THE TRACY TIMES

All the news that's fit to print!

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PMEA

by: Adiana Roman

This year four students from Tracy Elementary's band and orchestra were selected to play with other schools from across the Lehigh Valley. Those four students were: Ava Nace (Oboe), Aurora Brandt (Trumpet), Niva Makwana (Violin), and Angelina Kohl (Viola). The band students played: Frogs, Winds of Joy, Paso Flamenco, Dragon Run, and Softly Speaks the Night. The Orchestra students played: The Hunt, Celtic Sunrise, Medieval Wars, Star-Spangled Banner, American Fiddle Medley, and British Grenadiers. Band and orchestra both played: God Bless America combined.

Here are some of the things that those four students enjoyed about the PMEA festival:
Angelina Kohl (Viola): "I really enjoyed performing with the many kids from all the school districts."
Niva Makwana (Violin): "I really loved playing the challenging pieces with all the other students."
Ava Nace (Oboe): "I really enjoyed being challenged with harder pieces and getting to practice with each other."
Aurora Brandt (Trumpet): "I enjoyed having lessons with the Orchestra, and getting to go on a field trip during school hours."
Mr. Kennedy (School Instrumental Teacher): "This is my first time taking students to this festival, and I

really enjoy how music like this can bring students together."
I asked Mr. Kennedy where the PMEA festival was going to take place, and he answered, "The festival is at Northeast Middle School, in Bethlehem, PA."
Then I asked him, "How many students are going to be participating in this festival?"
He answered, "Around 120 for the Band and about 80 for the Orchestra." This festival took place on April 5th 2024.



STEAM Night

by: Stewart Rigby

On Tuesday, April 9, 2024, Tracy Elementary School hosted a STEAM night (Science-Technology-Engineering-Art-Math). Dozens of students participated in the event which also included pottery made by Tracy students. Many families attended and enjoyed the night.

Students from Kindergarten through 5th grade participated with a variety of exhibits. Some of the exhibits included the following: Dino exhibit, water xylophone, bouncy eggs, how corrosive is soda, and lava lamps. While all of the science experiments were good, the ones that stood out to me most were the water xylophone and how corrosive is soda.

Demonstrations were also done by members of the community. The police department had drones and showed everyone how they worked. Also, the Easton Area High School Robotics Club had a robot that shot out foam rings. The Robotics Club members actually built the robot themselves!

Mrs. Lukas, Mrs. Ricker, and Mrs. Umholtz all organized STEAM night. A lot of effort was put into this Tracy tradition. This year students did a great job and should be proud of themselves.



Spring Concerts

By: Ava Nace

On April 17, the beginner and advanced band and orchestra had their spring concert assembly. On May 13, the third, fourth, and fifth grade chorus had their spring concert assembly.

At the band and orchestra concert, the beginner band played Theme and Variations on Hot Cross Buns, Music Music Music, and Rock and Roll Part Two. The advanced band played Donut Factory, March Gusto, and Popcorn Prelude. The beginner orchestra played Evening Scenes, Rocky Mountain, and Take a Swing at This. The advanced orchestra played Majestic March, Old MacFiddle, and Instinct.

The beginner band and orchestra had a combined concert at the Easton Area Middle School on April 11 with all of the other elementary schools. The advanced band and orchestra had their combined concert at the same place on April 10.

3rd Grade performed Pat Works on the Railway, The Artist Teaches Us All and Sail Away. 4th Grade performed There is Music, Manx Lullaby and Kokoleoko. 5th Grade performed Afternoon on a Hill, Come, Ye Sons of Art and Loch Lomond. The combined 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Choruses performed Dona Nobis Pacem and My America.

First in Math Competition

By: Mason Carr



What is First in Math? First in Math is the online math program that we use here at Tracy Elementary and throughout the district. We all know about our rivalry with Shawnee Elementary, this year we beat them! We also know about the highest rank you can get on First in Math, Grand Champion. This year we have over 100 Grand Champions. The top 5 are, Dave Kamta, Daniela Kamta, Matthew Ramirez, Jeremy Santiago, and Shreyan Bhavanthula!

Recently the First in Math/Math 24 card competition was held for the whole district. The participants were Daniella K. and Thalia A. from Mr. Moffit's class and Cole R. and Meshack S. from Mrs. Kane's class! All of the participants tried their best and did awesome, as a matter of fact one of the tigers that represented our school took second place in the competition, way to go Daniella K!
Now talking about math let's do some, is 3/4 closer or farther from 1? It's closer to 1. We had 3/4 of our students qualify for the final 4, and almost all of our representatives made it to the final 4! If you see these people in the hall make sure to say good job.

