Announcements for the 6.2.15 Committee of the Whole Meeting

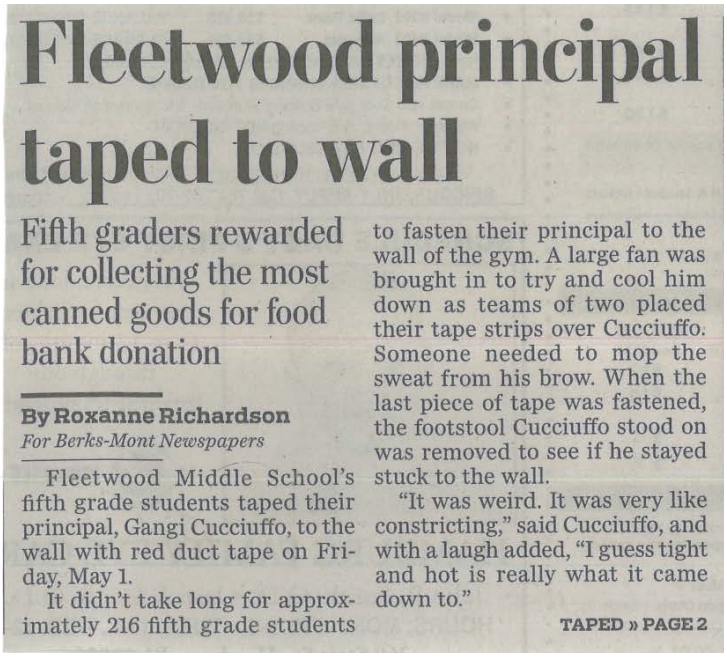
Richmond Elementary

1. On June 1st, fourth grade students will travel to the Middle School for moving up day. They will meet their teachers for the 2015-2016 school year.
2. PTA will host a breakfast for our fourth graders in the multi-purpose room on June 2nd. Each 4th grader will be presented with a memory book at this time to remind them of their years at Richmond. These books are compiled by the Richmond Elementary PTA.
3. June 2nd is also the last day for our Science Explorer's Club after-school program.
4. Our last spirit day for the year will be on Thursday, June 4th. To participate, everyone will be wearing their Richmond Rocks t-shirts which have been provided to the students courtesy of the PTA.
5. The *Paws for Reading* carnival will be held on Thursday, June 4th for all students who have reached the goal of reading at least 100 books throughout the school year.
6. Our Awards Assembly is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9th at 9:30 a.m. Students, faculty and staff will be recognized.
7. We have scheduled a moving up exercise for students in grades kindergarten through third grade from 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. on the morning of June 9th. This activity helps to alleviate the anxieties students feel over the summer about the upcoming school year.

Willow Creek Elementary

1. June 1st, 4th Grade Ceremony and Move-Up activity at the Middle School
2. June 2nd – 4th Grade field trip to Harrisburg
3. June 3rd – Field Day (raindate 6/4/15)

Middle School



Fleetwood principal taped to wall

Fifth graders rewarded for collecting the most canned goods for food bank donation

By Roxanne Richardson
For Berks-Mont Newspapers

Fleetwood Middle School's fifth grade students taped their principal, Gangi Cucciuffo, to the wall with red duct tape on Friday, May 1.

It didn't take long for approximately 216 fifth grade students to fasten their principal to the wall of the gym. A large fan was brought in to try and cool him down as teams of two placed their tape strips over Cucciuffo. Someone needed to mop the sweat from his brow. When the last piece of tape was fastened, the footstool Cucciuffo stood on was removed to see if he stayed stuck to the wall.

"It was weird. It was very like constricting," said Cucciuffo, and with a laugh added, "I guess tight and hot is really what it came down to."

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"This is the reward that the fifth grade class earned for bringing in the most canned goods during our Martin Luther King Day of Service Canned Good Drive and all of the canned goods were built into sculptures and then later donated to the Greater Reading Food Bank," said Kim Price, fifth and sixth grade school counselor.

There were just a little more than 2,000 cans collected by the middle school students as a whole and then transformed into a life-sized sculpture of the game, Hungry Hungry Hippos. The cans were crafted to look like two huge hippos. Lee Ann Crits, fifth grade math teacher, said after they took the design down, the canned goods were then sent to the food banks in the area.

Local area churches and business also donated canned goods.

"I brought in probably like 50 [cans]," said Livia Magers. "I just thought it was cool that we could tape a person to the wall because I've never done this before and the cans are being donated to all the needy people."

Connor Ammon really wanted to win and brought in approximately 20 cans.

"Who wouldn't want to really tape their principal up to the wall?" said Ammon. "It's pretty funny."

The Can-struction Project was part of the school's MLK Day event and students volunteered to help in different areas of the community.

"We have kids that will volunteer their time on a day that they don't have school and our staff supervises them going out to different areas around the county such as Hope Rescue Mission and Berks Food Bank," said Cucciuffo. "We went to the Keystone Villa and volunteered to help make blankets with some of the (residents) there, play Bingo with them, and also we made treats and stuff for the ASPCA."

Cucciuffo said they have done this for the past three to four years. There were more than 100 students who participated in this year's MLK Day of Care.

"I was pretty impressed. Kids are great in the fact that if you give them a mission and they get to see somebody do something a little crazy they're more likely to do things for you," said Cucciuffo.

The sculpture of the hippos was designed by, Rako Zech, seventh-grade math teacher. Zech likes to build things and came up with the idea after he saw what colors there were and how many cans he had to work with.

After the event, Cucciuffo managed to walk before the kids in his robe of tape to their loud cheering. He wanted to talk to them about good sportsmanship because immediately following the event were fifth and sixth grade basketball games. The Can-struction Project reward was held in conjunction with the middle school's 32 Annual Basketball Tournament Championship for grades five and six.

