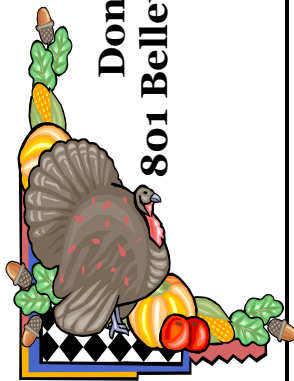


# Middle School News

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## Message from the Principal.....

**WELCOME BACK** to another year at the middle school. As I'm writing this message I think WOW, it is the end of the first marking period! There have been so many great things happening since we started. After two years of construction and remodeling, this fall we welcomed the 9th grade to our building, making us a 7th-9th grade building.

Academically, the middle school is focusing on offering every child the opportunity to be successful through schedules that meet their academic needs, increased math and reading sessions, RtII intervention, tutorials and SLC time all striving to ensure the best academic and social experience possible.

### Important parent information.....

It has come to our attention that students have been experimenting with prescription and over-the-counter medications they find at home. Students are taking medicines of parents, grandparents and siblings to change the way they think, act and feel.



Some students are also attending "pharmacy parties" where they bring medications, dump them into a big bowl and then take a variety of mixed meds to change the way they think, act and feel. This is extremely dangerous, as children have no idea how these meds can affect them and it could lead to death.

PLEASE secure all medications in your home and talk to your child about the effects of drug abuse and accepting meds from others.

The middle school has been providing continuing education through physical education/health classes, DARE and we are planning an assembly through the CARON Foundation.

We want our students to stay safe!

If you have any questions or concerns please stop to see me or call at:  
484-955-9298.

*Mrs. Albright*

### "Off To a Great Start" – From the new Middle School Assistant Principal

It has been about three months since I have joined the Muhlenberg Middle School. I have enjoyed getting to know the building, staff, parents, community, and most importantly, the students. I enjoy greeting students every morning, with something like "Happy Monday", as they enter the building. I try to say good morning and good afternoon to students as they pass in the hallway, and am learning more and more names as the year goes on. In an attempt to build positive relationships with the students in the school, I try to be visible in the hallways, lunchroom and classrooms. I sometimes visit classrooms and meet with students to discuss issues in the school. In some classrooms I have held "circle time", where I facilitate a discussion on specific challenges students in a class may be having.

As the Assistant Principal, my three administrative goals for the year include:

1. To develop and implement a strategic RtII plan, that is focused on specific students and areas of need, in order to increase student achievement.
2. To enable teachers to use technology to create resources for students and parents via teacher WebPages and/or WikiPages.
3. To encourage and enable teachers and staff to apply for grants from various funding sources.

In addition to working on achieving these goals, in my position I assist the Principal in handling student discipline issues. I examine and work with student achievement data and work with teachers to ensure students get the appropriate academic support. I meet regularly with small groups of teachers to discuss instructional strategies, curriculum development, assessment methods and the use of student data. I have also been working hard with administrators throughout the district in facilitating the K-12 alignment of our curriculum to the state standards.

I really enjoy being here at Muhlenberg, and getting to know everyone. Please say hello when you see me and introduce yourself. I am always available if you have any questions or concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,  
*Mr. Kelly*

## Upcoming Dates of Interest

Friday, November 12th - Fall Fling 7-9 p.m.

Wednesday, November 24th -

7th and 8th grade will be dismissed at 11:07 a.m. for parent- teacher conferences  
NO lunch will be served before dismissal.

9th grade will have a regular day of school including lunch.

A parent-teacher conference may be requested by calling the Guidance Department  
610-921-8034 ext. 3510.

Thursday, November 25th -Thanksgiving Day - NO SCHOOL, building is closed

Friday, November 26th, and Monday, November 29th - NO SCHOOL  
building is closed for Thanksgiving Break

Tuesday, November 30th - School resumes at regular time

Thursday, December 2nd - 8th Grade Career Day

Thursday, December 16th - Middle School Winter Concert 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 23 - January 2 - WINTER BREAK - SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday, January 3 - School Resumes at regular time

Monday, January 17 - In Service Day - NO SCHOOL

Friday, January 21 - End of Marking Period 2

Tuesday, February 1 - 8th Grade Parent Scheduling Night 7 p.m. at MMS

Thursday, February 2 - Report Cards Distributed

### Home Access Center

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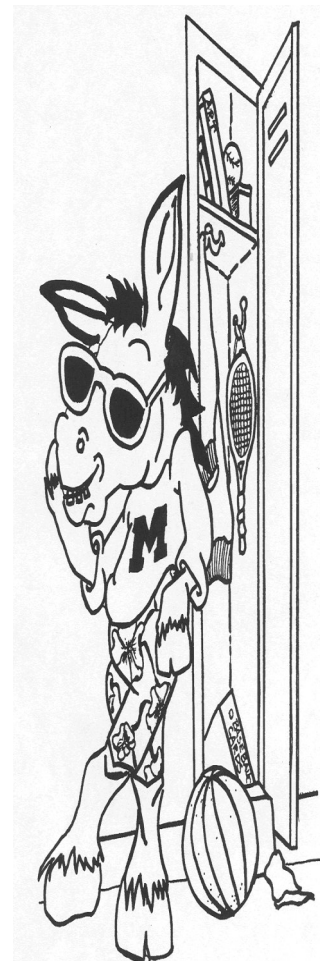
Go to: [www.muhsdk12.org](http://www.muhsdk12.org) and click on "student grades"

Each parent/guardian has a password to access their Muhlenberg student's grades.  
Lost your password??? Parents/guardians may call the Guidance Office (610-921-8034 ext. 3510) to request a copy. When it is ready the parent/guardian must stop in the office with photo identification to receive a copy of this confidential information.

### A few reminders.....

- ☺ Attendance is taken in first period class each day.  
Students need to be in first period class by 7:38 a.m.
- ☺ When your student is staying home from school,  
please call **610-921-8034 ext. 3505.**

If we do not receive a phone call, you will get a call from the school.



### Sports Information

If you have questions concerning sporting events, equipment, practices, cancellations...please direct them to the Athletic Director's office at:

**610- 921- 8078** ...press #4



Para una copia en español, por favor llame a La Oficina de consejeria o al numero

(610) 921-8034 ext. 3510

### 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.