



8th Grade!

*Best of luck in
High School!*

Get the facts on how America's birthday is celebrated

Variously known as the Fourth of July and Independence Day, July 4th has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution (1775-83). In June 1776, representatives of the 13 colonies then fighting in the revolutionary struggle weighed a resolution that would declare their independence



from Great Britain. On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later its delegates adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 until the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with typical festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.

CHORUS PERFORMS IN MAY

The Middle School Choir performed its Spring concert on May 15th. The concert was opened by the 5th and 6th grade chorus who sang songs such as "Call Me Maybe" and "Fifty Nifty United States". During that concert Maddison Denchy, Haley Jones and Haydn Wall were featured in solos and duets. The 7th and 8th grade then performed "Ho Hey, Blue Skies" and "I Knew You Were Trouble". During that concert, Kathryn McCarthy sang a solo and Kayla Schmerfeld sang a solo and played piano. This concert also featured the students selected for the Elementary Song Fest, Noah Karnish, Anthony Merchinsky, Haydn Wall, Cole Streisel, Haley Jones, Maddison Denchy, Caitlyn Stone and Makenzie Siliekus, singing "Just a Single Voice" and the newly formed 7th and 8th grade select chorus singing "Angels Among Us". The big closer was "Roar" sung by the entire middle school chorus (over 100 students) with choreography.



September: Megan Bisco & Brendan Bennett
 October: Megan Babinsky & Justin Letcavage
 November: Payton Bernardyn & Nathan Macleary
 December: Elizabeth Matz & Nick Foley Cavenas
 January: Hannah Bruce & Hunter Gnall
 February: Jessica Waldron & Michael Hayes
 March: Sydney Gnall & Matthew Lewandowski
 April: Kathryn McCarthy & Seth Soriano
 May: Tiara Chescattie & Jordan McGee



DEPARTMENT DOINGS

Fourth grade has almost completed the Science and Energy Club. Mr. Gary MacCready, Energy Industry Partnership Program Manager and Director of Youth Programs from the ReDCo Group has been coming into Mrs. Blozouksy's classroom during the enrichment period on Days 1 and 2 to provide the instruction. The twenty students participating were chosen based on having the highest average for the first two marking periods in science. Along with learning about science, technology, and energy occupations the students built their very own solar car. We were able to take them outside and they all worked!!

KEEP A CLEAR MIND PROGRAM

The 4th grade students participated in the Keep a Clear Mind (KACM) program. KACM is a take home drug and alcohol awareness and education program. The program provides a simple and effective way for parents to talk with their child about important issues related to the use and abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana, as well as the importance of making good decisions. The students received a small incentive for returning the signed page of their workbook each week and any student who completed all four workbooks received a certificate of recognition.

GOLDEN BEAR MAGNETS

The elementary school will be selling Mahanoy Area magnets as a spring fundraiser. All proceeds from this sale will directly benefit the elementary children through the Elementary Student Activity Fund. This fund pays for elementary awards, holiday celebrations, BEAR programs, and assemblies.

The magnets are black, white, and lemon yellow, five-year fade resistant, MADE IN THE USA, and measure 5.6" by 5.4". Cost is only \$5.00 each! We would hope that every family could buy or sell two to help us continue to provide the children with fun and educational activities. Contact Mrs. Gloria Dudash or Mrs. Melissa Honus for more information.

SPELLATHON

The Elementary School once again participated in the Geisinger Spellathon raising a total of \$2,615.90. Proceeds will benefit the Children's Miracle Network. Top fundraiser was first grader, Danny Reeves, with \$110.00.

FAMILY READING NIGHT

Congratulations to Mrs. Lisa Broomell on a very successful Family Reading Night on April 24, 2014. The theme was "Here's the Scoop on Reading. Guest reader was our own Mrs. Letitia Malarkey. Students participated in many activities including crafts, puzzles, and games that awarded many nice prizes. Special thanks are also extended to Mrs. Broomell's staff: Mrs. Robyn Sincavage, Mrs. Judy Kane, Mrs. Christine Evancho, and Miss Keri Kardisco.

MONEY! MONEY! MONEY!

Mrs. Gloria Dudash just received a check for \$82.05 from the Redner's Warehouse register tapes. Mrs. Boyle also received a Box Tops For Education check in the amount of \$527.30.

Summer Travel Trivia!

Did you know...

