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Elizabeth College Accounting Day

Eight Muhlenberg High School students had the opportunity to learn more about the field of accounting on October 31, 2016 at Elizabethtown College. The students began their day with a keynote presentation by Mike Dollard, CFO of Spooky Nook Sports and then learned about careers in accounting from rotating speakers. They heard about working in public accounting versus private accounting firms and what it's like to be an IRS agent. The presentation ended with an interactive college student panel with current accounting majors and a tour of the campus.

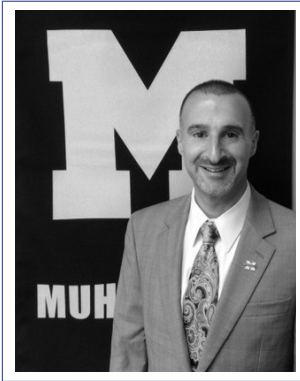
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Pictured left to right back row: Luis Rivera, Andrew Simmons, Alexis Pugliese, Tyson Olmeda, Caroline Bartley.
Front Row: Beth Burnham (chaperone), Karina Garcia, Najee Smith, and Emmanuela Dely.



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Emerging Programs Tied to the Blueprint for Success

Dear Muhlenberg School District Community Members:

The Muhlenberg Community has a rich tradition in commerce, industry and education. Since its inception in 1926, a key element of the Muhlenberg School District has been providing outstanding educational services for our children. In keeping with this rich tradition, our District continues to emerge with new opportunities and meaningful educational activities that ultimately empower our children as they journey through life.

In this edition, please share in our excitement as we begin a new chapter for high school students exploring the Air Force JROTC program. Beginning the 2017-2018 school year, the AFJROTC program will be offered to students in grades 9-12. The AFJROTC provides students with long-lasting and meaningful experiences in leadership, learning, and discipline. More information will be available as we continue to plan for this exciting initiative.

You will also find in this edition many activities such as our ninth graders visiting businesses in Berks County, choral awards, the Latino Forum, authors providing excitement for our elementary students and representatives from

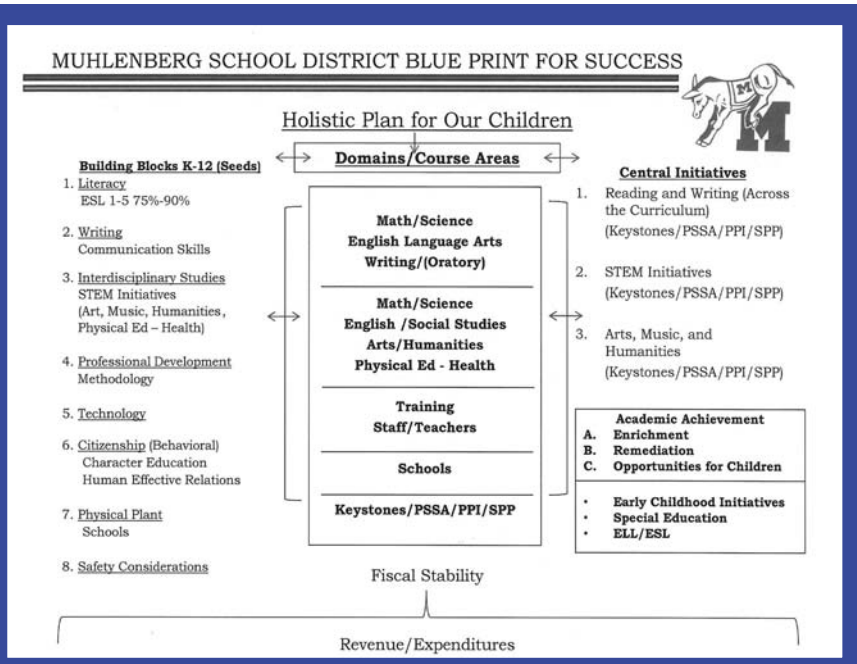


McGraw Hill (publishers of the new literacy program, *Wonders*) who were enthused with the implementation of the District's literacy program. You can read more about this on page 12. This is only a portion of the activities that are a result of our *Blueprint for Success*, our holistic plan for student growth. We welcome any suggestions for continuous improvement as we invest in our children and community. 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.





