



MUHLENBERG  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

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# news

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## Go for the Gold!

Muhlenberg High School has initiated a new student recognition award this year called the “Gold Standard.” Each quarter MHS students will be recognized by their teachers for one of the following: academic achievement, athletic achievement, or good citizenship.

Academic achievement requirements include the student having no more than one unexcused absence for the quarter and include no class tardiness, cutting a class, or being late to school for the quarter. Additionally, all grades must be 85% or above. Athletic achievement prerequisites include being recognized for a stand-out performance in an activity or sport. To be awarded the good citizenship award the student will be recognized as someone who goes above and beyond to raise awareness in the community or within the school.

We are very excited with the achievements of these 16 students! Each student received a “Gold Standard” t-shirt, certificate, and a gift card to Chick Fil-A. We are encouraged that Muhlenberg students will continue to “Go For The Gold.”

Above left to right  
are (front row): **Principal  
Haniff Skeete, Germanie  
Lozano Camacho,  
Alaina Heffner,  
Ziara Almonte,  
Timothy Chae,  
Jairo Alcaraz, Asst.  
Principal Aaron Kopetsky**

Back Row:  
**Asst. Principal  
Dr. Juliana Ciccarelli,  
David Markwood,  
Ashley De Los Santos,  
Emma Campoverde,  
Matthias Maftai,  
Nathan Ramkissoo,  
Jared Roriguez Vargas,  
Leia Wolf,  
Lily Fredericks, and  
Dan Ly**

Missing from the photo:  
**Samantha Noll and  
Isabella Foster**



## Building For Future Generations

### Dear Muhlenberg School District Community Members:

## M FAST FACTS

### ENROLLMENT

2013-14 | 3,506

2023-24 | 4,366

2030-31 Projected | 5,000

#### Building Projects - Five Phases

**Phase 1** | Stadium Turf Field, Roadway and Parking Lot Addition MEC/C.E.Cole, Multi-Sport Turf Field Complex, and the New 5-6 Grade Building |  
*Spring 2024 – Summer 2026*

**Phase 2** | Mechanical Upgrades to MEC, Cole, MJHS, and MHS. Replacing Boilers, Chillers, Univents, Roof-Top Units throughout the District |  
*Summer 2025 and Summer 2026*

**Phase 3** | Renovation to MJHS Common Areas and Construction of a New 3-Story Academic Wing |  
*Spring 2025 – Summer 2027*

**Phase 4** | Renovations at MHS, including 15 New Classrooms, New Guidance Area, New Pool and Natatorium |  
*Winter 2026 – Winter 2027*

**Phase 5** | Renovating "E" Block at MJHS and turning it into the New MSD Administration Building | *Summer of 2027*

*\* Please note dates for Phase 2 through Phase 5 are estimated and could change based upon district needs and anticipated board approvals*

### EMPLOYEES

2023 | 513

2030 Projected | 640

With the ongoing needs of our district, construction plans have continued to move forward. Phase One of the Muhlenberg School District capital campaign consists of four projects staged in a manner that allows for continued use of the campus facilities while the projects are being completed. The first project is the installation of the turf on the stadium football field. Targeting completion would be the beginning of August of 2024.

The second project involves a parking lot expansion and access road construction at the Muhlenberg Elementary Center and the C.E. Cole Intermediate campus. This project is needed to help alleviate the safety and traffic concerns on Kutztown Road and Sharp Avenue related to parent pickup and drop off, along with providing the additional parking for parents and staff. This project would begin in June with an expected completion by the start of the 2024-2025 school year.

The third project is the multi-sport complex behind the high school. This is needed for the District's students and community because the eventual new grade 5 and grade 6 building will be constructed on the current junior varsity baseball field. This complex will accommodate nine different sports teams as well as band practice, recess, and gym activities.

Expected start for this project is in June 2024 with completion by the end of September, early October of 2024.

The final project in Phase One is the actual construction of the new grade 5 and grade 6 building. Design and development of this phase was completed at the end of January. The district is looking to break ground in November 2024 when the new multi-sport complex is complete; the new building would be complete in July of 2026. These multi-phase projects are necessary for all of our Muhlenberg School District students as our enrollment is projected to grow to 5,000 students within Muhlenberg Township alone.

