

LEHIGHTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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“Partnering with students, families, and community to provide opportunities for life-long success through academic excellence and

MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT

James A. Kraky



Our focus is always two fold when we look at orchestrating the Lehigh Area School District. First and foremost is the high quality, ever improving education programs we provide for all of our students. We continue to improve our teaching practices and education programs so our students can increasingly compete and be prepared for tomorrow’s world. Second is the fiscal responsibility to provide the best possible programs at the most responsible cost to our Lehigh community. Over the last several years we have reviewed practices, processes, procedures, and costs towards running a highly effective institution. We have trimmed, eliminated, and revised as applicable, without negatively impacting any education programs.

The recently proposed tightened State budget significantly reduces funding for most education institutions. These proposed cuts have a corresponding impact on our District as well. Although we have been frugal, the cuts will be hampering. We plan to work collaboratively with all stakeholders as we continue our primary focus on quality education programs. We have expanded and emphasized committee working relationships throughout the district. This “team” approach will contribute best possible decision making in many areas.

The District has been exploring possible significant physical facilities improvements as we evaluate every facet of our District. This initiative has been under the research of our “Building Project Task Force Committee”. This committee, made up of representatives from all applicable entities, has been working regularly to propose our best options for facility improvements. This rigorous process is critical as we strive to make the best possible decisions for the District and community, both in short term and long range. The heartfelt proposed direction for all of our committees is hard work and truly appreciated. We hope to be able to look back and remember an applicable quote paraphrased from George W. Bush, “History will understand our decisions”. We believe through our collaborative, educational decision making we will make the right ones for everyone.

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

This is our fifth volume of our newsletter “Indian Pride”. However, it will be our last that will be in print and sent out thorough the postal service. Our newsletter will be posted on our website at www.lehighton.org on a quarterly cycle. We also list important events and dates on our website. A printed copy of the newsletter may be requested by contacting Melissa Ebbert at 610-377-4490, ext. 1525 or email her at mfebbert@lehighton.org.

CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

Jonathan J. Cleaver, Coordinator of Curriculum, Instruction, Grant Writing

I have had the opportunity to work with many different staff members through the district in the first three months since my appointment of Curriculum Coordinator for the Lehigh Area School District. I must say that I have seen some amazing teaching and learning taking place in our district. I am truly impressed with the usage of powerful instructional methods by educators at all levels.

The focus of the Lehigh Area School District curriculum will be on the interdisciplinary curriculum design and development. This will be a continued process that will allow for assurance that any student that graduates from the Lehigh Area School District will be able to meet the needs of the 21st Century.

Another focus point has been the usage of data collection to enhance student learning. The examination of multiple sources of data will allow us to determine the current status of student learning, identify needs for improvement, and provide avenues of exploration to our current goals and create new goals as needed. As we work toward meeting these goals, it will allow for specific content to be selected for staff development that will advance toward student achievement goals. The sources of data may also indicate that specific skills require modifications. We have established curriculum teams and developed a “needs assessment” to guide us as we analyze various educational programs and materials. It is my strong belief that to ensure we achieve our vision statement continued collaboration amongst teachers, administrators and parents is a key component.

District News



Odyssey of the Mind

Mrs. Beth Perkins, Faculty Member

The high school and middle school Odyssey of the Mind teams competed in the Northeast Regional competition that was held on March 5th at Pocono Mountain West High School. The four teams representing Lehighton competed in both the long-term and spontaneous portions of the event and garnered fourth, fifth, and sixth place finishes.



The long-term portion of the competition requires the team to solve a complex problem using a combination of science, literature, research, art, and drama. Solutions to these problems generally take several months to complete. Two teams worked on a problem called, “Le Tour Guide”. The teams had to create a skit where the characters visited two places on Earth and one team-created site. The skit also had to include a character from classical literature. Another team completed a problem called, “As Good as Goldberg”. This team created a complex machine to complete a simple, every day, task; the entire problem was to be based upon machines created by the famous inventor, Rube Goldberg. The fourth team worked on a NASA sponsored problem entitled, “Full Circle”. In this problem the team had to present a performance where something changed form or appearance three times and then returned to its original form.



During the spontaneous portion of the competition the teams are given a problem to solve in an eight minute time period. The problems can be either verbal or hands-on in nature. A verbal problem would require spoken answers and the teams can receive points for how creative their answers are. A hands-on problem would require the team to use every-day objects in the solution. Once again, the teams are judged on the creativity of their solution and also how well they work together.



This year the high school OM teams were coached by Mr. Bob Ronemus and Mr. Mike Windbeck; the middle school teams were under the direction of Mrs. Beth Perkins.

From the Nurses' Desk

Immunization News: Beginning the 2011-2012 school year, all students in Grades K-12 are required to have a second dose of chicken pox vaccine (Varicella or Varivax), or proof of having had the disease.

All students entering *seventh grade* are required to have a dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Adacel or Tdap) and a dose of the meningococcal conjugate vaccine (Menactra or MCV).