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Safe Trick-or-Treat Night

Each year the Safe Trick-or-Treat Night at the Muhlenberg Elementary Center attracts hundreds of children from the Muhlenberg area. This year it was held on Thursday, October 27, 2016. This event allows children a chance to trick-or-treat in a safe environment. Student Volunteers from the High School LEO Club dressed in costumes to hand out candy and escort the children to different “Halloween theme” rooms. Fun activities and games were held in the LGI and Gymnasium, and snacks were provided in the cafeteria. The cost for this extravaganza was \$1.00!



Between the Lines

Muhlenberg Middle School English teacher, **Michael Anthony**, wrote a book, *Between the Lines: Actively Engaging Readers in the English Classroom*. His book was published by Rowman and Littlefield publishers on September 30.

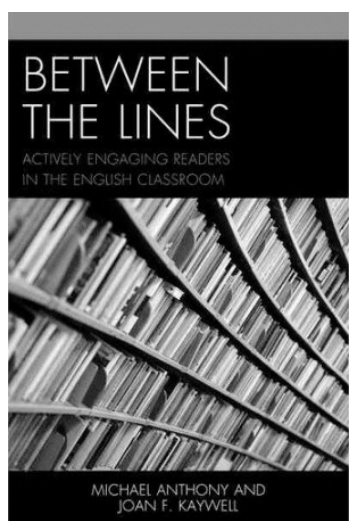
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The book is available in three formats (hardcover, paperback, ebook) online from Barnes and Noble, Amazon, or the publisher’s website at <https://rowman.com>. Though the book is being marketed as a textbook for current and future middle and secondary school English teachers, it is also of interest to parents in the

Muhlenberg community, as the book features many classroom writings from current and former Muhlenberg School District students.

Between the Lines features socially engaging classroom activities, interactive reading workshop strategies, Common Core connected curriculum, and hundreds of recommended young adult literature titles for students.

Mr. Anthony was invited to present at the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) annual convention in Atlanta, Georgia on November 19. The program is entitled *Advocating for Change in the Reading Workshop Classroom: Go Between the Lines*.



Latino Forum at Penn State Berks

Seven senior Latino students were selected to attend the Fourth Annual Latino Forum at PSU-Berks on October 14, 2106. The day included faculty, staff and student presentations and discussions centered around Latino identity, as well as educational leadership opportunities for Latino students.

Left to right: **Luis Fernandez, Carol Beltran Del Rio, Lizbeth Burgos Vega, Gabriela Zavala, Josh Beltran Del Rio, Kevin Mayen, and Jonathan Esquivel**



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Leadership and Ethics

On October 26, 2016, five of our outstanding juniors were selected to attend the Annual High School Leadership & Ethics Conference at Valley Forge Military College. The students were placed into groups to discuss ethical dilemmas and how they would react to hard choices they might have to make. The students learned about the six pillars of character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship.

Students in the picture left to right are:
Dylan Moyer, Macy Green, Colby Painter, Cameron Lopez, and Caleb Smorey

Homecoming Week

Homecoming week, October 17–21, was a success because of the extensive preparation and planning by Muhlenberg High School's student council. Spirit days included, *America Day, Tye Dye Day, Flannel Shirt Day, Crazy sock and Croc Day* and *Blue and Gold Day*. The cheerleaders led a spirited pep rally for the entire student body on Friday afternoon which featured the high school pep band and a dance by some of the high school teachers. **Megan Given** was responsible for organizing and choreographing the teacher dance. Friday's homecoming ceremony, with candidates representing all clubs, was held before the football game. **Miranda Rojas** and **Zack Lysakowski** were crowned homecoming queen and king. Homecoming week concluded on Saturday, October 22 with the high school dance – more than 300 students were in attendance at this fun event.



Muhlenberg Players to Present Disney's Beauty and the Beast

Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* will be presented this March as Muhlenberg Players' 44th annual Spring Musical. This long and ever-popular children's story, is loosely based on the 18th century French fairy tale, *La Belle et la bête*, by Jeanne-Marie Leprince de Beaumont. The story's popularity skyrocketed in 1991 when Disney released the animated version, which led to the first ever Disney Broadway musical in 1994. The Players' production of the musical is sure to be a treat for the whole family. This year's show will once again feature performers from around the district.

Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* will be presented on Friday, March 17, 2017 and Saturday, March 18, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. In addition to the performance dates, a free Senior Citizens' preview performance will be given on Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. A special matinee performance is also being considered. Please consult our website for

more information. If and when that performance is added to our show schedule, it will be posted there. We hope that you have made the Muhlenberg High School Spring Musical a tradition in your family. Please mark your calendar for this year's exciting show. We expect tickets to go fast for this popular show, so reserve your seats early! Tickets may be purchased in several ways:



- Fill out the form below and mail in your order with payment and the tickets will be mailed directly to you.
- Purchase tickets at the Muhlenberg Music Festival (Saturday, March 4, 2017)
- Visit the box office in the Muhlenberg High School lobby. (Please check our website for specific times and dates for these public sales as well as additional show information and other ways to obtain tickets. www.muhlenbergplayers.org)

MAIL ORDER TICKET FORM

Disney's Beauty and the Beast: MHS: March 17 and 18, 2017 at 7:30 PM

Please fill out and return the following form with your payment and a **self-addressed stamped envelope**. We will choose the best seats available at the time we receive your order. Please fill out the form completely.

Name _____ Phone _____

Date	Number of Tickets	Cost per Ticket	Total
March 17 7:30 PM	_____	X \$10.00	_____
March 18 7:30 PM	_____	X \$10.00	_____

Total Amount Due: _____

Please check if you have a preference. _____ Main Floor _____ Balcony

Please make checks payable to "Muhlenberg Spring Musical"

Send the above form, your payment, and a self-addressed stamped envelope to:
All mail orders must be placed by March 2.

Tickets
3309 Fairfield Street
Laureldale, PA 19605

Author Visit Gets Elementary Students Excited

Muhlenberg Elementary Center celebrated reading, writing, and rapping with visiting author and illustrator **Jef Czekaj** from November 2–4. Mr. Czekaj is the author and illustrator of a number of award winning titles, including

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Hip and Hop Don't Stop, Yes Yes Yaul, A Call for a New Alphabet, Cat Secrets, and Austin Lost in America.



In preparation for Mr. Czekaj's three-day visit, students read his stories, visited his website, and participated in contests for chances to win copies of his books. Under the direction of art teachers **Kristy Manwiller** and **Maureen Yoder**, students created art projects based on Jef's books, and the school was decorated with student renditions of his colorful characters and story scenes. Mr. Czekaj presented assembly programs to all students during



the school day and returned for a family literacy event on Thursday evening.

The culminating event of Jef Czekaj's visit was the annual author parade. This year's parade was titled, "50 Savvy States in Symposium. . .we are E Pluribus Unum." **Dr. Roula Elliker's** 5th and 6th grade students developed WOW word banners for all 50 states. Can you pick out the WOW words in this one about our state? "Pennsylvania: An arbo-real state with a cornucopia of wildlife and flowers and home of the Liberty Bell, the epitome of freedom."



Mr. Czekaj served as grand marshal in the parade to celebrate his book, *Austin Lost in America*, and the fifty states of America. Fourth grade classes represented some of the states, wearing costumes created in art class, while other members of the school community marched with banners, props, and costumes for the remaining states. The Cool Muhl even made an appearance at the end of the parade, American flag in hand!

Special thanks to **Mrs. Kelly Piontek** and the MEC student council, as well as reading supervisor **Dr. Beth Puschak** and the entire reading department for their sponsorship of this event.

9th Graders Visit Berks Businesses

On September 28, 2016 the 9th grade class had an opportunity to tour a local Berks County Business. The ninth graders got to go to one of the following businesses: Met-Ed, Quadrant, SFS, or Reading Health Systems. During their visit, they learned about specific

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expectations in the workplace and received information about that business. The most important aspect that the ninth graders learned were the

Top Seven Factors that Employers Consider When Hiring an Employee:

1. School Performance
2. Communication Skills
3. Attitude
4. Computer Literacy
5. Previous Work Experience
6. Reputation with current Employees
7. Understanding of How and Why a Business Operates



Outside of SFS pictured left to right: **Cameron Gring, Avery Landrum, Jared Kopetsky, Matthew Commons, Samantha Hensel, and Nicole Wesoloski**

This trip was sponsored by the Berks Business Education Coalition and we want to thank them for giving the 9th graders this wonderful opportunity and to thank the companies for allowing us to invade their work space for a few hours.

