

Inspiring Excellence

2007 PINE-RICHLAND ANNUAL REPORT



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Excellence is a habit in the Pine-Richland School District. Each year the district makes continuous progress and the 2006-07 school year was no exception. This year's annual report identifies our remarkable accomplishments. This report provides a balanced scorecard identifying what was accomplished to what was expected.

2006-07 highlights include the selection of Pine-Richland Middle School as a "School to Watch" for its academic excellence and high performance. This prestigious award places the middle school among the top middle schools in the country. The *Pittsburgh Business Times* ranked Pine-Richland High School among the top ten high schools in Western Pennsylvania and among the top five percent of high schools in the state. Two Pine-Richland teachers Dr. Susan Frantz (middle school) and Anne Haught (Hance) were two of six teachers in the region receiving the Teacher Excellence Award. This is the first time two teachers from the same district won this award in the same year. The high school musical "CATS" won the Gene Kelly award for the best musical, and this is the third year out of the past four that Pine-Richland won this prestigious award. The boys hockey team won the Penguins Cup and state championship for the second consecutive year and the girls soccer team won the WPIAL for the second consecutive year.

I am proud to present this Annual Report to the Pine-Richland School Community. Our accomplishments inspire excellence, and we are committed to going beyond what is expected. As we reflect on our 50th anniversary year in 2007-08, we embrace our proud history and traditions as we focus on our vision to become a recognized leader in education. I firmly believe we are on the right path!



James C. Manley, Ph.D.
Superintendent



Pine-Richland School District's Mission:

As a community of learners that cares intensely for each person, Pine-Richland creates a strong academic foundation and enables students to realize individual strengths and passions toward their life's fulfillment.

Pine Richland School District...

- Ranked ninth out of 105 school districts in the *Pittsburgh Business Times Guide to Western PA Schools*.
- Earned *Expansion Management* magazine's Gold Medal designation in its 2007 Education Quotient Ratings Report.
- Earned Awards of Excellence from the National School Public Relations (NSPRA) Association and from the Pennsylvania School Public Relations Association in the associations' annual publications contest, for its 2006-2007 Activities Calendar "Formula for Success". Only 12 schools from across the US earned an Award of Excellence in this NSPRA competition category.
- Earned the Double Gold Award from NSF International auditors. This is the third year in a row that Sodexo Food Services has scored the Double Gold Award here at PR.

DISTRICT SCORECARD

The *Pittsburgh Business Times Guide to Western PA Schools* ranked PR in the top 10 out of 105 school districts in its annual Honor Roll Rank, which takes into account PSSA exams.

Year	Ranking	Total Schools
2006-2007	9	105
2005-2006	12	105

Pine-Richland is ranked in the top five percent in Pennsylvania out of 498 school districts.

PR's Vision:

Pine-Richland School District will be a recognized leader in education providing a customized learning environment to a growing and changing community.

MIDDLE SCHOOL AWARDS



“Coming into your school, you get a sensation of knowledge,” said Dr. Gerald Zahorchak, Pennsylvania secretary of education. “Looking at your faces — all of them with so much promise — it’s like heaven.”
~North Journal, June 6, 2007

Pine-Richland Middle School Named ‘School to Watch’

Pine-Richland Middle School (PRMS) is one of only three Pennsylvania middle schools to be named “Schools to Watch” as part of a recognition program developed by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform.

State leaders based its selection criteria on many factors including the following:

- > Academic Excellence
- > Responsiveness to the Needs & Interests of Young Adolescents
- > Commitment to Helping All Students Achieve at High Levels
- > Strong Leadership Team
- > Teachers Who Work Together to Improve Curriculum & Instruction
- > Commitment to Assessment & Accountability to Bring About Continuous Improvement

The PA Don Eichhorn School: “Schools to Watch” Team visited the school. Members observed classrooms, interviewed administrators, teachers and parents and looked at achievement data, quality of lessons and student work.

Dr. Kathleen Harrington, PRMS principal, said the selection committee described PRMS as an “exciting, electric environment for learning inspired by a hardworking staff”.

While PRMS is only one of three PA schools chosen in 2007 for the middle school award, it is only one of 34 in the US.

PRMS Students Earn Awards

Art Awards

The PA Middle School Association State Conference highlighted artwork by Kayleigh Jackson, Courtney Jones, Pat Kline, Christine Lamendola, William Lazar, Austin Lent, Lucas Lyerly, Noel Martin, Ashley Profozich, Carla Stepan, Robert Stephens and Lauren Sundo in Harrisburg, PA during March 2007.

Geography, History, Math, Science & Technology Awards

- > Elizabeth Beatty (first), Ben Tilley (second), Nicholas Kappeler (third) and Justin Frye (fourth) earned top awards in the American Statistical Association’s national poster competition.
- > Maggie Burris earned third place in the junior consumer science division at the 68th Annual Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair held at Heinz Field March 30 and 31, 2007 and has been nominated to compete in the Discovery Channel Young Scientist Challenge in October of 2007. In addition, Burris earned a US Naval Science medal. Her project investigated the effect radio frequencies have on materials. Tyler Baratka and Alyssa Lazar participated in the regional event.
- > Cameron Barnes, Cole Gessner, Nigel Halliday and Ben Zerbe took first place in the Science Bowl Jan. 9, 2007 at the Carnegie Science Center.
- > Cameron Barnes took first place, Eric Zelina took second place and Stephen Cohen took third place in the PRMS Geography Bee.

- > Matt Ceurvorst, Michael Clouse, Isaac Egyed, Michael Matty, Marcella McGuire and Ian Strawser earned third place in the state finals at the Odyssey of the Mind competition April 14, 2007 in Altoona. Parent coaches included Heidi Clouse and Carol Matty.
- > Thomas Ferrell and Joe Rakiewicz won second place in the car races held at North Allegheny Baierl Center.
- > Matt Humenik won Senator Jane Ori's "There Ought to Be a Law" contest. Humenik's law would require those on welfare to perform community service in hopes of getting more people involved in the community and helping welfare recipients accomplish goals and work toward getting off welfare.
- > William Lazar earned second place in the Junior Individual Website category at the National History Day Competition March 24, 2007 at the Heinz History Center in Downtown Pittsburgh.
- > Allison Shepard participated in the National Young Scholars program during the summer of 2007.



PRMS students learn about symmetry, colors and art form by creating a butterfly mosaic.

- > Rebecca Mobley, Olivia Krebs and Brent Geubtner earned first place in the American Legion Tribute to Veterans Writing.
- > Sam Szewcow earned first place for his essay "What the Family Means to Me" in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry contest.

Writing Awards

- > Katie Georgiadis earned first place in national humor magazine *The Funny Paper's* 2007 Stories for Children Competition, which recognized Michael Feldman for his humorous poem entitled "One Cool Kid".
- > Branden Glass, Rebecca Mobley, Hannah Zawadski, John Fleming, Kelly Morris and Abby Williams earned awards in the PA Poetry Society Pegasus Contest, and Laura Herle earned an honorable mention in the Carlisle Poets' contest.
- > Annie Milano earned third place in the Creative Communication Essay Contest for her essay "A Day that Hints Perfection" and is published in its anthology.

Community Service Awards

The *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* named the following students "Outstanding Young Citizens" on April 22, 2007: Kristen Fajt, Kayla McMurry, Adam Mobley, Rebecca Mobley, Jennifer Rausch, Kelly Scriven, Elizabeth Tomczak and Tara Trombetta.

Leadership Role

Rebecca Olson served as a student representative on a panel for the "Downtown Vibrancy Project" June 25-29, 2007. Students shared their thoughts with leaders.



