



Muhlenberg News

October/November 2010

Muhlenberg School District • Laureldale, Pennsylvania

New teachers start the 2010-11 school year

Muhlenberg School District welcomed 16 new teachers into its classrooms this fall for the 2010-2011 school year. New teachers are: Front Row: Jessica Hartman (Music Teacher), Laura Cugini (Grade 1 Teacher), Jenna Hoffman (long term substitute Physical Education Teacher), Danielle Pretti (Grade 3 Teacher).

Middle Row: Christine Mohler (long term substitute Special Education Teacher), Deena Alexander (long term substitute Special Education Teacher), Kimberly Harakal

(long term substitute English Teacher), Susan Bristel (Reading Specialist), Caitlin Ketterer (long term substitute English Teacher), Kayla Weber (Grade 6 Teacher).



Back Row: Anessa Musick (English Teacher), Justine Kulp (ESL Teacher), Jessica Will (long term substitute Special Education Teacher), Jamiel Smoker (Technology Education Teacher), Mark Keeley (Mathematics Teacher), Scott Keller (Social Studies Teacher).

Muhlenberg School District Residents

By Pennsylvania state law, in order for a child to attend Muhlenberg schools, a child must be a resident of the school district. With certain exceptions, a child shall be considered a resident of the school district only if his or her parent or guardian resides in the district. Please take notice that the Muhlenberg School District actively monitors residency requirements, will dis-enroll students not actually living within its boundaries, and will charge tuition, which is currently set at the secondary rate of \$50.48 per day and the elementary rate of \$46.57 per day, to the parent or guardian of any child for the period in which such child has been enrolled in violation of the residency requirements. Furthermore, any person who knowingly falsifies information for the purpose of improperly enrolling a child in the district may be prosecuted criminally. The Muhlenberg School District has and will continue to be vigilant of improper enrollments in order to ensure taxpayers' monies are used for providing the best education for our properly enrolled Muhlenberg students. We thank you for your continued support and assistance in these efforts.

Town Hall Meeting

When: Thursday, October 28, 2010

Time: 7:00 p.m.

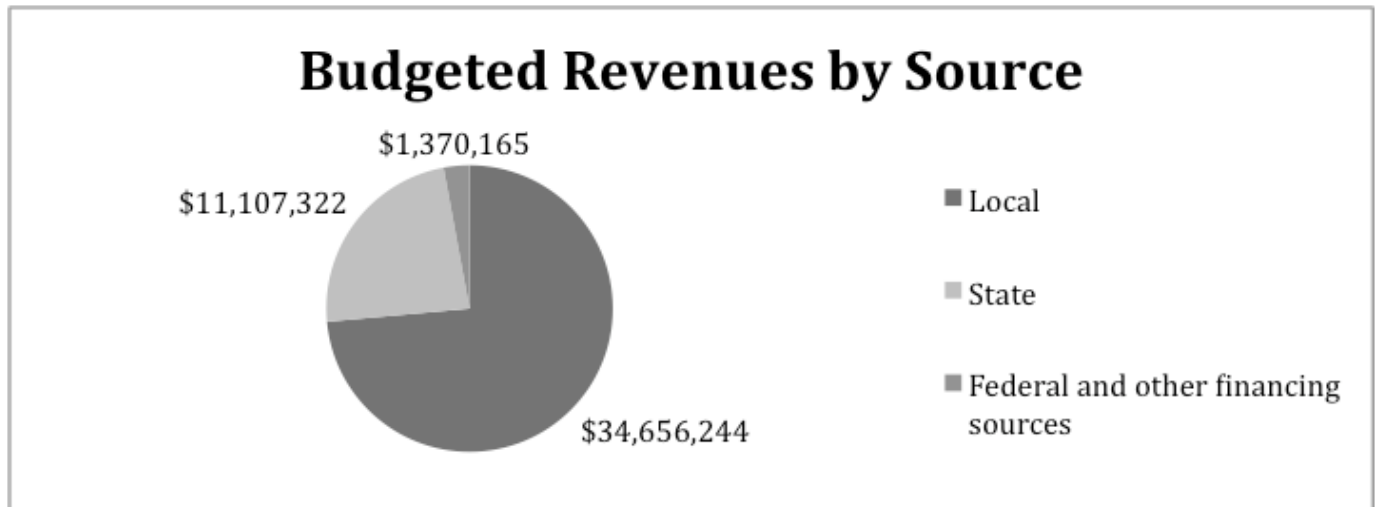
Where: Berks County Intermediate Unit
(Room 111 ABC)
1111 Commons Boulevard
Reading, PA 19605

