

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 individual growth in a safe and supportive environment”.

MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. James A. Kraky

The most important question in any organization has to be “What is the business of our business?” Answering this question is the first step in setting priorities. – Judith Bardwick 1996



One of the fundamental keys to creating schools where “failure is not an option” is transforming the school culture. We have been working diligently from a School Board and Administrative level to refocus on the critical importance of staying focused on the “business of our business”. That is to have a “student-centered” philosophy of decision making and making these our financial priorities. Our goal for this year continues to be to provide academic excellence and individual growth of all our students towards life-long success.

Our initiatives lead us to working more closely with those who can most influence the quality of learning what our students obtain: teachers and parents. Here at Lehigh Area School District, we are working to form closer, more collaborative working relationships with all staff. Through increased committee involvement in decision-making relative to best teaching practices we hope to continue to significantly improve the quality of our instruction. We strive to build a professional learning community with relational trust as part of our improvements. Our emphasis is on restructuring how people work together. That is what ultimately has an effect on the classroom.

“The research is clear: Nothing motivates a child more than when learning is valued by schools and families/community working together in partnership...these forms of involvement do not happen by accident, but by strategic planning, involvement and buy in”. – Michael Fullan

Dr. Fullan sums it up well. Together we can continue to improve and make this the best learning center for all our students.

CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

Gloria Bowman, Coordinator of Curriculum, Instruction, Grant Writing

Dual Enrollment

The number of students taking dual enrollment classes, through Lehigh Carbon Community College, has grown from last year. This fall, 56 students are enrolled in various dual enrollment classes offered at Lehigh Area High School, LCCC, or on-line. Parents will be reimbursed for tuition upon completion of the course as the district is a recipient of the dual enrollment grant for the second year in a row. Please keep your textbook receipts just in case the district receives more funds.

We are very excited about the number of students enrolled in the fall of 2010 courses. Thank you for your support as well as encouraging your child to participate in dual enrollment courses.

Please refer to the high school guidance website on the district website for further information.

Curriculum

The after-school tutoring program will begin again for middle school students in November. After-school tutoring for high school students will also become available late this fall. Both programs are being funded through grants.

Selected high school students will participate in field testing for upcoming Keystones in November: specifically Biology, Literature and Algebra I. Keystone exams are end of course assessments designed to assess proficiency in Algebra I, II, Geometry, Literature, English Compositions, Biology, Chemistry, US History, World History, and Civics & Government. This is one component of Pennsylvania’s high school graduation requirement beginning with the class of 2014-2015. Please refer to the guidance page on the district website for more information. School District Policy #217 is being revised in alignment with this initiative.

CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS (continued from page 1)**PSSA – AYP**

All elementary buildings and the middle school made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) on the 2010 PSSA tests. Targets in reading were 63% advanced/proficient and math was 56% advanced/proficient. Next year the targets will be raised to 72% advanced/proficient in reading and 67% advanced/proficient in math. The high school is presently in a warning status and remediation is underway during flex time and the upcoming after-school tutoring program.

**Classrooms for the Future (CFF)**

The CFF model will be expanded to the middle school with Mr. Charles Bachert serving as a part-time CFF Coach.

An additional 30 wireless laptop cart will be available to students and staff and will be housed on the first floor of the middle school. More teachers have requested interactive whiteboards, LCD projectors and Mobi's (portable interactive whiteboards) to incorporate more technology into the curriculum.

All elementary schools also have wireless laptop carts, LCD projectors and interactive whiteboards in the library. Students and staff use the equipment for research, on-line supplemental teaching programs, and whole class instruction. All equipment was purchased through grant money as well as "coach" money through a grant. Mr. Hartsell serves as a part-time CFF Coach at the high school.

Safe Schools Ambassador

Forty (40) students and twelve (12) staff members had a refresher course on Monday, October 25, 2010, for the Safe Schools Ambassador program. Trainer, Hope Clark, reviewed skills to deflect bullying and other situations among peers. Students will be able to take these skills into their adulthood and are very appreciative of the things they have learned. Tracking of bullying incidents will continue throughout the year as this program is to help reduce these types of incidents. The district is reviewing the option to add the program at the middle school. The program also has a feature article in the public school board association pamphlet.

Farewell

It has been such a pleasure serving our students, staff and community in Lehigh for over 36 years. I will treasure my memories for a very long time. I know that the dedication of our staff to our students and community has a long history in providing the best education for all students.

Our community has much to be proud of. We are honest, ethical and hardworking because we all desire to do what is right for our students. Although we live in tough economical times, your cooperation, desire for excellence, and resiliency has never wavered. Our district has undergone many changes and challenges since I have been here, but it has always kept its focus on kids. I am forever grateful to each and every parent, staff member and community member for your commitment to providing the best education possible. I am also very grateful to all of our great kids and will cherish the special opportunities I have had to get to know them and work with them as a counselor, principal, and curriculum coordinator. I wish all students the very best as well as all staff and parents.

