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Ladies and Gentlemen:

As we embark upon the final chapter of the 2014-15 school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community and students for your commitment to supporting education and the Laurel Highlands School District. We are excited to bring our high school learning facility into the 21st Century. Our high school renovation "Grand Opening" was a huge success. We hope that you are proud of the finished product; together, we have committed to the advancement of our students and community.

Our Middle School has received the "Distinguished" status for educational growth, the High School SAT scores are the highest in Laurel Highlands history, and our elementary 4-Sight Score are some of the highest we have experienced. In all, the Laurel Highlands School District is moving forward and providing the educational resources necessary for our students to grow and learn. On this note, a well-deserved thanks to the school board, teachers, staff and students for their efforts in achieving and maintaining the highest standards possible for our advancement.

In sum, the entire Laurel Highlands Team is striving to increase our educational footprint, offer programs and services that broaden each student's ability to achieve success. It is our goal to exceed your expectations and deliver a "Best in Class" education for our students. Please have a safe and enjoyable summer. Thank you.

Respectively,

Jesse T. Wallace, III
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Mission Statement

The mission of the Laurel Highlands School District, in partnership with students, families, and the community, is to provide a rigorous, meaningful, and relevant education which prepares students to become productive members of an ever-changing global society

Goal 1: To demonstrate academic growth in all curricula to meet state standards.

Goal 2: To improve communication among school personnel, students, and students' families.

Goal 3: To prepare all students to transition successfully through their educational careers and into adulthood.

Goal 4:
A. To provide appropriate hardware, software, infrastructure and Internet access.

B. To provide teachers and students with 21st Century teaching and learning opportunities.

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LAUREL HIGHLANDS SCHOOL DISTRICT IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER



A Renovation Success

We have recently completed the renovation of our high school. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the school board for their commitment in moving forward with the project. However, I feel that a special thank you should go out to you, the students and staff of the building, for your unwavering cooperation as we worked through the renovation process.

As Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, and lead liaison for the district on the project, I can say first-hand how much easier this project was with that cooperation. From the design and planning process through the demolition and reconstruction phases, this project was helped immeasurably by your cooperation.

We had a very tight schedule for the massive amount of work that had to be done, but allowing us into your rooms, hallways and storage areas almost at will

and without complaint, allowed us to keep moving and gain valuable time on the schedule.

Another benefit from that cooperation was the ability to minimize unforeseen problems. With extra time comes better problem solving when those issues arose. Better problem solving means less time, money and manpower wasted.

As you can tell, I am very grateful for the cooperation that you showed myself, our contractors and their subs. You were very much an integral part of this entire process and I for one couldn't be more proud to have such a great staff to work with.

Mustang pride has shown through on this project.

With the Utmost Sincerity,

Craig McKee, Supervisor
Buildings and Grounds



LH Community Investing in Our Future

Mr. Randy Miller, Director of Curriculum

There is a plethora of research supporting the value of providing our children early childhood education before beginning kindergarten. Students benefit from the social interaction, the academic skills, and the organized structure. Parents in the Laurel Highlands community are proving they support this research. From the 175 students that registered for kindergarten this year, 137 or 78% of the students attended some type of early childhood / pre-

school program. This is an increase for the district, as 67% reported attending a pre-school program in 2014, and 63% in 2013 respectively. Quality pre-school programs benefit all levels of students. It is wonderful that there are so many great programs available to students in our community helping to shape a better tomorrow with our future leaders, workers, and community members.

National Author Speaks to Laurel Highlands Reading Teachers

Laurel Highlands School District received a grant from Scholastic Classroom and Community Group to bring in a national author and educator, Ms. Laura Robb, for a professional learning event April 15, 2015. Pictured at right, L-R: Mr. Eric Gaydos, Director of Federal Programs/Asst. Curriculum, LHSD; Mr. David Smith, Scholastic, Ms. Katy Kimmel, Scholastic, Ms. Laura Robb, and Mr. Randy Miller, Director of Curriculum, LHSD



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Keep on Runnin'!



Marisa Deichert, center, is a senior member of the Laurel Highlands track team. She will be attending Penn State University's Schreyer Honors College in the fall of 2016. She will also be running track and cross country for the University. Congratulations, Marisa on a great year and good luck in all future endeavors!

Zoo Adventure

Mrs. Ciciretti's students had the opportunity to spend a day at the Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium. The students learned about the wild animals in their natural habitats. The polar bears were a favorite of the group.

