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Eagle Pride



BEA Envirothon Team – Centre County Champs

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WE TEACH FOR SUCCESS

Correction

In our last issue of Eagle Pride, unfortunately, we missed mentioning our third kindergarten teacher at Wingate Elementary, Amber Ligetti. Mrs. Ligetti is a smiling, nurturing teacher, with a positive attitude, and Bald Eagle Area is pleased that she has chosen to teach in our District for the past 7 years. Mrs. Ligetti, a graduate of Penn State University, has been a kindergarten teacher here for 4 years. Before that, she taught first and second grades for 3 years.



Wingate Elementary kindergarten teacher, Amber Ligetti, helps one of her students with Imagination Station, a computer program used to assist students in learning to read.

Mrs. Ligetti says, "What I like best about teaching kindergarten is to see the student's pride in the growth they feel in themselves as the year goes on – to see their growing independence. I love that look of, 'I've got it!' In kindergarten classes I see that look the most."

On the Cover...

BEA Envirothon Team wins County title for the 9th consecutive year.

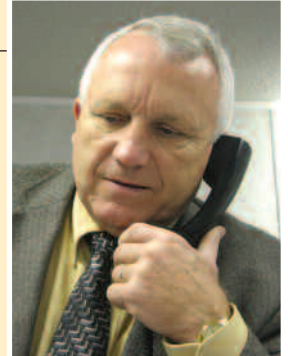
Congratulations to the BEA Bobber Down (as in snagging such a giant fish that it takes your "bobber down") Envirothon Team who placed first in the Centre County Envirothon, an outdoor environmental education competition held at the Bald Eagle State Park.

The first place champion team members included, from left, front row: Trevor Cohen-Dodge, Max Besong, Noret Flood, Ben Carlson, and Shane Robinson. Other members of the Envirothon Team and advisors are, second row: Advisor Jade Thompson, Chelsey Skripek, Drake Cooper, Wes Milliron, Brittany Greenaway, Chelsea Robinson, and Advisor Leanne Yeagley; third row: Krista Biggans, Brandon Reese, Jessica Scrudgers, Julie Allen, and Shawna Mitchell.

Superintendent's Message

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It seems that we just passed July 4 a few days ago and already it is time to be making final preparations for the return of all staff and students for the 2008-2009 school year. Summers seem to go by more quickly each year, as they really are busy times for those of us who want the next school year to be the best educational, work, and social experience possible for everybody who makes up the Bald Eagle Area school family. Before looking ahead, I will dwell briefly on a few of the accomplishments of the past year.

In order to maintain our present successful programs without mandated State adjustment, the Bald Eagle Area School District must perform well enough on the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) to make what is labeled "Adequate Yearly Progress" or AYP, for short. I am delighted to report that all Bald Eagle Area schools have made AYP for the past two years and we do not have to make mandatory adjustments to our programs. As always, we will continue to improve our programs as we see opportunities, but will do so with materials and programs that we feel will be successful at Bald Eagle Area. We are hopeful that we will be able to make this successful AYP report to you again this coming year and for years to come. We also know that encouraging children to perform well on the PSSA takes all of us working together, and as I look at the scores and percentage of participation, I am certain we would not have done as well without your encouragement of our students at home and in places where students gather. I extend my sincere gratitude to all of you who provide that type of support to our students.

We are expecting the coming year to have some significant changes. We will be expanding the Everyday Mathematics program into grades 3 and 4, with voluntary participation of teachers in grades 5 and 6. We are presently providing both coaching and training to our teachers, and will hold information sessions on Everyday Mathematics for concerned parents as the year unfolds. Essentially, Everyday Mathematics moves from "memorizing rules" about how you perform math operations to both recognizing and understanding math concepts. This sets the stage and provides for a more thorough understanding of math as the curriculum moves from kindergarten through 6th grade. No transition is ever easy and, for sure, this one will be no exception.

We will continue to work through the renovation program as reported in this issue. The group studying the decision of whether or not to move the 6th graders to the Middle School has yet to complete its work, but I am sure they will provide a recommendation in the next couple months. Presently, there is a lot of work to be done in fine tuning how the different rooms will be configured, particularly to provide as much separation as possible in a middle/high school building configuration.

The past few years, our student participation in advanced placement (AP) courses has declined nearly 50 percent. We will be reintroducing the weighted grade concept at the high school this coming year for courses that have been structured to be more demanding academically than the regular curriculum. AP or post secondary level courses will be weighted such that an A in one of those courses would count more towards a student's GPA for class ranking than the standard academic or other courses offered.

Writing a message to capture the highlights of an upcoming school year is always difficult in both the space provided and some estimate of what readers will have the patience to tolerate. Our upcoming school year is a lot like that. There is so much to do in so few hours and days and yet it all has to be packaged such that we do not lose any of the precious folks for whom our schools exist. The next 10 months will certainly be busy and surely not without some stress and struggles as the year unfolds. I know we can only do our best job when we are all working together. All of us at Bald Eagle Area want to be part of the solution to whatever problems arise. We want all of you to be part of that solution, too. We look forward to working and learning together!

Bookends Library Club News



The group operates a concession stand at the BEA-Laurel Valley baseball playoff game.

Bookends, the newly established Library Club at the Bald Eagle Middle-High School, went on a field trip to Washington D. C. and the Library of Congress in the spring. Twelve students and three teachers ventured to the Nation's Capital in search of the Library of Congress and other famous monuments. The adventurous group left before the sun came up and did not return until early the next morning. The group visited the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, World War II Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, the White House, and toured the Library of Congress.

Bookends has already completed two fundraisers, operating concession stands at the Western PA Tang Soo Do Championship and provided much-appreciated food and drinks at two District 6 baseball playoff games held at Doc Etters Field. Future activities may include community service projects, an open house event, a book fair, and a book swap.

High School Librarian and Bookends Advisor, Jessica Yost, says, "The purpose of Bookends is to promote student interest in the library, its activities, and in lifelong learning. We also have a lot of fun doing it!"

The members, who range in grade from 8th to 12th, come from all interests and academic and athletic abilities. Yost says that some of the students are quiet, while others are jokesters; so it is interesting to see how different the students are, yet they all enjoy being part of the same group. Yost says that most of the students who joined the club were not friends originally, but because of being part of the Bookends group, they got to know each other on the trip to D.C. and have become friends.

SOME COMMENTS ABOUT THE TRIP:

The architecture and artwork in the Library of Congress was astounding. It was phenomenal that each and every painting told a story of its own. ~Rebecca Martin

The best part of the trip was the WWII Memorial. The fountain at the memorial was refreshing, seeing as it was scorching hot in Washington D.C. It was interesting to see the states and areas that were affected by the war. ~Christi Marie Lerch

We all had a great time and formed incredible memories that will last for many years to come. ~Advisor Jessica Yost

The best part of the DC trip for me would have to be hanging out with great people in an utterly amazing place. It was just magnificent down there. If I would have gone by myself, it would still have been amazing, but I wouldn't have had the fun that I discovered. ~Jolene O. Carper



Bookends members stand in front of the WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C. – First row: Daniel Styles; from left, second row: Crispolo Bloom, Ashley Gates, Christi Lerch, Mallory Leupold, Chelsea Wedlake, Jessica Yost, and Kathy Ryba; third row: Kendra Jabco, Sarah Johnson, Eric Herr, Kellie Neff, Kori Hicks, Rebecca Martin, and Jolene Carper.

FREE PreSchool Programs at Wingate & Port Matilda Elementary!

Beginning in the 2007-08 school year, the Bald Eagle Area School District, in conjunction with Cen-Clear Child Service, was able to offer two sites of free high quality preschool experiences to three and four year old children who reside in the BEA school district. Wingate Elementary housed a class in both the morning and the afternoon, taught by Heather Evert. Matternville housed the district off-site preschool location, taught by Melissa David. The funding for the program came from the PreK Counts grant, supported by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

In the 2008-2009 school year, Bald Eagle Area will host, and Cen-Clear Child Services will provide free, high quality preschools. Wingate Elementary classes are running from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. The Matternville site has been moved to the Port Matilda Elementary school location and will run from 11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. BEA is excited to be hosting such a wonderful opportunity for the preschool-aged children in our district.



Students enjoy at snack at the PreK program at the Wingate Elementary school.

Grants Galore

– Books, Vegetables, and Fruit

The Bald Eagle Area School District received a \$4,000 First Book grant to support the students in our Reading Recovery program. The entire amount of money was spent to purchase new books at various reading levels for the students. Each month the students will choose books to take home and keep in their own libraries. They will use the books to practice reading and reinforce the reading skills being taught in our Reading Recovery program. The books selected support both the fiction and nonfiction categories and cover a wide range of interest.

First Book is a nonprofit organization that was founded in 1992. Their mission: to give children from low-income families the opportunity to read and own their first new books. The organization has distributed more than 50 million new books to children in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

More grant news is that the USDA, through the PA Department of Education, has awarded a Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant to the Middle-Senior High School. The grant will be used to serve free fresh fruits and vegetables in various formats each day during the 2008-09 school year. There will be harvest, prep, and tasting demos by Chef Ott to entice our students to try new types of fruits and veggies, such as papaya chunks, grapples, and fennel and jicama strips. School Nurse Cindy Stanton will work with teachers on nutrition education and the Health & Wellness Committee will support all efforts to use this grant in constructive and innovative ways.