Muhlenberg **IMPACT** News

The Muhlenberg High School IMPACT Committee continues to sponsor a cell phone recycling fundraiser. Protect the environment and support our high school program. 100% of the proceeds will help fund our incentive program which rewards and encourages students to have a positive attitude, good behavior, attendance and academics.

We are looking for businesses, individuals and civic organizations to become involved with Muhlenberg IMPACT. You could help by covering the cost of awards, prizes, t-shirts, banquets and assemblies or offer discounts on goods and services for students and/or faculty. Participants in our program have found that it increases the exposure of their businesses to teenagers and their parents.

Muhlenberg IMPACT has helped to reduce absenteeism, dropout rates and disciplinary problems. It is not just a program ... It's a process that encourages academic excellence, improvement and citizenship. It joins students, educators, parents, administrators, business and community organizations together to motivate and inspire higher student achievement.

IF YOU HAVE AN OLD CELL PHONE TO DONATE,
IF YOUR BUSINESS WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR IMPACT,
OR IF YOU WANT TO KNOW HOW YOU CAN MAKE
A DIFFERENCE AT MUHLENBERG HIGH SCHOOL —
CONTACT MS. DENISE ZIELINSKI AT 610-921-8078.

COME SEE US:

**MHS Combined
Choral Ensembles**
Capitol Building Rotunda
Harrisburg, PA
March 8, 2017 at 12 p.m.



Choral Awards

The following MHS students auditioned and qualified for the Music Educators of Berks County Senior County Chorus:

- **Julia Mackey**, Soprano 1
- **AJ Evans**, Tenor
- **Noah Rothenberger**, Tenor
- **Joel Evans**, Tenor
- **Skylar Radka**, Tenor
- **Bobby Miller**, Bass
- **Jareth Schmehl**, Bass
- **Shaun Kasopsky**, Bass
(first ever choral festival!)

This year's Senior County festival was January 21, 2017 at Fleetwood Area HS.

The following students qualified for the PMEA District 10 Chorus, which includes students from Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton, Pike and Schuylkill counties:

- **Julia Mackey**, Soprano 1 (MHS) – 2nd year in Districts
- **Joel Evans**, Tenor 1 (MHS) – 1st year qualifier
- **Tim Dietrich**, Tenor 1 (MMS) – 1st year qualifier
- **Noah Rothenberger**, Tenor 1 (MHS) – 1st year qualifier
- **AJ Evans**, Tenor 2 (MHS) – 3rd year in Districts
- **Eric Heim**, Tenor 2 (MMS) – 1st year qualifier
- **Skylar Radka**, Tenor 2 (MHS) – 1st year qualifier

- **Bobby Miller**, Bass 2 (MHS) – 2nd year in Districts

Special kudos go to Tim and Eric – they are the first MMS students to qualify through audition for District Chorus since the ninth grade moved back to that building. Tim is also the first eighth grade singer in the history of the Muhlenberg School District to qualify for District Chorus!

The combined choral ensembles of Muhlenberg High School will perform in the Capitol Building Rotunda in Harrisburg on March 8, 2017 at 12 p.m.

This performance is part of the celebration of *Music In Our School Month* and is coordinated by the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association. This performance is open to the public!



Save the Date...

**MONDAY,
MAY 29, 2017**

Muhlenberg Township Parks & Recreation Department will be hosting a Memorial Day Ceremony to recognize the men and women who have served our country from our own community on Monday, May 29 at Jim Dietrich Park from 10 to 11 a.m. All branches of the service will have a representative present.

Brigadier General Jeff Elliott will be our guest speaker. Start your Memorial Day off right by coming out to the park to support the veteran who have helped to preserve the freedoms that we enjoy today.

For more information contact the Parks Office at 610-929-4727.



The art department hit the bricks running this year by working together to install a K-12 art show extravaganza at the Berks County Community Foundation at 237 Court Street in Reading. This lovely facility opens its doors to area school districts and invites them to deck their halls with student art work. Muhlenberg is the fifth district to be invited and the art

department is very proud and honored with the opportunity.