- The average cruise ship burns approximately 1 gallon of fuel to move just 6 inches?
- The wingspan of Boeing's 747 is longer than the Wright brothers' first flight?
- Alaska has more coastline than the entire continental United States combined? That's over 47,300 miles of places to get your feet wet!
- By eliminating 1 olive from each salad served in first-class, American Airlines saved \$40,000 in 1987?
- Carnival Cruise Lines puts more than 10 million chocolate mints on their guests' pillows every year?
- Royal Caribbean's 142,000 ton behemoth, "Voyager of the Seas," is the first ship ever to have its own zip code (33132-2028). Hosting up to 3,114 passengers, it's approximately 42,000 tons larger than the U.S. Navy's largest aircraft carrier, and features a 15,000 square foot fitness center, 9-hole golf course, 200-foot rock-climbing wall, two-story library containing over 3,000 books, and a regulation-size ice skating rink!



1. The birthstones for June are the pearl, alexandrite, and moonstone.
2. The birth flower for June is the rose.
3. The zodiac signs for June are Gemini (May 21 - June 20) and Cancer (June 21 - July 22)
4. On June 1, 1792, the state of Kentucky, also known as the Bluegrass state, became the 15th state of the United States.
5. On June 1, 1796, Tennessee, also known as The Volunteer State became the 16th state of the United States.
6. On June 5, 1947, George C. Marshall, the Secretary of State, described the Marshall Plan.

Celebrate

Memorial Day

It was 1866 and the United States was recovering from the long and bloody Civil War between the North and the South. Surviving soldiers came home, some with missing limbs, and all with stories to tell. Henry Welles, a drugstore owner in Waterloo, New York, heard the stories and had an idea. He suggested that all the shops in town close for one day to honor the soldiers who were killed in the Civil War and were buried in the Waterloo cemetery. On the morning of May 5, the townspeople placed flowers, wreaths and crosses on the graves of the Northern soldiers in the cemetery. At about the same time, Retired Major General Jonathan A. Logan planned another ceremony, this time for the soldiers who survived the war. He led the veterans through town to the cemetery to decorate their comrades' graves with flags. It was not a happy celebration, but a memorial. The townspeople called it Decoration Day.

7. On June 14, 1777, the flag of the United States was adopted by the Continental Congress.
8. June 14, 1900 - Hawaii was organized as a territory
9. On June 15, 1215, the Magna Carta was granted by King John.
10. On June 15, 1775, George Washington was appointed the commander in chief of the Continental Army.
11. On June 15, 1836, Arkansas also known as the Natural State, became the 25th state of the United States.
12. Finland's Flag Day is celebrated on the Saturday closest to June 24.
13. On June 6th, Sweden celebrates its national holiday, Flag Day.
14. On June 12, The Philippines' Independence Day is celebrated.
15. On June 18, 1812, the United States declared war on Great Britain.
16. National Candy Month
17. National Dairy Month
18. National Iced Tea Month
19. June 5 - World Environment Day
20. June 20 - Father's Day

MIDDLE SCHOOL MEMORIES

One thing I will always remember about Middle School is...

...the memories I had with friends and the accomplishments I've made to make me a better student and person all around. - Noella Neary
 ...one day in Mr. Maksimik's room fourth period class, Mrs. Burnhauser kept interrupting Mr. Mak. Mr. Mak picked up Mrs. Burnhauser on his shoulders and carried her out of his room. - Aaron Lawrence
 ...field trips, the teachers and all the memories. - Alanna Ryan
 ...all the people that have helped me along the way. - Brandon Haller
 ...all the wonderful teachers. - Brooke Fifth
 ...the drama and the people that treated me wrong and the teachers that were nice to me. - Katie Duchemin
 ...the teachers. - Austin Scheeler
 ...field trips. - Hanna Jessman
 ...the fun times with my friends on the field trips. - Daryn Spalti
 ...Mr. Kane. - John Wiekrykas
 ...hanging out with my friends and family. - Simolena Edgar
 ...When I lost a large roll of twenty dollar bills and a rubber band and Nick found the rubber band. - Jordan Hannon
 ...the talent shows and my lunch with my friends. - Kathryn McCarthy
 ...when Jordan brought KFC in for lunch. - Matt Lewandowski
 ...Jerry the Stinkbug and pile drivers. - Seth Soriano
 ...my first basketball game as an eighth grader and my first middle school play in fifth grade. - Megan Bisco
 ...when Jordan brought in KFC for lunch. - Nick Cavenas
 ...dissecting in Mr. Kane's class. Yuck! - Elizabeth Matz
 ...Mr. Kane's class. - Brendan Bennett
 ...sports. - Mike Hayes



