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Hopewell Announces Top Ten for 2012



The valedictorian for this year's graduating class is Mara Palmer. Mara is the daughter of James and Marisa Palmer of Hopewell Township. This fall she can be found at the University of Pittsburgh where she will be attending the Honors College to study Bioengineering.

Joseph Satterfield is the class salutatorian. Joseph is the son of Anna and Jere Satterfield of Hopewell Township.



Joseph plans to further his education at Case Western Reserve where he will major in Computer Science.

The student who is number three in the class will be attending Washington and Lee University this fall to study Chemical Engineering.

Nicole Baker placed fourth in the class. She is the daughter of Douglas and Susan Baker. This fall Nicole will be enrolled at Ohio University where she plans to study Communication and Psychology.

Number five is Hannah Smith, daughter of Thomas and Janet Smith. Hannah will be attending Slippery Rock University this fall. Her intended major is Marketing.

The sixth place in this class was earned by a student who will be attending Robert Morris University to study for a degree in Business Management.

Janice Novacek ranked seventh. She is the daughter of James and Julie Novacek. This fall Janice will be attending classes at Grove City College where she plans to study Accounting and Finance.

Evelyn Moss placed eighth in the class standings. The daughter of Jonathan Moss and Donna Craig, Evelyn will be attending Case Western Reserve this fall. Her intended major is Computer Programming.

Number nine in the class was earned by a student who will be enrolled at American University this fall. This student will be studying International Relations, Economics and Russian.

Earning the tenth spot in the class was Santino Graziani. Santino is the son of Thomas and Ann Graziani. He will be attending Penn State where he will be enrolled in the College of Engineering.

Congratulations to these students and to all the members of the class of 2012.



Videoconferencing at the High School

This spring, students attended videoconferences in the high school library using the Polycom equipment. The librarian, Miss Kristen Huth, organized and supervised the events.

On March 7, 25 students videoconferenced with Brianna and Brittany Winner, two 16-year-olds from California who have published a science fiction trilogy. Students were actively engaged in the session as the energetic authors helped them formulate and develop a plot. The authors provided creative writing tips by sharing their methods and inspired students by describing how they overcame dyslexia to accomplish their goals. The authors answered students' questions and invited them to connect later via Twitter and Facebook for more Q&A and writing advice.

On March 9, 25 students videoconferenced with Dr. Arnold Krammer, a history professor from Texas A&M University. He gave a slideshow presentation about Nazi prisoners of war who were held in American camps during World War II. Students in Texas were in attendance at the presentation held at the George W. Bush Presidential Library, and Hopewell dialed in remotely. Students were given the opportunity to ask questions at the end. The librarian shared the recorded session with history and German teachers to show in their classes.



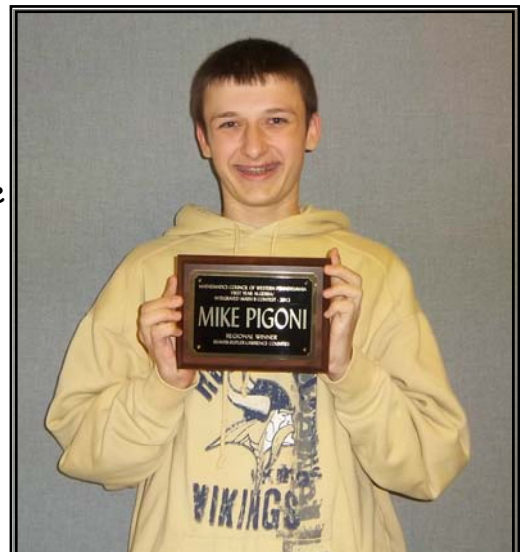
Honors Banquet

A banquet honoring the top 10 percent of this year's graduating class was recently held at the Fez. Mrs. Pat DelGreco welcomed the honorees, parents and other guests, Miss Jerrib Wilson gave the invocation. Honored this year for their academic efforts were: Nikole Baker, Samantha DeSalle, Santino Graziani, Kelsey Miller, Evelyn Moss, Jordan Neusch, Janice Novacek, Lindsay Mutter, Mara Palmer, Gerald Rooney, Joseph Satterfield, Hannah Smith, Krista Symosko and Jerrib Wilson. Also recognized was Audrey Zanath who received the HEA scholarship. This is a yearly event sponsored by the Hopewell Education Association, this year the banquet was hosted by Margaret Ross Elementary School.



