberant dancing, staging and singing. (*MTI Show Synopsis*)

Pre-sale tickets will go on sale in late February, and can be purchased from any high school student involved in the production. Tickets will also be available at the door at the time of performance. Adult tickets are \$9, student tickets are \$7, and tickets for children under 12 years of age are \$5.

Any businesses or patrons who wish to sponsor the show or an advertisement in the program should contact Mr. Skerpon at [lskerpon@basd.net](mailto:lskerpon@basd.net) for more information.

We hope to see you at the production.

## **Thrower Extraordinaire**

BAHS art teacher Miss Heather Fry invited world-renowned potter, Mr. Jack Troy, to visit her classroom in October.

This marks Jack's fifty-first year of making pottery. After teaching English for five years at Juniata College, he spent the rest of his career there teaching ceramics. Jack is a published writer and has taught in approximately 25 countries throughout his lifetime, in most of which he instructed clay workshops. In addition, shortly before his visit to BAHS, Jack spent time in India.

Along with class demonstrations, Jack also gave students mini-history lessons about clay while at BAHS, focusing on topics such as the invention of pottery.

"It's possible that the first clay pot was fired when a clay-lined basket was set too close to a fire and burned, creating



a clay bowl," he said.

Miss Fry studied under Jack for a semester while she was earning her Master's degree in Fine Arts.

"He is such an interesting, honest, and talented potter. Knowing Jack for a number of years now, I was able to see many approaches to his teaching and sharing of ceramics and life experiences. I thought our students here at Bellefonte would enjoy and could benefit from any knowledge they could gain from him," said Miss Fry.

Senior Zoey Tressler took Crafts II

with Miss Fry last year and hopes to take another art class with her in the Spring. She was able to attend one of Jack's presentations.

"It was very neat and calming. I had fun watching him mold his pottery into unique shapes," said Zoey.

Jack showed students how, when making a mug, putting a handle on it will limit the spaces a person can drink from; not putting a handle on means that a person can drink from all sides of the cup.

"He showed us how to create your own unique projects, even if it turns out differently than you thought it would," said sophomore Kierra Benner.

Kierra took Ceramics I with Miss Fry last year and hopes to take Advanced Ceramics next semester.

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Jack's passion for clay doesn't stop when he leaves a classroom.

"I can't wait to get in the studio every day and work, and I like it," said Jack. "The world needs originality, and it also needs people who love what they do."

Miss Fry hopes that Jack's presentation spurs excitement within her students.

"When you meet Jack, you can tell he knows his craft and he's enthusiastic about it. What a wonderful chance to put another great role model in our students' path," she said.



## **Something New at the Gamble Mill**

For years, the Bellefonte Fine Arts Department has benefited from the annual Gamble Mill Show. Students in K-12 either display artwork or perform on musical instruments at the restaurant during the Bellefonte Art Show each spring.

There will be the usual Gamble Mill Bellefonte Area School District art show April 12 –May 31

2014. Students from K-12 will be displaying their art, as well as performing music. Hope you have time to take a look at the amazing student artwork created in Bellefonte art classrooms!



## **Bellefonte hosts PMEA District Chorus Festival**

The Bellefonte Area High School Fine Arts Department recently hosted the 2014 PMEA District 4 Chorus Festival in early January. The festival featured 200 students from 26 different high schools from across Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata and Mifflin counties.



## Bellefonte FBLA Shows Excellence in Action

The Bellefonte chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America, once again, has shown what can be accomplished with hard work and determination, striving for Excellence in Action, with dedication and passion.

This year, the Bellefonte FBLA has spent countless hours representing the district through community service, competition, and workshops in order to show how our students care and can achieve greatness when given the opportunity.

To begin the year, FBLA held its 3rd annual 5k to raise money for the local chapter of the AFSP (American Foundation for Suicide Prevention). Due to the efforts of our students, FBLA continues to be a recognized major donor for the organization, being recognized at each walk by having its logo placed on the banner and every shirt given out in the community.

Beyond local charities, FBLA has put effort into raising money for Donate Life-PA, this year's PA FBLA state project, and the March of Dimes. Due to donating baskets to be raffled, purchasing t-shirts, and our annual "Jar Wars" competition, our chapter has raised over \$700 toward this year's state project.

In order to raise money for the March of Dimes, FBLA is holding its annual Powder Puff game at the end of the school year at Rogers' Stadium. More details about this end-of-the-year battle will be announced at a later date.

Lastly, our students have represented us well through our local and state workshops and competitions.

At the regional workshop, our Battle of Chapters team was able to bring home the first place plaque for the EIGHTH year in a row. Also, with the competitive events at the regional conference, our group of 29 members chose events that best represent who they are and the abilities they have developed throughout the years.

Due to their hard work, many of the students below qualified to represent Bellefonte at the state competition in Hershey, PA this April. From there, if students qualify, they will be given the opportunity to compete at the national level in Nashville, TN.

