Announcements for the 9.9.14 Committee of the Whole Meeting

High School

Fleetwood film up for 2 local Emmys

Reporters' Notebook gives our staff a chance to share some of the stories behind the news. The feature appears each Tuesday and Thursday.

"MISA'S FUGUE" has earned another accolade.

The documentary, created by students and staff at Fleetwood High School, recounts the early life of Frank Grunwald, who at age 9 was forced from his home in Prague during World War II. His family ended up in the Auschwitz death camp, where both his mother and brother were killed.

The film has been featured in several film festivals, and distributed to schools across the country.

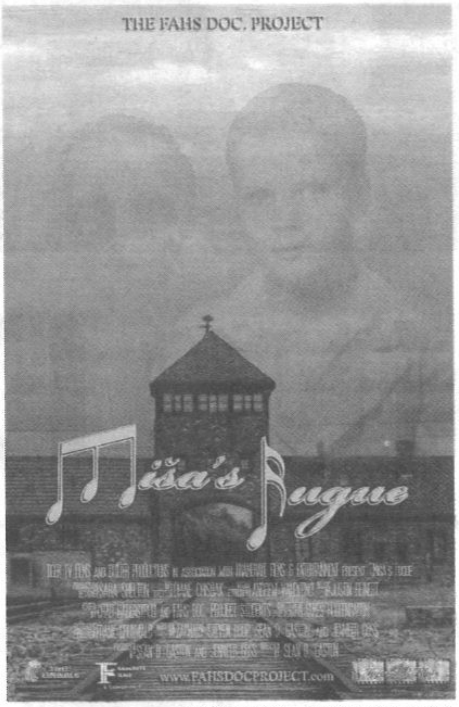
And now, it's up for two local Emmys.

"Misa's Fugue," which premiered in 2012, has been nominated in the documentary and screenwriting categories in the Mid-Atlantic region. The award ceremony will take place Sept. 20 in Philadelphia.

Having covered the creation and debut of the documentary, I know how much hard work went into it. The kids and teachers deserve this kind of recognition.

And while people always say, "It's an honor just to be nominated," I'll be rooting for them to take home some hardware.

— David Mekeel, reporter



COURTESY OF FLEETWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

The poster for the film, "Misa's Fugue," a documentary by Fleetwood High School students about a concentration camp survivor. Interest in the production, released locally in April, has picked up outside of Berks County.

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1. Open House for the High School is on Thursday, September 18th beginning at 6:30 p.m.
2. High School teachers voted for the teacher of the month ~ congratulations to Bonnie Fansler!
3. HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES:
   - Powder Puff Football Game: Friday, October 3rd beginning at 12:30 p.m. in the stadium
   - Homecoming Parade: Friday, October 3rd beginning at 5:30 p.m.
   - Crowning of homecoming king and queen will take place during halftime of the football game on Saturday, October 4th beginning at 7:00 p.m.
4. "Overtime" will be held on September 5th and 19th at St. Paul Lutheran Church after the football game.
5. The German Club is having a fall baking party. Join us after school on Wednesday, September 17th in the Family and Consumer Science kitchen to prepare and eat delicious APPLE STRUDEL. Everyone is welcome!

6. The German club will be attending the Reading Liederkranz's Evening of German again this year. The event will be held on Tuesday, November 4, from 6PM to 10 PM.

Middle School

1. Pride Kickoff (September 2nd)
    - As part of our School-wide Positive Behavior System we start the year off by teaching the students in grades 5-8 how to behave properly in different areas of the school.
    - We focus on PRIDE:
        - Prepared
        - Respect
        - Integrity
        - Decision Making
        - Excelling/Excellence
2. Meet the Teacher Night (September 4th)
3. Student Pictures (September 9th and 12th)
4. Patriot Day (September 11th)
    - Our students can show their PRIDE on Patriot day by wearing Red, White and Blue
    - New Student Breakfast (September 19th)
        - Students who are new to the school get to have a breakfast with each other, our Guidance Counselors and our Principals
5. Middle School Dance (September 26th)
6. Mid-Quarter (September 26th)
7. A special thank you to a couple in the community for donating the 3 dimensional printer to the Middle School. Our students will have great experiences using this equipment.

Elementary Schools

1. Parent's Night for 4th Grade Band Instruments will be held on Tuesday, September 16th beginning at 7:00 in the Middle School Auditorium
2. Parent's Night for 3rd Grade String Instruments will be held on Tuesday, September 23rd beginning at 7:00 in the Middle School Auditorium

Andrew Maier Elementary

- On August 18th, the staff at Andrew Maier attended Camp Conrad Weiser for a progressive experience aimed at building a group's ability to communicate and function together toward common goals. Field initiatives focused on fun, physical, mental, and challenging activities that encourage teamwork and camaraderie. The staff had to use critical thinking and leadership skills to solve problems as a group.

