Announcements for the 1.20.15 Committee of the Whole Meeting

High School

1. Congratulations to our high school students who made Berks Senior County Band for Flute, Clarinet, Alto Sax, Bassoon, Percussion, Baritone Horn, Trombone, Trumpet, and French Horn.

2. Overtime was held on January 9th at St. Paul's Lutheran Church after the basketball game. Free pizza and refreshments were served.

3. Keystone Algebra I testing is being administered on Tuesday, January 13 and Wednesday, January 14, 2015.

4. Congratulations to our FBLA members who placed at the Regional Leadership Conference at Albright College. Students earned the following:

   2nd place in Accounting II
   2nd place in Agribusiness
   1st place in Business Communication
   4th place in Business Procedures
   5th place in Computer Applications
   1st place in Desktop Publishing
   3rd place in Desktop Publishing
   5th place in Entrepreneurship
   1st place in FBLA Principles & Procedures
   4th place in FBLA Principles & Procedures
   1st place in Future Business Leader
   1st place in Global Business
   1st place in Health Care Administration
   5th place in Health Care Administration
   1st place in Hospitality Management
   1st place in Insurance & Risk Management
   2nd place in Introduction to Business
   4th place in Introduction to Business
   5th place in Introduction to Business
   2nd place in Introduction to Business Communication
   4th place in Introduction to Business Communication
   2nd place in Introduction to Information Technology
   3rd place in Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure
   4th place in Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure
   1st place in Management Information Systems
   3rd place in Public Speaking I
   1st place in Public Speaking II
   1st place in Securities & Investments
   4th place in Sports & Entertainment Management
   4th place in Spreadsheet Applications

   In total, 24 students qualified to attend the State Leadership Conference in April!

   In addition, Fleetwood was named the Outstanding Chapter of Region 8 ~ congratulations to all.

5. The High School Life Skills Classroom staff and students would like to thank everyone who supported them in their holiday craft sale. A special thank you to Mrs. Langston who promoted our crafts and gathered orders from her students to help support the project. The students are working towards raising money to be able to take a field trip at the end of the school year. Also, the students will be donating $65.00 to the Fleetwood Relay for Life Team from the sale of the Breast Cancer Awareness ornaments. All of the crafts that were sold were made by the students with the help of the classroom staff and peer volunteers. The students took so much pride in what they accomplished and the acknowledgement they received from their fellow peers and faculty and staff. Please keep your eyes out for upcoming events from the High School Life Skills Class.

Secondary students go head to head in Science Olympiad

Fleetwood High team takes first-place honors in annual competition

By Bruce R. Posten
Reading Eagle

In Kutztown University's field house, recreation center and classrooms, hundreds of secondary students competed Friday in events that required a reliance on science.

"We have a very good turnout this year of 275 students from 13 districts, two of them from outside the county," said Bill Riedel, 66, a retired Kutztown High School science teacher who has coordinated the invitational Berks County Science Olympiad for the past seven years.

In the overall scoring, the Fleetwood High School team took first-place honors, with Kutztown High School second and Bayard Rustin High School in West Chester, Chester County, third. All three teams entered all 22 competitive scientific events.

The events ranged from geologic mapping, the unraveling of forensic mysteries and testing knowledge about anatomy to experiments that monitored the strength of balsa-wood bridges and calibrated weights and measures of materials for a bungee drop.



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At the Berks County Science Olympiad at Kutztown University on Friday, Blane Scanlan, 18, left, and Phayjas Patil, 17, both of Fleetwood High School, prepare for The Scrambler event.

New this year was an air trajectory event that required teams to design and construct a device capable of launching a projectile into a target and collect data regarding parameters and performance.

At the field house, that event joined the so-called Wright Stuff event, where students had to construct a free-flight rubber-powered monoplane to achieve maximum time aloft, and the classic scrambler contest.

The Scrambler event involved testing a mechanical device that uses energy from a falling mass to transporting an egg along a track that will hopefully stop short of a barrier without breaking the egg.

Adam Forrer, 31, a Hamburg High School physics teacher, brought 26 students to the science competition.

"Typically, our team falls in the middle of the pack each year, but it doesn't matter. We've been coming here for years and I've been involved during the last four," he said.

"This is a great opportunity that gets our kids excited about science and gives them a chance to be creative and competitive," Forrer said. "In many cases, we don't have class time to do these things. It's not unusual for students to spend 17 to 20 hours of their own time on projects in the two weeks running up to these events."