Your child will need to complete his/her immunization requirements by August 1, 2011. If your child does not meet the requirements by this date, the state requires that he/she be excluded from school until proof of immunization is provided.

You may either mail or bring the written proof to the school building which your child attends. If you have any questions, please contact your child’s school nurse. You will not receive further notification on this matter.

If your child does not have health insurance, please contact the Pennsylvania Department of Health for information on obtaining these immunizations. The number is 570-325-6106. These immunizations will not be available at the schools.

Building	Address Lehighton PA 18235	Nurse	Phone
High School	1 Indian Lane	Mrs. Avril Guardiani	610-377-7570
Middle School	301 Beaver Run Road	Ms. Kathryn Lloyd	610-377-3720
Shull-David	200 Beaver Run Road	Mrs. Coleen Harleman	610-377-1145
Mahoning	2466 Mahoning Dr. E	Mrs. Lori German	570-386-4678
Franklin	1122 Fairyland Road	Mrs. Michele Lobien	610-377-6163
East Penn	496 W. Lizard Creek Road	Mrs. Deana Blasiak	610-377-6094

District News

A Free Summer Camp at the Middle School for current 4th graders

How would you like your son or daughter to start an activity that could have a positive affect on the rest of their lives? How would you like your son or daughter to get accustomed to the middle school and make new friends? How would you like your son or daughter to attend a camp that is educational, fun, and the instruction is free of charge? Well, the Lehigh Area Middle School Summer Band program just may be for you!



The LAMS Summer Band program is **tentatively** set to begin the week of June 13 and will conclude with a concert on Friday, July 8. The primary focus of this program is to have 4th graders begin to learn a band instrument during the summer so they are ready to be a full member of the band once 5th grade begins. However, this program is open to any 5th, 6th, or 7th grader who would like to learn a band instrument. The program only takes place 2 or 3 days a week for four weeks. Furthermore, students are permitted to miss a few sessions due to day trips, camps, or vacations. More information will be forthcoming in early May. However, please contact Mr. Weidner at tweidner@lehigh.org if you have any questions.

A summer band program is also **tentatively** available for current 5th, 6th, and 7th graders who are already a member of the band. This program spans from June 13 to July 8. More information will be forthcoming in May 2011.

Lehigh School & Community Educational Safety Program - Suzanne Howland, RtII & Patti Ebbert, Title I

As both parents and educators, our children's educational success is very important. The Lehigh community and the Lehigh Area School District have combined their efforts to provide an evening loaded with fun educational activities and giveaways for parents and children. On Thursday, June 16, 2011, we will come together for a free and exciting K-12 community event to promote safety and educational awareness. The event will be held at the Lehigh Memorial Pool from 5:30-8:30 pm. We will be providing families a fun, free evening of swimming, food and safety/educational activities.

To ensure parent awareness and promote summer safety we are requiring that all students whom attend do so with a parent or guardian. Children and families will be allowed to swim for the evening, while parents/guardians are encouraged to circulate among the stations throughout the pool grounds. The Title One Reading and Math staff of all four elementary buildings will provide families with fun make and take summer activities. The PA State Police will be providing "FOT-O-KID" identification cards for all students free of charge. The Lehigh Borough Police will instruct children about bike and gun safety. Free gun locks will be given to families. The Carbon County Sheriff's Department will discuss drug awareness. Many additional local organizations will be in attendance to provide educational/safety information.

Lehigh School District Parent Teacher Organizations

Lehigh Area Memorial Library

CLIU #21 Occupational Therapy Department

CLIU #21 Early Intervention

St. Matthew's Preschool

Jack & Jill Preschool

Lehigh Area High School Football Players and Cheerleaders

Mountain Karate Academy

Carbon-Monroe-Pike Mental Health/Mental Retardation Program

Carbon County Right from the Start

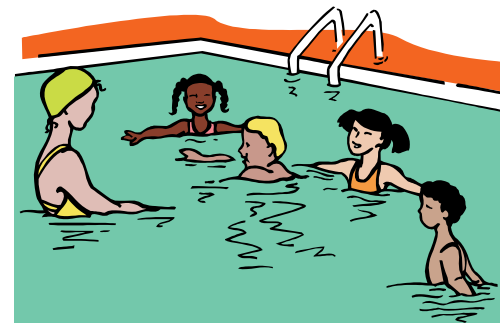
Carbon County Realtors

Family Promise

Carbon County Cancer Society

Bo Tkach Foundation

Pocono Guiding Pups



Music will be provided by "The Doctor" from Penn's Peak Radio. Free raffle items will be given to those in attendance.

We encourage our school district staff and families to attend this worthwhile event. If any organizations or people would like to participate, donate raffle items or volunteer time please contact: Suzanne Howland, showland@lehigh.org

District News

The Lehighton H. S. Choral Boosters invites YOU and your family to see. . .

