

Mahanoy Area



Fall



By: Chris Davis

Dear Students, Parents, and Faculty,

I was given the privilege and honor of serving as Middle School Head Teacher in July. At the time I was a bit nervous and anxious. Most of all I was very excited. I have always dreamed of the opportunity to lead a school of hard working students and faculty. In working in this district and building over the past several years I have grown to love what the Mahanoy Area Middle School stands for. I have developed positive relationships with faculty members, students, and parents alike. The first month on the job has provided many challenges and with each passing obstacle my assurance that I have chosen the right path is solidified. I encourage students to strive to be the best student that they can be every day. I encourage teachers and faculty members to go the extra mile to make a difference in their students' lives. I encourage parents to get involved in the children's education. Most of all I strive to make this a truly great place to spend each day and receive an excellent education. I truly believe education is a team process. Working together, parents, faculty, staff, and students can make education a fulfilling and enjoyable process. It is my hope that each day I can contribute in some way to the priceless educations of each and every student at the Mahanoy Area Middle School. As always, my name is Michael Heater Jr. and I am proud to be the Head Teacher at Mahanoy Area Middle School.

Sincerely,
Michael Heater Jr.
Middle School Head Teacher

MAHANLOY AREA CLOTHES CLOSET

Because of the transition to this year's uniform, a Mahanoy Clothes Closet has been created. Since this is the first year, the supply of clothing is minimal. Donations of clean, slightly worn clothing are being accepted.

The following apparel is being accepted: dress code approved pants, shorts, shirts (long & short sleeve), sweaters, vests, dresses, skirts, shoes, sneakers as well as jackets and coats, hats, scarves, gloves, mittens and NEW socks are all.

Donations to the clothes closet can be dropped off in the elementary, middle or high school offices during school hours.

Once the closet has a satisfactory amount of clothing, times will be available for families to trade or purchase clothing. If families donate outgrown clothing they can trade for clothing in the closet. If families do not have clothes to donate they can still purchase clothing from the closet. The cost will be \$1.00 per item. All monies collected will be used to purchase more clothing for the closet.

The clothes closet will take the place of the monetary reimbursement for next school year.

Safe Trick or Treat Night Planned

Mahanoy Area Education Association will be one of many organizations sponsoring a table for the Safe Trick or Treat Around the Track on Sunday, October 30 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in Alumni Stadium.

This event was a lot of fun last year so get your costumes ready (not necessary but fun!)

Who Am I?

BY: Billy Shaner

I am a twin.
I graduated from MA.
I was the midget football homecoming queen.
I was a majorette.

My wife is a pharmacist.
My dog is named Zoe.
I went to Mid Valley High School.

(answers can be found on another page)

Students in grades 5-8 who would like to contribute to the next issue of the Paw Print should sign up on the door of the middle school art room or see Ms. Scic in the high school art room any day during remediation. The next meeting will be held in the middle school art room in early November. Listen for the announcement.

2012 Elementary Yearbooks on Sale

\$15.00

Co-Advisors Mrs. Natalie Zawada
and Mrs. Jeanette Amershek

National Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, October 29, 2011
10am to 2pm

Mahanoy Area Police
Dept/Borough Building

SPCA Collection

Ms. Jarrard's fourth grade Reading classes collected cat/dog food and supplies for the Hillside SPCA, which is a no kill shelter, for their Make a Difference Day Project. This was done in memory of Mr. Donnelly.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO BE FOR HALLOWEEN?

By: Dylan Marushak

SOME COSTUMES KIDS ARE
GOING TO WEAR...

MONSTER 4 people

Courageous 2 people

GOBLINS 3 people

Answers to Who Am I?

Ms. Dudash
Mr. Heater

Mahanoy Gear For Sale

umbrellas \$15.00
blankets \$25.00
socks \$8.00
baseball style hats \$25.00

e-mail dscicchitano@mabears.net
to purchase items

profits benefit
Mahanoy Area Youth Wrestling

Red Ribbon Week

October 24-28

Monday October 24 "Don't Let Drugs Tie You Down"
- Wear Neckties

Tuesday October 25 "Being Drug Free is No Sweat"
- Wear Sweat pants and sweat shirt

Wednesday October 26 "Put a Cap on Drugs"
- Wear a cool hat

Thursday October 27 "Sock it to Drugs"
- Wear crazy socks

Friday October 28 "Say Boo To Drugs"
- Wear Halloween costume

Getting to Know Mrs. Fessler

By: Sarah Herring

- 1) What is your favorite color?
Orange.
- 2) What is your favorite food?
Seafood.
- 3) Do you have any pets? If so, what are they?
I don't have any.
- 4) If you weren't a teacher, what other job would you want?
Stay at home Mom.
- 5) What are your hobbies?
Spending time with my boys, friends, and family, sports, teaching, and being outdoors.
- 6) What was your favorite school subject when you were a kid?
Reading.
- 7) What was your least favorite subject in school?
Math- isn't that funny!!
- 8) What is your favorite sport?
Basketball and football
- 9) What college did you go to?
Alvernia
- 10) If you could go anywhere in the world, where would it be?
Anywhere, as long as I had my family with me.