- From the staff at Andrew Maier, the feeling is that our school year was off to a great start. Students adjusted well to the beginning of a new school year and parents have shared very positive comments. In the first 10 days of school, many students received PAWS recognition. This year's theme for the School-Wide Positive Behavior program is "You are PAWS-ITIVELY a Star". In addition, students who are especially respectful, will earn an "ANDREW" (kind of like an "Oscar"). These students will have their names announced and their picture will be placed on the "Andrew Maier Boulevard Wall of Fame".

- Our newly established staff meetings called Professional Learning Communities are underway at Andrew Maier. The Professional Learning Community members are grade level teachers, instructional coach, intervention specialist, guidance counselor, and the building administrator. Throughout the year the Professional Learning Community meetings will focus on instructional strategies, analysis of data, and a focus on educating the whole child.

Richmond Elementary

1. Rita's Celebrity Scoop Night will be held on Thursday, September 11th from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
2. Picture day will be held on Monday, September 29th
3. On Monday, August 25th, students helped to celebrate the installation of the new playground equipment with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The ceremony was attended by PTA Board Members, Lehigh Cement Company dignitaries, community sponsors, as well as students and staff. Newspapers and news organizations covered this event also. The students love their new equipment! Thank you to everyone for helping make this project a reality.
4. On September 9th, Science Explorers' Clubs will present an assembly to our students in an effort to spur a lifelong learning interest in science.
5. The Richmond students also enjoyed an assembly on Friday, September 5th to introduce the new district wide behavior Bucket – Filling concept to them.
6. Our students will learn about Boy Scout and Girl Scout Programs in two brief assemblies a little later this month.

New Richmond Elementary playground in full swing

By Holly Herman
Reading Eagle

A year of fundraising efforts culminated Monday when a new playground opened on the first day of school at Richmond Elementary School.

"This is a very exciting day," Principal Michelle P. Jackson said. "We have been waiting for this day for a long time. Today is a really big day. And we are so happy the playground is ready for the first day of school."

Jackson said the playground was in bad shape for about six years and the Fleetwood School District finally closed it last winter.

Because it was closed, she said, the students participated in other activities such as running and walking and playing games during recess. The school has 185 students from kindergarten through fourth grade.

Jackson thanked the school's Parent Teacher Association and others for organizing fundraisers and collecting donations during the last year to pay $28,000 to purchase new playground equipment from George Ely Associates, Carlisle.

The fundraisers included a movie night and a walk-a-thon. Lehigh Cement Co., Fleetwood, donated $1,000 toward the project.

The colorful playground set with three sliding boards and monkey bars was far different from the playground used by the students' parents years ago.

Janele Hauger, PTA president, described the playground as high-tech.

"When I attended Richmond Elementary School years ago all we had was a sliding board and a swing set," she said.

Hauger's son, Logan, 7, a second-grader, said he was excited about playing on the new playground. "I helped out setting it up," he said. "It's really nice."



READING EAGLE: LAUREN A. LITTLE



The new playground at Richmond Township Elementary School was dedicated Monday during the first day of school. The school's Parent Teacher Association led an effort that raised $28,000 for the project. Left, students get their first look at the renovated playground.

Hauger thanked her son's Cub Scout Pack 133 of Fleetwood for putting mulch around the playground.

Erica Kidd, a second-grade teacher and organizer of the walk-a-thon, which raised $8,500, said she was so pleased with the new playground.

"The children are so excited to use it," she said. "We are happy it was ready for the first day of school."

Owen Kotsch, 9, a fourth-grader, said the new playground is really cool.

"This is so much better than the old playground," he said.

Leiana Corto, 7, a second-grader, said it looks like a lot of fun.

"It's my favorite color, red," she said.

Alicia Walbert, a parent of fourth-grader Emily, 9, said the new playground was designed taking into account the children's safety.

"We worked really hard to get this ready in a year," Walbert said.

