

Administrative Bulletin to Board Members March 4, 2016

Superintendent

Special Meeting

This is a reminder that we will have a special personnel committee meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Please remember to bring your application packets.

Education Foundation Dinner Auction

Don't forget the Education Foundation Dinner Auction is scheduled for April 2, 2016. Please be sure to get your tickets from Danny Crouse or Tim Mellott. If they run out I will be happy to find you some.

Busing

On 522 the following three bridges will be replaced: Barnett Run Bridge, Palmer Run Bridge, and Tonoloway Creek Bridge. All of these are in the Needmore area. Palmer Run Bridge and Tonoloway Creek Bridge will be staged construction which means they will do half the bridge at a time and use a traffic light. Barnett Run Bridge will be a detour. I met with Township Supervisors and Penn Dott on Thursday evening March 3, 2016. In the next several weeks I will be meeting with the four contractors that the detour will affect. They are bus 1, bus 2, bus 4, and bus 6. The construction for these three bridges is to begin this spring.

High School / Elementary Principal

Boys and Girls Basketball – Kent Hendershot

The Boys and Girls basketball teams were both VICTORIOUS over McConnellsburg in the District 5 Championship games this weekend @UPJ. They both move in to the PIAA Tournament in their quest for a State Championship.

The boys basketball team will play West Shore Christian Academy @UPJ Friday, March 4 at 7:30pm. The team will depart at 4:20pm.

The girls basketball team will play Homer Center @ UPJ Saturday, March 5 @ 6:00pm. The team will depart at 3:20pm.

Advance sale tickets will be available in the High School office starting tomorrow. They will be available until noon on Friday. Student \$3 and Adult \$6...all tickets at the gate on game day are \$6. If you are planning to attend please purchase your ticket at the school as we do receive a "kickback". Spread the word!

2015-2016 Junior High Girls Basketball - Joe Hollenshead

Our 2015-2016 Junior High season started in June with summer league at Roaring Springs YMCA. We had wonderful participation from the girls which allowed the 7th grade girls time to adjust to the speed of Jr. High Basketball. We continued into the fall attending the Fall League at the Altoona Summit. The girls continued to show progress and prepared us for the season. We had 15 girls on the team (5:8th grade and 10:7th grade) this year. Our A team started the season with 3 losses, but rebounded to have a final record of 15-5. We finished with the season at the Tussey Tournament and finished 1-1 with a win over Tyrone but lost to the tourney champion Huntingdon.

The B-team consisted of 8 girls and finished with a record of 10-1-1 with a tie at Northern Bedford during the 10 minute running clock game and the only loss against Berkeley Springs. I was proud that all 8 girls scored at least 6 points during the season. We improved on the defensive side of the game and showed improvement with basketball IQ.

I do not have my records for B0team up until 2003.

03-04 B team record 10-0-1 * Mrs. D had a car wreck - - A team was 7-3 after accident but not sure how many I coached before she came back.

04-05: A team record 11-7

05-06: A team record 14-9

06-07: A team record 18-5

07-08: A team record 13-8

08-09: A team record 18-4

09-10: A team record 20-4

14-15: B team record 7-0

15-16: B team record 10-1-1

Career: A team 94-37 B team: 27-1-2

Junior Varsity Coach record: 2-0

Elementary Dean of Students Report

W.I.N. Lessons

Brittany Shaffer from W.I.N. presented guidance lessons in each classroom in grades K, 2, 5 and 6 last week. Lessons ranged from stranger danger to bullying to using good manners. She will be back later this month to provide guidance lessons for the remaining grades.

Science of Sound Assembly

Caryn Lin, an electric violinist from Doylestown, PA, performed for our elementary students this week. She explained to the students the "science" behind sound. Through demonstration and participation by students and teachers, she discussed sound waves and how they change depending on the noise level, pitch, or tone of the sound. In addition, she discussed electricity and how this can be used to alter sounds. She used her electric violin to help demonstrate these concepts as well as several other science concepts involving sound. The PTA funded the assembly, which was performed for both the elementary and the high school.

Read Across America Week

To celebrate Read Across America Week and Dr. Seuss's birthday, the elementary participated in a variety of activities this week. The teachers and students have decorated their classroom doors in a Dr. Seuss theme. The doors will remain decorated through the art show on March 13. In addition, each grade had at least one guest reader read to their classroom. Leah Shaw arranged for many of the classrooms to have guest speakers, using the Smartboards and FaceTime. She arranged for a classroom in California to read to our second graders and our second graders read poems to them. Furthermore, she arranged for our first grade class to be read to by a first grade teacher in California, again through FaceTime. She also arranged for fourth grade to be read to by some high school students from a school in New Jersey. Lastly, Leah's uncle made a YouTube video of himself reading a book for our sixth grade students. Further activities for the week included Wacky Wednesday, where the students were permitted to dress as their favorite storybook character.

High School Dean of Students Report

Assembly

Caryn Lin presented an exciting assembly with an electric violin, teaching sound waves and entertaining the students. There was a lot of student participation, and students from across the grades were eager to participate. A great and educational time was had by all.

Special Education Director

2/29/16 Project Max

Training for ½ day on Essentialization Process took place at SF for teachers who work and assess students under the PASA. The main focus was to teach teachers how to teach students who are significantly cognitively disabled grade level content with success, building supports into the instruction.

Evaluation for Staff

All but one special education teacher have been formally evaluated. The final teacher has begun the process. Paraprofessional evaluations are beginning to take place.

Revalidation of Medical Access Application

Revalidation of Medical Access Application is due to the state by 3/24/16. The revalidation process consists of a 24 page document that must be filled out with supporting documentation for services. This is a very time consuming process. Training for MA was held in Harrisburg on 2/22/16 from 8:00 – 2:30. Little guidance was provided on how to fill out the documentation, with the exception of the committee sharing what will deny our submissions.

School to Work Grant

Currently, OVR (Office of Vocational Rehabilitation) in Altoona has worked collaboratively with IU 11 to help the three Fulton County Schools in the area of transition. Through a grant, OVR is providing 79% of funding toward a transition coordinator and for two job coaches and the three schools will have to come up with the rest of the money if they are interested in participating. The grant has the potential to be for three to five years. This is the only grant in the state of PA being offered to school districts to assist with transition mandates. There will be a meeting on 3/11/16 to discuss in further details how this can take place, requirements to participate, expectations for each school, and all parties are to be at the table for the discussion. More information to come following the meeting.