All City Chorus

By: Ava McFarland



In the beginning of February, Mr. Hartman had Chorus students tryout for All City Chorus. All City Chorus is when all seven elementary schools, the middle school, and the high school all came together to perform songs together. 18 students from Tracy were selected to be in All City Chorus. The songs elementary sang were, We are the Young, Seize the Day, Why we Sing, Let us Sing Together, Vive Le Compagnie and Shake the Papaya Down. The All-City Concert was on April 19th. Every Wednesday we would practice after school. We practiced for 6 weeks after school. We also had 2 practices outside of school at the middle school, me being an All city chorus member myself when we practiced at the middle school it was cool because we heard different parts with the other schools in the district. All City Chorus is a really fun experience! Would you like to be in All City Chorus next year?

Elementary Track Meet

By: Natalie Bellinghausen

Are you interested in running, throwing or jumping? If you are, track and field could be for you! Every year Tracy Elementary participates in the Easton Track and Field Day. For running there is the 50 meter, 100 meter, 200 meter, 400 meter, and 800 meter. Each of these are sprints even though pacing is important. As for team running there is 4 by 100 relay and the 4 by 200 relay. There is also a CO - ED 4 by 100 relay. Throwing events include turbo jav and shot put. A shot put record was set by Megan Ciesla at 31 foot 7 inches last year. Did you know that the longest shot put was previously set at 22.41 by Ilona Slupianek in 1980. Jumping events include long jump and high jump. Did you know the highest high jump for men was set at 2.45 meters by Javier Sotomayor of Cuba? All of the events mentioned earlier were school events. All events include: Sprints, Middle Distance, Long Distance, Relay races, Hurdling, Long Jump, Triple jump, High jump, Pole Vault, Shot put, Discus Throw, Javelin Throw, and Hammer Throw. Sprints are a VERY fast group of men or women who run shorter distances. Middle distance runs are races ranging in distance between 1/2 a mile to 2 miles. Long distance runs are just as they sound LONG ranging from 5 to 25 miles and sometimes longer.

Word of the Month Assemblies

By: Aurora Brandt

The idea for the word of the month originated from the Tracy Times staff. It started when we did the article "Students who Inspire". Everyone loved the idea so much, it was decided to make assemblies for once a month to recognize students who are following the themed word of the month.

The way it worked was all the grades were called down to the gym, then the students (there was one student from each class) were recognized for following the word of the month. They were called up to the front of the gym to be recognized for their hard work. After the assembly, their

pictures would be taken. The word of the month for the next month would then be announced.

These are the characteristics (words) we focused on this year:

- November: Inspire
- December: Caring
- January: Impact and Creative
- February: Stamina
- March was a special theme, the word was teamwork and two people from each class were selected.
- April: Improve and Inquisitive
- May: Patience

Tracy Tiger Day

By: Sophia Dombrowski

Tracy Tiger Day!! This day was on May 17th. We celebrated this fun and exciting day as an end-of-the-year celebration! This fun day includes indoor and outdoor activities. There are snow cones, water, and popcorn. The snowcones flavors were cherry, blue raspberry, grape, and root beer. The best part is that you can get as many snacks as you would like, but make sure to properly dispose when finished! On this day there were lots of games to play and prizes to win! Prizes like bracelets, pencils, and keychains. These games are mainly based on your aim and throwing skills.

One of my favorite things to do is go on the bouncy house! To be safe only about 5 people can go on at once. You will get to jump for about 3-7 minutes but you can get back in line again and again. Tracy Tiger Day has a big bouncy slide that two people can go on at once and maybe even race. Even though the slide is really tall it is so fun to go on! Make sure when you go on you're sitting on your bottom so you can be extra safe. The last bouncy activity is an obstacle course race! This is a series of climbing and tunnel challenges to see who finishes first. I always like to compete against my friends.

For all 5th graders, we get to tie-dye t-shirts to remember our time at Tracy. I think this is a great way to spend time together and to make

memories. Last year there were glitter tattoos with all different colors and shapes. They always turn out so good because of the parents who volunteer to help at the event. They always give out the popcorn, snowcones, and water too. On this day you will be outside for very long so remember wear sunscreen.

Our First Year - Mr. Warren and Mrs. Barratta

By: Makayla Hudgins and Angelina Kohl

Have you ever wondered how Mr. Warren and Mrs. Baratta's first year at Tracy went? Well, we got the answer for you guys!



What other school(s) have you worked at?

- Mr. Warren has worked at Forks, Easton Area Middle School, Wilson High School, and Liberty high School. He will always miss working at his old schools, but will always love working at new schools.
- Mrs. Baratta used to work at Lehigh Parkway Elementary. She also used to work at schools in California and Vermont.

What is something you miss about your old school?