I leave you with: Follow your dreams because "excellence is the result of caring more than others think is wise, wishing more than others think is safe, dreaming more than others think is practical, and expecting more than others think is possible". — Author Unknown

**SCHOOL BUS SAFETY**

From the Business Office



Students often go to their bus stops with little or no fear. However, it is important to take time to teach your child how to be safe at the bus stop.

They should not use cell phones or listen to head phones while getting on and off the bus. These activities create a distraction, and the students are not able to pay attention to cars or other important things in their surroundings. Students need to be at the bus stop on time. It is very dangerous to be running to the bus late, because the bus driver may not see them. Students should wait a safe distance from the road until the bus comes to a stop and the red lights on top of the bus are flashing **before** crossing the street because many drivers do not obey the "School Bus Stopping Law".

Please instruct your children to **WATCH, LOOK and LISTEN**.

SPECIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Sandra Michalik, Asst. Supervisor of Special Services

PSSA News

Lehigh Area School District, like every district in the state of Pennsylvania, will be administering the PSSA tests in the Spring of 2011. PSSA (Pennsylvania System of School Assessment) tests are standardized tests that are designed to measure the school's Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). These tests allow schools to demonstrate that they are teaching the approved academic content standards.

The PSSA tests are given to all students in grades 3 through 8 and grade 11 in reading and mathematics. They are given to all students in grades 5, 8 & 11 in writing and grades 4, 8 and 11 in science.

Student scores are broken down into four categories:

<u>Advanced</u> -	Superior academic performance In-depth understanding of the standards
<u>Proficient</u> -	Satisfactory academic performance Demonstrates a solid understanding of the standards
<u>Basic</u> -	Marginal academic performance Demonstrates partial understanding of the standards
<u>Below Basic</u> -	Inadequate academic performance Demonstrates little understanding of the standards



Test results are issued to the public and individual school districts in August. Individual student reports are issued to the school and parents in September. These results can be used to assist teachers in identifying students who may be in need of additional educational opportunities. School scores provide information for curriculum and instruction improvement discussions and planning.

PSSA Testing Calendar	
March 14-25, 2011	Reading and Math Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11
March 28-April 1, 2011	Writing Grades 5, 8, 11
April 4-8, 2011	Science Grades 4, 8, 11

What Parents Can Do to Help with PSSA Testing

- Avoid scheduling trips during the testing windows
- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep
- Provide a nutritious breakfast
- Encourage your child to listen to all directions and ask questions if they are unclear.
- Encourage your children to remain confident and do their best on the assessments.

TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT— Marcus Statham, Director, Information Technology**Lehigh Area School District's Web Pages**

You may have noticed that we have upgraded the district's website. This new web sight takes advantage of the newer tools available on the web and includes a fully integrated calendar, a staff directory, search capability, and gives each school a way to make their forms available electronically.

To visit our new web page is no different than was done before. Just put in the browser address bar <http://www.lehighton.org> and you will automatically be taken to the new web site.

For best viewing of our new web site you should have one these browsers:

Internet Explorer version 7.0 or better (download at <http://www.microsoft.com/windows/internet-explorer/worldwide-sites.aspx>)

Firefox version 3.0 or better (download at <http://www.mozilla.com/en-US/firefox/ie.html>)

Safari version 3.0.4 or better (Windows or Apple) (download at <http://www.apple.com/safari/>)

Google Chrome version 2.0 or better (download at <http://www.google.com/chrome>)

Opera version 9.0 or better (download at <http://www.opera.com/>)

Additionally you should have:

Adobe Flash Player version 9.0 or above (download at <http://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/>)

Java (download at <http://www.java.com/en/>)

To locate the Teacher Web Pages please search the Staff Directory. You may search by the teacher's name or school. To locate a "Team" in the Middle School choose the position "team" and leave the name blank for a list of all Middle School Team websites.

FOOD SERVICES UPDATE:

The Lehigh Area School District would like to inform all parents and guardians that you can now look up your child's lunch balance in the Parent Portal.

To see your child's current balance, log into the Parent Portal at <https://ps.lehighton.org/public>. The first screen you will see is the screen below (Figure 1). Towards the upper right hand corner you will see a dollar sign with the word "Balance" below it. Please click on the dollar sign (personal information on this account has been purposely blanked out).