**The estimated cost for the total of all five phases will be between \$180 million and \$200 million.**

You will see in this winter edition of our newsletter our incredibly gifted staff and exciting events and opportunities for our children. Our literacy, math and science programs, in connection with an ongoing investment in technology, will only strengthen opportunities for our diverse community of children. All of these initiatives are important, but nothing is more important than the human spirit. I wholeheartedly believe in faith, family and service both civilian and military.

*Dr. Joseph E. Macharola*  
SUPERINTENDENT

# Construyendo Para Nuestras Futuras Generaciones

## Estimados Miembros de la Comunidad del Distrito Escolar de Muhlenberg:

Con las continuas necesidades de nuestro distrito, los planes de construcción han seguido avanzando. La Fase Uno de la campaña Capital del Distrito Escolar de Muhlenberg consiste en cuatro proyectos escalonados de manera que permitan el uso continuado de las instalaciones del campus mientras se completan los proyectos. El primer proyecto es la instalación del césped en el campo de fútbol del estadio. La finalización prevista sería a principios de agosto de 2024.

El segundo proyecto consiste en la ampliación del aparcamiento y la construcción de una carretera de acceso en el Centro de Primaria de Muhlenberg y en el Campus Intermedio C.E. Cole. Este proyecto es necesario para ayudar a aliviar las preocupaciones de seguridad y tráfico en Kutztown Road y Sharp Avenue relacionadas con la recogida y entrega de los padres, junto con proporcionar el aparcamiento adicional para los padres y el personal. Este proyecto comenzaría en junio con una finalización prevista para el inicio del curso escolar 2024-2025.

El tercer proyecto es el Complejo Multideportivo situado detrás del instituto. Esto es necesario para los estudiantes y la comunidad del distrito porque el eventual nuevo edificio de 5 y 6 grado se construirá en el actual campo de béisbol junior varsity. Este complejo dará cabida a nueve equipos deportivos diferentes, así como a las prácticas de la banda, los recreos y las actividades de

gimnasia. Se espera que este proyecto comience en junio del 2024 y esté terminado a finales de Septiembre, principios de Octubre del 2024.

El proyecto final de la Fase Uno es la construcción propiamente dicha del nuevo edificio de quinto y sexto grado. El diseño y desarrollo de esta fase se completó a finales de Enero. El distrito pretende poner la primera piedra en Noviembre del 2024, cuando el nuevo complejo polideportivo esté terminado; el nuevo edificio estaría terminado en Julio del 2026. Estos proyectos de varias fases son necesarios para todos nuestros estudiantes del Distrito Escolar de Muhlenberg, ya que se prevé que nuestra matrícula crezca hasta los 5,000 estudiantes sólo en el municipio de Muhlenberg. **El costo estimado para el total de las cinco fases será de entre \$180 y \$200 millones de dólares.**

Usted verá en esta edición de invierno de nuestro boletín de noticias nuestro personal increíblemente dotado y emocionantes eventos y oportunidades para nuestros estudiantes. Nuestros programas de Alfabetización, Matemáticas y Ciencias, en conexión con una inversión continua en Tecnología, no harán sino reforzar las oportunidades para nuestra diversa comunidad de niños. Todas estas iniciativas son importantes, pero nada lo es más que el espíritu humano. Creo de todo corazón en la fe, la familia y el servicio, tanto civil como militar.

*Dr. Joseph E. Macharola*  
SUPERINTENDENT



## M HECHOS RÁPIDOS

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### Proyectos de Construcción: Cinco Fases

**Fase 1** | Ampliación del campo de césped del estadio, la carretera y el estacionamiento MEC/C.E.Cole, el complejo de campo de césped multideportivo y el nuevo edificio de grados 5-6 | primavera de 2024 hasta verano de 2026

**Fase 2** | Actualizaciones mecánicas a MEC, Cole, MJHS y MHS. Reemplazo de calderas, enfriadores, unidades de ventilación y unidades de techo en todo el distrito | verano de 2025 y verano de 2026

**Fase 3** | Renovación de las áreas comunes de MJHS y construcción de una nueva ala académica de 3 pisos | primavera de 2025 hasta verano de 2027

**Fase 4** | Renovaciones en MHS, incluidas 15 nuevas aulas, nueva área de orientación, nueva piscina y natatorio | desde el invierno de 2026 hasta el invierno de 2027

**Fase 5** | Renovación del bloque "E" en MJHS y convertirlo en el nuevo edificio administrativo de MSD | Verano de 2027

\* Tenga en cuenta que las fechas de la Fase 2 a la Fase 5 son estimadas y podrían cambiar según las necesidades del distrito y las aprobaciones anticipadas de la junta.