The All New 2011

“Radio City Christmas Spectacular”

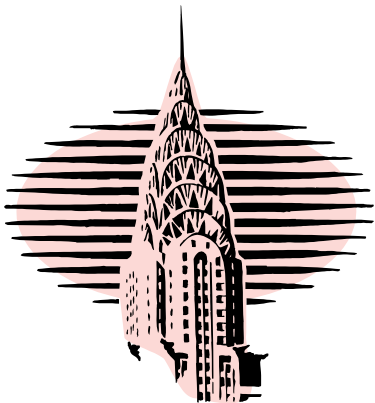
When: Monday, November 28, 2011
Departure: LAHS Parking Lot



Cost: \$92 - orchestra seating, charter bus transportation, free time in NYC, voucher for popcorn and drink at Radio City.
\$82 - second mezzanine seating, charter bus transportation, free time in NYC.

November 28 - Tentative Itinerary:

- 7:00 AM - Board buses at Lehighton HS
- 7:15 AM - Depart Lehighton H.S.
- 10:15 AM - Arrive at Radio City Music Hall
- 11:00 AM - “Radio City Christmas Spectacular”
- 12:30 PM - Show ends
- Lunch/shopping on your own
- 4:30 PM - Meet for departure
- 4:45 PM - Depart N.Y.C.
- 7:30 PM - Arrive at Lehighton H.S.



Seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
To make a reservation call 610-377-5538 to confirm seat availability.
Then, mail the reservation form below along with a \$45 deposit per ticket.
Balance is due by **October 28, 2011**.
Checks should be made payable to “**LAHS Choral Boosters**”
Mailed to: LAHS Chorus, 1 Indian Lane, Lehighton, PA 18235
Questions/reservations contact: dperkins@lehighton.org

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

of reservations ____ X \$45 deposit = ____ Checks made payable to “LAHS Choral Boosters”

Check which seating preferred: __ Front Mezzanine/Orchestra (\$92) __ Second Mezzanine (\$82)

Deposit of \$45 per ticket and this form to make a reservation.

Athletics

Volleying Into the Future

Lehighton Volleyball Program, LAHS

The Lehighton Area High School volleyball program has had its share of success over the past several seasons. Head Coach Rachel Quinn had lead the way for the Indians to capture two consecutive Mountain Valley Conference Championships, each season ending with a District XI AA Play-off birth. The Indians again had a successful Mountain Valley Conference campaign in 2010, ending the regular season with a record of 8-4 and a Mountain Valley Conference Play-off birth. Their 2010 campaign ended with a home loss to Panther Valley in a Friday night pig-tail qualification match as they attempted to earn the right to compete in the District XI AA Play-offs the next day.

The volleyball program began a changing of the guard in late January 2011, when following a very successful coaching career, Coach Quinn decided to step down as head coach. This would pave the way for new head volleyball coach, TJ O'Connor, to take over the reigns of the Indians Volleyball Program.

O'Connor, a 2001 Tamaqua graduate and current special education teacher at Lehighton Area High School, has spent the past six years serving as a volleyball coach in the Blue Mountain Volleyball Program, a fellow District XI AA foe of Lehighton. He also has served as the Pottsville Area High School Varsity Boys Volleyball head coach for the past two seasons. O'Connor helped lead the Eagles to consecutive Schuylkill League Division I Championships in 2008 and 2009, the first in the program's history, boasting a Schuylkill League Silver Medal in 2009. The Eagles also qualified for the District XI AA Play-offs for four consecutive seasons (2007-2010) with advancing from pool play to the semi-final round in two of three seasons. Most recently, as head coach, O'Connor led the Eagles to a final over-all record of 11-5, ending with another District XI AA Play-off birth, recording a pool play record of 1-2, with a three-game sweep, match victory versus Panther Valley.

O'Connor will be surrounded with an accomplished coaching staff. Coach Terry Haberman, a Lehighton Area Middle School special education teacher and former volleyball assistant, was retained from Coach Quinn's staff. Joining Haberman will be Lehighton Area High School chemistry teacher Jessica McCarroll. McCarroll is an accomplished Division II NCAA volleyball player who spent four seasons at Kutztown University. Coach McCarroll also is familiar with District XI AA volleyball, as she has served as the junior varsity/varsity assistant coach at Saucon Valley High School, helping to lead them to numerous District XI AA play-off births over the past three seasons. Haberman and McCarroll will each bring various strengths to the table for the Indians, as they enter a rebuilding season with only two varsity starters returning.

The lack of experience has not prevented the new coaching staff from hitting the ground running. The squad began having twice-a-week practices in early March, with eleven of sixteen of its returning athletes participating. The dedicated team members have also been competing as a club volleyball team in various tournaments together to prepare for their upcoming 2011-2012 campaign.

The coaches have established the program's first weekly beginner-level volleyball club. This has been designed to allow interested middle school and inexperienced high school students the opportunity to learn the basic skills associated with the sport. The program currently holds practice sessions on Sunday evenings from 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm, and it boasts a roster of forty middle school students and several high school students. Currently, the program is attempting to accommodate more interested high school students who have not played in the past but want to learn the basic skills of volleyball.