It is indeed an honor to be one of 25 schools in the state of Pennsylvania selected for this program.

Good news about CHIP

Pennsylvania's Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) has expanded to cover all uninsured kids and teens. Now, no family makes too much money for CHIP because there are no income limits! With more than 133,000 uninsured children in Pennsylvania, this is great news for families!

If your children need health insurance, it's worth looking into CHIP, which guarantees access to quality health care coverage for your children. In fact, your children may be able to continue visiting the same doctors they see now.

CHIP covers everything from doctor visits, immunizations, emergency care, prescriptions, and dental and eye care - just to name a few.



To get your children covered visit
www.CHIPcoversPAkids.com
 or call 1-800-986-KIDS.

Science is all WET

Bald Eagle Area teachers (from left) Jacy Clark, Ron Hoover, Luke Laubscher, and Roger Proctor count micro-organisms collected in a portion of Bald Eagle Creek to determine water quality. These teachers were part of a team from the Bald Eagle Area, Bellefonte, and Penns Valley school districts who participated in Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) this summer. PDE sponsored this science workshop, which included a combination of hands-on activities and background knowledge content. Participants also received a book of innovative curriculum activities to use in their classrooms.



2008-2009 School Calendar

August 27, 2008	First Day for Teachers (In-Service Day)
September 2, 2008	First Day of School for Students
October 27, 2008	In-Service Day (No School for Students)
October 20 – 31, 2008	12th Grade PSSA Retest for Math & Writing
November 10, 2008	Assessment Day (No School for Students)
November 27, 28, 2008	Vacation Days
December 1, 2008	Vacation Day
December 2, 2008	Act 80 Day (No School for Students)
December 22 – 31, 2008	Vacation Days
January 1, 2, 2009	Vacation Days
January 26, 2009	Assessment Day (No School for Students)
February 9 – 20, 2009	5th, 8th, & 11th Grade Writing PSSA Assessment
February 13, 2009	Act 80 Day (No School for Students)
February 16, 2009	Vacation Day
March 16 – 27, 2009	3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th & 11th PSSA Math/Reading Testing
April 9, 2009	Assessment Day (No School for Students)
April 10, 2009	Vacation Day
April 27 – May 8, 2009	Science PSSA Testing
May 25, 2009	Vacation Day
June 8, 2009	Last Day of School for Students
June 9, 2009	Last Day for Teachers
June 9 – 12, 2009	Snow Makeup Days

SpellRead spells *student success*

The *SpellRead* program, used mostly in Learning Support and Special Education applications, helps children learn to read by mastering the 44 sounds of the English language, rather than memorizing a million words. The *SpellRead* program, which BEA implemented in the 2007-08 school year, integrates essential elements of phonemics, phonetics, and instruction in language-based reading and writing. The program includes 140 carefully defined lessons presented in three distinct phases:

Phase A introduces the 44 sounds of English and trains the student to manipulate them automatically (with no hesitation whatsoever).

Phase B teaches the secondary spellings (e.g. ay & ai for the a_e sound), the consonant blends, such as str, _nt and bl, and syllabication and auditory-visual automaticity (automatic decoding) for two-syllable words.

Phase C continues training at the multi-syllable level and introduces the most common clusters (tion, ture, tious, etc.) as well as syllabication, pronunciation, and spelling of verb forms.

Jennifer Druckenmiller, 4th and 5th grade Learning Support teacher, has nothing but praise for the program and says, "I see a significant increase in motivation. Students in the program are reading with improved accuracy and fluency, and comprehension skills are increasing. Students enjoy the activities and look forward to class, and a majority of them will come back to read during recess. They are excited to read!"

Students also enjoy using this new program, saying, "*SpellRead* helps me sound words out instead of blurting them out and having to go back and fix them. I get it right the first time." One student felt it was helping with written applications also, saying, "*SpellRead* is helping me to spell words and write better."

This research-based program is widely acclaimed and accepted throughout the United States, and Bald Eagle Area is the first district within central Pennsylvania to use this program. Currently, 9 BEA teachers have been trained in this method, and 3-5 more Special Education and Title I teachers will be trained in August 2008.



Learning Support teacher Jennifer Druckenmiller attends training on the *SpellRead* Program.



A student "goes for the gold" and tries to beat her best time using *SpellRead* speed pack pseudo word cards.

Board of Education Notes

At its June meeting, the Bald Eagle Area Board of Education appointed Mary Ann Hamilton of Clarence to fill the Mountaintop Region vacancy until December 2009. Ms. Hamilton, who is active in the Mountaintop community, is a current member of the BEA Facilities Committee. Mr. Albert Puhalla, who had served as a board member for 16 years, resigned from the Board on May 12, 2008 due to increased work conflicts.

Also at the June 2008 meeting, the board appointed Mr. Tim Nilson of Snow Shoe as Board Secretary, with the appointment ending on June 30, 2012. Other current officers are Mr. Keith Reese, President; Mr. Jeff Turner, Vice-President and CPI Joint Operating representative; and Mr. Tom Letterman, Legislative representative. Also, Ms. Mary Ann Hamilton is the alternate to the CPI Joint Operating Committee.

Dominic Lacivita recently completed his term as student representative to the Board, and made these comments about his service to the Board. "Throughout the year I have received some very informative and beneficial experience. I will not lie, though, some topics of discussion have been quite boring to my point of view, but overall it is interesting to be able to see and experience how the district runs and how things are pulled together and made possible with such a wide variety of things that are necessary to be done. This truly has been a valuable experience."

About our district in general, Dominic says, "...when the day is done,

I would say that our school is just right. We all know each other and are friends, and I like that. On TV and from stories, I hear of other schools - I find ours to be different; all different people are friends. Here, students in sports are friends with students in band and chorus, who are friends with Vo-Tech students, who are friends with computer students. It is all just one big loop. I think that is something a little unique to our school and it doesn't even need to be encouraged because here it just naturally happens. I would like to thank you, the School Board for giving us all this opportunity to learn and grow together."

Junior Brandi Weaver-Gates will be the new student representative to the Board for the 2008-09 school year.



Mary Ann Hamilton - the new board representative from the Mountaintop Region.



Albert Puhalla is stepping down, after serving on the Board of Education for the past 16 years.

"...when the day is done, I would say our school is just right."

~Student Dominic Lacivita



SOME OF BEA'S



Robison attends All-State Band

Brian Robison, playing Cornet III, attended the 2008 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association All-State Band Festival in Hershey. Brian is the third musician in BEA history to attain this honor.

Quentin Wright – BEA's first two-time PIAA wrestling champion

Besides becoming BEA's first two-time PIAA wrestling champion this year, Quentin also won the 163 pound Junior Freestyle Championships and placed second in the Greco-Roman Championships at the Pan American Games this summer in Cuenca, Ecuador. Quentin also competed in the FILA World Junior Freestyle Championships in Istanbul, Turkey in August and returned home with a bronze medal.



Mock Trial Team competes at Regional competition

The BEA Legal Eagles competed in the Region Four Northcentral competition for the first time in BEA history. Pictured at the regional competition before the trial, from left are, row one: Danielle Turner; Mackenzie Bagley; and Kelley Gillette-Walker, Attorney Advisor; row two: Mary Beth Crago, Teacher Coach; Noret Flood; Gage Cooper; and Drake Cooper; row three: Rebecca Martin; Emily Catherman; and Rusty Armstrong.



BEA's Tim Watson earns Bronze Medal at States

Tim Watson took third place in the discus, with a throw of 152 feet, 11 inches, at the 2008 PIAA Track and Field Championships at Shippensburg University.



Luke Besong wins 2008 Spelling Bee

Mountaintop Elementary's Luke Besong, son of Patrick and Corinne Besong of Clarence, was the winner of the 2008 Sixth Grade Spelling Bee. Other students participating in the spelling bee were Rebecca Bowling, Myranda Brower, Darek Eckley, Rachael Kuhlen, Cody Mandell, Jacob Miller, Emily Quick, and Daniel Watters.

GOLDEN STARS



Lady Eagles Softball

The Lady Eagles Softball Team was this year's District 6 Class AA Champions and PIAA Class AA Runner-up.