Please congratulate the following students for their excellent efforts:

**Accounting I:** Kylie Krout, 1st place (state qualifier)

**Business Calculations:** Ashley Morris, 4th place

**Business Communications:** Alexa Corman, 5th place

**Business Ethics:** Sam Cini and Bryan Heltman, 1st place (state qualifier)

**Business Law:** Kellie Giles, 4th place

**Business Math:** Emma Ferguson, 2nd place (state qualifier)

**Computer Applications:** Emily Sinclair, 2nd place (state qualifier)

**Cyber Security:** Ryan Diers, 1st place (state qualifier)

**Economics:** Ben Putnam, 2nd place

**Health Care Administration:** Kurtis Brungard, 2nd place (state qualifier)

**Hospitality Management:** Julie Mital and Henry Theuer, 4th place

**Job Interview:** Jordan Emely, 2nd place

**Marketing:** Ethan Corman and Morgan Taylor, 3rd place

**Public Speaking I:** Jakob Morelli, 3rd place

**Public Speaking II:** Jessica Brown, 2nd place

**Secretary for Region 14:** Alexa Corman

As always, we continue to be proud of our students and how they represent Bellefonte at all levels.





## Kauffman Brings Home the Crown

August 2013...cows mooing, roosters crowing, people laughing, and the MC announcing the 2013 Centre County Grange Fair Queen is...Madison Kauffman.

Madison was selected to represent the Centre County Grange Fair this year as the queen, an advocate for agriculture, and to represent her county at the



Pennsylvania State Fair Association Conference at the end of January.

Madison has been very busy during her reign, volunteering at various events and keeping up with senior activities at school. Not only is she a distinguished honors student, she is also the Bellefonte Future Farmers of America's President and is involved in other academic organizations such as 4-H, where she holds the position of treasurer.

Madison was also awarded the Bernie Stitzer Memorial Scholarship at the fair in 2013 and was selected as 1st Runner Up for Miss Bellefonte. She will be attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania for Nursing in the fall and is currently interviewing for a full scholarship through the ROTC. Madison plans on pursuing a career as a Nurse Anesthetist.

Being chosen as fair queen was very well-deserved and also a huge honor for Madison. She has been an advocate for agriculture from a very young age. Madison is passionate to educate the public about the many areas and opportunities in the agriculture industry as well as the importance of its conservation. We need more young people like Madison to keep Pennsylvania's # 1 industry going strong: agriculture.

Madison placed in the top 5 out of 58 girls. She made Centre County proud. She takes a stand for what she believes in and sees the importance of educating her community to help preserve agriculture and the environment.

## Former Bellefonte Graduates Inspire Current Generations

When walking through the lobby of the main gymnasium at Bellefonte Area High School, a display holds the plaques of the members of the Bellefonte Area School District Hall of Fame.

These hall of fame recipients were chosen based on the impact they not only had in our area, but also the impact they have had in their respective areas and society. Due to their amazing accomplishments, the Bellefonte Education Foundation

chooses to recognize one individual per year for his or her amazing contributions.

The creation of the Hall of Fame display was paid for through a donation made by Lenore Wells.

Due to this generous donation, these plaques are able to be on display to the whole community so the plaques can be looked at and appreciated by all who enter the building for the events that are held.

Thanks to the Class of 1973 and the Bellefonte Education Foundation, signs will be purchased in order to highlight the Hall of Fame display case.



Because of these contributions, it was decided the plaques that represent each of these individuals should be in an area that highlights who the honorees are, shares the honorees accomplishments, and inspires those

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### ***Former Bellefonte Graduates Inspire Current Generations***

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in the current and future generations to follow their dreams and reach their goals.

This area allows students to see who these individuals are and what has allowed the honorees to receive such an honor. It shows the students that students can make major, positive changes in our world.

One plaque that will be added later this year will represent our soon-to-be Hall of Fame inductee, Jan Auman. Jan is a 1973 graduate of Bellefonte Area High School and currently holds the position of President of International Development Services Division at Tetra Tech in Burlington, VT.

If you would like to be a part of the recognition ceremony for Jan, our teachers of the year, and our volunteer of the year, the Bellefonte Education Foundation encourages you to purchase a ticket for the annual dinner to be held on April 5, 2014 at Celebration Hall.

If you would like to purchase a ticket, please contact any of the board members by using the following web address: <http://www.basd.net/Page/64>.



***Bellefonte student athletes capture the Mountain League Fall Summit Award. The Summit Award is given to the Mountain League School with the highest winning percentage of all sports. Bellefonte's winning percentage was .582. This is the second year in a row Bellefonte has won this award.***



**Bellefonte Area High School teachers pose for a picture while at a training at Central Intermediate Unit (IU10).**

# BASD Featured at PSBA



*BASD personnel and school board members pose with BAHS students Jessica Brown and Matt Feldman. Pictured from left to right: Michelle Simpson, Bob Lumley-Sapanski, Ed Fitzgerald, Becky Rock, Jenna Moorehead and Dr. Cheryl Potteiger.*

## District's Journey of School-Wide Positive Behavior Support Presented at PSBA Conference

In October, Mrs. Karen Krisch, Mr. Kris Vancas, and Mr. Michael Fedisson presented BASD's program at the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) annual conference on school leadership. Over the past few years, all the schools in the district have implemented school-wide positive behavior support programs.

The program seeks to encourage positive behaviors in students and provide a supportive school climate. BASD's schools are continuing to gain momentum in this venture that began in just two schools. Several BASD administrators recently presented BASD's journey of school-wide positive behavior support (SWPBS) from a simple ideal to a growing example for districts around the state.