"We have fun and want to create a place that kids want to come to," said Dr. Kathleen Harrington, PRMS principal. "You make it conducive to learning, especially at this age. Out of all the ages, they need you the most." *Tribune Review*, April 5, 2007.

UPPER ELEMENTARY BUILDING

Upper Elementary School Scheduled to Open in August of 2008

If you've had a chance to drive along Bakerstown Road lately, you can see that the new upper elementary school is taking shape. Crews are making progress and are expected to have the entire building enclosed by winter and completed by August 2008.

On September 13, 2006, more than 500 community members huddled together in the rain and despite the drizzle participated in a sensational groundbreaking ceremony for the building that will house the district's fourth, fifth and six grade students.

Construction crews wasted no time moving ground and pouring the cement, immediately following the official ceremony.

Since then, the structure continues to take shape and is Richland Township's newest landmark. Crews erected the first piece of steel on January 2, 2007.

According to Robert Cooper, principal of the new school, the building will be one of the most modern educational facilities in Allegheny County.

"The building will be spectacular," Cooper said. "Students will have many opportunities to explore the pathways to their future."



Upper Elementary Groundbreaking

The school will have the capacity to house at least 1,200 students. However, the district worked closely with Eckles Architecture to ensure a sense of togetherness for the students. The building was designed with a neighborhood appeal.

The student day will include:

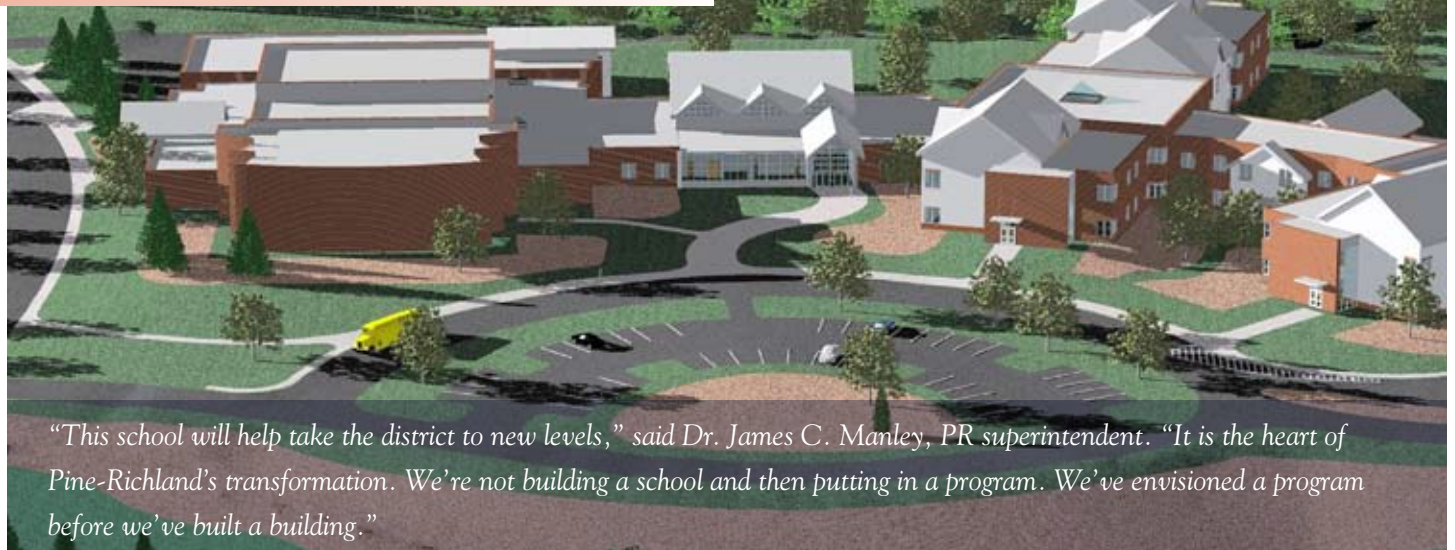
- > Instructional time with two of four teachers in a house
- > Specialized classes (visual arts, music education, keyboarding and a newly combined physical education/health program, etc.)
- > 45-minute lunch & recess period
- > Exploration period, which will allow students to participate in an ensemble program of their choice (band, chorus, orchestra and other performance-based programs to be announced)

The exploration period will allow teachers to design cross-disciplinary activities and projects.

Educational Building Blueprint

Key components of the building include:

- > Visionary educational program
- > Design for students in grades four, five & six
- > Most up-to-date technologies
- > Highly energized program of academic rigor



"This school will help take the district to new levels," said Dr. James C. Manley, PR superintendent. "It is the heart of Pine-Richland's transformation. We're not building a school and then putting in a program. We've envisioned a program before we've built a building."

Special School Features

Unique Playground – The details of design are being kept under tight wraps to surprise students and is being designed specifically for the pre-adolescent student to be accessed directly outside of the school cafeteria.

Library Collection - The district has been budgeting money over the past several years to develop the initial library collection for the school. The library media center will be the heart of the school with the capacity to hold three to four classrooms of students at one time.

Exploratorium – This unique auditorium facility will serve as the town square of the school and will be a multi-functional space designed as a concert hall, drama center, technology-based presentation room and major activity center for the school to house functions such as science fairs, academic Olympiads and large group instruction.

UE Timeline

- > Sept. 13, 2006 – District Hosts Groundbreaking Ceremony
- > Jan. 2, 2007 – Crews Erect First Piece of Steel
- > April 2, 2007 – Crews Start Pouring Concrete
- > Aug. 27, 2008 – UE Opens Doors for Students for First Time

Did You Know?

- > The majority of the 80+ staff will come from existing buildings.
- > The school will operate on a six-day academic schedule providing additional time for the arts.
- > The school will feature special security features to ensure the safety of staff and students.
- > The color scheme for the school is designed around the five biomes found in the environment.

UE Information

Latest photos, web cam photos, building overview and Q&A with Mr. Cooper can be found at: www.pinerichland.org/upperelementary/index.html online.

Community Elects Upper Elementary PTO Board

Parents have elected a PTO board for the new school. Pine Township resident and parent Barbara Young will serve as the first PTO president of the upper elementary school. The initial PTO fundraiser for the school will be a brick campaign. Students, parents, families and community residents will be able to purchase bricks engraved with their names to be a permanent fixture on the cafeteria patio area.

UE PTO

Barbara Young — President
Lynn Hein — Vice President
Jodi Gill — Secretary
Jodi Mann — Treasurer
Terry Pomerleau — Assistant Treasurer

UE to Have Neighborhood Feel

The structure of the school will be made up of communities which in turn will be made up of neighborhoods, houses, teams and classrooms.



TECHNOLOGY

“Classrooms for the Future means that we can focus new effort and resources in our strategic direction ... engaging learners, transforming teaching and readying leaders,” said PR Technology Director Dr. Ron Meisberger.
~Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, May 24, 2007



Dr. Gerald L. Zahorchak, PA secretary of education, officially flips the switch for classrooms for the future project.

District Earns Classrooms for Future Grant

PRHS administrators flipped the switch on Classrooms for the Future, Gov. Edward G. Rendell's \$200 million, three-year education reform initiative.

PRSD was awarded a \$315,000+ Classrooms for the Future (CFF) grant to reform high school instruction in the core subject areas of math, English, social studies and science. PRSD was one of 79 districts to receive Year 1 funding in this multi-year, statewide initiative that's part of Governor Edward Rendell's economic development plan for Pennsylvania. In addition, Representative Mike Turzai secured a sizeable technology grant for the middle school.