First Place Winner

The Mathematics Council of Western Pennsylvania (an affiliate of the Pennsylvania Council of Teachers of Mathematics) recently held the First Round of its First Year Algebra/Integrated Math II Contest. Below, Mike Pigoni of Hopewell Memorial Junior High School of the Hopewell Area School District displays his plaque for being the First Place Winner for Beaver-Butler-Lawrence Counties.



Hometown High Q.

Hopewell High School recently competed in Hometown High Q. The team consisted of Mara Palmer, Joseph Satterfield, and Jonathan Hughes. The team competed against South Fayette High School and reigning champions Winchester Thurston High School and came in second place. They were supported in the audience by their families and members of NHS. Shown at right: M. Palmer, J. Satterfield, J. Hughes.



Junior High Olympics Held at Tony Dorsett Stadium

The Junior High its' annual Spring Olympics this May at Tony Dorsett Stadium. The 6th grade was victorious over the 5th grade and the 8th grade was victorious over the 7th grade in events such as Tug-O-War, Hula Hoop Contest, Sing Off, and various track and field events. A great time was had by faculty and students. The kids and staff supported their peers by wearing t-shirts designed specifically for each class. Our goal at the junior high is to continue to have a bi-annual Olympics, one in the winter and one in the spring, and to have 100% student participation. The committee was actually overjoyed by the number of kids that signed up to participate. A special thank you to our administration and superintendent for letting us have this opportunity to have such a fun time with the students.

May Day Award and Scholarship Recipients

Ryan Aires

Commonwealth Campus First-Year Student Award of Penn State Beaver

Nikole Baker

Gateway Trustee Award of Ohio University

Megan Barber

Membership into the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution

Taylor Belcastro

Visual and Performing Arts Scholarship of Seton Hill Univ.
Community Service Scholarship of Seton Hill University
Francesca Brownlee Presidential Scholarship of Seton Hill University