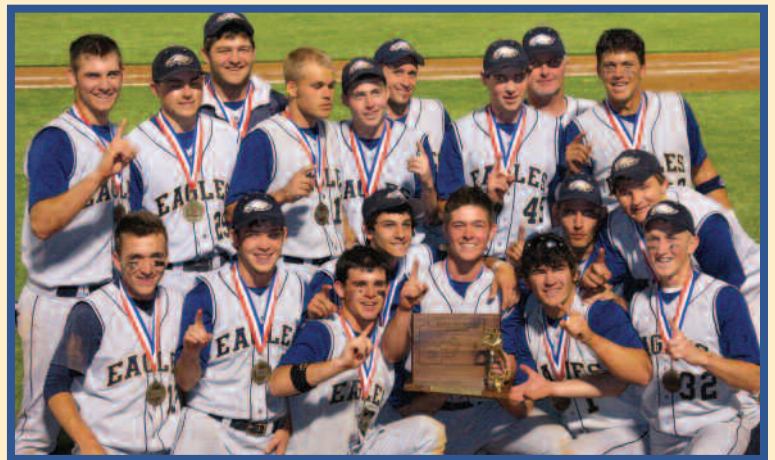
Reading Madness II winners

Renae Butler's 8th Grade Blue Team was the middle school winner of the Reading Madness II reading challenge. (Some of the Blue Team members are pictured in this photo.) And with a difference of only .08 percent in Accelerated Reader points, Port Matilda and Mountaintop elementary schools called it a "tie" for the elementary trophy. The students celebrated with ice cream sundaes, and with the knowledge that it pays in many ways to be "mad about reading!"



Daren Eckley – BEA's newest Eagle Scout

Daren Eckley of Boy Scout Troop 45 of Milesburg is BEA's newest Eagle Scout. For his Eagle project, Daren built a pavilion at the Yarnell Community Center.

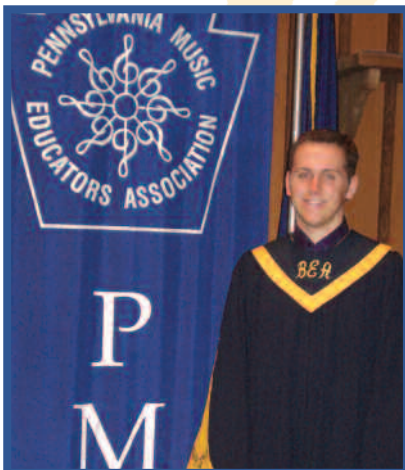


Eagle Baseball – District 6 Champs

Following up an impressive state title last year, the BEA Baseball Team won the District 6 Class AA Title again this year.

Thompson attends All-State Choir

Kale Thompson (Tenor 2) qualified for All-State Choir, which took place at the PMEA State Music Festival in Hershey, PA.





MORE GOLDEN STARS



Boys Track & Field – District 6 Champs

The Boys Track & Field Team won the 2008 District 6 Class AA Championship.

BEA Botball Team takes first place

The BEA Botball Team took first place in the Robotics Competition at Pittsburgh. From left, first row: David Long, Maggie Mehalko, Michael Ciancarelli, and Cody Park; second row: Zach Deering, Lisa Veneziano, Wes Milliron, Nathan Inglesby, Alex Nilson, Max Besong, Jackson Tate, Gage Cooper, Trevor Eisenhuth, Kyle Hinton, and Rusty Armstrong. Advisors for the group are Vaughn Donmoyer and Sharon Nilson.



Olivia Seprish crowned Miss BEA

During ceremonies at the Bald Eagle High School, Olivia Seprish of Snow Shoe was crowned Miss BEA for the 2008-09 school year.



Kevin Fayman is HOBY representative

Kevin Fayman, the son of Richard and Cynthia Fayman of Milesburg, was the 2008 sophomore selected as the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) representative for the Bald Eagle High School. He attended the HOBY seminar on the Millersville State University Campus.

Port Matilda fourth graders become stock tycoons

By Steve Woodring

With growing economic pressures in our country, one question worth asking is whether schools have an obligation to provide financial education to our youth. Over the past few months, students in Steve Woodring's fourth grade class at Port Matilda Elementary became actively engaged in one aspect of finance...learning about the benefits and risks of the stock market. How could fourth graders be motivated to learn what so many consider to be a challenging and complicated subject, you wonder? The answer is through participating in The Stock Market Game of Pennsylvania, a computerized game that allows students to simulate making investment decisions much like an adult investor would.

The game worked like this: Students were introduced to the game objectives and taught focus lessons about business, why businesses issue stock, and what to look for when choosing investments. Students were then given a hypothetical \$100,000 to invest. Students decided what stocks they wanted to buy. Most students selected familiar area companies.

Others turned to online sites such as Yahoo Finance to view charts and graphs of potential stocks. The students were allowed to purchase and sell stock in the companies they had chosen. With each purchase or sale, the computerized system automatically tracked gains or losses, much like an actual brokerage account would.

By the close of ten weeks, students had learned valuable lessons about how money can be made or lost in the stock market. Two teams saw gains in their portfolios, while one team finished with a loss. One group, consisting of Ryan Clouser, Kurt Johnson, Dakota Noll, and Daniel Saulsgiver, beat the odds with their purchase of an entertainment company, causing their portfolio to skyrocket more than 16 percent! Not a bad return for ten weeks, huh?

Author's Note: Classroom teacher, Steve Woodring, would like to thank the staff of Babst, Calland, Clements, and Zomnir, PC for sponsoring his class.



Port Matilda students Dakota Noll (left) and Kurt Johnson review their stock portfolios on the computer.

BEA retirees honored

The District honored employees who retired during the 2007-08 school year at the 12th Annual Recognition and Retirement Banquet. Members from the "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" cast performed songs prior to the buffet dinner. Diane Lucas, President of the Bald Eagle Area Education Association, and Keith Reese, President of the BEA Board of Education, were masters of ceremony for the event.



2008 BEA retirees, from left: Sandy Capparelle, Marsha Fisk, Genny Basalla, Ruth Lyons, Jim Yost, Lois Todd, Mary Houck, and Linda Donmoyer.

The following staff members retired from the Bald Eagle Area School District during the 2007-08 school year:

Genevieve D. Basalla	Title I Reading & Classroom Assistant Wingate Elementary
Sandra M. Capparelle	Elementary Teacher Wingate Elementary
Ted H. Conklin	Industrial Technology Teacher Bald Eagle Middle-High School
Linda M. Donmoyer	Director of Reading Bald Eagle Area School District
Marsha W. Fisk	Elementary Teacher Wingate Elementary
Cynthia J. Gardner	Building Assistant Howard Elementary
William L. Heckathorne	Elementary Teacher Mountaintop Area Elementary
Curtis A. Heverly	Social Studies Teacher Bald Eagle Middle-High School
Janice K. Heverly	Art Teacher Bald Eagle Middle-High School
Mary F. Houck	Elementary Teacher Wingate Elementary
Ruth A. Myers	Mathematics Teacher Bald Eagle Middle-High School
Wayne E. Smith	Elementary Teacher Port Matilda Elementary
Lois W. Todd	Guidance Counselor Bald Eagle Middle-High School
James L. Yost	Elementary Teacher Mountaintop Area Elementary
Sandra R. Wetherbee	Special Education Teacher Wingate Elementary

Information regarding our phone alert system

This school year, BEA will continue to offer a telephone broadcast system that will enable school personnel to notify all households and parents by phone within minutes of an emergency or unplanned event that causes an early dismissal, a school cancellation, or a late start. This service, now provided through SchoolReach, may also be used from time-to-time to communicate general announcements or reminders.

When activated, the service can simultaneously call all listed phone numbers in our parent contact list and deliver a recorded message from our superintendent or another school administrator. The service will deliver the message to both a live answerer and an answering machine. The system will automatically retry "no answers" and "busy signals" twice in fifteen minute intervals after the initial call.

Here is some specific information you should know:

Caller ID: The Call ID will display 814-355-4860, which is the main number for the Bald Eagle Area School District, or the telephone number of the specific school office making the call.

Live Answers: There is a short pause at the beginning of the message, usually just a few seconds. Answer your phone as you normally would; "hello" and hold for the message to begin. Multiple "hellos" will delay the message. Inform all family members who may answer your phone of this process.

Answering Machines: The system will detect that your machine has answered and will play the recording to your machine. The maximum number of rings the system will make before hang-up is five. Make sure your machine answers after four rings or you may miss the message.

Morning & Day Calls: In the event a cancellation decision is made the night before, or in the early morning hours, the broadcast message will be sent to home phone numbers only. In the event a cancellation decision is made mid-day, the broadcast message will be sent to home and cellular/office numbers. General announcements will be sent only to home numbers.

Message Repeat: At the end of the message you will be prompted to 'press one' to hear the message again. This is very helpful when a child answers the phone and hands it to a parent, who can then 'repeat' the message in its entirety.

Emails: If you supply the school with your email address (on your Home Contact Form), you can be included in the email broadcasting service.

Attendance: You will be notified each day your child misses a required number of classes.

Technology detects the difference between human answer and machine answer. Some reasons for false detection: Loud background noise; television, radio, general noisy environment; a cordless phone that has static or other foreign noise; and not saying "hello" or delaying saying "hello."

What can be done to remedy this?

Do not say "hello" more than once. If the system detected your answer incorrectly, all noise will reset the three-second counter. If, after you answer, the message does not immediately play, cover the mouthpiece of the phone to cutout all background noise. The message should begin after three seconds.

Parents can update contact numbers through the Home Contact Form that will be sent home at the beginning of the school year. Changes in phone numbers can be updated throughout the year by calling the Attendance Office at 355-5721. All information and contact numbers are strictly secure and confidential and only used for the purposes described herein. BEA will continue to report emergency school closings on radio and TV stations and will use this phone alert system as an overlay to the public announcements.

