

Merry

By: Brooke
Fifth

Christmas



SPCA PROJECT



The elementary school is participating in the district-wide item collection for the SPCA. This project is being conducted under the guidance of Mrs. Dot Scicchitano in memory of Mr. Jeff Donnelly. Students who participate will be getting a candy cane to take home. Donations will be accepted until December 23rd.

Remembering Those Serving Our Country

Ms. Connie Jarrard's fourth grade reading classes are writing holiday cards and decorating the envelopes to send to soldiers. Students were asked to bring in names of family or friends that are serving in the military. If you know of anyone from the Mahanoy City area serving in the military, you may submit their address to the district by e-mailing dscicchitano@mabears.net. Many teachers incorporate the type of assignment that Ms. Jarrard is currently working on for the holidays at other times of the year as well

Congratulations to Mahanoy Fifth Grade

The fifth grade was voted "BEST OVER-ALL" in the town window display decorating contest this year. Their window display is in the Sewer Authority window across from the Elks Lodge in Mahanoy City. Great job to all involved



Spelling Bee Team!

Eighth grade student Ally Sipplers Courtney Blackwell, Matthew Reed, and John Henry Schroeder will participate in the Schuylkill County Spelling Bee on March 3. Good luck to all!

SHINE NEWS

The SHINE After-School Program students under the guidance of Mrs. Audra Kufro and Mrs. Megan Tomko participated in the Lights-On performance on October 20, 2011. They performed the song "Tony Chestnut" in front of parents, teachers, senators, representatives, LCCC administration, and judges from all over Schuylkill and Carbon counties, and were featured twice in the Times News. These students will be making Christmas ornaments that will be sold at the Elementary Christmas Musical as well as selling chances on a Longaberger basket, purse, and two gift cards. The money collected will be donated to the Elks Christmas party. Rush Printing Company donated both the tickets and some tablets.

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 December. Listen for the announcement.



Mahanoy Area Bidy Basketball

By: Nathan Macleary



Bidy Basketball is having a great year. We are getting along, playing hard, and helping each other out. Run by Bob McGee, this is a great sport for girls and boys in grades 2-6. It is good exercise too. It could be the right sport for you!!

The teams for the senior league boys are as follows: Mahanoy Creamery, which is head coached by Brian Miller. Their record is 0-3 so far. A&C Catering is coached

by Kyle McGee and their record is 2-0 so far. American Home heating is coached by Danielle Streisel and their record is 2-1 so far. The girls' teams are Citizens' Fire Company, American Cable, and Demmergraphics. My team is A&C Catering. They are doing very well. Our best game was against Creamery. It was a fun game. Even though they lost, we still wish the best of luck to them. We also wish American Home Heating, the girls teams, and the

junior league luck as well.

This program is very good to get you ready for 7th & 8th grade basketball. The coaches and players of the league will give you very good advice. This will also condition you and get you faster. You should think about joining. I'm telling you, "It will do you good!" So if you decide to join, practice. If you don't, just keep on rooting for the Bears!!!!

2012 Elementary Yearbooks on Sale

\$15.00

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

CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH

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

angles
 christmas
 christmas tree
 cookies
 december
 family
 gifts

lights
 ornaments
 santa
 snow
 star
 stockings
 toys

Christmas Music Quiz - Name That Song!

www.ChristmasTrivia.net

1. "Round yon virgin mother and child":
 - a. Jingle Bells
 - b. Silent Night
 - c. I'll Be Home For Christmas
 - d. We Three Kings
2. "Bearing gifts we traverse afar":
 - a. Jingle Bells
 - b. Silent Night
 - c. I'll Be Home For Christmas
 - d. We Three Kings
3. "And Heaven and nature sing":
 - a. Away in a Manger
 - b. Joy to the World
 - c. While Shepherds Watched
 - d. White Christmas
4. "Tis the season to be jolly":
 - a. Deck the Halls
 - b. While Shepherds Watched
 - c. Jingle Bells
 - d. God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
5. "God and sinners reconciled":
 - a. O Come O Come Emmanuel
 - b. O come All Ye Faithful
 - c. Hark the Herald Angels
 - d. The First Noel
6. "Disperse the gloomy clouds of night":
 - a. O Come All Ye Faithful
 - b. O Come O Come Emmanuel
 - c. Hark the Herald Angels
 - d. The First Noel
7. "Joyful and triumphant":
 - a. O Come All Ye Faithful
 - b. Joy to the World
 - c. Deck the Halls
 - d. Ave Maria
8. "Looked down where he lay":
 - a. The First Noel

NOTE:

American Diabetes Association pledges and donations should be forwarded to the office.