Getting to Know Mrs. Heming

By: Haley Obrzut:

- 1) Do you have any pets?
Yes, a Westie named Ruby.
- 2) What is your favorite food?
It is a tie, my Mom's homemade pot pie, or chicken wings
- 3) If you weren't a teacher, what would you be?
Nothing, I've always wanted to be a teacher
- 4) What do you do in your free time?
Bake, read, shop and spend time with family.
- 5) What was your favorite subject in school?
Reading, Language Arts and Band.
- 6) What was your least favorite?
Calculus and Chemistry
- 7) What is your favorite sport?
Football!!!!
- 8) What college did you go to?
Kutztown University for my Bachelors Degree and Wilkes University for my Master's Degree
- 9) If you could go anywhere in the world, where would it be?
A beach with white sand and crystal blue water :)
- 10) What's your favorite store to shop in?
M&M World in New York City!!!!

Blast From The Past

By: Nathan Macleary

In 1959, a new school was brought up into Mahanoy City. The school of Mahanoy Area it was. Mahanoy Area was not always one school. There were three other schools in the Area that were being used. They were Mahanoy City School, Gilberto School, and Mahanoy Township School. Due to the population of the schools decreasing, the three schools had to close. Mahanoy Area was then started first using the former Mahanoy Township School Building.

Since there was a new school, Mahanoy Area had to pick a new nickname. They had the options to pick the Black Knights, the Chinese Bandits, or the Golden Bears. Mahanoy Area selected the Golden Bears. The colors were then selected. They chose gold from the Mahanoy Township Purple Larks. They chose black from the Mahanoy City Maroons. The combination was black and gold. Those colors were adopted the first year.

Today, Mahanoy Area is a successful school filled with close to 2,000 students. We have expanded on our

activities and organizations with lots of people that have joined. We also have lots of trophy cases in the Middle School Hallway. I think everyone should be proud of everyone that has worked hard for our school to be a success. Our school is going to continue to work hard and keep adding on to those trophy cases. I love my school and the history about it. We will find more history about our school next time!!!!



Mahanoy City School



Mahanoy Township School

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO BE FOR HALLOWEEN?

BY: JORDAN LIPSHAW

Most kind of costumes for Halloween are the horror movie type of costumes.

Tally Chart For Costumes

Zombie IIII
 Movie/TV IIII
 Superhero I
 Horror movie 11111 11111 11

Comedy TV/Movie 11
 Funny 111
 Anything else 11111 11111
 Video games 111
 Animals 11

CONCERTS

Tuesday Dec. 6 -
 MS Band and
 HS Choir
 Thursday Dec 8 -
 HS Band and
 MS Choir

Guess The Teacher

By: Brandon Hulihan

1. What is your favorite animal? dog
2. What do you teach science
3. How long have you been a teacher? 9 years
4. What is your favorite color purple
5. How long were you in collage? 5 years
6. Do you have kids? If you do what are their names?
parker
7. What is your favorite food? steak
8. What is your favorite item? school
9. What is your favorite holiday? Christmas
10. What is your favorite sport basketball

Theater Arts

By: Sydney Gnall

Theater Arts is about students who act out parts of a real movie. Last year we had a play called *Mulan Jr.* The year before that we had *Peter Pan*. *Peter Pan* was one of my favorites. Mrs. Leshko was the director of the play *Mulan Jr.*

Some of the plays that I think would be neat would be *Shrek*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and *Cinderella*. *Cinderella* is based on a princess who has rude step-sisters and stepmother. *The Wizard of Oz* has many characters such as the Tin Man, Dorothy

Ask Shirley

By: Meredith Rhoades and Abbey McGee

Dear Shirley,
I really love playing soccer! What should I do to try and get boys' and girls' soccer leagues for Mahanoy Area. I think I have great ideas.