Robert Catley

State Farm Service Learning Grant Recipient

Sam's Club Service Learning Grant Recipient

Best Buy Scholarship

Chick-fil-A Scholarship

Comcast Leaders & Achievers Scholarship

Prudential Spirit of Community Honorable Mention

Presidential Volunteer Service Award

Academic Scholarship of Robert Morris University

Outstanding Achievement in Service Learning Award

Leaders and Achievers Award for Good Citizenship

Brianna Hewitt

Presidential Award Scholarship of Washington and Jefferson College

Nolan Harmotto

Scholarship Award of the University of Dayton

Leadership-In-Service Award of the University of Dayton

Father Chaminade Scholarship of the University of Dayton

Jonathan Hughes

Judge Francis J. D'Eramo Scholarship

Amanda Jamison

Bill Smith Art Scholarship

Katie Lorkovich

Burzese Nursing Scholarship

AnnaMarie Marsilio

Wheeling Jesuit Grant of Wheeling Jesuit University

Katelin McCallan

Silver Scholarship of Slippery Rock University

Jordan Neusch

Honor's College Scholarship of Robert Morris University

Independence Scholarship of Robert Morris University

Deike-Ryan Scholarship of the Mine Safety Appliance

Hopewell Football Mother's Club Academic Award

Lindsay Nutter

Robert Wayne & Alda Jane Cole Memorial Scholarship

Mara Palmer

Academic Scholarship of the University of Pittsburgh

Engineering Honors Scholarship of the Univ. of Pittsburgh

Kathleen Johnson Memorial Award

Judge Francis J. D'Eramo Scholarship

Jessica Pontis

Dean's Scholarship of Wheeling Jesuit University

Wheeling Jesuit University Grant

Vanessa Rohm

Academic Scholarship of Duquesne University

Hannah Smith

Academic Merit Scholarship of Slippery Rock University

Audrey Zanath

Hopewell Education Association Scholarship

Anti-Bullying Task Force Members, Bender Bullying Activities participants

Kelsey Wertz

Lacey Laurito

Nathaniel Bowden

Jonathan Hughes

Zoe Carr

Audrey Zanath

Britten Denkovich

District Band

Evelyn Moss

Joseph Satterfield

District Chorus

Taylor Belcastro

Ashley Bisher

National Merit Scholar Finalists

Joseph Satterfield

Evelyn Moss

VFW Voice of Democracy Awards

1st Place — Mara Palmer

3rd Place — Emily Faller



National Art Honor Society

Kerry Parks	Karissa Parsons
Sarah Shawgo	Victoria Uram
Megan D'Jovin	Alexis Rains
Chloe Hantz	Jessica Pontis
Erika Kraus	Cassidy Marshall
Aidan Majetic	Nikole Baker
Brianna Morrison	Amanda Jamison
Sara Silbaugh	

Foreign Language Awards

French—Lindsay Nutter, & Jonathan Hughes
Spanish—Boone Carlini
German—Bradford Staby

Delta Epsilon Phi

Shaelyn Pierce
Bradford Staby
Krysta Symosko

Beaver County Academic Games League

Top Ten for the Sr. Division in the Presidents' Competition
Jordan Neusch

Top Ten for the Jr. Division in the World Events Competition
Rachael Kriger

Top Ten for the Sr. Division in World Events Competition
Jordan Neusch
Jerrib Wilson

Westinghouse Science Honors Institute Achievement Award

Hannah Palochak

Military Awards and Commitments

United States Air Force Commitments

Daniel Bustinger	Megan Irwin
Rachel Garrett	Dylan Elchin

United States Marine Corps Commitments

Tyler Sparkman
Shaelyn Pierce

United States Navy Commitments

Andrew Roberts	James Follett
Justin Beech	

United States Army Commitments

Bradford Staby

Zackery Fisher

United States Air Force Appreciation Award

Dylan Elchin	Daniel Bustinger
Megan Irwin	Rachel Garrett

United States Marine Corps Awards

Distinguished Athlete Award

Mara Palmer

Nolan Harmotto

Scholastic Excellence Award

Robert Catley

Semper Fidelis Award for Musical Excellence

Joseph Satterfield

United States Navy Student Awards

Outstanding Scholar

James Follett

Outstanding Athlete

Justin Beech

JROTC Award

Andrew Roberts

United States Army Reserve

National Scholar Athlete Award

Zachary Romah

Janice Novacek

JROTC Achievement Awards

Bradford Staby	Joshua Prosko
Shane Potter	Joseph Piroli
Ciera Thompson	Lauren Rosati
William Anskate	Chase Stewart
Anthony Gray	Jared Timchak

Seth Good

West Point Leadership Award

Damon Drositis

2012 Walk for Autism (by Mrs. R. Steigerwald)

Mrs. Steigerwald's eighth grade wellness classes of Hopewell Memorial Junior High walked a 5k (3.1 mile) for Autism research on May 21. We raised over \$1,230.15 this year. All 8th graders who walked were asked to donate \$1.00 to Autism Speaks organization. T-shirts were designed by Stephen McCutcheon this year and were sold for \$10.00. Junior High Teachers and Staff also donated and the 8th grade staff walked with the students. This year we were joined on our walk by the director of the Autism Speaks organization Lisa Maloney and Mrs. Burak's and Mrs. Carbone's classrooms.

Everyday, one child in every one eighty eight births is diagnosed on Autism spectrum, a disorders with no known cure. Everyday, research is being conducted to find a cure for autism, but the research is expensive. In about ten years, the annual cost of research will reach about 200- 400 billion dollars.

District personnel who are retiring this year

Administration

Dr. Suzanne Pocci

Teachers

Nancy Schafer

Janice Sniezek

Kristina Fields

Francine Pratt

Rosalie Steigerwald

Nancy Paul

Cafeteria

Carolina Santilli

Buildings and Grounds

Bernard Baucant

Third Grade is "Coming To America" (by Ms. P.J. Glatz)

Our third graders at Margaret Ross Elementary have been hard at work in Social Studies. They just recently finished a unit of study on immigration. Lessons were taught to show how the United States has grown as a nation of immigrants. They read about families past and present who have moved here from all over the world to build better lives.