Postcards featuring some of our outstanding K-12 work were printed by the foundation and distributed to our student artists advertising the show. A reception for participating students, parents and district guests was held on Sunday, September 25 and the response to the show was wonderful.



STUDENT



SHOW

AP Environmental Science Class Clothing Drive

On December 15, 2016, **Mrs. Raney's** AP Environmental Science students: **Maria Aguado, Josh Beltran Del Rio, Ben Cammarano, Sabrina Charles, Jaylyn Claude, Tyler Feliciano, Matt Furillo, Lizbeth Gonzalez, Alex Gutierrez, Connor Miller, Deasaile Rivera, and Zairea Sailer** organized and hosted a clothing drive for the community. They collected clothing donations from multiple sources, washed and sorted the donations and then offered the donations for free to families in our the community. This community service project was designed by the students, executed by the students, and will be expanded



upon by future students. We are honored and humbled by all of the donations and extra assistance we received making this event happen. Thank you to all for your wonderful support. We all learned about the joy of giving, the benefits of recycling, and the how easy it can be to effect change. We will continue to accept clothing and shoe donations throughout the year and we will be using these donations for a spring event.



IMPORTANT Guidance + Counseling DATES

HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT DATES

FEBRUARY

Friday, February 10

- Course Selection Sheets due

MARCH

Tuesday, March 7

- Spring College Fair for Juniors at Alvernia University, a.m.
- Junior Parent Night, High School, 6:00–8:00 p.m., Auditorium

APRIL

Friday, April 7

- Registration Deadline for the May 6, 2017 SAT Test at MHS

MAY

Friday, May 5

- Last day to make changes to 2017-2018 High School schedules

Saturday, May 6

- Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) Muhlenberg High School, 8 a.m.

May 1-12

- AP Testing

MIDDLE SCHOOL GUIDANCE OFFICE DATES

FEBRUARY

- 2: Teacher Recommendation Day for 8th & 9th Grade Students
- 10: Course Selection Sheets Due for 8th & 9th Grade Students

APRIL

- 3–7: PSSA ELA Testing Window (7th & 8th Grade)
- 7: Potential Course Failure Letters Mailed Home
- 24–28: PSSA Math Testing Window (7th & 8th Grade)
- 28: MMS Counselors Visit 6th Grade Classrooms

MAY

- 1–5: PSSA Science Testing Window (8th Grade)
- 1: MMS Counselors Visit 6th Grade Classrooms
- 2: MMS Counselors Visit 6th Grade Classrooms
- 2: 6th Grade Parent Orientation at MMS
- 5: 6th Grade Tour of MMS
- 5: Last Day to Make Any Schedule Changes
- 9: 8th Grade Tour of Reading Muhlenberg CTC
- 15–26: Keystone Exam Window

JUNE

- 9: Course Failure/Summer School Letters Mailed Home
- 12–15: Summer School Registration (Tentative, based on demand)
- 19: First Day of Summer School (Tentative, based on demand)
- 26: Last Day Middle School Counselors are in the Guidance Office



calendar of events



FEBRUARY

- 1 Committee of the Whole Mtg., MHS, 7:00 PM
- 7 Music Association Mtg., MHS Chorus Room, 7:00 PM
- 8 Regular School Board Mtg., MHS, 7:00 PM
- 20 President's Day, No School, In-Service Day (Snow Make-Up Day)

MARCH

- 1 Read Across America Celebration, MEC Café, 6:30 PM (Snow date 3/3)
- 1 Committee of the Whole Mtg., MHS, 7:00 PM
- 4 Music Festival, MHS GYM, 4:00 PM – 8:30 PM
- 7 Spring College Fair for Juniors, Alvernia College, AM
- 7 Guidance Night for Parents of Juniors, MHS Auditorium, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- 7 Music Association Mtg., MHS Chorus Room, 7:00 PM
- 8 Regular School Board Mtg., MHS, 7:00 PM
- 9 Math Carnival, MEC 23 March Madness, MHS GYM, 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM
- 16-18 SPRING MUSICAL >>>**
- 27 End of Third Quarter

