

GO MUHLS



MUHLENBERG HIGH SCHOOL
SENIOR CLASS of 2026

As we close the 2025–2026 school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly special year for the Muhlenberg School District.

This year marked the 100th anniversary of Muhlenberg—a century of educating students, building relationships, and strengthening our community. While we proudly celebrated our rich history, we also remained focused on our future and the opportunities that lie ahead for our students.

Throughout the year, I had the privilege of visiting classrooms, attending performances and athletic events, meeting with families, and speaking with students and staff across our district. These experiences reinforced something I have always believed: the strength of Muhlenberg is not found in our buildings or programs alone—**it is found in our people and the relationships we build with one another every day.**

Dr. Alan S. Futrick, Superintendent



Olivia Lisa, Valedictorian



Emmanuel Jimenez, Salutatorian



Karwen Martinez, Class President



CLASS OF 2026



Our students continued to achieve great things both inside and outside of the classroom. We celebrated academic growth, artistic accomplishments, athletic successes, and countless acts of kindness, leadership, and service. We also recognized the importance of involvement, as hundreds of our students participated in clubs, activities, athletics, and service organizations that help shape character, develop leadership skills, and create lifelong connections.

This year also brought significant progress toward the future of our district. We continued construction and planning efforts that will expand opportunities for students for generations to come. At the same time, we remained committed to maintaining safe schools, supporting our staff, strengthening our instructional programs, and ensuring that every child has access to the resources and support needed to succeed.

As Superintendent, one of my guiding beliefs is that every contact counts. Whether it is a conversation in a hallway, a greeting at a school event, or a partnership with a family, every interaction matters. When we treat one another with respect, compassion, and a shared commitment to our students, remarkable things happen.

I want to thank our dedicated teachers, support staff, administrators, Board of School Directors, parents, volunteers, community partners, and most importantly, our students. Your hard work, commitment, and belief in Muhlenberg make our district a special place.

As we conclude our 100th year, we do so with tremendous pride in our past and great optimism for our future. Together, we will continue building on the legacy of those who came before us while creating new opportunities for the next generation of Muhlenberg students.

Thank you for your continued support of the Muhlenberg School District.

Go Muhls!

Dr. Alan S. Futrick
Superintendent



C.E. COLE GIRLS ON THE RUN

March, the team met every Monday and Wednesday for practices focused on building confidence, teamwork, healthy habits, and positive decision-making through running and engaging lessons. Throughout the season, the girls encouraged one another, developed meaningful friendships, and grew both physically and emotionally. The season concluded with the Girls on the Run 5K Celebration on May 16, where every participant successfully crossed the finish line alongside their running buddy. We are incredibly proud of the dedication, perseverance, and positivity shown by all of our participants and coaches throughout the season.

VALUES & BELIEFS

- Students learn differently.
- Students learn best with challenging and relevant curriculum.
- Students thrive in a safe learning environment.
- Teachers lead learning through passion, perseverance, and personality.
- Teachers create a culture of high expectations.
- Teachers are inspirational role models.
- Students, parents and families, the school, the school board, the community and business leaders create partnerships that drive students success.
- An informed and involved learning community is essential to the development of strong educational partnerships and quality programs.
- The learning community equips, engages, and empowers learners.



MEC ART SHOW

Our annual MEC art show was a wonderful success, showcasing the talents and creativity of our students! Families packed the hallways, enjoying the colorful student artwork displays that showcased the growth of our students.



WOW ASSEMBLY

MEC's WOW Celebration of Reading Assembly is the exciting culminating event of our Word of the Week (WOW) program this school year. Held in the high school auditorium on May 28th, the assembly was packed with ecstatic students celebrating reading, creativity, and the power of words, along with community members and dignitaries who have supported the WOW through the years.



BERKS NATURE

In mid-April our kindergarten students took a fun and engaging field trip to Berks Nature. During their adventures in the nature conservatory, students participated in many activities, including nature journaling, petting real animal furs and playing in the nature's play area. This visit to Berks Nature is always a favorite day for our youngest Muhls!