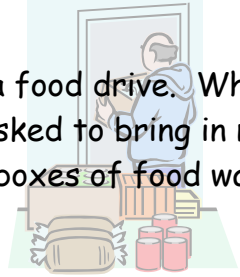
To make the experience as rich as possible for the children, third grade teacher Ms. Glatz involved the students in a variety of activities starting with a heritage bag with only their 5 most precious possessions (things they feel they could not live without), facts about their country, picture collages of family members, and many delicious recipes that were brought in for sampling. Mrs. Maria Loudermilk, an Immigrant from Germany made a class visit to add to the learning by telling her personal experiences from Germany. What a rich and fun way to learn about FAMILY HISTORY!

Topping off the unit of study was an Ellis Island Simulation. The students got to dress as immigrants carrying their passports, suitcases, and personal stories as they boarded the ship heading to America. Upon arrival into the new country, they got to experience some of the events that immigrants had to endure once they reached Ellis Island. They were inspected by immigration officers (parent volunteers) at "The Great Hall" who led the immigrants through a rotation of Medical, Baggage Check, Interview and Information stations. They were all welcomed into America where they received the American flag and had a red, white, and blue pop-sicle treat to wrap up the eventful day as the National Anthem played in the background! What a great experience for ALL!

Margaret Ross in the News! (by Mrs. P. DelGreco)

February 27 to March 2, 2012: Food Drive

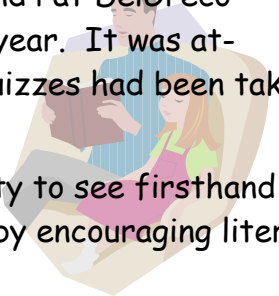
In conjunction with our 'Read Across America Week', Margaret Ross held a food drive. While books nourish our minds, food fuels our bodies. Students and staff were asked to bring in non perishable food items for our local food bank. An amazing 10 (very large) boxes of food was collected for our community. Way to go!



February 22, 2012: Margaret Ross AR Night

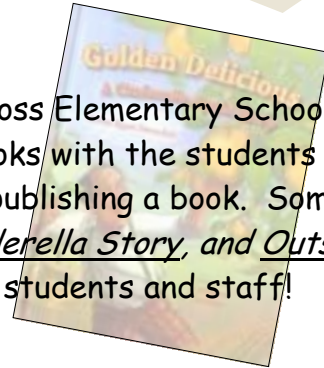
On Wednesday, February 22, Eleanor Fairbanks, Muffy Fox, Barb Nalli, and Pat DelGreco hosted our 2nd AR (Accelerated Reader) night(6:00 - 7:30) of the school year. It was attended by 48 students and their parents. At the end of the event 209 quizzes had been taken with students earning a combined total of 103.8 points!

This is always an enjoyable event that provides parents with an opportunity to see firsthand what AR is, how it works, and to spend some quality time with their child by encouraging literacy!



March 1st, 2012: Margaret Ross Author Visit

Anna Smucker, children's author, spent the day at Margaret Ross Elementary School. Mrs. Smucker is from Bridgeport, WV. She shared some of her books with the students as well as the process that is involved in creating, writing, revising, and publishing a book. Some of Anna's books include: No Star Nights, Golden Delicious: A Cinderella Story, and Outside the Window. Anna was a captivating presenter who delighted the students and staff!

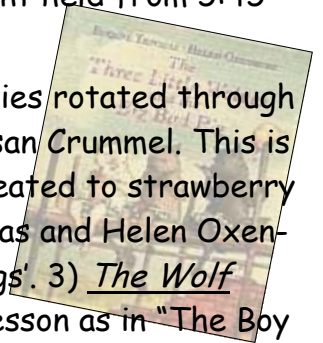


March 1st, 2012: Margaret Ross's Storywalk

Margaret Ross Elementary School recently celebrated its 7th annual Storywalk. Storywalk is a county wide activity sponsored by the Beaver County Educational Trust to promote literacy in communities across Beaver County.

On March 1, 2012 one hundred fourteen (114) Margaret Ross students with their families joined the school staff to celebrate an evening of reading and fun. The event held from 5:45 - 8:00 was by far our largest turn out ever!

