

Muhlenberg Middle School Newsletter

December 2011

School News

Dear Parents, Guardians, Family Members, and Community Members,

We are off to a great start here at Muhlenberg Middle School. We have just wrapped up a successful first marking period. This Middle School Newsletter will come out one time per month starting in December and it will be posted on our school's website.

The most important news of the new school year is that Muhlenberg Middle School made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) on the PSSA tests for the 2010-2011 school year. A big congratulations goes out to all of our current 8th and 9th grade students, parents, teachers, and staff members who helped our students score proficient or advanced on these rigorous state exams. We are continuing our hard work to ensure that we reach our marks again this year and continue our motto of "Excellence in Action".

IMPORTANT CALENDAR EVENTS

- * December 4-6- 4-Sight Testing
- * December 15-MMS Winter Concert 7:30 p.m.
- * December 23-January 2-Holiday Break
- * January 12-Cultural Food Night 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- * January 13-9th Grade Blizzard Ball 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

FALL SPORT'S WRAP UP

We would like to congratulate all of our fall athletes on another successful season here at MMS. Our girls 7th and 8th grade volleyball team finished with records of 14-1. The football team finished with a record of 2-2-1. The 9th grade students participated with the High School Cross Country team. The boys finished with a 13-2 record and the girls finished with an 8-7 record. We would also like to congratulate our cheerleading squad for all of their hard work in the first season of the year. We would also like to congratulate our water polo team, our field hockey team, boys' soccer team, golf team, and girls' tennis team for another successful fall sports season.

9th Grade Blizzard Ball

A semi-formal dance for the 9th grade class will be held in January. The Blizzard Ball will be held on January 13th from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. in the MMS gym. There will be dancing, decorations, food, music, and fun for our students. Cost will be \$5.00 per person or \$8.00 per couple. (8th graders from MMS may attend if they come with a 9th grader)

Dress code for the Blizzard Ball:

Ladies: dress pants, dresses, skirts-finger tip length, no gowns, no dangerous high heels.

Gentlemen: dress pants, khakis, collared shirts, ties if you would like, NO jeans, NO t-shirts, NO tuxedo

Volunteers needed-We are looking for parents who are interested in decorating, baking, and donating time and items for the dance. If you are interested, please email Mrs. Hornberger at hornbgerg@mail.muhsdk12.org. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

Reader's Spotlight

Top 5 Books Being Read at MMS

1. Cut by McCormick
2. Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Greg Heffley's Journal
3. Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules
4. Guinness World Records
5. I'd Tell You I Love You, but then I'd Have to Kill You

Cultural Food Night

January 12th, 2012

The next upcoming MMS Community Night is our Cultural Food Night on January 12th in the MMS cafeteria from 6:30-8:00 p.m. This is only for middle school students, parents, and their immediate family members. The cost is free. If anyone is interested in donating an ethnic dish, please contact Tara Clemens at clemenst@mail.muhlsdk12.org. We hope to see you there!

TEACHER AND STAFF SPOTLIGHT

This column will normally feature an article about 2 teachers in our building each month. However, since this is the first edition of the MMS Newsletter we wanted to take this opportunity to introduce everyone to the new staff members that are now part of the Muhlenberg family. First, we have a new assistant principal, Mr. Travis Bloom. Prior to his new assignment he was a 9th grade social studies teacher in the Allentown School District. He is a graduate of Kutztown University and Wilkes University. He is a former wrestling and football coach for the Allentown School District. We have a new 9th grade learning support teacher, Mrs. Jody Kuehner. Her professional experience includes teaching as an adjunct instructor with Alvernia University, Agora Cyber Charter School, Hamburg Area SD, and Schuylkill I.U. #29. We are very fortunate to have her join our team with the amount of experience that she has. Our other professional staff member who has joined our ESL program is Ms. Sheila Ergott. Her professional experience includes working as the RtII Math Support Teacher for Smoketown Elementary School in the Conestoga Valley School District. Along with these new staff members to the district we also have a few teachers that have changed assignments within the district. The first is Mr. Matthew Kramer who has come from C.E. Cole and the elementary center to teach art. Mr. Ken Kemmer also joins us from C.E. Cole and the elementary center as the new music teacher. Ms. Kelly Molinari also joins us from C.E. Cole and the elementary center as an additional health and physical education teacher. Mr. Anthony Geddio and Mrs. Petra Martin join us from the high school. Mr. Geddio is working with our learning support students and Mrs. Martin joins our Foreign Language Department.

Health and Wellness Corner

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS of 7th, 8th, and 9th GRADE STUDENTS

State law requires that all students have the following immunizations:

- 2 Varicella (Chicken Pox) vaccines or a history of the chickenpox disease

All students in the 7th grade are required to have:

- 1 dose of Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap, Dtap, Td) within the last 5 years
- 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate(MCV)

If your child has not received the above immunizations please contact your family doctor as soon as possible to complete this Pennsylvania Department of Health requirement. All students who have not completed their immunizations by April 30, 2012 will be excluded from school until proof of the state required immunizations are received.

School Dress Code Reminder

1. Boxer shorts or other under garments should not be visible under pants. Pants should not be worn below the hip.
2. Low cut tops are not allowed
3. Shorts and skirts should be finger tip length