Nearly a decade ago, a program

called Shoot for the Moon was started at Bellefonte Area Middle School under the direction of Mrs. Krisch. The program was in honor of former employee, Mrs. Moon. The idea of showing kindness to others and accentuating the positive in others was one of Mrs. Moon's great passions. Students received kind notes from staff and students, participated in student-staff pep rallies and activities, and received recognition for good deeds. As the program grew, Bellefonte Elementary also started a similar program focused on the SWPBS model with the help of Mr. Vancas.

Three years ago, BASD saw a tremendous value in the SWPBS model and began a district-wide initiative to bring SWPBS to all BASD schools. Team members from Pleasant Gap Elementary, Benner Elementary, Marion-Walker Elementary and Bellefonte Area High School began the process of planning to implement SWPBS the following year.



At the PSBA Leadership Conference, Mr. Vancas spoke about the journey of the elementary schools with SWPBS and was able to share his expertise from his time at Bellefonte Elementary and the impact it had on planning with the other K-5 buildings. Now, many parents are aware of the Boomerang Awards at Bellefonte Elementary or the Headlines at Pleasant Gap Elementary.

There are also some bees buzzing at Marion-Walker as well as some roaring from the Benner Bears. Each school has come up with a unique acronym to show off its school-wide rules. This is the basis for setting clear expectations in each building, while keeping the expectations uniform across the district.

Mrs. Krisch shared her experience with middle school students. The program there continues under the direction of Mrs. Sommer Garman, Principal, and Mr. Kevin Briggs, Vice-Principal. Students often have the ability to participate in such fun activities as special lunches, field day activities, a School-Wide Jam, a visit from the PSU Lady Lions basketball team, and the Chill Zone—a place to take time out with friends during the day. All of these rewards are earned by students for following the school-wide rules, which are taught at the beginning of each year at various stations throughout the building.



At Bellefonte Area High School, many of the same types of activities and expectations are taught and displayed throughout the campus. Students can earn rewards, but are strongly focused on starting their own student groups. The student SWPBS group is focused on student leaders encouraging a positive school climate. Students are very involved in planning activities, rewarding one another, and making connections with the community. Over the past several years, there has been nearly a 40% drop in disciplinary referrals, which is in large part due to the efforts of the students and staff. Also, the recent integration of the Rachel's Challenge Program and the



Friends of Rachel (F.O.R.) Club have continued to foster that leadership.

Moving forward, teachers and administrators from across the district have been meeting with members of Central Intermediate Unit #10 to coordinate our efforts district-wide. The group meets quarterly to discuss programs across levels to ensure a consistent message for our students.

Team members from BAHS have visited schools across the state and



*BASD teacher, Luke Skerpon, and BASD Board Members, Bob Lumley-Sapanski, Becky Rock, and Chip Aikens attend leadership conference*

other schools are coming to visit to see the wonderful things we are doing. Multiple schools across the district have achieved banner status from the state for implementing the program with fidelity and more schools in the district are applying for banner status this year.

SWPBS has been a wonderful program for BASD. It continues to see fantastic support from students, staff, and parents. As planning continues, BASD finds more and more resources to help the members of the BASD community. For a preview of the presentation at the PSBA Leadership Conference, you can log on to [www.psba.org](http://www.psba.org)

## Student Delegates Attend PSBA

by: Jessica Brown, BAHS Student

The PSBA Student Delegate Program is a program for students to learn about how a school board of directors functions and works with school administrators to make decisions for the entire district.

While participating in this year's PSBA conference, students had the opportunity to meet other students and work collaboratively in committees to write up a proposed policy on one of four topics.

These four topics included Dress Code, School Nutrition, Bullying, and Bringing Your Own Technology to school. After the policies were written, the students had the opportunity to present their policies to a mock school board, composed of students and administrators who attended the conference.

Representatives from each committee presented their proposed policy to the board that had the opportunity to discuss it, ask questions, and ultimately vote on whether the school district should accept it or reject it.

In addition to participating in the mock school board meeting, the students also had the chance to listen

to motivational speakers Captain Richard Philips and Kaitlin Roig.

Captain Richard Philips was the captain of the ship that was hijacked by Somali pirates in 2009. He used his traumatic experience to discuss the importance of leadership and teamwork in challenging situations.

Kaitlin Roig was a first grade teacher at Sandy Hook Elementary school on the day of the shooting there. Ms. Roig spoke about her experience and how she has used it to define her purpose as an educator and as an individual. This program is a great experience for students and provides opportunities for them that they do not get in their schools.



# Bellefonte Area Middle School

## SWPBS at Bellefonte Area Middle School



### **School-Wide Positive Behavior Support continues to be an integral program at Bellefonte Area Middle School.**

The Bellefonte Area Middle School upholds academic excellence and celebrates following positive behavioral expectations through the teaching of our 4 school wide rules. The school wide rules are: Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Kind, and Be Here and Ready.

Each quarter students, faculty, and staff gather for a school wide event to help create and foster a positive school environment.

The first quarterly event consisted of a pep assembly that recognized sports teams, and showcased performances from the band, cheerleaders, and majorettes. Participation was encouraged from the rest of the student body by hosting a Halloween costume competition.

A panel of judges selected costume contestants during our three lunch mods and then the final winners were selected at the pep assembly by who garnered the most thunderous applause.

The faculty and staff showed their school spirit by dressing in school colors or joining in on the costume fun.

The secondary quarterly event was held on the last school day before our holiday break. The day was devoted to teaming building activities. The morning kicked off with a door decorating competition with the theme: Winter Wonderland. Some teachers walked their students around the school to tour the colorful hallways and cheer on other teams as they put the finishing touches on their assigned doors. The rest of the day was spent rotating between Reindeer Games in the gymnasium and a movie in the auditorium.

