Announcements for the 12.2.14 Committee of the Whole Meeting

High School

1. Each quarter, BCTC instructors select a student from their program whose attitude, skills, and knowledge gained during that particular quarter is above and beyond the standard. The student shows initiative and integrity in performing their tasks and is, overall, the best student for that quarter. Congratulations to our students in the following shops for their accomplishments: Dental Occupations, Automotive Collision Repair Technology, and Health Occupations I.
2. Congratulations to the two high school Students of the Month for November!
3. FAHS "Winter Concert" - Enjoy an evening of Holiday music featuring the students of Fleetwood Area High School - Thursday, December 11th at 7 PM! Admission is free and there is a reception in the cafeteria following the concert.
4. On Friday, November 14th, the Aeolus String Quartet from the Juilliard School came to Fleetwood High School to perform for the music students as part of an outreach program through the Friends of Chamber Music. A significant number of students and teachers attended the performance, including high school music students, non-music students who came with their class, and the middle school orchestra students. It was an outstanding performance and the music department is grateful for the opportunity to have them come to our district.
5. On December 8th, the German Club will be presenting an interactive holiday program for the 10th period World Languages homeroom at the middle school.
6. The Life Skills class is making and selling snowmen and other handmade crafts for the holidays. All crafts are made by the students with the assistance of the staff and volunteers. If interested, please contact Michelle Guldner for more information.

Middle School

1. On November 25th, the 5th grade held their Ornament Workshop.
2. On November 25th, we held a volleyball assembly.
3. On November 20 and 21st, the middle school had pre-service teachers from Kutztown University shadow some of our 7th and 8th grade students. The university students got to see what a middle school schedule looks like and what is expected from a middle school student today. It was a great experience for our students and for the pre-service teachers as well.

Andrew Maier Elementary

1. Topics covered in our daily Professional Learning Community meetings over the last four weeks include:
    - Working with grade level teachers to finalize **SMART** Goals. A **SMART** Goal statement needs to be **S**pecific, **M**easurable, **A**ligned, **R**esults-oriented, and **T**ime-bound. Each goal must have an impact on student achievement.
    - Continued working with grade level teachers in the writing of a Student Learning Objective (SLO). A Student Learning Objective is a process to document the effectiveness of an educator based on student achievement of content standards.
    - Finally, during our Professional Learning Community meetings, we discussed the academic strengths and weaknesses of each child at Andrew Maier. These discussions involve grade level teachers, guidance counselor, intervention specialist, instructional coach, and building administrator.
2. Besides the daily commitment to students, the faculty and staff at Andrew Maier has generously given financial support to the following needs within the community:
    - $894.50 was raised for Concern. Concern provides the following service to the Fleetwood area:
        - Adoption/Permanency Services
        - Counseling Services
        - Foster Care Services
        - Prevention Services
        - Residential Services

- o $220 was raised for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Awareness Foundation
- o $325 was raised for Blue Jeans for Babies March of Dimes Charity
- o In conjunction with Scholastic Books, Andrew Maier is collecting brand new pajamas to donate to Concern. Scholastic Books donates one book to Concern for each pair of pajamas. This pajama/book drive runs through November 26.

3. The annual Andrew Maier Talent Show will be held on Monday, December 22nd.

Richmond Elementary

1. Grades 1 and 2 will be participating in a Thanksgiving feast on November 24th in the afternoon.
2. Richmond Elementary students are looking forward to the Book Fair sponsored by the RE PTA running from December 3rd through December 9th.
3. An "Ornament Workshop" will be held on Wednesday, December 3rd. Students will make ornaments to decorate our trees in the multi-purpose room. Students will be hanging the ornaments on the trees on Thursday, December 4th and sharing information about the ornaments that were made.
4. Students will also have the opportunity to enjoy a fun-filled evening at the "PTA Candy Land Workshop and Santa's Secret Shop" on Friday December 5th from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. (with a bad weather date of December 12th).
5. Our K-4 classes and 4th grade Band will be caroling in the building from December 15th through December 22nd.
6. The 4th grade classes will be taking their field trip to Harrisburg on December 19th.
7. Students will participate in our Talent Show on Tuesday, December 23rd beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Willow Creek Elementary

1. The PTA Holiday Lane/Santa Shop will be held on Friday, December 5th from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. and on Saturday, December 6th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
2. Kindergarten classes will be holding their holiday program on Monday, December 22nd.
3. The talent show will be held on Tuesday, December 23rd beginning at 9:30 a.m.

From the desk of Dr. Eaken

Fleetwood Area School District Report

Parenting for Prevention

The district's first parent program of the year will be held on December 4th in the middle school library at 7:00 p.m. The presentation, by the Caron Foundation, will provide information on the importance of parent involvement in preventing substance abuse.

The objectives of the program are to:

- Provide information on the effects and consequences of gateway drugs and other drug trends;
- Empower parents with effective communication tools when talking with their children about alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use;
- Review the importance of establishing clear rules and consequences at home regarding substance use;
- Evaluate resiliency factors that help protect children from substance use; and
- Identify local resources that treat addiction.