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## Muhl Pride

CE Cole Intermediate School welcomes new students to the Muhlenberg School District through their "Muhl Pride" move-in groups. Each session of Muhl Pride includes new students who moved into the district the previous month. During these sessions, students are given a tour, introduced to staff, the COLEture Cornerstones, and the community!

From left to right:

**Cayden Wright, Cassidy Wright, Emely Castillo, Jade Mendez Rama, Violet Diaz Duarte, Christopher Aquino, Joseph Cruz Jimenez, and Jeremiah Morales**

Not pictured: **Arnoux Louis and Gabriel Gonzalez**

**Join us in congratulating our fourth session's Muhl Pride graduates!**

## Throwing Snowballs

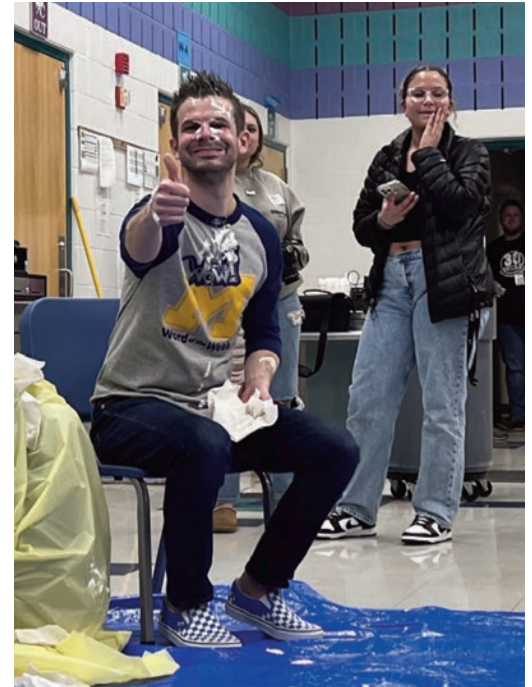
C.E. Cole students and staff had some serious fun on January 22! Fourth grade accumulated the most cornerstones coupons and earned a staff versus students volleyball incentive.

In addition, the top classes for each grade level got to throw snowballs at the administrative team! The winning classrooms were: **6th grade: Ms. Kapuscinski, 5th grade: Ms. Zubey, and 4th grade: Mrs. Quillman and Mr. Sola.**

Congratulations to the winners! All of us at C.E. Cole are looking forward to our next event. Keep up the great work and continue to follow our **Cole Cornerstones: Respect, Responsibility, Readiness, and Resilience.**







## MEC Celebrates 3rd Grade CDT Achievement

On Friday, February 9, Muhlenberg Elementary Center (MEC) celebrated their third grade team of teachers, staff and students for their amazing efforts on the mid-year Classroom Diagnostic Tool (CDT) assessment. The CDT is a set of online assessments, divided by content areas (3rd Grade Literacy and Mathematics), and is designed to provide diagnostic information to guide

instruction in order to support intervention and enrichment.

Students also took the CDT at the beginning of the school year. The celebration was related to those students that showed the most growth in their scores in both Math and Literacy. For every 20 points gained from the student's beginning of the year score, they received a ticket. Tickets winners were randomly chosen

and received an opportunity to pie an administrator or teacher in the face! The more a student showed growth, the better the chance their ticket would be called to pie someone!

MEC third graders had an average growth rate of 14% per class in Math and an average growth rate of 6% in Literacy. We are so proud of our entire team in 3rd Grade. They deserve all of the fun that was had by all!

MUHLENBERG  
ELEMENTARY CENTER







## Abriendo Puertas / Opening Doors Program Graduation Celebration

As highlighted in our last issue, MSD has partnered with the Literacy Council of Reading-Berks and one of the offerings is the Opening Doors Program. This 10-week program is for parents of children up to six years old. Parents learn how to become more active in their children's academic lives as their child's first teacher.

Recently, 25 parents successfully completed the curriculum and received certificates and a special commendation from **State Representative Johanny Cepeda-Freytiz**.