MUHLYPICS

Muhlympics May 7th, 2026, was a tremendous success and a meaningful celebration for our students, staff, and school community.

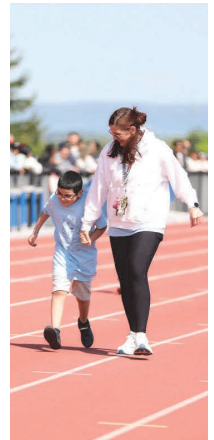
The beautiful weather provided the perfect backdrop for a day filled with excitement, teamwork, and smiles. The event began with a special opening ceremony as our AFJROTC cadets proudly presented the colors and Camerata delivered a superb rendition of the National Anthem, setting a tone of pride, respect, and unity for the day. We also took time to honor the memory of Corey Thomas with a moment of silence, keeping his family and loved ones in our thoughts.

Students enthusiastically participated in a variety of events, including the Touchdown Toss, Mighty Meatball, Octopus Obstacle, Lions Leap, and Cheetah Dash, while the Administration Races added an extra level of fun and friendly competition.

A delicious hot dog and hamburger lunch gave everyone an opportunity to relax, connect, and enjoy the day together. Another highlight of the day was provided by our high school Aevium Club and Leo Club student volunteers who enthusiastically guided students throughout the events, fostering meaningful connection and encouragement.

The event was made even more special by the incredible participation and support from our staff, who volunteered their time, cheered on students, and helped create an atmosphere of encouragement and inclusion.

Most importantly, our students had an amazing time, demonstrating determination, sportsmanship, and joy throughout the event. Muhlympics truly showcased the spirit of our school and the power of coming together to celebrate, support, and uplift one another.



SENIOR SUNSET



MJHS NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

On behalf of our entire school community, we were excited to host the 2026 Induction Ceremony for the Muhlenberg Junior High School chapter of NJHS on Sunday, April 19th in the Junior High Auditorium. This special event honored 35 exceptional students from grades 8 and 9 who were inducted into NJHS, as well as recognized 36 ninth graders as second-year members. Their commitment to scholarship, leadership, service, character, and citizenship was truly commendable!



MHS 3RD QUARTER GOLD STANDARD

In the picture from left to right are: Principal Haniff Skeete, Kaylee Jablonski, Avrie Crafton, Oliver Mena Moronta, Wyatt Schwartz, Joshua Maldonado, Lineliz Rosario, John Callendar, Assistant Principal Aaron Kopetsky



Dante Branch

BCIAA Champion - High Jump



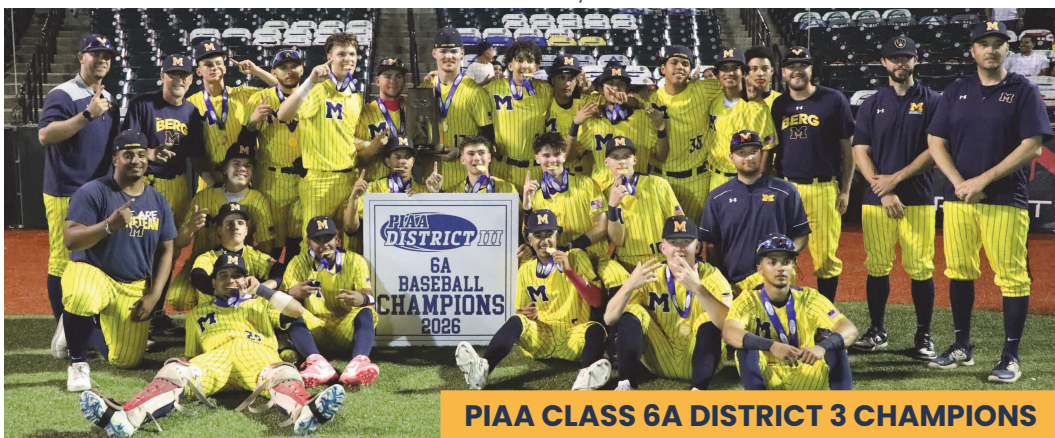
BATTLE OF THE BUILDINGS

MSD hosted the 3rd annual end of the year Battle of the Buildings! Staff members from each building got to compete in a variety of minute-to-win-it games and relay events! Congratulations to the Muhlenberg Junior High staff who were the winners for the third year in a row!!