Our theme this year was "Fractured Fairytales". Students with their families rotated through 4 sessions. The sessions were: 1) Cook-A-Doodle by Janet Stevens and Susan Crummel. This is a twisted version of 'The Little Red Hen'. In this session students were treated to strawberry shortcake! 2) The Three Little Wolves and the Big, Bad Pig by Eugene Trivias and Helen Oxenbury. This delightful story was a fractured version of 'The Three Little Pigs'. 3) The Wolf Who Cried Boy by Mark Hartman. In this story the wolf learns the same lesson as in "The Boy Who Cried Wolf" - not to tell tales! 4) Who's Afraid of the Big, Bad, Wolf? This session provided students with an opportunity to sing and dance to songs relating to fairytales.



Each student was given book, pencil, bookmark and bookbag compliments of the Beaver County Educational Trust and our PTA. Students, families and staff found the evening to be absolutely wonderful! We look forward to next year.

Artist in Residence Program - Introducing Students to World-Class Musicians

This unique program stimulates a love for performing arts and artists. While inspiring our students who are already involved to continue and reach new heights, other students are enticed to become involved. The guest artists, who have performed for audiences all over the world, spend one week teaching our students in grades 4 through 12. This opportunity allows students to hear about life as a musician, as well as master classes, individual and group instruction. The week concludes with a concert open to the public featuring the guest artist along with the Hopewell High School jazz band and the Trinity Jazz Orchestra. This program is funded by donations and adds sold for the concert program booklet, no cost to the district

Previous guest artists

Etta Cox	Broadway singer
Ralph LaLama	Aliquippa native and 3 time Grammy award winning jazz tenor saxophonist
Dr. Steven Hawk	Master trumpet player, Professor of Jazz, Slippery Rock University
B.E. Taylor	Aliquippa native, singer, songwriter and guitarist, national recording artist
George Perilli	Hopewell graduate, professional drummer

Our program at Hopewell is considered one of the best of its kind in the country for both high school and college. The proceeds of this program are used to purchase band instruments for our students.

David H, Bufalini
Event director

Welcome to Hopewell!

Hopewell Junior High welcomes Mrs. Jessica Webster as the new assistant principal. Mrs. Webster comes to us from the Mount Lebanon School District, where she was an Inclusion Specialist.

Mrs. Webster is a graduate of Miami University, Oxford Ohio. She continued her graduate work at U.N.C. Chapel Hill and Edinboro University. Mrs. Webster holds certificates for Reading Specialist, Social Studies teacher and Special Education. She also has a Masters of Education in Literacy Education. She resides in Sewickley.



Counselor Receives Award

Thursday, May 17th Dr. Janice Dreshman was honored, at the "Our Community Salutes America" when she received the General Colin L. Powell Service Award. It is awarded to a high school educator (teacher, administrator, guidance counselor, or coach) who best supports young adults desiring to serve in the armed forces. It is in relation to the work Dr. Dreshman does with the kids, community and the military.

The Hopewell Area School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer and provides an Equal Education Opportunity in conformance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. The Title IX and Section 504 compliance officer is Dr. Lynn Utchell, School Psychologist, 2354 Brodhead Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001-4501.(724-375-6691.

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Seventh grade students win design contest for new flag for Hopewell Township. Pictured from left: Brea Vazquez, Jennah Ellis, Kivana Hill and Mallory Marckioni. Each girl designed a different component of the flag.



Photo courtesy T.R. McClellan Photography

2012 May Queen, Mara Palmer, King Zach Gula.

Science Symposium (by Mrs. P. Cosnek)

On March 13, fifty 7th and 8th honors science students attended a symposium held at Camp Kon-O-Kwee sponsored by Allegheny College's Creek Connections program. The goals of Creek Connections are for local students to be involved in a hands-on investigative project whereby monthly water quality data from water taken from streams in western Pennsylvania is recorded and sent to a universal data base. Hopewell students monitor Trampmill Run at Hopewell Community Park. This baseline data is essential to monitor waterways to determine if the increase in Marcellus Shale drilling and associated activities will affect the water quality.

Students prepare a presentation for the symposium and the topic chosen by Hopewell this year was Marcellus Shale: Source of Energy and Effects on Water Quality. From among the ten schools participating the project produced by Jen Cranmer, Nicole Grimm, Bailey Marshall and Shannon Shawgo won recognition from the symposium leaders. The girls created a three-dimensional representation of a Marcellus shale drilling site.

The project was kept by Creek Connections for touring educational purposes.

