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MUHLENBERG  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

# news

LAURELDALE, PA



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## Welcome New Staff to MSD!

**From Left to Right:** Timothy Klawiter, Jr. (COLE Guidance Counselor); Kristen Quimby (MEC Special Education); Christine Herner (MEC ESL); Kasey Dawson (MEC K Learning Support); Sarah Aduddell (MEC Psychologist)

*more new staff on page 3*



## NASA Intern Lands Back at MHS

**Skylar Radka**, a senior at Muhlenberg High School, participated in an internship with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration this summer. "NASA, Texas Space Grant Consortium, and The University of Texas at Austin Center for Space Research Summer Intern Program is a nationally competitive STEM program for high school students. The program provides selected students with exposure to Earth and space research. Interns learn how to interpret NASA satellite data while working with scientists and engineers in their chosen area of work." We are so proud of Skylar as only 30 students were selected from more than 600 applicants.



**MUHLENBERG  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Dr. Joseph Macharola**  
Superintendent

610-921-8000, Ext. 1271  
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## Dear Muhlenberg School District Community Members:

We are excited, hopeful, and extremely optimistic as we commence our new school year. Muhlenberg School District continues to emerge with new, creative and meaningful opportunities for our students.

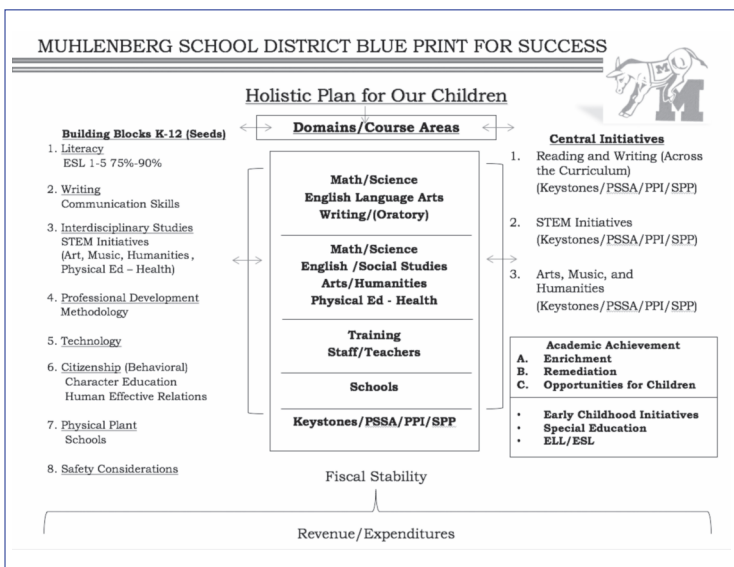
In April 1983, the National Commission on Excellence in Education formed by then – U. S.

Administration and yet, today, this study is frequently quoted as a current reflection and state of public education. The Muhlenberg School District is committed to developing holistic learning initiatives which empower growth in our children. We are talking about human beings and their journey in life. As a public school district, and “beacon of light” for our children, it is our mission to underscore the importance of education and its role in the future of our nation. In this edition, you will find interesting articles that include an empowering presentation of Muhlenberg High School senior Skylar Radka and his NASA experience and our outstanding new staff members. Additionally, please take a moment to review our new district website.

Our *Blueprint for Success*, Muhlenberg School District’s cornerstone, is creating change which is fostering a first year literacy program - *Wonders*, an initial math pilot and new technology with STEM initiatives for our students. As our schools are reflective of our magnificent community, and as we stand together as one, we are bringing hope for our children’s future.

In many ways, the report presented in 1983 still creates concern for public education; however, in the Muhlenberg School District we are taking the necessary steps to stimulate growth and champion hope in our education system. I wish you the very best in the spirit of the Muhlenberg School District.

*Dr. Joseph Macharola*  
SUPERINTENDENT



*MSD’s Blueprint for Success is the cornerstone of our district, creating change and fostering a new literacy program, math pilot, and technology initiatives for our students for the 2016-17 school year.*

Secretary of Education Terrel H. Bell released the report, *A Nation at Risk*. The most famous line of the widely publicized report declared that “the educational foundations of our society are presently being eroded by a rising tide of mediocrity that threatens our very future as a Nation and a people” (*U.S. Department of Education, 1983*).