Rayan Urena Lopez

BCIAA Champion - Triple Jump



PIAA CLASS 6A DISTRICT 3 CHAMPIONS

After starting the year 7-7, the Muhls baseball team pulled together to go on an unforgettable run. They finished the season 18-9, winning their first ever 6A District Championship after defeating Chambersburg 10-0. Their only two losses in their final 13 games were in the BCIAA County Finals and the PIAA State Quarterfinals. Congratulations to our players and coaches on their historic season!



Kaylee Jablonski

BCIAA Softball - Player of the Year

HARLEM WIZARDS



On Sunday evening, April 26th, there was quite a bit of yelling, laughing and dancing going on in the high school gym! Students and their families were cheering for their teachers as they played basketball with the Harlem Wizards.

Several teachers from MEC, Cole and the Junior High had volunteered to play. The Wizards certainly did not take it easy on them. They did all sorts of ball tricks, fancy dunks and funny plays. The teachers really didn't stand a chance to win! The event was hosted by the Muhlenberg School District Foundation. The Foundation does fund-raising activities to financially support students and teachers with educational experiences that are beyond the district budget.

The Wizards put on a really great show. The best part was seeing the smiles and hearing the laughter of the kids as they watched all the antics on the gym floor! A great time was had by all!



CAPITAL PROJECTS AND BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE

The Summer will be a busy time at Muhlenberg. The following Capital Projects and Building Improvements are underway around our Campus:

- Phase 3 – The building of the 5/6 grade Middle School in between the current High School and Elementary Center and internal traffic improvements for school bus traffic and parent pick-up and drop-off for MEC and C.E. Cole.
- Phase 4 – High School Addition and Renovation
- Classroom Additions, HVAC Upgrades, and Electrical Upgrades at Muhlenberg Junior High School
- HVAC Upgrades at Muhlenberg Elementary Center

CELEBRATING OUR RETIREES

Steven Baylor

Jennifer Hausman

Christine Weaver

Marioara Ionas

Lori Steiner

Kathy Bower

Jessica Heffner

Daniel Fair

Manuel Santiago

Ronald Van Pelt

Victoria Ellison

Rhonda Himic

Teresa Pietrusewicz

William Snelling

Kevin Vanino

AFJROTC UNIT INSPECTION



On March 25, 2026, AFJROTC Unit PA-20172 welcomed Regional Director Lt Col (ret) Joseph Pabalan for its annual unit inspection. During his visit, Lt Col Pabalan evaluated the unit's overall performance and provided valuable feedback on areas of strength and opportunities for improvement. The inspection began with a review of the unit's flights, 30 command drill team, and color guard routine. Cadets participated in a team building circle activity designed to encourage teamwork and unit cohesion. Following the awards ceremony, Lt Col Pabalan attended the unit's mission brief, where the top five leadership presented the unit's goals, key accomplishments, and outlined future goals. As a result of the inspection, the unit earned the rating of "Meets Standards." The cadets also received helpful feedback that will help the unit improve and grow in the future. During the event the following cadets were named Top Performers Adrian Ozuna and Germarie Lozano.

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

Muhlenberg School District's Food Service Department would like to welcome you to celebrate the **10-year anniversary** of our Summer Food Service Program! We are here to serve you and your family delicious breakfast and lunch meals. Convenient, healthy, FREE meals for all children, made in our safe and sanitary kitchen. All children 18 years of age and younger can receive these FREE meals, and no paperwork is necessary to quality.