Fifty-two teachers received new notebook computers and twelve classrooms were equipped as "smart" classrooms (i.e., interactive whiteboard, video/computer projector, multiple student-use notebook computers and digital cameras). Extensive professional development in the use of the new technologies, and 21st Century teaching and learning is a requirement of each participating professional.

The Classrooms for the Future grant means an additional \$1.2 million to equip 35 more PRHS classrooms (forty-seven, in all) with these technologies. Because CFF objectives are consistent with the district's recently constructed Strategic Plan, the grant is a "good fit" for the district and escalates our ability to bring new tools, new strategies and new skills to the teaching and learning process.

Expanding Opportunities through Technology

Among the district's strategic long-term initiatives is the enhancement of teaching and learning within and outside of the classroom by

systematically expanding the availability of digital resources. In 2006-2007, the district broadened its current technology offerings to include: on-line courses, a learning management system, on-line remediation services and interactive classrooms.

On-line courses

Middle and high school students participated in e-learning activities by enrolling in courses offered by providers around the country. In addition to their local, on-campus courses, students took "virtual classes" in mathematics, psychology, science, business, computer science and foreign language. Having gained insights into variables that make on-line learning options successful, the district hopes to expand course offerings to more students.

Technology Honors

- > PRHS teacher Daniella DeRenzo was named a "Keystone Integrator for Technology". A technology integrator is a classroom teacher who fully utilizes the many benefits technology offers to improve instructional practices across his/her content areas.
- > The Technology Education Association of Pennsylvania honored PRHS Teacher Brandt Hutzal at its TEAP Conference on Nov. 2, 2006 as an "Emerging Leader in the Field of Technology Education" at the California University of Pennsylvania alumni reception in Harrisburg, PA.
- > Information Systems Administrator John Schaefer successfully completed a SASI Software Basic Support Certification Program, and computer technician Matthew Over is certified as an Apple desktop & portable technician.

On-line Remediation

Students in various grade levels throughout the district participated in programs to help improve their performance in math and reading specific to the PA Academic Standards. Subscriptions to on-line services allowed students to access specifically targeted lessons from school and home. Teachers were provided with feedback as to student on-line performance, which was then used in making instructional decisions. For example, 60 PRMS students spent time each day online working on remedial math activities.

Learning Management System

Blackboard was adopted as the district conduit for third-party on-line courses and for local teachers to post documents and other objects for their own courses. Students can access assignment information, helpful tips, relevant links and other stored resources 24/7/365 by visiting Blackboard's site from any location with Internet access. The plan is to expand usage throughout the district and add services that allow students to submit assignments, participate in discussion groups and maintain an electronic portfolio.

Online Courses

Year	# of Participants
2005-06	0 PRHS Students
2006-07	9 PRHS Students/12 Courses 2 PRMS Students/2 Courses
2007-08	40 PRHS Showing Interest 4 PRHS Students Taking Summer Courses

PRSD Implements Rapid Notification Communication Tool

PRSD is implementing a rapid notification system. This system will be able to dial up to six numbers per student in the event of an emergency. Please call your child's school if you believe your telephone/cell phones numbers are not updated. If applicable, please unblock calls from 724-625-7773. The system will be used for cancellations, emergencies and major announcements.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

District Takes Leadership Role at All Levels

Federal and Special Programs

PR continued to take a leadership on the local, regional and state level. The district supported:

- > The expansion of a regional anti-drug coalition (i.e., The Alliance at www.drug-alliance.org) with funding from the Safe and Drug Free School and Communities Grant. In 2006, Dr. Wille, Coordinator of Special Programs, received the Allegheny County District Attorney's "Community Service Award" for his work with the Alliance.
- > Federal and state funded grant programs that included the elementary reading (Title I) program, high school alternative education program funded by the Act 30 Grant, college-in-high school programs funded by the Dual Enrollment Grant and the elementary teaching interns (Title II-A Grant) and class size reduction (Title II-A Grant).
- > Emergency response preparedness training programs coordinated with federal, state, county and regional agencies.



The Alliance Against Highly Addictive Drugs awarded Jeff Burgess with third place in its poster contest and rewarded him with a visit with Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger. Stephanie Lubic and Bobby Riley were honored for their efforts too.

BUDGET REVIEW

PRSD Balances Budget Without Tax Increase

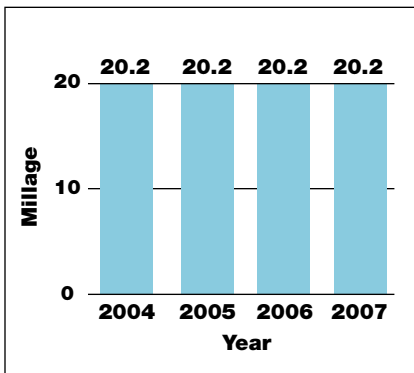
“The Pine-Richland School District Board, administrators and staff continue to strive to provide the strongest academic programs and extracurricular opportunities for all students using all resources available to their greatest efficiency,” said Dr. James C. Manley. “We strongly encourage all citizens to take the time to review the specifics of the final budget to clearly understand how their tax dollars are being used.”



2007 Pine-Richland School Board: (Front Row: L-R) Dr. James Werkmeister, Dr. Joseph Merhaut, A. Robert Necciai, Richard Herko, (Back Row: L-R) Treasurer Dennis Sundo, Michael Hinson, Marilyn Reed, President Gary Deschamps and Vice President Stephen Hawbaker

The Pine-Richland School Board is balancing its budget without a tax increase for the fourth year in a row.

This is the fourth consecutive year that the millage rate will remain at 20.20 mills.



The PR School Board approved a General Operation Fund Budget for the 2007-2008 School Year with total expenditures of \$56,767,271 and total revenues of \$56,070,926 with a fund balance utilization of \$696,345 for capital projects.

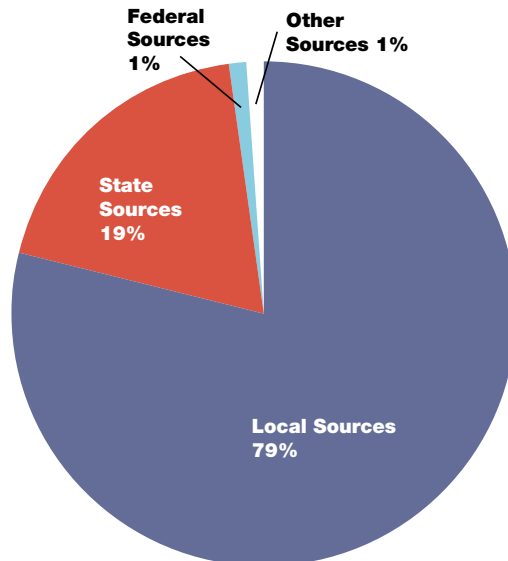
- > Hiring two assistant superintendents to align with board’s revised organizational structure to provide for better development of curriculum options and deliver effective professional development to meet the district’s strategic plan initiatives
- > Hiring a secondary guidance career/college placement officer to assist students preparing for career options and college selection at the high school level

“The PR School Board is to be commended for their fiscal practices,” said Doug McCausland, director of fiscal & management services. “They have approved a balanced budget that continues to improve our excellent academic and extracurricular programs here at the Pine-Richland School District without negatively impacting the taxpayer.”