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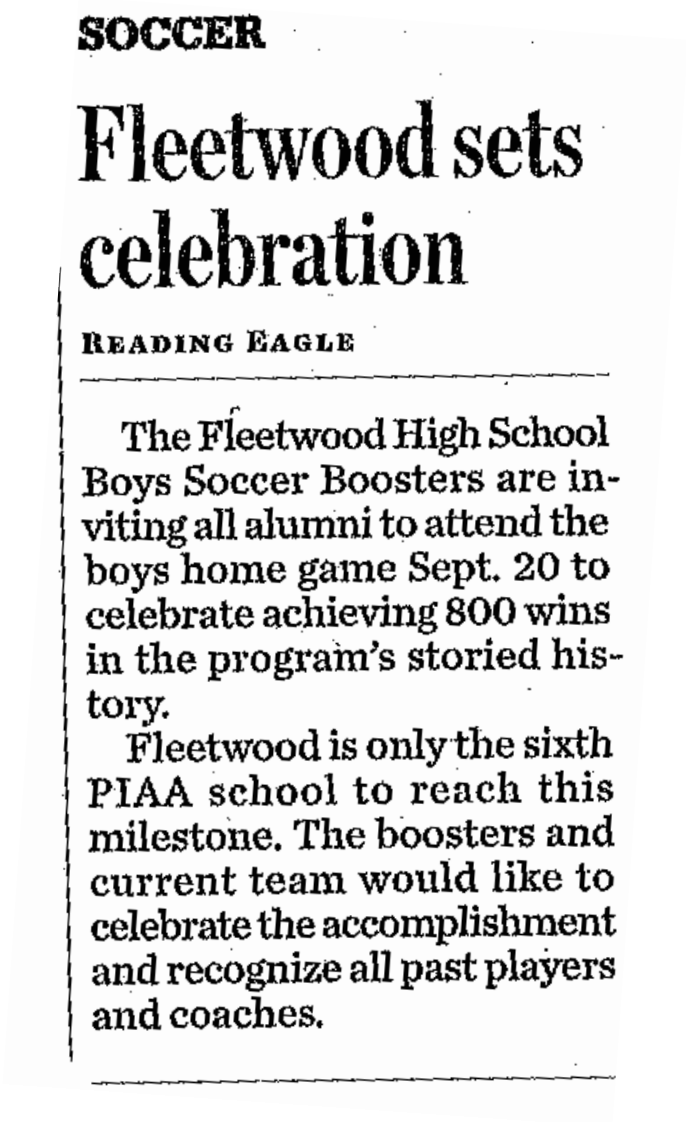
Willow Creek Elementary

1. Last spring, students and families, under the supervision of Mr. Nate Cammauf, physical education teacher, participated in the American Heart Association's Jump Rope for Heart Program. We were informed over the summer that the students and families raised $3077.16 which will help to fund research and create educational and advocacy programs in the fight against heart disease and stroke.
2. Rita's Celebrity Scoop Night will be held on Wednesday, September 10th from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
3. Cub Scout Recruitment Night will be held on Thursday, September 25th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Athletic Office

1. Fleetwood Activity Booster Club and FASD will be honoring all fall senior athletes. Recognition nights are as follows:

Girls' Tennis	Monday	9/15/14	3:15 PM
Cross Country	Tuesday	9/16/14	3:45 PM
Field Hockey	Thursday	10/2/14	6:45 PM
Girls' Soccer	Tuesday	10/7/14	6:45 PM
Boys' Soccer & Golf	Wednesday	10/8/14	6:45 PM
Girls' Volleyball	Tuesday	10/14/14	6:45 PM
Football & Cheerleading	Friday	10/31/14	6:30 PM



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Fleetwood sets celebration

READING EAGLE

The Fleetwood High School Boys Soccer Boosters are inviting all alumni to attend the boys home game Sept. 20 to celebrate achieving 800 wins in the program's storied history.

Fleetwood is only the sixth PIAA school to reach this milestone. The boosters and current team would like to celebrate the accomplishment and recognize all past players and coaches.

FLEETWOOD TIGERS

Historic season bolsters Tigers' confidence



SCOTT WELDON — BERKS-MONT NEWS

Seniors (left to right): Tyler Emge (LB), Shaq Cobb (LB), Jacob Good (LB/WR) and Zach Koenig (QB).



Returning players (left to right): Sophomore Cress Fisher (RG), junior Albano Ferreira (NT) and junior Sampson Lerch (WR).

SCOTT WELDON — BERKS-MONT NEWS

By Ric Webb
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Heading into the 2013 season, the Fleetwood High School football program had never had a season in which it won more than two games. One of the smaller schools in the league, Fleetwood always has trouble getting enough players to come out for the team.

Last year there were only 36 players on the team, five of them were freshmen. But through hard work and a lot of things going right, the Tigers went 4-2 in the Berks League, and 6-5 overall. The Tigers also played in their first post season game in program history.

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The question is, can they do it again? They have many of their key players back again this year, including star running back Tyler Emge, and starting quarterback Zach Koenig.

