



Wyomissing Area School District

Insight

Science Celebration Day



Science was the theme of an all-day event at Wyomissing Hills and West Reading elementary schools. Coordinated by teachers Patricia Kane, Andrea Boerger, Rose Sneeringer, Robin Kline and Superintendent Julia Vicente, the goal was to get kids excited about science. Apparently it worked! Kindergarteners learned about bugs, plants, and animals. Third graders did experiments with magnets, static and surface tension. Fifth grade studied healthy eating, and water and pollution.

A highlight for the K-4 students was an assembly on reptiles provided by Jesse Rothacker from his Forgotten Friend Reptiles Sanctu-

ary. Wyomissing Police Officer Kevin Quinter also spoke to fourth grade about the dangers of drug use. High School students also demonstrated robotics and the use of a 3-D printer.

At West Reading, AP Chemistry students demonstrated various properties such as gas density and flammability; kindling temperature with indestructible money; combustion; chemical reactions by combining various liquids; and oxidation reactions, to name a few.

According to Kane, the teachers hope to make this an annual event with the ultimate goal of having high school students partner with the elementary students and serve

as role models to foster their interest in science.

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Gavin Babb demonstrates a 3-D printer.

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Jesse Rothacker captivates students as he handles one of many reptiles he brought for the assembly at Wyomissing Hills Elementary.



Sixth grade students erect a tower using spaghetti and marshmallows.

Congratulations Class of 2014!

Jakim Aaron College of William and Mary	Colleen Cameron Duquesne University	Jeffrey DeWald Employment
Aurora Alba Philadelphia University	Angel Canela Automotive Training Center	Peter DiCarlo Texas A&M University
Amy Alderfer East Stroudsburg University	Danielle Carabello Temple University	Morgan Dougherty Penn State University, UP
Gavin Arredondo East Stroudsburg University	Adam Chaffe Kutztown University	Melissa Doyle Berks Technical Institute
Ryan Babb Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Patric Charlesen Employment	Victoria Dutt Point Park University
John Baker Washington and Jefferson College	Nicole Christ Indiana University of Pennsylvania	Christopher Eaton Franklin and Marshall College
Adrianna Bates York College of Pennsylvania	Alexa Clapperton West Chester University	Caroline Edelman Bucknell University
Lauren Bell Albright College	Bennett Conlin James Madison University	Alexander Fisher University of Pittsburgh
Olivia Benson Employment	Justin Cook Undecided	Emma Fogel University of California at Berkeley
Darby Bentz West Chester University	Arianna Corolla Berks Technical Institute	Andrea Foronda Alvernia University
Marquell Berger Kutztown University	Cody Cox Bentley University	Anita Gabriely Boston College
Emma Bittner Penn State University, UP	Julia Crozier-Christy Ursinus College	Miriam Gaona Reading Area Community College
Samuel Blanchet University of Notre Dame	Andrew Cruz Penn State University, Berks	Erica Gleason The University of Scranton
Kendall Bowen Reading Area Community College	Finnegan Daly Colorado State University	Lauren Hafer James Madison University
Christina Bowers Colgate University	Griffin Daly Colorado Mountain College	Reginald Hardy West Virginia University
Ian Brackbill Dartmouth College	Christopher Day Reading Area Community College	James Harris Shippensburg University
Kaylee Brown Reading Area Community College	Michael DeLucas Temple University	Chase Hartman McDaniel College
Anthony Calvaresi Undecided	Luke DeVos Duquesne University	Shane Hasenauer United States Marines

Post-Graduate Plans

Thomas Heck Ohio University	David Link Penn State University, Berks	Brandy Nunez University of Pittsburgh
Kenzie Holt LaSalle University	Andrew Long Kutztown University	Rachel Ohnsman University of Miami
Devi Jagadesan Xavier University	Amanda Lord West Chester University	Joshua Pappas Clemson University
Abubakar Jalloh Penn State University, Berks	Haley Lorish Penn State University, Berks	Charles Parker Undecided
Peter Jenckes Penn State University, Berks	Malik Love Reading Area Community College	Nishtha Patel New York University
Logan Jones Moravian College	Thomas MacDonald United States Army	Caroline Pattillo Georgetown University
Matthew Kaufmann Kutztown University	John Masano University of Miami	Robert Pattillo The George Washington University
Rachel Keel Pennsylvania College of Art & Design	Felix Mateo Penn State University, Berks	Rachel Perez Penn State University, Berks
Paige Keim Harrisburg Area Community College	Scott McAvoy Lafayette College	Emmanuel Philistin Thiel College
Jacob Kennedy Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Aaron McCracken Randolph-Macon College	Kaylah Ponton Penn State University, Berks
Christopher Kimberlin Navy Firefighting	Caroline McMahan West Chester University	Alexandra Portner Online College for Landscape Design
Greta Koch Haverford College	Sardis Melo Millersville University	Samantha Racine Employment
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Ki Shada Krick Daytona State College	Danny Nguyen Reading Area Community College	Angelica Reber Reading Area Community College
Austin Kuhn University of Pennsylvania	Tracy Nguyen Penn State University, UP	Jeffrey Reyes Reading Area Community College
Collin Lamont Kutztown University	Mitchell Norris Penn State University, Berks	Cody Rolon Berks Technical Institute

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Where do we go from here?

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Mark Boyer, Business Administrator

May We Introduce You to ... ?