...all of the memories I have made with my friends in the past four years. - Tiara Chescatie
 ...soccer in Mr. Kline's gym class. - Jacob Witiszin.
 ...hanging with my friends all the time and dissecting in science. - Natasha Cunningham
 ...dissecting with Kailee and Natasha in Mr. Kanes. - Bree Kristopaitis
 ...ski club, basketball, the play and track. - Megan Babinsky
 ...playing sports with my teammates. - Jessica Waldron
 ...our field trips and sports. - Hunter Gnull
 ...having fun and making memories with my friends at lunch. - Payton Bernardyn
 ...fun times with my friends. - Sydney Gnull
 ...all of the great memories with my friends. - Kayla Schmerfeld
 ...hanging out with my friends during the day. - Kailee Kaufman
 ...the year of 6th grade. - Jade Walter
 ...my 8th grade year of football and our Farewell Dance. - Nathan Macleary
 ...ski club and playing sports with my friends. - Hannah Bruce
 ...my last year of football. - Justin Letcavage

MIDDLE SCHOOL MEMORIES

One thing I will always remember about Middle School is...

...all of the good times I have had. - Vincent McEntee

...the day Kayla Lopez choked on a pancake at lunch. i will remember moments like that, that I shared with amazing friends. - Brooke McPhearson

...Mr. Kane's class. We always had creepy times in there. - Yadiel Barraza

...the amazing teachers. They made the middle school a lot of fun. They also made it super interesting. - Sophia Granados

...Farewell with all my friends. - Amber Prendergast.

...who stuck by my side and who didn't. - Maddie Minalda

...how quickly middle school went. - Kenneth Martinez

...7th grade history class. - Justin Rivera

...when I got the winning interception in the Moinersville football game. - Matt Price

...going out with my crazy friends. - Sierra Ward

...finding out who was really here for me and that's myself and my family. - Kayla Lopez

...who stuck with me and who didn't. - Maddie Marquardt

...my football team and experience. - Hunter Coleman

...my football experiences. - Danny Wall

...gym and football. - Casin Casserly

...when Mr. Killian smashed cymbals to scare us on Halloween. - Paige Sivak

...all the fun times I've had at lunch and in my classes. - Jamie Albaugh

...the hardships I've taken. Each day was another baby step to becoming an adult. - Maddie Milewski

