

Bear Facts

Mahanoy Area High School) Bear Facts

March 23, 2009

Welcome to the first online edition!



Hello Mahanoy Area, In early March Mrs. Caulfield, Mr. Heater and I had the privilege of attending the Student Assistance Conference in State College. Many of the workshops focused on cyber safety among young people. One of the keynote speakers, Iris Beckwith, provided insight into the world of cyber predators, cyber-bullying, online gaming, internet addiction, plagiarism, video sharing, social networking, etc. Her presentation was an eye-opening experience into the dangers of technol-

ogy. Do not give your personal information to anyone. Your online or digital behaviors can and will have an impact in your offline lives and you can be held responsible for actions and behaviors. If you know of anyone who may be in danger due to any of these topics, help is available through the student assistance team. Contact a member of the team. There are many resources out there that can help.

Spring has sprung and it is certainly an exciting time for all of us, but es-

pecially for our seniors. They are creating memories that will last a lifetime. These next few months will fly by and before we realize it, we will be looking at prom pictures and preparing for graduation and all that goes with it.

Mahanoy Area will once again provide an extended school year for those students who have the need to make up a math, English or science credit. The same rules apply as in the past. You must have at least a 50% average and it is a once and done privilege. In other words, if you have already done extended school math, then it is not available to you again. You may take each course only one time. If you have any questions about this, please ask in the high school office.

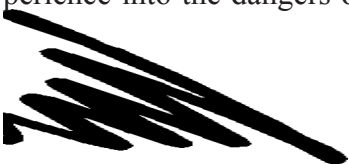
Congratulations to our winter sports programs. I would like to congratulate Kelly Purcell for her advancing to the state meet. This is not an easy thing to do in any sport and it deserves recognition.

Speaking of sports, the spring sports are in full swing. There are many of you who participate in sports throughout the year as well as various clubs and activities. More of you should adopt that philosophy. In a school our size, we need students to participate in more than one sport or activity while successfully keeping their grades at a passing level. Mr. Holmes has a new motto for us...

T-E-A-M- "TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE."

That's the true meaning of school spirit.

Mrs. MaryLou Henninger





Dear Students at Mahanoy Area,

Thank you for joining thousands of other schools nationwide for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Pennies for Patients. This year was a wonderful and positive experience. Here is a breakdown of the money you donated to this worthy cause:

- Dollars—329
- Half Dollars—5
- Quarters—1329
- Dimes—3314
- Nickels—2467
- Pennies—146,516
- Hoodie Hoo—173



Grand Total—\$2586.66

Congratulations!!!!!! This is awesome!!!!!!

Here are the winners!!!!!! Elementary School 1st Place
\$1601.50 WOW!!!!!!

Mrs. Laura Gnall's class came in first at \$181.47. You are the best!!!!

Mrs. Carol Schott's class collected \$156.99. You are great!!!!

Mrs. April Gnall's class collected \$138.60. Super effort!!!

Mrs. Amy Dobeck's class collected \$134.43. Way to go!!!!

MIDDLE SCHOOL TOOK SECOND PLACE
\$679.19 Good for you!!!

Leanne Kayes' class donated \$100.33. You are the best!!!!

Mrs. Gloria Dudash's class donated \$86.09. You are terrific!!!!

Mrs. Kaye Hornberger's class donated \$64.69. Good effort!!!!



HIGH SCHOOL
\$132.97 Better effort next year!!!!

Yearbooks



For Sale

Orders for the 2009 yearbook can

be given to

Ms. Scic in the art room.

Price of the book is \$60.

Payment must be made in full.

Books from the following years are

also available

2008 - \$25.00

2006 - \$15.00

2004 - \$10.00

2003 - \$10.00

2002 - \$10.00


1993 - \$10.00


1992 - \$10.00


1989 - \$10.





CLUB NEWS


 **REASCOPE**- Advisor: Ms. Dorothy Scicchitano. Orders for the 2009 yearbook can be given to Ms. Scicchitano in the art room. Price of the book is \$60. Payment must be made in full. In addition, yearbooks from the following years are available at a reduced price: 1989, 1992, 1993, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006 and 2008. The staff is selling spring flowers. Tulips, hyacinths and lillies can be ordered until March 25. Delivery will be April 2. Contact dscicchitano@mabears.net or 773-3443 ext 4074 for more info.

 **ART CLUB** - Advisor: Ms. Dorothy Scicchitano. The art club meets every Monday in the art room. Members are currently working on designs for murals to be painted near the high school gym.


 **BEAR FACTS** – Advisor: Ms. Dorothy Scicchitano. The current issue of the high school newspaper is on sale at Jones News Agency, Mahanoy City. Any student or staff member with info for the next issue should see Ms. Scic. Contact dscicchitano@mabears.net or 773-3443 ext 4074.


