



Muhlenberg High School to present “OKLAHOMA!”

Rodgers and Hammerstein’s “Oklahoma!” will be presented as Muhlenberg High School’s 37th Spring Musical on Friday and Saturday, March 19 and 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. This year’s show will feature a cast of over 60 students in the rendering of this American classic.

Dylan Radka and **Stephanie Rohrbach** are cast as Curly and Laurey, while **Josh Nanna** and **Erika Ligenza** are featured as Will Parker and Ado Annie. Filling out the other leading roles are **Dylan Hinershitz** as Jud, **Stephanie Berger** as Aunt Eller, **Mikael Peterson** as Ali Hakim, and **Kevin Trout** as Andrew Carnes.

In addition to the performance dates, a free Senior Citizens’ performance will be given on Thursday, March 18, at 7 p.m. We hope that you have made the Spring Musical a tradition in your family and mark your calendars for this year’s exciting show. We expect tickets to go fast for this

Middle School to present “Disney’s Beauty and the Beast, Jr.”

For the past 13 weeks, Muhlenberg Middle School has been abuzz; there seems to be something there that wasn’t there before: a new group of stars has emerged.

Students have been hard at work on the Muhlenberg Middle School production of “Disney’s Beauty and the Beast, Jr.” A cast and crew of about 60 students has worked tirelessly to put together an entertaining version of this famous and familiar musical. With costumes by On Cue Costumes, a beautiful set crafted by MHS teacher Jason Zalno, and music direction by MED teacher Angela Lattanzio, the students look and sound fantastic and are ready to share their hard work with an audience. This Disney magic is entertaining, yet affordable. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for students with tickets available at the door on the night of the show.

So, please, “Be Our Guest” on February 5 and 6 at 7:30 pm or at the special senior citizen performance on February 4 at 4 pm, in the gorgeous, newly renovated Muhlenberg Middle School auditorium.

Jeff Bezler, MMS Play Director

popular show, so reserve your seats early!! All tickets are \$10 and can be obtained in several ways:

1. Visit the box office in the high school lobby from 6:15-8 p.m. on the following dates: February 16, 23, March 2, 9, 15, 16.. In addition, tickets for the Friday and Saturday performances will be available before and after the Sr. Citizen’s Performance on March 18 as well as at the door on the nights of the performance.
2. Purchase tickets at the Muhlenberg Music Festival (Saturday, March 6)
3. Visit our website and download a ticket form to order your tickets via mail order: (<http://www.muhlenbergplayers.org>)
4. Fill out and mail in the following form. Tickets will be mailed to you. All mail orders must be postmarked no later than March 4.

Note: Mail orders will be processed beginning February 16

Mail Order Ticket Form

Oklahoma! - March 19 and 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Please fill out and return the following form with your payment and a self-addressed stamped envelope. We will choose the best seats available at the time we receive your order. Please fill out the form completely.

Name _____ Phone _____

Date	#of Tickets		Cost	Total
3/19, 7:30 pm	_____	X	\$10	_____
3/20, 7:30 pm	_____	X	\$10	_____
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE				_____

Please check if you have a preference.

_____ Main Floor _____ Balcony

Make checks payable to “Muhlenberg Spring Musical”

Send the above form, your payment, and a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

Tickets, 3309 Fairfield Street, Laureldale, PA 19605

Alumni sports news

Kirstie Potteiger, Class of 2009, a freshman at Albright College, was named 2nd Team All Conference in the Collegiate Commonwealth Conference for the 2009 Women's Soccer season. Kirstie started all 21 games as a freshman defender for the Albright Lady Lions and helped lead them to the conference semi-finals against Division III Champion Messiah College.

Alumni NEWS

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Jeremy Hromsco, class of 2001, attended Penn State University where he majored in meteorology and minored in military studies through the Air Force ROTC program. He graduated in 2005 with a B.S. in meteorology and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant weather officer in the US Air Force. First stationed at Shaw AFB, Sumter, SC, Jeremy achieved 1st Lieutenant bars in 2007. In 2008, he was relocated to Creech AFB, Las Vegas, Nevada, to oversee weather operations involved

with the UAV's (unmanned aircraft) being flown on war missions in Iraq and Afghanistan. The UAVs are launched from air fields in the war zone but are flown and controlled by pilots at Creech AFB via satellite. Weather forecasting for the mission target area is also done via satellite at Creech. Jeremy received his Captain rank in December 2009.

Clint Hromsco, class of 2005, attended Ithaca College in New York. He graduated in May 2009 with a BFA in Acting and a minor in Dance. During college, Clint spent his summers performing in live entertainment shows at Hershey Park and Cedar Point Amusement Park in Ohio. Since graduating from Ithaca, he auditioned several times in New York City for cruise lines, national tours, plays, musicals and commercials. In December, he was cast in Nickelodeon's "Story Time Live," a national tour opening in February.

Alumni News

If you have news to report on alumni, please submit your articles via email to steinb@mail.muhlsdk12.org or mail to

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Laureldale, PA 19605

Articles will be published when space allows and are subject to editing.