The next quarterly event cannot come soon enough. Plans are already in place for a great third quarter celebration.



### **STARS: Students Taking a Right Stand**

Students at the Bellefonte Area Middle School are being recognized each month by teachers for striving towards excellence. Student biographies and photos are displayed in the showcase outside of the school's library.

BAMS follows these school-wide rules: Be Respectful, Be Kind, Be Here Be Ready, Be Safe. The students honored in the STARS program consistently exemplify all of these rules and are role models for their peers.

Some of the criteria considered for selection includes: positive behavior, consistent work ethic, strong academic focus, continuous effort and motivation, helpfulness, honesty, and friendliness.

Students selected for October, November, December & January will be recognized at a winter school board meeting. Those selected in February, March, April & May will be recognized at a spring school board meeting.

Congratulations to these students for earning the STARS honor.



## Mr. Rager's Class Celebrates Thanksgiving

On November 22nd, the Bellefonte Area Middle School Life Skills Support classroom completed the week in the kitchen with serving a meal for 60 faculty and staff members. The students prepared the turkey, potatoes, corn, stuffing balls, and desserts. The class had greeters at the door, waiters, and waitress.

The BAMS LSS students include: Ashley Harter, Brittany Chamberlin, Kevin Doyle, Adam Marchini, Micah Heckathorne, and Mitchell Carr.



## BAMS Gets a 3D Printer

The Bellefonte Education Foundation is proud to be able to sponsor a very special project grant this year at the middle school.

After reading a grant proposal submitted by Mr. Christian Olmsted, the Foundation wanted to be involved. The Foundation voted unanimously to fund the purchase of a 3D printer even though it was a bit larger than the usual funded mini-grants.

The board was very excited and happy that funds were available to allow this to happen. By printing 3D models, students can see the connection between creating accurate specifications in the virtual model and producing a physical model.

## BAMS Raises Funds for the LSC

The Bellefonte Area Middle School Student Council is working with the Chain Reaction Club to sponsor a Leukemia/Lymphoma Society Challenge in order to raise money for the organization. For this challenge, homerooms will compete to raise the most money.

During the dates of March 10-28,

The goal of the 3D printer at the middle school is to utilize it across classrooms and further STEM integration in the middle school curriculum.

All 7th and 8th graders enrolled in the middle school take Technology Education. The Technology Education Curriculum at BASD is guided by the Project Lead the Way curriculum for middle school and high school. The middle school offers a Design and Modeling course as well as an Automation and Robotics course. The high school currently offers Principles of Engineering and will be expanding to three more courses over the next three years.

PLTW is a national program that prepares students to be successful in engineering and engineering technology programs by exposing them to various facets of engineering and design disciplines. The objective of the middle school program is to introduce and strengthen engineering and science foundation skills for students to build on at the high school program.

A goal for the BASD Technology Education department is to form a partnership with local industry. The Bellefonte Education Foundation supports this goal and is very pleased to be involved.

members from the two clubs will run a table at the front of the school where students/staff can buy paper pennies (like you would see at the grocery store).

Students/staff can sign their name on the penny, which then be hung on the wall behind the table. The main goal is to get enough paper pennies to cover up the words Leukemia Lymphoma that will be on a giant poster behind the table.



# Bellefonte Area Elementary Schools

## Bellefonte Elementary

### The Million Penny Drive, SWPBS Style

#### **Bellefonte Elementary held its Million Penny Drive event in November and December 2013.**

In three and a half weeks the students and staff raised over \$5000. Students worked hard each week raising money and earning boomerang slips. With each challenge goal met, students had a celebration that the whole school was able to enjoy. The different challenges include Dress Your Teacher Day, Mr. Besch Sundae Head, and the Finale – Teacher Rally.



Along with the challenges, the students participated in other activities that helped raise funds for the Million Penny Drive: Designing Holiday Cards, Classroom Wreath Auction, and Classroom Door Decoration.

This year, Bellefonte Elementary was able to distribute the money raised to a variety of organizations, including Toys for Tots, Tides, The Faith Center, and Easter Seals of Central PA. Each of these organizations provides valuable assistance to people in the Bellefonte Community and contributing to their efforts was a small way of saying thank you.

Thank you also to the students, parents, and staff of Bellefonte Elementary.



#### **Mrs. Cernuska Gets Keystone Award of Excellence**

Mrs. Erin Cernuska was a nominee and attended the PA Teacher of the Year ceremonies in December.

Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett presented the Keystone Award of Excellence to all nominees. Each teacher invited a student to the ceremonies, and Mrs. Cernuska invited Nicholas Howe... along with Nick's family.

Nick gave a very moving speech about how Mrs. Cernuska impacted his education.



*Dr. Saylor, Asst. Superintendent, Nick Howe, Erin Cernuska, Karen Krisch, Principal*

#### **A Centre Recycling Leader**



Bellefonte Elementary received second place in the Centre County Recycle-Bowl/GreenSylvania

Recycling Competition., after having reportedly recycled 3,710 lbs of paper during the competition, totaling 7.25 lbs/capita. As a result of this great accomplishment, the Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority awarded Bellefonte Elementary with a plaque and check for \$200.