Projects underway for the new school year include:

- > Ongoing construction of upper elementary school
- > Adding two additional teachers to support accelerated programs and anticipated enrollments at the high school level
- > Allocating an additional \$75,000 for e-learning courses and virtual field trips

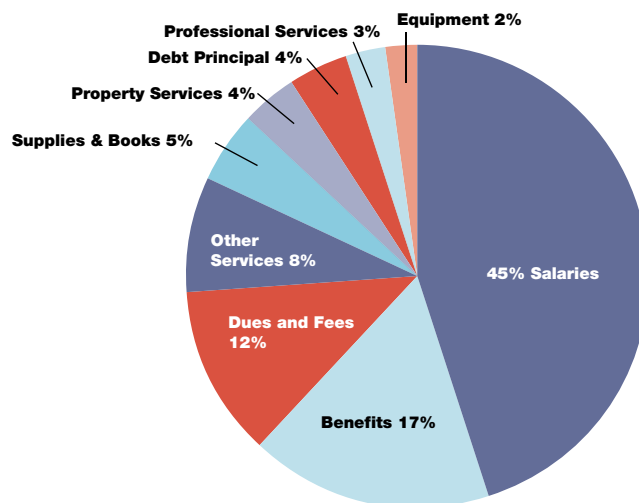
Revenue by Source



- > Increasing the number of para-educators to keep pace with growing enrollments and student needs/services
- > Incorporating lacrosse for girls into the district budget as a fully funded interscholastic sport
- > Using more than a \$1 million on technology equipment and software to improve the infrastructure of the district network, replacing teacher laptops and providing interactive classroom technology. Many of these purchases will be funded through the Classrooms for the Future Grant.
- > Repairing the parking lot and making repairs to the structures and grounds at Richland Elementary

Electronic copies of the complete budget are available online at www.pinerichland.org/0708budget.htm.

2007-08 Use of Funds



Teachers meet to develop goals for the K-3 programs.



Caring intensely for children is a part of the district's mission statement and is evident in daily activities between students and teachers.

PR School Board Approves a Four-Year Contract for Teachers

After more than 1,000 hours of work by the Pine-Richland Education Association (PREA) and the Pine-Richland School District (PRSD) negotiating teams, the Pine-Richland Board of Directors approved a four-year contract on Oct. 17, 2006.

The contract calls for adding additional days to the contractual year and adding 15 minutes to the instructional day in the third year of the agreement.

“Overall the Board is pleased with the result of the negotiations,” said PR Board President Gary Deschamps, who was a member of the negotiating team. “By the end of the four-year contract, we will add four instructional days to the school calendar and will add 15 minutes of instructional time to the school day, placing Pine-Richland in the top echelon of districts in terms of instructional time offered to students.”

The agreement provides for 186 student days, which will place PR in the top one percent of school districts in Pennsylvania. According to data from the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, only one other school district in the Commonwealth provides more instructional days with 187 days.

“One of the largest contributing factors to increasing student achievement is time spent in the classroom,” said Dr. James C. Manley, superintendent. “We are very pleased teachers will be spending more time on task providing our students more direct instruction.”

Some of the other major issues include compensation, supplemental pay, health care costs and the term of agreement. The agreement is effective until June 30, 2010.

ACADEMIC REVIEW

PRSD Achieves AYP At All Levels

All five PR schools met adequate yearly progress, which is measured through the Pennsylvania System of School Assessments. PSSAs measure how well students have achieved in reading and mathematics, which are in line with the PA academic standards. A higher percentage of students scored advanced or proficient at PRSD than at the state level. The federal “No Child Left Behind” (NCLB) Act requires students to be 100 percent proficient in reading and math by the year 2014. Through 2007, NCLB requires:

- > 54 percent of the students be proficient or advanced in reading
- > 45 percent of the students be proficient or advanced in math

In addition, districts must show a 90 percent attendance, an 80 percent graduation rate or a 95-participation rate on the exam. PRSD exceeded all expectations and showed a graduation rate of 99 percent.

AP Exam Rate More than Doubles

One of the best indicators of college success is the student’s performance on the Advanced Placement (AP) test. A study by the University of California (2004) found that “the subject-specific curriculum-intensive AP exams are the epitome of achievement tests and their validity in predicting college performance should not be surprising.”

PR believes students who enroll in AP courses and decide not to take AP exams are missing an academically rigorous experience that would serve them well in their college preparation. Students who take AP courses and exams are much more likely than their peers to complete bachelor’s degrees, in four years or less. It is for this reason that the PR Board now requires AP students to take the AP exam. As a result, the number of students who took the exam in 2006 compared to the previous two years more than doubled.

Year	Students Tested	Total AP Tests	*Challenge Index
2005	108	177	.6
2006	111	206	.7
2007	228	471	1.4

**The challenge index is the ratio between the number of AP exams taken and the number of students graduating in that year. Newsweek formulated this ratio to rate the top 1,000 high schools in the country. A standard is 1.0; however, only 57% of high schools in the country meet this standard. In 2007 PR exceeded this standard with a 1.4 challenge index. This would place Pine-Richland High School among the top 800 high schools in the nation.*

PSSA Scorecard*

Math & Reading Level	Exceeds Requirements
5th Grade	✓
8th Grade	✓
11th Grade	✓

Group	Math (Advanced & Proficient)		Reading (Advanced & Proficient)	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
Hance	84%	91%	80%	82%
Wexford	83%	84%	87%	78%
Richland	81%	70%	81%	75%
All	82%	81%	82%	78%

Percentages can vary from report to report, due to rounding and/or the state's calculation of factors such as margins of error/confidence intervals.

Group	Math (Advanced & Proficient)		Reading (Advanced & Proficient)	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
PRMS	87%	88%	76%	92%
PRHS	84%	74%	83%	82%

Percentages can vary from report to report, due to rounding and/or the state's calculation of factors such as margins of error/confidence intervals.

Group	Writing (Advanced & Proficient) 2005
Hance	72%
Wexford	72%
Richland	70%
PRMS	92%
PRHS	97%

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***Data collected from the "PA School Report" & www.paayp.com.**

Academic Accolades

- > The National Merit Scholarship Program named PRHS students Kelsey Ballance, Natalie Bobek, Luke Ceurvorst, Adam Gigliotti, Kelsey Jones, Laura Keeley, Nagisa Kodama, Laura Langford, Ashwin Shinde and Nicholas Sirera as commended students in the 2007 National Merit Scholarship Program. They are among the top five percent of more than 1.4 million students who entered the 2007 competition by taking the 2005 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.
- > The National Achievement Scholarship Program honored PRHS students Reginald Overton and Danielle Williams for scoring in the top five percent of all African American students who took the PSAT in the United States.
- > More than 94 percent of Pine-Richland's Class of 2007 plans to attend college/universities this fall. PRHS named Nicholas Sirera as valedictorian, Ashwin Shinde as salutatorian and Kelsey Ballance as Tertiary at its graduation ceremonies on June 1, 2007. Rounding out the top 10 students in order were: Nick Kluthe, Jonathan Yigdall, Laura Keeley, Donna Kaltenbaugh, John Nowak, Kelsey Jones and Taylor Eddens.
- > PRHS students Michelle Calabrese (Healthcare), Margaret Christenson (International Studies) and Neena Davisson (International Studies) participated in the PA Governor's School of Excellence at the University of Pitt in 2007.
- > The Allegheny Intermediate Unit chose the following PRHS students to participate in its 2006-07 apprentice programs through GATE: Kelsey Ballance, Matthew Beddingfield, Samantha Bergman, Taylor Brennan, Michelle Calabrese, George Cashion, Margaret Christenson, Gabrielle Conlon, John DeLacio, Sara Deuschle, Travis Donnelly, Alexandra Erdely, Abraham George, Elizabeth George, Michael Georgiadis, Robin Hawbaker, Cara Hertneky, Peter Hilton, Christina Knapp, Kathryn Knapp, Nagisa Kodama, Ryan Nelson, Camila Ortiz, Natalee Ranii-Dropcho, Francesco Salpietro, Jesse Soracco, Rita Steckler, Christopher Valeska, Alyssa Wilden and Patrice Zigrossi.