Alumni Return to MHS to share post-high school experiences

On December 23, 2009, thirty-three Alumni returned to Muhlenberg High School to talk about their college, military and work experiences. Graduates from 2007 through 2009 returned to talk to the current MHS students about college life. The juniors and seniors were able to talk to the alumni during the morning to ask them questions about what life is really like after high school.



Alumni - Kelly Geras & Megan Bauer

Several alumni went into different classes to talk to ninth graders about what it takes to get into college, succeed in college, and manage their time wisely now and in the future. This is a great

networking system for the students to help them to be better prepared for their transition to college and to life after high school.



Left to right, alumni Devon Noble, Mackenzie Krott, Nate Daniels, James McCarty, Byron Dovalos

Books Wanted: MMS

Later this year the Muhlenberg Middle School will hold a book swap. We will be collecting gently used books that are of high interest to middle school readers throughout the year. Middle school students will be able to donate books and receive discounts to various school events. If you do not have a middle school student, but would like to donate your unused books to the middle school, please drop them off at the middle school office, attention: Mrs. Hornberger. Thank you in advance for your donations.

House Adopts Ageless Harmony Residents

On December 17, 2009, 16 students from Mrs. Hoffman's House, along with Ms. Nguyen and Mrs. Brenner, walked to the Ageless Harmony adult daycare center for the elderly on Kutztown Road. The students spent the afternoon socializing with the residents while helping them make a Christmas tree ornament. As a future project, the middle school House students will be making cards and crafts to send to the residents to brighten their day and let them know they are being thought about. Special visits to the center are also being planned around Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day and Easter.

"Houses" are a new concept at Muhlenberg Middle School. Every student in the seventh and eighth grades is assigned to a teacher's "house." Each House meets one period in a six-day cycle. Since the beginning of the school year, each House has done activities to get to know each other, work on academic or social goals, or discuss ways to improve the school. Mrs. Helena Hoffman's House decided they wanted to go beyond the school walls and also help out in the community. Mrs. Hoffman collaborated with Mrs. Brenner, guidance counselor, on how they could possibly work with the elderly on an art project and then later in the year perhaps adopt a resident to communicate with on a regular basis.

The Muhlenberg Middle School students and staff would like to thank Ms. Bridget Klepsch, manager of



Ageless Harmony, for helping to coordinate this special event. In addition, Ms. Klepsch welcomes and looks forward to having the House students take more time to get involved with the elderly and their community.

MMS Quizzo Night

What country held the 2008 Summer Olympics? What cardinal direction does MMS face? What movie filmed this spring at the pagoda in Reading? If you can answer these questions, you may have attended the MMS Quizzo Night. Teams such as "The Mighty Lobsters," "Brainiacs," "Five Girls and a Dude" and the "Unknown Pudding People" all tried to answer these and other questions at MMS Quizzo Night.

The Muhlenberg Middle School Student Council held Quizzo Night on November 22, 2009 for the MMS student body. Fifteen teams consisting of five students and teachers competed in four rounds of trivia questions. Questions ranged in topics from movies, cartoons, Disney, Muhlenberg history, music and more. Between each round, students tried to answer call-out questions through which they could win prizes. The evening provided a safe place to enjoy friends, food, and interesting facts about various topics. The winning team consisted of the following students: **Jessie Wallace, Nicole Shuman, Elizabeth Christman, and Christine Alvine.** Congratulations, girls!



1. left to right: Jonathan Potts, Cesar Trejo, Olivia Weaver, Lindsey Lenhart, Alison Haertter 2. Cassie Kelchner & Emily Zaorski 3. left to right: Emily Brady,

Kaitlyn Koharcheck, Mrs. Nanna, Elisa Nanna, Emily Kleckner, Devonne Bonte 4. Matthew Brown

Highschool NEWS

Leo Club activities

The Muhlenberg High School Leo Club was very busy this past fall, including baking cookies for the Mifflin Senior Center and helping elementary students at the annual Craft Night.



Alexa Moran, Lisa Haas, Lizzy Williams



Britney Snyder, Emmanuelle Dure, Estefania Lascano, Thao Nguyen, Huong Nguyen, Catherine Kelley, Katherine Lascano



Ashley Skwait, Leo Club member helping elementary center students at the annual holiday craft night.

Young Women's Symposium

On Nov 20, 2009, five young ladies from Muhlenberg High School attended the fifth annual Junior Achievement Young Women Symposium: Pathway to Careers. The Symposium was held at Reading Area Community College with approximately 90 professionals and 100 young women in attendance. The Symposium offers the opportunity for young women to learn more about their chosen career path by attending break out sessions with professionals in their career choice. The young ladies also attended sessions about Workforce Conduct and Finance. The symposium encourages young women to pursue their goals.



Attending the Young Women Symposium were Caroline Shearer, Stacy Hertzog, Megan Reber, Megan Wentzel, and Giselle Garcia. All of the girls are juniors.