O'Connor, Haberman, and McCarroll serve as volunteer coaches for both the experienced and beginner-level practices each week, helping to organize and manage practices during the off-season. Kathy Ebbert, high school guidance counselor, has also served as a volunteer coach for the program with the beginner-level group. The coaching staff also has had former and current volleyball players as volunteer court coaches including current Lehighton seniors Debra and Jessica Lobein. The coaches hope to hold a beginner-level skills camp in June 2011; as well as offer further weekly beginner level practices for 6th-8th grade students during the fall of 2011.

As the program looks forward to the summer of 2011, twice a week summer work-outs for all interested athletes hoping to try out for the team in the fall will be held. These sessions will focus on conditioning, plyometrics/jump, strength, and volleyball skills training for athletes entering the 9th – 12th grades. There will not be a charge for these sessions and they are non-mandatory. Announcements will be made at the middle and high schools during the final month of the school year for interested athletes looking to obtain summer workout schedules.

Try-outs for the 2011-2012 fall volleyball team will be held Monday, August 15th, 2011 with two required sessions being held (9:00 am – 11:00 am and 12:00 – 2:00 pm). Players who make the team will then have two-a-day practice sessions for the remainder of the week at the same times. All athletes who make the team are expected to attend all practice sessions thereafter.

The Lehighton Indians Volleyball team will make its 2011-2012 competitive debut Saturday, August 27th at Lehighton Area High School when they host North Schuylkill, Tri Valley, and Hazleton in a play day scrimmage. The varsity team will compete in the Cardinal Clash Invitational Tournament Labor Day weekend on Saturday, September 3rd at Pine Grove High School.

The coaching staff has also established a new website that is currently linked as a part of the high school and middle school websites at www.lehighton.org. The website can also be directly visited at <http://www.eteamz.com/lehightonindiansvball/>. This website allows the community to access information such as try-out dates, regular season schedule, club/practice schedules, volleyball instructional articles, and other volleyball related news items.



Elementary News

Are You Smarter than a 3rd/4th Grader - PSSA Kick-Off

Mrs. Gretchen Laviolette, Elementary Principal

The third and fourth grade students across the district recently completed the math and reading portions of the Pennsylvania System of School Assessments. To kick off the two week span of testing, parents and students at Franklin Elementary and East Penn Elementary participated in a “Are You Smarter than a 3rd/4th Grader?” game. I would like to personally thank the following parents who provided their time and their knowledge to make the game a huge success:

East Penn		Franklin	
Mrs. Rhonda Zerbe	Mrs. Lori Keiper	Mr. Shane Kratzer	Ms. Tracy Filchner
Mrs. Mary Ann David	Mrs. Tammy Smith	Mr. Chris Bauer	Mrs. Leslie Meckes
Mrs. Gina Lilly	Mrs. Crystal Roeder	Mr. Steve Kunkle	Mrs. Lois Hollopeter
Mr. Scott Miller	Mr. Dana Miller	Mrs. Sandra Lucas	Mrs. Gina Neumann
Mrs. Kelli DeLuca	Mrs. Lisa Eckhart	Mrs. Diana Hauser	Mrs. Suellen Cook
Mr. John Zwetolitz		Mr. Mike Wilmot	Mrs. Linda Hydro
		Mr. Charles Matz	Mrs. Beth Beers

Your participation in the game shows the support that you provide to your children and their academics. The staff at Franklin Elementary and East Penn Elementary are very grateful. The games proved to be quite exciting, with a mixture of both parent and student teams winning. The parents put up a good fight. However the students were able to outsmart them on many occasions.

The students worked very hard during the two weeks of testing. I could not be more proud of the effort that they put forth. Thank you, to all parents, for the encouragement that they provided each and every day.

What's Left for 2010/2011

The remainder of the year school year will be filled with many exciting events and field trips. All field trips have been arranged with many grades taking advantage of some local attractions. The spring concerts have been scheduled including the 4th grade chimes trips to Pleasant Trees and the Lehighon Hi-Rise. Mr. Koons has set the dates for Field Day and Big Kahuna and the 4th Grade Luncheon and Awards program has been scheduled.

Read Across America Celebration

Mr. Aaron Sebelin, Elementary Principal

Each year in the month of March, we celebrate Read Across America. Shull-David Elementary School students celebrated in many different ways this year. Miss Roman, reading specialist along with the Shull-David staff developed a weeks worth of fun activities. The students participated by wearing crazy hats, different socks, and themed shirts. A kick-off assembly was held in the multi-purpose room in which the students honored Dr. Seuss by singing happy birthday during a power point presentation and enjoyed birthday cakes decorated with the Cat in the Hat. The children were amazed to watch the members of Lehighon High School’s juggling club perform during the event. Finally, all classes participated in a door decorating contest, incorporating Dr. Seuss books into creatively designed classroom doors. While Mrs. Matika’s first grade class was named the winner, all of the students had fun with this project.