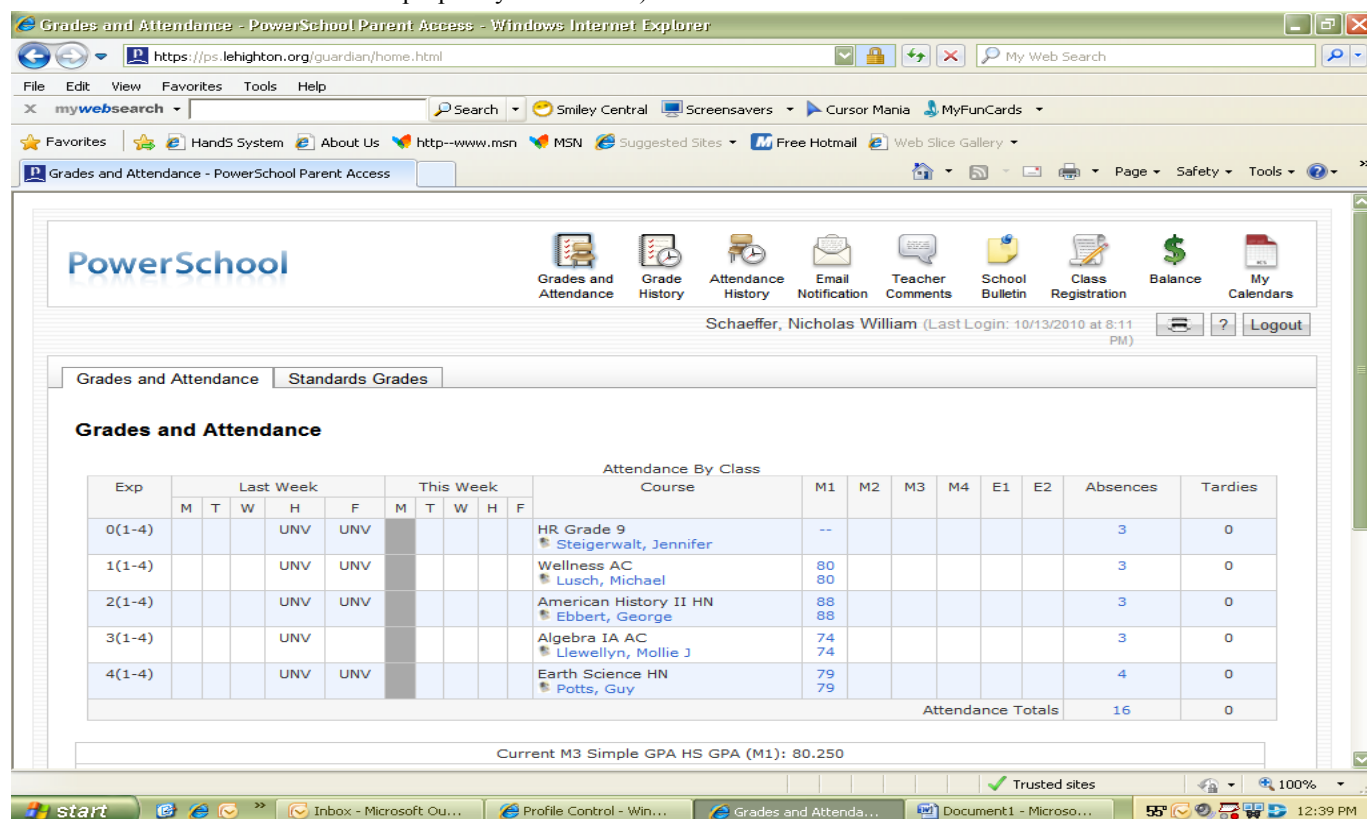


Figure 1

After clicking on the dollar sign, you will be taken to the Transactions screen (Figure 2). On the Meal Transactions – Balance line is your child's current meal balance.