## Bellefonte Elementary Students Honor Veterans & Remember the Troops

On November 11, 2013, a Veteran's Day Assembly was held at Bellefonte Elementary School to honor all United States veterans.

The children were excited and proud to see local veterans from each branch of the armed services on the stage. Many of the veterans were parents, grandparents, and relatives of Bellefonte Elementary School students.

Lining the walls of the auditorium was the artwork, colorful U.S. flags, and essays written by the students. Fourth and fifth grade students wrote essays on the topic, "What Veteran's Day Means to Me?"

Mrs. Filipowicz knew of three Marines that were Bellefonte Area High School alumni from the class of 2012. They



were recently deployed overseas for the first time.

Her second graders made Christmas cards for each of the alumni.

The class sent its cards and the artwork, U.S. flags, and essays to Tyler Haslet and Stephen Zelznick who are deployed to Afghanistan. Scott Winger, a Marine stationed in Okinawa, Japan, also received the students' gifts.

Mrs. Filipowicz asked the gentlemen to share the items with other service members in their units.

## Ms. Markle's Students Get Published



Ms. Terry Markle's class has been working hard for the past two months on a class book that it is going to publish through Studenttreasures.com.

The students paired up and interviewed each other. The students then used the interviews to write a biography, using the Chrome books to type up biographies and make illustrations.

The students then typed on assigned pages and prior to Ms. Markle uploading the students' drawings. Parents could order a hardbound book which should have been published on January 24th and then received in February.

For teachers who are interested in this awesome opportunity go

to <http://www.studenttreasures.com/> or email Ms. Terry Markle for more information.

## Benner Elementary

### SWPBS at Benner



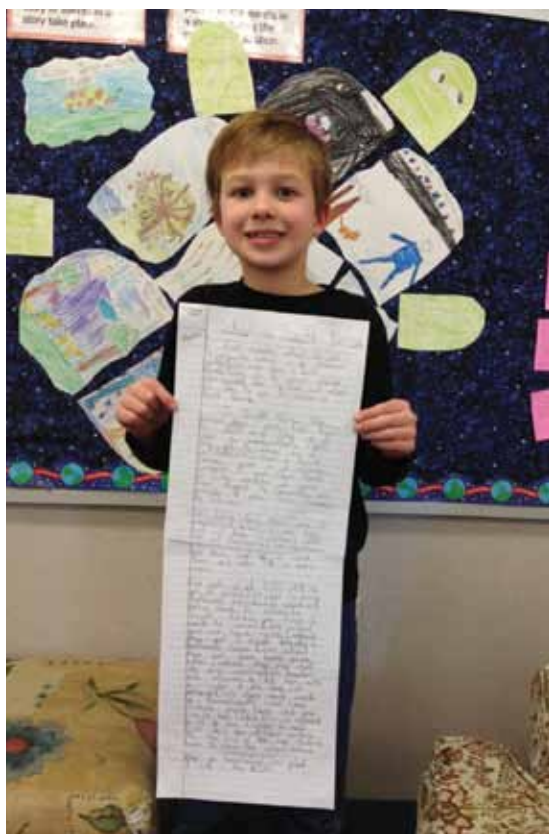
Benner Elementary held a quarterly event on January 23 to celebrate the success of students who follow the Bear Necessities-Be Safe, Everyone Be Kind, Always Be Respectful, and Ready and Prepared.

Students who earned five or more Bear Paws

during the second nine weeks participated in a school-wide dance party. They danced the Electric Slide, the Cha, Cha, and free styled to some Kidz Bop songs.

During the second half of school year, students will turn their focus to cleaner bathrooms and the Benner Bus Challenge. A Golden Dustpan will be placed outside the cleanest restroom at the end of each week. Boys and girls will focus on keeping the floor and sink areas clean.

Bus behavior, such as staying seated, keeping voices at appropriate levels, and keeping hands to yourself, will be emphasized as students work to earn special Bus Bear Paws.



### Benner Carnival Rides Again

One thing is for sure, the Benner Parent-Teacher Association knows how to hold a carnival.

On January 10th, Benner once again held the Benner Winter Carnival for Benner families. About 320 folks from the Benner family came out to enjoy a night of hotdogs, games and a silent auction. The carnival raised almost \$1200 for the PTA and all that the PTA supports, continuing to prove year in and year out to be one of the most popular events of the year.

The Winter Carnival Committee would like to thank all the parents, staff and volunteers who took time to contribute to the evening, not to mention our ever growing list of sponsors. Without the support of everyone in our community, the PTA could not provide all the things they do (field trips, teacher accounts, family fun nights, etc....). It was a great success and everyone who contributed is appreciated.



### Ms. Packard's Kids Use Gingerbread as Their Muse

Gingerbread isn't just for eating.

The students in Ms. Packard's 4th grade class made seasonal gingerbread houses to inspire their poetry writing.

BASD Superintendent, Cheryl Potteiger and Benner Elementary Principal, Kris Vancas stopped by



the classroom to share in the kids' excitement as they admired the students' creations and read the students' poetry.

Several parents in the community had also shared in the experience. It was a fun day for everyone.



### Fifth Graders Show Spirit

Fifth Graders at Benner Elementary School took part in their annual holiday service project.

The Faith Centre in Bellefonte helps distribute Toys for Tots for kids in the area. The director felt that adding a pair of gloves, mittens, hats or scarves was the perfect addition for the Toys for Tots gifts.

