Announcements for the 11.11.14 Committee of the Whole Meeting

November 25th – early dismissal for elementary and middle school students; parent-teacher conferences

November 26th – no school for the elementary and middle schools, early dismissal for the high school; parent-teacher conferences

November 27th, 28th, and December 1st – Thanksgiving Holiday

High School



READING EAGLE: BILL UHRICH

The Fleetwood High School band marches Saturday in Mohnton's Great Pumpkin Parade..

1. On December 3rd, a field trip to the 9/11 Memorial in New York City is planned for several eleventh grade students.
2. A big "thank you" to all those who participated in our annual fall blood drive. Miller-Keystone Blood Center set a goal for us at 69 units of blood and we exceeded it by 1! The staff also relayed that they really enjoy coming to Fleetwood's blood drives because our students are great! We plan to make the spring blood drive even better. Please know that you potentially saved 210 lives because of your generosity by donating an hour of your time!
3. The Holiday Craft Show will be held in the high school on Saturday, November 15th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
4. Friday, November 14th, the Aeolus String Quartet from Juilliard (including a Wyomissing graduate) will be coming to perform for our music students during 6th period. This is a great outreach program sponsored by the Friends of Chamber Music. You are welcome to attend the performance.

Middle School

Fleetwood kids do something about boring recess

By David Mekeel
Reading Eagle

When the Fleetwood School District moved fifth-graders to the middle school about a dozen years ago, there was a problem.

Fifth-graders still get recess. But because the rest of the school didn't, there was no playground on the school's grounds.

Current fifth-grade teachers and students are trying to do something about that.

They held a special 5th Graders in Motion event Thursday afternoon, sending the students to the football stadium behind the middle school to traverse the track for about an hour. Some ran and some walked, lap after lap, as music blared from the stadium's speakers.

The students each collected donations for the effort, and also took part in a competition to see which classroom could collect the most quarters.

All of the proceeds — which will likely reach about $1,500 — will go toward purchasing and installing play equipment at the school.

"We want the kids to make good use of the money they raise," said Lee Ann Crits, a fifth-grade teacher and one of the organizers of the event.

Crits said plan is to buy a funnel ball set and perhaps a tether ball. Hop scotch and foursquare courts will be painted on existing blacktop, Crits said.

The students also participated in a fundraiser last year and were able to raise money for several picnic tables for the playground area.

The students said they are thrilled to be lending a hand in making recess a little more fun.

"It's kind of boring outside right now," said Alexia Moliatu, 10.

"I think it's a good idea because all we have are balls, so far," added Morgan Kitixis, 11.

Alexia said right now she and her friends usually just do their homework during recess instead of playing, something she hopes will change in the future.

Morgan said she and her friends feel a sense in pride in pitching in to make improvements.

"It's kind of like we're working for ourselves instead of the school doing everything for us," she said.

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Dancing to the music at the football stadium behind the Fleetwood Middle School Thursday are, from left, fifth-graders Dholysha Joseph, Emma Rapposelli, Holie Joseph and Abby Warren.

1. November 3rd through November 21st we will be having Yearbook sales.
2. November 7th - 8th grade ETC field trip to *Poe*.
3. On November 12th we will be having a PRIDE booster lesson on "Respect"
4. November 25th the 5th grade will be having an Ornament Workshop
5. November 25th – Volleyball Assembly