The group shared the trip with Mr. Livingston's biology classes, and the students had a great time on the bus ride to the zoo. The trip was partially funded by the Easter flower fundraiser held by the class in early March.



The *Highliter* Staff

The *Laurel Highliter* and the *Laurel Highlites* are products of the Desktop Publishing/Newspaper class under the direction of Mrs. Joanne Savini. The class produces three newspapers and two newsletters (online) each year.

Pictured at left, from left to right, are P. J. Savini, Lizzy Sullivan, Max Mears, Lucy Rockwell, Alex Mears, Zach Mitchell, and Mrs. Joanne Savini.



How Sweet it Is!

Mrs. Ciciretti's class hosted an Ice Cream Party on Friday, May 28th, in her classroom. All administrators, faculty, and staff were invited to share in the fun. With help from Mrs. Stotka, Bradley Fresh, Brittany Joseph, and Emily McAllister served ice cream to their guests. Each attendee could decorate their ice cream with an abundance of toppings that included whipped cream and cherries to finish their masterpiece.

A special Thank You goes to Jamieson Shop 'N Save for donating the ice cream and some supplies. Through this event, the students learned how to plan for an event, proper etiquette, and socialization skills.



It's an Ice Cream Party!!!



The students were very excited to entertain their guests and the faculty and staff enjoyed the delicious ice cream.



Guests could choose between chocolate and vanilla ice cream and a very nice selection of toppings.



The ice cream crew: Mrs. Ciciretti, Brittany Joseph, Emily McAllister, Mrs. Stotka, and Bradley Fresh.



Gino Mollica and Mrs. Stotka at the toppings table.



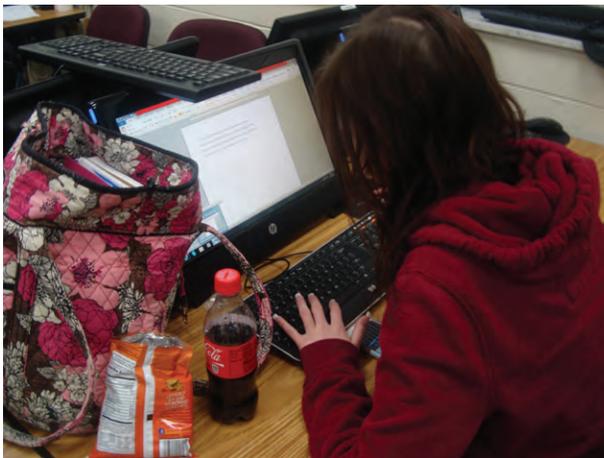
EXPERIENCING CTI



Students performing CPR on the medical mannequin.



Body waves and perms are our specialties!!!



Working with Microsoft Office.



Kitchen prep for a banquet.



Cejajae builds a masonry wall and checks to make sure it is plumb.



Hannah making a vertical weld. Look at that bead!



Expert advice from Mr. Trimboth in Autobody.



Students reviewing work in the custom paint booth.



Laurel Highlands students learning about CTI.



Inspecting work in the custom paint booth.



Leveling a cement patio frame in masonry.



Upward Bound Helps Students

Ms. Jennifer Ramsey, speaker for the Upward Bound Program, visited the 8th graders in the middle school and introduced them to the benefits of Upward Bound. This curriculum provides students with supplemental academic instruction, tutoring, career planning and self-awareness classes. The Upward Bound program is funded by a federal grant from the US Department of Education. The Program at California University of Pennsylvania serves students from Fayette County high schools. Stu-

dents can apply for admission to the program in the spring of their 8th grade year. Students have to meet income guidelines and/or be the first in their immediate families who will earn a four-year college degree in order to qualify for the program according to federal requirements. Also, students must be serious about enrolling in college immediately after high school. Students who are interested can email upwardbound@calu.edu, or stop by their school's guidance office to request an application packet.



Pictured from left to right are: John Williams, Angel Buwana, Andrew Strauser, Ms. Ramsey, Kaylee Softcheck, Lawrence Smith, Emma Hughes.

Welcomed Guest!