Directions: North on Rt. 61 to Tuckerton Road. Turn left on Tuckerton Road. Proceed straight for .7 mile. Turn right at the mini-mart onto Commons Blvd. The BCIU is on the left.

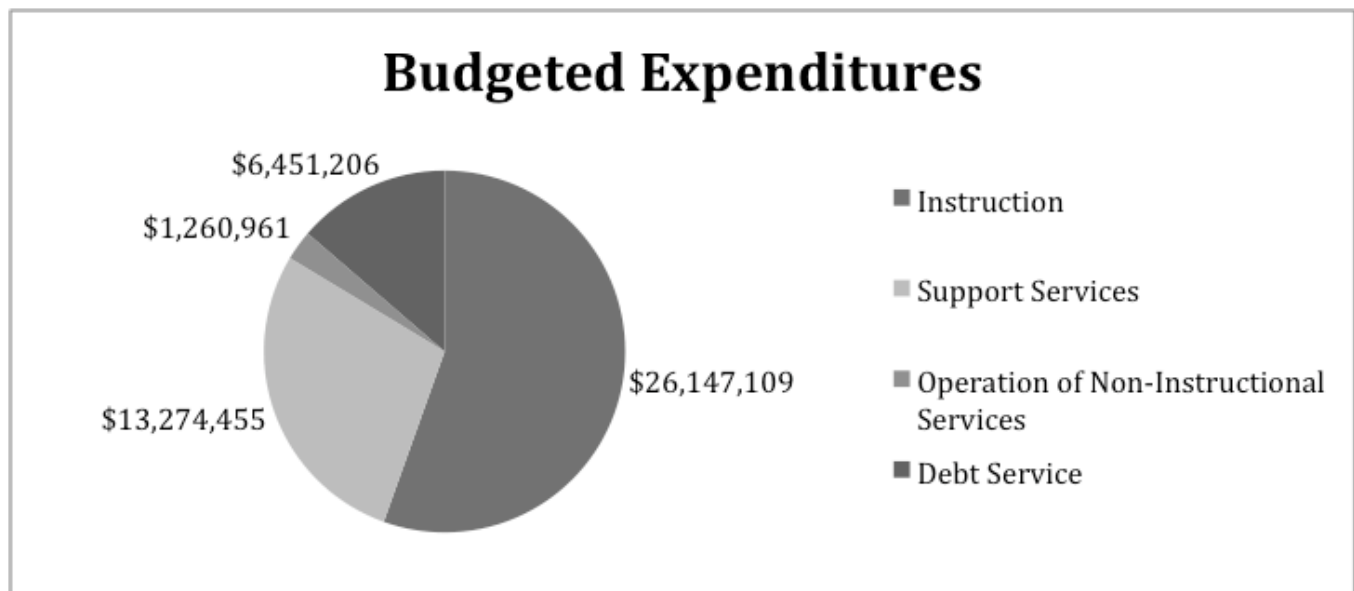
Please join the
Muhlenberg School Board for an update
of the Muhlenberg School District
plus an open forum for your questions.
We hope you can attend this informational session.

Muhlenberg School District budget information

The Muhlenberg School Board passed a budget of \$47,133,731 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011. This action resulted in a .50 mill increase for the taxpayers. The millage rate increased from 25.06 mills to 25.56 mills. A taxpayer whose property has an assessed value of \$100,000 will pay \$2,556 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2011.