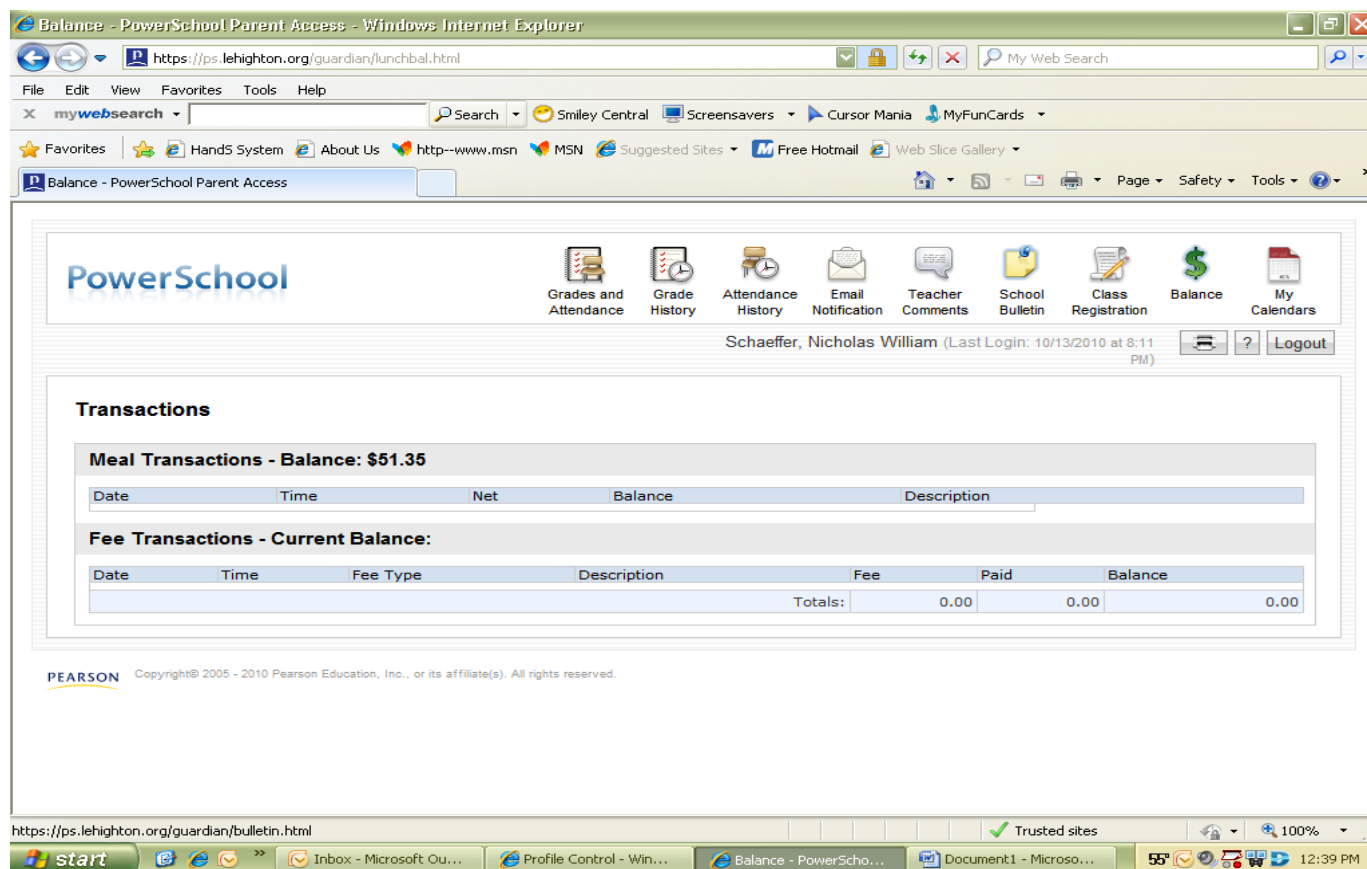


Figure 2

Menu balances are taken from the food service database and loaded into the Parent Portal daily. The latest balances should be available by 5:00 P.M. daily.

Deposits may take up to 24 hours to get into the system from the time the school receives the money. This is because deposits are not made at the same time everyday and may not be entered by the time the balances are transferred between systems.

If your child's deposit is not posted to your child's account after two (2) days, contact your child's school cafeteria at the telephone number below.

Shull David-----610-377-7880 ext. 5200	Mahoning-----570-386-4678 ext. 7200	Franklin-----610-377-6163 ext. 4200
East Penn-----610-377-6094 ext. 6200	Middle School---610-377-6535 ext. 3200	High School -----610-377-6180 ext. 2200

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Shawn Hindy, Athletic Director

The Fall Sports season has again been a successful one for all of our Lehighton Athletes.

The golf team, under new coaches Matt Fisher and Joe Ellis, improved throughout the year and with an off season program being articulated, should be very strong within the MVC and District XI.

Our Boys Soccer team showed dramatic advancement with new coach, David Yob leading the way. They finished 5-13 with 4 more wins than last year and showed a competitiveness and toughness that will only get better throughout the off season. Jake Plocinik and Anthony Rossino were named the All-MVC 2nd team.

Girls Volleyball recently fell in the MVC playoffs after qualifying for those playoffs for the 5 straight year. Head Coach Rachel Quinn (and her new baby) will guide the girls into the District XI tournament October 29th for a chance to advance in the playoffs. Deb Lobien and Jess Lobien earned 1st Team All-MVC honors, while Lauren McCullion garnered 2nd team honors.

The Lehighton Field Hockey is continuing to work hard and recently won their 2nd straight MVC Championship with a 1-0 win over Stroudsburg in the Championship game. Lead by Head Coach Shawn Hindy, the Lady Indians did not drop a game in MVC play and will continue their season on Saturday, October 29th in the District XI semifinals with a hopes of defending their District XI and PIAA State Titles. Jordyn Homyak was named MVP for the entire Mountain Valley Conference and was joined on the 1st team All-MVC by Echo Bretz and Kacy Beck. Rachel Werley and Courtney Berger earned 2nd team All-MVC honors. Also, Kenzie Teno received Honorable Mention All-MVC.

The Football team has also shown improvement this season with victories over Tamaqua, Panther Valley, and Pocono Mountain West. Head Coach George Ebbert and his staff have worked hard to continue the hard-hitting and tough-nosed qualities of our Lehighton Athletes. They will finish up their season with games versus ES North, Jim Thorpe, and Palmerton. MVC All-League selections will be made at the end of their season.