The highlight of the week may have been when three students were featured on the Penn’s Peak daily radio show. Aubrey Hunt, Guen Bradbury, and Michael Miller traveled with Mrs. Schatz and Miss Roman to Penn’s Peak in Jim Thorpe to talk about the exciting events happening at their school during the month of March. They surprised “The Doctor” with green eggs and ham for breakfast and read him one of their favorite books by Dr. Seuss, Green Eggs and Ham. It was an amazing week in which the students will not soon forget!



Air Products Liquid Nitrogen (LIN) Demonstration

Mrs. Vicky Kocher, Faculty Member

On April 11, 2011, Air Products presented a LIN demonstration to the kindergarten students at Mahoning Elementary School. Mr. Bonner, Mr. Halenar and Mr. Clemson, employees at Air Products showed ways that liquid nitrogen can be used in space, fast freeze hamburgers for McDonalds, and make fun things happen such as balloons blowing up inside a jar and freezing ice cream. The students learned new vocabulary words, such as expand and contract and learned the temperature of liquid nitrogen is 400 degrees.

At the end of the demonstration, the students got to taste LIN cream, a sweet, yummy treat made with liquid nitrogen.



Middle School News

The Middle School Is Looking For 4th Graders Interested In Learning Brass Instruments

Mr. Thomas Weidner, Faculty Member

The 5th and 6th grade band is looking for a bunch of 4th graders to try learning a trumpet, trombone, or baritone horn this summer. Although all the band instruments are important, the 5th and 6th grade band desperately needs brass players! Often, playing a brass instrument is more economical than playing a woodwind instrument. If your child cannot decide to try the saxophone or trombone, please encourage them to give the trombone a shot. More information regarding brass instruments will be forthcoming in May.

Jazz Ensemble

Mr. Thomas Weidner, Faculty Member

The Lehigh Area Middle School jazz ensemble participated in a jazz festival on Friday, March 4. The festival took place at Northeast Middle School in the Bethlehem Area School District. Students from the Bethlehem Area, Easton Area, East Penn, and Saucon Valley school districts participated as well.

Lehigh was the only district from Carbon County to be represented at the festival! Although Lehigh was the smallest middle school participating in the festival by a large margin; the jazz ensemble received very positive reviews and judge's comments. Two out of three judges rated the band as **superior**. A **superior** is the highest possible rating. Nathan Kroboth performed two solos, while Emily Cerimele received special recognition for her solo work on the piano. Abigail Applegate, an 8th grade saxophonist, was recognized as the best woodwind soloist out of all of the middle schools for the entire festival.

The LAMS Jazz Ensemble will conclude its season with a performance at the LAMS Spring concert on May 4.

Technology and 21st Century Learning

Mr. Charles Bachert, CFF Coach

Since taking on the new role of Classrooms for the Future (CFF) Coach in January, I have been working to help our middle school teachers integrate more technology into their classroom environment. It is part of my duty to get our students to be exposed to technology as a learning tool so they stay current with skill sets and challenges they may face in the world beyond Lehigh.

Since January, my journey to integrate more technology into classes at the Middle School has been progressing very well. To start, I created a CFF Wiki page which serves as a resource for teachers and students that lists new and exciting online programs that can be used in the classroom. You may view the CFF Wiki by going to the Lehigh Area School District Website (www.lehighton.org), and then going to the middle school's page. Once on that page, the link to the CFF Wiki is on the left side of the page. In order to help teachers understand the resources, I have been attending team meetings to demonstrate and share resources with the teachers and let them know that I am here to help them.

Another part of my position is to co-teach by helping teachers integrate new and exciting technology resources into their lessons. The students in the classes that I have been working with seem to be enjoying the programs that we have integrated into their classes. They are having fun learning the content for their classes, and in addition, they are learning new skills. Some of the programs that we have used include Voki (www.voki.com) and Blabberize (www.blabberize.com). These two programs are free of charge. Voki allows students to create avatars and Blabberize allows them to make pictures speak. We used Google Earth (<http://www.google.com/earth/index.html>) to pin point locations and landmarks throughout Russia, and used Wikis (www.wikispaces.com) as a presentation tool. Two recent projects we recently completed include a Russia project in Mr. Ebert's 6th grade social studies classes, and a project on Greek Gods and fables in Mr. Maholick's 7th grade social studies classes. You may view the students' projects at <http://sebbert.wikispaces.com/> and <http://mmaholick.wikispaces.com/>.

On Friday, February 25, 2011, Virginia Glatzer, a CFF State Representative from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, and Diahann Snisky, a CFF Regional Representative from the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit, visited our school to see how we are integrating technology and 21st Century learning techniques into our instruction. They were very impressed with our school and our progress. They were also impressed that our teams and teachers use websites to communicate with parents and students in an effective and productive manner. They told me that our school is one of the better schools in this area that they have visited and that our teachers and students are to be commended for the great jobs that they are doing in embracing new technologies.