 **BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS**- Advisor: Mrs. Nancy Brylewski. Any student in grades 10-12 interested in becoming a big brother or sister, see Ms. Brylewski for an application. Any student in grades K-6 interested in becoming a little brother or sister, see Ms. Brylewski. This is an ongoing program throughout the school year. Contact nbrylewski@mabears.net or 773-3443 ext 4021 for more info.

 **ENVIROTHON TEAM** - Advisor: Mrs. Cathy Stone. This year's Schuylkill County Envirothon is scheduled for Earth Day, April 22nd. The high school, middle school, and elementary will be sending two teams to the competition. We hope to be as successful as last year when we placed third and fourth at the competition.


 **INTERACT** - Advisor: Mrs. Jessica Kowalchick. Mrs. Cheryl Fegley will be taking on the role of Interact advisor while Mrs. Kowal-


chick is on maternity leave.

 **SADD** - Advisor: Mrs. Cathy Stone. SADD is planning the Lock-in for 2009. The scheduled date is April 24th. More details will follow.

 **SEWING and FASHION CLUB** - Advised by Mrs. Bethany Pepe. The Sewing and Fashion club began selling fruit flavored and sour lolli pops on March 3, 2009. Cost is \$0.75 each. The Sewing and Fashion club is also sharing the responsibility of "My Fairy Godmother's Closet." This project involves collection, organization and distribution of donated, gently worn or new clothing for Mahanoy Area students in need. The Sewing and Fashion Club is having a St. Patrick's Day Bake Sale on Tuesday 3/17. Proceeds will benefit the club in their endeavour to create gifts for Relay for Life Cancer Survivors. Members are selling Class of 2009 lanyards. The cost is \$2.00. Please see Mrs. Pepe if you are interested.

 **STUDENT COUNCIL** - Advisor: Mrs. Nancy Brylewski. Bowl For Kids Sake lanes are limited. Return applications to Mrs. Brylewski ASAP for sponsor envelopes. Sponsor envelopes are due by March 24.

 **TEENS AGAINST TOBACCO** - Advisor: Mrs. Cathy Stone. TAT is working with Mahanoy City Borough and Mahanoy Township to Pass the Youth Tobacco Ordinance. The students will attend the MC Borough Council meeting on March 10th to find out if council is in support of the ordinance. This ordinance was first passed in Minersville and has since passed in Tamaqua, Pottsville, and Schuylkill Haven. The ordinance states that anyone under the age of 18 found smoking or using tobacco products in the borough or township could be subject to a fine of \$50.00.

 **THEATRE ARTS** - Advisor: Mrs. Susan Scheeler. The production "Lil Abner" is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, April 3-4, 2009. Tickets are on sale. Admission is \$5.00 in advance and \$7.00 at the door.

News from our Nurse

Mrs. Carol Blue

There will be a Blood Drive on April 6, 2009. Anyone 16 years of age and weight of 110 pounds can donate blood. Please sign up in Nurse Blue's Office.



Mr. Artie DiCasimirro



The senior class will be creating a "Class of 2009" cookbook. All seniors are asked to complete the recipe and information sheet handed out last week. If you need another, please see Mrs. Evancho. Please hand it in ASAP. All seniors will be asked to sell one cookbook at a price of \$10.00.

Are you or a friend...

- ... Having problems keeping your grades up?
- ...No longer feel like hanging out with friends or family?
- ...Not enjoying your favorite activities like you used to?
 - ...Being bullied or harrassed?
- ...Feeling like you just can't seem to get it together?
- ...Experimenting with or using alcohol or other drugs?
 - ...Adjusting to a new school?
- ...Close to someone or have a family member serving in the military?
- ...Having thought of hurting yourself or someone else?
 - ...Feeling emotionally overwhelmed?
 - ...Always worrying?
 - ...Thinking about suicide?
- ...Dealing with the breakup of a relationship?
 - ...Being hurt physically or emotionally by someone?
- ...Dealing with major changes in your family like your parents' divorce?
 - ...Dealing with the illness or death of someone close to you?

The Student Assistance Team is a group of school and community staff that is here to help you deal with problems that are stopping you from doing well in school or stressing you out. The staff will respect you and your parent's/guardian's privacy at all times. Members include Mrs. Blue, Mrs. Stone, Ms. Pollack, Ms. Scic, Mr. Vavra, Mrs. Bet, Mr. DiCasimirro, Mrs. Caufield, Mrs. Henninger, Mr. Wetzel and Ms. Brzostowski.

Any senior who is planning on pursuing a career in education the business field should check the Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials Scholarship posted on the east hallway bulletin board.

SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP
The Schuylkill County Municipal Authority is offering a \$500.00 scholarship to a Mahanoy Area senior that has demonstrated conservation practices in his/her community. Senior students must write an essay describing their water conservation practices and their involvement in community conservation practices. The deadline to submit the essay is May 1st. See any science teacher for more information or to turn in your essay.

Reminder to seniors and others who need letters of recommendation. Ask the person whom you would like to recommend you at least 2 weeks prior to the time that you need the letter of recommendation sent. Always include with your request, unless specified otherwise, a pre-addressed, stamped, business size envelope for your recommender to send directly to the person or school who should receive your letter of recommendation.

music downloads

week ending March 21, 2009

Top Tracks () Last week's ranking in top five

#1 Album



All I Ever Wanted
Kelly Clarkson

United States	
Right Round ~ Flo Rida	(1) 1
Poker Face ~ Lady GaGa	(3) 2
Kiss Me Thru the Phone ~ Soulja Boy Tell 'Em	(4) 3
The Climb ~ Miley Cyrus	(2) 4
My Life Would Suck... ~ Kelly Clarkson	5



Islands In the Stream
EP

United Kingdom	
Right Round ~ Flo Rida	(1) 1
Poker Face ~ Lady GaGa	(2) 2
Just Can't Get Enough ~ The Saturdays	(3) 3
Love Story ~ Taylor Swift	(4) 4
Dead and Gone ~ T.I.	5



No Line On the Horizon
U2

Spain	
Colgando en Tus Manos ~ Carlos Baute	(1) 1
This is the Life ~ Amy McDonald	(2) 1
Viva la Vida ~ Coldplay	1
Broken Strings ~ James Morrison	(4) 1
Infinity 2008 ~ Guru Josh Project	(3) 1

Source: iTunes

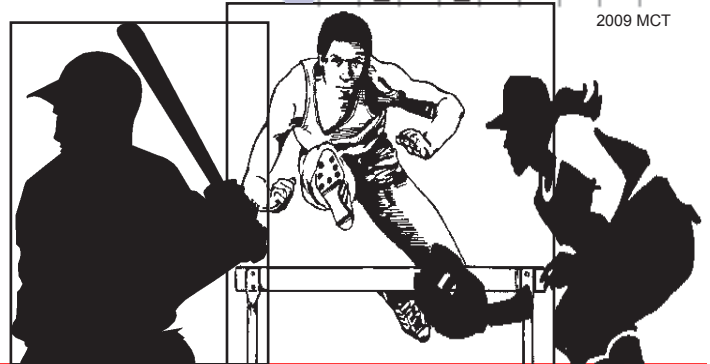
2009 MCT

Movie picks

- ★ Outstanding
- Worthy effort
- ▼ So-so
- A bomb

New Review

Movie	Rating	Local Critic	Chicago Tribune	Dallas Tribune	Minneapolis Star Tribune	Miami Herald	Newsday	Philadelphia Inquirer	Sacramento Bee	Seattle Times
Shopaholic	PG	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼
Coraline	PG	★	★	■	■	■	★	■	★	■
The International	R	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼
Just Not That Into You	PG 13	▼	■	★	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼
Last House on the Left	R	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼
New in Town	PG 13	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼
Race to Witch Mountain	PG	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼
Watchmen	R	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼



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Sports & More

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>22</p>	<p>23 3:00 middle school cheerleading tryouts</p> <p>early dismissals 12:00 h.s. & middle 12:30 elem.</p>	<p>24 3:00 middle school cheerleading tryouts</p> <p>4:00 *Scrimmage* boys/girls varsity track and field vs. Panther Valley</p> <p>early dismissals 12:00 h.s. & middle 12:30 elem.</p>	<p>25 3:00 middle school cheerleading tryouts</p>	<p>26 3:00 middle school cheerleading tryouts</p> <p>4:30 varsity softball @ Pine Grove</p> <p>School Board Mtg 6:00</p>	<p>27 3:00 middle school cheerleading tryouts</p> <p>4:00 varsity baseball vs. N. Schuylkill</p>	<p>28 3:00 middle school cheerleading tryouts</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30 4:00 boys/girls varsity track and field vs. Shenandoah</p> <p>4:30 varsity baseball vs. Shenandoah</p> <p>4:30 varsity softball vs. Shenandoah</p>	<p>31 4:30 Junior Varsity Baseball @ Nativity BVM High School</p>	<p>1 4:00 boys/girls varsity track and field vs. Pine Grove</p>	<p>2 4:00 boys/girls middle school track and field vs. Blue Mt. @ Shenandoah</p> <p>National Kick Butts Day (dress down for Andrew Neidlinger Scholarship)</p>	<p>3 4:30 softball vs. Williams Valley</p> <p>4:30 baseball vs. Williams Valley</p> <p>High School Play 7:00</p>	<p>4</p> <p>High School Play 7:00</p>