The Fall Sports Awards Assembly will be held on Wednesday, December 15, 2010, at 7:00pm in the High School Auditorium.

Winter Sports will be begin on November 19, 2010, and there is a Mandatory parents, students, and coaches meeting on December 2, 2010, at 7:00pm in the High School Auditorium.

For any information on Lehighton Athletics please go to www.lehighton.org and click the Athletics link. Schedules, coach information, important dates, etc. are currently being uploaded to the new website for your assistance.

As always, if you have any questions feel free to contact me at anytime.

Elementary News

EAST PENN/FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY

Gretchen Laviolette, Principal

East Penn Elementary and Franklin Elementary have been working harder than ever to provide the best possible educational experience for our students. Since the beginning of the school year, teachers have been working in committees to discuss school behavior, school climate, and student achievement. Both schools are putting into place a new school-wide positive behavior system to address some areas of concern. Through the use of non-fiction material, open-ended questioning, and rubrics, teachers are addressing some key concepts that are important for state standardized testing. While all the good points of both schools continue, both schools are also becoming even better for our students, their families, and ourselves.

Please ask your children about some of the following new activities/programs being used at East Penn and Franklin:

- Projectors hanging from ceilings in many classrooms at both schools (Thanks PTO!)
- Laptops being used in classrooms (Thanks Mrs. Bowman!)
- Accelerated Reader program for grades 2-4 at both schools
- Hoagie program at Franklin for grades 3 and 4
- Pizza program at East Penn for grades 3 and 4
- Display of lunch trays at East Penn
- Teacher escorts from lunch at Franklin
- Use of feathers at Franklin
- Recent Halloween Obstacle Course in Physical Education at both schools

I look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming Parent/ Teacher Conferences!

Middle School News

"BOX OUT BULLYING"

Mr. Michael DeAngelo, Assistant Principal



On September 21st 2010 Elementary and Middle School students participated in an assembly entitled: "Box out Bullying". This interactive show educated students about how to handle bullying in school.

Our 3 key focus areas are: Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible. We will continue with anti-bullying programs throughout the year on a K-12 basis.

TECHNOLOGY

Charles Bachert, Computer Teacher

Technology, Technology, Technology, starting in November Mr. Charlie Bachert, who is currently the 7th and 8th Grade Computer Teacher for the Middle School, will take on a new position as CFF (Classroom for the Future) Coach in the middle school. He will begin this new position by attending CFF boot camp in Hershey on November 9th, 10th, and 11th to be trained for this new position.

As a Classroom for the Future Technology Integration Coach, he will serve as part of the school's leadership team by providing ongoing professional development for teachers, staff, and administration. His primary focus will be to assist classroom teachers to successfully integrate the use of effective strategies and multiple technologies into their classrooms in order to enhance their students learning.

Some of the roles and responsibilities that Mr. Bachert will have will be the following. He will be participating in all training sessions and activities sponsored by the PDE (Pennsylvania Department of Education) Classroom for the Future Coaching Initiatives. He will also be responsible for identifying school teaching and learning needs, barriers and weaknesses through needs analysis, and organizing and implementing problem-solving actions with teachers and administrators. He will also be facilitating school-based high quality professional development and working with teachers (in teams or individually) to refine their knowledge and skills. Training sessions could include: in-class coaching, peer observing and/or modeling of technology integration strategies and multiple technologies, guiding teachers in looking at student work, developing lesson plans with teachers based on student needs, etc.

In addition, he will be conducting ongoing research to find local, state, and federal grant money to purchase new technology equipment such as laptop carts, LCD projectors, and interactive smart boards for classrooms, in addition, to new computer software and programs to help teachers bring their classrooms into the 21st Century.

NEWS FROM THE LIFE SKILLS CLASS

Deborah Myers, Life Skills Teacher

The Life Skills Class is keeping busy trying to learn various jobs that might be offered to them in the community when they graduate. We have been successful in simple assembly line projects aiding the Guidance dept., PTO and the Nurses Office. The students enjoy doing as many hands on things as they can especially if they can help someone else.



The Middle School Life Skills Class has been busy volunteering to help the PTO distribute their fall fundraiser brochures, counting first aid kits for Mrs. Lloyd (school nurse) and bundling pencils for Red Ribbon Week. The class always tries their best and is willing to help the staff in any way they can. As payment, they earned a pizza party funded by the MS-PTO.



Dominic Eyrich won our contest for the longest word chain using functional words that were taught during the year. He won a basketball for a chain that was 150ft. long.



High School News

MUSIC INFORMATION

David Perkins, Music Teacher

LAHS CHRISTMAS CHORAL CONCERT

The Lehigh Area High School Choruses will present their 55th Annual Christmas Choral Concert on Thursday, December 9, at 7:30 P.M. The concert will feature the LAHS Concert Choir, Sextet, Barbershop Quartet, Varsity Voices, and the award-winning show choir, Music Express Sr. It will be held in the high school auditorium and a donation of \$3.00 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors. All proceeds will benefit Holiday Educare and the American Cancer Society.