MUHL Pride assembly

On December 22, 2009, Muhlenberg High School held the first 2009-2010 MUHL PRIDE assembly. At the assembly over 600 students were recognized for doing outstanding performance and activities.

Staff recognized students for first quarter high honors and honor roll, first quarter perfect attendance, and a slew of kids for the miscellaneous, incredible things they are doing (for example, helping out the life skills kids, improving in attitude and academics, etc.) . . . it was so much FUN!!

The school also held a 'punch bowl drawing' where the names of all 600 recognized kids were put on slips of paper in the punch bowl, and anyone whose name was drawn received a prize including one of a total of ten \$10 gift cards to local businesses and one \$20 gift card to the Berkshire Mall. The cheerleaders were there, and a select group of student musicians did a fantastic job playing throughout the assembly. It was a wonderful celebration of all the GREAT things that are going on here at the high school.

MHS Renaissance News

Cell phone recycling

Did you receive a new cell phone recently? The Renaissance Committee is continuing its cell phone recycling fund-raiser. Protect the environment and support the high school. 100 percent of the proceeds will help fund the renaissance program which rewards and encourages students to have a positive attitude, good behavior, attendance and academics. Please bring your old cell phones to Ms. Denise Zielinski at the high school.

Wellness Tip

Live Healthier

Learn Easier

Eat Better

Play Harder

Wellness is a way of life!

High School music students participate in festivals

The following students are participating in a variety of music festivals. The county events are made up of the best students from the 18 public high schools in Berks County. The District 12 events include the best musicians from schools in seven counties,

County Band: Michael Bagenstose, Andrew Gustafson, Nikole Haertter, Dylan Hinnershitz, Jessica Matthews, Dylan Radka, Allison Weiler

County Chorus: Andrew Gustafson, Matthew Kleckner, Mallory Kolbe, Erica Ligenza, Michael Molina, Joshua Nanna, Dylan Radka, Kevin Trout

County Jazz Choir: Andrew Gustafson, Mallory Kolbe, Erica Ligenza, Michael Molina, Joshua Nanna, Dylan Radka, Kevin Trout

District Band: Dylan Hinnershitz, Andrew Rudderow

District Chorus: Andrew Gustafson, Matthew Kleckner, Mallory Kolbe, Dylan Radka

Andrew Rudderow was a featured piano soloist with the Reading Symphony Orchestra in October 2009.

Spring sports physicals date, times set

Spring sports physicals will be held February 17, 2010 in the High School Gym. Spring sports have been assigned the following times: *Baseball* 5:30 - 5:45 p.m. • *JH Baseball* 5:45 - 6 p.m. • *Softball* 6 - 6:15 p.m. • *JH softball* 6:15 - 6:30 p.m. • *Track* 6:30 - 6:50 p.m. • *JH Track* 6:50 - 7:10 p.m. • *Girls Soccer* 7:10 - 7:25 p.m. • *Girls JH Soccer* 7:25 - 7:40 p.m. • *Boys Tennis* 7:40 - 7:55 p.m.

C.E. Cole students have a Renaissance Experience

There once was a time and place where a resurgence of learning began a great change and a rebirth of classical ideas. This “rebirth” is considered the time that bridges the ancient and modern world of art and is called the Renaissance. In the art world it was probably the most influential and important time period in history. At C.E. Cole Intermediate School students began this new decade by immersing themselves into the ideas and philosophies of this very influential time period. Through looking at and discussing art of the Renaissance both the fifth and sixth grade students of Muhlenberg will have a very memorable and meaningful understanding of the artists referred to as “The Renaissance Masters.”

Through this Renaissance experience, art from the past

will be revived and will inspire us to create original and meaningful creations. One of the most important and influential aspects of the Renaissance was artist’s willingness to experiment with ideas and materials and develop their ideas through a plan. Over the next few months the students of C. E. Cole will have an opportunity to experiment with the ideas, techniques, and materials of the Renaissance artists to help develop their own original ideas. They will grow an understanding for what art is and what makes famous art so significant. During the Renaissance experiment they will develop a basic artistic skills, which were so important to the Masters, as well as use the elements and principles of art that were emphasized during the Renaissance to develop an appreciation for this important art occasion.

C.E. Cole School
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Sports NEWS

Bowling News

The bowling season began in December with limited success against a tough Division I, with the girls' team winning one from Wilson and one from Governor Mifflin while the boys team went winless. After the holiday break, both teams have caught fire. On Saturday January 2 they competed in the annual Snowroller Tournament at Bowl-O-Rama Lanes in Exeter. The boys team bowled well but missed the cut into the playoffs, the girls team qualified in the 3rd position, losing in the semi-finals to the eventual tournament champion, Central Columbia by only 5 pins. Senior bowler **Jenna Hess** led the girls with a 621 series earning a spot on the all-tournament team.

On Monday January 4, while the boys lost 3 games to Reading High, the girls swept the Red Knights leading them to a Tuesday sweep of Central Catholic. The boys team earned 2 wins January 5 with **Chris Quillman** leading the team with a 625 series while Jenna Hess led the girls with a 714 series and a high game of 269.