As part of their graduation, each family received an Amazon tablet, preloaded with educational applications for their child. All graduates were encouraged and invited to stay engaged with the district as volunteers to support their children. We'd like to thank you for your continued support of this important parental engagement program!

MSD provides the Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors Program in both English and Spanish to our school district parents with children in kindergarten to third grade. Families interested can contact **Guadalupe Muñoz**, 610-685-1265 or email [gmunoz@centrohispano.org](mailto:gmunoz@centrohispano.org)



Muhlenberg School District (MSD) has partnered with the Literacy Council of Reading-Berks who provide our families with ESL, GED, and Gateway to Citizenship Classes on site and other locations. Families can call 610-670-9960 to register for any of the programs.





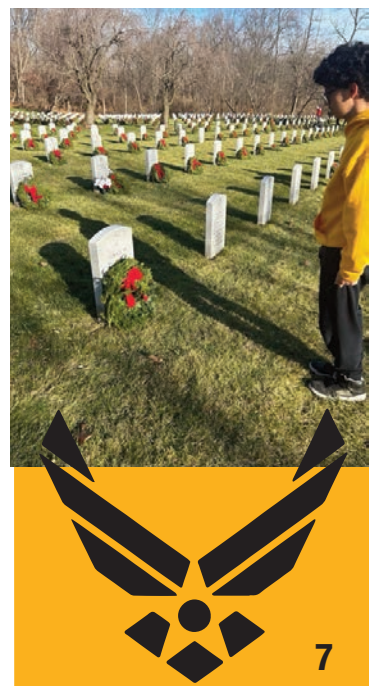
## AFJROTC Wreaths Across America

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This December, the cadets of the Muhlenberg AFJROTC spent the afternoon at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery participating in the annual *Wreaths Across America* Ceremony. On a cool, sunny Saturday morning 40 cadets loaded on a bus bound for the hour-long trip to Annville. Upon arrival, the cadets formed at the Pennsylvania Veteran's Memorial for the hour-long ceremony. This ceremony highlighted the sacrifices that every veteran and their families make both during and after military service. A wreath was placed in front of the flag representing each respective service, symbolizing honor and remembrance, followed by a WWII era airplane flyover, the singing of *Amazing Grace*, and ended with a 21-gun salute by the Marines.

Overall, it was a very moving ceremony and many people had tears in their eyes.

Afterwards, everyone moved through the cemetery solemnly placing a wreath at each tombstone, quietly saying the name of the veteran, and slowly saluting. This small gesture ensures that these veterans are remembered each year for their courage and sacrifice, and more importantly, teaches our cadets the importance of military service. Remember, "Freedom isn't Free."







## Little Muhl Holiday Workshop

Students from various clubs at Muhlenberg High School (Art Club, Aavidum, Leo Club, One by One) arranged the *Little Muhl Holiday Workshop*. While their guardians enjoyed a date night, wrapped gifts, and went shopping, K-6 students were dropped off to engage in a variety of games, arts and crafts, popcorn with a movie, hot cocoa, and cookie baking. When our cute greeter Fletcher arrived, he stole the show and made the evening complete!



Fletcher, the official holiday workshop greeter!



## Civil Air Patrol AFJROTC Cadet Incentive

Over the course of this school year many of our Muhlenberg Air Force Junior ROTC (AFJROTC) cadets have had the opportunity to get their hands on the controls of and fly an airplane. You read that correctly, they were able to fly the plane!

Through our close partnership with the Civil Air Patrol, the cadets of the AFJROTC are provided the opportunity to fly on an incentive flight. Every Wednesday, weather permitting, two cadets are chosen to spend their day at the airport. The day begins in the MHS cafeteria with a nutritious breakfast. Then the cadets

receive Major Campbell's highly educational "Science of Flight" lesson and receive hands-on practice on a state-of-the-art JROTC simulator. After that, it's off to the Reading Regional Airport, where the cadets are met by a Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Pilot and aircraft flown in from the Capital City Airport in Harrisburg. The cadets perform an aircraft pre-flight, check the fuel levels, and then strap in for their flight. Each cadet gets an hour in the front seat with their hands on the controls, going through a series of climbs, descents, and turns. Everyone has fun, but more importantly they receive a real life STEM (Science,

Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics) educational experience.

Muhlenberg AFJROTC takes STEM curriculum seriously, offering rocketry, orienteering, flight opportunities, and robotics to name a few subjects.