I look forward to continuing to work with administrators, teachers, and students in the middle school to incorporate new ideas, resources, and technology in the classrooms at LAMS. Our goals are to make sure our students are prepared to move forward with their education in the Lehigh Area School District, and more importantly to make sure they are prepared to meet the challenges that the 21st century will provide after they matriculate through our schools.

Middle School News

Arbor Day 2011

Mr. Joseph Yescavage, Faculty Member

Arbor Day will be celebrated at the Middle School Environmental Center on April 29th. Student presenters, PPL, Lehighon Shade Tree Commission, and the Pennsylvania Forestry Department will help students identify trees, educate students on how to plant trees, and emphasize the importance of trees. Students will receive an evergreen tree to plant. There will also be a poster contest judged by students.



8 ACE Team 2011

Mrs. Kathy Goldberg, Guidance Secretary

Congratulations to our Middle School 8 ACE Team for their first place win on March 8th at Tamaqua High School. The team was victorious over the other seven competing school districts. A big thank you to our team members: Kelsey Andrews, Kirkland Breiner, Kyle Collins, Brianna Karpowicz, Ellen Perkins, Falyn Weiss for bringing home the only Lehighon first place victory in fifteen years.

6th Sense Team 2011

Mrs. Kathy Goldberg, Guidance Secretary

The Lehighon Area Middle School recently competed in the 2011 Sixth Sense Competition held at the Panther Valley High School. The students competed against teams from Jim Thorpe, Panther Valley, Pleasant Valley, Northern Lehigh, Northwestern Lehigh, Palmerton, and Tamaqua. Our school was capably represented by Tyler Dietz, Matthew Eckhart, Kaitlin Higgins, Ryan Moerder, Dominic Palumbo, and Lyssa Pantella. The advisors who prepared the students for the competition were Mrs. Sherry Hoffman and Mrs. Susan McElvar.



High School News

Write On!

Mrs. Jennifer Kovach, Faculty Member

Over the last several months the Lehighon Area High School English department had students participate in various essay contests with rewarding results. The American Legion Auxiliary (Shoemaker-Haydt Unit 314) presented students with the topic: “How Can I Encourage My Friends to Show Pride in Being an American?” Local winners from the high school included Taylor Walck who won under the 9th/10th grade category and junior Laura Cressley who won for the 11th/12th grade category. Taylor and Laura then went on to win at the 4 County level. They now advance to the state level for further competition.

Rotary Club president Barbara Belon offered our students another challenging writing contest. This year’s topic was: “Service Above Self, What Does It Mean?” The Rotary Club of Lehighon proudly awarded Cierra House with 1st place, Nick Mantz with 2nd place, and Carter McCandless with 3rd place. Cierra House’s winning essay will be entered into District wide competition. We commend all of our participants for their efforts, and we congratulate all of our winners!

High School News

Lehighton Chorus Students Recognized

Mr. David Perkins, Faculty Member

Lehighton Chorus truly has something to sing about this year! Two students have been recognized by the state of Pennsylvania and nationally. Kirk Arner, a senior at Lehighton, recently represented Lehighton at the Pennsylvania Music Educators Associations District 10 Chorus Festival held in January at Easton Area H.S. While there he auditioned and was selected to PMEA All-State Region 5 Chorus. This festival was held at Parkland High School in February. The program featured students from Waynesboro to Delaware Valley. Regional Chorus encompasses school districts from 15 counties in the commonwealth and was conducted by Dr. Rodney Caldwell, Director of Choral Activities, at Susquehanna University. At the regional festival Kirk auditioned for PMEA All-State Chorus and was ranked fourth out of the entire tenor II section. This is the first year that Kirk advanced through all three festival programs and will represent Lehighton in the All-State Ensemble in Hershey, April 13-16.

This past month Michael Perkins, a freshman at Lehighton, represented our high school at the American Choral Directors Associations National Junior High Honor Choir 2011 held in Chicago. This past June, he sent in his audition material and received notification in the fall of his selection. Over 1200 students auditioned for this prestigious choir from across the United States. The choir of 300 men and women in grades 7-9 met and rehearsed under the direction of Dr. Rollo Dillworth from Temple University. Students from thirty-seven states made up the choir that included five students from our commonwealth. It was a terrific experience for him and the other members of the choir. The five-day conference concluded with the Children's Honor Choir, Junior High Honor Choir, High School Men's Honor Choir, and High School Women's Honor Choir. 1200 singers from over 5000 applications were able to participate and experience a national level performance.

While Michael was attending rehearsals his director Mr. Perkins was able to attend performances of choirs from across the United States, Canada, Latvia, Taiwan, and China. The ACDA Conference also included performances by the Chicago Symphony and Chorus as well as clinics on new technology, classroom methods/techniques, and choral reading sessions. The Lehighton Music Department would like to thank the community, administrators, and LASD school board for their support of the arts and for giving these students the opportunity to perform at the state and national levels.