Wrestling capture second at tourney

Muhlenberg wrestling, under the leadership of senior captains, **John Reedy, Jordan Sweitzer** and **Julian Cruz** started the season off with a bang. The team finished the tournament with a 4-1 record. Team members finishing the day undefeated were, **Ryan Brown, Evan Brown** and **Julian Cruz**. The following week the team defeated Division II rival, Conrad Weiser, 57-9. Over Winter Break the Muhlenberg wrestling team placed second at the Newport Holiday Tournament. Winning championships for the Muhls were: **Evan Brown, Zach Snow** and **Jordan Sweitzer**. The following wrestlers also placed: **John Reedy 2nd, Ryan Brown, Julian Cruz, Emanuel Encarnacion, John Santiago** and **Devin Seibert**, 3rd; **Jenny Santana** 4th.



Wrestling team and coaches

2009 Fall Sports All-County and All-League Student – Athletes

All County 1st Team:

Cross Country: Kelsy Rushing and Aubrey Douglas

Golf: T.J. Mersinger

Football: Jovanny Madera, Eric Thomas and Chad Wisniewski

Water Polo: Lauren Bauer

All Division 1st Team:

Cross Country: Krystal Gangaway, Savannah Hahn, Tim Boyer and A.J. Sload

Field Hockey: Kristina Ciatto

Golf: Evan Grater, James May and Alex Phillips

Soccer: Chris Fellin, Neil Rapp and Justin Worley

Volleyball: Lindsay Tomasi

2nd Team All - County:

Football: Andy Lesagonicz

Water Polo: Zach Chow, Haley Hoxsie and Carli Rapp

Honorable Mention All – County:

Field Hockey: Rachel Evans, Nikki Gattone and Emily Gibson

Football: Sean Hagen, Chad Wisniewski, Tim Lamert, Trevor Lenart, Tony Piano, Ben Wallace, Rob Zeller, Devin Seibert, Matt Herbein and Eric Thomas

Golf: Jason Firestone

Soccer: Tyler Shuman and Matt Herbein

Volleyball: Brandy Blimline

Academic All Team:

Field Hockey: Kristina Ciatto, Emily Gibson, Hali Goodman, Breland Moore, Meghan Wandrisco and Morgan Williams

Football: Wes Estock, Sean Hagen, Trevor Lenhart, Andy Lesagonicz, Devin Seibert, Ben Wallace, Chad Wisniewski and Rob Zeller

Section I Football:

1st Team: Eric Thomas, Jovanny Madera and Chad Wisniewski; Eric Thomas - *Defensive Back of the Year*

2nd Team: Sean Hagen, Trevor Lenart and Rob Zeller

Honorable Mention: Chad Wisniewski, Tony Piano, Ben Wallace, Andy Lesagonicz, Devin Seibert, Matt Herbein, Rob Zeller and Tim Lambert

Gibson selected for Scholarship

Emily Gibson, a senior, was chosen as female representative for the Wendy's Heisman Scholarship program, given in recognition of a student's scholarship, athletics and citizenship in the community.

Spring Sports Schedules

BASEBALL

FRI	3/26/2010	CENTRAL DAUPHIN	H	4:00
SAT	3/27/2010	STROUDSBURG	H	7:00
MON	3/29/2010	Northern Lebanon	A	4:00
WED	3/31/2010	Fleetwood	A	4:15
WED	4/7/2010	TWIN VALLEY	H	7:00
WED	4/14/2010	DANIEL BOONE	H	7:00
FRI	4/16/2010	Conrad Weiser	A	4:15
SAT	4/17/2010	Schuylkill Valley	A	11:00
WED	4/21/2010	WILSON	H	7:00
FRI	4/23/2010	Governor Mifflin	A	4:15
SAT	4/24/2010	Wyomissing	A	12:00
MON	4/26/2010	READING	H	7:00
WED	4/28/2010	Twin Valley	A	4:15
FRI	4/30/2010	EXETER	H	7:00
SAT	5/1/2010	PALMYRA	H	7:00
WED	5/5/2010	Daniel Boone	A	4:15
FRI	5/7/2010	CONRAD WEISER	H	7:00
SAT	5/8/2010	Red Lion Tournament	A	TBA
MON	5/10/2010	FLEETWOOD	H	7:00