Dear Soccer Lover,
Well, the first thing you should do is you should get some of your friends to help you. You can make a chart of how many kids would go out for it. Show the chart to one of your teachers. Just keep trying. If you can't get it to happen there are Shenandoah and Tam-aqua soccer leagues.

Dear Shirley,
I have a locker and I keep forgetting my combination.

Fabulous Fifth Graders

By: Kiana Skager & Amanda Sallade :)

Amber Lawrence

Favorite Teacher: Mr. Killian
Best Friend: All of her friends!
Favorite Color: Green
Favorite Book: She doesn't have one!
Favorite Singer: Michael Jackson
Favorite Song: "The Lazy Song" By Bruno Mars
In School Activities: Chorus, Theatre Arts
Sports: Volleyball

Allison Scheeler

Favorite Teacher: Mr. Killian
Best Friend: Paige D.
Favorite Color: Green
Favorite Book: "Twilight"
Favorite Singer: Taylor Swift
Favorite Song: "The Waffle Song"
In School Activities: Newspaper, Chorus
Sports: Basketball, Softball, Volleyball

By: Paige Hanerfeld and Alexis Jones

Haley Jones

Food: btl
Color: purple
Sport: football

I can't think of a way to remember. Do you know any?

Dear Forgetful,
Well, you can find many on the Internet. A really good way is to make up a song with the numbers in it. I hope this helped. Good luck.

Dear Shirley,
I love playing basketball, but I would like to get better. What can I do to get better?

Dear Basketball Lover,
Well, you can ask your coach for some drills to work on. Remember to work on your weaknesses. Just have fun.

This Month In History

By: Christian Meyers

The Brinks Robbery

October 1981

This robbery was carried out by the Black Liberation Army .They stole 1.6million dollars from a brinks armored car. They killed two cops in battle. Thats my story now if you want more info look it up.

Getting to Know Mrs. Wells

Mrs. Wells attended Georgian Court University to study English and Education and Clarion University to study Library Science. She began her career as a teacher and librarian at Mahanoy Area. When Mrs. Wells graduated from high school in 1995, she wanted to have a career in television production.

When asked what she would change at Mahanoy Area if she could, Mrs. Wells stated, "I would update the print collection online so students and teachers could make even better use of the library." Her favorite part of the day is reading quality literature to students.

When she is not keeping two libraries organized or teaching or preparing for a class, Mrs. Wells likes to bake, read and spend time with her son, Tommy. Her favorite food is marshmallow treats, her favorite author is Lance Hillenbrand and her fave holiday is Thanksgiving because it's just family and good food.

If she could live anywhere, she would live in a lakefront home.

Mahanoy Area Fall Sports

By: Marcus Crespo and Hunter Bloss

The pee-wee team is versing Saint Clair! Good Luck.

Now for Mr. Killian: How long have you been golf coach? His response was 18 years.

What was your record over the 18 years?

His response 162 wins 67 losses. Thank you Mr. Killian.

Congrats 7-8 grade football team for going undefeated.

That's all for now... THANK YOU ALL READERS.

Mr. Donnelly

By: Samantha Gnall

Mr. Donnelly was a high school school wod shop teacher. Mr. Donnelly was a very nice teacher and person. He was a trainer for Mahanoy athletes. He always treated people with respect and dignity. He was also a softball coach. He always had a smiling face when you greeted him. He was also involved with a lot of things in our school and out of school. There were many great things about Mr. Donnelly. He was funny and helpful. These are a few things that were great about him. Mr. Donnelly will always be in our hearts and in our memories.

Guidance News With Mrs. Kern

By: Jazmine Fernandez

What is going on with bullying?

Guest speakers are coming to Mahanoy, we have the bullying book that helps keep track of problems but meeting with kids one on one is the best solution.

When will the next speaker be here? Fall Fest

Is it easy for you to handle bullying issues? Sometimes and sometimes it is hard because I can't always tell exactly what has happened..

If students come to you and and they are having a hard time getting along with each other, what would you recommend they do?

It depends on the problem. We would talk about the problems so I can understand what they are going through.

Do you think it is best for students that are having a hard time getting along with each other to just stay away from each other? Yes, because many times there is just a big misunderstanding.

Was it ever hard for you to handle a problem that has been going on for awhile? Yes, because kids keep quiet when they are getting picked on and if no one knows about it, they can't be helped.

Do you like being a guidance counselor and talking to kids about their problems? Yes, I love my job.

Do you hope to keep being a guidance counselor here and is it a career for you? Yes, I love how every day is different and how kids keep it interesting.