The Governor passed the State budget on July 6, 2010. The District was required to pass the school budget by June 30, 2010. The original amount to budget communicated to the school from the State regarding the Basic Education Funding was changed once the Governor's budget was passed and subsequently reduced again as of August 20, 2010. The actual amount to be received will be approximately \$340,000 less than anticipated.



The Board elected to balance this year's budget by using \$557,044 of monies remaining in capital projects funds to pay down the related principal and interest associated with completed projects.

Muhlenberg High School Hall of Fame

On Friday, November 26, Muhlenberg School District Hall of Fame will induct its 13th full class into membership at The Riveredge Restaurant. Listed at right are the 2010 inductees:

The Muhlenberg Hall of Fame is divided into three categories: athletic, scholastic and career.

- Athletic is open to athletes, coaches, administrators and others.
- Scholastic is open to those who have excelled in academics, in the arts or in the vocational area.
- Career is open to those who have excelled in the area of service or those who have achieved noteworthy accomplishments or prominence.

The inductees will be honored on Friday, November 26, social at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm at The Riveredge Restaurant. Tickets are \$27 for adults and \$15 for small children. Use the ticket order form below, or purchase directly from the Athletic Office. If you have any questions, call 610-921-8078. **Please order tickets by November 12.**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

_____ Adults @ \$27 = \$ _____

_____ Children@ \$15 = \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to "Muhlenberg School District"

Class of 2010 Hall of Fame inductees

Mr. Harold Anderson, Jr. (deceased) '44

Mr. Scott Calpino '77

Mr. James Kurtz '59

Mr. Thomas Leese '75

Mrs. Kristi-Lynn Dahlgren (Miller) '00

Mr. Terry Rhodes '66

Mr. Otto W Voit, III '75

Dr. John Williams (deceased) '50

Mr. Thomas Yentsch '61

Return by November 12 to:

Kerry Ciatto
Athletic Director
Attn: Hall of Fame
Muhlenberg High School
Sharp Avenue & Frances Street
Laureldale PA 19605

Alumni
NEWS

Alumni news articles accepted

Alumni news articles may be e-mailed to steinb@mail.muhsdk12.org or mailed to: Brenda Stein, Muhlenberg School District Administrative Office, 801 Bellevue Avenue, Laureldale, PA 19605

Attention school-age parents! Updated immunization news

Attention Parents: Please check your child's immunization records as new regulations will be coming into effect for all students in K-12th grade:

*4 doses of tetanus and diphtheria usually given as DPT, DTaP, DT or Td. One Dose needs to be given on or after the 4th birthday.

*3 doses of polio

*2 doses of measles, mumps and rubella (MMR)

*3 doses of hepatitis B

** (new) 2 doses of varicella (chicken pox) vaccine OR

*History of chicken pox disease.

In addition, students entering the 7th grade will need the following:

*1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap) if 5 years has elapsed since last tetanus immunization.

*1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV)

Please contact your school nurse if you have any questions.

District NEWS

McGinley named Merit Semi-Finalist

Peter McGinley, a senior, recently was named a National Merit Semi-Finalist by the CollegeBoard. The National Merit competition is based on a student's PSAT scores from 11th grade. Only 16,000 students across the country were selected. Congratulations Pete!

Savings through multi sports tickets

Multiple events sports' tickets are available in the Athletic Office between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily. Cost is \$20 for students and \$40 for adults. These tickets can be used for any ten (10) Muhlenberg home athletic contests throughout the school year. Regular admission prices are \$3 for students and \$5 for adults. Stop by the Athletic Office to pick up your MULTIPLE EVENT SPORTS' TICKET and enjoy the savings!