If you, or anyone you know is interested in any of these experiences, contact your grade level guidance counselor or call the JROTC office directly;

**Major Campbell**, 610-921-8078 Ext.

1301, [campbellm@muhlsdk12.net](mailto:campbellm@muhlsdk12.net) or

**Major Sergeant Beaver**, 610-921-8078

Ext. 4117, [beaverj@muhlsdk12.net](mailto:beaverj@muhlsdk12.net)



## Samson Evans Joins the Rank of Eagle Scout

On January 14, 2024, Muhlenberg student Samson Evans, 11th grade, joined the ranks of Eagle Scout. To attain the Eagle Scout rank, a Scout must earn at least 21 merit badges, fulfill leadership roles, display outdoor skills, demonstrate by example the Scout Oath and Law, and complete a comprehensive service project in the community.

The traits that set an Eagle Scout apart are:

1. Knowledge of teamwork and the skills necessary to bring the best out in people
2. Ability to lead by example, not by orders,
3. Master listening and communication skills
4. A powerful code of conduct
5. Unshakable confidence
6. The ability to lead well and follow even better.

**Samson embodies these traits and we are truly proud of his achievements. Congratulations!**

*Back row,  
left to right:*  
**Mr. and Mrs.  
Chris Evans,  
Principal Haniff  
Skeete,  
Superintendent  
Dr. Macharola,  
Audrey Smeltzer  
Schwab,  
Adam Burkart,  
Alison Wallace,  
Samantha  
Armstrong,  
Jackie Bellanca,  
John Lorchak,**  
*Front row,  
left to right:*  
**Samson Evans,  
John Evans**

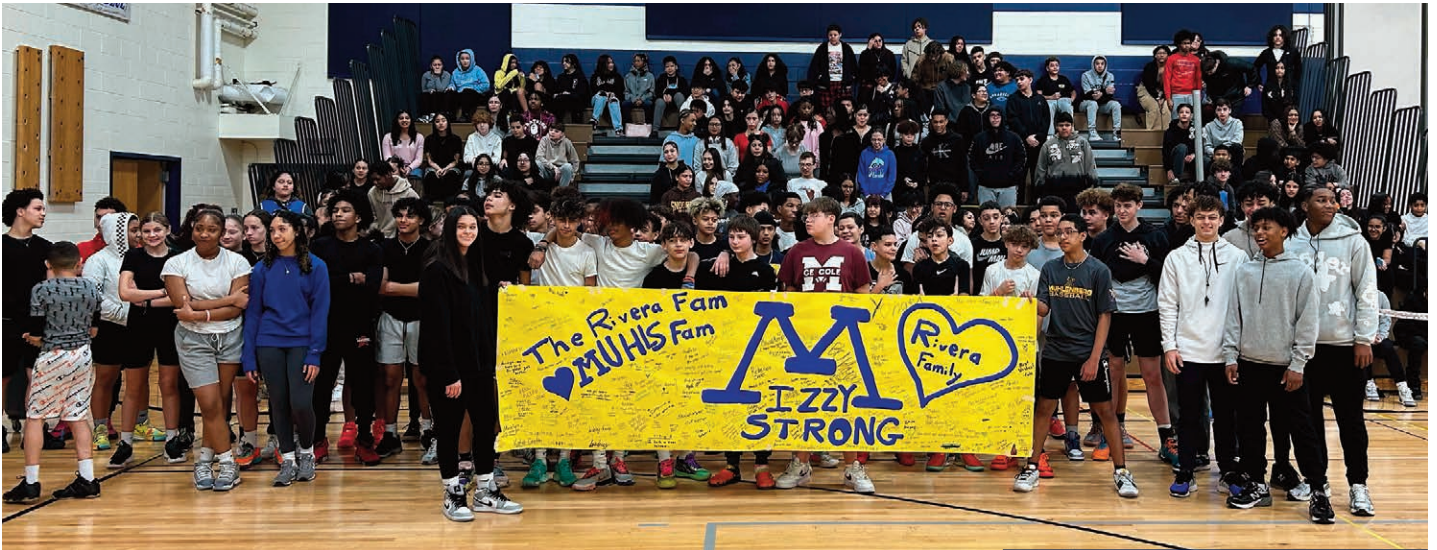




The students of Muhlenberg School District continue to impress our own school board members, administration, staff and community. Students have been attending our monthly board meetings and sharing all of the wonderful things happening in their schools. From members of the student council speaking about their leadership to the students participating in active clubs, their unified message is that they all want to help make their school a better place!