Thirty-three years have passed since this monumental report was delivered by the Reagan

## Welcome New Staff to MSD! continued



MUHLENBERG  
MIDDLE &  
HIGH SCHOOLS

**First Row - Left to Right:** Ashley Rosa (MHS LTS Guidance); Ilesha Thompson (MHS English); Ryan Gredjus (MMS Emotional Support 7-9); Erin Barnett (MMS LTS Social Studies); Sharon Lountzis (MHS Nurse); Jennie Snyder (MMS Speech); Corrie Speakman (MHS Learning Support)

**Second Row - Left to Right:** Patrick Sisk (MHS Social Studies); Amanda Kemmerer (MHS Special Education Math); Shane Shaffer (MMS Technical Education); Andrew Kane (MHS English); John Barr (MHS Math); Jeffrey Faeder (MHS Special Education English)

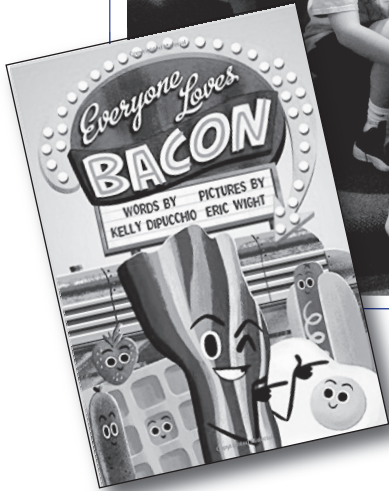


**JEFF EBERT**  
PRINCIPAL  
MUHLENBERG MIDDLE SCHOOL  
*"I am excited for the opportunity and enthusiastic to begin my new position."*

As of October 2016, I will serve as the Muhlenberg Middle School Principal. Prior to this, I served for six years as an assistant principal at Wilson High School in West Lawn. And before that, I was an 8th grade social studies teacher and dean of students at Upper Adams Middle School in Biglerville, PA. While at Upper Adams, I served as the director of *Project Venture*, a drug and alcohol prevention program utilizing experiential and outdoor education to help reduce the use of drugs and alcohol by students. I also coached high school and collegiate baseball and worked as the middle school basketball coach.

In my undergraduate work I studied Political Science and Secondary Education at Gettysburg College and received my BA in 2003. I received my master's degree in Educational Leadership and PA Principal certification from Shippensburg University in 2009. I continue my studies in educational leadership at Immaculata University in the Education Doctoral program.

My wife, two daughters and I reside in Berks County, where we are active in the youth soccer and field hockey programs. In our free time, we enjoy a variety of outdoor activities. I look forward to serving the staff, community and students of MMS!



## Everyone Loves Bacon!

*Everyone Loves Bacon* by Kelly DiPucchio is the winner of the 2016 Muhl Medal! The 17th Annual Muhl Medal Contest took place at the elementary center during the last two weeks of the school year. Each fourth grade class nominated a favorite book for the contest, created campaign materials to advertise their choice, and read their nomination to kindergarten through third grade classes. The whole school voted for their favorite book on the second to last day

of school, and the winning title was announced on the last day of school. Congratulations to **Miss Gattone's** fourth grade class who "brought home the bacon" with their winning selection. All of the fourth grade classes did an excellent job reading and campaigning for their books, and *Everyone Loves Bacon* and the nine other nominees will be in high demand during the 2016-2017 school year.



## Welcome New Staff to MSD! continued

### LORI BIGNOTTI

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, MUHLENBERG ELEMENTARY CENTER

*"I am incredibly grateful and excited for the opportunity to become a 'Muhl' and to be able to work with the amazing students, families and staff members of MSD."*

**Ms. Lori Bignotti** is a graduate of Exeter Township High School and Alvernia University, Reading. In 2009, she earned, with distinction, her master's degree in Education and principal certification from Cabrini College, Radnor, PA. Prior to coming to Muhlenberg School District, Ms. Bignotti taught in Exeter Township School District for the past nineteen years, two years at The Wyndcroft School (Pottstown), and a year and half at Sacred Heart Parish School (West Reading). She taught all levels from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade, excelling and presenting topics to her colleagues in the area of Communication Arts.

As a resident of Exeter, Ms. Bignotti lives with her two teenage daughters, Ariana (16) and Maurina (13), along with their two dogs, Tony and Cookie. She loves spending her free time at the beach, socializing with her friends and family, watching Ariana dance, and supporting Maurina in softball and cheerleading.