The chorus will present a traditional program with selections from many different genres. The choir will perform traditional holiday songs from Africa, North America, and Europe. The mixed choir will be accompanied by violin, the Faculty Brass, percussion, and piano. The new acapella jazz choir, Varsity Voices, will perform their rendition of two popular holiday favorites for the crowd.



Music Express Sr., the award-winning show choir, will perform many traditional popular Christmas favorites including, "I'll Be Home For Christmas", "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year", and "Silver Bells". This select choir is made of 22 auditioned singers who perform choral music with choreography. In 2009, the choir performed on Disney's Waterfront Stage at Downtown Disney and at Hershey Park during their holiday season.

This past month the choir was asked to perform at the grand opening of Lehigh's brand new Wal-Mart on route 443. The group entertained Wal-Mart employees and guests at a private opening on Sunday, October 24 and at the ribbon cutting ceremony on October 27, 2010.

This year Music Express will be performing at Hershey Park during their Christmas Candylane Festival on Saturday, December 18, at 4:00 PM and the performance is open to the public. The choirs are directed by Mr. David Perkins and will be accompanied by Rebecca Hoffner, Elyse Kistler, and Schyler Cordova. They group is available for performances this spring for community groups and organizations. Contact Mr. David Perkins at Lehigh High School for bookings.

PMEA DISTRICT CHORUS

This past October students from seven counties auditioned at Parkland High School for this prestigious choir. Over 800 students auditioned and Kirk Arner, from Lehigh High School, was selected to the tenor two section. Kirk placed 12th and will represent Lehigh in the festival which will be held in January at Easton High School. This will be Kirk's second time at districts and will graduate this spring. While at Easton, he will have the opportunity to audition for Region V Chorus which will take place in February at Parkland High School. Congratulations to Kirk Arner and his family. Kirk is currently studying voice with Mr. Perkins.

GUIDANCE INFORMATION

Kelli Costenbader, Guidance Counselor

The Lehigh High School Guidance Office will be hosting "Financial Aid Night" in the high school cafeteria from 6-8pm on Wednesday January 5, 2011. Our guest speaker is Mr. Joe Aliamo, financial aid director from Wilkes University. He will provide an overview of financial aid available and how to navigate the FAFSA paperwork. In addition, there will be a short presentation on utilization of career cruising for scholarship searches. We strongly encourage students to attend with their parents. Please RSVP to Anita Stern at (610) 377-7600 to ensure the proper numbers of supplies are available on the day of the training. Snow date: Thursday January 6, 2011.

The guidance office is now accepting applications for any 11th or 12th grade students interested in participating in dual enrollment classes through Lehigh Carbon Community College. Dual enrollment allows students to earn college credits at a fraction of the cost while still in high school. We will be offering College English 1 and Introduction to Sociology on alternating days during fourth block and Fundamentals of Drawing and Painting after school. In addition students can take classes on-site at an LCCC campus or on-line. There is a 135 dollar fee for each class and students are responsible for the cost of books/supplies and transportation if needed. Tuition reimbursement may be available to all eligible students.

We are encouraging all families to stay current with guidance news and information by visiting the high school guidance webpage located on the Lehigh Area School District Website: www.lehighton.org

IN THE CLASSROOM

Holly Frantz, Spanish Teacher

MS. FRANTZ'S SPANISH CLASS GOES GLOBAL!

On October 12th Ms. Frantz's Spanish I class had an opportunity to Skype with a classmate who was on an educational trip to Puerto Rico to celebrate her quinceanera. The student, Ismar, was able to coordinate her laptop with Mrs. Steigerwalt's account to make everything possible. We traveled to Mrs. Steigerwalt's room that morning to be able to project onto her Smartboard. Presto, we were in the kitchen with Ismar's grandmother and the rest of the family. We could see them and they could see us. Each student was asked a cultural or historical question about Puerto Rico by a member of the family. It was a fun and an interesting learning experience. The family clapped and encouraged each student, especially when the answer was right. They thought we did great and her grandmother invited us all down for the holidays.

High School News

STUDENT COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

Dorothy Hartney, P.E. Teacher & Advisor

Events

The LAHS student council worked very hard on homecoming. The homecoming theme for 2010 was All You Need Is Love. The dance was held on October 30th with the doors opening at 5:30 and senior procession starting at 6:00PM. It was a special night for all students at Lehigh Area High School especially the seniors.

After homecoming, student council will be working closely with Mr. Tkach to get large, outdoor flags put up around our school. In addition we are also looking at putting ethnicity flags up around our high school in celebration of all the different ethnicities we have here at Lehigh Area High School.

Some other events student council is working on is our 3rd annual KIDS NIGHT which will take place December 4th from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m.. This is a night when kids ages 4 to 12 can come to the high school and participate in many fun activities held by student council. Parents, let the LAHS student council take care of your children and have a fun night on your own. Please call Dorothy Hartney at the high school to register at (610) 377-6180.