...all my friends I have made over the years. - Riley Marion

...playing on the basketball team with my friends. - Bryce Butcavage

...the good times we had. - Alex Wanamaker

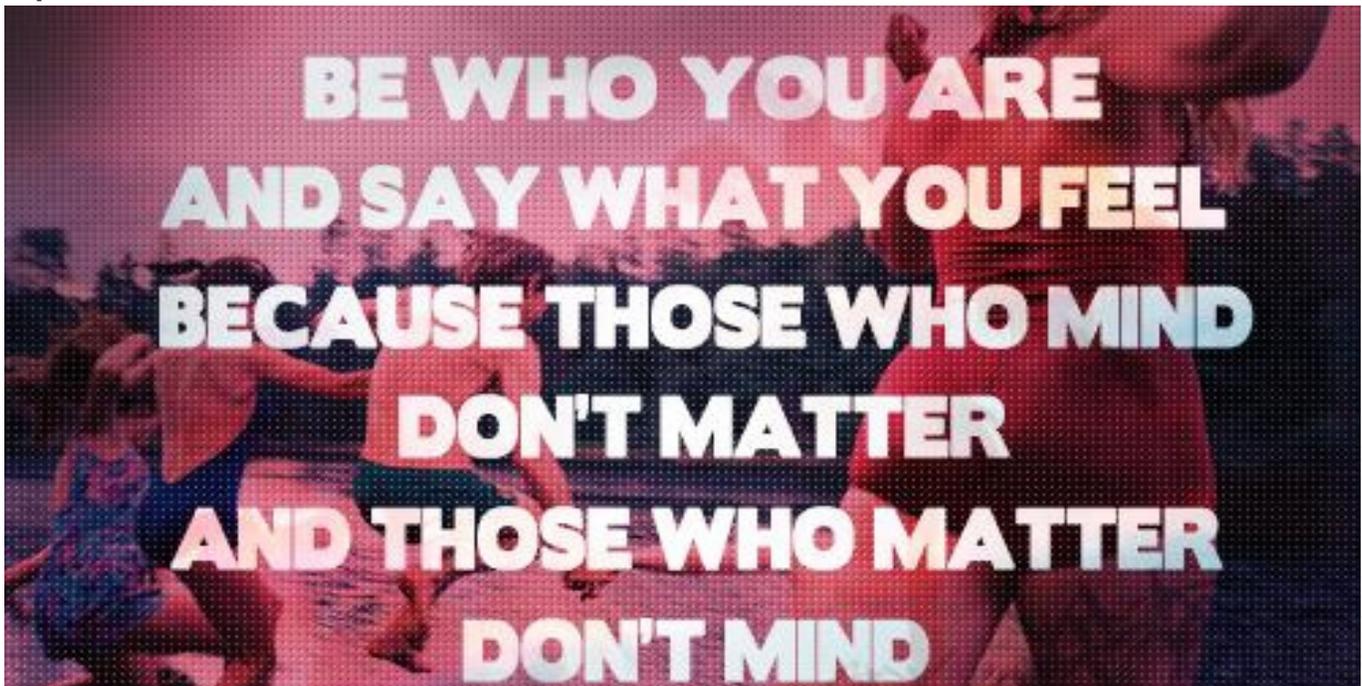
...my best friends. - Bryce Davis

...all the memories I made with my best friend, Paige Sivak. - Courtney McGowan

...all of the ski trips and my friends. - Miranda Stollis

...finding out who my real friends were. - Maddie Kufro

...when Mr. Killian scared us with cymbals at Halloween. - Brandon



FUTURE EXPECTATIONS

One thing I look forward to in high school is...



...participating in clubs and learning many interesting things. - Noella Neary
 ...bigger lockers and muffins in the cafeteria. - Aaron Lawrence
 ...bigger lockers, better lunches, better classes, better teachers. - Alanna Ryan
 ...vo-tech and meeting new people. - Brandon Haller
 ...meeting new teachers. - Brandon Haller
 ...the freedom or as they say, more layed back and getting to make new friends. - Katie Duchemin
 bigger lockers. - Austin Scheeler
 ...making new friends. - Hanna Jessman
 ...bigger lockers and more choices for lunch. - Daryn Spalti
 ...muffins for breakfast. - John Wiekrykass.
 ...great education, great participation and experience. - John Wiekrykas
 ...driving home from St. Clair. - Jordan Han-non
 ...the new classes to choose from and the new memories to be made. - Kathryn McCarthy
 ...sports. - Matt Lewandowski
 ...sports. - Seth Soriano
 ...high school sports and new activities. - Megan Bisco
 ...playing sports. - Nick Cavenas
 ...choosing more classes for myself. - Elizabeth Matz

...the trip to Italy. - Brendan Bennett
 all the activities i will be doing. - Mike Hayes
 ...more challenging classes and the fact that I am moving up in the levels of the school system so fast. - Tiara Chescattie
 ...soccer!!! - Jacob Witiszin
 bigger lockers and more freedom. - Natasha Cunningham
 ...bigger lockers. - Bree Kristopaitis
 ...more freedom and playing high school sports. - Megan Babinsky
 ...sports. - Jessica Waldron
 ...better lunches and new classes. - Hunter Gnall
 ...making more memories with my friends and picking my classes. - Payton Bernardyn
 ...playing sports and making more memories with my friends. - Sydney Gnall
 ...bigger lockers, better lunches, prom, making memories. - Kayla Schmerfeld
 ...bigger lockers. - Kailee Kaufman
 ...the better lunches. - Jade Walter
 ...varsity football, bigger lockers and better. - Nathan Macleary
 ...playing sports with my friends. - Hannah Bruce
 ...having more choices and more unique classes. - Justin Letrcavage
 ...seeing new teachers. - Vincent McEntee
 ...meeting new people and new teachers and just to have a change. - Brooke McPherson
 ...new sports, new clubs will open for me and only four years of high school. - Yaddiel Bar-
 raza
 ...new classes; also actually being in the high school. The teachers seem really cool too!
 Also bigger lockers! - Sophia Granados
 ...meeting new people and prom senior year. - Amber Prendergast
 ...bigger lockers and new friends. - Maddy Minalda

FUTURE EXPECTATIONS

One thing I look forward to in high school is...

