



## ELANCO EXTRA

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Upcoming Events in ELANCO School District

August 8	Freshman Open House 6:00p, Auditorium	September 3	No School for Students
August 13	Committee of the Whole Meeting 7:00p Garden Spot Middle School Back to School Night 6:45-8:30p	September 5	Brecknock Elementary Back to School Night 6:30-7:30p
August 15	Freshman Open House 12:00p, Auditorium	September 10	Committee of the Whole Meeting 7:00p
August 16	Garden Spot Middle School Open House 9-11:00a	September 11	New Holland Elementary Back to School Night (More Information to Come)
August 20	GSMS Back to School Night Crossnet Ministries 6-8:00p Self-Guided Tours New Holland Elementary 9-11:00a, 1-3:00p, & 5-7:00p(optional) School Board of Directors Meeting 7:00p	September 12	ELANCO Parent/Volunteer Tea, GSHS Aux Cafeteria 9:30a HS Parent Night 6:45p
August 21	Garden Spot Middle School Open House 5-7:00p	September 17	Garden Spot Middle School Picture Day
August 22	Blue Ball Elementary Back to School Night Grades 4-6, 6-7:00p Popsicles in the Park 6:30-8:00p NH PTO ELANCOOnline Orientation for New 7-12 Students 6-7:00p	September 19	School Board of Directors Meeting 7:00p
August 23	Blue Ball Elementary Back to School Night Grades K-3 & MDS, 6-7:00p	September 28	District-wide Early Dismissal
August 27	<b>First Day of School</b>	October 5	Service Learning Hours Form Due (Seniors Only)
August 29	New Holland Elementary Picture Day	October 6	District-wide Early Dismissal
August 31	No School for Students	October 8	SAT 7:30a   Garden Spot High School
		October 8	Committee of the Whole Meeting 7:00p
		October 10	Teacher Inservice—No School for Students
		October 10	PSAT Exam 7:30a   Garden Spot High School
		October 11	New Holland Elementary Picture Retake Day
		October 15	HS Picture Day
		October 18	School Board of Directors Meeting 7:00p
			Brecknock Elementary Picture Day

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## Garden Spot High School Graduation

By Joanna Rathkey, GSHS Administrative Assistant



Graduation Commencement 2018  
Photo courtesy of LNP Media Group Inc.

On June 8, 2018, Garden Spot High School's gymnasium was filled to capacity with distinguished guests, family, and friends, all vying to celebrate the Graduation Ceremony of the Class of 2018.

Accompanied by over 50 faculty and staff members in the ceremonial procession, 242 students were awarded diplomas that evening, with two honorary diplomas given to the families of students who would have graduated with the class of 2018 but instead are held in loving memory.

Student speakers, Rachel Hungerford ('18) and Sarah Neuville ('18), highlighted the achievements of their classmates and encouraged them to take risks and embrace

failure. Superintendent Dr. Robert Hollister spoke of the changes that occurred in the span of the graduates' 13 years in school, while Principal Mr. Matthew Sanger emphasized the courage displayed by this year's graduating class and the fact that this class lived up to the school's motto of the Spartan Way: doing what's right; doing our best; doing for others.

The distinguished honor of Valedictorian was earned by Kelly Martin ('18), and Salutatorian was earned by Elaine Mast ('18), with the benediction, sung by Jordan Tennis ('19), closing out the evening. The faculty, staff, and community wish all the graduates success in their future studies and careers.



Sarah Nueville '18 presenting her commencement speech | Photo courtesy of LifeTouch Photography



Mr. Sanger presenting his commencement speech  
Photo courtesy of LNP Media Group Inc.



# Blue Ball 5th Grade Hosts a Food Truck Expo

By Greg Frederick, Director of Elementary Instruction

Module 3 of the Elementary ELA, Science, and Social Studies curriculum focused on Informational Text, Informative Writing, and Economics and Entrepreneurship. To show off their learning of the concepts in the module, fifth graders at Blue Ball Elementary hosted a Food Truck Expo.