ACADEMIC REVIEW CONT.

Team Analyzes Achievement Data

Data teams from all of the district's buildings conducted a fall and a spring retreat to analyze student achievement data.

A new tool available to the data teams this year was the Pennsylvania Value Added Assessment System known as PVAAS. PVAAS provides the opportunity for high performing school districts like Pine-Richland to evaluate student growth over time.

The advantage of PVAAS is that it allows schools to determine if all students are making appropriate academic growth.

The analysis of the PVAAS data revealed:

- > PR students overall are making appropriate academic growth based on past performance levels.
- > Performance data for students at grades three through eight will be available in the future.
- > PR sixth graders who scored below basic level previously in literacy made considerable progress.
- > PR sixth graders who scored at the advanced level in literacy did not display as much growth as expected. As a result, district-planning teams developed additional literacy rigor for the 2007-08 school year. The PVAAS data analysis shows there is a need for the pre-AP program.



PRSD Launches Pre-AP Pilot Program

PRSD successfully piloted a pre-AP program in English and social studies at the middle school making it the first district in the region to offer this academically rigorous program to eighth grade students. The pre-AP program has been developed by the College Board as a precursor to the AP experience at high school. Pre-AP courses at the middle school were devised to challenge students in the humanities and to prepare students to perform successfully in AP course and AP exams at the high school level.

"The feedback from students, parents and teachers involved in the pilot was overwhelmingly positive and a decision has been made to formalize course offerings of pre-AP in English and social studies at the eighth and ninth grade levels," said Pupil Services Director Michael Loughead.

Selected English and social studies teachers participated in intensive training with consultants from the College Board to prepare for an expanded pre-AP program for the 2007-08 school year. Through ongoing vertical articulation, teachers will explore ways to improve student writing, critical thinking, analytical skills and use of primary resources in conducting research and forming constructive arguments.

COLLEGIATE SCORECARD

**2006 College Board SAT
Critical Reading, Math & Writing Scores**

PR Combined Score	1589
PA Combined Score	1476
US Combined Score	1518

ACADEMIC SCORECARD

National Merit Scholars

Year	Number
2007	10
2006	8
2005	10
2004	5

PRHS Student Spotlight

- > PRHS placed third at the 2007 World Language Competition at SRU. In the individual categories, students Camila Ortiz placed first and Kelsey Ballance placed second in AP Spanish, Nithya Ramalingam placed first in the Spanish Level IV Vocabulary and Reading Comprehension and earned an Honorable Mention in the Spanish Reading Comprehension Level IV, Natalie Affinito placed third in the Spanish Level III Grammar and Vocabulary and Mark Beatty placed third in French Level III Grammar. Earning honorable mentions were: students Julie Behr in French Level IV Grammar, Kelsey Jones in French Level V, Ryan O'Dowd in Spanish Level II Grammar and Katy Rodgers in Spanish Level II Oral Comprehension.
- > PRHS placed first in the 16th Annual Drafting Competition & Technology Fair at Butler Community College. Students placing individually included: Robert Zoelle (first place), James Steckler (second place) in the architectural category, Dan Hehman (first place) and Philip Marchetti (second place) in the AutoCAD 2-D category and Alex Whittington (third place) in the Architectural Desktop Category.
- > PRHS placed first, second and third in the National Association of Women in Construction's Computer Aided Drafting Contest. Robert Zoelle (first place), Lauren Balint (second place), and Jamie Steckler (third place) earned the top three spots.
- > TSA finalists Caitlin Devor placed eighth in Extemporaneous Presentation, Catherine Franks placed seventh in Transportation Modeling, Matt Oldfield and Brian Seaman both placed eighth in Engineering Design at the 2007 National TSA Conference. The FI Technology Challenge in School finalists included Team Tactical (Franks, Heather Barron, Nik Capitano, John DeLacio and Tom Kutschbach) placed fifth and Team Cochran (Lauren Balint, Ariel Kelley, Dan Carlson, Evan Malchano and Justin Klaus) placed sixth.
- > Students qualified for states at the Future Business Leaders of America Regional Leadership Conference. Bill Cenk, Tyler Grubbs, Joe Kwon, Cory Lammie, Sydnee Sabo, Eric Schlegel, and Mike Stark placed first, Brianna Bacchus, Nate Blandino, W. Matt Crouch, Katie Faller, Claire Frazier, Natalie Schaefer, Ashley Stark and Peter Tynes placed second, Ryan Hunn and Chris Valeska placed third, Krystle Grandy and Tori Walkoff placed fourth, Grant Fleming, Kara Hartmann, Rachel Hilton and Julian Hoberman placed sixth, Zach Johnston and Lisa Ley placed seventh and Melissa Morgan and Sara Foster placed eighth.
- > The PRHS Forensics Team placed first at the Quigley Catholic competition, second at the PR Competition and third at the Mercer forensics competitions this year
- > Ben Smithgall competed in the "Student Congress" category at the National Forensics League Tournament June 17-23, 2007. Smithgall is the first PR student to qualify in this national event.

Class of 2007 Top Three		STUDENT SCORECARD	
Rank	Student's Name	College to Attend	Areas of Studies
1	Nick Sirera	Penn State	Engineering
2	Ashwin Shinde	Drexel University	Pre-Medicine
3	Kelsey Ballance	University of Pitt Honors College	English Literature

- > In its April 22, 2007 edition, the *Tribune-Review* announced Emily Hitechew and Derek Schleiden earned this distinction of "Outstanding Young Citizens."
- > Abraham George finished in the top 10 in the Westinghouse Science Honors Institute testing program.
- > Derek Schleiden earned the PA American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year Award at the annual convention, which was held in Pittsburgh this year in 2006.
- > Jakeb Fleissner (plumbing), Matt Yenerall (Web Design) and Ryan Augustine (Web Design) all placed first at the district level Skills USA Competition on Dec. 8, 2006 at the A.W. Beattie Career Center and competed in the Skills USA State Championship Competition in Allentown in March 2007. Andrew Burgoon (criminal justice) placed second in the Beattie competition.
- > AW Beattie Career Center named PRHS student Ryan Augustine salutatorian in May of 2007.
- > Katherine Rouse earned a silver medal in the Family Career & Community Leaders of America Competition Mary 14-16 at Seven Springs.
- > Ryan Nelson earned the Frederick Douglass National Humanities Award.

2006 Graduate Amelia Mango



"Never give up on your goals and find your true passion," said 2006 PR graduate Amelia Mango during a discussion with students enrolled in a pre-AP class at PR. "If you don't succeed the first time, keep trying until you make it happen." Amelia will be attending Harvard University after transferring from Temple University.

THE ARTS



PR's musical production "CATS" earns six Kelly Awards.

PR Arts Programs Continue to Soar

The arts programs at PRSD continue to grow as evident in the number of students participating in such programs as the strings program and musical production.

This year, PR earned six Kelly awards in the 17th Annual Gene Kelly Awards for Excellence in High School Musicals program. That's the most garnered by a local high school this year.

PRHS earned best musical in the level three-budget category for its production of "CATS". In addition to best musical, PRHS earned awards in the following categories: best scenic design, costume

design, lighting design, crew/technical execution and best supporting actress – Natalie Schaefer (Grizabella). The top 10 schools performed at the awards program including PR who provided the first musical number "Jellicle Cats". *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* entertainment writers Lake Fong and Christopher Rawson, who reviewed the Gene Kelly Awards said PRHS set a very high standard by featuring a front line of dancers seemingly ready for college musicals.