Ms. Maritza Mosquera, from the Pittsburgh Council of the Arts, worked as a guest artist in Mrs. Crutchman's classes this year. During her visit, the students worked on various types of maps and talked about different ways of getting from one place to another. They also discussed cartography, maps of the world, treasure maps and local maps. Students worked on drawings, collages, prints and paintings. They used acrylic paints, various paper collage elements to create drawings and print maps of their own unique worlds. They also learned how to silk screen and made beautiful t-shirts out of their own artwork. Mrs. Crutchman would like to thank Ms. Mosquera, PCA, SAMA, Mr. DeFazio, Mr. Popson and everyone at LHSD for making this wonderful opportunity possible for all of her students.



Artwork Addition

The Laurel Highlands Middle School added another beautiful piece of art in the auditorium this year. Mr. Mike DeFazio arranged for a guest artist from Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art to work with Mrs. Crutchman. Mrs. Rita Haldeman and Mrs. Crutchman's students worked together to create a mural on notable places in Fayette County. Mrs. Crutchman and her students want to thank Mr. Miller, Mr. DeFazio, Mr. Rozgony, Mrs. Scott, Mr. Popson, Mr. Stajnrajh, Mrs. Haldeman and SAMA for another successful and beautiful project!







Seated: Morgan Murray, Paige Miller, Isabella Smith, Hannah Proud and Alexandra Junko; Standing: Kylee Kurnot, Mrs. Crutchman, Tucker Golden, Dean Schiffbauer, Nicholas Gabriel, Noah Matthews, Aidan Burnworth and Karleigh Brant

Students in Mrs. Crutchman's 5th grade class participated in the 2015 IU1 Regional Stem Design Challenge featuring K'Nex on 3/11/15. The event was held at California University's Convocation Center where teams had two hours to complete the challenge. Teams of four had to create a K'Nex structure that moved a ping pong ball from

one side of the table to the other lengthwise. They also had to create blueprints, answer narrative questions and produce a short presentation. The top four teams were invited to compete in a state competition in May at Harrisburg University. A special thank you to Mr. Miller for all of his help in preparing our teams for the competition!





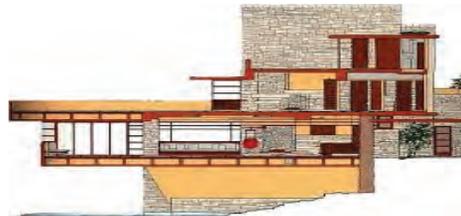
Living History

A presentation on the Civil War was given to R.W. Clark 4th Graders by Pvt. John Brothers. Mr. Brothers does Civil War reenactments and talked to the students about local people that fought and what life was like back then. He had pictures, books, and personal belongings that helped give students a excellent understanding of the Civil War times.



Fallingwater

Fourth grade students at R. W. Clark recently visited Fallingwater. Every year Fallingwater gives fourth grade students a free field trip to visit this National Historic Landmark. Students enjoy the walk to the house and they learn quite a lot about the building of the home and the family that lived there, the Kaufmanns. After the tour, students posed for pictures in front of the beautiful home.



Pictured at left: Hunter Allaman and Dakota Burton

Would You Kiss a Snake???

During the month of February students at Clark School collected money for the American Heart Association. A goal of \$1,500.00 was set. If students reached their goal, students would get to watch Physical Education teacher, Mr.

Santore, kiss a snake. Although the students at Clark did not reach their goal they did a great job. Mr. Santore ended up not kissing a snake, but 2nd grader Ethan did!



AG Lab Visits Clark

From March 9-12, Clark students had the opportunity to visit and experience the AG Lab. The AG Lab is a mobile science agricultural laboratory classroom, designed to enable and allow up to 30 students, at a time, participate in hands-on, standards based science labs without leaving their school site. The Ag Lab was a huge success. The students and teachers are grateful and appreciate this opportunity made possible by the Clark PTO.



Penny War

Students at Clark are currently participating in a Penny War Contest for the Thinking of Nikki Foundation. This is a foundation that supports and helps families with children suffering from pediatric cancer. The thinking of Nikki Foundation is a non-profit public charity that works with Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh getting children and families what they need. The contest will end on March 27, 2015 and all money raised during the Penny War Contest will be donated to this great cause.



Pasta Party

On Thursday, March 26, 2015, Clark School hosted its 5th Annual PSSA Pasta Party. Parents and students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade were invited to the school to learn about and become familiar with the upcoming state assessment while enjoying a pasta dinner prepared and served by the teachers at staff of Clark School.

