



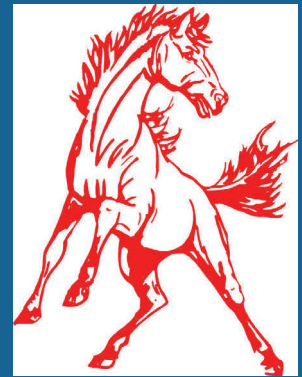
NEW DISTRICT APP and WEBSITE

The district app is now available on both Apple and Android mobile devices. You can download the app at either the iTunes Apple or Google Play stores. We will be able to push out up-to-date information through the notifications and news feeds. In addition, the district's website at www.lhsd.org has been updated to incorporate many of these new technologies. As with any change it will take time to become more familiar with the location of many items. We will continue to upgrade and fine tune the website to be an informative communication tool.

STUDENTS IN THE LAUREL HIGHLANDS SCHOOL DISTRICT CONTINUE TO HELP MAKE POSTIVE CHANGES

Students in all six district buildings have been meeting with administrators, teachers and counselors to share their feedback in regards to improving school pride and student success. District personnel in partnership with the PA Consortium of Public Education developed a district goal "to enhance student voice opportunities at LH in grades K-12." Various students were randomly selected from each building to participate. Two different student voice sessions have already taken place this school year and a third one is scheduled for February. The team would like to share a summary of the student feedback as well as some of the changes that have been implemented:

- ◆ *Several new items have been placed on the cafeteria menu including **Breakfast Burritos, V8 Fusion Smoothies, and Parfaits***
- ◆ *Students have requested **more academic competitions and events***
- ◆ *At the elementary level, students are competing in the **First in Math** program to improve their math skills. 2,073 students have solved a staggering **3,112,047 math problems to date!!! Congratulations!***
- ◆ *Also at the elementary level, students are competing in **Reading Counts Program** where 1,644 students have read above and beyond their regular school work **5,959 books** which includes 43,358,731 total words read!!!*
- ◆ *Middle school will be running a **National Spelling Bee** and a **Math-a-thon***
- ◆ *High school students have experienced more school events during the day beyond athletics as the band and choir performed for the entire school*
- ◆ *Many students **praised staff and teachers** for helping them when they are struggling, being approachable, and guiding them when they struggle*
- ◆ *As we continue to work with the student voice groups, we will share updates and current information.*



Students will still be required to take the Keystone Exams to demonstrate their knowledge and skill proficiency, but not for graduation

Gov. Tom Wolf on Wed., Feb. 3, 2016 signed a bill that suspends the use of the end-of-course Keystone Exams as a graduation requirement until 2018 - 2019. However, School Districts will still be required to administer the Keystones since they are required to meet federal accountability rules. The Keystone Exams are given at the end of Algebra I, 10th grade English, and Biology courses.

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