Mrs. Melissa Martin, Mrs. Tara Schultz, Mrs. Tara Groff, Mrs. Sue Dissinger, and Ms. Brittne Frey, presented the following challenge, adapted from Defined STEM, to their learners:

An Entrepreneur is a person who organizes and operates a business. Many entrepreneurs are young people with great ideas. Often these ideas would have never been successful had someone not listened to what the young entrepreneur had to offer.

Food trucks are becoming very popular across the United States. These trucks can be found in any area where consumers are looking to eat a meal. Many of these trucks specialize in a certain type of food. Offering customers incredibly fresh food from local farms is sure to be a success. The Pennsylvania agriculture business community has asked young entrepreneurs or teams of entrepreneurs to develop a business plan for starting a food truck business in the local area which features Pennsylvania agricultural products.

After reviewing the business plans, the local agriculture group will select the best plan and provide funding to the entrepreneurs to get the food truck business started. They will be judging your business plans on the following criteria:

- The Introduction to your Food Truck Business (Owner background? What is the name? Logo? Design? Description? How will it benefit the community?)
- The Idea Description (What will you sell, What is the theme?, Menu? Target Audience?)
- The Financial Plan (How will you make money? How much will you make? What are the costs? What will you do with profits?)

- The Marketing/Advertising Plan (How will people know you exist? How will you get customers?)
- Over the course of about 6 weeks learners, researched local agriculture, brainstormed possible ideas, reviewed costs of products, and wrote a business plan which included a logo, description, a financial plan and a marketing plan. Parents and community members filled the Blue Ball Elementary cafeteria for an “expo” to see the 5th graders’ work and to hear about their ideas.

Below are just a few examples of their displays. Amazing work Blue Ball 5th grade!

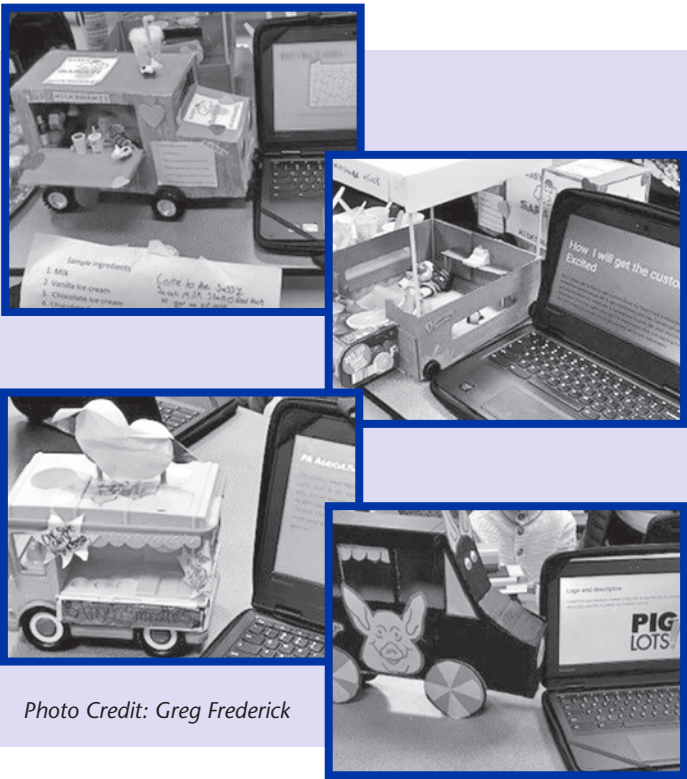


Photo Credit: Greg Frederick

# Expeditions into New Holland: Virtual Reality

By Adam Geiman, Elementary Technology Instructional Coach



5th and 6th Graders creating Google Virtual Reality Expedition | Photo Credit: Adam Geiman