Teamwork for Testing

Students in kindergarten, first, and second grade were buddied up with a third, fourth, and fifth grade classroom to support and encourage students during the state assessment. The older students of Clark appreciated and looked forward to the luck and support provided by the younger students.

Limo Lunch

The Clark PTO held its annual Spring Sarris Candy Fundraiser. The students that sold \$500.00 or more earned a Limo Lunch trip to the Uniontown Dairy Queen and were allowed to invite a classmate.



We Built an Amusement Park!

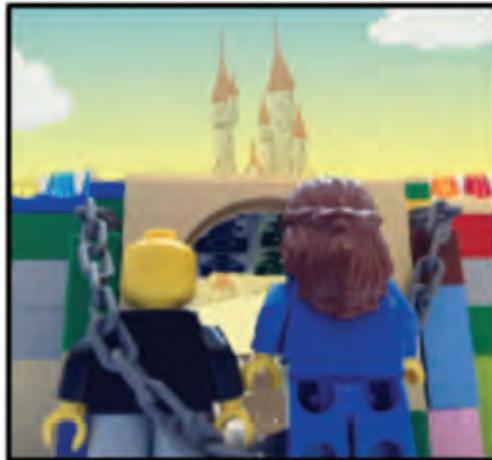
The students in Mr. Walters and Mr. Ward's Fifth Grade classes finished their school year working on projects that involved designing an amusement park. The project began in Mr. Ward's room when he taught his classes about kinetic and potential energy, two things that are essential to the success of many amusement park rides. This lesson led into their yearly Paper Roller Coaster project. Students were given the task of creating a marble roller coaster that adhered to several standards, such as a budget restrictions, height requirements, and time limits. Using card stock and foam board, student groups began planning, designing, and constructing their coasters.

This year, a new element to this project was completed in Mr. Walters's ELA classes. Thanks to the Academic Foundation, Mr. Walters was awarded a grant that allowed him to purchase Lego Education Story Starter kits. These kits are designed to give students writing prompts that have them build a scene using Legos and then

write a story to go along with it. Once the scene is created, they have the opportunity to take a photo using the Lego StoryVisualizer software and create an entire story. The prompt for this project required the groups to build other attractions that they would like to see in an amusement park with their roller coaster. The scenes ranged from food court and magic shows, to picnic areas and other rides.

Both of the classes were required to complete a writing assignment with their projects. In Mr. Ward's class, the students had to write a radio commercial advertising their roller coaster. Mr Walters had his classes write a persuasive article that was focused on convincing the city council that their group's park needed to be built in Uniontown. Through these projects, the students were able to relate real life scenarios to what they have learned during their time in Fifth Grade.





Breakfast with Parents

During the last week of May students and were able to have breakfast with their parents to celebrate Mother's and Father's Day.



Isabella, Courtney, and Quenten Gouker



Mr. Ciez and daughters Addie and Ella Ciez

Fourth Grade Students Complete Egg Drop

Students in Mrs. Ward's 4th grade class recently completed an egg drop. Students were given a supply sheet, and \$1.00 spending money. They were required to pick at least 1 thing from each category, plan out their structure, and correctly budget to complete the assignment. Students were then required to work in groups of 4 to build something that would hold an egg when dropped from different levels. The groups were very creative and 2 groups made it to the final drop, which was from the top of the stairwell. The winning group consisted of Rebekah Gibbs, Thomas Bradley, Ryan Burnsworth, and Macy Over.



EGG
DROP
CONTEST



A special thank you to the Laurel Highlands Academic Foundation for their donation of books to the first grade students at Hatfield Elementary. Hatfield first graders love to read!! Pictured are students: Cheyenne Hatfield, Morgan Long, Casey Mahoney, Jackson Wade, Giovanna Johnson, and Chase Bryner. Academic Foundation members: Pam Hughes, Heidi Mears (principal), Inez Felix, and Judith Gallis.



Fourth Annual Author's Tea



On Friday, May 15th Hatfield School held its 4th Annual Author's Tea. This serves as a culminating activity for a school-wide writing project completed during the school year.

Throughout the school year, students in grade K-to-3 created classroom books while students in grades 4-5 created their own individual books. This project is done yearly to promote the creative writing process. Students have the opportunity to write and illustrate their own story resulting in colorful, hardbound published books.

