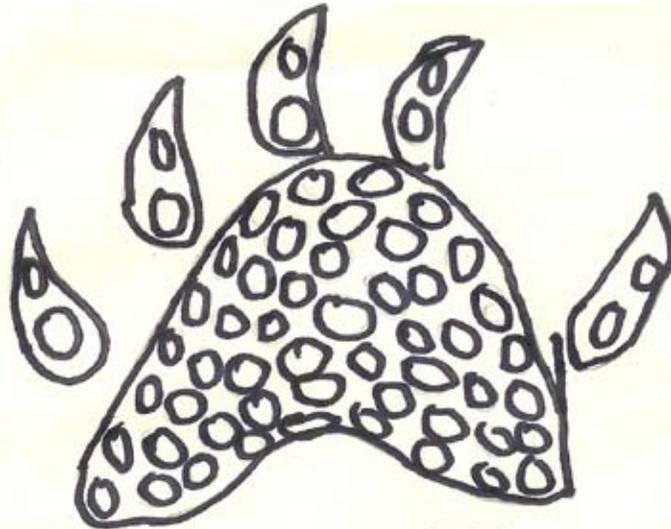


By: Jacob Ulicny





March 8, 2012



Aboard the plane are Mahanoy Area School District Superintendent Joie Green, Pilot David Truskowsky and Mr. John Berta. Mr. Berta took the aerial photos and physical education teacher, Darren Kline, provided the shot of the plane from on the ground.

Read Across America A Success

Mrs. Zakrewsky, Mrs. Zawada and I would like to thank the HS readers who volunteered for Read Across America this past March 2nd. Without them the day would not have captured the spirit of reading aloud! They are Crystal Russell, Michael Handy, Brittany Lindenmuth, Michelle Hair, Monica Cameron, Jess Rago, Courtney May, Kaitlee DeWitt, Sierra Treichler, Jacob Shaup, Andrea White, Jenna Sponseller

Special thanks to Charlene Yost for filling in at the last minute!

Thanks goes to Mrs. Green for volunteering and enjoying her time visiting the elementary classroom. A big thank you for Ms. Scicc for judging the Lorax drawing contest.

Read Across America is a great example of teamwork between schools and among students.

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 the first week of April. Listen for the announcement.

Students Attend Computer Fair

Students attending the fair could choose from the following categories: Digital Movie, Web Page Design, Programming, Computer Fair Logo, Graphic Design or Animation. Laura Bisco, Kimmy Laughlin and Jenny Neifert competed in the Computer Fair Logo category. Noah Noon placed third in the Animation category, Ford Bradbury, Jacob Jones and Hunter Freil placed second in the animation category and Trey Macieunas and Lenny Dulsky participated in the Computer Fair Logo Category

March 18th-23
National Inhalants
Awareness Week

1st Graders Contribute

"First grade students did a service project along with their Valentine's Day party. Instead of bringing in treats, students were asked to bring in a donation for the American Cancer Society. First Grade students raised \$81.00! A donation of \$81.00 was made to the Mahanoy Relay for Life in the name of Mahanoy Area First Graders. Our students are learning that giving to others is the right thing to do."

2012 Elementary
Yearbooks
on Sale

\$15.00

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

MRS. SUSAN C. SCHEELER ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL REPORT

The Social Studies Department, under the guidance of Mrs. Jeanette Amershek, celebrated Hoodie Hoo Day out by the middle school flagpole on Friday, February 17th. Students could donate \$1.00 to wear a crazy hat. All proceeds were donated to Pennies for Patients.

The Mathematics Department, under the guidance of Mrs. Megan Tomko, announced that the celebration of the 100th day of school was a big success. Students enjoyed the planned activities.

The Language Arts Department (K-4) celebrated Read Across America Day on March 2nd. The students in the elementary took the Reader's Oath during the morning announcements. Each grade level team planned various activities along the theme of Dr Seuss. The Lit Society, under the direction of Librarian Michelle Wells, visited elementary classrooms to read various Dr. Seuss books A related activity was completed as well. Mrs. Scheeler along with Mrs. Honus and Mrs. Yarnitsky dressed as Cat in the Hat and Thing 1 and Thing 2. They had Dr. Seuss trivia questions for each grade level and prizes were awarded for the correct trivia answers. Each student was awarded a certificate of participation for Read Across America Day.

The Science Department, under the guidance of Mrs. Audra Kufro, announced that the third and fourth grades received mini grants for \$50 each from the National Energy Foundation in conjunction with PPL Electric Utilities. The grant money was issued for their participation in the THINK! ENERGY with E-power Bright Kids Energy Education Program. The Foundation provided presentations, educational resources and Take Action kits to enhance learning in the classrooms. The funds will be used by each participating teacher to support classroom instruction.