*Coach Brian Kopetsky

JV BASEBALL

FRI	3/26/2010	Central Dauphin	A	4:00
SAT	3/27/2010	STROUDSBURG	H	4:30
MON	3/29/2010	Northern Lebanon	A	4:00
WED	3/31/2010	FLEETWOOD	H	4:15
WED	4/7/2010	TWIN VALLEY	H	3:45
MON	4/12/2010	Pottsville	A	4:30
WED	4/14/2010	DANIEL BOONE	H	3:45
FRI	4/16/2010	Conrad Weiser	A	4:15
SAT	4/17/2010	Schuylkill Valley	A	11:00
WED	4/21/2010	WILSON	H	3:45
FRI	4/23/2010	GOV MIFFLIN	H	4:15
SAT	4/24/2010	WYOMISSING	H	12:00
MON	4/26/2010	Reading	A	4:15
WED	4/28/2010	Twin Valley	A	4:15
FRI	4/30/2010	EXETER	H	3:45
SAT	5/1/2010	PALMYRA	H	12:00
WED	5/5/2010	Daniel Boone	A	4:15
FRI	5/7/2010	CONRAD WEISER	H	3:45
MON	5/10/2010	Fleetwood	A	4:15

*Coach Phil Riccuglia

TRACK AND FIELD

SAT	3/27/2010	OXENREIDER RELAYSH		9:30
THUR	4/1/2010	Elco	A	4:00
TUE	4/6/2010	S.VALLEY, BLUE MT.	H	3:45
TUE	4/13/2010	OLEY VALLEY	H	TBA
SAT	4/17/2010	Stephen Meet@ Wilson	A	TBA

TUE	4/20/2010	Twin Valley	A	3:45
THUR	4/22/2010	Penn Relays (Girls)	A	11:00
FRI	4/23/2010	Millersville Invitational	A	3:00
TUE	4/27/2010	CONRAD WEISER	H	3:45
TUE	5/4/2010	HAMBURG	H	3:45
FRI	5/7/2010	Henderson Invitational	A	3:00
TUE	5/11/2010	Fleetwood	A	3:45
SAT	5/15/2010	Firing Meet	A	9:00

*Coach Robert Gourley, Anthony Green

SOFTBALL

FRI	3/26/2010	Schuylkill Valley	A	4:00
SAT	3/27/2010	PALMYRA	H	12:00
MON	3/29/2010	HAMBURG	H	4:00
WED	3/31/2010	FLEETWOOD	H	4:15
WED	4/7/2010	Twin Valley	A	4:15
SAT	4/10/2010	Pottstown	A	11:00
MON	4/12/2010	OLEY VALLEY	H	4:15
WED	4/14/2010	Daniel Boone	A	4:15
FRI	4/16/2010	CONRAD WEISER	H	7:00
WED	4/21/2010	Wilson	A	4:15
FRI	4/23/2010	GOVERNOR MIFFLIN	H	7:00
SAT	4/24/2010	KUTZTOWN	H	7:00
MON	4/26/2010	Reading	A	7:00
WED	4/28/2010	TWIN VALLEY	H	4:15
FRI	4/30/2010	Exeter	A	4:15
MON	5/3/2010	DANIEL BOONE	H	4:15
WED	5/5/2010	Conrad Weiser	A	4:15
FRI	5/7/2010	Fleetwood	A	4:15
SAT	5/8/2010	LOWER DAUPHIN	H	7:30

*Coach Jeff Egan

BOYS' TENNIS

WED	3/24/2010	Reading	A	3:30
FRI	3/26/2010	GOVERNOR MIFFLINA		3:30
MON	3/29/2010	Wilson	A	4:00
TUE	4/6/2010	TWIN VALLEY	H	3:30
THUR	4/8/2010	Exeter	A	3:30
MON	4/12/2010	Pottsville	A	3:30
FRI	4/16/2010	READING	H	3:30
MON	4/19/2010	Governor Mifflin	A	3:30
WED	4/21/2010	WILSON	H	4:00
MON	4/26/2010	CONRAD WEISER	H	3:30
WED	4/28/2010	Flight Tournament	A	8:30
THUR	4/29/2010	Flight Tournament	A	3:00
FRI	4/30/2010	Flight Tournament	A	3:00
SAT	5/1/2010	Flight Tournament	A	TBA

*Coach Steven Simons

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Spring Sports Schedules

GIRLS' SOCCER

SAT	3/27/2010	OLEY VALLEY	H	12:00
MON	3/29/2010	Wilson	A	5:45
WED	3/31/2010	BLUE MOUNTAIN	H	5:45
WED	4/7/2010	Conrad Weiser	A	5:45
FRI	4/9/2010	FLEETWOOD	H	5:45
SAT	4/10/2010	MUHLENBERG Trny	TBA	
WED	4/14/2010	TWIN VALLEY	H	5:45
SAT	4/17/2010	Exeter	A	2:30
WED	4/21/2010	Daniel Boone	A	5:45
FRI	4/23/2010	READING	H	5:45
SAT	4/24/2010	Hamburg	A	TBA
MON	4/26/2010	CONRAD WEISER	H	5:45
WED	4/28/2010	Fleetwood	A	5:45
FRI	4/30/2010	Twin Valley	A	5:45
MON	5/3/2010	GOV MIFFLIN	H	5:45
WED	5/5/2010	Blue Mountain	A	5:45
FRI	5/7/2010	WILSON	H	4:00