## Aavidum Hosts Izzy Strong Event

By Aavidum President Alani Cain and Aavidum member Eli Hemmings (MJHS 9th graders)

On February 16, 2024, MJHS Aavidum hosted a 3v3 basketball tournament to support our 9th grade Communications teacher Mr. Rivera and his family. The student body came together to raise \$500 for his daughter, Izzy Rey. A total of 17 teams played in the 3v3 basketball tournament, 140 students supported by donating and watching the tournament for Mr. Rivera's family.

Coach Flowers and Mr. Skeete were kind enough to volunteer six Boys Varsity Basketball players to referee; **Kyle Archie, Shermar Killen, Eli Hemmings, Justin Armstrong, Alex Collado, and Drew LeClair.**

The fundraiser was a major success and our students enjoyed supporting this great cause.

The gymnasium was electrifying as students in grades 7th, 8th, and 9th, knocked down jumpshots, 3 pointers, and made layups. There were also a few guest appearances from staff members, **Ms. Moore** and **Ms. Ramirez** stepped in to play when teams were down a man. Our student spectators filled a section of the bleachers and were cheering their peers on during an exciting morning of play. Each grade had one team of winners. The ninth grade winners were **Monthy Matnopaseuth, Daniel Buzydowski, and Marvin Frias Vargas.** The eighth grade winners were **Kalib Perez, Matthew Marmolejos, and Joemali Rodriguez.** The seventh grade winners were **Anthony Garcia, Dave Medard, and Benjamin Alicea.**





**Interviewer:** How old were you when you first started training?

**Lady:** I was 8 1/2 weeks old! I learned how to sit, and fetch (which is my favorite), and how to walk on a leash. But I don't like rain.

**Interviewer:** How long did you train to be a service dog?

**Lady:** I trained for 2 years. We couldn't go around people because of germs. I think there was something going on with humans because we were all very distant.

**Interviewer:** Do you have any recommendations for humans after all that being alone time?

**Lady:** Yes, finding a hobby is good. I like frisbee and bones. You should find time to connect with friends and spend time with family and your pets. I follow my person all around everywhere she goes. My job is to watch her and make sure she is safe. Getting involved in things is good. I like to keep moving all the time.

**Interviewer:** Interesting! Do you have a favorite place to go?

**Lady:** I really don't like planes, but I like Disney World. My person tends to get dizzy a lot, so I like to catch her before she falls down and sometimes, she might get dizzy on a ride! So, I ride with her!

## Meet Lady!



**Interviewer:** YOU ride rides at Disney?

**Lady:** Yes! My favorite ride is the boat ride at the place with the big ball. But I can't ride fast rides, so I wait for her then.

**Interviewer:** That's neat. Do you go to work with your person too?

**Lady:** Yes, I do. I watch her, and sense whether she needs help. I have a job just like her. I have to pick things up for her if she has a painful day. I also pull her up the stairs sometimes. And sometimes her heart beats too fast and I must tell her, so that she sits down.

**Interviewer:** That's amazing, Lady. It sounds like you are very smart. Is there anything you'd like people to know about service dogs?

**Lady:** Sure! One thing that is very important is that you ignore us. We are paying attention intently to our

person's needs. We don't want to miss anything. So please don't talk to us or distract us. And if you see me coming, please don't yell at me or scream at me. I am not going to hurt you.

Pets should not be taken into stores where it says only service dogs are allowed. Pretending your dog is a service dog is a very bad idea since they don't have the proper public access skills. These pups can really put me in danger. I have been lunged at by pet dogs before and it is scary for me and distracts me from my job.

**Interviewer:** Thank you for your time, Lady! This was very interesting!

**Lady:** You are welcome. May I have a treat?

**Interviewed by the students of MJHS**

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## Service Animals

by Gabriella Leon |  
MJHS student

Did you know MSD has a working service dog? You may have even seen her in the halls, her name is Lady and she is a Sheltie/Mini Shepherd mix -- and quite adorable. Her job is vital to her owner. You may be wondering what a service animal is. A service animal is trained to assist someone with a disability or major health concern. They are trained to assist and perform tasks to help someone live a

normal life. Sometimes people have invisible disabilities, and it may seem like they are perfectly fine, but they could have PTSD or even diabetes. Service dog tasks include guiding a person, helping pick up things from the floor, alerting the person to blood sugar issues, an oncoming seizure, a panic attack, or retrieving medication. They can even call 911 if needed!!