United Way benefit November 13

The Muhlenberg Community and Friends are invited to attend a
Quarter Auction

Benefitting the United Way of Berks County

Saturday, November 13, 12 noon - 3 pm

Doors open at 11 am to view items

Muhlenberg Elementary Center cafeteria

\$3 per guest (includes 1 bidding paddle)

\$1 for each additional bidding paddle

Donations include items from: Tastefully Simple,

Pampered Chef, Avon, Premier Designs Jewelry,

Silpada Jewelry, Tupperware, Mary Kay,

Thirty One Gifts and Longaberger.

(items subject to change)

Refreshments will be available for purchase.

Golden Age passes

Golden Age Passes are available in the Athletic Office between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily. Passes are available to any Muhlenberg School District resident who is 62 years old or older upon verification at the time of distribution. This pass can be used for any MUHLENBERG HOME contest during the regular season, playoffs excluded.

2010 Homecoming Activities

Muhlenberg High School will celebrate the 2010 Homecoming during the week of October 18, including the following activities:

October 20, Powder Puff Game, 7 pm

October 22, Homecoming Game and Festivities,
Stadium Field, 6 pm

October 23, Homecoming Dance, HS Gym, 7 - 10 pm

Muhlenberg Renaissance program becomes "Impact"

It recently was announced that the Muhlenberg School District Renaissance program will now be known as "Impact."

The name of the program has changed, but everything will remain the same, said Ms. Denise Zielinski, advisor, who will continue to work closely with the Herff Jones company. School-community partnerships can promote student academics and attendance, and increase student exposure to local businesses.

The program is designed to achieve many objectives. "Impact" will reward students for their good grades, attendance and behavior. Community involvement is a key ingredient to our program's success. Local businesses may support the program in several ways: donating funds for the purchase of awards and incentives, donating free items or providing other in-kind services. Impact will be sponsor many activities and programs to inspire and acknowledge the efforts of stu-

dents, teachers and staff. Please encourage your students to attend these events.

Students may qualify for quarterly awards or incentives in one or more of the following categories:

- 4.0 GPA
- 3.7-3.9 GPA
- 3.4-3.6 GPA
- .5 GPA increase quarter to quarter
- Perfect Attendance

High School NEWS

In addition to meeting the grade point average or attendance requirements, students must not have had any in-school or out-of-school suspensions during the quarter. To qualify for perfect attendance, students must not have received any tardy discipline slips or early dismissal releases.

If you can help to make an "Impact" at Muhlenberg High School, please call Ms. Denise Zielinski at 610-921-8078 at your earliest convenience.

Advisors welcome Class of 2013 to new school year

As Muhlenberg School District begins another school year, the class of advisors for the Class of 2013 would like to share some important information with students and parents. The class of 2013 advisors are Mrs. Cindy Long, currently an Environmental Science teacher and the varsity girls' field hockey coach, and Mrs. Julie McCarthy, currently a Physical Education teacher and varsity girls' swimming coach. Both are excited about the new school year and are anxious to do more fun things as a class.

Students are encouraged to stop in and meet them, as well as pay their class dues. Class dues are \$15 for each year and are required if you wish to participate in off-campus activities, such as prom and class trips. Class dues also help defray the cost of admission to events and transportation. Checks should be made payable to "Class of 2013," and students may pay dues in room A232 (Mrs. Long) or in the gym (Mrs. McCarthy). All students will be given a receipt to show payment.

Class of 2013 T-shirts are still available for purchase. The price is \$10 and the shirts are black with blue and gold lettering. If you are interested in purchasing a shirt please see

Mrs. McCarthy. Sizes are limited so get your shirt today.

Homecoming festivities will be held the week of October 18. The homecoming game is October 22 and the homecoming dance is October 23 in the High School gym. Homecoming dance tickets will be available during school hours. We hope to see all tenth graders at these great school events.

More class information can be found on the Muhlenberg School District website under teacher pages/ Mrs. McCarthy's teacher page.

