



Muhlenberg students win big at area competitions

Reading Berks Science and Engineer Fair

The Muhlenberg High School winning streak at the Reading Berks Science and Engineering Fair continues! For the fifth year in a row, a Muhlenberg student will represent Berks County at the international science fair with an all-expense paid trip.

Senior **Chris Zimmerman** won first place in the chemistry division including six special awards, and Chris was crowned grand champion over all of the divisions. He will travel in May to Atlanta to compete internationally and was featured in the Reading Eagle newspaper.

Chris also was named a semi-finalist in the Burger King and Best Buy National Scholarship Competition.

Also having an outstanding showing was junior **Alex Quaintance** who earned first place in the engineering division and was recognized with seven special awards for his project.

Reading Public Library poetry contest

Muhlenberg Middle School had two young writers place in this year's Reading Public Library Young Poets contest.

Sixth grader **Rebecca Fontanes** won an honorable mention for her poem, "Imagination."

Eighth grader **Kelsey Mosser** won an honorable mention for her poem, "Wanting To Know."

Congratulations to all four students on these great accomplishments.

Full Day Kindergarten Survey

In order to help us plan for our future educational programs, please complete the following survey and return it to Mrs. Barbara Moyer, Muhlenberg Elementary Center, Kutztown Road and Sharp Avenue, Laureldale, PA 19605 by May 30, 2008. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

1. If you are the parent of a preschooler, would you be interested in having the option of a full day Kindergarten program at Muhlenberg Elementary Center?

Yes No Undecided

Please share your thoughts about why you would or would not be interested in having a full day kindergarten program at MEC.

2. If you would be interested in serving on a committee to explore full day Kindergarten, please provide us with the contact information below. Thank you.

Name _____ Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

Muhlenberg PTO supports schools

The Muhlenberg Parent-Teacher Organization supports students in our schools. Listed below are a few of the donations PTO has made through monetary contributions to the district:

- \$75 to purchase a wheelchair for the nurse's office at the Middle School
- \$1,000 for books and supplies in the Middle School Library
- \$1,000 for instrumental music department in the Elementary Center
- \$432 for the Elementary Center Library Giving Tree Fund to purchase children's books
- \$925 for transportation for the High School field trip to Washington D.C.
- \$750 for the High School Renaissance/Leo Club/Peer Tutoring Appreciation Luncheon

PTO sponsors various fund raisers during the school year. Everyone's contribution goes a long way in providing these donations to benefit students.

On behalf of the School Board and Administration, the district thanks the PTO for their generous gifts.

The Class of 1958 will celebrate its 50th year

reunion September 19-21. Any classmates who have not received reunion information should contact Joan Brown Adams (Joana960@aol.com or 610-921-0163) or Bob Stull (bob_stull@comcast.net or 717-397-7030)

The **Classes of the Sixties** will meet Saturday, July 12 for the fifth annual Muhlenberg High School Multi-class reunion. The event will be held at the Evergreen Country Club from 3 p.m. to closing. The casual, indoor/outdoor event includes cash bar and cash food. A \$3 cover will be charged. For more information, contact Sue (Deprill) Crupi, 610-777-3875/Scrupi@aol.com or Bill/Jean Sandel, 610-921-2620.

District NEWS

Attention Citizens

The parking lots at each school have designated areas for Handicapped Parking. Please refrain from parking in these areas when picking up children at school or attending events unless your vehicle has a registered handicapped identification tag for parking in this area.

Thank you for your cooperation.
The Administration of

Muhlenberg School District

Muhlenberg Hall of Fame seeks nominations

Individuals will be considered as nominees for the Hall of Fame only after five years have passed since their graduation from high school or the retirement of their coaching or employment with Muhlenberg High School. Candidates will be selected from three categories – Scholastic, Career, or Athletic.

Please use the nomination form printed on page 3

Muhlenberg High School graduation slated for June 4

Muhlenberg High School will conduct graduation ceremonies at the Sovereign Center in downtown Reading on Wednesday, June 4, 2008 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Doors to the Sovereign Center will be open at 6:00 p.m. This year's speakers will be **Ashley Reichardt, Alicia Krug, and Alyssa Sweigart**, our honors' graduates for 2008.

Family and friends may attend the ceremony since there is unlimited seating in the arena.

Tickets are required for entrance to the Sovereign Center. Our senior students will be given six tickets each. They may sign up for extra tickets beginning on May 5. Please note that there is a small fee for parking.

You are welcome to join us as we wish congratulations to this year's graduates.