PRHS earned the most Kelly Awards of the 30 Allegheny County schools that competed in the program, which is hosted by the Pittsburgh CLO and the University of Pittsburgh.



(Right) Dr. Robert L. Johnson, who retired in June of 2007 as assistant superintendent, honors PR Musical Director Lou Valenzi (left), who served the district for 18 years.

Gene Kelly Awards of Excellence		Nominations	Awards
2007	CATS	9	6
2006	Pirates of Penzance	8	3
2005	Crazy for You	3	0
2004	Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat	10	7
2003	Fiddler on the Roof	7	4

Musical Marks

- > PRHS students Ryan Haskins, Eric Hazen, Adam Janssen, John Matune, Kayla McMurry, Luke Paulina and Marcus Ranii-Dropcho performed with the River City Youth Brass Band at CAPA on June 3, 2007.
- > The PRMS Seventh Grade Choir, Eighth Grade Choir and the A Cappella Choir each received the highest rating of superior after competing in the "Music in the Parks" competition held in Hershey, PA May 11-12, 2007.
- > PRMS students Brianna Cerny, Sarah Prins and Cassy Rosemeyer and Richland Elementary students Marlys Bridgham and Mariah Kutchko participated in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 1 Elementary Sing Fest West April 27, 2007 at the Bethlehem Center School District.
- > More than 40 orchestra students participated in a concert at Heinz Hall with the North Strings Players Club April 16, 2007.
- > PR students Josh Benton, Katherine Boufford, Kristen Darling, Peter DiCocco, Kelly Flaherty, Zachary Flaus, Allie Harris, Michael Matty, Kelly Parsons, Amy Paterline, Shane Raber, Tim Skillen, Jenny Soracco, Bryan Stadterman, Bailey Werner and Ashley Wright participated in the Strings North Orchestra Festival on April 12. Teachers Susan Wagner & Elisa Mata conducted two performances.
- > All PRMS Orchestra students performed in the Capitol Building in Harrisburg as a part of PMEA's "Music in our Schools" Month March 26, 2007.



PRMS orchestra students perform in Harrisburg.

- > PRMS students Zach Dionise, Jonathon Marks and Claire Vetter participated in the PMEA District Band Festival West March 2-3, 2007 at Brentwood School District.
- > PRHS students Sarah Ceurvorst, Jesse Soracco and Christy Wasilewski participated in the PMEA Regional Chorus Feb. 21-23, 2007 at South Fayette High School.

PR		THE ARTS
Strings Program		ARTS SCORECARD
Year	Participants	
2006-2007	365	
2005-2006	283	
2004-2005	269	
2003-2004	207	
2002-2003	165	

- > PRMS students Josh Benton, Michael Clouse, Andrew Dotterer, Eric Hazen, Jonathan Marks, Jake Morrissey, Adam Mobley, John Matune, Kayla McMurry, Rebecca Mobley and Justin Wilt and PRHS students Wes Doucette, Michael Georgiadis, Ryan Haskins, Maggie Hutchison, Adam Janssen, Geoff King, Michelle Lattner, John Nowak, Ryan O'Dowd, Anya Oukaci, Luke Paulina, David Pouchot, Marcus Ranii-Dropcho, Mark Rodgers, Brian Shoemaker, Ben Smithgall, Andrew Stadterman and Alex Toa performed in the Allegheny Valley Honors Band Feb. 2, 2007 at Shaler Area High School.
- > PRHS students Sarah Ceurvorst, Julia Ferguson, Mike Searles, Jesse Soracco and Christy Wasilewski participated in the PMEA District 1 Chorus at Peters Township High School Jan. 11-13, 2007. Annie DeBaldo and Carly Schaefer were selected to the PMEA's Junior High District 1 Chorus held at Trinity High School in Feb. 2-3, 2007. PRMS students Jordan Banyas, Matthew Ceurvorst, Andrew Deutsch, Kristen Fajt and Emily Smith also participated. Sarah, Jesse and Christy earned a spot in the PMEA Regional Choir.
- > PRHS students Adam Janssen (concertmaster), Ben Skillen and Jenny Soracco participated in the 2007 PMEA District One Junior High Orchestra on January 20, 2007. Middle school students Zak Flaus, Shane Raber and Tim Skillen also participated. PRHS is expected to host the PMEA District One Orchestra Concert in January 2009.
- > PRHS student Bryan Stadterman participated in the PMEA District Senior High Orchestra at West Mifflin High School Jan. 25-27, 2007.
- > PR students Mike Georgiadis, Adam Janssen, Kurt Stadterman and Andrew Stadterman participated in the PMEA District One West Jazz Festival at Chartiers Valley High School Dec. 1 & 2, 2006.
- > PRHS orchestra musicians Adam Janssen, Anna Houck and Ben Skillen performed at the PMEA Honors Orchestra Festival at Peters Township High School Oct. 28-29, 2006.

Theater

- > PRHS Student Lauren Gigliotti was named a finalist for her portrayal of Phoebe from "As You Like It," in Shakespeare monologue finals at the O'Reilly Theater Feb. 12, 2007.

STAFF RECOGNITION



“When kindergarten students present themselves in August in the first grade classroom, they are apprehensive,” said Wexford Elementary teacher Joanna Wilson. “Some first graders come with perfect letter formation, correct spacing, capitalization and correct spelling while others struggle. By the end of the year, students engage in daily journal writing. They evolve into writers, editors, illustrators and publishers. It is exhilarating to guide them.”

Two Pine-Richland Teachers Earn TEC Awards

The Teacher Excellence Center named Dr. Susan Frantz, Pine-Richland Middle School teacher, and Hance Elementary School teacher Shelley Byers “Teachers of Excellence,” during the Annual TEC Program April 19, 2007 in Oakland. Byers and Dr. Frantz each won a \$2,500 grant for their respective schools.

They were among the top seven teachers in the region. PR was the only district to have two teachers named “Teachers of Excellence”. In addition to Dr. Frantz and Byers, PRSD was proud to have PRHS Teacher Jeff Byko and Hance Elementary School teachers Anne Haught and Deb Walters named honorees.

Only 100 teachers from 51 districts earned the honoree distinction, and only seven teachers were named teachers of excellence. PR was the only district in Allegheny County to have the highest number of honorees, excluding Pittsburgh Public Schools. In all, 75 teachers at PRSD earned nominations.

Dr. James C. Manley, PRSD superintendent, was pleased that PRSD had five honorees in the TEC program.

“This speaks volumes on the high quality of teachers we have in the Pine-Richland School District,” said Dr. Manley. “We have an opportunity over the next two years to become the top performing



Award honorees Deb Walters and Anne Haught, Dr. James C. Manley, superintendent, Dr. Susan Frantz, award finalist, award honoree Jeff Byko, award finalist Shelley Byers and Teacher Excellence Center Executive (TEC) Director Christine Veverka participate in the 2006-2007 TEC awards program.

school district in the region, and I am confident we will achieve this status based on the quality of our staff. Thank you for the excellent job you do each and every day.”

PRSD Welcomes Two New Administrators to Team

Two new administrators have joined the team at PRSD. The board hired Dr. Mary Bucci and Dr. Bille Pearce Rondinelli at its board meeting on April 17, 2007.

“Pine-Richland School District is very fortunate to have two highly capable assistant superintendents,” said Dr. James C. Manley, PRSD superintendent. “This will be a tremendous help, as we strive to be the best school district in the country.”