BEA track surface gets facelift

This summer, a polyurethane top coating was applied to the surface of the all-weather synthetic running track at the high school. The track was originally installed in 2001, and since then, the rubberized surface has dried out and lost its elasticity through normal wear and from being exposed to the elements. The addition of this new polyurethane top coating will add structure to the top layer of the track. Without having to completely resurface it, this will give ten more years of life to the rubber membrane wearing exterior.

Members of the BEA community are encouraged and welcome to use the Bald Eagle High School track during daylight hours when it is not being used by an organized BEA activity.

Workers from Precision Sports Surfaces spray a polyurethane top coating to the surface of the synthetic running track at Alumni Field.



Maintenance/Custodial Staff *spruce up schools*

A gigantic cleaning operation takes place in all of the BEA schools during the summer months. In addition, the maintenance department works to take care of all those jobs that are done more easily with the students on vacation. Some of those "special" jobs undertaken this summer were installing new energy efficient lamps in the Wingate Elementary gym and the High School wrestling room, installing overhead classroom projectors, and removing a wall in the high school library to accommodate a reading nook.



Chris Park from BEA maintenance replaces a light in the high school wrestling room.

UP TO DATE...

Michael Hall named Elementary Principal

On July 10, 2008, Michael Hall was assigned to Mountaintop Area Elementary and Howard Elementary schools as the new building principal. Mr. Hall lives in Blanchard, about five minutes away from the Howard School. He is married and has four children, and formerly was a Reading Coach in the Keystone Central School District, which has prepared him for being a school leader. He will be sharing his time with both schools, plans to be actively involved in each building and their PTO's, and looks forward to working with our students, their parents, and BEA staff members.

High School to initiate weighted grades

Beginning with courses taken at the Bald Eagle High School during the 2008-09 school year, "Honors" or "Advanced Placement" courses will be weighted, with only final grades receiving a weighting factor. Weighted grades will be converted to a five point scale, and will be utilized for class rank purposes only. Only grades of a C- or better will be given a weighting factor.

This additional weighting factor is being provided due to the fact that these courses are the most rigorous in our academic curriculum and, for the most part, our enrollment numbers in them has not met our expectations. This was partially due to the fact that students were not rewarded for taking these more challenging advanced courses. The policy change to weighted grades will give deserved recognition, for GPA class rank comparative purposes, to those students who take Honors and Advanced Placement level courses.

Visit us at www.beasd.org

At Bald Eagle's website, www.beasd.org, we hope to convey a feeling of warmth and "family" – a family comprised of BEA students, staff, administration, board members, community members, governmental entities, businesses, alumni, and everyone else out there on the world-wide-web who considers himself a proud "BEA Eagle."

Our website has a new look. The mountains on the homepage banner are part of our very own "Bald Eagle Valley Ridge" located directly across from the high school – the longest continuous ridge in the world. The photos on the banners of the individual school sites were chosen to represent some of the different facets of the educational experience provided at BEA: Science, Math, Language Arts, History, Fine Arts, Technology, and all Academic areas.

We know the Internet provides one of the key communication tools to our Bald Eagle Area community. Our goal is to make this site a valuable center of information. Visit us often and soon!

Here are some major features of our website:

What's New: This is where you will find news from around the district and/or featured items on the website. Read individual school, district, and student newsletters online.

District Calendar: This section contains the Academic Year Calendar, School Board meeting dates, and other district events.

Events & High School Sports/Activities: View high school athletic events and practice schedules.

Staff Directory: Contains email addresses for staff members. This summer, many teachers have been working on their own personal web sites, which list homework information. Their sites can be accessed through the staff directory.

Departments/Food Service: View breakfast and lunch menus; monitor your child's lunch account activity and pay online for your child's meals.

School Board Agendas and Highlights: Read agendas and highlights from Board of Education meetings.

Human Resources: Find updated job postings and application information.

Student Bulletin: High School student announcements are posted daily on the High School Home Page.

Site Map and Search: These features should help you locate items of interest.

Road widening will make school access safer

Utility lines are being moved and replaced to accommodate a new turning lane in front of the Wingate Elementary School and the Bald Eagle High School. The project, which includes a crossroads with signal light at the Sheetz intersection, should make the roadways near the schools a safer place to travel. The project is scheduled for a Fall 2009 completion date.



Workers relocate utilities in front of the Bald Eagle High School.

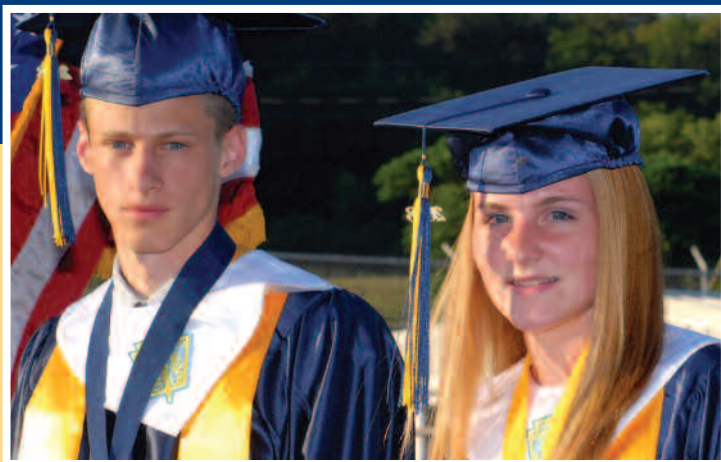


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SENIORS





Bald Eagle Area

Valedictorian Ethan Corle (left) and Sara Smith, Salutatorian.

	RECIPIENT	AWARD	AWARD SPONSORED BY
Valedictorian	Ethan Corle	Plaque	Bald Eagle Area School District
Salutatorian	Sara Smith	Plaque	Bald Eagle Area School District
Highest Honors (top five percent)	Max Besong Tyler Hoffman Carly Kristofik Breanna Johnstonbaugh Kendra Immel Mary Salvanish John Schall	Trophy Trophy Trophy Trophy Trophy Trophy Trophy	Money for Highest Honors trophies was made available by Eagle Towing & Recovery, Snow Shoe Lions Club, and Millers Hoagies
Honors Awards (second five percent)	Megan Rhoat Erin Kunes Kathryn Hoover Chelsea Bartley Megan Mehalko Drew King Jendi Clontz Kendra Jabco	Certificate Certificate Certificate Certificate Certificate Certificate Certificate Certificate	Bald Eagle Area School District Bald Eagle Area School District Bald Eagle Area School District Bald Eagle Area School District Bald Eagle Area School District Bald Eagle Area School District Bald Eagle Area School District Bald Eagle Area School District
Union Township Award	Ethan Corle	\$10.00/certificate	Unionville/Union Township Community Center
Unionville Township Award	Megan Mehalko	\$10.00/certificate	Unionville/Union Township Community Center
Boggs Township SAT Award	Brian Fayman	\$25.00	Milesburg/Boggs Township Senior Citizens
Milesburg Borough SAT Award	Mary Salvanish	\$25.00	Milesburg/Boggs Township Senior Citizens
Senior Class Attendance Award	Tiffany Witherite	\$25.00	Bald Eagle High School Senior Class
Senior Class Attendance Award	Max Besong	\$25.00	Bald Eagle High School Senior Class
Howard Area Museum & Historical Society Award	Zachary Bowes	\$75.00	Howard Area Museum & Historical Society
Art Award	Amanda Cox	\$25.00	Mrs. Kenneth Teaman and the Late Kenneth Teaman
Union Grange #325 Achievement Award	Kendra Immel	\$25.00/Certificate	Union Grange #325
Union Grange #325 Achievement Award	Jim Tice	\$25.00/Certificate	Union Grange #325
Homemaking Proficiency Award	Russell Witherite	\$25.00/Certificate/Pin	Bellefonte Women of the Moose, Chapter #151
The American Legion Auxiliary Award	Chelsea Emel	\$25.00/Certificate/Pin	Clarence American Legion Auxiliary Cartwright-Martin Post #813
Port Matilda, Worth, or Huston Township Award	Sara Smith	\$100.00	Port Matilda Elementary PTO
Port Matilda, Worth, or Huston Township Award	Carly Kristofik	\$100.00	Port Matilda Elementary PTO
The Richard M. Sharp Memorial Award	Kale Thompson	Certificate	Senator Jake Corman
Good Citizen Award	Lucas Showers	Certificate	Senator Jake Corman
Good Citizen Award	Quentin Wright	Certificate	Senator Jake Corman
Wingate Community Service Award	Kristine Clouse	\$50.00	Wingate Elementary PTO
	Silas Lucas	\$50.00	Wingate Elementary PTO
Senior High Service Award	Sara Kellerman	\$50.00	Bellefonte Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Howard Area Scholastic Award	Cory Gates	\$100.00	Mr. & Mrs. Kline R. Wolf
Howard Civic Club Award	Kale Thompson	\$50.00	Howard Civic Club
Howard School and Community Service Award	Elizabeth Hackett	\$50.00	Howard Elementary PTO
Howard School and Community Service Award	Luke Nyman	\$50.00	Howard Elementary PTO
Mays Korman Memorial Homemaking Award	Amanda Grove	\$100.00	Port Matilda Grange #1284
Centre County Pomona Grange # 13	Rena Struble	\$100.00	Centre County Pomona Grange #13