APRIL

- 3-7 PSSA English Language Arts Testing Window (Grades 3 – 8)
- 4 Music Association Mtg., MHS Chorus Room, 7:00 PM
- 5 Committee of the Whole Mtg., MHS, 7:00 PM
- 7 Hank Hoffman Jazz Festival, MHS Auditorium, 7:00 PM
- 10-17 Spring Break – Schools Closed (possible snow make-up days)
- 12 Regular School Board Mtg., MHS, 7:00 PM
- 24-28 PSSA Mathematics Testing Window (Grades 3 – 8)

MUHLENBERG HIGH SCHOOL SPRING MUSICAL

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

March 16, 2017
at 7:00 PM
Senior Citizen Performance

March 17, 2017
at 7:30 PM

March 18, 2017
at 7:30 PM

All performances held in the Muhlenberg High School Auditorium

Time's running out to buy your student's *Muhltohi* yearbook! Help them remember the great times they've had by purchasing their book today. This year's yearbook features a new design layout to bring back a classic Muhlenberg yearbook. Yearbooks are only \$70 and can be purchased online at www.walsworthyyearbooks.com. There is also a yearbook link on the Muhlenberg School District website at www.muhsdk12.org on the high school page.

Don't miss out, order now!





Mrs. McCammitt's third grade reading students created a special welcome message for our McGraw Hill visitors. Each snowman in the hallway is reading a *Wonders* book! Visitors thought this was "Wondersful." This photo was even tweeted out by the company!

Rolling Out the Red Carpet

On December 7, the district staff in our elementary and intermediate buildings hosted representatives from McGraw Hill Education, the publishers of our newly adopted reading program, *Wonders*. The company visits schools for action research to analyze and see program implementation in action. The visit provided an opportunity for conversations and collaboration between program developers and our staff to share perspectives, recommendations, and reflections of our program implementation.

Fostering and building a partnership following a program purchase is not typical. Conversation led to an invitation which eventually led to an onsite visit. In addition to collaboration and a day of learning, our teachers, staff, and students were gracious hosts. Our

work in literacy has left quite an impression on our visitors.

We look forward to continuing to build this partnership by continuing our communication with McGraw Hill representatives. Potential future connections include follow-up conversations with teachers and even a follow-up visit. We entered discussion about having the company return in order to video our teachers teaching our students. If this becomes a reality, our schools will become models for others because the videos would be used nationwide to teach others about delivering a reading program with fidelity and focus.

Dr. Alan Futrick
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps

YOUR FIRST STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

Do you want to make your high school years more memorable? Here's your chance to do just that – join the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC). You'll learn about Air Force heritage and traditions, applied flight sciences, military aerospace policies and space exploration, plus you'll have opportunities to develop your leadership skills.

The objectives of AFJROTC are:

- to educate and train high school cadets in citizenship and life skills;
- promote community service;
- instill responsibility, character and self-discipline through education and instruction in air and space fundamentals and the Air Force's core values of Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do.

THE AFJROTC EXPERIENCE

The curriculum is comprised of 40 percent aerospace science, 40 percent leadership education and 20 percent physical fitness for life training. To reinforce what you learn in the classroom, you'll be able to participate in many outside activities such as field trips to military bases, aerospace facilities and industries, museums and other areas related to aerospace education. You may also have the chance to participate in parades, summer leadership schools, drill team competitions, honorary academic groups and so much more.

A major part of the cadet experience is community service. You'll gain a sense of civic pride when

you work on projects with national organizations such as Special Olympics or the National Red Ribbon Campaign, or work on local projects such as helping to clean up a neighborhood or building parks.

YOUR FUTURE

Just because you enroll in AFJROTC doesn't mean you have any military obligation. But no matter which career path you choose after high school, AFJROTC will provide you tools for success.

However, there are benefits available for those students who do wish to pursue a military career. AFJROTC cadets who choose to continue their education may receive special consideration for Air Force ROTC scholarships. Many of these scholarships will pay for two, three or four years of tuition, books and fees at numerous universities and colleges and will allow cadets to pursue studies in a technical or nontechnical major.

For cadets who decide to enter the military immediately after graduating from high school, they're eligible to enlist at one to two pay grades higher than other enlistees.