# MSD Hall of Fame

**INDUCTEES:**

- JENNIFER BEHM-LAZZARINI '94
- NATHAN DANIELS '09
- MEGAN FOX (BAUER) '05
- BRANDON FOX '06
- BRETT FOX '09
- RACHEL GRAEFF '07
- NICOLE HENNINGER '06
- KRAIG KEMP '99
- SCOTT KELLER '68
- ED LLOYD '60
- TIMOTHY ROWLEY '73

**MUHLENBERG HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE DINNER | NOVEMBER 25, 2016**

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult x \$25 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Child x \$18 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

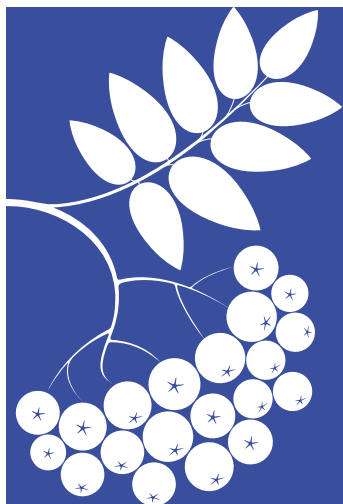
Your name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO:** Muhlenberg Hall of Fame  
Return completed form with payment to: Timothy Moyer, Athletic Director  
Muhlenberg High School, 400 Sharp Avenue, Laureldale, PA 19605

**BANQUET DATE:** Friday, November 25, 2016 | 5:30 P.M. Cash Bar, 6:30 P.M. Dinner

**DOUBLETREE BY HILTON:** 701 Penn Street, Reading, PA 19601



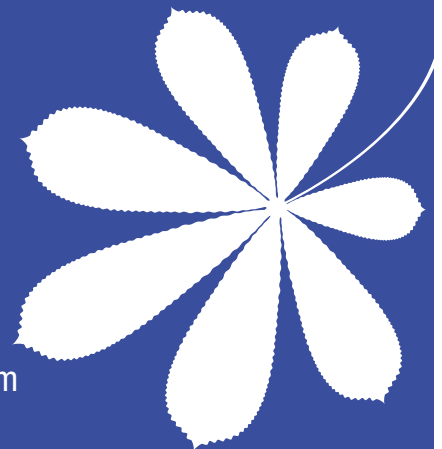
**Gifts Galore & More Craft Fair**  
 Saturday, October 15, 2016  
 8 am to 2 pm  
**MUHLENBERG HIGH SCHOOL**  
 Sharp and Frances St., Laureldale, PA

FREE ADMISSION

**Looking for Crafters and Vendors**

For more information, email: [muwcraft@gmail.com](mailto:muwcraft@gmail.com)

Lunch concession available  
Proceeds benefit Berks County United Way



# fall sports schedule

## Varsity Football

FRI	9/23/2016	DANIEL BOONE	H	7:00
FRI	9/30/2016	Conrad Weiser	A	7:00
FRI	10/7//2016	EXETER	H	7:00
FRI	10/14/2016	Governor Mifflin	A	7:00
FRI	10/21/2016	FLEETWOOD (Homecoming)	H	7:00
FRI	10/28/2016	ELCO (SN)	H	7:00
FRI	11/4/2016	Reading	A	7:00

\*Coach Pat Sisk

## Girls' Tennis

WED	9/21/2016	GOVERNOR MIFFLIN	H	3:30
FRI	9/23/2016	Tulpehocken	A	3:30
MON	9/26/2016	Daniel Boone	A	3:30
WED	9/28/2016	EXETER	H	3:30

\*Coach Melissa Graeff

## Varsity Girls' Soccer

WED	9/21/2016	Berks Catholic	A	5:45
SAT	9/24/2016	Northern Lebanon	A	5:30
MON	9/26/2016	Fleetwood	A	5:45
WED	9/28/2016	SCHUYLKILL VALLEY	H	5:45
SAT	10/1/2016	YORK SUBURBAN	H	11:00
MON	10/3/2016	Conrad Weiser	A	5:45
WED	10/5/2016	Hamburg	A	5:45
MON	10/10/2016	BERKS CATHOLIC	H	5:45
WED	10/12/2016	FLEETWOOD	H	5:45

\*Coach Dave Leinbach

## JV Football

MON	9/26/2016	Daniel Boone	A	7:00
SAT	10/1/2016	CONRAD WEISER	H	10:00
SAT	10/8/2016	Exeter	A	10:00
SAT	10/15/2016	GOVERNOR MIFFLIN	H	10:00
SAT	10/22/2016	Fleetwood	A	10:00
MON	10/31/2016	ELCO	H	4:00