SENIOR AWARDS

	RECIPIENT	AWARD	AWARD SPONSORED BY
The Port Matilda High School Alumni 1905-1956 The Port Matilda High School Alumni 1905-1956	Sara Smith Libby Sprinkle	\$150.00 \$150.00	Port Matilda High School Alumni 1905-1956 Port Matilda High School Alumni 1905-1956
Snow Shoe Lions Club Award Snow Shoe Lions Club Award Snow Shoe Lions Club Award Snow Shoe Lions Club Award	John Schall - Regular Curriculum Erin Kunes - Regular Curriculum Christopher Caldana - CPI Curriculum Ashley Reiter - CPI Curriculum	\$100.00 Savings Bond \$100.00 Savings Bond \$100.00 Savings Bond \$100.00 Savings Bond	Snow Shoe Lions Club Snow Shoe Lions Club Snow Shoe Lions Club Snow Shoe Lions Club
The Dennis L. Hanscom Memorial Award	Issac Fink	\$125.00	Dennis L. Hanscom Memorial
The Military Appreciation Award The Military Appreciation Award The Military Appreciation Award The Military Appreciation Award The Military Appreciation Award The Military Appreciation Award	Alex Klinger - Army William Bryan, III - Navy Derrick Bonsell - Navy Gary Clark - Air Force Dustin Chencharick - Marines Rob Johnson - Marines	\$50.00 \$50.00 \$50.00 \$50.00 \$50.00 \$50.00	Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1600-Bellefonte Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1600-Bellefonte Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1600-Bellefonte Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1600-Bellefonte Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1600-Bellefonte Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1600-Bellefonte
U. S. National Guard Certificate U. S. National Guard Certificate	Randy Breon Coty Johnson	Certificate Certificate	U.S. National Guard U.S. National Guard
Andrew R. (Andy) Jodon Memorial Scholarship	Tim Watson	\$300.00	The Jodon Family
Our Lady of the Mountain-KOC Council Award Our Lady of the Mountain-KOC Council Award	Erin Kunes Max Besong	\$100.00 Savings Bond \$100.00 Savings Bond	Knights of Columbus Council #12038 Knights of Columbus Council #12038
The Thom Shultz Memorial Award	Breanna Johnstonbaugh	\$100.00 Savings Bond	The Family of Thom Schultz
Mountaintop Scholastic Award	Max Besong	\$100.00	Mountaintop Elementary PTO
English Award	Tyler Hoffman	\$50.00	Mountaintop Elementary PTO
Social Studies Award	Erin Kunes	\$50.00	Mountaintop Elementary PTO
American History Award	Tyler Hoffman	\$50.00 Savings Bond /Certificate/Medal	Bellefonte Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution
Woodmen of the World Award	Max Besong	\$50.00/Plaque	Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society, Howard Lodge #691
D.A.R. Good Citizen Award	Kasey Corl	\$100.00 Savings Bond /Certificate/Pin	Bellefonte Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution
United States Air Force Award	Ethan Corle	Certificate	United States Air Force Recruiting Service
Leeman Hilner Memorial Award	Luke Nyman	\$250.00	Family of Leeman C. Hilner
Omega Bank Business Education Award	Heather Christian	\$100.00	Omega Bank, a Division of First National Bank
Bald Eagle Area Class of 1964 Memorial Scholarship	Trevor Eisenhuth	\$200.00	Bald Eagle Area Class of 1964
Bellefonte Lodge #268 of the Free and Accepted Masons	Kendra Immel	\$500.00	Bellefonte Lodge #268 of the Free and Accepted Masons
Howard Area Lions Club Memorial Scholarship	Megan Rhoat	\$100.00	Howard Area Lions Club
Milesburg Lions Club Industrial Technology Award	Steven Kepler	\$100.00	Milesburg Lions Club
Milesburg Lions Club LEO Club Award	Chelsea Emel	\$100.00	Milesburg Lions Club
Allen T. Weaver Memorial Scholarship	Kale Thompson	\$100.00	In Memory of Allen T. Weaver
Gerald R. Wiser Memorial Scholarship	Ethan Corle	\$100.00/Plaque	In Memory of Gerald R. Wiser
Hall's Market Award	Alissa Morgan	\$50.00	Hall's Market of Snow Shoe
Mountaintop Tru Value Hardware Store Award	Eric Schall	\$50.00	Mountaintop True Value Hardware Store of Snow Shoe
The Snow Shoe VFW Post 5644 Ladies Auxiliary Award	Erin Kunes	\$50.00	Snow Shoe VFW Post 5644 Ladies Auxiliary
American Red Cross Making a Difference Educational Scholarship	Carly Kristofik	\$500.00	Greater Allegheny Regions of the American Red Cross
Bald Eagle Area High School Service Award	Quentin Wright	\$100.00	Richard and Grace Hall, Sr., of Nittany Pest Control of Milesburg
Student Government Activities Scholarship	Erin Kunes	\$100.00	BEA Student Government
The Etters/Shope Award The Etters/Shope Award	Katie Payton Lauren Reed	\$150.00 \$150.00	Bald Eagle Area Education Association Bald Eagle Area Education Association
The Connelly/McCloskey Education Scholarship Award	Luke Showers	\$600.00	Bald Eagle Area Education Association

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Ethel L. Meckes Memorial Award	Mary Salvanish	\$200.00	Mr. Richard Meckes
Kiwanis Leadership Award	Drew King	\$200.00	Kiwanis Club of Bellefonte
Betty J. Alexander-Norfolk Memorial Scholarship	Todd Ciancarelli	\$300.00	Betty J. Alexander-Norfolk Memorial Scholarship Fund
The William J. McCamley, Sr. Scholarship Fund	Kale Thompson	\$250.00	The Family of William J. McCamley, Sr.
Delta Kappa Gamma Award	Kale Thompson	\$300.00	Delta Kappa Gamma
Carolyn Connelly Memorial Scholarship	Kathryn Hoover	\$250.00	The Family of Carolyn D. Connelly
Rex G. McCloskey Memorial Scholarship	Brittany Simpson	\$500.00	The Family of Rex G. McCloskey
The Reverend A. John Perna Memorial Award	Kasey Corl	Plaque	The Family of Reverend A. John Perna
The Jan Janusz Boguslawski Award	Kendra Immel	\$500.00	Mr. Sabah Dabby of Restek Corporation
Rex G. McCloskey Memorial Award	Chelsea Bartley	\$500.00	Mr. Sabah Dabby of Restek Corporation
Wal-Mart Store #1640	Sara Smith	\$1,000.00	Wal-Mart Store #1640
Sam Walton Community Scholarship	Cody Miller	\$1,000.00	Wal-Mart Foundation
Phi Delta Kappa Award	Elizabeth Hackett	\$250.00	Phi Kappa Delta
Bellefonte Intervalley Area Chamber of Commerce Business Award	Heather Christian	\$100.00	Bellefonte Intervalley Area Chamber of Commerce
Mount Nittany Medical Center Scholarship	Kylie Wozniak	\$300.00	Mount Nittany Medical Center
The Bob and Donna Vallimont Scholarship	Justin Koleno	\$500.00	Melody Miller
Eagle Cheer Scholarship	Tiffany Witherite	\$100.00	Cheerleaders Booster Club
Tiffany Bratton Memorial Scholarship	Ashley Hamilton	\$200.00	Tiffany Bratton Memorial Scholarship Fund
Ashley A. McClain Memorial Softball Scholarship	Kasey Corl	\$200.00	Ashley A. McClain Memorial Scholarship Fund
Lycoming College Scholarship	Luke Showers	\$200.00	Anonymous
Bald Eagle Area Football 1st and 10 Club Annual Senior Academic Achievement Scholarship	Tyler Hoffman	\$250.00	Bald Eagle Area 1st and 10 Club
2007-2008 BEA Football Scholar Athlete	Tyler Hoffman	Plaque	Central PA Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame
BEA Baseball Coaches Award	Justin Koleno	Plaque	Coach Jim Gardner
Scholastic Excellence Award	Ethan Corle	Certificate	United States Marine Corps
Scholastic Excellence Award	Sara Smith	Certificate	United States Marine Corps
Semper Fidelis Award	Max Besong	Certificate	United States Marine Corps
Semper Fidelis Award	Kaitlin Weston	Certificate	United States Marine Corps
Athletic Award	Amanda Mondock	Certificate	United States Marine Corps
Athletic Award	Quentin Wright	Certificate	United States Marine Corps
James H. Snyder Memorial Award	Ethan Corle	Plaque	Centre Daily Times
James H. Snyder Memorial Award	Carly Kristofik	Plaque	Centre Daily Times
Gary Spain Coaches Award	Travis Garner	Plaque	Varsity Club
Gary Spain Coaches Award	Brittany Simpson	Plaque	Varsity Club
Walter L. McClincy Memorial Award	Caleb Hoffman	\$50.00	Mr. and Mrs. John L. Wetzler
Walter L. McClincy Memorial Award	Katie Wedlake	\$50.00	Mr. and Mrs. John L. Wetzler
Dennis Spotts Memorial Award	Travis Garner	Plaque	Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Spotts
Leo T. Bomboy, Sr. Memorial Award	Shawn Rigg	\$100.00 Savings Bond	The Family of Leo T. Bomboy, Sr.
Leo T. Bomboy, Sr. Memorial Award	Rena Struble	\$100.00 Savings Bond	The Family of Leo T. Bomboy, Sr.
Norman "Cork" Womer Award	Tim Watson	Plaque	Pennsylvania State Police and Friends
Norman "Cork" Womer Award	Brittany Simpson	Plaque	Pennsylvania State Police and Friends
Scholar/Athlete Award	Ethan Corle	Plaque	Varsity Club
2008 United States Army Reserve National Scholar /Athlete Awards	Ethan Corle	Medallion/Certificate	United States Army Reserve