On May 21, 2018, Blue Ball Elementary hosted a district-wide Elementary Gifted Expo at which fifth and sixth grade students from New Holland Elementary presented a Google Virtual Reality Expedition that they created. These fifth and sixth grade students were selected to take part in a Google Expeditions Beta program back in early March. Using the hashtag #WhyYouLoveWhereYouLive, Google challenged the students with creating a virtual reality experience detailing what they love about the area in which they live. Using Google Expeditions and Samsung 360 Gear cameras, students took pictures of the New Holland and ELANCO area and wrote a guided tour of their hometown. Students introduced their Expedition to the public for the first time at the Gifted Expo. Participants were able to interact with the virtual reality experience using Google’s augmented and virtual reality website called Poly. Students covered a wide range of topics such as the history, education, food, industry, and tourism of the ELANCO area. Anyone interested in viewing the Expedition can visit <https://poly.google.com/view/efJSR7vjL4v>

# Kindergarten Readiness

By Dr. Robert Hollister, ELANCO Superintendent



Kindergarten Readiness Kit

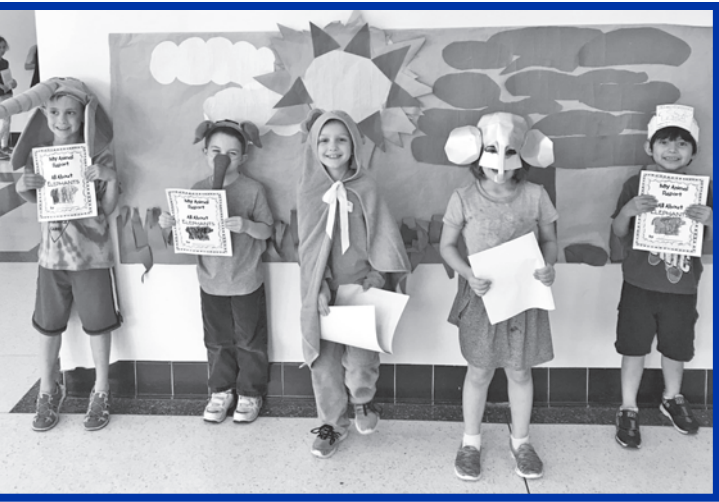
The District has been reaching out to future Kindergarten parents by hosting Kindergarten Readiness Nights where parents and students attend learning sessions to assist in preparing them for Kindergarten. This past Spring, the District took an additional step toward increasing readiness by distributing Kindergarten Readiness Kits to parents who registered for Kindergarten in the Spring. The kits were partially sponsored by Kiwanis Club of New Holland and contained various learning manipulative “toys”, books, and instructions for parents to assist their children and increase Kindergarten readiness. Students were very excited to receive the kits and the District is hopeful that every little effort put forth in the Summer leading into Kindergarten will have multiple positive effects when students are welcomed to their educational journey.

If any family who has a student coming to Kindergarten this fall and has not received a kit, please contact Ms. Juanita Kreider at [juanita\\_kreider@elanco.org](mailto:juanita_kreider@elanco.org) or (717) 354-1516 to receive your free kit.

# Garden Spot Campus Receives a New Sign

By Justin W. Johnson, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

A new digital sign is being installed this Summer on the Garden Spot Campus to replace the old sign that has stood on the campus for nearly 50 years. The new sign will be able to display upcoming events throughout the District, student successes, and school district announcements. Thank you to the graduating Class of 2018 for their generous donation towards the purchase and installation of the new sign!



Kindergarten Animal Wax Museum Elephants  
Photo Credit: Bonnie Brier/Christina Longacre

# Brecknock Elementary Kindergarten Animal Wax Museum

By Bonnie Brier & Christina Longacre, Brecknock Elementary Kindergarten Teachers

On Friday, May 18, Brecknock Kindergarten classes invited parents to an Animal Wax Museum. The students presented all that they had learned about zoo animals for their Language Arts Module 5 performance task.

Students researched using Google Classroom, wrote reports, and created backgrounds for the habitats of each animal. They dressed up and shared with parents what they had learned. Students shared where their animals live, what they eat and other interesting facts. Parents walked through the museum and when they stepped on a student’s push button, that student would read his/her research report. They did an awesome job researching, writing and sharing all that they had learned!



New Garden Spot Campus Sign



# Eastern Lancaster County School District Wishes Retirees Well

By Dr. Nadine Larkin, Assistant Superintendent

At the end of the 17-18 school year, Eastern Lancaster County School District said farewell to seven retirees who devoted many years of their professional career serving the ELANCO Community.