\*Coach Ken Romberger

*\*All dates and times are subject to change*

**BCIAA.com:** Directions to schools

**Schedulestar.com:** Schedules and Cancellations

**www.muhsdk12.org:** School website, Athletic Forms and Publications

## Water Polo

WED	9/21/2016	CUMBERLAND VALLEY	H	5:00
FRI	9/23/2016	Beast of the East	H	TBA
SAT	9/24/2016	Beast of the East	H	TBA
MON	9/26/2016	WILSON	H	5:00
SAT	10/1/2016	MUSTANG/MUHL INVITE.	H	TBA
WED	10/5/2016	POTTSTOWN	H	5:00
THUR	10/6/2016	Central York	A	5:00
WED	10/12/2016	UPPER PERK	H	5:00
MON	10/17/2016	Governor Mifflin	A	5:00
WED	10/19/2016	Reading	A	5:00

\*Coach Steve Stambaugh

## Varsity Boys' Soccer

THUR	9/22/2016	Daniel Boone	A	5:45
SAT	9/24/2016	DONEGAL	H	11:00
TUE	9/27/2016	Reading	A	5:45
THUR	9/29/2016	Exeter	A	5:45
SAT	10/1/2016	York Suburban	A	10:00
TUE	10/4/2016	GOVERNOR MIFFLIN	H	5:45
THUR	10/6/2016	Wilson	A	5:45
SAT	10/8/2016	Fleetwood	A	TBA
TUE	10/11/2016	DANIEL BOONE	H	5:45

\*Coach David Angove

## Varsity Boys' Soccer

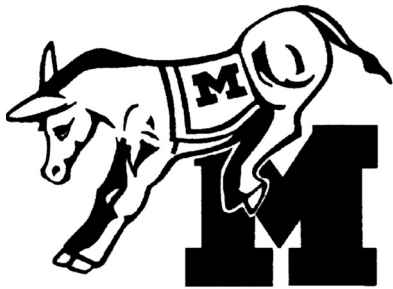
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SAT	9/24/2016	DONEGAL	H	11:00
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THUR	9/29/2016	Exeter	A	5:45
SAT	10/1/2016	York Suburban	A	10:00
TUE	10/4/2016	GOVERNOR MIFFLIN	H	5:45
THUR	10/6/2016	Wilson	A	5:45
SAT	10/8/2016	Fleetwood	A	TBA
TUE	10/11/2016	DANIEL BOONE	H	5:45

\*Coach David Angove

## Varsity Cross Country

TUE	9/27/2016	FLWOOD, KUTZTOWN	H	4:30
TUE	10/4/2016	Oley, Rdg, Hamburg	A	4:30
TUE	10/11/2016	G.Mifflin, Wyo, Exeter	A	4:30

\*Coach Matt DeAngelis



**GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL**

TUE	9/20/2016	GOVERNOR MIFFLIN	H	6:00
THUR	9/22/2016	Wilson	A	6:00
SAT	9/24/2016	Oley Tourney (JV only)	A	8:00
SAT	9/24/2016	Wyomissing Tourney (Varsity)	A	6:00
MON	9/26/2016	Ephrata	A	6:00
TUE	9/27/2016	READING	H	6:00
THUR	9/29/2016	CONRAD WEISER	H	6:00
MON	10/3/2016	DANIEL BOONE	H	6:00
TUE	10/4/2016	Exeter	A	6:00
THUR	10/6/2016	TWIN VALLEY	H	6:00
TUE	10/11/2016	Governor Mifflin	A	6:00
THUR	10/13/2016	WILSON	H	6:00
MON	10/17/2016	OLEY	H	6:00
TUE	10/18/2016	Reading	A	6:00

\*Coach Erin Wentzel

**JUNIOR HIGH VOLLEYBALL**

WED	9/21/2016	Wilson	A	4:00
MON	9/26/2016	READING	H	4:00
WED	9/28/2016	Governor Mifflin	A	4:00
SAT	10/1/2016	Wilson Tourney	A	4:00
MON	10/3/2016	Wyomissing	A	4:00
WED	10/5/2016	TWIN VALLEY	H	4:00
WED	10/12/2016	Oley Valley	A	4:00
FRI	10/14/2016	Conrad Weiser	A	4:00
MON	10/17/2016	WILSON SO	H	4:00
WED	10/19/2016	Exeter	A	4:00
MON	10/24/2016	BRANDYWINE	H	4:00