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2008 United States Army Reserve National Scholar /Athlete Awards	Sara Smith	Medallion/Certificate	United States Army Reserve
Steven R. Dorman Memorial Athletic Award	Justin Koleno	\$50.00/Plaque	Terry and Judy Dorman; Richard and Nancy Taylor
Robert G. Millward Memorial Award	Randy Breon	\$100.00	Friends and Family of Robert G. Millward
Gary Confer Memorial Award	Gary Sowash	\$250.00	Varsity Club
Gary Confer Memorial Award	Kristy Fisher	\$250.00	Varsity Club
Lady Eagle Soccer Coaches Award	Erica Cambridge	\$100.00	Lady Eagle Booster Club
Bald Eagle Soccer Award	Ethan Corle	\$50.00	Jason Bair
Bald Eagle Boys Basketball Booster Club Scholarship	Steven Resto	\$250.00	Bald Eagle Boys Basketball Booster Club
Soaring Eagle Award	Carly Kristofik	Plaque	Jeff and Lorraine Jodon
BEA Wrestling Club Award	Quentin Wright	\$250.00	BEA Wrestling Club
Athletic Recognition Award	Quentin Wright	Eagle Trophy	Varsity Club
Lady Eagle Booster Club Awards	Brittany Simpson - Basketball	\$100.00/Certificate	Lady Eagle Booster Club
Lady Eagle Booster Club Awards	Ashley Hamilton - Volleyball	\$100.00/Certificate	Lady Eagle Booster Club
Lady Eagle Booster Club Awards	Kasey Corl - Softball	\$100.00/Certificate	Lady Eagle Booster Club
Lady Eagle Booster Club Awards	Carly Kristofik - Track & Field	\$100.00/Certificate	Lady Eagle Booster Club
Lady Eagle Booster Club Awards	Erica Cambridge - Soccer	\$100.00/Certificate	Lady Eagle Booster Club
Lady Eagle Booster Club Awards	Carly Kristofik - Cross Country	\$100.00/Certificate	Lady Eagle Booster Club
Burl Flick Memorial Athletic Award	Luke Showers - Football	Plaque	Bald Eagle Area Booster Club
Burl Flick Memorial Athletic Award	Brittany Simpson - Girls Basketball	Plaque	Bald Eagle Area Booster Club
Burl Flick Memorial Athletic Award	Brian Fayman - Boys Basketball	Plaque	Bald Eagle Area Booster Club
Burl Flick Memorial Athletic Award	Amanda Mondock - Girls Track	Plaque	Bald Eagle Area Booster Club
Burl Flick Memorial Athletic Award	Tim Watson - Boys Track	Plaque	Bald Eagle Area Booster Club
Burl Flick Memorial Athletic Award	John Schall - Baseball	Plaque	Bald Eagle Area Booster Club
Burl Flick Memorial Athletic Award	Kasey Corl - Softball	Plaque	Bald Eagle Area Booster Club
Burl Flick Memorial Athletic Award	Erica Cambridge - Girls Soccer	Plaque	Bald Eagle Area Booster Club
Burl Flick Memorial Athletic Award	Ethan Corle - Boys Soccer	Plaque	Bald Eagle Area Booster Club
Burl Flick Memorial Athletic Award	Quentin Wright - Wrestling	Plaque	Bald Eagle Area Booster Club
Burl Flick Memorial Athletic Award	Carly Kristofik - Girls Cross Country	Plaque	Bald Eagle Area Booster Club
Burl Flick Memorial Athletic Award	Alex Klinger - Boys Cross Country	Plaque	Bald Eagle Area Booster Club
Burl Flick Memorial Athletic Award	Ashley Hamilton - Volleyball	Plaque	Bald Eagle Area Booster Club
The Timothy Van Orman Award	Kaitlin Weston	\$100.00	Jeff and Lorraine Jodon
Bald Eagle Area Music Booster Club Choral Award	Kale Thompson	\$250.00	Bald Eagle Area Music Booster Club
Bald Eagle Area Music Booster Club Choral Award	Kathryn Hoover	\$250.00	Bald Eagle Area Music Booster Club
The Rex G. McCloskey Drama Award	Kale Thompson	\$250.00	Bald Eagle Area Drama Boosters
The Rex G. McCloskey Drama Award	Tim Zimmerman	\$250.00	Bald Eagle Area Drama Boosters
The John Philip Sousa Award	Max Besong	Award	Bald Eagle Area Music Booster Club
Louis Armstrong Jazz Award	Max Besong	Award	Bald Eagle Area Music Booster Club
Bald Eagle Area Music Booster Club Band Award	Max Besong	\$250.00	Bald Eagle Area Music Booster Club
Bald Eagle Area Music Booster Club Band Award	Lauren Reed	\$250.00	Bald Eagle Area Music Booster Club
Music Department Scholastic Achievement Award	Max Besong - Band	\$250.00	Bald Eagle Area Music Booster Club
Music Department Scholastic Achievement Award	Kathryn Hoover - Choral	\$250.00	Bald Eagle Area Music Booster Club
Principal's Leadership and Service Award	Ethan Corle	\$300.00	Bald Eagle Area School District
Elks Academic Service Award	Quentin Wright	\$250.00	Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094
David B. Garver Memorial Scholarship	Ethan Corle	\$1,000.00	Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Bellefonte Lodge #1094
David B. Garver Memorial Scholarship	Sara Smith	\$650.00	Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Bellefonte Lodge #1094
Joanne Stover-Feroletto Memorial Scholarship	Erica Confer	\$1,000.00	Family and Friends of Joanne Stover Feroletto
LT. Col. Robert and Lois Barraclough Scholarship	Max Besong	\$1,000.00	LT. Col. Robert and Lois Barraclough
Workforce Development Scholarship	Brian Schindler	\$1,000.00	Chamber of Business and Industry of Centre County
The Bisbee Project Scholarship for Service	Randy Breon	\$1,000.00	Steve and Dan Bisbee
The Next Step Scholarship	James Raynor	\$3,800.00	Edward Mattil

CPI Senior Awards

Bald Eagle Area students received the following awards at the Central PA Institute of Science and Technology Senior Certificate and Awards Program:

Recipient's Name

Award/Donated by

Special Awards
William Sutton

David B. Garver Memorial Scholarship
Bellefonte Elks Club #1094

Mason Cramer

Richard Heverly Memorial Award
Undine Fire Company &
Linda Heverly-Ferenschick

Sara Smith

CPI Outstanding Student Award
Reliance Bank

Automotive Science Technology

Coty Johnson
Coty Johnson

Lyons Kennel
Snap-On Tools

Building Trades Maintenance

Steven Payton

Mr. & Mrs. Zane Renzo

Carpentry & Building Construction Technology

Isaac Fink

Col. Donald E. Antes Memorial Award
Builders Association of Central PA

Isaac Fink

Carpentry Outstanding Student

CISCO Networking Academy

William Sutton

Anonymous Donor

Collision Repair Technology

Evan Park
Evan Park
Evan Park

C.A.R.S.
NAPA Auto Parts – State College
Collision Repair Outstanding Student

Recipient's Name

Award/Donated by

Cosmetology

Ashley Reiter
Chelsea Slick
Mariah Pequignot

Chelsea Weaver Memorial Award
Teacher's Award (Mrs. McClusick)
Twisted Scissors

Culinary Arts/Food & Beverage Management

Libby Sprankle
Libby Sprankle

Bellefonte Education Foundation
Culinary Arts Outstanding Student Plaque

Diesel Equipment Maintenance & Repair Technology

Dustin Brumbaugh
Dustin Brumbaugh
David Spicer
Dustin Brumbaugh
Joshua Foltz
Dustin Brumbaugh

Groff Tractor & Equipment
Robert A. Bird Memorial Award
Michael D. Bird Memorial Award
Purcell Tire Company
Noerr's Garage
Diesel Equipment Outstanding Student Plaque

Graphic Arts

Sara Smith

Graphic Arts Outstanding Student Plaque

Precision Machine Technology

Cody Noffsinger
Jordan Wert

Smitchko, Inc.
Smitchko, Inc.