Trick-or-Treat By: Kayla Luther



trick-or-treat

bag

costume

houses

porch

yelling

sidewalk

screaming

running

smell my feet

plastic pumpkins

bags

candy

Snickers

Smarties

Three Musketeers

Baby Ruth

Hershey

Nestle

candy corn

pennies

Unicef

scary

cute

strange

children

parents

safety

thank you

October

evening

neighborhood

bellyache

street

trickster

To answer the trivia question, look a words or phrases that are hidden in the puzzle, but not in the word list.

Trivia: In the movie, *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown*, what did Charlie Brown receive in his bag when he went trick-or-treating with his friends?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

September

Andre Wilson 1st
Caleb Snyder 1st
Sabrina Appenzeller 4th
Alexandria Ruiz 4th
Jacob Zepnikowski 10th
Zachary Zepnikowski 10th
Matthew Reed 11th
Alanna Ryan 13th
Jordan Kunkel 14th
Jacob Witiszin 14th
Jordan McGee 16th
Taylor Evans 17th
Aaron Lawrence 19th
Kody McKenzie 22nd
Kailee Kaufman 26th
DeAndre Ferandez 28th
Braydon Mick 29th
Caitlyn Mlynek 30th
Megan Babinsky 30th
Daysha Conard 30th

October

Mynajah Fitzgerald 1st
Madison Mick 1st
Kelsey Senglar 3rd
Cierra Abrachinsky 3rd
Angel Negron 4th
Jacob Vick 5th
Jayson Rago 8th
Justin Kies 9th
Carolyn Rene 11th
Tiffany Hinson 15th
Jazmyn Hauck 15th
Kaleb Herder 15th
Aydan Erbe 16th
Kalianne Albaugh 18th
Jacob Sullivan 19th
Dayanera Garcia 20th
Laura Bisco 23rd
Mason Burke 25th
Jon Shala 27th
Hunter Gnall 28th
Victoria Shaw 29th
Summer Pavelick 29th
Giovanni Versace 30th
Seth Maley 30th
Rachel Hilbmann 31st
Charles Murphy 31st

November

Matthew Price 1st
Anthony Yedsena 1st
Kenneth Martinez 3rd
Meredith Rhoades 4th
Logan Van Horn 5th
Alexcis Simon 6th
Joanne Mora 7th
Skylar Teichman 7th
Hunter Fisher 8th
Rhiannon Treichler 9th
Cody Price 10th
Damian Streisel 10th
Kayla Schmerfeld 10th
Madison Cavenas 10th
Cade Cunningham 11th
Randal Derr 12th
Yaddiel Barraza 12th
Jacob Freil 12th
Chase Mazalusky 20th
M'Kyle Kaminsky 21st
Nicole Lorah 22nd
Kathryn McCarthy 22nd
Nickolas Kies 23rd
Emily Bruce 24th
Marcus Crespo 24th
Bradley Saweck 27th
Noah Noon 29th
Maria Lamana 30th



Horror Movie Legends

U Z V D U O T N I S T X H S M H L L C N Z
 H J L A R V K I R J H P P R L L J M L V I
 P R U G X N V S C P E C P E L S N K K D P
 K A U Y I X O Y U N D V H Y Q P B A Y B J
 U J R X P C K C J X E B E E G B I L K M W
 T E X A S C H A I N S A W M A S S A C R E
 U H Q S N A B X S Q C I D L W I H F U D I
 J J E T I O R T W G E F A E Z X Q D H Y N
 C Y S E R S R E W X N L M A M L Y Y C O O
 E M P V X A U M G Q T L S H B W O G S F Q
 D B E Q W O T Y A G U G Q C J S L A N J R
 R P W D F G R Q V L U K S I M M J B Y S S
 Y P O Y S V N C P F A R J M O A M I F M Q
 I G X P A D Q C I Z V C K O J A E D V D D
 S R E G N A R T S S V Y T Y M F I R K M M
 C S D C Q D F E V R T D R I D Q N F C C T
 H I L L S H A V E E Y E S G V D S A W S A
 X U W F N P R J L U P I O Q R I E N Y B W
 R P C A V S I C O X U U J A B G T R J Z N
 E N I T N I L A V Y D O O L B Y M Y F C I
 V A R U G P N N D S H J M J P Z N X I E E

CHUCKY
 JASON
 PARANORMALACTIVITY
 STRANGERS
 THEDESCENT

FREDDYKRUGGER
 MICHAELMEYERS
 SAW
 STRAWDOGS
 THEEXORCIST

HILLSHAVEEYES
 MYBLOODYVALANTINE
 SCREAM
 TEXASCHAINSAWMASSACRE