Muhlenberg Players

Presents

The Diary of Anne Frank

dramatized by Frances Goodrich
and Albert Hackett

**November 19 & 20 at 7:30 p.m.
in the High School Auditorium**

MHS musical again receives national set design award

With great pride, Muhlenberg School District announced that for the fourth time in six years the Muhlenberg High School spring musical has been selected nationally for set design and construction. MHS placed third this year from thousands of entries from across the country. Muhlenberg's stage crew, artists, and staff have now won four national and two local awards for our Musical sets and movements on stage during scene changes.

Last year's Musical "build" involved more students than any previous year. Along with our 45-member stage crew, under the direction of Mr. Marc Wolfe, both Mrs. Nan Forrer and Mrs. Kachina Martin added their artistic expertise with the inclusion of several students from their classes and art club.

Hopefully, student participation will continue to grow because they are truly gifted and these awards are a reflection of their talents and dedication.



Students from the 2010 Muhlenberg High School spring musical pose with trophies after being selected third in a national competition for high school set building and construction.

Highschool NEWS

Something exciting for MHS students at Reading gallery "some things looming"

This fall, the Advanced Placement Craft students will have an opportunity to create and display their woven artwork at some things looming Fiber Arts Gallery and Studio, 526 Washington Street, Reading.

Gallery co-director and fiber artist Melanie Mitchell will be teaching students to use a four-shaft floor loom to create woven self-portraits at the gallery's on-site weaving studio. Students will be meeting with Ms. Mitchell Tuesdays during the months of October and November. "This is an exciting opportunity for the students to learn a new skill, work with a professional artist, and ultimately create a work of art for public display," noted Kachina Martin, AP Craft instructor, and the high school art teacher working with Ms. Mitchell on this project.

Parents, family, and friends are invited to see the progress students have made at a special reception on Saturday, October 30, from 2 to 4 pm; the weaving studio will be open, and students will be on hand to answer questions and demonstrate the process being used to create their painted warp self-portraits.

On Sunday, December 12, the finished works will be displayed in the Community Gallery at some things looming. The reception will be held from 2 to 4 pm, with music provided by the High School Music Department. Mark your calendars and join this fun and festive event! Detailed directions and parking information can be found at <http://www.somethingslooming.com/>

Students attend summer session

This summer, the Nolde Forest Environmental Education Center, through the Berks County Intermediate Unit, once again welcomed Berks County fifth through ninth grade students to its “myEarth” summer enrichment program. During the one-week program students were able to identify and reflect on local, regional, and global environmental conditions by using the process of scientific inquiry. Students participated in a multitude of hands-on activities using GPS, GIS, and electronic probes while solving problems by collecting data and making observations. Representing Muhlenberg were **Alyssa Daubenspeck, Asher Fair** and **Nadia Oxenreider**.

“The Pigeon Finds A Hot Dog!” wins 2010 Muhl Medal

Muhlenberg Elementary Center students voted “The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog!” by Mo Willems as the winner of the 2010 Muhl Medal contest.

Congratulations to the students in Mr. Matthew Coldren’s 2009-2010 fourth-grade class for running the winning campaign.

The annual contest, sponsored by the Elementary Center library, gives each fourth grade class the chance to campaign for a favorite book. Students in all ten fourth grade classes did a fantastic job generating enthusiasm for their nominated books through posters, radio ads, and read-alouds. The entire student body voted on the second to last day of school and “The Pigeon” was announced the winner of the 11th annual Muhl Medal on the last day of the 2009-2010 school year.



Students from Mr. Matthew Coldren’s 2009-2010 fourth grade class ran the winning campaign for the Muhlenberg Elementary Center Muhl Medal.