Richmond Elementary

1. Babysitting will be provided by a SMILES volunteer during the parent-teacher conferences on Tuesday, November 25th from 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.
2. The Richmond Elementary PTA Night will be held at ChuckECheese's on 11/13/14 from 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
3. On a bright note, Dr. Katzenmoyer revealed that they have more children in the band than we have music stands, the first time in his 21 years this has happened!
4. The students celebrated Red Ribbon week (10/27 – 10/31) with a variety of activities centering on "Be A Star, Say No to Drugs!"
5. The PTA treated our students to a delightful Kits Kaboodle Assembly focused on The Legend of Sleepy Hollow on October 31st.
6. 2nd Grade visited the DaVinci Science Center for their field trip courtesy of the PTA.
7. First Grade visited the Philadelphia Zoo for their field trip on October 30th thanks to the PTA.
8. The PTA Paws for Playground Committee hosted a Dinner and a Movie Night on Friday, November 7th in their ongoing effort to raise funds for additional playground equipment.
9. Marilyn's Dance studio presented a *Peter and the Wolf* ballet to our students in an assembly on Friday, November 7th at 2:45 p.m.
10. Richmond Elementary students collected winter wear items from November 3rd through 7th. The items will be distributed locally to those in need. In recognition of their efforts students will be treated to "Hat Day" on Friday, November 7th.
11. Students continue to enjoy the Science Explorers Club program offered after school. The next session begins on November 11th and is entitled *Wild About the Weather*.
12. Our FORCE after school program is also popular with students and the current session concludes on November 19th.

Athletic Office

EASTERN CONFERENCE-AAA SEMIFINAL

Emge leads Tigers over Hornets

READING EAGLE

Tyler Emge rushed for 276 yards and five touchdowns Friday night to lead Fleetwood to a 57-27 win over Honesdale in the Eastern Conference Class AA semifinals.

Fleetwood 57
Honesdale 27

Emge, who also threw for a touchdown, scored on runs of 29, 8, 14, 62 and 19 yards to advance the third-seeded Tigers (7-4) to next week's championship game to face top-seeded Blue Mountain.

The second-seeded Hornets (7-4) answered Emge's 29-yard TD run in the first quarter with a short touchdown run.

The teams swapped TDs again in the second quarter before Emge ran 14 yards for a touchdown and threw a 39-yard TD pass to Sampson Lerch to put Fleetwood ahead to stay.

The Tigers, who scored 21 points in the second quarter, amassed 425 yards on the ground and 117 through the air for 542 yards in total offense.

Zach Koenig completed 6-of-12 passes for 78 yards and a touchdown, a 10-yard toss to Lerch in the third quarter.

Following a safety with 59 seconds left in the third quarter, Emge put the game out of reach 11 seconds later with his 62-yard TD run.

The Fleetwood football team will play Blue Mountain at Blue Mountain HS on Friday, November 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Eastern Football Conference Championship! Additional info can be found at easternfootballconference.com.

Presale tickets for the football game will be on sale in the Fleetwood School District Athletic Office Tuesday – Thursday from 10:00 a.m. -3:30 p.m. Ticket prices are $5 for adults and $2 for students. All tickets will be $5 at the gate.

WPPA (AM 1360) radio is going to broadcast this Friday's Eastern Conference Championship game at Blue Mountain

PIAA CLASS AA BOYS SOCCER

Tigers get by Lewisburg in penalty kicks

BY MATT CAREY
READING EAGLE CORRESPONDENT

After 110 minutes of scoreless action, Fleetwood scored on all four of its penalty shootout tries to advance past Lewisburg with a 1-0 victory in the PIAA Class AA boys soccer quarterfinals at Hazleton.

Fleetwood	**1**
Lewisburg	**0**

(4-1 PENALTY KICKS)



Michael Wamsher
Fleetwood

Senior Austin Young set the tone by scoring first in the penalty kicks, and then Tigers goalkeeper Michael Wamsher made a diving save to stop the Green Dragons' first shooter, Joey Bhangdia.

"I had a lot of pressure going into it, and I just knew I had to make at least one stop, but I got lucky that (Bhangdia) made it really obvious, actually," Wamsher said.

After Fleetwood's Mitch Kinek scored on his penalty kick, Lewisburg's second shooter, Tanner Host, pushed his shot wide right. Fleetwood followed with successful tries from Tyler Rapposelli and Matt Schlegel to win the shootout 4-1, and the game.

"I don't like penalty kicks," said Tigers coach Keith Schlegel with a laugh. "But we did well with them against Lancaster-Mennonite (in districts), so I was confident that the same guys would do well again."