\*Coach Dan Solvino

**JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS SOCCER**

FRI	9/23/2016	CONRAD WEISER	H	3:45
WED	10/28/2016	Daniel Boone	A	3:45
FRI	9/30/2016	EXETER	H	3:45
WED	10/5/2016	Governor Mifflin	A	3:45
FRI	10/7/2016	BERKS CATHOLIC	H	3:45
WED	10/12/2016	Reading	A	3:45
FRI	10/14/2016	TWIN VALLEY	H	3:45
WED	10/19/2016	Wilson	A	3:45
FRI	10/21/2016	WILSON WEST	H	3:45
WED	10/26/2016	Conrad Weiser	A	3:45

\*Coach TBA

**JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL**

THUR	9/22/2016	Exeter	A	4:00
THUR	9/29/2016	DANIEL BOONE	H	4:00
THUR	10/6/2016	Governor Mifflin	A	4:00
THUR	10/13/2016	FLEETWOOD	H	4:00
THUR	10/20/2016	Conrad Weiser	A	4:00
THUR	10/27/2016	BLUE MOUNTAIN	H	4:00

\*Coach Matt Witotsky

**JUNIOR HIGH BOYS' SOCCER**

WED	9/21/2016	WILSON WEST	H	3:45
FRI	9/23/2016	Conrad Weiser	A	3:45
WED	9/28/2016	DANIEL BOONE	H	3:45
FRI	9/30/2016	Exeter	A	3:45
WED	10/5/2016	GOVERNOR MIFFLIN	H	3:45
FRI	10/7/2016	Berks Catholic	A	3:45
WED	10/12/2016	READING	H	3:45
FRI	10/14/2016	Twin Valley	A	3:45
WED	10/19/2016	WILSON SO	H	3:45
FRI	10/21/2016	Wilson West	A	3:45
WED	10/26/2016	CONRAD WEISER	H	3:45

\*Coach Steve Scicchitano

**JUNIOR HIGH FIELD HOCKEY**

TUE	9/20/2016	Reading	A	4:00
TUE	9/27/2016	Conrad Weiser	A	4:00
THUR	9/29/2016	DANIEL BOONE	A	4:00
TUE	10/4/2016	Exeter	A	4:00
THUR	10/6/2016	GOVERNOR MIFFLIN	H	4:00
SAT	10/8/2016	MUHLENBERG TOURNEY	H	8:00
TUE	10/11/2016	Berks Catholic	A	4:00
THUR	10/13/2016	TWIN VALLEY	H	8:00
TUE	10/18/2016	Wilson	A	4:00
THUR	10/20/2016	READING	H	4:00

\*Coach Patty Keiper

**PONY FOOTBALL**

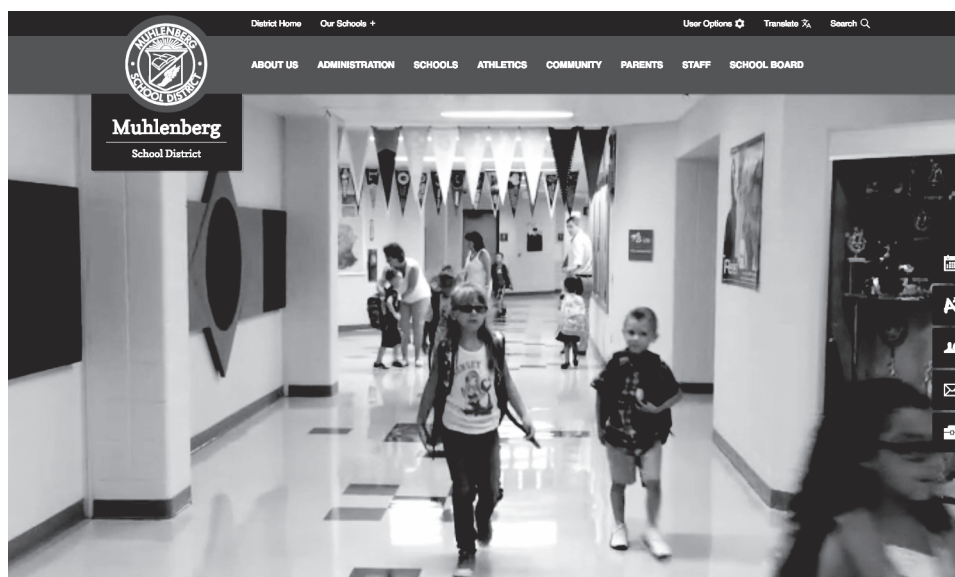
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TUE	9/27/2016	Daniel Boone	A	4:00
TUE	10/4/2016	GOVERNOR MIFFLIN	H	4:00
TUE	10/11/2016	Fleetwood	A	4:00
TUE	10/18/2016	CONRAD WEISER	H	4:00
TUE	10/25/2016	Blue Mountain	A	4:00