*Coach Daniel Houck

PONY BASEBALL

TUE	4/13/2010	Wilson Southern	A	4:15
THUR	4/15/2010	Daniel Boone	A	4:15
WED	4/21/2010	Conrad Weiser	A	4:15
THUR	4/22/2010	Wilson Central	A	4:15
TUE	4/27/2010	Exeter	A	4:15
THUR	4/29/2010	TWIN VALLEY	H	4:15
THUR	5/6/2010	WILSON	H	4:15
TUE	5/11/2010	DANIEL BOONE	H	4:15
THUR	5/13/2010	CONRAD WEISER	H	4:15
TUE	5/18/2010	WILSON CENTRAL	H	4:15
THUR	5/20/2010	EXETER	H	4:15
TUE	5/25/2010	Twin Valley	A	4:15

*Coach Dave Ruth

PONY BASEBALL

TBD

J.H. TRACK AND FIELD

SAT	4/10/2010	Al Knabb	A	10:00
WED	4/14/2010	CONRAD WEISER	H	3:45
WED	4/21/2010	Kutztown	A	3:45
FRI	4/23/2010	MUHL ALL COUNTY	H	4:00
MON	4/26/2010	OLEY VALLEY	H	3:45
WED	4/28/2010	Schuylkill Valley	A	3:45
MON	5/3/2010	TULPEHOCKEN	H	3:45
THUR	5/6/2010	Wilson Girls' Meet	A	4:30
MON	5/10/2010	DANIEL BOONE	H	3:45
THUR	5/13/2010	WYOMISSING	H	3:45
TUE	5/18/2010	Mifflin County Meet	A	4:00

*Coach Robert Wolfe, Jim Bauer

J.H. SOFTBALL

THUR	4/8/2010	OLEY VALLEY	H	4:15
TUE	4/13/2010	KUTZTOWN	H	4:15
THUR	4/15/2010	Governor Mifflin	A	4:15
TUE	4/20/2010	EXETER	H	4:15
THUR	4/22/2010	Conrad Weiser	A	4:15
TUE	4/27/2010	WILSON CENTRAL	H	4:15
THUR	4/29/2010	Oley Valley	A	4:15
Tue	5/4/2010	WILSON SOUTHERN	H	4:15
THUR	5/6/2010	Kutztown	A	4:15
TUE	5/11/2010	GOVERNOR MIFFLIN	H	4:15
THUR	5/13/2010	Exeter	A	4:15
TUE	5/18/2010	CONRAD WEISER	H	4:15
THUR	5/20/2010	Wilson Central	A	4:15
THUR	5/27/2010	Wilson Southern	A	4:15

Coach: TBA

J.H. BASEBALL

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TUE	5/18/2010	Wilson Central	A	4:15
THUR	5/20/2010	EXETER	H	4:15
TUE	5/25/2010	Twin Valley	A	4:15

*Coach William Kantner

J.H. GIRLS' SOCCER

WED	4/7/2010	Governor Mifflin	A	4:00
FRI	4/9/2010	EXETER	H	4:00
MON	4/12/2010	Fleetwood	A	4:00
WED	4/14/2010	Twin Valley	A	4:00
WED	4/21/2010	WILSON CENTRAL	H	4:00
FRI	4/23/2010	Conrad Weiser	A	4:00
TUE	4/27/2010	CENTRAL CATHOLICH		4:00
WED	4/28/2010	FLEETWOOD	H	4:00
FRI	4/30/2010	WYOMISSING	H	4:00
WED	5/5/2010	Blue Mountain	A	4:00
FRI	5/7/2010	WILSON SOUTHERN	H	4:00
WED	5/12/2010	GOVERNOR MIFFLIN	H	4:00
FRI	5/14/2010	Exeter	A	4:00
WED	5/19/2010	TWIN VALLEY	H	4:00
FRI	5/21/2010	Wilson Central	A	4:00
WED	5/26/2010	CONRAD WEISER	H	4:00

*Coach Joshua Ressler

2010 SPRING AQUATICS PROGRAM

REGISTRATION: Tuesday **March 2nd, from 6:00-8:00pm** in the **Pool Lobby** at the High School. All activities require a minimum number of participants. Please bring identification of District Residency. There is an additional \$5.00 fee for Non-Residents interested in any classes except Recreational Swimming, which is only offered to residents of the Muhlenberg School District ONLY.

****PROGRAM SUBJECT TO CHANGE****

SWIMMING LESSONS

There will be "four" 2 week sessions to choose from: March 22nd to May 13th Classes are held Monday thru Thursday from 5:30-6:00pm or 6:10-6:40pm. There are a limited number of spaces available. Minimum age requirement is 4 years old.