LAHS CHORUSES present "An Afternoon on Broadway" - May 15, 3:00 PM

Mr. David Perkins, Faculty Member

On Sunday, May 15 the Lehighton High School Choruses will present their ninety-fourth annual spring concert at 3:00 PM. This year the theme of the concert is hits from the Broadway stage. The focus will be shows that are currently running on Broadway with a few hits from the past. The choirs are under the direction of Mr. David Perkins and will be accompanied by Rebecca Hoffner and Elyse Kistler. The program will feature the High School Concert Choir, Girls Sextet, Guys Quartet, Varsity Voices, and Music Express Sr.

The High School Concert Choir will perform hits from Phantom of the Opera, The Lion King, Mary Poppins, Aida, Tarzan, Beauty and the Beast, The Little Mermaid, Dirty Dancing, Sweeney Todd, and Billy Elliott. The choir will also perform some standard festival choral works and feature the men in a selection from "Ragtime".

Some of the ensembles will sing hits from the Broadway musical "Grease" and "Come Fly Away". The schools new ac cappella mixed ensemble, Varsity Voices, will perform "I Dreamed A Dream" from the musical "Les Miserables" and "I've Never Been In Love Before" from "Guys and Dolls".

The schools award-winning show choir, "Music Express", will perform upbeat hits from the following musicals: "Hair", "All Shook Up", and "Hairspray". This select ensemble features twenty-two auditioned singers who perform choral literature with choreography and costumes. The group was selected this past fall to perform at the grand opening of Lehighton's new Wal-Mart, Hershey Park's Christmas Candylane Festival, and will be appearing live on the American Cancer Society Telethon on Saturday, April 9 at 2:00 P.M..

Tickets will be on sale at the door and in advance from any chorus member or by contacting Mr. Perkins at the high school.

LAHS CHORUS at GREAT ADVENTURE, NJ

Mr. David Perkins, Faculty Member

The Lehighton High School Concert Choir, Show Choir and Varsity Voices have been accepted to perform and be adjudicated on Friday, May 6 in competition. The appearance is with "Music In The Parks Music Festival" and in conjunction with Great Adventure located in Jackson, New Jersey. The students will be nationally rated by a panel of qualified judges from local colleges and an awards ceremony will take place in the Great Arena inside of the park. After the competition the students will have some time to enjoy the attractions and rides in the park.

High School News

Students Get Opportunity for Advantage Over the Competition

Mrs. Marianne Slaby, Faculty Member

Ten of your peers recently got the opportunity to get an edge over the competition in the job market. Lehighton High School served as a pilot program which provides OSHA training to seniors. OSHA is a required training when working in industrial jobs. It gives potential employees an edge over other job applicants because they would already be trained in OSHA 10 and the employer would not have to provide this training. Students who participated in this program are now a little more marketable in the job market because of their efforts.

OSHA stands for Occupational Safety and Health Administration. The [Occupational Safety & Health Administration](#) (OSHA) is a federal agency that was created in 1970. OSHA's mission is: to make sure that the safety and health concerns of all American workers are being met. The agency has developed specific workplace standards and polices businesses to make sure these standards are being met. It also provides training and educational programs for small business owners and corporations and works to establish partnerships geared toward improving workplace safety and health. According to OSHA, the agency's mission is *to assure the safety and health of America's workers by setting and enforcing standards; providing training, outreach, and education; establishing partnerships; and encouraging continual improvement in workplace safety and health.* (www.allbusiness.com)

Mr. John Unangst, Director of Apprenticeship Training, Mr. Victor Vince, Instructor of the Apprenticeship program and Mr. William J. Hill Jr, also an Instructor of the program and Lehighton Area School Board Director worked with Mr. Tkach in developing this program for Lehighton. The gentlemen referred to the program as construction safety, where the expectation is employees go home from work the same way they came to work. Safety being top priority. The gentlemen who presented this program to our students stated that when Hurricane Katrina hit their department sent a team down to New Orleans to train residents in OSHA 10 so that they could safely handle the clean-up and what they were facing and then could pass along that useful information.

The training consisted of a ten hour course which was presented here at Lehighton Area High School for two hours a day for one week. The students who participated were taught valuable lessons and participated in a lot of hands-on activities demonstrating safety-first. Fifteen topics were covered, including such things are chemical reactions and how the handle them, exposure to live wires, health related issues, and anything involving public safety in the workplace. What most people don't realize is that common sense plays a vital part when working with specific things in the workplace. For example, such things as cleaning astringents have reactions to other chemicals which could present highly explosive or dangerous situations. When learning how to properly handle things in the workplace, and by being OSHA 10 trained, it prevents a lot of incidents from occurring.

The OSHA 10 training the students participated in provided the students with a lifetime certification which is a valuable tool in the job market. The students had to complete a 100 question exam and score a minimum of 85% to pass and become certified. The program started as a pilot program and was presented to the seniors during an assembly. Students who showed interested in the program were the ones who participated. Because of the success of the pilot program, the group is now seeking to offer this program to other school districts in Carbon County as a way to prepare graduating seniors for the job market.