Mrs. Kelly Gregg has announced the total money raised by the students in physical education. Jump Rope for Heart (K-3) raised \$2,950 and Hoops for Heart (4-6) raised \$2,804. Both of these benefit the American Heart Association. Special thanks to Mrs. Gregg for coordinating these efforts!

Special thanks to Miss Rebecca Schlegel for the fun kazoo concert her students performed for the elementary school on February 9th. Each grade level sang and "kazooed" a fun song and students received their own personal kazoo in honor of the celebration of National Kazoo Day.

Special thanks to Mrs. Christine Evancho who completed the Elk's Drug Awareness Poster Contest entitled "Drug Free That's Me" during the fourth grade Health classes. The Elks Club announced the following winners for the Elementary: * Justina McKenzie, Shay Long, and Autumn Huseby.

GRADE LEVEL NEWS

The Kindergarten team organized a President's Parade.

Each team member came up with a "president-themed" activity and all four classes rotated to each teacher to complete the activity such as making a booklet, a George Washington craft, a voting activity, and an Abe Lincoln craft. Kindergarten completed their unit on polar bears and penguins (Arctic and Antarctic), their life cycle, ways they adapt and survive. They then began a unit on "X is for x-rays." This unit was named for our letter of the week: Xx. They learned about the skeleton with activities and read alouds. Completing this unit was special guest, Dr. Michael Trainer, who is a chiropractor. He read a children's book on x-rays, then showed the class real x-rays he uses to help his patients, parts of the body they represent, and how the students can keep their "skeletons" healthy.

The first grade learned songs about magnets and gravity which coordinated with what they learned about motion. Mrs. Dobeck has recorded them singing their science songs and made a podcast to play on the elementary announcements! First grade also collected money for their Valentines Party from the students. Instead of bringing in treats students were asked to bring in a donation for the Mahanoy Area Relay For Life. Students collected \$81.00 as an online donation from the first grade,

Second grade participated in a Valentine's Day service project called "Puppy Luv and Kitties too". Each student was asked to donate an item from the Hillside SPCA wish list. The items were then delivered to the Hillside SPCA by Mrs. Robyn Sincavage.

Third grade completed a cross-curricular unit using the story Balto, the Dog Who Saved Nome as the focal point. The skills that were encompassed were vocabulary, comprehension, fact and opinion, compare and contrast. Students reinforced their math skills of measurement concentrating on miles and temperature. In Social Studies, map skills were practiced and several facts about Alaska were learned along with the importance of the telegraph as a communication tool. Students were introduced to genetic traits since Balto was a mixed breed. Students were able to see how far medical technology has come since 1925 when diphtheria was a disease that could wipe out a population. The culminating activity was viewing the movie, Balto, the Dog Who Saved Nome. It was an exciting and enriching experience for both students and teachers.

The fourth grade team, under the direction of Mrs. Megan Tomko, announced that the fourth grade celebrated Valentine's Day on Friday, February 17th. Benchmarks were administered during the week of February 21st.

Call of Duty Modern Warfare 3

By: Nathan MacCleary

For all of you boys out there who are in need of video games, then you should take a look at this article. In



this article, I will be talking about Call of Duty Modern Warfare 3. Compared to Modern Warfare 2, this is a lot of fun to play! It is

great for X-Box and PS3. It is also great for X-Box Live and PS3 Network. You get to play with people from all over the country in this game, not just your friends! So, start playing!!!

Published by Activision, this game gets you so addicted to video games. A feature I am willing to talk about is the campaign. It is single player and wastes no time getting into the action. The campaign is based on the Russians attacking New York City in the future world. Our Delta force is trying to take New York City back from the Russians. The players are teamed up with Task Force 141 members Captain John Price and John "Soap" MacTavish. They still have lots of work to do to get the Russians off U.S. grounds. This would not be done without the great guns like the MP5, Desert Eagle, and the M4A1. How they fight is how good they are and how good the guns are.

So, what do you say? Do you like what you're reading? If you do, you should really buy this game if you don't have it. Remember girls, you could play this too! You will really like it. It's a good game. So, don't wait!!!!



Russians attacking New York City

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3. Leshko/Anthony - 159.50

High School

1. Fegley - 39.22

2. Scheeler - 28.18

3. Cray - 20.69

Thanks to all who helped with this worthy cause, especially...