An Author's Tea is then held where students hear from guest authors from the community

regarding their experience with the writing and publishing process. This year's guest authors were Ms. Gina Jones and Mr. Scott Krofcheck. Ms. Jones spoke with students about where she draws her inspiration from when writing her column for the Herald-Standard newspaper. Mr. Krofcheck, a published author, shared with students how he has developed characters for his novels and his experiences that led him to publishing science fiction novels.

Following the guest speakers, an Author's Tea was held for students to proudly share their published work with their family and friends. Plenty of cookies and tea were enjoyed by all.

A Slimey Good Time!!!



This year, Hatfield Elementary once again participated in the Great Strides Cystic Fibrosis fundraiser.

This year we put a different spin on things! If we reached our goal, the students had the opportunity to “slime” Mrs. Mears and Miss Marcy! Our goal this year was to reach \$1,000.

For a \$1.00 donation, the students were able to purchase a Dixie cup of “slime,” for a \$10.00 donation they could purchase a plastic cup of “slime,” and for a \$20.00 donation they could purchase a bucket of “slime”.

The students had a great time “sliming” their principal and secretary.

We are proud to say Hatfield students and staff surpassed our \$1,000 goal and raised over \$1,900.00 for CF Research.

Great Strides is the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation’s largest national fundraising event. Each

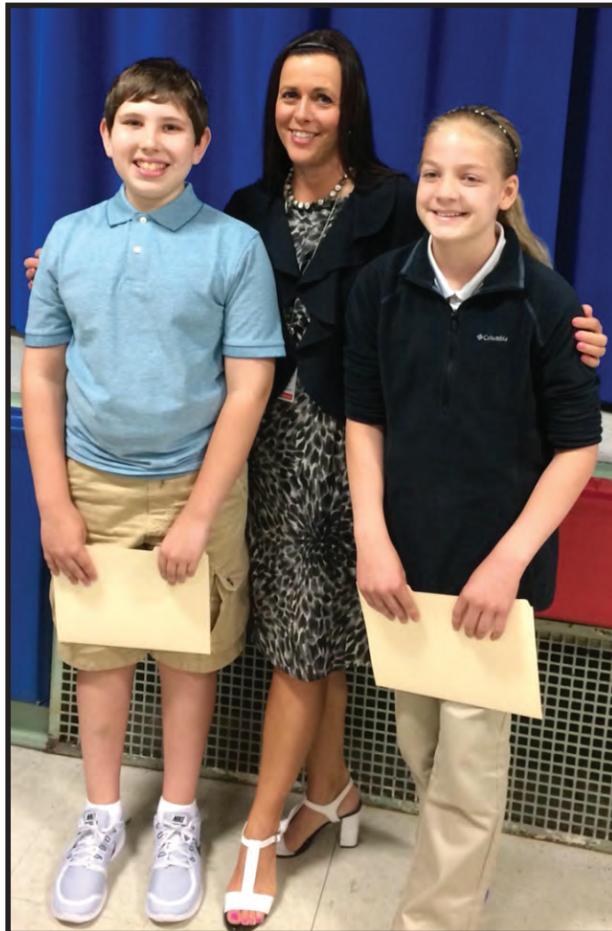
year, more than 125,000 people participate in hundreds of walks across the country to raise funds for cystic fibrosis research and drug development.

Walks are held at nearly 600 locations nationwide and are open to the public. Great Strides provides a fantastic opportunity for family, friends, students, co-workers and colleagues to come together in support of a worthy cause.



Art Therapy

Mrs. Mears and Mr. Kalich (high school assistant principal) enjoy the calming affects of playing with clay. Faculty, staff, and administration were treated to a dose of “Art Therapy” during a recent in-service day focused on healthy lifestyles. Mr. Mike DeFazio taught participants how to make pottery items using a potter’s wheel.



Student Pride

Congratulations to Hatfield's Fifth Grade Student Pride recipients Nicholas Gabriel and Alexandra Junko pictured with Mrs. Mears. These two students were recognized for their outstanding work and service throughout their years at Hatfield Elementary School.