\*Coach Jordan Kipp

**JUNIOR HIGH CROSS COUNTRY**

TUE	9/20/2016	S. VALLEY, TULPEHOCKEN	H	4:00
TUE	9/27/2016	FLTWOOD, KUTZTOWN	H	4:00
TUE	10/4/2016	Oley, Reading, Hamburg	A	4:00
TUE	10/11/2016	G. Mifflin, Wyo, Exeter	A	4:00

\*Coach Brian Hendricks



## SCHOOL DISTRICT UNVEILS SPECTACULAR NEW WEBSITE

MSD unveiled a brand new website on August 30, providing our community with a dynamic and exciting look that will allow for an easier way to find all of the information on our schools.

Anyone who logs on to [www.muhsdk12.org](http://www.muhsdk12.org) will see a n enhanced home page with a built-in video box, larger photos for updates and rotating videos with thumbnails. All of our live twitter action will be featured on the bottom of the home page. Please follow us at Muhlsd.

This is a great opportunity for the Muhlenberg School District to continue to upgrade our services. With the increased capabilities of our website, our community will have many new features that will enhance the website experience.

## District Classrooms Pilot Exciting New Math Programs

A pilot program in mathematics is underway and will continue through the 2016-2017 school year. Early in May, 2016, research was conducted to determine the success and level of satisfaction among math programs currently in use in Berks County and several surrounding counties. As a result, we requested samples from four programs: Math in Focus (Houghton, Mifflin, Harcourt), GoMath (Houghton, Mifflin, Harcourt), enVisionMATH (Pearson), and Eureka Math (Great Minds). On May 19, publishers' representatives presented their programs to a group of MSD teachers and administrators. On May 27, the decision was made to pilot enVision MATH and Eureka Math.

Teachers were asked to indicate a preference as to the program they would be most interested in piloting this year. In all, 42 teachers in grades K-8 are participating. Twenty-one teachers have been assigned to each program. In addition, another study is taking place in Algebra 1 between Eureka Math and College Preparatory Mathematics (CPM).

On June 9, our last professional development day, five presenters were onsite training the pilot teachers in the use of these math programs. More professional development will take in October, November, January, and February. The expected date for the determination of our new mathematics program is April 1, 2017.

### Substitutes Needed

MUHLENBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS, SUBSTITUTE TEACHER ASSISTANTS AND SUBSTITUTE CAFETERIA PERSONNEL. PLEASE SEND RESUME, PROFESSIONAL OR CLASSIFIED APPLICATION, AND UP TO DATE CLEARANCES TO DR. JOSEPH E. MACHAROLA, SUPERINTENDENT, C/O PAT LAW 801 BELLEVUE AVENUE, LAURELDALE, PA 19605.



reading  
muhlenberg  
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 technology  
center

“If not us, who? If not now, when? Make a difference!”



2615 Warren Road  
Reading, PA 19604  
610-921-7300  
[www.rmctc.org](http://www.rmctc.org)

The Reading Muhlenberg Career & Technology Center (RMCTC) offers Muhlenberg students 31 unique programs of study, each leading to fulfilling and rewarding careers. All programs offer the opportunity for students to obtain industry certifications prior to graduation and provide pathways for students to continue their education at both two and four-year trade schools and colleges.

#### CONSTRUCTION CLUSTER

Bricklaying  
Building & Property Maintenance  
Carpentry  
Electrical Technology  
Painting & Decorating  
Plumbing & Heating

#### GRAPHIC COMMUNICATION CLUSTER

Advertising Design & Commercial Art  
Printing & Graphic Communications

#### HEALTH SCIENCES CLUSTER

Health – Dental Occupations  
Health – Medical Office  
Health – Medical Professions  
Health – Nursing Careers

#### MANUFACTURING CLUSTER

Engineering & Automation Technology  
Machine Shop Technology  
Welding & Metal Fabrication

Please join us and discover for yourself the rewarding opportunities available through career and technical education.

