Announcements for the 1.12.16 Committee of the Whole Meeting

January 18th – Teacher In-Service Day

High School

1. Congratulations to the FBLA members who placed in the categories listed below at the Regional Leadership Conference on December 15th at Reading Area Community College. Our chapter had 83 members attend; 78 members compete; 65 place in the top 5 of their event; and 29 advanced to the state level of competition! Congratulations!

   1st place in Accounting I
   3rd place in Accounting II
   4th place in Accounting II
   5th place in Accounting II
   2nd place in Agribusiness
   A team of four earned 4th place in Banking & Financial Systems
   4th place in Business Calculations
   1st place in Business Communication
   2nd place in Business Law
   3rd place in Business Law
   3rd place in Client Service
   4th place in Computer Applications
   2nd place in Cyber Security
   4th place in Cyber Security
   A team of two earned 2nd place in Entrepreneurship
   1st place in FBLA Principles & Procedures
   2nd place in FBLA Principles & Procedures
   1st place in Future Business Leader
   A team of two earned 1st place in Global Business
   1st place in Health Care Administration
   3rd place in Health Care Administration
   2nd place in Impromptu Speaking
   1st place in Insurance & Risk Management
   3rd place in Insurance & Risk Management
   4th place in Introduction to Business
   5th place in Introduction to Business
   1st place in Introduction to Business Communication
   2nd place in Introduction to Business Communication
   1st place in Introduction to Business Procedures
   2nd place in Introduction to Business Procedures
   5th place in Introduction to Business Procedures
   4th place in Introduction to Information Technology
   4th place in Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure
   5th place in Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure
   1st place in Job Interview
   3rd place in Public Speaking I
   1st place in Public Speaking II
   1st place in Securities & Investments
   3rd place in Securities & Investments
   A team of three earned 3rd place in Management Decision Making
   A team of three earned 2nd place in Mgt. Information Systems
   A team of two earned 2nd place in Marketing
   A team of two earned 1st place in Network Design
   A team of five earned 2nd place in Parliamentary Procedure
   A team of three earned 1st place in Publication Design
   A team of three earned 3rd place in Sports/Entertainment Management
   4th place in Word Processing

   **One of our students was also elected as the Region 8 Secretary for the 2016 school year.

Middle School

1. The Middle School is running a "Tissue Drive" contest with students to donate tissues to the school for use in classrooms. The homerooms that donate the most tissues will have a DJ party during homeroom one day.
2. They are also hosting a canned food drive. The winning grade level will be able to have free seat choice at lunch one day (grades 5 or 6) or a lunch that will have a DJ (Mr. Gutzmirtl) during the lunch period (grades 7 or 8).
3. We will also be conducting our *Martin Luther King Day of Caring* on Monday, 1/18/16. Currently, we have 120 students scheduled to volunteer to do numerous service projects for the Fleetwood and Berks community. Samples of the things we are doing are: making treats for the Animal Rescue League, making blankets for the residents at Keystone Villa, making food for local shelters.

Andrew Maier Elementary

1. **$600 Contribution to CONCERN from Andrew Maier Faculty & Staff**

   Every year the Andrew Maier Faculty and Staff choose a recipient of our annual Denim Days Donation. This donation allows the faculty and staff to wear jeans on Fridays. This year CONCERN was chosen to receive our donation. Below is the letter we sent to them.

   Dear Community Partner,

   CONCERN was chosen as the recipient of our annual Denim Days Donation this year. Your organization was chosen because of the wonderful impact your services have on our students and their families. This year, we are very fortunate to have services being provided right here on our campus.

   On behalf of the staff at Andrew Maier Elementary School, we would like to present you with a donation to the Special Needs Fund in the amount of $600.00. We chose The Special Needs Fund, because it seems that fund most directly benefits children in the community. We appreciate the mission of your organization and are happy to support you.

   The Faculty and Staff at Andrew Maier Elementary School

2. **January Reading Challenge**

   

   For every 15 minutes you are reading, color a hot cocoa mug. Your job is to complete the paper by coloring every mug and returning this paper to your teacher by Friday, January 29th.

3. **Kindergarten Registration**

   Andrew Maier Elementary is in the process of compiling a list of those students who will be eligible for kindergarten for the 2016-2017 school year. Please contact Mrs. Russo, Andrew Maier Elementary secretary at 610-926-2502 extension 6500, if you have a child who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2016.

   The secretary will need the child's name, birth date, parent names, address, phone number and email address. Further information will then be mailed out at a later date and will include all necessary paperwork for registration day which will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2016.

4. **10 Reasons to Read to your children**

   Books are fundamental to a child's growth and development. By reading aloud with children, it sparks imagination, enhances vocabulary, and is most importantly so much fun. Here are 10 reasons why you should always read to your children:

   1. **It Builds A Stronger Relationship –** Reading together is a time focused on just the two of you — and the character's in the book, of course. It's personal, often cozy with a blanket or two, and builds trust. It's not time spent in front of the television or your iPhone, it is quality one-on-one time that allows you and your child do something fun together.
   2. **It Gives Your Child A Bigger Vocabulary –** When reading, sound like the characters. Using their phrases and big words will help develop your child's vocabulary.