"I'm pretty pleased with what we did, a maximum flight time of more than 13 or 14 seconds," said Fleetwood senior Matt Oross, 17, of Richmond Township, joined by his colleague, senior Tomasz Paniak, 17, of Blandon.

The teens had just participated in the Wright Stuff flight and power-plane competition.

"I like this event because I like engineering and building projects," Oross said. "I've been coming for six years and I hope to go into mechanical or material engineering."

Tomasz, who also wants to study mechanical engineering, said he enjoys the challenge of modifying and fine-tuning failed projects in an effort to make them better.

Jacob Kramer, 19, of Blandon, a Kutztown University mathematics student, came back to the olympiad this year to serve as a general judge.

"I think the program is great and the students this year are excellent," he said. "I came here for six years. I learned an awful lot because I had a general scientific interest in ornithology, entomology and forestry. I also did some physical science stuff with light and optic lasers, but my real interest was mathematics."

In its 31st year, the Science Olympiad is an international nonprofit organization devoted to improving the quality of science education. The invitational serves as a prelude for a more formalized and regional competition scheduled for March 10 at the university.

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About the Olympiad

What: Berks County Science Olympiad at Kutztown University, a non-elimination invitational event that serves as a prelude to regional competition in March.

Turnout: About 275 students from 13 school disticts particpating in 22 competitive scientific events.

Top team winners: Fleetwood High School, first; Kutztown High School, second; and Bayard Rustin High School, West Chester, Chester County, third.

Members of the winning Fleetwood team are: Joe Cammarano, Isaac Cook, Kali Galeassi, Rachel Keirstead, Matt Leibman, Matt Oross, Tomasz Paniak, Blane Scanlan, Matt Schultz, Phayjas Patil, Leigh Stafford, Ian Swasing, Adam Cook, Jeremy Heist, Kyle Keirstead, Carly Mitchell, Jon Sanchez, Ben Schittler, Kaitlynn Wilson.

Participating schools: Boyertown, Exeter, Fleetwood, Hamburg, Kutztown, Reading, Schuylkill Valley, Wilson, Wyomissing, Twin Valley and Gov. Mifflin. Two out-of-county schools also participated: Sun Valley High School, Aston, Delaware County; and Bayard Rustin High School, West Chester, Chester County.

Middle School

1. 1/19 - PRIDE MLK Day of Service – on the afternoon of 1/19, our Middle School Students will be volunteering in areas around the Berks County community. Teachers will assist in supervising the students while they are volunteering. The day's activities include the following:
    - Making fleece blankets & play bingo with residents @ Keystone Villa
    - Making animal toys for the Animal Rescue League of Berks County
    - Making our 'CAN' structures in Room #220 from 12:30-3:30. These are structures made out of donated canned items. All food will then be donated to the Greater Berks Food Bank
    - PRIDE kickoff video in the FAMS guidance office from 12:30-3:30.
    - Cooking chili for Opportunity House
    - Food packaging @ The Greater Berks Food Bank
    - Talent Show & games with community members @ St. Paul's Lutheran Church
    - Serving lunch & working in the store @ The Hope Rescue Mission
    - Cleaning and organizing @ The Fleetwood Borough Hall
2. 1/20/15 begins our 3rd Quarter Marking Period
3. 1/30/15 - Safe Graduation Dance - 7 - 9:30p.m. (Snow date TBA)
4. 1/30/15 - Spring Portraits - **NO RETAKES**

Andrew Maier Elementary

1. The Andrew Maier PTC organized an assembly for K-4 students that featured a professional juggler and magician. This performing arts program was entertaining, motivational, and educational. The theme for this program was to introduce students to goal setting, having a passion for life, and exposing ones creative talents.
2. The annual Andrew Maier Talent Show took place on Monday, December 22. Family and friends were invited to attend this wonderful show that features the many talents of our young students.
3. The staff at Andrew Maier once again participated in a Season of Giving program for Friend, Inc. Friend, Inc. is a local non-profit organization based in Kutztown. Friend, Inc. helps support local families in Kutztown Area, Brandywine, and Fleetwood Area school districts, by providing food, gifts, clothing, and additional needs throughout the year. During the holiday season, many local low income families contact Friend, Inc. for help with purchasing holiday gifts for their children. Each year the need for help increases. The Andrew Maier staff volunteered to purchase gifts for children ranging from toddlers to teenagers.
4. Andrew Maier participated once again in the Berks County Police Officers' Shop with a Cop Christmas Event. This program is designed to have students meet with a police officer is a positive environment, and have local businesses and media be involved to "get the word out" that Berks County police officers are friendly, helpful civil servants. Each student received $100 to buy Christmas presents for their family members and themselves.