**RMCTC  
OPEN HOUSE  
THURSDAY  
OCTOBER 27,  
2016  
5:30 P.M.**

#### PERSONAL SERVICES CLUSTER

Baking & Pastry Arts  
Cosmetology  
Culinary Arts  
Early Childhood Education  
Horticulture  
Public Safety & Security  
Service Occupations Education\*  
Sewing & Clothing Manufacturing

#### TECHNICAL CLUSTER

Computerized Drafting Technology  
Electronics & Communication Technology  
Information Technology-Applications  
Information Technology-Web Design

#### TRANSPORTATION CLUSTER

Auto Body Repair  
Automotive Technology  
Diesel Truck Technology  
Motorcycle, Marine & Small Engine Technology

\*Counselor Recommendation Required

## What's new in 2016-2017 for MSD?

Muhlenberg School District's central focus is 21st Century Teaching and Learning. We are making significant strides to equip our staff and students with the most appropriate resources, cutting edge technology, and an effective professional development plan.

**It's no secret, teachers make the difference.** Teachers, with the support of our professional development plan, will stay current with the most effective pedagogy, cutting-edge curricula and the most relevant experiences and resources that connect our content to the needs of the MSD community.

When we think about the future we begin with providing our students a strong foundation, centered on rich, authentic experiences that foster critical thinking, innovation, collaboration, communication, and literacy.

Our *Technology and Engaged Classroom Initiative* has been established to create the proper conditions necessary for students to thrive in a 21st century environment. Sixty-three kindergarten to K-12th grade classrooms have been strategically outfitted with iPads, Chrome-books or TI-Nspire technology and software that will help deepen students' understanding through classroom exploration of STEM concepts.

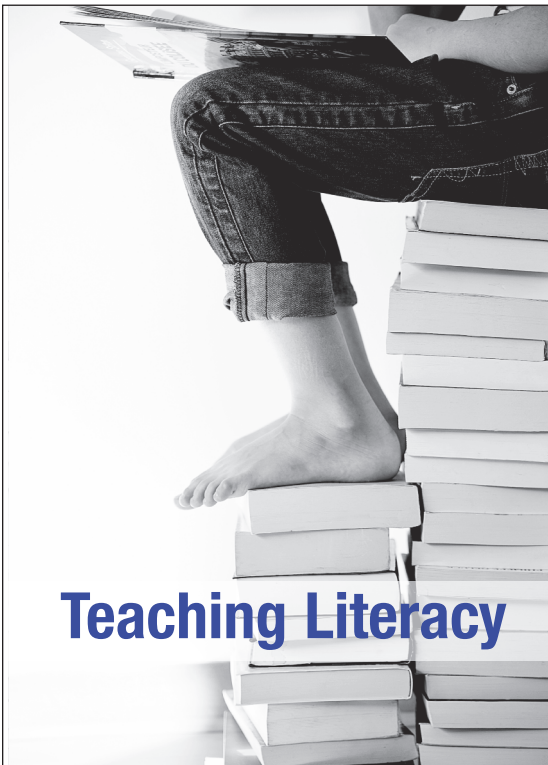
In Math, we will be piloting two Math programs this year. *Eureka Math* and *Envision Math* will be piloted in all K-8th grade classrooms. Our intent is to identify and select the most appropriate resource that supports our teachers implementing the curriculum.

With Literacy, we are emerging with the development of a comprehensive, researched based English Language Arts program.

This past year, we updated all of our ELA and Social Studies curricula to match 21st century learning expectations. The result was the creation of rich, rigorous and relevant curricula that will provide our students with a plethora of learning experiences and opportunities to develop their communication and critical thinking skills. To support the curriculum, our K-6th grade teachers will be using a new resource, *Reading Wonders*, that uses an integrated approach to build all of our students into stronger readers.



*Dr. Alan Futrick*  
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT



Our elementary teachers and students in grades K to 6 have an exciting year ahead of them! Learning to read is not something innate, or something we are born with; reading needs to be taught. As a reader begins the journey of learning to read, many things happen simultaneously in the brain. Researchers know that learning to read is complex.

Educators understand that instructional materials matter. Following a year of trial and informed decision-making, MSD has purchased McGraw Hill's *Wonders* program for K-6th grades. This program is the only published program totally aligned with Common Core Standards. It includes a plethora of

materials to support our teachers and students. Materials are interesting and will raise the bar for our students. The first year of full implementation will be exciting as we navigate the program and challenge our students.

Developing skills of literacy is one of our main jobs in our classrooms. Literacy skills include reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Each of us uses these skills on a daily basis. *Wonders* includes resources to reinforce school-day learning at home. Parents can play an integral part in a child's reading development by setting up an expectation of daily practice with text. Together, we can and will develop literacy in our students.