3. **It Builds Values And Morals Early On –** When it comes to learning how to share, dealing with bullies, and instilling honesty in children, books are one of the best teaching resources. Children's books are all about morals and values — sharing, honesty, kindness, etc. Practically any valuable lesson your child needs to learn can be easily taught through fictional stories.
4. **It Could Lead To Academic Success –** Multiple studies have shown that parent involvement in early literacy is key to academic success. And it's easy to see why. If kids are exposed to lessons, language, and diverse stories at an early age, they're more than likely going to be more open to become lifelong learners.
5. **Basic Speech And Listening Skills Are Enhanced –** Reading aloud to your child every night not only gives them the chance to read to you, but also lets them listen to you. And when a small child can listen to you read for an extended period of time, it shows they have a great deal of patience and focus.
6. **It Sparks Imagination And Creativity** – Unlike playing a video game or watching television, reading forces you to picture it all happening in your mind. It makes children work to see what's happening by listening closely and imagining it with the information they've been given. And once that begins, it's easy for imagination to take off and spark new, creative ideas for your child to enjoy.
7. **It Brings The Fun Back Into Reading** – By reading with your child, you bring a fun and personal enjoyment to the act. It might even start a lifelong love of reading for your child.
8. **It Serves As A Conversation Starter –** Books are easy to relate to and can sometimes act as guides when it comes to talking about new or difficult issues with children.
9. **It Can Become A Tradition –** Starting a new family tradition is exciting for both parents and children. While you might not keep up the act of reading to your children their entire lives, it may set the tradition up for book giving at holidays or reading as a family in one room. Either way, starting a tradition as calming and relaxing as reading to your kid every day will make the both of you feel secure and loved.
10. **It Becomes A New And Unique Way To Say "I Love You"** – Books not only teach love, they can easily become a form of love. And when you take the time away from watching television, checking emails or following Facebook, to spend time reading with your child, that's one special way to tell them that you love them. It becomes even more exciting when they start to look forward to the reading time, too, because that's a definite sign that they truly love you.

5.



"Andrew Maier Students will be participating in the Great Kindness Challenge during the week of January 25-29. Students will be given a list of ideas for showing kindness and will be encouraged to perform as many activities as they can throughout the week of the challenge and beyond."

Richmond Elementary

1. January 15th – Spirit Day – wear your crazy socks!
2. January 21st – PTA Meeting
3. January 22nd – Spirit Day – wear your fancy attire!
4. January 22nd – "Paws for Reading Goal: 8,500 books read by today

Athletic Office

1. This year we will be honoring all winter senior athletes. Recognition nights will be as follows:

Wrestling	Wednesday	1/20/16	6:25 PM (at Oley Valley HS)
Girls' Basketball	Tuesday	2/2/16	5:30 PM
Boys' Basketball	Tuesday	2/2/16	7:00 PM

Cheerleading will be recognized at the Boys' Basketball game

2. One of our senior Football players was named to the *2015 National Soccer Coaches Association of America Fall High School All-Region and All-America* teams. Congratulations!
3. One of our 10th grade students made Honorable Mention for the Boys' *2015 Class 3A All-EasternPAFootball.com* team ~ congratulations!

From the desk of Dr. Eaken

Four inducted into Fleetwood Sports Hall of Fame



Submitted Photo (L to R) Seth Benz, Mrs. Miller (Randy Miller's widow), Beth Barrell Breisch, Dick Peters and guest speaker Troy Snyder.

By Dr. Paul Eaken, Superintendent

On Tuesday, 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).

This was the fourth 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.

Troy Snyder, an inaugural member of the Fleetwood Sports Hall of Fame and former All-American and pro soccer player, was the guest speaker. Mr. Snyder began his remarks with the African proverb that "it takes a village to raise a child." He said that Fleetwood provided the instruction and support that made him a professional soccer player. He recalled the many community games in his childhood followed by the training he received on junior and senior high school teams. He shared his experiences playing on the state soccer championship team, as well as on numerous collegiate and national teams. Some of his most memorable games were on the international stage during high school, college and as a professional soccer player. He credited his success to the support from his community, his "revolutionary coaches" and a group of talented players.

Immediately following his remarks, the Sports Hall of Fame Committee announced that Troy's professional jersey would be hung in the high school in recognition of his participation on national and professional teams.

The following are the 2015 Fleetwood Sports Hall of Fame inductees:

Randy Miller, Class of 1969, was a baseball and basketball standout. In baseball, he pitched three no-hitters in one month in 1969. One of these was a perfect game where he struck out 16 of 21 batters, 10 in succession. He was featured in Sports Illustrated. He held several school records for pitching and played in the Pittsburgh Pirates organization. His widow accepted the honor on Randy's behalf.

Beth Barrell Breisch, Class of 1987, was a three sport athlete: field hockey, basketball and softball. She earned All-Berks honors in field hockey and basketball. The field hockey team earned the county championship during her junior year. She was also named to the under 21 national field hockey team and played in the 1990 U.S. Olympic Festival.

Richard "Pete" Peters, Class of 1957, earned All-Berks recognition in soccer, basketball and baseball from 1955-57. He was a member of our state championship basketball team in 1957 where he was the second highest scorer, and had a .405 batting average on the Berks East baseball title team.

Seth Benz, Class of 1972, earned All-Berks recognition in soccer, basketball and baseball. He was a member of the Berks County championship teams in soccer and baseball. He was also a member of the PIAA second place soccer team for two years.

The new inductees were introduced during the basketball tournament. The Fleetwood Sports Hall of Fame is supported solely through donations from Fleetwood fans, local organizations, athletes and coaches.