Other events in the near future include a bus trip for our community to NEW YORK CITY on December 11, 2010. We will be leaving Lehigh Area High School at 7:00 a.m., having the day to spend in New York City and leaving from New York around 7:30 p.m.. There is a cost, call Dorothy Hartney at the high school for details and registration.

NEW CLUB ACTIVITY

Cristi Marchetti, Lang. Arts. Teacher & Advisor

S.A.G.E.

Students for the Advancement of Global Entrepreneurship (S.A.G.E.) is a new club at Lehigh Area High School. The basic premise of S.A.G.E. is to make a positive difference in the world through business. This is a competitive organization, with schools all over the world trying to make it to the S.A.G.E. World Cup and we hope to be in an exotic location this summer showing off the hard work and dedication of Lehigh Area High School students. With over thirty members participating in the club, S.A.G.E. is off to a great start! The first undertaking is starting a school store in Lehigh Area High School that will open to students as well as the public. Our goal is to use the profits to host an exchange student, linking Lehigh with other parts of the world. If you have experience in business and would like to offer guidance to the S.A.G.E. team as part of our Business Advisory Board, please email Mrs. Marchetti at cmarchetti@lehighton.org. More information about S.A.G.E. is available at www.sageglobal.org.

SAFE SCHOOL AMBASSADORS®

Cody Schuler, Math Teacher & SAS Advisor

Lehigh High School's Safe School Ambassadors®

Last year, the high school started a Program called Safe School Ambassadors®. This program empowers students to combat bullying in the school. The program has trained 40 students along with 12 staff members to recognize 5 types of bullying and to take action with 7 different tools. All of these students are excellent role models and are changing the atmosphere of the school by standing up for people and getting others to follow their positive behaviors. We look forward to continuing and expanding the program in the future.

TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE

Jacob Marushak, Technology Education Teacher

The Lehigh High School TV Studio

The Technology Education Department is proud to announce that the Lehigh High School Television Studio has been upgraded into the 21st century. Thanks to grant money obtained from the state, the Tribal Vision news show now has a brand new look. Mr. Jake Marushak's Television Production class is currently using state of the art television equipment to produce a professional news show at the high school. A special thanks goes out to everyone who played a part in the studio upgrade, this would not have been possible without their help. Keep your eyes and ears open for more big things to come out of the Lehigh Television Studio. The future is now.



High School News

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION

By Kirk Arner, Student

NHS Induction

On October 13, 2010 at 7:00 pm, the 73rd annual induction of the Daniel I. Farren Chapter of the National Honor Society occurred at Lehigh Area High School. Like years before, the usual ceremony took place, starting with a lovely piano prelude by Rebecca Hoffner. NHS advisor Mr. Matthew Fisher welcomed the family, friends, and community in the audience. As the ceremony processed, the history of NHS was read aloud by Noah Tkach, and the four core virtues of the National Honor Society, scholarship, service, character, and leadership, were illustrated by Laureen DiMattia, Marcus Kunkle, Kirk Arner, and Kenzie Teno.

Notable appearances during the ceremony included Mr. Timothy Tkach and Mr. Craig Reichl presenting the awards to the incoming inductees, as well as Mrs. Gloria Bowman as this year's guest speaker. Mrs. Bowman's speech was quite an unusual affair, infusing the personal lives of the NHS members together with the organization's core beliefs and values. Another noteworthy appearance was Marcus Kunkle, performing *Time of Your Life* by Green Day. It was a terrific performance that all in attendance thoroughly enjoyed.

The ceremony concluded with the traditional pledge of the virtues of NHS, including among others scholarship, service, character and leadership. Senior members of this year's Daniel I. Farren Chapter include Kirk Arner, Samantha Cerimele, Chey Davis, Laureen DiMattia, Tyler Hill, Rebecca Hoffner, Jordyn Homyak, Marcus Kunkle, Sarah Nanovic, Shad Steigerwalt, Kenzie Teno, and Noah Tkach. This year's new senior inductees were Jason Addy, Echo Bretz, Ian Christman, Sean Maloney, and Jacob Plocinik. Finally, junior inductees for this year were Jordan Burbage, Isabelle Chew, Zachary Coleman, Laura Cressley, Anthony Farole, Evalina Heckman, Stacey Kerschner, Shyanne Kleintop, Nicholas Mantz, Nicole Myrtle, Carter McCandless, Peter Petrack, Sydney Schafer, Kara Serfass, Jena Smith, Jonathan Strauss, James Svercheck, and Michael War-kala.