AM I ELIGIBLE?

If you're in ninth grade, a U.S. citizen and are physically fit, then you can join this privileged team. Talk it over with your friends, parents and school advisor.

See your aerospace science instructor for the latest information. The future is full of opportunities for young people who take advantage of the education

COMING THIS FALL FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR!



and opportunities needed to succeed, so enroll now!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please visit our website at www.au.af.mil/au/holmcenter/AFJROTC

This information is produced by Air Force Recruiting Service.



Kindergarten Registration Procedures for 2017-2018 School Year

Muhlenberg School District is pleased to announce the registration procedures for Kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year. Parents of children who will be five years of age on or before August 31, 2017 and are not presently enrolled in the Muhlenberg School District will follow a four-step kindergarten registration procedure:

1. Return the census report form at right to Muhlenberg Elementary Center (MEC) with information about the incoming Kindergarten student by February 19. Additional copies can also be found on our web site at www.muhsdk12.org. A registration packet containing all of the necessary forms will be mailed in early March to families who have listed a Kindergarten-age child on their census form. Please call the school office if you have submitted the census form but have not received your registration packet by March 3, 2017.
2. **Complete the registration forms at home before coming to registration on March 15, 16, or 17, 2017 at either 9:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.**
3. Call the MEC office (610-921-8028) no later than March 10, 2017 to register for one of six Registration/ Screening sessions: March 16, 17, or 18 at either 9:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. Unscheduled walk-ins will not be permitted to register.

An interpreter will be available to assist second language families and their children at the sessions on **March 16, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. or March 17, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.**

4. Attend your scheduled Registration/ Screening session at MEC with (1) the child you are registering, (2) completed registration forms, and (3) the following documents:
 - Birth certificate issued by a state government, baptismal certificate, or other legal proof of age
 - Record of required immunizations:
 - **4 DPT** (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis) shots with fourth injection being given on or after the child's fourth birthday
 - **3 polio** shots
 - **2 MMR** (measles, mumps and rubella (German measles)) shots with first injection being given on or after the child's first birthday
 - **3 Hepatitis B** shots with the third injection given after the child is six months old
 - **2 Varicella** (chicken pox vaccine) shots or proof that the child has had the chickenpox disease
 - You must have two original proofs of residency:
 - > **Home Owners** – If you own your home, one proof must be a current tax bill, mortgage statement, or the recorded Deed, the second proof can be a Voter Registration card, current vehicle registration, current utility bill (not cell phone), or current check stub/statement from wages, public assistance or Social Security showing residence property address.
 - > **Renters** – If you are renting, one proof must be the original lease listing all tenants in the property

CENSUS REPORT

Please help the school plan for our school district's future staffing, facility needs, and your child's education. Accurate completion of this survey will be greatly appreciated.

CHILDREN - BIRTH TO AGE 6				
FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	SEX M/F	DATE OF BIRTH MM/DD/YY	ADDRESS

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:

**DISTRICT REGISTRAR
MUHLENBERG ELEMENTARY CENTER**

610 Sharp Avenue
Reading, PA 19605

For additional copies of this census, please visit our web site at: www.muhsdk12.org

(including students), if the lease does not list all tenants, then you must also provide an original letter from the owner of the property including the owner's contact information, property address and all tenants living in the property. The second proof can be a Voter Registration card, current vehicle registration, current utility bill (not cell phone), or current check stub/statement from wages, public assistance or Social Security showing residence property address. If not available at the time of registration, a family has thirty (30)

days to produce the second proof as listed above to the MEC office.

> Other – If you are residing in a home with a Muhlenberg Township resident, the owner must take our district form, Certificate of Residency (this form is also available on our website), to a notary, showing proof of ownership and confirming that you are residing in the home with your child[ren]. You must provide the same proofs as listed above under Home Owners or Renters.

Both full and half-day Kindergarten options will be available for the 2017-2018 school year. Parents who choose the half-day program must complete a form that will be included in the registration packet that is being mailed in February. Parents of children who have completed kindergarten elsewhere and will be enrolling as first grade students may stop by the Muhlenberg Elementary Center office to complete registration forms after June 8, 2017.



**801 BELLEVUE AVENUE
LAURELDALE, PA 19605**

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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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