The students who participated are: Zach BonHomme, Giuseppe Caruso, Ian Christman, Nathan Hahn, Ryan Hausman, Dane Hernandez, Tucker Mangiamale, Cole Rex, Zach Zellers and Jager Ziegenfuss. All of the students reported the program was valuable, they thoroughly enjoyed it and feel accomplished in that they are better prepared to enter the workforce.



Chemistry Class Visits Quaker Chemical Corporation

Miss Kenzie Teno, LAHS Student



Last year, I was given the opportunity to go to the Quaker Chemical Corporation in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania with my chemistry class. The Quaker Chemical Corporation is a leading global provider of process chemicals, chemical specialties, services, and technical expertise to a wide range of industries—including steel, aluminum, automotive, mining, aerospace, tube and pipe, coatings and construction materials.

While there, my class was given a tour of the building and a brief presentation on the business aspects of Quaker. As a student particularly interested in the sciences, I found this to be extremely rewarding. During the tour, I was able to see the technology at Quaker and how they apply to everyday life. Furthermore, during the presentation, I was better informed about the global aspect of Quaker Corporation, and I also learned about the careers in the chemistry field. This trip was worthwhile and I highly recommend it to anyone interested in going.

IMPORTANT DATES

4/22/11-4/25/11	-	Spring Holiday - No School
5/3/11-5/5/11	-	Kindergarten Testing - Administration Building
5/13/11	-	Act 80 Day (Early Dismissal for Students)
5/25/11	-	Spelling Bee (Grade 4) - Middle School
5/30/11	-	Memorial Day Holiday - No School
6/9/11	-	Last Day of School for Students
6/10/11	-	Graduation



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ELEMENTARY:

EAST PENN

4/26/11	-	Earth Day Activities
4/28/11	-	Science Field Trip-Grade 4
4/29/11	-	Field Trip-Grade 2
5/3/11	-	PTO Meeting-6:30 p.m.
5/5/11	-	Field Trip-Grades 3 & 4
5/16-20/11	-	Book Fair
5/17/11	-	Spring Concert-Grades K-2-1:30 p.m.
5/27/11	-	Memorial Day Program-1:00 p.m.
	-	Field Trip-Grade 1

FRANKLIN

4/27/11	-	Science Field Trip-Grade 4
5/4/11	-	Field Trip-Grade 4
	-	PTO Meeting-6:00 p.m.
5/6/11	-	Field Trip-Kindergarten
5/11/11	-	Field Trip-Grade 2
5/16/11	-	Spring Concert
5/27/11	-	Memorial Day Program-10:00 a.m.
6/1/11	-	Field Trip-Grade 1

MAHONING

4/28/11	-	Science Field Trip-Grade 4
5/3/11	-	Field Trip-Grade 3
5/5/11	-	Field Trip-Grade 4
5/9/11	-	PTO Meeting-6:45 p.m.
5/12/11	-	Field Trip-Grade 4
5/17/11	-	Field Trip-Grade 2 (Rain date 5/19/11)
5/20/11	-	Spring Concert-Grades K-2-1:30 p.m.

SHULL DAVID

4/29/11	-	Science Field Trip-Grade 4
5/18/11	-	Spring Music Concert
5/19/11	-	Last Day for SHINE
5/20/11	-	Field Trip-Grade 1
	-	Field Trip-Grade 3
5/24/11	-	Field Trip-Grade 2

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

5/2/11	-	7W Field Trip to DiVinci Center
5/4/11	-	Spring Band Concert @ 7:00 p.m.
5/5/11	-	PTO Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
5/6/11	-	7M Field Trip to DiVinci Center
5/18/11	-	Spring Choral Concert and Art Exhibit @ 7:00 p.m.
5/20/11	-	5th & 6th Grade M&W Day
	-	8th Grade Celebration Trip to Hershey Park
5/23/11	-	5th & 6th Grade M&W Day "RAIN DATE"
5/24/11	-	6M & 6W Field Trip to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Red Barons AAA (NY Yankees) Baseball Game
5/27/11	-	7th & 8th Grade M&W Day
5/31/11	-	7th & 8th Grade M&W Day "RAIN DATE"
	-	5th & 6th Grade Home Room of the Year to Philadelphia Zoo
6/1/11	-	7th & 8th Grade Home Room of the Year to Dorney Park
6/2/11	-	5M Field Trip to Pool Wildlife Sanctuary
	-	5W Field Trip to No.9 Mine and Asa Packer Mansion
	-	PTO Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
6/7/11	-	8th Grade Dance



HIGH SCHOOL:

5/5/11	-	Spring Band Concert - 7:30 p.m.
5/13/11	-	Career Day
	-	Prom at Hotel Bethlehem
5/15/11	-	Spring Choral Concert - 3:00 p.m.
5/20/11	-	Senior Outing
5/25/11	-	Top 10% Banquet - Franklin Fire Co. - 6:30 p.m.
5/26/11	-	Jazz Band Concert - 7:30 p.m.
6/5/11	-	Baccalaureate - Zion UCC - 6:00 p.m.
6/10/11	-	Graduation - 7:00 p.m.

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