ELANCO School District would like to thank these individuals for the many years of dedication and commitment to the growth and care of our students. As each plans for the future and moves on to many new experiences, we wish them well and a long and prosperous retirement.

## Garden Spot High School



**Rose "Toni" Myers**  
High School Art Teacher  
26 Years



**Joan Wenger**  
High School Library Assistant  
30 Years

## Blue Ball Elementary



**Diane Henssler**  
Grade 4 Teacher  
19 Years



**Susan Beck**  
Classroom Assistant  
30 Years

## Garden Spot Middle School



**Lynn Sommer**  
Middle School Counselor  
32 Years

## Brecknock Elementary



**Susan Wolfe**  
School Nurse  
4 Years

## District Office



**Charlie Kantner**  
Director of Bus Transportation  
32 Years

Photos Courtesy of Life-Touch Photography

# New ELANCO Website and App

By Lotsie Wooten, Director of Technology Infrastructure



Created by Vectors Market from Noun Project

Beginning in July 2018, Eastern Lancaster County School District will be launching its new District website! The website address will remain the same, [www.elanco.org](http://www.elanco.org), however it will have a more updated look and improved functionality.

We will also be launching this summer, the Eastern Lancaster County mobile app! The app will be

available in both Apple and Android platforms and users will be able to personalize the app to receive the information that is most important to them. Check the District website at the end of the summer for more information on how to download and access the app.



Photo Courtesy of Life-Touch Photography

# Garden Spot High School Teacher Wins the Bee Impactful Award

By Dr. Robert Hollister, ELANCO Superintendent,

This year the winner of the Bee Impactful Award was Ms. Julie Groft, High School Health & Physical Education Teacher. Julie was nominated by her students and colleagues. Members of the selection committee dropped in to surprise Julie with the good news during the last week of school where they found her still teaching full speed ahead. The award was presented in front of her students and they were obviously thrilled for her.

Julie is popular among the students because of her ability to form relationships with each and everyone of them and for how hard she drives them towards success, while supporting them every step of the way. Julie is a consummate professional and a model for others to emulate. She teaches Physical Education classes and an Anatomy elective that despite being a

demanding course, fills with students every year eager to learn and be challenged.

In addition to her classroom assignments and successes, Julie is the leader of the School Health Council and responsible for organizing and leading the efforts for healthier lifestyles among both the adults and students at Garden Spot High School and throughout the District. The School Health Council is an award winning organization recognized yearly by Lighten Up Lancaster County, LiveWell Lancaster County, and the Central Penn Business Group on health efforts to bring awareness to health related issues and conduct activities to promote healthy lifestyles and practice. Julie is an all-star!

The Bee Impactful Award is a privately sponsored gift in honor of an ELANCO parent's former teacher and mentor, Mr. Bee. The parent has sponsored the Bee Impactful Award with a cash donation to the teacher of \$2500 for the last three years.



Created by Nikita Kozin from Noun Project

# ELANCO School Tax Bill Notice

By Keith Ramsey, Chief of Finance & Operations

ELANCO has partnered with the Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau (LCTCB) for the collection of the 2018-19 school real estate taxes. All school real estate tax payments are to be mailed to the LCTCB in the envelope provided or paid at any Fulton Bank branch. You may also pay in person at the LCTCB real estate tax office, 1845 William Penn Way, Lancaster, PA. Please note that school real estate tax payments will no longer be accepted at the ELANCO District Office.

The real estate tax bill will be mailed the 1st week in July. If a district resident does not receive a tax bill and should have, please contact the LCTCB office after July 1st at 717-569-4521, option #4. Failure to receive the tax bill does not relieve any taxpayer from making payment.

Real estate tax bills will be mailed to individual property owners. LCTCB does not forward school property tax bills to mortgage companies or tax escrow agencies.