-Janet Hower who took all donations to Coin Star

-Mrs. Seiger and Mrs. Linkchorst for keeping track of money in the Elementary

- Mrs. Pecika and Mrs. Mrozcka for taking care of the money that came through the Middle School office

- Jennie Neifert, Laura Bisco, Emily Bruce, Luke Holman, Lenny Dulsky, and Nolan Fegley for collecting in the Middle School

-Mrs. Merch, Tyler Cavenas and Greg Merchlinsky for collecting in the high school

WAY TO GO...just another way our schools work together for a great cause!!!!

-Melissa Cavenas

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August 20 and 21, 2012 Monday and Tuesday,
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August 22 and 23, 2012 Wednesday and Thursday,
Inservice Days – Teachers Only

August 27, 2012 Monday, First Day of School

September 3, 2012 Monday, Labor Day – Schools Closed

September 4, 2012 Tuesday, Schools Reopen

October 8, 2012 Monday, Inservice Day – Teachers Only –

October 9, 2012 Tuesday, Schools Reopen

November 22, 23 and 26, 2012 Thursday, Friday, Monday
– Schools Closed – Thanksgiving Recess

November 27, 2012 Tuesday, Schools Reopen

December 24, 2012 through January 1, 2013
Christmas Holidays – Schools Closed

January 2, 2013 Wednesday, Schools Reopen

January 15, 2013 90th Day of School

January 21, 2013 Monday, Inservice Day – Teachers Only

January 22, 2013 Tuesday, Schools Reopen

February 18, 2013 Monday, Presidents Day – Schools Closed

February 19, 2013 Tuesday, Schools Reopen

March 29, 2013 Good Friday – Schools Closed

March 28, 2013, April 2 and 3, 2013 Easter Recess/Snow Make-Up Days

April 4, 2013 Thursday, Schools Reopen

May 27, 2013 Monday, Memorial Day – Schools Closed

May 28, 2013 Tuesday, Schools Reopen

May 31, 2013 Friday, Last Day of School for Students

June 3, 2013 Monday, Inservice Day – Teachers Only –

June 4, 2013 Tuesday, Inservice Day – New/First Year Teachers Only

Student Interviews

By: Jazzmine Fernandez and
Paige Hanerfeld

Jacob Hartranft

Favorite color: Blue
Favorite food: Chicken
Favorite TV network:
NFL(FOOTBALL)
Favorite movie: Titanic
Likes School
Likes Learning because he
wants a good education.

Hunter Fisher

Favorite color: light brown
Favorite Food: chicken parmesan
Favorite TV network:
NHL(national hockey)
Favorite movie: Never Back
Down
Likes school
Likes learning, because he
wants a good job instead of
doing nothing.

Getting to Know

Mr. Wenrich

Mr. Wenrich has been a band teacher at Mahanoy Area for five years. He taught elementary for three years and high school for two years. His favorite instrument is a bassoon. His least favorite is a flute. There are five flutes, nine clarinets, four saxophones, four trumpets, two trombones, two baritones, and eleven drums in the middle school band.

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Interview with Miss Hoppes

By: Alexis Jones

1. Do you like Mahanoy area?
- Yes, I love Mahanoy area. I've never been here before but all the children seem good! I love student teaching here. The building was a bit confusing in the beginning but I can get around now. I might get lost once in a while but Mrs. Cavenas said just keep walking and you'll eventually see something that looks familiar and you'll know where you are!

2. Do you want to be a teacher for your career?
- Yes, I want to be a teacher for my career. I have always wanted to be a teacher ever since I was little. I always loved working with the other children in my class. Now that I'm old enough to be a teacher and I'm almost done with my schooling, I absolutely love being around children of all ages!

3. Why do you want to be a teacher?
- I want to be a teacher because I love working with children. It's such a reward to be able to teach children something. I was so afraid of giving my first test but all the children did excellent so I feel I accomplished something. I love being able to guide children towards the correct answer and they have those A HA! moments.

4. Is it hard work being a teacher?
- I'm sure. I haven't gotten into all the work that's associated with being a teacher. I'm just getting my feet wet being a student teacher. At this point, no there isn't too much work. When there are tests to be graded it's a little stressful because they are a lot to grade but the work gets done and the children get their grades back eventually. I try to get them graded as soon as possible and I've been doing a good job at that so far. I see Mrs. Cavenas running all over the place doing this and that and I don't have to do half of what she does. So, I'm sure there is a lot more that teachers do that I don't have to do while I'm student teaching but I still can't wait to be a teacher one day and have a classroom of my own!!

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.

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