COST: \$40.00 Per Session

PARENTS & TOTS SWIM CLASSES

There will be "two" 5 week sessions to choose from: March 23rd to May 27th. Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:45-5:15pm. Classes will be available for children 6 months up to their 4th birthday. Each child must be accompanied in the water by an adult. COST: \$40.00 Per Session

ADULTS LEARN TO SWIM

April 3rd to May 8th Saturdays from 11:00-12:00. This class will only be held if there is enough interest. Cost \$40.00

WATER AEROBICS

March 9th to May 13th Monday & Thursday, classes begin at 6:45pm (50 minute class). This is a 50 minute mid to high energy cardiovascular and muscular endurance class in the deep water. Water equipment is used in the toning portion of the class along with flotation belts. COST: \$50.00

WATER WALKING

March 9th to May 13th Monday & Thursday Classes begin at 7:45pm (30 minute class). This is a 30 minute striding movement class through the shallow water. This class offers a low cardiovascular and muscular toning workout with low impact movements. Great for all fitness levels, but especially beginners or anyone with rehabilitative needs. Participants of this class will have to use the pool ladder to enter and exit pool. COST: \$40.00

RECREATIONAL SWIMMING

March 26th to May 21st Fridays from 7:00pm – 8:30pm (The pool will be cleared 10 minutes before closing)

Rec Swim is provided for Muhlenberg School District Residents ONLY of all ages. Proof of residency is required at all Recreational Swims. Children 12 years of age or younger must be accompanied by an adult at all times. NO NON-RESIDENT GUESTS.

COST: Family Membership - \$70.00 • Individual Membership - \$35.00 • Daily - \$3.00

POOL RENTALS The pool is available on most Saturday/Sunday afternoons to hold birthday parties and or pool rentals. Professional certified lifeguards are provided. **COST:\$100.00** Per Hour

COMPETITIVE STROKE CLINIC For All Ages. This clinic is designed for those interested in working on their stroke technique along with starts and turns to get a head start on the Summer season. This clinic is designed for students who can swim at least 50 yards (2 laps) of 2 or more competitive strokes. COSTS: \$40.00

WATER POLO CLINIC (8TH GRADE AND UP)

The water polo clinic is recommended but not required to students who are familiar with basic polo skills and have some understanding of the sport. Conditioning, advanced skills, and strategy will be emphasized in TEAM atmosphere.

COST: \$20.00

(Elementary School & Middle School up to 7th grade)

This program provides an instruction to competitive water polo for students with limited or no competitive water polo experience. Elementary School or Middle School age students who are comfortable in both the deep and shallow water are encouraged this.

COST: \$40.00

If you have any questions regarding any of our programs please feel free to contact the pool office at 610-921-8078 ext. 4223 or e-mail Connie Hillbish at hillbishc@mail.muhsdk12@org or Chuck Stricker at strickerc@mail.muhsdk12@org

A REMINDER

To Residents of Muhlenberg School District

Your Local Earned Income Tax Return for 2009

Anyone who has earned income, regardless of age, for the year 2009, must file a tax return if they lived in the Muhlenberg School district. Even if your employer has withheld and paid your tax, this return must be completed. This obligation is incurred by anyone who is a wage earner, farmer, unincorporated business (including partnership and individual proprietorship) and ALL OTHERS who received earned income or profits for services rendered.

Failure to file on time will result in a penalty and interest charge of 12 percent per annum and addi-

tional costs of collection. Regulations also provide a \$500.00 fine for refusal to file or other violations.

Residents of Muhlenberg School District are required to file a tax return, EVEN IF THEY HAVE NOT RECEIVED A FORM THROUGH THE MAIL. Forms may be acquired by contacting the:

Berks Income Tax Collection Bureau

920 Van Reed Road, Wyomissing PA 19610

Telephone: 610-372-8439

Fax: 610-372-1102

Website: berkseit.com

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to our nationally known incentive program!

Muhlenberg Elementary Center Kindergarten Registration/Screening

Parents of resident children who will be five years of age on or before August 31, 2010 and who are not presently enrolled in the Muhlenberg School District will follow a three-step registration procedure.

1. Return a completed census report form to Mrs. Barbara Moyer at Muhlenberg Elementary Center. The census report form was included December 2009 issue of the Muhlenberg Newsletter. A second copy can be obtained by calling the elementary center office (610-921-8028). A "registration packet" containing all of the necessary forms will be mailed in early April to families who have listed a kindergarten-age child on their census form. Please call our school office if you have completed and returned the census form and have not received your "registration packet" by April 12th.

2. Complete registration forms at home before April 21.

3. With your child, attend a kindergarten registration/screening session.

Dates: April 21, 22, 23, 2010

Times: *A.M. session:* 9:30 – 11 *P.M. session:* 1 – 2:30

Location: Muhlenberg Elementary Center LGI Room

An interpreter will be available on April 22, 2010 at the 1 p.m. session and April 23, 2010 at the 9:30 A.M. session to assist second language families and their children.

Please call our school office no later than April 19, 2010 to register for one of the six sessions.

Parents of children who have completed kindergarten elsewhere and will be enrolling as first grade students may stop by the Muhlenberg Elementary Center office to complete registration forms at their convenience.

We will again be offering both full and half day Kindergarten options for the upcoming school year. Half day kindergarten requests will be accommodated within the full day program. Students in the half day program will receive instruction in the core instructional areas and participate in specials (art, music, physical education, library and computer). Parents who prefer that their child participate in a half day program will need to complete a form that will be included in registration packets that will be mailed in March.