Fifth graders created posters to hang around the school to advertise the project. After two weeks of collecting items, the boxes were overflowing with donations.

The fifth grade students, with the support of the school, collected over 265 hats, mittens, scarves, and gloves to drop off for the Faith Centre Toys for Tots drive this holiday season.



## Marion Walker Elementary

### SWPBS at Marion-Walker

#### Marion-Walker Elementary raised \$3,206.25 for their annual coin drive during Fall 2013.

The money went towards supporting programming for children and families at the Bellefonte YMCA and the Women's Resource Center. The SWPBS Team and Coin Drive Committee would like to thank everyone for their donations to make this annual event a success. Through this endeavor students are able to learn about the importance of helping others and have fun as well.

Students had a blast competing for weekly rewards throughout the Coin Drive.

The first week, Mr. Harchak's class won a cookie decorating contest. During the second week, Mr. Harchak and Mrs. Hockenberry's class won a game day in the gym. In the third week, we brought back cafeteria karaoke. Everyone got to sing along during the lunch periods.

Week four concluded the drive with a spirit week ending with a Pirates Take December themed party if the school reached the goal of \$3,000.00. The students didn't just make their goal, they beat last year's total of \$3,097.32! To celebrate the success, students and staff participated in loads of swashbuckling fun. During lunch, students played pirate themed games, received a pirate name complete with hat, collected doubloons (pirate treasure), and had a cannonball pirate ship battle that resulted in everyone walking the plank.

The fun wasn't over at the conclusion of lunch. Mr. Howard Long from the YMCA and Ms. Kristin Meyerback from the Women's Resource Center came to our closing assembly dressed in full pirate regalia to receive over \$1,600.00 each for their organizations. Mr. Long awarded every student in Mr. Harchak's class a free 3 month youth membership to the Bellefonte YMCA because they raised the most money overall during the coin drive. As a class they raised \$536.13. Festivities concluded with wonderful music from the Bellefonte High School Brass Choir to get everyone into the holiday spirit.







## Marion-Walker Honors Veterans

On November 11th, the students and staff at Marion-Walker Elementary School proudly wore red, white, and blue to honor all military heroes and to celebrate Veterans Day.

A school-wide assembly was held, a parade of patriotic banners decorated by students in each of the classrooms began the procession, and there were special guests consisting of veterans

and current military service men and women.

The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts then processed in carrying the US flag and led the school in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fifth grade students, Keri Carroll and Meredith Frey, led the singing of the National Anthem.

During the assembly, students learned about Veterans' Day and why we celebrate it. Students read about the branches of the military and how each one serves our country. Many guest veterans attended the assembly and then went to the classrooms to talk to the students about their service to our country and about Veterans' Day.

Finally, the students learned that freedom is not free and it is important to always remember and thank those who chose to serve our country and defend it.



## Making a Good Community at MW

Marion-Walker Elementary School second graders used their Language Arts curriculum to explore what makes a good community.

They were determined to answer this question by exploring a variety of resources including books, the internet, and movies. The second graders were split up into four groups: people, places, transportation, and resources. Using their accompanying research, the students worked together to create a mini-community, and they loved creating the parts that they felt were most important.



*Marion-Walker Elementary and Bellefonte Elementary Vice-Principal Duffy Besch presents about School-Wide Positive Behavior Support programs to a roomful of educators at the Central Intermediate Unit (IU10).*

## Pleasant Gap Elementary

# Winter Greetings from Pleasant Gap

**The School Wide Positive Behavior (SWPBIS) team at Pleasant Gap Elementary School is making the most of this cold winter by implementing a new cafeteria system for students.**

All classrooms will be working to meet specific cafeteria goals throughout the remainder of the year.

Classes that meet a daily goal will receive a sticker to add to classroom charts. The primary and intermediate classes that earn the most stickers by the end of each week receive the special privilege of being “class of the week”. The winning classrooms get a class picture hung in the cafeteria for all grade levels to see. Teachers will also be rewarding classroom winners through extra recess, special lunches and more.

The current goal that all classrooms are working towards is “cleaning up your area” when students are finished eating lunch. The cafeteria staff is looking for classes that go the extra mile to throw away their straw wrappers, napkins and more. Once classrooms have mastered that skill, a new goal will be established.

Good luck to all students. These goals help ensure health, safety and responsibility at Pleasant Gap Elementary School.



## Students Study Native American Community

In November, third grade students from Pleasant Gap Elementary learned about the Native American Community at Mesa Verde. The students learned about the Anasazi. They studied Anasazi's clothing, homes, food, natural resources, and community that was built high on the side of a cliff. The students also took a virtual tour of the Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado. As a culminating activity, the students choose their own Native American tribe to study and built dioramas to depict their tribe.





# Central Office

## 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 November 12, 2013, Regular Board Meeting. Employees were nominated by their coworkers in their respective district buildings.