Ski Club is selling Pascoli's pizza coupons. Cost is \$10 for a large cheese pizza. Anyone interested in purchasing a coupon can see any Ski Club member or sign up in the office.

50% off library fines

*does not apply to
charges from a lost or
damaged book

expires 1/1/2012

- b. Little Town of Bethlehem
- c. Joy to the World
- d. Away in a Manger
9. "O tidings of comfort and joy":
 - a. God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
 - b. The First Noel
 - c. Ding Dong Merrily on High
 - d. Away in a Manger
10. "On a cold winter's night that was so deep":
 - a. Away in a Manger
 - b. The First Noel
 - c. Ave Maria

Welcome
New Students



Nathaniel Ziegenfuss
6th grade/as of 12/12/11
Brian Thomas
7th grade/as of 12/2/11

Merry
Christmas



Paw Print

Morgan
Dewitt

Christmas songs

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

FROSTYTHESNOWMAN
 OCHRISTMASTREE
 SILENTNIGHT
 WHITECHRISTMAS

JINGLEBELLS
 OHOLYNIGHT
 SLEIGHRIDE

LITLEDRUMMERBOY
 RUDOLPH
 THECHIPMUNKSONG

Answers To Christmas Trivia

Question 1: The correct answer is the Silent Night.
 Question 2: The correct answer is We Three Kings.
 Question 3: The correct answer is Joy to the World.
 Question 4: The correct answer is Deck the Halls.
 Question 5: The correct answer is Hark the Herald Angels.
 Question 6: The correct answer is O Come O Come

Emmanuel.

Question 7: The correct answer is O Come All Ye Faithful.

Question 8: The correct answer is Away in a Manger.
 Question 9: The correct answer is God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen.

Question 10: The correct answer is The First Noel.

Christmas Holiday Trivia

The word Christmas is Old English, a contraction of Christ's Mass.

The first president to decorate the white house Christmas tree in the United States was Franklin Pierce.

Germany made the first artificial Christmas trees. They were made of goose feathers and dyed green.

Electric lights for trees were first used in 1895.

The first Christmas cards were vintage and invented in 1843, the Victorian Era. (You can read more about the history of Christmas Cards here.)

"It's a Wonderful Life" appears on TV more often than any other holiday movie.

"Rudolph" was actually created by Montgomery Ward in the late 1930's for a holiday promotion. The rest is history.

"The Nutcracker" is the most famous Christmas ballet.

"Jingle Bells" was first written for Thanksgiving and then became one of the most popular Christmas songs.

If you received all of the gifts in the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas," you would receive 364 gifts.

The poinsettia plant was brought into the United States from Mexico by Joel Poinsett in the early 1800's.

Holly berries are poisonous.

Contrary to common belief, poinsettia plants are non-toxic.

Mistletoe was chosen as Oklahoma's state flower in 1893 and later changed to the state floral emblem.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOKS are still ON SALE

COST is \$25.00.

Students may pay for the yearbook in installments. Payment in full is due no later than March 16, 2012.

Students can see Mrs. Cavenas or Miss Scheeler for an order form.

Kinder-caroling????

Kindergarten students went kinder-caroling on December 13th at the Schuylkill Regional Resource Center in Mahanoy City. Students sang several Christmas songs and recited Christmas poems to the elderly. They also made ornaments and decorations to give as gifts.

NJHS Volunteers Time

Members of the Middle School National Junior Honor Society spent an evening volunteering at the Mahanoy Area Senior Resource Center during this year's tree lighting ceremony on November 26th. Members helped children visiting the "Santa's Workshop". They volunteered to wrap gifts and help children shop. This is one of several community service projects the NJHS participates in throughout the year.

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