Muhlenberg High School Hall of Fame Official Nomination Form

Circle Category of Nominee

Athletic

Scholastic

Career

(please print or type all information)

Name _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

High School _____ Year of Graduation _____

Please list in detail *seven* special awards or accomplishments by the nominee: Further explanation or resume may be attached.

This nomination is submitted by:

Name _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Please complete and return this form to:

Muhlenberg High School
Attention: Kerry Ciatto
Sharp Avenue and Frances Street
Laureldale, Pa 19605

ELMS students participate in video conference

Second and third grade students in the Enriched Learning for Muhlenberg Students Program participated in the *Famous Americans* interactive video conference hosted by MAGPI Programs on March 4. **Julia Mackey, Dylan Bieber, Sydney Nieves, Jacob McGarry, Julia Reber, Natalie Fenner, Carter Scharlach, and Jacob Walter** researched the lives of three famous Americans to present via Internet 2.

Not only did these gifted students portray *Steven Spielberg, Georgia O'Keeffe, and Babe Didrikson* but they also participated in guessing other famous Americans presented by students from Central York, Spring-Ford, Perkiomen Valley and Swiftwater Elementary Schools. Supported by Mrs. Jeanne Escott, gifted education teacher and Mrs. Eileen Mussleman, instructional technology specialist, the students were actively engaged in distance learning while effectively using speaking and listening skills.

Elementary NEWS



High School NEWS

MHS BUSTED! club meets with state attorney general

Pennsylvania Attorney General Tom Corbett requested the presence of the **Muhlenberg High School BUSTED! club** to represent what the tobacco settlement money can provide. He also highlighted what a great difference the MHS BUSTED! club has made throughout the community.

The main purpose of this event was to encourage Governor Rendell and the General Assembly to dedicate the new estimated \$25 million payment from the tobacco settlement to be used for tobacco prevention and cessation programs. "Tobacco use remains this country's leading preventable cause of death," Corbett said.

The BUSTED! club has also attended two public hearings at the State Capitol in Harrisburg to assist in voicing their opinion about making Pennsylvania a smoke free state.



Muhlenberg High School BUSTED! club members recently met with Pennsylvania Attorney General Tom Corbett regarding tobacco settlement money. Pictured, left to right are, Lindsey Lendo, Andrew Winand, Chloe Focht, Attorney General Tom Corbett, Mackenzie Krott, Kaitlyn Oswald, and Devon Noble.

It is the hope of the BUSTED! club that Pennsylvania will be a smoke free state soon so people can be protected from the dangerous health effects contributed to second-hand smoke exposure.

Muhlenberg School District 2008-2009 Calendar

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August
 21 Teacher Clerical Day
 22 Teacher In-Service Day
 25 First Day of School (pupils)
 29 Holiday - Labor Day

September
 1 Holiday - Labor Day

October
 6 Teacher In-Service Day
 29 End of 1st Quarter

November
 4 Teacher In-Service Day
 24 Early Dismissal Parent Conf. Gr 1-6
 25 Early Dismissal Parent Conf. Gr 1-6
 26 Early Dismissal Parent Conf. Gr 1-8
 27 Holiday - Thanksgiving
 28 Holiday - Thanksgiving

December
 1 Holiday - Thanksgiving
 24 Holiday - Winter Break
 25 Holiday - Winter Break
 26 Holiday - Winter Break
 29 Holiday - Winter Break
 30 Holiday - Winter Break
 31 Holiday - Winter Break

January
 1 Holiday - Winter Break
 2 Holiday - Winter Break
 15 Early Dismissal Gr 9-12
 16 End of Second Quarter
 16 Act 80 Early Dismissal Gr 1-12
 19 Teacher In-Service Day

February
 16 Teacher In-Service Day

March
 20 Act 80 Early dismissal Gr 1-12
 24 End of Third Quarter

April
 6 Holiday - Spring Break
 7 Holiday - Spring Break
 8 Holiday - Spring Break
 9 Holiday - Spring Break
 10 Holiday - Spring Break
 13 Holiday - Spring Break

May
 22 Act 80 Early Dismissal Gr 1-12
 25 Holiday - Memorial Day

June
 3 Early Dismissal Gr 9-12
 4 Pupils' Last Day/Graduation
 4 End of Fourth Quarter
 4 Early Dismissal Gr 1-2
 5 Teacher Clerical Day

Snow Make-Up Days
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Academic All American

Aimee Snyder has been accepted as an Academic All American by the National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association of America. Only two percent of all students involved in high school aquatics are recognized at this level.