Excerpts of coworkers' nomination comments included: "...works her hardest to improve her students' ability in math, but over the last two years, she has been instrumental in promoting School-Wide Positive Behavior and school spirit....displays a kindness and consideration that seems to be lacking more and more in today's world....love how he challenges the students to not only be great students but also the best people they can be.... goes out of her way to greet ALL students and genuinely cares about them.... his personality is a modest one, in that he expects no gratitude or recognition, he simply gives all he can because, "It's the right thing to do."...has excellent qualities, which include being supportive to staff. He is kind, understanding, and respectful....kind and caring when working with students....always willing to jump in and does so with a good attitude....a wonderful teacher.... knows all students' names and is



Front row (left to right): Edward Fitzgerald, Jeffrey Mudry, Christine Fratangelo, Megan Rankin, Shannon Albert, Karen Shawley, Roger Peck; Back row (left to right): Allen Harchak, Cory Cunningham, Susan Benson, Melissa Duckworth, Sandra Dieterle; Photo Insert: Harold Roan

very friendly will all students and staff....deserves recognition for her hard work as a superb teacher... does her job with enthusiasm...very approachable, kind, considerate, and a team player..."

### Congratulations!

#### Professional Staff Recipients:

Melissa Duckworth  
Bellefonte Area High School  
Edward Fitzgerald  
Bellefonte Area Middle School  
Jeffrey Mudry  
Bellefonte Elementary School  
Shannon Albert  
Benner Elementary School  
Allen Harchak  
Marion-Walker Elementary School  
Megan Rankin  
Pleasant Gap Elementary School

#### Support Staff Recipients:

Harold Roan  
Bellefonte Area High School  
Sandra Dieterle  
Bellefonte Area Middle School

Roger Peck  
Bellefonte Elementary School  
Susan Benson  
Benner Elementary School  
Karen Shawley  
Marion-Walker Elementary School  
Christine Fratangelo  
Pleasant Gap Elementary School  
Cory Cunningham  
Bellefonte Area School District

## Meet Arlin Roth, BASD Instructional Technology Specialist



I am grateful and excited to serve as Bellefonte's first Instructional Technology Specialist.

My primary focus as an

Instructional Technology Specialist is training and supporting teachers



in the development and delivery of 21st Century teaching and learning. My role allows me to collaborate with teachers to identify, plan and deliver technology-enhanced instruction. I also work with administrators, paraprofessionals, support staff members and the information technology department, and enjoy finding ways to make technology less frustrating and easier to use.

Prior to working as an Instructional Technology Specialist, I taught middle school and high school science including seven years at Bellefonte Area High School. During my time at BAHS, I enjoyed serving as an assistant varsity wrestling coach and working with my wife, Geri, who taught math for a few years at BAHS. My work as the technology coordinator and BASD webmaster sparked my interest in full-time work as an ITS. I left Bellefonte in 2004 to fill the role of ITS for Spring Cove School District. At Spring Cove, I enjoyed working with many individuals who were my teachers and coaches when I was a student at Central High School.

Since returning to Bellefonte, I have had the opportunity to work with teachers and students in classrooms from kindergarten through twelfth grade. My work has included assisting students with logging in and using Google Docs and Chromebooks, assisting students with internet research projects and providing in-service training for using the interactive Promethean whiteboards, Gmail and a variety of Google apps for education.

At home, I enjoy spending time with my wife, Geri, who teaches math at Spring Cove Middle School, and our daughters Anna (11) and Rebecca

(9). I also enjoy following the Steelers and cutting, splitting and burning firewood. If you would like to learn more about me or my work, please visit my web page at <http://www.basd.net/Page/10392> or scan the following code to open my web page on your phone or mobile device.



### Special Education Focus of BASD Panel

The district has started a Special Education Parents' Advisory Panel in December of 2013. The panel is comprised of parents of students with disabilities, general education teachers, special education teachers, administrators, and a board of education representative.

According to Dr. Gina MacFalls, Director of Special Education, the goal of the Panel is to serve as a vehicle to help parents learn more about various services that can help their children in different domains as they progress through their education. During

January's meeting representatives from Intermediate Unit 10 addressed the group on the various services that are offered to students from birth through the age of 21. MacFalls added that she is working with parents now to have a panel presentation of various agencies in our area that can assist parents with social services, job skills, mental health and leisure activities. She hopes to have this on place by the March Panel meeting.

The Panel meets monthly and the agenda will be driven by what parents feel they need. At this time the district is making an earnest effort to help parents navigate through complex processes within special education as well as community services that feed into the schools.

"I am very excited to work with a diverse group in our Bellefonte community", says MacFalls. "My hope is to expand this information and share it with parents so that we can help assuage some of their anxieties and answer their questions about where to go to get particular services for their child."



## Testing Season Set to Begin

Each school year, all public schools in Pennsylvania are required to measure the academic abilities (achievement and growth) of students with specific content-area standardized tests called the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA). All students in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 are included in this testing.

Additionally, students over the course of their middle school and high school career will take a Keystone Exam in each of the following content areas: Literature, Biology, and Algebra I. These exams are taken at the completion of their respective classes. Keystone exams are aligned to the Pennsylvania Common Core standards.

The PSSA will phase-in alignment to the PA Common Core standards beginning in the spring of 2014.

Below is a table that displays the specific testing windows for the various content-area assessments, the grade levels that must take the assessments and the approximate

amount of time each assessment will take students to complete.

The PSSA assessments are made up of different types of questions.

- Multiple Choice Items – Where the student selects a correct answer out of four possible choices.
- Open-Ended Items – Where students write-out short answers to provide a written explanation or to demonstrate how to solve a problem.
- Revising and Editing Questions (Writing PSSA only) – Where students identify and correct editing and revision errors found in writing passages.
- Writing prompts (Writing PSSA only) – Where students demonstrate their abilities to develop, organize and express their ideas on a given topic in a written composition.
- Scenario Items (Grade 8 Science PSSA only) – Where students describe or answer questions after analyzing graphs, charts or tables.