Dr. Bucci joined Pine-Richland on May 1, 2007 as elementary assistant superintendent. She joins PR after finishing a post at New Brighton Area School District, where she was assistant superintendent. There she was responsible for many areas including the K-12 academic program. She also served as director of curriculum and instruction.

“I’m excited to join the team at Pine-Richland,” Dr. Bucci said. “This is a premier school district. It is a privilege to join the staff that provides a world-class education to our students and their families.”

Complimenting Dr. Bucci will be Dr. Rondinelli, who joined PRSD on July 1, 2007, as secondary assistant superintendent. Prior to her arrival she served as assistant superintendent in the Moon Area School District and as curriculum director for K-12.

“I want to thank the Pine-Richland Board of Directors, Dr. James Manley, Tony DiTommaso and all who served on the interview

team,” Dr. Rondinelli said. “I am enthusiastic about this opportunity and look forward to working collegially with staff, students and the community.”



Dr. Bille Pearce Rondinelli Dr. Mary Bucci

The two assistant superintendents are filling the shoes of Dr. Robert L. Johnson who retired in June of 2007, after 38 years in education. Dr. Johnson served PRSD for 17 years.

Dr. Manley describes Dr. Johnson as a quality leader who led PRSD through a significant transition, during the decade of the nineties, by serving as high school principal.

“I am very fortunate that Dr. Johnson was a partner in moving the district forward during the first six years of the 21st century,” Dr. Manley said. “He was unmatched in demonstrating integrity and ethics in his daily work and is a well-respected educator and leader within the district and entire region.”

The district honored several other employees, who retired in 2006-2007. They included: Special Education Director Bruce Golmic, librarian Eleanor Howe, teachers James Stoffel and Patricia Roberts, custodial employee Carolyn Kuras and maintenance employee Robert DeMarte.

New Titles at PR

Several others earned new titles in 2006-2007.

Administrator	New Post	Previous Post
Anthony DiTommaso	Director of Human Resources & Legal Affairs	Director of Human Resources
Michael Loughhead	Director of Pupil Services	Director of Psychological Services
Doug McCausland	Director of Fiscal & Management Services	Business Manager
John Pietrusinski	PRHS Assistant Principal	PRMS Assistant Principal
Paula Schmitt	Director of Special Education	Assistant Principal of PRHS
Dana Siford	Business Manager	Assistant Business Manager
Michele Welter	Acting PRMS Assistant Principal	Teacher

Inductions

The following teachers were inducted into professional societies:

- > PRMS Teacher Carol Scott - Delta Kappa Gamma society International for women educators
- > PRMS nurse Karen Halliday - Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing at LaRoche College.

Appointments

The following teachers were appointed to state/regional associations:

- > PRMS librarian Kathleen Batykefer- Executive board of the PA School Librarians Association.

- > PRMS nurse Karen Halliday – President of the Northern Area School Nurses
- > Wexford nurse Mary Beth Chips – Secretary of the Northern Area School Nurses

District Doctorates

Congratulations to those earning doctorates:

- Certified School Psychologist Maura Paczan
- PRMS Teacher Ed Maritz - Duquesne University
- Wexford Elementary Teacher Marlene Morrow - University of Pittsburgh
- Wexford Elementary Principal Yvonne Hawkins - University of Pittsburgh
- Richland Elementary Assistant Principal Guy Rossi - University of Pittsburgh

STAFF RECOGNITION CONTINUED

Teacher Awards

The Arts

- > PRMS art teacher Holly Angeloff's paintings were featured during an exhibit at the North Hills Art Center through March 22, 2007. Angeloff's pieces included "N.C. Barn" and "Mon Seul Desir," French for "My Heart's Desire". She also participated in the Alle-Kiski Arts Consortium and North Hills Arts Center art shows.
- > The PMEA chose PRHS music teacher Lee Rickard to serve as vice president of PMEA District 1, which serves Allegheny, Fayette, Greene, Washington and Westmoreland counties, through 2009.
- > PRHS art teacher Ramon Riley is one of only 14 teachers from around the country to be recognized by the Maryland Institute of College of Art as a "Distinguished High School Art Teacher".
- > PRHS art teacher Vince Thearle won 6th place out of about 50 entries in the All-Star Mural Contest sponsored by Pittsburgh City Parks.

Academic

- > PRHS teacher Michelle Bruno was chosen to lecture about Women & Literature for the PA Dept. of Humanities from August-November 2006.
- > Wal-Mart in Richland Township named PRMS English teacher Dr. Susan Frantz as its teacher of the year, while the Pine Creek Journal named her Citizen of the Year in 2007.
- > Richland Elementary teacher Kathleen Giegel will serve on the Western PA Writing Project's Fellow Council 2007 through 2010. She shared her classroom stories at the National Writing Project's Spring Meeting on March 29-30, 2007 in Washington, DC. In addition, her poetry was on exhibit on March 3, 2007 during the Poe-Art 2007 Exhibit.
- > PRMS teacher Megan Kohler is listed in the "Who's Who Among America's Teachers" fall 2006 edition.
- > PRHS librarian Eleanor Howe, who served a second term as USA Director for the 2007 International Association of School Librarianship, attended, moderated and presented sessions at ISASL's conference in Lisbon, Portugal. She also served on a review panel that evaluated and recommended session proposals for the next conference. She also moderated and presented at the 2007 Conference of PA School Librarians Association. She wrote articles for the journal "Learning & Media" and as a member of the PSLA Media & Review Committee, she wrote various reviews in 2006. Recommended titles are listed in the Follett Library Resources database. Howe donated about 200 PSLA titles she reviewed to PRHS.
- > The Association for Childhood Education International invited Richland Elementary teacher Jamie Wadowsky to share her work at its international conference in Tampa, Fla. May 2-5, 2007.
- > Wexford Elementary teacher Joanna Wilson served on the Western PA Writing Project at the University of Pittsburgh in July of 2006.

Staff Scorecard

STAFF SCORECARD	
Educational Degrees	# of Staff Members
Bachelor	159
Master	139
Master Plus	36
Doctorate	16

TEACHING STAFF SCORECARD				
Years of Experience	# of Teachers			
0-10 Years	11-20 Years	21-30 Years	31+ Years	
240	58	17	7	
322				

2007 PR School Board

The PR School Board will be saying goodbye to director Michael Hinson, who took a seat vacated by Judith Brant. Director Marilyn Reed will be finishing after 12 years of service to the district. The district will say goodbye to Dr. Joseph Merhaut and Dr. James Werkmeister, both RHS graduates who each served a term.

COMMUNITY SERVICE



Students collaborate with their sponsor to raise money for Children's Hospital.

PR Reaches Outward

PRHS

- > Emily Hitechew, Patrick Nowak, Lauren Roberts and Melissa Sirera earned first place by raising \$17,706 in an apprentice-style competition sponsored by KDKA radio and Children's Hospital pitting themselves against students from Seton LaSalle High School and Upper St. Clair High School on Dec. 15, 2006.
- > Student council collected \$6,000 from the community to benefit students who were involved in accidents.
- > Students raised \$8,437 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation during a dance-a-thon.

PRMS

- > Students and staff collected more than 6,000 food items on Nov. 8, 2007 during its Gobble for Cans food drive and provided gifts for 40 local families in need during their "Wishes & Dreams Come True" program.
- > A group of eighth graders, under the director of English teacher Susan Frantz, helped two immigrant families from Russia move into their homes in May of 2007.
- > Nearly 50 eighth-graders generated \$1,500 for Animal Friends during the Paws in the Park Dog Walk at Pine Community Park. Students also collected supplies for Caryl Gates Gluck Resource Center in Ohio Township.
- > Leader's Club hosted a holiday dinner and bingo for senior citizens.