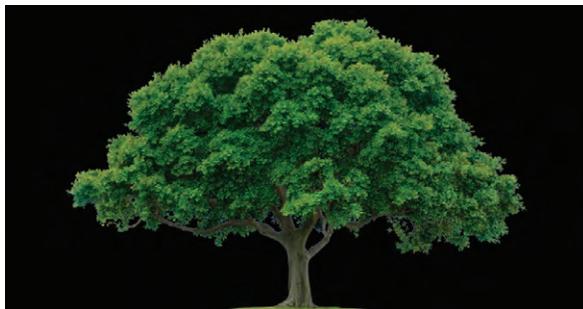
Chick Race 2015

Mrs. Stanish's fourth grade class at Hatfield experienced hatching chickens in their classroom. Mrs. Stanish brought in eggs from her farm and 7 of the eggs hatched. These 7 chicks participated in the Hatfield Annual Chick Race. "Barbeque" came in first place with "Eggbert" coming in last. "Brownie" was close behind "Barbecue" coming in second. Watching the chick race are Lexi Takach, Nevaeh David, Ally Baczkowski, and Alessandra Pecon.



Fifth Grade Plants a Tree

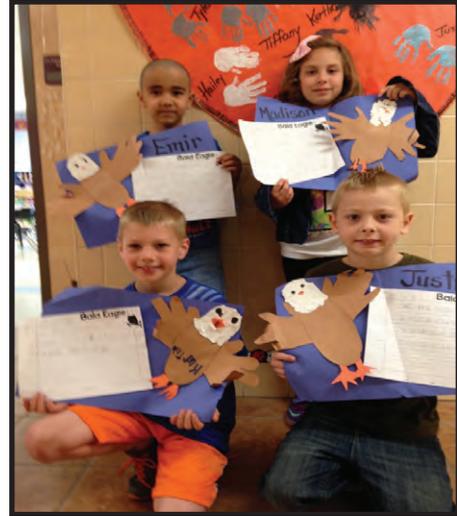
The graduating fifth graders donated a tree to be planted on the hatfield playground. This tree will be enjoyed by many in the upcoming years.





Bald Eagle Babies

This spring our class witnessed something very exciting. With the help of our newly installed Smartboards and a web cam program provided by the Pittsburgh news stations, the students got up close and personal with the local Bald Eagles. Almost each morning we could log on and watch as the eagles prepared their nest and then took care of their fragile eggs. One special day was watching the parents shield the eggs from a snow storm. Much to our disappointment the eggs cracked or never hatched this year. However, we did see eaglets hatch in the Harrisburg area. The students learned many interesting facts about these amazing birds and created posters which we displayed.



Hutchinson 5th Grade Banquet

Excitement and anticipation were felt on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 in the L.H. Middle School Cafeteria. The students of Hutchinson Elementary in the 5th grade held their graduation banquet in the middle school cafeteria. The banquet started at 5:30 with a class picture being taken by Spellman Studios. Then at 6:00, the banquet started with a moment of silence and Mr. Hauger introduced the staff present. Those present at the banquet were Mr. Gaydos, Mr. Kurek, Mrs. Debbie Cunningham, Mrs. Beverly Beal, Mrs. Wolbert, Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Radcliffe. Mr. Gaydos continued, speaking about the history of Hutchinson. Then dinner was served by Hartsek Catering and after dinner, more speeches were made by Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Radcliffe, Mr. Hauger and Mr. Gaydos. A speech was also given by student Brookelynn Robaugh (pictured). The certificates were given out along with the yearbooks and a picture from Jumonville. A benediction was given by Mrs. Thomas in conclusion of the banquet.



Hutchinson Takes to the Track

It was a cold and windy day when the 5th graders of Hutchinson Elementary took to the field to test their speed, strength, and endurance against their elementary counterparts at Marshall, Clark, and Hatfield. With Hutchinson pride and determination runners and throwers gave their all for a chance to make it to the awards stand.

Notable finishers: Sam Dippolito, softball throw, 50 m run and 400 m run; Journey Greer,

50 m run, 100 m run and 400 m run; Ryan Pyro, 75 m run and 200 m run; Bailey Burkett, 75 m run; Brayden Romesburg, 200m run; Adrienne Mattey, 200m run; Kaley Ashton, softball throw; boys 4 X 100 m relay: Sam Dippolito, Brayden Romesburg, Grant Wyandt, and Ryan Pyro; girls 4 X 100 m relay: Bailey Burkett, Adrienne Mattey, Amyah Jenkins, and Journey Greer.

Congratulations to all the competitors!