- Mr. Warren really misses his old students and staff, but he will always look forward to meeting new kids and staff.
- Mrs. Baratta misses the kids and staff she used to work with, especially the ones from Lehigh Parkway Elementary.

Now that you have been at Tracy for a full year - What do you like about being a Tracy Tiger?

- Mr. Warren loves all of Tracy's staff and the kind and respectful kids in our school.
- Mrs. Baratta likes how everyone seems to work together in groups and teams for lots of things.

What is your favorite memory from this year?

- Mr Warren loved the halloween parade because he got to see all the kids costumes.
- Mrs. Baratta liked the open house because she got to meet new families and kids.



What was your favorite activity that you participated in at your old school(s) and/or Tracy?

•Mr Warren's favorite activity at his old school was when they slimed him with a bucket of slime.

•Both Tracy Elementary and Lehigh Parkway Elementary had a career fair, and Mrs. Baratta said that those career fairs were her favorite activity.

Palmer Pool

By: Kiera Jordan



As most of you know, the Palmer community has the Palmer Pool. If you have never been there... Where have you been!

The Palmer pool has so many different aspects. You might wonder how much it is to visit the pool. If you are a Palmer resident you could get a season pass that is $275. If you are a non Palmer resident you will pay $475 for a season pass. There are also different discounts available for different people in the community. They also have swim lessons for kids and they also host family nights.

The hours at the Palmer pool are 12:00 p.m - 7:00 p.m. Charles Chris community center has a camp and every day you go to the pool for three hours. For kids who can't really swim yet, they have a kiddie area that just has shallow waters and splash pads. You also have to take a swim test to see if you can go in the deep end or participate in the water slides.

There is also a snack stand where there are so many different candies, chips, drinks, pretzels, churros, pizzas and much more! Some kids did a survey about their favorite things to do at the pool and the top answer was all three water slides!! Known as the red, yellow, and orange slides.

Iron Menace

By: Dahlia Frutchey

Dorney Park came out with a new roller coaster called Iron Menace. Iron Menace is a 2,169 foot roller coaster with a drop of 152 feet, 95 degree angel , and top speed at 64 miles per hour. This is the northeast's first dive coaster, it has 2 trains that holds 21 individuals. If you are wondering how long this ride is , the duration is 90 seconds!

Something unique about this ride is that it's the first one that has a backstory! Backstory: "The Mystery Behind the Menace in the early 1900s, Scottish businessman Hiram S. McTavish opened McTavish Steel Mill, a direct competitor to Bethlehem Steel company. Greed dictated McTavish every move, and he was well known to prioritize profits above people.

With an eye on maximizing output, McTavish created a massive hauler he dubbed "Iron Menace," a device the steel industry had never seen. The rail transporter moved workers and ore at record volumes and dizzying speeds.

Suddenly the greedy steel baron mysteriously disappeared—no one knows how or where. Shortly after, McTavish Steel Mill closed. All that remains today are the mill's decrepit shell, rusty relics and wild tales of the owner's whereabouts."

Although lines are sure to be long for this summer I hope everyone who wants to ride this gets to this summer!

Watch the ride preview here! ➡



Summer Activities

By: Kaiden Sterling

Here are some super fun summer activities for you to do with family with supplies you can find around the house. 😎☀️🍉

1. Backyard camping (it's super fun to do with friends). Supplies: a tent/tarp, sleeping bag/inflatable mattress, a lantern/flashlight, and possibly a firepit (with adult supervision) if you have one! You will have a super fun time! (Bonus: try roasting marshmallows)
2. Nice day outside? Try having a picnic with friends and family. Supplies: a blanket, a basket, food, drinks, and a cooler. (For fun have some ice pops in the cooler). 🍧
3. Want to do a craft on a nice day? Try rock painting, Supplies: rocks, paint, and friends or family to make fun memories.😊

Fun activities? Yes please! We have some really fun indoor summer activities you can do!☀️😎🍉

1. Try fort building, Supplies: Blanket(s), Some sort of a base like wood or chairs and possibly snacks like popcorn, candy, Pirate's Booty, Doritos, and any other snacks you may have at your house. Reminder ask your parents before you take!
2. Rainy day in the summer? Ask your parents if they can set up an at home movie theater to watch any movie you like! (Bonus how about when it's not raining try doing a movie night outside!) Supplies: TV, Movie😁, candy/snacks, and drinks! (Bonus supplies: projector, snacks, blankets, pillows, lights, family or friends!😁😁

Tracy Tigers who IMPROVED

I'm so proud of Madelyn because she has made so many gains in reading. She is self motivated to improve her learning by asking to borrow chapter books to read.
- Mrs. Broderick (1st Grade)

Kayden has worked really hard at improving his reading and math skills. He is reading fluently and knows his math facts. I am proud of his interest and growth.
- Mrs. Costenbader (1st Grade)

Teagan has made so much growth academically this year, it is amazing! I am so proud of him, not just for that but socially and emotionally he has matured and is now a leader in the classroom.