...new teachers, lockers, classrooms and school. - Kenneth Martinez

...choosing classes. - Justin Rivera

...bigger lockers. - Matt Price

...choosing classes. - Sierra Ward

...more opportunities and different people. - Kayla Lopez

...being in a new environment and making more friends. - Maddie Marquardt

...high school football and bigger lockers. - Hunter Coleman

...more sports, better opportunities to be the best I can be at anything. - Danny Wall

...high school classes. - Casin Casserly

...making more friends. - Paige Sivak

...picking some of my classes. - Jamie Albaugh

...the new people I will meet as well as the opportunities to benefit my future. - Madison Milewski

...the muffins in the breakfast. - Riley Marion

...joining all the clubs in high school. - Bryce Butcavage

...the iced tea. - Alex Wanamaker

...Spanish. - Bryce Davis

...the new classes I'll have to master. - Courtney McGowan

...moving on with my life and getting ready for college. - Miranda Strollis

...football games and iced tea for lunch. - Maddie Kufro

...having the same teachers my siblings had. - Brandon

...different classes, bigger lockers and meeting new students and teachers. - Dominique Slater

...better lunches, v0-tech and meeting new people. - Taylor Koreisl

...chemistry and vo-tech. - Billy Shaner

...getting to choose some of my own classes, and take what I want. - Devan Fisher

...high school sports and to be a part of the school now; having fun as I get older and hanging out with friends. - Jacob Freil

...more football games. - Jazmyn Hauck

...playing sports and getting good grades. - Kris Boxter

...passing high school. - Justin Kies

Congratulations Class of 2018

The time has come to say goodbye to your middle school years. You are now going to be Freshman! Congratulations on all your middle school accomplishments.

I look forward to seeing you in the halls of the high school next year.

Stay safe and have a great summer!

-Mrs. Green



1. The birthstone for July is the Ruby.
2. The zodiac signs for July are Cancer (June 21 - July 22) and Leo (July 23 - August 22)
3. The birth flower for July is the water lily.
4. The month of July was named after Julius Caesar.
5. On July 1, 1867, the Dominion of Canada was established due to the British North America Act.
6. On July 1, 1898, the San Juan Hill was occupied by the American troops during the Spanish-American War.
7. During World War I on July 1, 1916, the Battle of Somme began.
8. On July 2, 1881, President James Garfield was killed by Charles Guiteau.
9. On July 2, 1890, the Sherman Antitrust Act (an Act to prohibit trusts) was passed by the United States Congress.
10. On July 5, 1971, Amendment 26 was proclaimed which set the voting age at 18 in the United States.
11. On July 6, 1854, the Republican Party held its first state convention at Jackson, Michigan.
12. On July 11, 1804, during a duel between Aaron Burr and Alexander Hamilton, Hamilton was killed.
13. The 38th President of the United States, Gerald R. Ford, was born on July 1, 1913.
14. On July 16, 1790, District of Columbia was established.
15. The first atomic bomb was set off by scientists in Alamogordo, New Mexico on July 16, 1945.
16. National Blueberry Month
17. National Ice Cream Month
18. National Hot Dog Month
19. July 1 - Canada Day
20. July 4 - Independence Day

1. The birthstones for August are the peridot and the sardonyx.
2. The zodiac signs for August are Leo (July 23 - August 22) and Virgo (August 23 - September 22)
3. The birth flowers for August are the gladiolus and the poppy.
4. On August 1, 1876, Colorado, also known as the Centennial State, became the 38th state of the United States.
5. On August 2, 1909, the Lincoln penny was issued.
6. On August 3, 1492, Christopher Columbus set sail on his first voyage across the Atlantic.
7. During the Civil War on August 5, 1864, the Battle of Mobile Bay was won by the Union forces.
8. On August 6, 1926, Gertrude Ederle successfully swam the English Channel.
9. On August 6, 1945, the first atomic bomb was used in warfare on Hiroshima, Japan.
10. On August 7, 1942, the U.S. troops landed on Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands during World War II.
11. On August 9, 1974, Richard M. Nixon resigned from office, making him the first United States president to ever resign from office.
12. On August 12, 1877, the phonograph was invented by Thomas Edison.
13. On August 12, 1898, Hawaii was annexed by the United States.
14. National Family Fun Month
15. National Peach Month
16. National Golf Month
17. National Picnic Month
18. Romance Awareness Month
19. Friendship Day - first Sunday of August
20. August 26 - Women's Equality Day

Top 10 Summer Jobs for Teens

Let's face it -- between school, home, friends, and extracurricular activities, life as a teenager can be chaotic. Many teens view summer as a time for relaxation and vacation, but for some, it's all about the money. Summer jobs for teens should be fun, social, and flexible. Here are some popular part-time jobs that let teens earn extra cash while gaining valuable experience for the future.