The MJHS Music Department held their annual Winter Concert on Thursday, December 14. It was a great night of music for both the students and the audience. More than 100 7th-9th grade students participated in this excellent concert.

The concert began with 7th Grade Band playing "Let the Holidays Begin," "Fum, Fum, Fum," and "Nutcracker Suite Petite." The MJHS Brass Ensemble entertained the audience between bands with a sing-a-long of "Jingle Bells." It was an absolute hit! The 8th and 9th Grade Band played "Noel!," "Sleigh Ride," and "I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas." The concert continued with the 7th-9th Grade Concert Chorus singing "Jing-a-Bells," "The Snow Carol" (accompanied by

Victoria Tambo-7th grade- on piano), and "Rock and Roll Christmas." Gold Tones performed next, singing "The Snow Begins to Fall" and "Theme from Elf" - complete with kazoos! MJHS Jazz Band really brought down the house with their arrangements of "In Summer" (**Aidan Wilson** on guitar and **Christian Schmehl** on alto saxophone) and "Mary Did You Know" featuring tenor saxophonist, **Lucard Henly**. The MJHS Jazz Combo played "Funky Old Saint Nick" before the grand finale. To wrap up the evening, the MJHS Concert Chorus and Jazz Combo performed "This Christmas." It was a great collaboration!

The Winter Concert was well attended and the students did a wonderful job displaying what they had been working on in band and chorus since September. They even had the opportunity to entertain their peers during the holiday assembly the next day. **Be sure to join us at our Spring Concert on May 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the MJHS auditorium, in conjunction with our annual Art Show!**

## MJHS Winter Concert



You should never touch a working service animal. Doing so can distract them from the task they are performing and place their person in danger. The best way to interact with a service dog is just to admire them from afar. Lady's colorful tail is eye-catching and many service dogs will have a dyed tail or other part of their body to help identify them as a service animal.

Other types of working dogs include emotional support animals (ESA). ESA's cannot go places

like a service dog because they are not task trained. They are emotional supports and comfort their owners at home. Another type is a therapy animal. Therapy animals are trained to interact with people and provide comfort while in the hospital, or perhaps even at school!





Muhlenberg High School is proud to present the Fiftieth Annual Spring Musical, *Spamalot*! Based on the 1975 movie “*Monty Python and the Holy Grail*” (and very loosely inspired by the legend of King Arthur), *Spamalot* transports us to a land of irreverence and intense silliness! This show has been making audiences laugh until it hurts since its Broadway debut in 2004. There are more than 80 students involved in this production, including some students from Muhlenberg Junior High School. This is a show that will make you “always look on the bright side of life”!

## MSD Spring Musical **Spamalot!**

Please join us in what guarantees to be an uproariously funny show! Performances are **March 15 and 16, 2024**, starting at **7:30 p.m.**

To purchase tickets in advance, go to **[www.showtix4u.com](http://www.showtix4u.com)**.

For the field: *Find an Organization.*  
Choose *Muhlenberg*.

Tickets will also be available at the door.

The Senior Citizen preview is **March 14, 2024** and the curtains open at **7:00 p.m.**

If you have questions, please contact co-producers:

**Amy Sharp** [sharpa@muhlsdk12.net](mailto:sharpa@muhlsdk12.net)

**Bill Snelling** [snellingb@muhlsdk12.net](mailto:snellingb@muhlsdk12.net)

## Calling all!

**Community Leaders for Support Teachers, Administrators, and Staff to Play! And participants to join for fun!**

The Muhlenberg School District Foundation with the assistance and the cooperation of the Muhlenberg School District's administration and staff and the Muhlenberg Lions' Club is excited to present the Harlem Wizards game on **April 13, 2024 at 6 p.m.** The location of the event will be the Muhlenberg High School gym. Come join us for an awe-inspiring experience for everybody.