Hutchinson Celebrates Read Across America

Read Across Hutchinson day was held on Tuesday, March 3rd in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday. Hutchinson celebrated with an afternoon of reading some of his famous stories and completing activities based on those stories. The students rotated through grade-level classrooms to listen to a story, completed an activity, and an art project based on the stories they heard. Kindergarten read "The Cat in the Hat, followed up with a rhyming activity, and made his famous hat. First grade read "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish," completed math word problems based on the story and made an underwater scene using handprints. Second grade read "Oh the Places You Will Go," made a hot air

balloon which illustrated the place they would like to go, and wrote about a place they would like to go. Third grade read "Bartholomew and Oobleck," discussed character traits, and did a science experiment where they created "Oobleck." Fourth grade read "The Lorax," made an original drawing, then made and ate "Tuffula Trees." Finally, fifth grade read various Dr. Seuss books in small groups of 3-5 students, presented an oral report of their chosen book, and redesigned the cover of their book.

It was an exciting day for the students to visit classrooms and spend a period with a different teacher to get fully immersed in the world of Dr. Seuss!



Kindergarten Mr. Yuk Presentation

On Wednesday May 20, 2015, “Nurse Jay” came to present to Hutchinson’s Kindergarten classes. The students learned about Mr. Yuk and how to Stop! Ask First before eating or drinking anything that they are not sure if it is safe or poisonous. The students also learned what numbers to call (911 or Poison Control) if they or someone they know ate something unsafe. To wrap up the presentation Nurse Jay taught the students and teachers her Mr. Yuk song (to the tune of YMCA) and everyone enjoyed singing and dancing along.



Music Around the World

George C. Marshall Elementary School held their annual Spring Musical and Art Show in May. The students in grades Kindergarten through Fifth Grade learned about several different countries around the world and sang songs in the perspective countries native lan-

guage. Kindergarten sang in French, 1st grade sang in Italian, 2nd grade sang in German, 3rd grade sang in Spanish, 4th grade sang in Japanese, and 5th grade sang in Hebrew. The beautiful languages, art work, and our wonderful Marshall students made for a vibrant show!



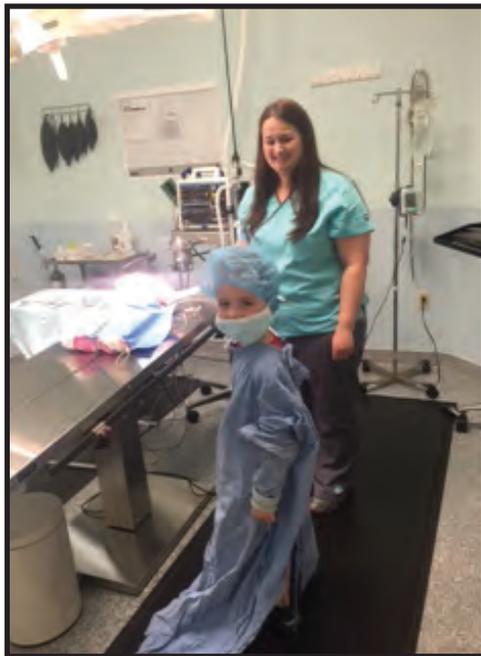


Heritage Coloring Contest

The students in the fourth grade at George C. Marshall recently participated in the annual “Tim Mahoney Coloring Contest.” The students were given the opportunity to color a picture, from a book that Mr. Mahoney donated to each student, that represented important facts about our state and its heritages. The contest winners were acknowledged at a special banquet at the Ivy Ball Room and a ceremony was held in recognition of their pictures. Each student received an award and photos of the event. Congratulations to our winners! It was a memorable evening!



Pictured (left to right) Autumn Hillen, Justine Haines and Valentina Gulino 2nd Row: Mrs. Coffman, Mrs. Dowling and Mrs. Matesky



Vet For a Day

Students in grades K-2 went on an educational field trip fully sponsored by Woodlands Animal Care Center and their partners. Students were bused to their facility at Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort in Farmington, PA. The students rotated through 9 stations, such as Surgery, Ultrasound, X-Ray to name a few, all focusing on a career as a vet and caring for a pet. Once the stations were complete, the students were treated to lunch, a DJ, face painting and carnival games. Students also got to tour Wild Kingdom and see exotic animals. The students and staff at Marshall would like to thank everyone who made this experience possible. It was a fantastic day for all!