Middle School NEWS

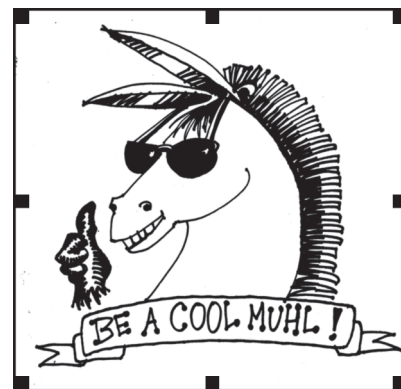
Muhlenberg represented at Albright enrichment camp

Three Muhlenberg School District seventh-grade students attended a week-long enrichment camp held at Albright College from July 19-23. Students participated in learning activities related to forensics, ecology, foreign language, technology, art, and career exploration. Representing Muhlenberg were **MacKenzie Gring, Sean Hnath** and **Alyssa Daubenspeck**.

Elementary NEWS

MEC Art Department news

This year, art teachers Mrs. Kristy Manwiller and Mrs. Maureen Yoder, along with school guidance counselors, psychologists, music specialists, physical education teachers, school librarian, school nurse, and administrators are working together to promote a school-wide initiative for developing character in a new program, “Be a Cool Muhl.”



Teachers, administrators and specialists have written and performed original music and acted in videos that will be available for teachers as a resource for teaching six character traits: citizenship, honesty, fairness, responsibility, kindness and respect. Mrs. Manwiller and Mrs. Yoder designed the “Cool Muhl” logo that can be seen throughout the school on posters, banners, T-shirts, and homework folders. The staff and faculty on the “Cool Muhl” committee collaborated to make creative, engaging instructional videos that will help students grow into responsible school citizens.

MISSION

Muhlenberg School District is dedicated to providing a program of educational excellence that enables all students to reach their highest potential so they will lead us successfully and responsibly into the future.

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.

SCHOOL BOARD

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ADMINISTRATION

Theresa D. Haught, Ed.D., Superintendent

Vlacia Z. Campbell, Ed.D.,
Asst. Superintendent

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

October

- 5 - Music Assoc Mtg., HS, 7 pm
- 6 - Committee of the Whole Mtg., HS, 7 pm
- 9 - SAT, 8 am
- 11 - **No School - Teacher InService**
- 12 - Sr County Chorus Auditions
- 13 - School Board Mtg., HS, 7 pm
- 14 - CIS Picture Day
Title III (ESL) Parent/Student Night, EC Cafe/LGI, 6:30 pm
- 16 - PSAT, HS, 8 am
- 18-21 - 4Sight Testing Window (3-11)
- 18 - District 10 Chorus Auditions
- 20 - Powder Puff Football Game, 7 pm
- 22 - Homecoming Festivities, Football Field, 6 pm
- 23 - Homecoming Dance, HS Gym, 7-10 pm
- 25 - 29 - 11/5 - 12th PSSA Re-tests
- 25 - Berks County College Fair, Albright College, 6-8 pm

November

- 1 -5 - 12th Gr PSSA Re-test
- 1 - HS Picture Re-take Day
- 2 - **No School; Teacher InService**
Music Assoc Mtg., HS 7 m
- 3 - Committee of the Whole Mtg, HS, 7 pm
- 4 - End of 1st marking period
Title I Family Night, EC Cafe/LGI, 6:30 pm
- 6 - SAT, 8 am
- 10 - ASVAB Test, HS
School Board Mtg., HS, 7 pm
- 11 - MS Picture Re-take Day
- 19/20 - Muhlenberg Players Fall Play
- 22-24 - Parent Conferences Gr K-6
Early Dismissal
- 23 - Sr County Band/Orchestra Auditions
- 24 - Parent Conferences Gr 7-8 Early Dismissal
- 25 - 29 - **Thanksgiving Holiday; No School**

Muhlenberg

Excellence in Action

Newsletter Deadline for next newsletter: Nov. 5. Published for citizens of the Muhlenberg School District, **Newsletter** is printed at Key Printing, Reading, Pa. Submit news of school or community interest to Brenda Stein, Newsletter, at return address or email steinb@mail.muhsdk12.org. Include your name and phone number for verification purposes. Timely articles will be used as space allows. <http://www.muhsdk12.org>

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