In overtime, both teams were showing signs of fatigue, mustering just one shot on goal combined in both 15-minute sudden-victory periods.

"I couldn't even feel my legs towards the end of the second overtime," said Kinek. "I knew we had to push it; it could have been our last time out there, and you don't want to go out knowing you could have done more."

In regulation, both teams traded opportunities. In the first half, the flow of play was relatively balanced. It was Lewisburg, however, that had the advantage when it came to quality scoring chances. Lewisburg had four shots on goal in the first half, compared to only two for the Tigers.

Fleetwood averted disaster on multiple occasions, including midway through the first when Wamsher got caught out of position on a contested ball, leaving a wide-open net for forward Andre Permyaskin. Fortunately for the Tigers, two Fleetwood defenders were able to track down Permyaskin and force a corner kick.

The second half saw Lewisburg continue to be the aggressor, but Fleetwood was able to withstand the early assault and create a great chance of its own off a perfect cross from Tyler Rapposelli to Austin Young that glanced off the crossbar.

"My job's always to get the boys going; unfortunately I missed that, but I had to step up and get us going with the penalties," Young said.

Both teams traded golden chances late in the second half. Lewisburg had an opportunity with sophomore Adam Cole one-on-one with Wamsher, who made the save of the game, a diving stop to his right, to stop a sure goal and keep the season alive for the Tigers.

"It was pure adrenaline and reaction," Wamsher said. "I knew he was going to get his shot off, so I just quickly reacted to it."

Fleetwood followed that with what appeared to be the game-winning goal, but the goal was negated on an offside call.

With the win, the Tigers advance to the semi-finals Tuesday, where they will meet District 1 champ Holy Ghost Prep at a site and time to be announced.

The Fleetwood boys' soccer team will play Holy Ghost Prep at Souderton Area High School on Tuesday, November 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the State semifinals. Ticket prices are $8 adult and $4 student for the semi-final round.

From the desk of Dr. Eaken

Fleetwood Area School District Report

Research confirms that positive parent teacher relationships contribute to students' school success. An important part of this relationship is communication.

On Nov. 25 and 26, all of our schools will hold parent conferences. Parents are invited to meet with their child's teacher.

These meetings are an important part of the communication between home and school that is necessary to ensure that each student's learning needs are met. This is true regardless of whether your child is in the primary grades or finishing high school.

These conferences are scheduled after teachers have had an opportunity to identify each student's strengths and needs in their class. By sharing their insights, parents help teachers better understand the unique needs of each child. We encourage each parent to attend their child's conference.

The conference will also provide parents with very useful information about school assignments and expectations. When concerns arise, cooperative effort between the school and the parent is much more effective than school interventions alone. In addition to the teacher, the school provides many other supports including speech and language teachers, guidance counselors, and school psychologists. The district also provides substance abuse and mental health assessments through the Caron Foundation. Counselors from Concern are available in each of our schools to counsel children upon the request of a parent. Further information on support services is available from a guidance counselor.

Overall, studies have shown that parents who are involved in their child's education contribute to their child's achievement, consistent school attendance, increased motivation, better self-esteem, fewer discipline problems, and decreased use of drugs and alcohol. This involvement can include engaging your child in learning activities at home such as reading, providing a homework area at home, and helping your child with school work. Parents who regularly ask their children about school work and grades communicate that school is important. Regular communication with teachers enables parents to more effectively support their children's education. Conferences provide an important opportunity for teachers and parents to work with one another to support students.

Upcoming Events in the Fleetwood Area School District:

Nov. 25 – Early Dismissal for Elementary and Middle Schools, Parent Conferences

Nov. 26 – No School for Elementary and Middle School Students, Early Dismissal for High School Students, Parent Conferences

Nov. 27, 28, & December 1 – Thanksgiving Holiday, Schools Closed

The Board of Education will hold meetings on Nov. 11 and 18 at 7 p.m.

Dr. Paul Eaken is superintendent for Fleetwood School District.