The Keystone Exams include multiple choice questions and constructed-response, or open-ended,

questions. For each Keystone Exam, approximately 60% to 75% of the total score will be from multiple-choice questions and 25% to 40% of the total score will be from constructed-response questions.

Student performance on the assessments is taken very seriously by the district. The assessments are important for many reasons:

- One of Pennsylvania's graduation requirements requires that all students demonstrate proficiency in the academic standards. Students must score at proficient levels (or above) on the Keystone exams in Literature, Algebra I, and Biology (or on alternate district assessments) in order to graduate from Bellefonte Area High School. The State will also require proficiency on these three Keystone Exams for high school graduation beginning with the graduating class of 2017 (this year's 9th grade class).
- Student performance on the grade 5, 6, 7 and 8 tests have an impact on course selection for some middle school and high school courses.
- Keystone scores may be included on student transcripts sent to colleges.
- Individual student scores are used to assist teachers in identifying student strengths and weaknesses in the various curricular areas.
- Students failing to demonstrate proficiency on any of the assessments may be scheduled for additional instructional support to improve their likelihood of future success.
- Grade-level, building-level, and district-level assessment results are used for planning purposes.
- Student level data contributes to the three year rolling average within

Assessment	Testing Dates	Grade Levels Assessed	Length of Assessment
PSSA Reading & Math	March 24 – April 4, 2014	Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8	6 – 7 hours
PSSA Writing	March 31 – April 11, 2014	Grades 5, & 8	4 – 6 hours
PSSA Science	April 28 – May 2, 2014	Grades 4, & 8	2 – 4 hours
PSSA Make-ups	April 7 – 11, 2014 (Reading, Math) April 14 – 25, 2014 (Writing) May 5-9, 2014 (science)	As Applicable	
Keystone Exams	Winter window January 13 – 20, 2014  Spring window May 12 – 23, 2014	2-3 hours each content area exam (each exam is broken into two modules that should take 1 – 1.5 hours each)	



the Teacher Effectiveness evaluation model.

Parents are a very important part of student success and should continue to encourage and support their children's learning. Please continue to:

- Recognize and reinforce the importance of student effort during the school day.
- Review/discuss homework and tests. Ask your child to explain the work that he/she is doing.
- Remind your child of the importance of good attendance.
- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep, has a nutritious breakfast, and arrives on time to school every day.
- Stay in contact with your child's teacher(s). Ask what you can do to

help. Ask for help when needed.

Parents of students currently enrolled in BASD who will be participating in the 2014 PSSA and Keystone assessments will receive more information on specific assessment schedules affecting their children closer to scheduled administration dates. Parents can help their children demonstrate success on the assessments by:

- Discussing the importance of trying their best on the assessments with their child prior to and during the test administration window.
- Making sure that their children are present each day that the tests are administered.
- Refraining from scheduling outside appointments during the testing window.

The PSSA and Keystone Exams are important to the entire Bellefonte community. It takes a collaborative effort of school personnel, parents, and, most importantly, our students to achieve success.

For more information go to: [www.education.state.pa.us/](http://www.education.state.pa.us/) (Click on the Program tab, click on Programs S-Z, click on State Assessment System and then click on the appropriate assessment i.e. PSSA, Keystone) or contact any building or district administrator. For information regarding the Common Core State Standards (CCSS)/PA Core or the Keystone exit exams go to: <http://www.pdesas.org/> (for the Keystones, click on the Assessment tab, click on Keystone Exams. For the Pa Core, click on the Standards tab, click on Pa Core).

## School Board Elects Keith Hamilton as New President



I have enjoyed my first five years working with my fellow Board Members and know we will all certainly work together to assure

our children are receiving a World Class Education.

In addition, during my tenure as a Board Member, I have learned that we have the best teachers, administrators, and support personnel that work tirelessly together every day to assure our children are receiving the best education, as we prepare them to meet the challenges in a competitive global world.

My Wife, Debbie, and I have lived in the Bellefonte Community for over

35 years. Both she and our two sons, Keith and Craig, are Bellefonte alumni. We also have two grandchildren attending Marion Walker Elementary School and soon we will have two more attending Bellefonte Elementary School.

I know they are in excellent hands.

I would like to share with you some New Year resolutions that seem very appropriate to me personally and may even provide some new focus for you. These are my top 10:

- Put my family first and what I want second
- Make each day on the job better than the day before
- Turn negative thoughts into positive ones, and remain focused on the positive thoughts

- Stay passionate about what I do
- Stay true to my commitments, friends, colleagues, and family
- Look for great ideas, which can come from anyone and anywhere
- Do great things at home, BASD, and work in 2014
- Stay Healthy
- Set an example for all
- Review my resolutions and see how I am doing

On behalf of the entire Board, if we can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to call us.

Sincerely,

Keith Hamilton  
President of the Bellefonte Area  
School District Board of School  
Directors



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*At the December School Board of Directors Meeting, the Bellefonte Area School District School Board of Directors welcomed two new members, two re-elected members, and a new board president. Pictured from left to right are: Keith Hamilton, President of the Bellefonte Area School District Board of School Directors, Michael Danneker, newly elected, Chip Aikens, re-elected, Jenna Moorehead, re-elected, and Rodney Musser, newly re-elected after previously serving for a number of years.*

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