Duct Tape



On Monday, May 11 George C. Marshall's principal Mr. Johns and our gym teacher Mr. Santore were duct taped to our schools wall! The students in kindergarten through fifth grade were given the opportunity to duct tape them both to the wall. An incentive to earn a **free** piece of duct tape was to complete all of their homework. The students were also allowed to purchase more strips of duct tape in which the proceeds went to a good cause! The Marshall students had an epic gain...they were stuck to the wall! Thank you to all who participated and to our PTO who seemed to get help Mr. Johns and Mr. Santore get into this "sticky" situation!



Giving the Gift of Reading

Academic Foundation representatives Mr. Tobal and Mr. Simpson visited Marshall Elementary this spring. They brought a book for each student in first grade to begin or add to their home library. This is just one example of how the Laurel Highlands Academic Foundation provides educational opportunities for our students. The students wrote their names in their books with pride as they smiled in appreciation of their gift.



Power Up Art Contest Winners

The students in Mrs. Mateosky's Fourth Grade class participated in an art contest sponsored by Adagio Health for Power-Up. The contest was about the importance of eating a healthy, nutritious breakfast. The students were given the opportunity to design two pictures of how one feels before and after a nutritious breakfast and they wrote a brief summary of their drawing. Congratulations to Valentina Gulino, Brianna Hensch and Abigail Dunkard as they were chose by Adagio Health as contest winners to represent Geroge C. Marshall School.



Pictured are: Valentina Gulino, Brianna Hensch, Abigail Dunkard, Mrs. Cook, Mr. Johns and Mrs. Mateosky



Outdoor School

The tradition continues that sends eager fifth grades students away from their parents for two nights each spring. Pictured above is Garrett Bazylak as he competes in a teambuilding activity on the Rock Climbing Wall. This is just one of the educational activities that students cooperatively participate in during their time at Jummonville.

Learning Through Dance

The students at Marshall were visited by choreographer and dance instructor RSVP. They danced their way through lessons geared toward character education and relaxation techniques. The students turned the word terrific into the acronym TRRFC, to highlight the traits of trustworthy, respect, responsibility, fairness, and caring as they danced to today's hits.

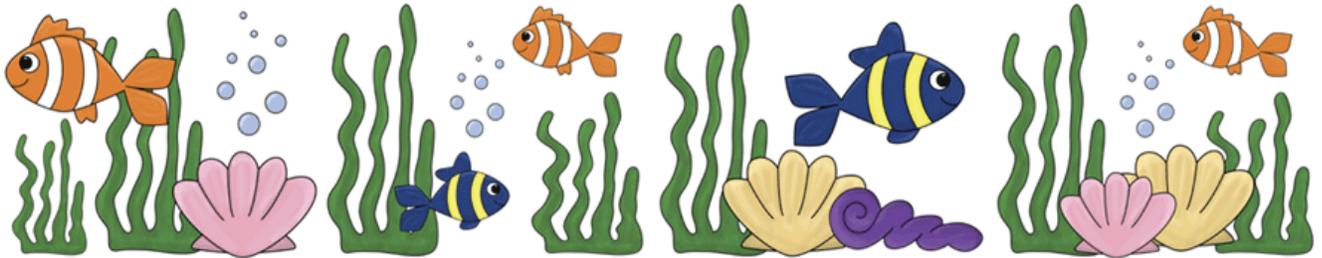


Protecting Our Watershed

Valentina Gulino earned third place for all of Western Pennsylvania in the “Protect Our Watersheds” Poster Contest. She created a poster and wrote an essay of what clean watersheds meant to her. A Pennsylvania American Water Specialist presented Valentina with a gift certificate and a copy of her poster to be displayed at our school. The Specialist also organized an assembly at George C. Marshall Elementary in which all of the Fourth Grade Students participated in various activities dealing with the importance of clean watersheds.



Pictured: Valentina Gulino, Mr. Johns and Mrs. Mateosky



Under the Sea

On Wednesday March 18, 2015 Marshall Elementary School hosted their annual Family Reading Night. This year's theme was *Under the Sea*. Students and their families rotated through numerous readers, attended the Book Fair and a play. Some readers included Marshall School's own fifth graders, Kylee Kurnot, Tyler Kalich, Abigail Crawford, Jordan Vavrek, Paige Miller, Payton Chester and Brianna Hunt as well as former Marshall students, Hunter Scott and Brandon Isler. After rotating through reading stations, families were treated to a performance by Stage Right where books came alive. Thanks to all who helped to make this night one to remember.