Substance abuse is a problem across our nation and in our own area. Nationwide statistics indicate that there is a significant substance use problem in children. Alcohol is the most widely abused substance by teens and adults. Pennsylvania has one of the highest rates of underage drinking in the country. Marijuana use is also very common in our area.

Parents can play a significant role in preventing their children from abusing substances. They should begin talking to their children about the dangers of alcohol and drugs during elementary school. Grandparents and other trusted family members can also participate in the discussion. Setting a good example for your children by not abusing drugs or alcohol is also very important. Parents can emphasize that they only take medications under the direction of a physician and that they do not condone nor will they serve alcohol to anyone less than 21 years of age. As children get older, the discussions should include more facts about the negative impact of drug and alcohol abuse. It is important to listen to children's feelings and concerns but vitally important that parents stand firm in their 'no-use message'. Usage rates are much lower for students whose parents regularly talk with their children about the dangers of drug and alcohol use.

Research has found that routines at home are related to a child's later use of substances. A University of Minnesota study (2011) found that teenagers, who drink at home, even under the supervision of their parents, are more likely to abuse alcohol than children whose parents adopted a 'zero-tolerance policy'.

Some basic rules can be very helpful to parents in monitoring their children:

- Make it clear to your child that he/she is not permitted to use alcohol, tobacco, or drugs at any place (home, school, at parties, etc.);
- Do not allow your child to attend a party unless you know the parents and feel confident that substance use will not be permitted;
- Make it easy for your child to leave a party where substances are being used;
- Set a time when your child must be home and stay awake until he/she arrives home; and
- Tell your child never to ride in a car where the driver is under the influence.

Parents should also be alert to changes in their child's attitude and behavior (such as changes in sleeping patterns or appetite). If there are any concerns, it is good to reach out to a professional such as the child's school counselor or family physician.

We hope that you will come and hear more specifics on what you can do to prevent substance abuse in your family on Thursday, December 4th (7:00 pm in the middle school library).

Upcoming Events in the Fleetwood Area School District
December 11 – HS Winter Concert, 7:00 p.m.
December15 – MS Advanced Winter Concert, HS Auditorium 7:00 p.m.
December 23 – Early Dismissal
December 24- January 2 – Schools Closed
January 5 – Schools Reopen

Athletic Office

1. Congratulations to Tyler Emge for being selected as a 2014 Mini Max High School Award winner ~ what an accomplishment!

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Press Release

November 21, 2014 Philadelphia, PA

Maxwell Football Club President, Ron Jaworski, announced the 2014 Mini Max High School Award winners for the state of Pennsylvania. The sixty-one players selected are from schools located in Districts 1,3,11 and 12 in the eastern half of the state. Players were nominated by their coaches throughout the 2014 season and were evaluated based on a criteria that includes; football performance, academics, and community service.

The Mini Max Award recipients will be honored at a dinner to be held on Thursday January 8, 2015 at the Drexelbrook Catering Ballroom in Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania. The awards dinner is open to the public and tickets are available on the Club's website www.maxwellfootballclub.org beginning on Monday November 24th.

The Maxwell Football Club will select one player from the group of Mini Max winners as the winner of the Pennsylvania High School Player of the Year. The Pennsylvania High School Player of the Year will be announced on January 8, 2015 at the Awards Dinner.

For the fourth year the Maxwell Football Club will also host a New Jersey Mini Max Awards Dinner which will be held on Sunday January 11th at the St. David the King Hall in Princeton Junction, NJ. Players from the entire state of New Jersey will be eligible for selection as part of this program. The New Jersey Mini Max Award Winners and the New Jersey High School Player of the Year will be announced at this event.

The winner of the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Player of the Year awards will be the candidates for the Club's 30th Jim Henry Award as the Outstanding Player in the region. The winner of the Jim Henry Award will be announced as part of the Maxwell Football Club's National Awards Gala which will be held in March 13, 2015 at the Tropicana Casino Resort in Atlantic City, NJ. The MFC will also present its collegiate and professional awards at this event.

Recent winners of the Jim Henry Award include Mark Pyles (Lebanon H.S - Bucknell Univ.) Fran Walsh (Archbishop Wood H.S - Villanova Univ.), Brendan Nosovitch (Allentown Central Catholic - University of South Carolina), Bill Kim (Upper Dublin H.S - Johns Hopkins), Brad Herzlich (Conestoga H.S - Brown University), Daniel Persa (Bethlehem Liberty H.S - Northwestern.), Brent Caprio (Mainland Regional H.S. – William & Mary), Steven Rizzo (Audubon H.S. - Colgate), Pat Devlin (Downingtown East H.S. - Delaware), Ryan Greiser (Pennridge H.S. – Liberty Univ.), Dan Connor (Strath Haven H.S. – Penn State) and Austin Scott (Parkland H.S – Penn State).