Fall sports sign up, physicals dates

- High School fall sports sign-ups, Monday May 19, 8th period.
- Junior High falls sports sign-ups, Wednesday, May 21, 2:00 PM
- Fall Sports physicals,- Junior High, Monday, June 2, 3:00 PM, Middle

School

- Fall Sports physicals - High School, Tuesday, June 3, 8:30 AM, High School

Athletes earn awards

First Team

All County Swimming; Zach Chow
All County Diving; Emily Gibson
All County Boy's Basketball: Derek Zeller
All County Girls Basketball: Amanda Mikatavage
All County Wrestling; Bo Candelaria

Section II 1st team:

Girls Basketball: Liz Hornberger & Michele Schrift
Boys Basketball: Vaughn Carraway
Wrestling: Kody Frank & Mike Kellum

2nd Team

All County Swimming; Zach Chow (50 free)

3rd Team

All County Swimming; Amanda Frees (500 Free)

Honorable Mention:

Wrestling: Julian Cruz, John Reedy, Kane Quinter, Dallas Rusden

Boys Basketball: Kevin Botch & Taylor Graeff

Girls Basketball as a team was in the County Semi-finals, District III, Quarter-Finalist, and PIAA State Quarter-Finalist. The girls finished as one of the top 16 schools in the state.

Sports banquet scheduled

The spring sports' banquet will be held Wednesday, May 21 at 6 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

2008-2009 cheerleading try-outs

Location: Muhlenberg High School Gym
Practice: Monday, May 19 – 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Tuesday, May 20 – 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Wednesday, May 21 – 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Try-outs: Thursday, May 22
Junior High – 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
High School – 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

You must leave after your try-out!

Participants will be contacted with results

The following grades are eligible:

- Junior High Football, Basketball: 7, 8, and 9
- Fall Cheerleading (Football, Soccer):10 – 12
- Winter Cheerleading (Basketball, Wrestling):10 – 12

This may change due to sign-up numbers!!

Girls Swimming Diving Team Wins 11th District Championship



District Results

200 Medley Relay – 3rd Place (**Snyder, Ciatto, Frees, Bauer**); 200 Free – **Kelly Geras** – 4th Place; **Amanda Frees** – 6th Place; **Carli Rapp** – 20th Place;

Janelle Florida – 22nd Place 200 Im – **Kristina Ciatto** – 9th Place; **Caitlin Deangelo** – 12th Place; 50 Free – **Jena Marrinucci** – 4th Place; **Ashley Bauer** – 7th Place; **Katie**

Yeity – 10th Place; **Lauren Bauer** – 11th Place 200 Free Relay – 1st Place (**Bauer, Geras, Yeity, Marrinucci**)

Diving – **Emily Gibson** – 3rd Place; **Erica Nester** – 10th Place; 100 Free – **Aimee Snyder** – 9th Place; **Brianna Seick** – 11th Place; **Carli Rapp** – 14th Place; **Lauren Bauer** – 20th Place; 500 Free – **Amanda Frees** – 2nd Place; **Kelly Geras** – 4th Place; **Ashley Bauer** – 12th Place; **Janelle Florida** – 24th Place; 100 Back – **Jena Marrinucci**

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Art Shows in May

Spring is here and so is the time for the annual district art shows.

Schedule is as follows:

- High School – May 7 and 8 – 7 to 8:30 p.m.
- Elementary Center – May 12 and May 13 – 6 to 8:30 p.m.
- Middle School – May 14 and May 15 – 7 to 9 p.m.



Music in Our Schools

A variety of music groups have been rehearsing for the final concerts of the school year. Concerts are open to the public. The schedule is as follows:

- May 5 - Muhlenberg Jazz Concert, High School Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- May 6 - Grade 6 Spring Concert, Middle School Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- May 13 – High School Choral Spring Concert, High School Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- May 15 – Grades 7 & 8 Spring Concert, Middle School Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- May 20 – High School Band Spring Concert, High School Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- May 22 – Elementary Center Spring Concert, High School Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

MS Jazz Band wins awards

Congratulations to the Muhlenberg Middle School Jazz Band. They recently performed at the Kutztown Jazz Festival and won a rating of “Outstanding.”

Congratulations also to **Erica Ligenza, Rachel Garner, Deanna Sweigart, Josh Nanna, and Joey Russo** on winning the award for Outstanding Rhythm Section.