Any questions pertaining to the payment of your 2018-19 school real estate tax bill should be directed to LCTCB. Any questions pertaining to the assessed value of your property or any changes to the mailing address of your school real estate tax bill should be directed to the Lancaster County Assessment Office at 717-299-8381

# IU13 Bus Drivers Place at PA School Safety Competition

By Victoria Humay, Bus Driver

On Saturday, June 23, 2018, 10 of our school bus drivers who represent the Lebanon-Lancaster IU13 went to State College to compete in the Pennsylvania State School Bus Safety Competition. The 10 best drivers from the local Road-e-o Competition that was held at Cocalico High School in October 2017, move on to the state-level competition. These drivers included Robert Burger, Angela Martin, Carla Rieker, Shawn Stickler, Kristy Reinert, Carrie Ann Miller, Vicky Humay-ELANCOSD Bus #6, Michael Webster, Dania Clifford-ELANCOSD Bus #3, and Melinda Heinlein-ELANCOSD Bus #5. As a team, the drivers came in 2nd place and individually Michael Webster placed 1st and Angie Martin placed 5th.



IU13 Bus Driver Representatives at the PA State School Bus Safety Competition  
Photo Courtesy of Victoria Humay



# National Signing Day at Garden Spot High School

By Matthew Sanger, GSHS Principal



Front row: Cameron Roth, Austin Wanner, Connor Finkey, Kyle Willwerth, Carter Eby, Matthew Good, Jordan Shewbridge  
Back row: Angela Strock, Meghan Gehr, Samantha Martin, Erin Diehl  
Photo Credit: Trish Watterson

We are fortunate, at Garden Spot High School, to have student-athletes who are not only dedicated to academic excellence, but athletic excellence. They put the “student” in student-athlete, so we want to acknowledge and celebrate their accomplishments. On May 8th, Garden Spot Athletics celebrated “National Signing Day” by recognizing the 11 seniors who will continue their academic and athletic careers at the next level. Congratulations to:

**Erin Diehl**, daughter of Brian and Nancy Diehl of New Holland, will be attending Morehead State University in Morehead, Kentucky. Erin will be on the rifle team and will major in Exercise Science.

**Carter Eby**, son of Galen and Kim Eby of New Holland, will be attending North Greenville University in Tigerville, South Carolina. Carter will be playing volleyball and majoring in Accounting.

**Connor Finkey**, son of Joe and Kim Finkey of East Earl, will be attending Millersville University. Connor will be wrestling and majoring in Sports Business.

**Meghan Gehr**, daughter of John Gehr of New Holland and Trish Watterson of Parkesburg, will be attending Bloomsburg University. Meghan will be playing volleyball and majoring in Athletic Training.

**Matthew Good**, son of Jeremy and Diane Good of Bowmansville, will be attending West Chester University. Matthew will be playing soccer and majoring in Computer Science.

**Samantha Martin**, daughter of Tim and Susan Martin of East Earl, will be attending DeSales University in Center Valley, PA. Sam will be playing volleyball and majoring in an accelerated five year physician assistant program.

**Cameron Roth**, son of Mike and Diana Roth of New Holland, will be attending Grove City College. Cameron will be playing football and majoring in communications.

**Jordan Shewbridge**, son of Shannon Shewbridge of New Holland, will be attending Lancaster Bible College. Jordan will be playing basketball and majoring in Criminal Justice.

**Angela Strock**, daughter of Alan and Barb Strock of Bowmansville, will attend Lebanon Valley College. Angela will be playing soccer and majoring in Exercise Science and Physical Therapy.

**Austin Wanner**, son of Leroy and Sherri Wanner of New Holland, will attend Grove City College. Austin will be playing football and is undecided as to what his major will be.

**Kyle Willwerth**, son of Jeff and Lori Willwerth of New Holland, will be attending Shippensburg University. Kyle will be playing soccer and will major in Business Administration.