Protective Services

Jendi Clontz
Cody Davidson
Jendi Clontz

Inteledex, Inc.
Payton Investigations
Protective Services Outstanding Student Plaque

Welding

Brian Schindler

Smitchko, Inc.

Ending the school year with family fun at *HOWARD ELEMENTARY*

On the evening of June 11, more than 50 families from the Howard Elementary School gathered for a potluck picnic and fun activities. There were games, giant bubble making, and a whiffle ball game. The highlight of the evening was the guest appearance of a local celebrity, "Scuba Steve" (a.k.a. Steve Thompson). He, and other faculty, staff, and community members, were supporting their hometown school by volunteering to be dunked by students in a dunk tank.

As an incentive to encourage students to read, along with creating a feeling of pride in the school, students who earned Accelerated Reader points also earned tickets to take turns dunking our adult volunteers during the picnic. All who attended the event, faculty and staff members, parents, students, grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins and friends, shared many laughs; and a whole lot of relaxing and visiting took place.

Organizers of the event were encouraged by the many requests to make this end-of-year picnic a new tradition at Howard Elementary. What a great way to end the school year!



Teacher Jalynn Woleslagle prepares to be dunked, while Scuba Steve (right) watches.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES – Fall 2008

The Bald Eagle Area School District (BEASD) will offer an Adult Education Program for the Fall 2008 Session. Class descriptions, course cost, and beginning dates are listed below. District policy requires that at least 10 people register for a class before it will be held. In some cases, class size is limited, and registrations will be taken on a first come, first serve basis. Registration will remain open until Friday, September 12, 2008. Interested persons should complete the registration form and mail it, along with a check payable to Bald Eagle Area School District for the amount of the class cost. Registrations can be made over the phone, and we will hold your place in class until a check for the class fee is received. Please do not send cash. In the event that we do not receive the required 10 people for a class, your check will be returned. Any questions regarding the Adult Education Program can be directed to the Superintendent's Office in the Administration Building at 355-4860 or 355-3737, Monday-Friday, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Please ask to speak with Nancy Fisher.

COOKING EXPLORATION: What are nutrients and why do we need them? This course will be a hands-on eating exploration of the 6 nutrients essential to human health and well-being. We will be cooking on the lighter side – with flavor! After taking this course, you will know the difference between olive oil and extra virgin olive oil. You'll recognize different types of fats and what each has to offer your body. You'll learn to cook with fresh-squeezed juices, herbs, and garlic. Come with open-minded taste buds and be prepared for carbs, fats, proteins, vitamins, minerals, and water to take on a whole new, enjoyable meaning for you! Be sure to bring a notebook, a folder, and a take-out container. Cooking equipment is provided and the cost of food is included in the main course cost. Instructor: Laura (Hine) Runyan, High School Foods Instructor. Class meets every Thursday in October (Oct. 2 – 30), from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Cost: BEASD Resident – \$40.00, Non-resident – \$50.00.



GENEALOGY: Were your ancestors Royalty or Rascals, Martyr or Murderer, Rebel or Warriors? Track your ancestry using the simple techniques in this course. Learn the sources available in the library, courthouse, federal and state government records, churches, and the Internet. Whether you wish to write a family history or just fill in your pedigree chart, all the information you need will be available in this short course. Meet your ancestors and be ready for surprises. Class will be held at the Wingate Elementary School on three Tuesday evenings from 6 – 8 p.m. and one Saturday morning from 9 – 11 a.m., beginning Tuesday, September 30. Cost: BEASD Resident – \$20.00, Non-resident – \$30.00



FITNESS & NUTRITION: Class will be fun and explore a variety of ways to incorporate fitness and nutrition into your busy life. The one-hour classes will start with 30 minutes of healthy eating discussions and ways to manage tempting foods. The remaining 30 minutes will focus on fitness. Each class will be different. There will be a "Sweating to the Oldies" night, a healthy cooking night in our food labs, and even some fitness walking. This class appeals to all levels of fitness and guarantees a healthier you just in time for the holidays. See a class syllabus at www.beasd.org for class descriptions. Class will be held at the Wingate Elementary School on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., beginning Monday, September 29, and will continue for 8 weeks. Cost: BEASD Resident – \$30.00, Non-resident – \$40.00.



MICROSOFT WORD/EXCEL: This course provides a focused introduction to two important features of Microsoft Office. It is designed to teach the basics about Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel that you need to know for practical tasks at school, at work, or at home. Prerequisite: Typing skills. Class will be held at the Bald Eagle Middle/Senior High School on Tuesday & Thursday from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m., beginning Tuesday, September 30, and will continue for 6 weeks. Cost: BEASD Resident – \$20.00, Non-resident – \$30.00.



INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS: This is the perfect course for new computer users or those who have never had any formal orientation to the Windows environment. You will learn to identify different types of hardware and their functions, how to customize the Windows environment, and much more. Class will be held at the Bald Eagle Middle/Senior High School on Monday & Wednesday from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m., beginning Monday, September 29, and will continue for 6 weeks. Cost: BEASD Resident – \$25.00, Non-resident – \$40.00.



REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

Class you wish to register for _____

Are you a resident of the Bald Eagle Area School District? Yes _____ No _____

Check enclosed in the amount of \$ _____

Make check payable to "Bald Eagle Area School District"
PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH

Please return registration form and check before September 12, 2008 to:

Bald Eagle Area School District, Adult Education Registration
751 S. Eagle Valley Rd., Wingate, PA 16823

Mountaintop Elementary students participate in Walk-a-Thon

(Written by the Mountaintop Writing Club with input from Chelsea Isenberg, Cheyenne Smolko, Cheyenne Lutz, Ashley Christensen, and advisor Marian Welch-Quigley.)

On Friday, May 23rd, Mountaintop Elementary students embarked on a new fundraising venture that would help their school. The students, faculty and staff held a school wide Walk-a-Thon at their school in Snow Shoe. Charles Cowan, physical education teacher, set up a track behind the school for the event so that the school could raise money for the PTO. Money raised will be used for school equipment, field trips and other activities.

Throughout the day students walked the four mile course. Participants were given healthy snacks and water, which were donated by local businesses and families. Each grade had a fundraising goal, as well as a distance goal. With every lap around the track, the walkers received a stamp on their name tags. Christina Gugliocciello's fourth grade class had the longest distance walked with a class total of 60 miles.

Mountaintop sixth grade teacher, Melissa Maynard said, "I liked that all the students were active." Another teacher, Christina Gugliocciello, commented, "I thought it was a fun way to raise money. All of the teachers were supportive of the students and participated in the event." A sixth grade teacher, Amber Strouse, remarked, "Everyone was united for one cause."

The students were equally as excited for the event as the teachers. Second grader, Emma Murgas said, "I liked how if we got tired, we could go to take a rest or we could just keep walking." Third grader Nate Chambers said, "It was awesome."

Fifth grader Nate Styles said, "It got us exercise for the day and we also got to talk with our friends." The whole school was excited to hear that they exceeded their fundraising goal and they are looking forward to this healthy fundraiser next year.



Mrs. Gugliocciello's fourth grade class walked 60 miles during the Walk-a-Thon at Mountaintop Elementary. This was the top group of the day. From left are, front row: Baylee Kachik, Michael Kachik, Katie Frisco, and Mary Veneziano; second row: Daniel Hockenbury, Jacob Cramer, Jacob Koleno, Ashton Walker, and Alyssa Ward; standing row: Trent Shaw, Andrew Onder, Andy Swabick, Noah Chambers, Owen Bechdel, and Natasha Josefick. Not Pictured: Kaleb Kramer and Cole Morey.

M.T.A.C. Mountain Top Activity Center plans renovations at former school

The Mountaintop community is working together to breathe new life into the former Clarence Elementary school. A few months ago, our Board of Education was approached by Cathy Dittman, representing M.T.A.C. Mountain Top Activity Center, concerning the possibility of leasing or selling the former Clarence Elementary School to their non-profit organization with the intention of turning the building into a resource to serve the needs of the community and surrounding areas. The Board of Education has always had the hope that eventually the solid and legendary school building could somehow again serve the community that it served for some 80+ years.

Residents from the Mountaintop and surrounding areas came together to form the M.T.A.C. Corporation's Board of Directors. Serving in an advisory capacity are clergy and residents from the ecumenical community who work with the Board of Directors on this project. Unified to achieve this goal, all those who support and work on this venture have volunteered their time and talents to ensure its success.

On June 19, 2008, the Board of Education transferred ownership of the building and grounds to Snow Shoe Township for \$1.00, with the stipulation that ownership will revert back to the District if it ceases to be used for any purpose that is not considered to be a community resource. Snow Shoe Township subsequently transferred ownership to M.T.A.C. Mountaintop Area Activity Center, Inc. who will be working to transform the former school building into a community activity center that will serve several identified needs of the community, including providing a fitness center and a gymnasium. M.T.A.C. plans on offering programs and activities to the public in the future such as: computer instruction, literacy classes, a library, dance instruction, karate lessons, senior citizen programming, and transportation service on and off the Mountaintop.