The Summer Food Service Program is located in our **C.E. Cole Intermediate School cafeteria**. Meals are provided **Monday through Thursday, with breakfast served from 8 am to 9:30 am and lunch served from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm**. All meals are to be eaten on site. Parents and guardians are invited to eat meals with their children. The adult breakfast price is \$2.00 and adult lunch price is \$3.00.

In addition to the meals, we have books, art supplies, games, prizes and surprises daily.

The Summer Food Service Program runs from June 8th to August 13th.

SUMMER MEALS! ALL KIDS EAT FREE!

FOR BREAKFAST, CHOOSE AT LEAST 3 ITEMS TOTAL

FOR LUNCH, CHOOSE AT LEAST 3 ITEMS TOTAL FROM AT LEAST 3 DIFFERENT GROUPS

All summer meals served from our C.E. Cole Intermediate School, 3630 Kutztown Road, Reading, PA 19605

Come see what's cooking!

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No paperwork necessary. Must be 18 or under for free meals.

Monday - Thursday June 8th-August 13th

Please call 610-921-8000 ext.3524 For more information about our Summer Food Service Program

Parents/guardians are invited! Any adults (over 18) meal cost: Breakfast: \$2.00 Lunch: \$3.00

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast A. Mini waffles B. Assorted muffins C. Assorted cereal (choose one) Fresh seasonal fruits 100% fruit juices Milk selection (choose at least two, and you may have all) Menu subject to change	Breakfast A. Breakfast pizza B. Assorted muffins C. Assorted cereal (choose one) Fresh seasonal fruits 100% fruit juices Milk selection (choose at least two, and you may have all) Menu subject to change	Breakfast A. French toast sticks B. Assorted muffins C. Assorted cereal (choose one) Fresh seasonal fruits 100% fruit juices Milk selection (choose at least two, and you may have all) Menu subject to change	Breakfast A. Breakfast sandwich B. Assorted muffins C. Assorted cereal (choose one) Fresh seasonal fruits 100% fruit juices Milk selection (choose at least two, and you may have all) Menu subject to change	We will be closed on Fridays. We look forward to seeing you next week. Have a safe and fun weekend!
Lunch A. Cheeseburger on bun -with french fries B. Deli hoagie selection C. Chef salad w/dressing (choose one) Side dish of the day Fresh fruit and vegetable 100% fruit juices Milk selection, dessert (choose at least two)	Lunch A. Taco Tuesday -w/rice & all the fixings B. Deli hoagie selection C. Chef salad w/dressing (choose one) Side dish of the day Fresh fruit and vegetable 100% fruit juices Milk selection, dessert (choose at least two)	Lunch A. Chicken fillet sandwich -with mac and cheese B. Deli hoagie selection C. Chef salad w/dressing (choose one) Side dish of the day Fresh fruit and vegetable 100% fruit juices Milk selection, dessert (choose at least two)	Lunch A. Pizza slice w/ toppings -with Doritos B. Deli hoagie selection C. Chef salad w/dressing (choose one) Side dish of the day Fresh fruit and vegetable 100% fruit juices Milk selection, dessert (choose at least two)	We will be closed on Fridays. We look forward to seeing you next week. Have a safe and fun weekend!

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Celebrating the educators and students whose budgeting skills produced the highest ending account values and highest ending portfolio values in Pennsylvania!

- Late Spring Budgeting Challenge
 - Muhlenberg High School - 7th Place - \$81,620
- Late Spring Investing Challenge
 - Muhlenberg High School - 5th Place - \$152,115.05

JOHN LORCHAK - MHS





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VISION STATEMENT

The Muhlenberg School District is committed to guiding all students on a path of excellence with active and purposeful learning experiences, a growing and comprehensive curriculum, collaborative and innovative staff and creative use of technology and resources coupled with an unrelenting desire for success.

SPRING 2026