Elementary

- > Hance Elementary students & staff collected hats and mittens for those in need and decorated a 12-foot tree with the outerwear and raised \$6,600 for the American Heart Association during its Annual Jump Rope for Heart event.
- > Richland Elementary students & staff organized a drive to benefit Operation Troop Appreciation by collecting DVDs, CDs, video games, playing cards, toiletries and many other items from its community. The holiday gift bags benefited 1,000 US soldiers in Anwar Province, Iraq. In conjunction, fourth graders wrote letters to the soldiers. Students and staff collected 400 gifts to benefit local families in need during the holidays. They also collected mittens and hats for distribution by the Lighthouse Foundation and to the Victims Outreach Intervention Center.
- > Fourth and fifth grade outreach students, staff and parents at Wexford Elementary donated hundreds of hours to create tags for the annual giving tree benefiting non-profit agency called Homeless Children's Education Fund (HCEF) and to help with other service projects such as raking leaves for senior citizens. In addition, second and third grade outreach students, staff and parents at Wexford Elementary collected eight garbage bags of toys for Children's Hospital, collected several large boxes of shoes, which were sent to a US Marine battalion, to distribute to children in Iraq and made decorations for Pristine Pines residents.
- > Wexford Elementary School students and staff raised nearly \$5,000 for the KD Turkey Fund. PTO Organizers say nearly 190 students read more than 47,000 minutes.

SPORTS IN REVIEW

PR Athletics Dominate

PR continues to remain strong in the sports arena. The PRHS Boys Hockey Team earned the PA State Cup a second year in a row and the PRHS Girls Soccer Team earned a WPIAL Championship a second year in a row.



PR Sports Highlights

Hockey

- > The PRHS Hockey Team earned the Penguin Cup & the Pennsylvania Cup for the second time in two years.

Soccer

- > The PRHS Girls Soccer Team earned a repeat WPIAL Championship two years in a row.
- > Christie Kimball, Kelsie Murray, Jenna Siegrist and Adrienne Steckel were named All-WPIAL, Jordan Baranowski was named All-WPIAL, All-State and Regional All-American and Meghan Klingenberg was named All-WPIAL, All-State and All-American.
- > Meghan Klingenberg was chosen to participate in the US National U-21 Team Camp. "Parade Magazine" named Klingenberg to its All-American High School Girls Soccer Team. She was one of 12 midfielders honored nationwide. *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* named her Player of the Year.
- > The PRHS Boys Soccer Team advanced to the semi-final round of the WPIAL Playoffs.
- > Ben Whiting was named All-WPIAL Selection.

Football

- > The PRHS football team captured the Greater Allegheny Conference title for the fifth year in a row and finished the post-season in the semi-final rounds of the WPIALs.
- > Players named to the Greater Allegheny All-Conference Football First Team included: Brandon Bove, Tony DiPasquale, Matt

Klimczyk, Tom Randazza, Ben Scherer and Vince Veltre. John Greager, Tyler McKenzie, Ross Venturi and Mike Winsko made second team and Ian Hennessy and Spencer Whipple earned honorable mentions.

- > Scherer, Veltre, and Whipple were named to the Fab 22 North First Team and Veltre made the All-State AAA Second Team.
- > WTAE awarded Scherer with the Athlete of the Week Award Oct. 12, 2006.
- > The Steelers and Hagan Ice Cream representatives named Football Coach Clair Altemus as Coach of the Week at the Steelers-Kansas City Game at Heinz Field in October 2006.

Tennis

- > The boys tennis team advanced to the semifinals in the 2007 WPIAL Boys Class AAA Team Tennis Championships.
- > Casey Watt won his second WPIAL Class AAA boys singles tennis championship, qualified for states and was named the WTAE Athlete of the Week in 2007.
- > The girls tennis team advanced to the quarterfinals of the WPIAL CLASS AAA Team Championships.



Basketball

- > The girls basketball team advanced to the quarterfinals in the WPIAL Class AAAA Playoffs.
- > The boys basketball team made it to the WPIAL Final Four for only the second time in school history.
- > Brett Matson was named to the Tribune Review All Quad A Team & the Post-Gazette's Fabulous Five North.
- > Meghan Klingenberg and Eric Duerr each earned nominations for the prestigious Wendy's High School Heisman Award.
- > Coach Dave Krakoff earned the Western PA Officials Association Jerry Unites Coach of the Year Award.

Field Hockey

- > The National Field Hockey Coaches Association named Audra Zimmer to its 2006 National Academic Squad.
- > Kristyn Rice was named to the WPIAL All-Section Class AAA, Section 1 First Team. Lauren Balint, Carly Goebel and Laura Golembiewski were named to the second team.

Inline Hockey

- > Several skaters and coaches were named All-Americans and All-Stars. They included: Nate Fleissner, Zach Fleissner, Scott Miller, Ethan Wall and Nick Sirera and coaches Anthony Constantino and Tom Ward.

Track & Field

- > Zach Meverden finished fifth (3rd/WPIALs) and Chris Spataro finished third (2nd/WPIALs) at the PIAA State Championships in pole vaulting. Terhea Doaty finished fourth in the 100 hurdles (2nd/WPIALs), and Christin Bridge placed fourth in shot put and sixth in discus at the WPIALs. Kendall Ashworth finished fifth in javelin, Kelleyah Simmons placed fifth in the 100-meter, Michael Stark finished fourth in the 110 hurdles, and Katie Wise finished fifth in the triple jump at the WPIALs.

Swimming

- > Swimmer Caitlin Molloy, the first PR female swimmer to qualify for Academic All-American Status, finished 18th in the 200 & 500-freestyle at the PIAA Championships after placing fifth in the 500 and ninth in the 200 at the WPIAL Class AAA championships March 1-2, 2007.

Volleyball

- > Kendall Ashworth earned First Team All-WPIAL and Sara Foster earned Third Team All-WPIAL. Ashworth also earned an All-State Recognition Award.
- > The boys volleyball team tied with Deer Lakes as Co-WPIAL champions.

Golf

- > PRHS Golfer Laura Hilger was the first PR girl's golfer ever to qualify for the state tournament.



Softball

- > Softball Player Brittany Dovey was selected to play in the Queen of Diamonds Showcase Softball Tournament at Kent State University from Jan. 6-7, 2007 and nominated to play in the World Cup program in Europe in 2008 or 2009. She has the opportunity to choose which year to play.

Alumni Sports

- > 2004 graduate and former Pirates first round pick Neil Walker was promoted on August 16, 2007 to the Class AAA Team in Indianapolis. Walker was selected to the AA All-Star Eastern League in July 2007, while playing for the Altoona Curve. On April 21, 2007, the Curve hosted PR Day in Altoona in his honor.
- > The Chicago White Sox drafted 2004 graduate Dale Mollenhauer in May of 2007.
- > Steelers signed 2001 graduate Jason Capizzi as a free agent offensive tackle in April 2007.
- > 2005 graduate Michael Van Sickle was named recipient of the 2006-07 Western Pennsylvania Golf Association's Frank Fuhrer III Award and named *Golfweek's* Collegiate Player of the Week. Van Sickle was honored in August 2007 for breaking the Tri-State PGA amateur record for lowest round of golf in Tri-State amateur history.

Staff Athletic Accomplishments

- > PR custodian John Harford earned fourth place in the high jump, seventh in the triple jump and 11th in the long jump events at the Senior Olympics in Louisville, KY in June 2007.



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