District Dates/Events

IMPORTANT DATES

11/19, 22, 23/10	-	Parent/Teacher Conferences
11/24/10	-	Early Dismissal for Thanksgiving Holiday
11/25-29/10	-	Thanksgiving Holiday - No School
12/10/10	-	Early Dismissal for Students
12/22/10	-	Early Dismissal for Winter Holiday
12/25-31/10	-	Winter Holiday - No School
1/3/11	-	School Schedule Resumes
1/12/11	-	End of 2nd Marking Period
1/13, 14/11	-	Act 80 Days (Tentative) - Early Dismissal for Students
1/17/11	-	MLK Holiday - No School
2/1-18/11	-	Telephone Recycle Program (Elementary Buildings)
2/18, 2/21/11	-	President's Holiday - No School
3/1-3/4/11	-	Kindergarten Registration - Administration Building
3/11/11	-	In-Service Day (No School for Students)
3/25/11	-	Act 80 Day (Tentative) - Early Dismissal for Students
4/14-25/11	-	PSSA Testing (District-Wide)
4/20/11	-	Early Dismissal for Spring Holiday
4/21-4/25/11	-	Spring Holiday - No School
5/3-5/6/11	-	Kindergarten Testing - Administration Building
5/13/11	-	Act 80 Day (Tentative) - Early Dismissal for Students
5/25,26,27/11	-	Early Dismissal for Students
5/30/11	-	Memorial Day Holiday
5/31/11	-	Early Dismissal for Students
6/1/11	-	Last Day for Students (Tentative)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS**ELEMENTARY:****East Penn**

12/3/10	-	Santa Workshop – 6 to 8 pm
12/7/10	-	PTO Meeting – 6:30 pm
12/9/10	-	Winter Music Program (Grade 3 & 4) – 1:30 pm
12/21/10	-	Student of the Month Program – 8:45 am
1/21/11	-	PTO Family Movie Night – 6:30 to 9 pm
1/31/11	-	Student of the Month Program – 2:30 pm
2/1/11	-	PTO Meeting – 6:30 pm
2/28/11	-	Student of the Month Program – 8:45 am

Franklin

12/1/10	-	Picture Make Up & Santa Photos
12/7/10	-	Holiday Shoppe – All Students
12/10/10	-	Winter Wonderland *snow date 12/17
12/14/10	-	Winter Music Program (Grade 3 & 4) – 1:30 pm
12/22/10	-	Student of the Month Distribution
1/28/11	-	Student of the Month Distribution
1/10/11	-	PTO Meeting – 7 pm
2/7/11	-	PTO Meeting – 3:30 pm
2/28/11	-	Student of the Month Distribution
3/7/11	-	PTO Meeting – 7 pm

Mahoning

12/13/10	-	Winter Music Program - 1:30 p.m. *snow date 12/14/10
12/13/10	-	PTO Meeting - 6:45 p.m.
12/22/10	-	Student of the Month Program – 8:45 am
1/10/11	-	PTO Meeting - 6:45 p.m.
1/26/11	-	Student of the Month Program – 8:45 am
2/2/11	-	Rain Forest Program - 12:45 p.m.
2/15/11	-	PTO Meeting - 6:45 p.m.
2/16/11	-	Student of the Month Program – 8:45 am
3/14/11	-	PTO Meeting - 6:45 p.m.

Shull David

12/6/10	-	PTO Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
12/13-15/10	-	PTO Holiday Shopper Program for Students
12/16/10	-	Winter Music Program - 1:10 p.m. *snow date 12/17/10
12/22/10	-	Student of the Month Program - 9:30 a.m.
1/10/11	-	PTO Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
1/14/11	-	School Wide Celebration
1/26/11	-	Student of the Month Program - 2:20 p.m.
2/2/11	-	Rain Forest Program - 2:00 p.m.
2/7/11	-	PTO Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
2/16/11	-	Student of the Month Program - 2:20 p.m.
3/7/11	-	PTO Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

12/9/10	-	2nd Study Island Math Benchmark Test
12/15/10	-	Holiday Concert (12/16/10-Snowdate)
1/21/11	-	3rd Study Island Reading Benchmark Test
2/17/11	-	3rd Study Island Math Benchmark Test
5/4/11	-	Spring Band Concert
5/12/11	-	5th & 6th Grade Maroon & White Day (5/16/11-Raindate)
5/18/11	-	Spring Choral Concert
5/20/11	-	7th & 8th Grade Maroon & White Day (5/23/11-Raindate)

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High School Hours: 7:45 a.m. - 2:18 p.m.

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Grade 3 - extension 7016
Grade 4 - extension 7017
PTO - extension 7018

East Penn: Grade 2 - extension 3250
Grade 3 - extension 3251
Grade 4 - extension 3252

Mahoning: Grade 3 - extension 3254
Grade 4 - extension 3255

Shull-David: Grade 3 - extension 3257
Grade 4 - extension 3258

Middle School:

Principal's Line	7000		
5th Grade Maroon	7001	5th Grade White	7005
6th Grade Maroon	7002	6th Grade White	7006
7th Grade Maroon	7003	7th Grade White	7007
8th Grade Maroon	7004	8th Grade White	7008
Music	7009	Guidance	7014

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