# Garden Spot Middle School Earns Top Honors at Music in the Parks in Hershey Park

By Lynn Stover, GSMS Music Teacher

Each year the Educational Programs Network hosts Music in the Parks, a festival for musical ensembles from all over the United States to perform for adjudicators or master teachers who then rate the ensembles and provide suggestions on how students can improve their performance. The day ends with an awards ceremony presented to either a single player or a whole ensemble. This year at the Music in the Parks festival at Hershey Park in May, the students in the Garden Spot Middle School Band, Chorus, Jazz Band, Orchestra, and World Beat ensembles, performed at the highest level, both on and off the stage. Every group received a first place in their division and great feedback from their adjudicators.



Middle School Band, Chorus, Jazz Band, Orchestra, and World Beat at Hershey Park  
Photo Credit: Julie Hamer

# Garden Spot Performing Arts Celebrates 50 Years

By Hillary Martin, GSHS English Teacher, GSPA Coordinator

This past school year, Garden Spot Performing Arts (GSPA) celebrated its 50th anniversary—quite a milestone in our county’s high school theatre scene.



Annie Cast 2018 | Photo Courtesy of GSPA



Annie Cast 1992 | Photo Courtesy of GSPA

To celebrate the golden anniversary, GSPA presented the classic Kaufman & Hart comedy “The Man Who Came to Dinner” in the fall, and the crowd favorite musical “Annie” in the spring. For the first time in over twenty years, GSPA ran its spring musical for two full weekends.

“Annie” featured dozens of GS students, grades 7-12. There were 55 students in the cast, 30 musicians in the pit, and nearly 50 students who worked behind-the-scenes on crews.

Major under-takings for the musical included training a lovable Labradoodle named Aries to answer to the stage name “Sandy,” and shaving Adin Martin’s head. Adin played Oliver Warbucks.

Joining Adin on stage in leading roles were: Elisabeth Clark ’19 as Annie; Rebecca Hoover ’18 as Grace Farrell; Kyle Redding ’18 as Rooster Hannigan; Molly Brennan ’19 as Lily St. Regis; Francesca Babini ’18 as Miss Hannigan; and Daniel Skinner ’18 (GSPA’s student-elected president) as U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt.

GSPA was founded by former GSHS English teacher Stan Deen and special education teacher Frank Palumbo, in conjunction with administrative support from former principal Donald Sheaffer and former superintendent Robert Simon.

Today, the program successfully continues, thanks to the dedication of our talented GS students and their encouraging parents, as well as the unfailing support of Garden Spot’s administration and the wider ELANCO community. The organization is spear-headed by a group of faculty and volunteers, all of whom are alumni of the GSPA program, dating all the way back to its founding in 1967.

# Memorial Day Assembly 2018

By Joanna Rathkey, GSHS Administrative Assistant

On May 29, 2018, junior and senior students, faculty, staff, and community members filled the rows of Garden Spot High School’s auditorium in honor of the third annual Memorial Day Assembly. Similarly to the past two years, the morning was filled with recognition—for selflessness, for giving, for service. Service within the community was highlighted by guest speakers Andrew and Elizabeth Mancuso and Allison Cuthie, while social studies teacher Mark Leaman extended appreciation to the visiting veterans from Garden Spot Village and the panelists from the Vietnam Veterans of America. The assembly’s coordinator, Assistant Principal Eli Cox, acknowledged faculty and staff members who served or currently serve in the military, the families of current students who served in the military, and the families of faculty and staff who served in the military. The distinguished honorees of the morning, however, were the graduating seniors who enlisted in a branch of the United States military or who will be entering the mission field post-graduation. 13 graduates were presented by Principal Matthew Sanger, and as a small token of appreciation, were gifted a custom blanket with the Garden Spot Spartan head embroidered on the front. The faculty, staff, and community wish all the graduates success in their future in service.



Left to Right:  
(back) Devin Weaver (YWAM), Michael Martin (YWAM), Jacob Shupe (Marine Corps), Wyatt Hibshman (Marine Corps), Alex Looper (Marine Corps), Kayla Harley-Smith (Army National Guard), Colin King (Army)  
(front) Sara Martin (YWAM), Michaela Stone (YWAM), Deja Torrez (Army National Guard), Jourdan Forrester (Air Force), Carter Combs (Marine Corps), Seth Babb (Army)

Photo Credit: Elias Cox, Garden Spot High School Assistant Principal