"I hope everybody had some fun at my expense; that was absolutely wonderful," said Cucciuffo. "Obviously I weigh too much to stay up on the wall so sorry about that part."

Cucciuffo said maybe he would do it again for a good cause, but maybe they will do something a little different next year.



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Fleetwood Middle School Principal Gangi Cucciu was taped to the wall by fifth graders, which was their reward for bringing in the most canned goods during the school's Martin Luther King Day of Service Canned Good Drive.

Tigers are team champs

By Jason Guarente
Reading Eagle

This was always the dream for Fleetwood, even if there were times it felt out of reach.

Co-coaches Nate and Jess Cammauf wanted to turn the Tigers into a Berks track power. One that was even capable of competing against mighty Wilson.

Fleetwood reached the pinnacle Saturday when it ended Wilson's seven-year reign and captured the boys team championship at the William H. Firing Meet at Shillington.

"When we started coaching we had an idea of where we wanted to go," Nate Cammauf said. "To get to this level? I don't think anybody can be sure."

Fleetwood finished with 106.83 points. Wilson was second with 96.

If there was ever a year for Fleetwood to pull it off, this was it.

The athletes who helped launch the program's middle school team six years ago were seniors and three sprinters — Nick Hope, Thaddeus Cornick and Patrick DeJesus — ranked among the county's best.

Hope swept the 100 and 200, becoming one of just two double individual winners Saturday. The trio combined to earn 42 points in those events alone.

The sprints were complemented by Dustin Carbaugh's win in the triple jump, Shaq Cobb's victory in the high jump and Matt Hook's second-place finish in the javelin.

"We pieced it together that way," Nate Cammauf said. "It obviously helps a ton that we have three sprinters who can score all those points. But we knew we still had to be balanced in the field. We found that balance this year."

The last time Wilson didn't win the boys team title was 2007, when Muhlenberg walked off with the trophy.

Not long ago, Fleetwood was an unlikely candidate to end Wilson's streak.

"We started with a cinder track," Jess Cammauf said. "A lot of kids thought we were too tough. It was a work in progress. It was nine years in the making. This is awesome."

■ **One on the track:** It's not too often that Cyre Virgo accomplishes something new at a Berks County track meet.

But she did Saturday by capturing the 100 hurdles title. The county win was the first on the track for the Fleetwood senior who will high jump at Texas Tech next year.

"Now I have better form and I have better speed in between the hurdles," Virgo said. "It definitely has helped me and has given me more of a drive to win this year."

Virgo also successfully defended her long jump title. She leaves high school with six county gold medals.

But the biggest surprise came in the infield, when the two-time defending state champion finished second in the high jump.

Virgo had an uncharacteristic miss at 5-6. Gov. Mifflin's Gabriella Johnson cleared the height to win on her home track. She'll most likely move into the top 10 in the state rankings.

"I'm just going to put it behind me and get ready for districts," said Virgo, whose jump of 5-10½ at Penn Relays ranks No. 1 in Pennsylvania. "I'm guessing it had to be my steps or my speed. That's the only thing I can think of. Usually when my steps are good everything falls into place."

From the desk of Dr. Eaken

Misa's Fugue Continues to Educate on the Holocaust

Educational research has demonstrated that '*authentic learning'* has positive impacts on student engagement and achievement. *Authentic learning* refers to learning that occurs as a result of students interacting with real-life problems. Another component is the sharing of the outcome outside the classroom. One particular project that was completed by Fleetwood Area High School students and staff continues to have an impact not only on those directly involved but those who have seen the completed film.

Since its release in 2012, the Fleetwood Area High School (FAHS) created film, *Misa's Fugue*, has taken a journey that could not have been predicted. The film, which tells the story of Holocaust survivor Frank "Misa" Grunwald, was created by over 200 current and former FAHS students and faculty members across six departments of the high school.

Since its completion in April 2012, community financial support enabled the film to be distributed around the world. The film has been seen in over forty countries. It has also been viewed by the staff and volunteers of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Earlier this year, it was shown at the FDR Presidential Library in New York.

An expecially meaningful event occured in early May when the subject of the film, Frank Grunwald, returned to Austria. To accompany his visit, *Misa's Fugue* was screened throughout the area of Austria that surrounds Mauthausen and its satellite camp, Gunskirchen where Grunwald himself was liberated. The screenings in this region were co-facilitated by an educational guide from Mauthausen and a local educator at an Austrian high school in the town of Gunskirchen. Nearly 150 people turned out to the public screening in Gunskirchen, which the hosts viewed as a tremendous shift from seventy years ago in their area's history. The film was translated into German for these events and as a result, Director Sean Gaston and Producer Jennifer Goss are pursuing an official German language release of the film.

The film has also been recognized for its quality. It has received five "Telly Awards". (The Telly Awards honors outstanding local, regional, and cable TV commercials and programs.) Additional awards were bestowed upon the film by the Pennsylvania Council for Social Studies and the Pennsylvania School Press Association. Last year, the film was nominated for two Mid-Atlantic Emmy Awards.

Copies of the film continue to be made available to major Holocaust conferences and institutions worldwide including the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's 'Arthur and Rochelle Conference for Educators'. The film will be given out for the third year in a row to the 300 educators who attend this conference.

The film has had a very positive impact on each person involved in the project. It has been amazing to see a public high school complete a film that initially meant so much to the students and staff become a vehicle for Holocaust education worldwide.

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Upcoming Events in the Fleetwood Area School District
June 7 – Community Baccalaureate Service, High School Auditorium 7:00 p.m.
June 9 – Last Day of School for Students, Early Dismissal
June 9 – Graduation, High School Auditorium 7:00 p.m.

The Board of School Directors will hold its business meeting on June 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the high school board room.