Richmond Elementary

1. Spirit Days: Friday, January 16th – Crazy Hair Day; Friday; January 30th – Sports Team Day
2. Students are working very hard to reach their reading goal of 50 books by January 23rd. Good luck!!

Willow Creek Elementary

1. Spirit Days: Friday, January 16th – Wear Your Willow Creek & Fleetwood Gear; Friday; January 30th – Sports Team Day
2. Thursday, January 22nd – Dine & Donate Night at Isaac's from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.
3. Friday, January 30th – Family Movie Night beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Athletic Office

1. The Fleetwood Activity Booster Club and FASD will be honoring all winter senior athletes. Recognition Nights will be as follows:

Wrestling	Wednesday, 1/21/15	6:25 PM (at Oley Valley HS)
Girls' Basketball	Tuesday, 2/3/15	5:30 PM
Boys' Basketball	Tuesday, 2/3/15	7:00 PM

Cheerleading & Swimming will be recognized at the Boys' Basketball game

2. The 2014 Pennsylvania Football News (PFN) Class AAA All-State postseason selections have been made. The players were selected based on submissions from coaches, media and PFN staff. For 2014, they selected first and second teams and honorable mentions. Congratulations to one of Fleetwood's Running Backs for making the list of Honorable Mentions!

From the desk of Dr. Eaken



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The four inducted into the Fleetwood Athletic Hall of Fame are (from left): Al Gehringer, Dave Smith, Tom Oxenreider and Kelly LaVerdure Koegel.

FASD Sports Hall of Fame

By Dr. Paul Eaken
Superintendent

On Monday Dec. 29, four individuals were inducted into the Fleetwood Sports Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony was held prior to the first night of the Tiger Classic (boys' basketball tournament). The inductees were then introduced during the tournament.

This was the third class of honorees inducted into the Fleetwood Sports Hall of Fame. Honorees are recognized for their excellence in either playing on or coaching one or more athletic teams in the district.

Mr. Dave Smith played on the basketball and tennis teams while attending high school from 1960 to 1964. In basketball, he played on the district championship team in 1963. During 1962, he was the leading scorer with 300 points. He received numerous honors including selection to the All-East Conference Team, All-State Honorable Mention, and the All-County Second Team. In tennis, he was the Berks County Doubles Champion, the county Singles Champion for two years, and was part of the county league and tournament team championship. He played varsity basketball and tennis at Lehigh University for four years.

Mr. Al Gehringer was on the track and cross country teams from 1979 to 1982. He was the first state medal winner in Fleetwood track history. He earned first place in the 3200 meters in the District 3 Meet. He set two school records, in the 800 meters and 3200 meters. He was also a member of the record setting 3200 relay team in 1980. In Cross Country, he was selected to the Berks County Conference All-Star Team for three years and was a state qualifier in his senior year.

Mr. Tom Oxenreider played four sports during high school from 1986-1990: soccer, basketball, track, and baseball. In soccer, he was selected to the All-State and the NSCAA All-East Region II Mid-Atlantic Teams for one year, and the All Berks County Team for two years. During his years on the team, they won the county championships three years, district championship one year, and was the State Runner-Up one year. In basketball, he was selected as a Berks IV Division All-Star and was a member of the district championship team one year. He also played basketball in College where his teams earned recognition in their divisions. In track, he set the school high jump record. In baseball, he earned his varsity letter.

Ms. Kelly LaVerdure Koegel also played four sports during her high school years from 1990 through 1993. In field hockey, she was selected to the Berks County Field Hockey Coaches All-Star Team for two years. She also played field hockey in college where she was selected to the First Team All-American for two years. In basketball, she was selected as an All-Division player for her senior year. In softball, she was selected as an All-Division player her senior year. She was also on the track team where she earned a varsity letter three years.

The Fleetwood Sports Hall of Fame is supported solely through donations from Fleetwood fans, local organizations, athletes, and coaches.

Upcoming Events in the Fleetwood Area School District

January 5 - School Reopens

January 19 - No School for Students; Teacher In-Service

The Board of School Directors will hold meetings on January 13th and 20th, both at 7:00 p.m. in the high school board room.