"As soon as the season ended last year, our kids couldn't wait for next season to begin," said Fleetwood head coach James Martinez. "They put in a lot of work in the off season. They wanted to make sure that this would be a successful season."

With Emge and Koenig back, there is reason for optimisim. Emge has been an almost unstoppable force for the Tiger running game. Last year he rushed for 1,134 yards (5.9 yards per carry) and scored 16 touchdowns. He has rushed for over 2,000 yards in his three years with the team and is expected to be as dominant, or more, this year.



James Martinez

"Tyler is a very talented runner, but he is also a very hard worker," said Martinez. "He is a very explosive running back and pound for pound is the strongest player on the team. He can run through you or around you."

Koenig will be back for his senior season as quarterback, after a very successful first year as a starter in 2013. He threw for 1,617 yards (115-for-202) with 11 touchdowns and eight interceptions. A year under his belt will only make him better in 2014.

Also returning is All-

Berks receiver Michael Allen. He led the team in receptions last year with 39, covering 572 yards with those catches.

"He's a very elusive receiver with great feet," said Martinez. "He will be a big impact player for us this year.

Samson Lerch will back for his junior season this year, after performing well as a safety last year. He will try his hand as a receiver this year for the first time. Martinez is confident he contribute a lot at his new position.

Cress Fisher is only a sophomore, but he made a good impression on the offensive line last year as a freshman. He 6'-2" 295 lineman is going to be a force for the Tigers this year, and the next two years.

Albano Ferreira is coming off a great season on the defensive line. He will be back and counted on as the teams main defensive line in his junior season.

Offensively the team should be solid. With Koenig

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having a year as the starting quarterback under his belt. Martinez will add more plays to the offense, as well as speed it up a big.

Martinez believes that the best offense is a simple offense. He keeps the number of plays down to avoid confusion. Of course with Emge in the backfield, a lot of the plays include him in some way or another.

With the success the team had last year, Martinez and the coaching staff was hoping the number of players who came out for the team would increase. But that didn't happen. There are only 37 players on the team which means they can't afford to have many injuries if they want to improve on last season.

"Health is going to be a big issue for us this year," said Martinez. "If we stay healthy, we can definitely improve on last year's season. We want to not only make the district playoffs, but win a couple of them this year. But we have to stay healthy if we are going to do that.

"We have a good hard-working group of core kids. Our numbers are still low, but we are able to get by with what we have. We have a good group of kids who are dedicated to winning this year. I think we could have a very good season."

FLEETWOOD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT

District goals for 2014-15 school year

Meeting core standards & ensuring school safety and security

By Dr. Paul Eaken
Fleetwood Superintendent

At their August meeting, the Board of Education approved the district's goals for the 2014-2015 school year.

The goals have two themes. The first deals with Pennsylvania's Core Standards and the corresponding accountability system for educators. The second theme involves the safety and security of our schools.

Elementary, middle, and secondary teachers are continuing their work on the alignment of the district's curriculum to the Pennsylvania Core Standards. We are focusing this year on science in grades 5-12, and math and English/language arts in grades K-12. An important part of this curriculum work will be to develop common student assessments in Algebra 1 and English Literature courses, English Language Arts and math at the middle school, and English Language Arts at the elementary schools. Throughout the year, teachers will also be working with their principals to use each student's performance (on both informal and formal assessments) to design instruction that will reinforce the student's strengths and provide further instruction in areas of need.

This is the second year for implementation of Pennsylvania's Teacher Effectiveness System. Last year was the first year for classroom teachers. This year, the system is being implemented for support teachers, such as reading specialists, and for principals.

Implementing procedures to keep everyone safe in school continues to be a very important task for schools. Last year we began to work with staff and students to teach them to be aware of their surroundings and to know how to quickly evacuate in case of an emergency. This year, we will practice when they should evacuate, and when they should stay in place. This procedure will include where students and staff should go when they evacuate the building. These strategies are appropriate when an emergency occurs in any location where people gather. Changes have also been made to enhance the physical security of our buildings, and we have implemented a new procedure for the screening of visitors.

An important part of being safe in school is teaching and promoting appropriate behavior. We are all aware of the increased problem with bullying. With the addition of the high school this year, each school in the district is implementing a School Wide Positive Behavior Support Program which teaches and promotes positive and respectful behavior.

Through the completion of our goals this year, we will align our curriculum to the new Pennsylvania Core Standards, increase the use of assessment data to meet students' needs, and help prepare all of our students to succeed in their studies. They will also teach everyone in school how to respond to an emergency, regardless of whether they are in school, at the mall, in a movie theater, or any place where people gather.

The Board of Education will hold meetings on Sept. 9 and 16 at 7 p.m.