# calendar of events

## SEPTEMBER

- 11-16 MEC Grandparents' Days
- 14 Regular Board Meeting, MHS, 7:00 PM
- 14 Berks County College Fair, Albright College, 6 – 8:00 PM
- 15 Meet the Instrument Night, C. E. Cole, 6:00 – 8:00 PM
- 20 Meet the Instrument Night, MEC Cafe, 6:00 – 8:00 PM
- 22 Beginning Band Sign-Up/ Parent Mtg., MEC Café, 7:00 PM
- 22 Senior Parent Financial Aid Night, MHS, RM A-117, 6:00 – 8:00 PM
- 23 Early Dismissal, Grades K-12

## OCTOBER

- 4 Music Assoc. Mtg., MHS Chorus RM, 7:00 PM
- 5 Committee of the Whole Mtg., MHS, 7:00 PM
- 9 MEC Fall Block Party, 2:00 - 4:00 PM
- 10 Teacher In-Service Day; No School
- 12 Regular Board Meeting, MHS, 7:00 PM
- 13 MEC Fall ESL Night, Café, 6:30 PM
- 19 PSAT, MHS, 8:00 AM
- 21 MMS Career Fair
- 21 Homecoming Football Game and Festivities, MHS Stadium, 6:30 PM
- 22 Homecoming Dance, MHS, GYM, 7:00 - 10:00 PM
- 24 MHS Picture Re-take Day
- 28 MEC Picture Re-Take Day
- 31 MEC Career Day

## NOVEMBER

- 1 Music Assoc. Mtg., MHS Chorus RM, 7:00 PM
- 2 End of First Quarter
- 2 Committee of the Whole Mtg., MHS, 7:00 PM
- 3 MMS Picture Re-take Day
- 3 Fall Family Literacy Event, MEC Café, 6:30 PM
- 5 FAFSA Completion Day, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM, MHS, RM A-245
- 8 Teacher In-Service Day, No School
- 9 Regular Board Meeting, MHS, 7:00 PM
- 11 Veterans' Day Breakfast, MMS, Café, 8:00 AM
- 16 C. E. Cole Picture Re-Take Day
- 17 **SHREK, JR. Senior Citizen Performance, MMS Auditorium, 4:00 PM**
- 18 **SHREK, JR. MMS Auditorium, 7:30 PM**
- 19 **SHREK, JR. MMS Auditorium 1:30 PM & 7:30 PM**
- 21-23 K-6 Parent Conferences; Early Dismissal
- 23 K-9 Parent Conferences; Early Dismissal
- 24-28 Thanksgiving Break, No School

## DECEMBER

- 5-16 Keystone Exam Wave I
- 7 Annual Organization & Committee of the Whole Mtg., MHS, 6:30 PM
- 11 Winter Concert, MHS, 3:00 PM
- 13 MEC Holiday Caroling, 6:30 PM (rain date 12/15/2016)
- 14 Regular Board Meeting, MHS, 7:00 PM
- 15 MMS Winter Concert, 7:00 PM
- 19 C. E. Cole Winter Concert, MHS Auditorium, 7:00 PM
- 22 K-12, Early Dismissal
- DEC 23–
- JAN 2 Winter Break, No School



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### SHREK THE MUSICAL, JR. PERFORMANCE

**November 17, 2016** at 4:00 PM  
Senior Citizen Performance

**November 18, 2016** at 7:30 PM

**November 19, 2016** at 1:30 PM and 7:30 PM

All performances held in the Muhlenberg Middle School Auditorium

Tickets can be purchased beginning October 17, 2016 at <http://bit.ly/mmsmusical>

Tickets will be \$8 for adults and \$5 for students.



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### EQUIPPING, ENGAGING, EMPOWERING

**MISSION:** Excellence in Action

#### VALUES & BELIEFS

Students learn differently.

Students learn best with challenging and relevant curriculum.

Students thrive in a safe learning environment.

Teachers lead learning through passion, perseverance and personality.

Teachers create a culture of high expectations.

Teachers are inspirational role models.

Students, parents and families, the school, the school board,  
the community and business leaders

create partnerships that drive students success.

An informed and involved learning community is essential to the  
development of strong educational partnerships and quality programs.

The learning community equips, engages and empowers learners.

#### VISION STATEMENT

The Muhlenberg School District is committed to guiding all students on a path of excellence with active and purposeful learning experiences, a growing and comprehensive curriculum, collaborative and innovative staff and creative use of technology and resources coupled with an unrelenting desire for success.

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