It will surely take the combined efforts of many industrious folks to accomplish this worthwhile goal of bringing life and pride back to the former school. If you have an interest in helping with the conversion in any way, please call Cathy Dittman at 814-441-0642 or email her at: cathydittman@verizon.net.





Are there any Questions?

WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE RENOVATION PROJECT?

The renovation process at both the Wingate Elementary School and the Bald Eagle Middle/High School is on schedule for construction to begin as early as next summer. But first, an update is in order.

Our Facilities Advisory and Facilities Review Committees have met in joint sessions many times over the first six months of this year. The group also toured some recently renovated schools in our area. The facilities committees are comprised of parents, students, staff, and Board members, as well as anyone else who volunteered to serve. There were numerous additions to our facilities originally considered that would have been really nice to have, such as a natatorium, but budget considerations eventually trimmed the project from 50 million to 25.5 million, as is described below.

The recommendation made to the Bald Eagle Area Board of Education on June 19 includes nearly 13 million dollars of deferred maintenance items, such as new roofs and floor coverings. It also includes the addition of a new sixth grade classroom wing, a large group instruction room, and another gymnasium. Changes in classroom layout will better separate the middle and high school students. Most of the heating and cooling for the buildings will be done using geothermal technology, if the test wells pass the necessary criteria. Restroom upgrades are planned, as well as required handicap accessibility updates. New bus corrals and parent drop-off lanes at the front of the high school will assist with getting students off the buses and into the building safely. The renovation project not only needs to address the needs of our students and community for next year but, in reality, for the next 20 years because the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) only provides reimbursement to renovate schools every twenty years. PDE will provide an estimated 10 million of the 25.5 million for this project, but will not participate financially in renovating either of these buildings again until the year 2030.

On July 10, the Bald Eagle Area Board of Education approved moving ahead to the design phase of the project and submission of the first phases of the project to PDE for approval. There is still time for fine tuning the project as it moves ahead. Architectural drawings and other information are available at the Administration Building for anyone who would like to see a design and know more about the planned renovations and additions. The goal of everyone working on the facilities committees is to provide buildings that serve our present and future student and community needs for the next two decades and beyond. The committees have put much thought and effort into formulating the plans to attain that goal. Please share your thoughts with us.



Members of the BEA facilities committees prepare to tour the Tyrone Middle School.

TOP PHOTO: Paul Hertzler and Dwight Knouse of Hayes Large Architects review the layout of the Bald Eagle Middle-High School/Wingate Elementary project at the July 2008 Board of Education meeting.



Spotlight on BEA FAMILY

Elementary PTA/PTO Members

Parent – Teacher connection helps make BEA schools better

If you have ever served our students and communities by being a PTA/PTO member, Bald Eagle Area salutes YOU! Because of your commitment and dedication, you have added that special touch that helps our BEA students have a more enriching, rewarding, and enjoyable educational experience.

Research shows that getting involved in your child's education helps your children thrive at school, and the schools themselves get better when parents take an active role. Being involved with PTO/PTA enables parents to have a constant connection to their child's school; and, working behind the scenes, these unsung heroes help at the schools in many hidden ways. It's time to recognize some of your efforts and sing the praises of our awesome PTO/PTA members!

In addition to conducting fundraisers to buy extra school supplies and playground equipment, PTA/PTO members serve our schools in other ways. Activities vary from group to group, and include Book Fairs, Teacher and Staff Appreciation, Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Soup Labels programs, sponsoring the annual trip to the Shrine Circus, Holiday Stores, and Parent Classes and Workshops. Some of our groups even maintain high school scholarship funds to honor the achievements of graduating seniors from their community.

Here are just a few of the programs sponsored by our wonderful PTA/PTO's:

Book Bingo – the Mountaintop Elementary PTO sponsors this event and all members of the Mountaintop community are invited to attend. Children ages 0-18 each receive a free book just for attending. The group of parents, families, and friends who attend play approximately 20 games of bingo. The winners receive a \$5 gift certificate from Barnes and Noble. Refreshments, also provided by the PTO, usually include hot dogs, chips, drinks, and vegetables. It is an enjoyable evening of family fun.

All School Field Trip – This PTO-sponsored event is possible at Howard Elementary because of its smaller student enrollment. Everyone from every grade jumps on a few buses and travels together to a place for a day of camaraderie, learning experiences, and fun. During the 2007-08 school year, the group went to Penn State University for tours of the All Sports Museum and Beaver Stadium. The school group picnicked on the side lawn and, of course, took a trip to the Creamery for dessert. Leanne Young, 6th grade teacher, said, "Howard has such a nice little school. Everyone had a fun time and we greatly appreciate the PTO's support for this event."

Philanthropic Involvement – The Port Matilda Elementary PTO not only supports the students and staff, but reaches out to the community and others throughout the world. After the Trade Center tragedy, the PTO, with the help of Port Matilda students and their families, donated and sent supplies to the rescue workers in New York City. And when one of the Port Matilda teachers was sent to Kosovo, he reported that he saw a need for warm winter clothing in the local families. The PTO then launched a drive, involving staff and local community members, to donate and ship coats, hats, gloves, and boots to his unit for distribution. Building Assistant Diane Weaver says, "The Port Matilda PTO is a very generous hard working group at our school. Their continued support has helped make Port Matilda Elementary a great place for our students to shine."



Mountaintop teacher Ann Baughman helps her fourth grade students sort points for the PTO-sponsored Box Tops for Education program.

Teacher Support – The Wingate Elementary PTA does an outstanding job of supporting teachers. Each teacher is given the opportunity to spend \$100 on classroom supplies every school year. The teacher buys the materials and then receives reimbursement through the PTA. The PTA also sponsors various principal awards, including the perfect attendance awards and honor roll awards, given each nine weeks.

All PTA/PTO members who work directly with children have criminal background and child abuse clearances. Most groups meet monthly, and new members are always encouraged to attend. Call your local elementary school for the date and time of the next meeting at your school so you can plan to attend. We guarantee that it will be a rewarding experience to work with this enthusiastic group of BEA supporters.



At the Port Matilda Spring Festival sponsored by the PTO, kindergarten student Zachary Beck "Breaks the Ice" to find a surprise inside.

Serving our schools as PTA/PTO officers for the 2007-08 school year were:

Howard Elementary

Heather Roberts, Vice President – Acting President

Lydia Watters, Treasurer

Kerri Comly, Secretary

Mountaintop Elementary

Rose Meyers, Chairman

Amy Skrepik, Vice-Chairman

Christi Crestani, Secretary

Susie Veneziano, Treasurer

Port Matilda Elementary

Amy Maney, President

Elaina Howell, Vice President

Carrie Sharkey, Treasurer

Jennifer Gilbert, Secretary

Wingate Elementary

Melissa Etters, President

Jenifer Egan, Vice-President

Pat DeLotto, Secretary

Brian Boyer, Treasurer

What's the difference between a PTA and a PTO?

The technical difference between a PTA and a PTO is that PTAs are part of a national association headquartered in Chicago, which has lobbyists working at national, state, and local levels to advocate for children's issues. Groups calling themselves PTAs (Wingate Elementary) pay dues to state and national organizations and abide by national group rules. PTOs (all other BEA elementary schools), on the other hand, are independent groups that have their own rules and keep their efforts concentrated on their particular school district or town. Even though it sounds like there is a big difference, in practice both parent groups function in nearly the same manner: No matter which one your school has, it will mainly concern itself with local school issues and its goal will be to improve and enrich community schools. (Information taken from Scholastic.com)



Flip the Switch attendees intently watch a student computer demonstration. From left: Board member Theresa Peters; Centre County Commissioner John Eich; representing Senator Jake Corman, Jim Eckert; Board member Tom Bowes; State Representative Scott Conklin; Centre County Commissioner Rich Rogers; and parent Michelle Barnyak.

BEA flips the switch

Classrooms for the Future Legislative and Board of Education demonstration.

An educational revolution at the Bald Eagle High School began this year when the district completed the installation of over \$215,494 worth of technology equipment received through the Pennsylvania State Classrooms for the Future (CFF) grant. For a rural district like Bald Eagle Area, receiving this grant made a particularly valuable addition to its technology and teaching resources. The High School Language Arts, Social Studies, Math, and Science departments received 248 laptops, 8 interactive white boards, 8 projectors, 5 video and 3 still cameras, special software, funding for a required coach, and additional teacher training.

The Bald Eagle Area School District held a special "Flip the Switch" event in June for BEA board members, parents of participating students, and public officials, to showcase examples of what students have created using this technology. There

were no run-of-the-mill reports here! Senior High students enthusiastically demonstrated virtual calculators, and explained projects they had completed such as a 3-D design of an energy efficient house, a newsletter emailed to Moscow, and an updated video version of Romeo and Juliet.

Because of the technology that is now readily available, learning has never been more exciting or engaging for our BEA students.

A group of students explains a class project video prior to showing it to the group.



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