Landscaping and lawn care are booming businesses during the summer months. Many people don't have the time or aren't physically capable of caring for their lawn and garden. Landscaping is a challenging job that entails manual labor and long hours. If you don't mind getting dirty and love the outdoors, nature, and designing, this job is right for you'll hone your creativity and benefit from the physical activity, while learning about responsibility, hard work, and time-management. Plus, your hard work will be on view in the community - a free advertisement for your services.

If you are interested in gaining knowledge and experience in leadership, brainstorming, and team work, working as a camp counselor is a perfect choice. As a counselor, you will be a mentor to other young people, modeling good behavior and other positive qualities. You will probably also be exposed to a variety of people from different backgrounds. Camp counseling is a great opportunity for you to gain self-esteem as well as leadership skills, which you will carry with you when summer ends.

When you are at least 15 years old and a proficient swimmer, you might consider training to be a certified lifeguard. Besides spending your working hours in the sun soaking in the rays, you will learn valuable lessons in responsibility and safety. To become a certified lifeguard, a 37-hour course is required, which includes training in CPR, AED, first aid, surveillance techniques, proper use of rescue equipment, and managing spinal injury victims. You will also have to pass a written test and a swimming test. Life guarding is a rewarding job that

develops confidence, decision-making skills, conflict resolution, and professionalism.

Source: www.redcross.org

Starting a Business

Starting your own business for the summer is a great way to earn some extra cash and learn the ropes of running a business at the same time. If the business begins to flourish, your services could continue long past the summer months. Some ideas include babysitting, cleaning, messenger/errand service, car washing/detailing, house painting, and pet care. Entrepreneurship is a great opportunity for you to enhance your professionalism, time-management and organization skills, reliability, and confidence -- while providing a helpful service to the community.

Concert/Event Venue

Jobs at concert or event venues include ticket sales/stubs, reception, concession stand, parking, security, and cleaning services. You could also get involved in the technical, marketing, and coordinating side of event planning. It takes a lot of people to make large events successful, and jobs at concert or event venues can teach teamwork and build people and leadership skills. Plus, you will see your favorite bands or sports teams for free!

Food Services

If you are a social butterfly and love interacting with people, restaurant employment might be right for you. You can choose from such positions as cashier, host/hostess, server, bus girl, food runner, dish washer, and prep cook. Food industry positions can help you develop people skills, self-esteem, and responsibility, while enjoying a bit of socializing.

Tutoring

If you enjoy working with adults or kids and excel at school subjects such as math, science, English, computer software, or foreign languages, you can establish a money-making business. Tutoring younger children in school subjects or teaching adults computer knowledge, software applications, and technology are great ways to help others while earning

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Many teens are involved in extracurricular activities and sports during the school year. You could take your soccer, tennis, swimming, lacrosse, running, jump rope, or other athletic skill to the next level while earning some summer cash. If you like to interact with adults or kids, working as a sports instructor will be a fun, outdoor experience. This is a great opportunity that will boost your confidence, provide healthy physical activity, and improve your people skills.

Free movies, free popcorn, and socializing are just a few of the benefits you get when working at a movie theater. If you are a movie buff, this is the perfect environment for you to spend your summer working hours. Concessions, tickets sales, ticket stubs, and usher are a few of the positions you can choose from. You can choose to beat the heat during hot summer days, and maybe catch a free flick at night.

Some teenagers have it all figured out and know which field they want to pursue. If you want to gain experience for your professional future, an internship is the best summer employment plan. Many internships are unpaid, but the job experience can lead to future employment. If the experience is more important than the money, an internship will propel you in the right direction as you gain confidence, professional knowledge, and real-world experience.

Create a Friend Yearbook

While school yearbooks are great, they aren't really individualized. This activity helps you create a yearbook that truly captures your-school years, and preserves precious memories that will be cherished for years.

Throughout high school, especially senior year, collect pictures of yourself and your friends, save memorabilia from events such as school dances and fundraisers, and record funny sayings from friends and favorite teachers. Create a scrapbook of memories-this can be a gradual process throughout the year, or a fun project you can do at the end of the year. A "friend yearbook" can also make a great gift to give your closest friends. Just make copies of all the photos and other items you collect and create separate scrapbooks for gifts.

Materials you will need are a scrapbook, pictures/photos, memorabilia from events, glue stick, stickers, other art supplies as desired.

You will enjoy a beautiful, personalized book of memories that preserves your school experiences for many years to come.

Students Attend Festival



The following students attended the Elementary District Band Festival at North Schuylkill on Friday, April 25: Madison Denchy, Justina McKenzie, Payton Martin, Kerri DeWitt.