Proceeds of this event will benefit the Muhlenberg School District Foundation (MSDF). The mission of the MSDF is to provide students with enhancing activities in our community. The investment you make to the Muhlenberg School District Foundation allows us to utilize community support to help Muhlenberg School District students experience activities above the normal capabilities of the school district budget.

### How the MSDF supports our students:

- They provide funding for Aevium Club for mental health awareness and suicide prevention
- Purchase of elementary music recorders
- “Dapper Dudes” leadership training
- Motivational speakers for seniors
- Advance Placement Tests
- Math and reading tutoring program
- Scholarships for seniors
- Educational field trips
- and much more!



We rely on community support to help in variety of school needs throughout the school year. Help us support your school by supporting this event!

**You can purchase tickets on [Harlemwizards.com](http://Harlemwizards.com)!**

## Visit the MSD Graduation Website

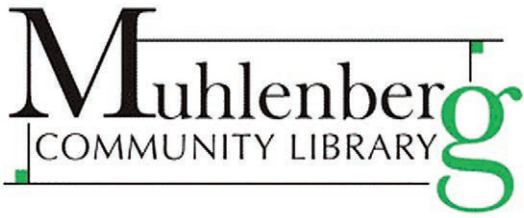


It is fully updated and is a great resource for all seniors and families.

**<https://sites.google.com/muhlsdk12.net/graduation>**

Or scan the QR code at left.





## UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

Psychic Medium Nellie Walter hosts Gallery Events at the Muhlenberg Recreation Building, 3025 River Rd, Reading, PA 19605.

2024 | March 12, April 2, June 18, July 9, August 6. 6:30- 8 p.m., Doors open 6 p.m.

These events benefit MCL. The cost is \$30 person, per event. Pre-registration is required by contacting the library.

*\*Payment is required at the time of registration. Tickets are non-refundable.*

## Spring Book Sale

Thursday, April 11, 10 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Saturday, April 13, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

Shop our spring book sale for gently used books, DVDs, and CDs. On Saturday, April 13, fill a bag with books for only \$5.

## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

### Eggstravaganza

Friday, March 29 | 1–3 p.m.

Bring the whole family to the library for our 3rd annual Eggstravaganza! This event features egg hunts separated by age group, a visit from the Easter bunny, crafts, snacks and story time. This event is free and open to all ages. No registration necessary.

### Crochet Collective

First and Third Tuesdays | 5- 6 p.m.

This adult program is beginner friendly. Bring your own hook and any projects that you are working on or just come to learn! Register by calling 610-929-0589. The Collective will meet one Saturday a month at 11 a.m., as well.



### Wonderful Wee Ones

Second & Fourth Tuesdays  
10:30 a.m.

Introduce babies and young children to the library with this engaging baby lap sit story time designed just for them. Free. No registration.

### Stay & Play Story Time

Thursdays | 10:30 a.m.

Join us Thursday morning from 10:30 to 11:30am for stories, songs, crafts, educational activities, snacks and fun! Hang out after our story time for fun, free play for your little one! Enjoy our toys, games, computers & books. Free. Geared to ages 1-5 years; however, all children are welcome. No registration necessary.

### Afterschool Café

First & Third Tuesdays | 3:15 p.m.

A place for students to hang out, play games, be crafty and enjoy all the fun that Muhlenberg Community Library has to offer! Free. No registration necessary. Grades K-12 are all welcome.

### Summer Quest 2024:

#### Adventure Begins at Your Library

The adventure begins June 8, 2024 and runs through August 10, 2024! A summer reading program with prizes, special programming and more.

### Muhlenberg Community Library

Hours: Monday–Thursday  
10 a.m.–8 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Visit us at:

[muhlenbergcommunitylibrary.org](http://muhlenbergcommunitylibrary.org)

or in-person at:

3612 Kutztown Road  
Reading, PA 19605

Connect with us on Facebook  
or call 610-929-0589.

*Please note that children under 10 must be accompanied by a supervising adult, 18 or older, while visiting the library.*

### New at MCL for 2024!

MCL's Library of Things is always growing! Come check out the latest additions such as a turntable and vinyl records, VR headset, Atari 2600, and much much more!

Also stay tuned for exciting new upgrades coming to the library! Some much needed technology updates and replacements will be taking place. Renovation plans are in the works for our Children's Area, Teen Library and restrooms. Please pardon the dust, as we work to improve your community library!





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### 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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