And last, but not least, **Greg Wilson** won an Outstanding Soloist award for his tenor sax playing.

Way to go, Jazz Band!

Girls Swimming continued

-5th Place; **Brianna Seick** – 12th Place; **Aimee Snyder** – 13th Place; 100 Breast – **Kristina Ciatto** – 4th Place; **Caitlin Deangelo** – 15th Place; **Katie Yeity** – 20th Place; 400 Free Relay – 1st Place (**Frees, Geras, Snyder, Marri-nucci**)

The team of **Kristina Ciatto, Emily Gibson, Ashley Bauer, Kelly Geras, Jena Marrinucci, Aimee Snyder** and **Amanda Frees** continued on to compete at the state meet and placed 8th overall.

State Results

200 Medley Relay – (**Snyder, Ciatto, Frees, Bauer**); 200 Free – **Kelly Geras** – 23rd Place; 50 Free – **Jena Marrinucci** – 10th Place; 200 Free Relay – 2nd Place (**Frees, Snyder, Geras, Marrinucci**); Diving – **Emily Gibson** – 15th Place; 500 Free – **Amanda Frees** – 9th Place; **Kelly Geras** – 26th Place; 100 Backstroke – **Jena Marrinucci** – 17th Place; 100 Breaststroke – **Kristina Ciatto** – 15th Place; 400 Free Relay — 3rd Place (**Frees, Snyder, Geras, Marrinucci**)

Three things you should know about seat belts

1. Regular seat belt use is the single most effective way to

protect people and to reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes. Research has shown that seat belts can reduce the risk of death by up to 60 percent; 65 percent when used properly in conjunction with an airbag. **Seat belts save lives.**

2. The majority of crashes happen when people are traveling close to home. A landmark child passenger safety study showed that 80 percent of traffic crashes occurred within 20 miles of home. **Buckle Up Every Trip Every Time.**

3. Seat belts are the law in Pennsylvania for all drivers, front seat passengers and anyone under the age of 18. The seat belt law is secondary; a person can only be ticketed for not buckling up if already stopped and cited for a primary offense like speeding. However, police understand the importance of seat belts and have a zero tolerance approach for seat belt violators. A seat belt ticket usually costs about \$60. **Click It or Ticket – two tickets, two fines.**



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 a share of 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

- Otto W. Voit III, *president*
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ADMINISTRATION

- Theresa D. Haught, Ed.D., *Superintendent*
Vlacia Z. Campbell, Ed.D.,
Asst. Superintendent

CALENDAR

May

- 3 SAT, 8 am
5-9 PSSA Science Assess (4,8, 11)
Muhlenberg Jazz Concert, 7:30 pm
6-8 5th grade student orientation
Registration deadline - June SAT
6th Grade Spring Concert, 7:30 pm
7 Music Assoc., HS, 7 pm
HS Art Show, 7-8:30 pm
Committee-of-the-Whole, HS,
7:30 pm
8 HS Talent Show, 7-10 pm
HS Art Show, 7-8:30 pm
5th Grade Parent Orientation, 7 pm
12 EC Art Show, 6-8:30 pm
13 HS Choral Spring Concert, 7:30 pm
Title I Parent/Child Workshop
EC, 7 pm
14 MS Art Show, 7-9 pm
School Board Mtg., HS, 7:30 pm
15 7th/8th Grade Spring Concert
MS, 7:30 pm
MS Art Show, 7-9 pm
Title III ESL Parent Child
Workshop, EC, 6:30 pm
16 Junior/Senior Prom

- 20 HS Band Spring Concert, 7:30 pm
Title I Parent/Child Workshop
7 pm
21 Renaissance/Leo Club, Tutor
Association Luncheon
22 EC Spring Concert, HS, 7:30 pm
26 Memorial Day; No School
28 HS Student Recognition, 7-9 pm
29 Elementary Volunteer Recognition
Dinner, EC, 6:30 pm
30 HS Final Exams

June

- 2 HS Final Exams
MS Awards Assembly
3 MS Awards Assembly
Baccalaueate, HS, 7:30 pm
8th Grade Dance, 7-9 pm
4 Last Student Day
Graduation, 7:30 pm
5 Teacher InService Day
6 Teacher Clerical Day
7 SAT
11 Music Assoc., HS, 7pm
Committee-of-the-Whole,
HS, 7:30 pm
18 School Board mtg, HS, 7:30 pm
20 Last day to change 08/09 HS
schedules

Heads UP!

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Newsletter Deadline for next newsletter: July 9. 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. 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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