Sexting: Kids being kids, or a crime? *By Officer Joel Marino, Muhlenberg Township Police*

Fourteen-year-old Suzy was asked by her boyfriend, 14-year-old Jimmy, to take a picture of herself naked. At first, she denies his requests, then relents after his promises that it will just be between them. Before Suzy knows any better, she is the brunt of relentless harassment and her picture is being shown around the school. Who is to blame? Suzy for being so foolish to send the picture? Jimmy for sharing the photo with a few friends (who share it with a few friends)? The parents, for giving Suzy free reign with the cell phone? Or is it just kids being kids?

Over the past couple of years, sexting has become more of an issue in our school district and community. For those of you who don't know, sexting is using a cell phone or a computer to send and receive nude photos, videos or sexually explicit text messages. Unfortunately, some of our children are using the "techno age" to make sexting a part of life.

First, let's look at the law. The law is very clear on the subject of nude photographs and children. ANY picture of a person under the age of 18 that shows exposed genitalia and is sexual in nature is child pornography. Anyone manufacturing, possessing or distributing the photograph is violating child pornography laws and is subject to being charged with a felony.

A secondary, and for some, a more common side effect of

sexting is harassment. When Suzy sends her nude photo to Jimmy and believes her boyfriend would never disrespect her like that, is when the harassment truly begins. The person is often the subject of jokes, glares, taunts, and in some cases, the picture is printed out and displayed throughout the school. There have been several cases of girls committing suicide after the "boyfriend" has shared the private photograph with others. Although no pictures have been printed out and displayed in our schools, and no one has committed suicide because of harassment, don't think it can't happen here.

What can you do about it? 1. Most cell phone and internet service providers have parental control options for accounts. Contact your phone company or internet service provider and determine how you can block the sending and receiving of pictures. 2. Check your child's phone, email and social networking sites frequently. NOTHING should be password protected from YOU the parent! 3. Talk with your children often about self-respect, the law and the importance of forming positive social relationships. If you are not talking to them, someone else is!

Do all that you can to keep your child from becoming a victim of sexting ... or arrested for sexting! Because sometimes, kids just being kids can be a crime.

MISSION

Muhlenberg School District is dedicated to providing a program of educational excellence that enables all students to attain their potential.

SHARED VALUES

- All students have the potential to become responsible citizens in our society.
- The home, school and student have shared responsibility for student achievement.
- An informed and involved community is essential to the development of strong educational partnerships and quality programs.
- An effective school provides a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment.
- Embracing diversity and individuality within the context of mutual respect promotes a positive learning environment.
- Outstanding programs and effective instruction produce academic excellence.
- Participation in extra-curricular activities fosters self-confidence and positive attitudes.
- Learning opportunities that integrate technology and develop higher level thinking skills empower students to succeed in a global society.
- High expectations and commitment to continuous improvement are fundamental for high achievement.

VISION STATEMENT

The Muhlenberg School Community will promote academic excellence in a safe and nurturing environment, while celebrating unity, respecting diversity, and empowering all students to become contributing citizens in a global society.

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CALENDAR

February

- 2 Jr County Chorus Auditions
Music Assoc Mtg., HS, 7 pm
- 3 Committee-of-the-Whole mtg, HS, 7 pm
- 4 Registration Deadline 3/13/ SAT
- 5-6 MS Musical, 7:30 pm, MS Aud
- 9 Jr. County Instrumental Auditions
- 10 School Board mtg, HS, 7 pm
- 11-13 PMEA District 10 Band
- 12 HS course selection sheets due
- 15 No School; Presidents' Day;
Teacher In service**
- 23-26 4Sight Testing Window (gr 3-11)
- 24 MS Science Fair, 7-8 pm
- 25-27 PMEA Region V Orchestra
- 26 Graduation Project Mtg.

March

- 2 Spring College Fair - Alvernia College
Read Across America, EC Caf, 6:30 pm
Music Assoc Mtg., HS, 7 pm
- 3 Committee-of-the-Whole mtg, HS, 7 pm
- 6 Music Festival, HS 4-8:30 pm
- 8 Guidance Night, gr 11 parents, HS
A-117, 7-9 pm
- 10 School Board mtg., HS, 7 pm
- 11-13 PMEA Region V Chorus
- 13 SAT, 8 am
- 15-18 Reading-Berks Science Fair
- 18 Spring Musical, Sr Cit. Performance,
HS Auditorium, 7 pm
- 19 Act 80 Day; early dismissal
- 19-20 Spring Musical, HS Aud, 7:30 pm
- 25 Registration deadline, 5/1 SAT
HS March Madness Activity Night
- 25-27 PMEA Region V Band
- 26 Graduation Project mtg
- 29-31 No School; Spring Break
to April 5**

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**NOTE: Possible Snow Make-Up Days:
February 15; March 29-31, April 5**

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