- Mrs. Manos (Kindergarten)

Maiyah has become an incredible reader this year! She has worked so hard to learn our phonics skills and reading strategies.
- Mrs. Winchenbach (1st Grade)

Emerson has made tremendous growth with her reading this year.She has worked very hard on applying her strategies and phonics skills to her work.
- Mrs. Werley (1st Grade)

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Sharon has been working extremely hard in math. She is now more confident in conquering difficult math concepts. I am so proud of all her hard work and determination.

- Mrs. Trinidad (4th Grade)

Kinsley's improvement in math and reading is a testament to her hard work. She puts 100% effort into all tasks presented and is a role model for other students
- Mrs. Lawson (3rd Grade)

Amaya has worked hard all year improving her reading and math skills. She always tries her best and is determined to continue growing. I'm so proud!

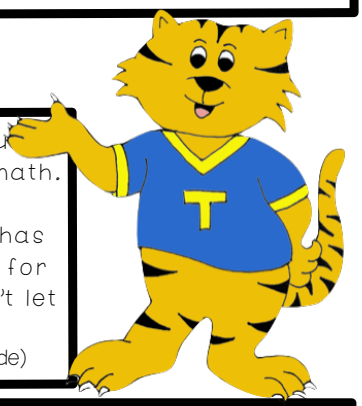
-Ms. Guadagnino (2nd Grade)

Simon Kubel has made such great academic improvements this school year!

- Mrs. Steinmetz (I/U room 103)

Emmanuel has worked very hard to improve his skills in math and reading this year. He takes his time, tries his best, and is determined to improve. I am very proud of his progress this year!

- Mrs. Ricker (3rd Grade)



Mason M. has put in a tremendou amount of effort to improve in math. His grades and IXL score are representative of the effort he has put forth to do well. Mason asks for help when he needs it and doesn't let difficult tasks intimidate him.
- Mrs. Mayer (5th Grade)

Jaskaran has improved and learned a great deal of math and reading this year. He is coming from another country and had to learn how to communicate with everyone and learn in a new language.

- Mrs. Mihalik (4th Grade)

Connor has improved his behavior, and choices in the school setting tremendously this year. He has become a classroom "line leader" as well. Connor has also worked very hard this year to maintain a high-grade point average in all core subject areas. I am very proud of his commitment to excellence this school year.
-Mr. Moffitt (5th Grade)

Lucas Carter has made great improvements this school year in his behaviors in the classroom as well as in achieving his academic goals

- Mrs. Macedo (I/U room 114)

Aaron is an amazing student who would never give up. He has given 100% in every area. He tries his best and even when it is difficult he is always positive and smiling

- Mrs. Miller (2nd Grade)

Maggie has improved in so many ways this year! She has improved her social skills and her emotion regulation. Her work ethic has improved and she strives to be her best self even when things seem challenging to her.

- Mrs. Rowe (5th Grade)

Mia L. has improved both behaviorally and academically this year. She has learned how to focus on self-control to achieve success. She has put forth effort this year and has displayed a positive attitude.

- Mrs. Wheeler (5th Grade)

Brynn has done a great job this year improving in every subject and is a great role model for other students.

- Ms. Taormina (2nd Grade)

Ester has shown remarkable progress in learning the English language this school year. Her dedication and hard work have paid off as she has improved in all skills, demonstrating a keen understanding and effort in her learning journey. I am so proud of you , Ester!

- Mrs. Jamison (Kindergarten)

Victoria works very hard on all of her assignments. She keeps improving in her reading and math - she is determined to do her best while she continues to learn.

- Mrs. Kummer (2nd Grade)

Jayla has shown wonderful progress this year! There is a noticeable improvement in her handwriting skills, especially in forming letters correctly. Jayla has also shown improvement in connecting letters with their corresponding sounds. Additionally, watching Jayla's self-confidence grow has been a joy to witness!

- Mrs. Demko (Kindergarten)

Adalynn has shown such growth this year. Her work in IXL has transferred across the curriculum. Her confidence in herself and her abilities make me very proud.

- Mrs. Kane (4th Grade)

Carmelo was extremely invested in his academics and behavior and made very impressive progress in third grade! All students make progress during the school year, but Carmelo worked extremely hard and made third grade a significant learning year and I'm extremely proud of him! - Mrs. Carter-Sell (3rd Grade)



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To my Tracy Times Staff,

You knocked it out of the park this year! Your creativity, dedication, and enthusiasm will be missed.

Best of luck at the middle school!

☺ Mrs. Umholtz