The Wyomissing Area School District is pleased to welcome Mark Boyer as our Business Administrator. Boyer holds a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Albright College and a Master of Business Administration with a concentration in non-profits from Alvernia College. His past experience includes 13 years working for the County of Berks as a Fiscal Director for the Youth Center and the manager of Financial Planning and Analy-

sis for the Budget Office. Most recently he served as the Assistant Business Manager for the Daniel Boone Area School District for one-and-one-half years. In both positions he assisted in building the budget and providing helpful analysis and budget forecasts.

He and his wife Leslie, who has also worked in public education for 13 years, reside in Leesport with their two children Jillian and Kameron.

Boyer said, "I am looking forward to serving the Wyomissing Area School District and community in the capacity of Business Administrator. I believe that the role of Business Administrator is the key to help guide and provide accurate information for decision making purposes for the District's Administration and Board of Directors." He also serves on the Board for the Schuylkill Valley Youth Soccer organization.

Science Celebration cont'd.



AP Chemistry students demonstrate experiments for West Reading Elementary students including levitating a beach ball and a fire vortex.

Retirees Recognized

Best wishes for a long, happy, well-deserved retirement.



Craig L. Fries, retires after six years with the District as Director of Building & Grounds.



Colleen F. Paulson, retires after 35 years as an elementary teacher.



Janet L. Orwig, retired in January as a Family & Consumer Science Teacher after more than 30 years in education.

WAEF Presents 2014 Scholarships

The 2014 Scholarship Reception was held on Wednesday, April 30, at which time the following scholarships were awarded to the respective recipients.

The Class of 1959 Memorial Scholarship

A \$1000 scholarship awarded to the senior with the most improved GPA between 9th and 12th grades.

2014 Winner – Cody Rolon

The Women's Club of Wyomissing Scholarship

A \$1,000 scholarship awarded to a senior who has performed well academically, provided service to school and community, and will benefit from tuition contributions.

2014 Winner – Brandy Nunez

The Samuel R. Kozloff Scholarship

A \$1,750 scholarship awarded to a senior who has demonstrated achievement and interest in social studies or foreign languages.

2014 Winner – Emma Fogel

The Class of 1946 Memorial Scholarship

A \$1,000 scholarship awarded to a meritorious member of the senior class who has shown academic and leadership potential.

2014 Winner – Daniel Sweitzer

The West Reading High School Alumni Scholarship

A \$1,250 scholarship awarded to a senior who will benefit from the award and is a resident of the Borough of West Reading.

2014 Winner–Danielle Carabello

The Koullias Family Scholarship

A \$1,000 scholarship awarded to a senior planning to study electrical engineering, math or science.

2014 Winner – Greta Koch

WAEF Scholarship

A \$1,000 scholarship awarded to a student who has at least a 3.0 GPA and plans to continue his or her education in the field of Fine Arts.

2014 Winner – Rachel Ohnsman

Sean M. Flannery Scholarship

A \$1,000 scholarship awarded to a senior who demonstrates leadership, has been rostered on a varsity sport and is in good academic and disciplinary standing.

2014 Winner – Scott McAvoy

The Gertrude K. McGonigle Adult Scholarship

This is a \$1,000 scholarship provided to an adult who is at least 24 years old and is re-entering education after at least a one-year lapse in time. This includes GED, vocational, baccalaureate and masters programs.

2014 Winner – Brittany Siggins

Distinguished Alumni Award

Edward J. Kuhn, Jr. received the first annual Distinguished Alumni Award. The honor is awarded to a graduate of the Wyomissing or West Reading School systems; recognized as a person of strong moral and ethical character; who demonstrates outstanding professional success; a record of involvement and

support of activities within the WASD schools; a commitment to education, students and/or youth; a history of generously donating his/her time, talents or treasures to social programs, non-profit organizations and/or community activities; or has a history of involvement with non-profit organizations.



Edward J. Kuhn, Jr.



Brittany Siggins, Daniel Sweitzer, Scott McAvoy, Brandy Nunez, and Emma Fogel.



Greta Koch and Danielle Carabello



Rachel Ohnsman



Cody Rolon



Ryan Latourelle racks up points tossing bean bags from different spots on the basketball court. Points doubled if he threw the bag overhand.

Annual Math Carnival Sums Up Skills

West Reading Elementary students practiced their math skills at the annual Math Carnival held at the end of May. Fifth grade math teachers Keith Arnold and Erika Homan worked collaboratively with a parent committee to organize the event.

The game Division Partners tested students' ability to match the quotient to the division problem as accurately and quickly as possible. In Frantic Fractions

students needed to rapidly put the fraction pieces in order from greatest to least. While inside the building, students were attending boutiques and restaurants practicing their money skills. Students also used statistics and probability in a variety of activities. "It was truly a team effort. All the 5th grade teachers collaborated to make the carnival a fun day for everyone! The students worked hard all year to master the 5th grade curriculum.

The carnival is a fun way to test their knowledge!" agreed the teachers.

"We have to thank the parents, the community, and our staff for embracing the idea! The parents went above and beyond to make this carnival one of the most successful to date," said Arnold and Homan.



Megan Mingle plays Money Plinko by dropping ping-pong balls down the board into varying money values from \$0 to \$1.00 as rapidly as possible. Highest score for the day won.

Grace Diehl and Summer Mirigiano attempt Frantic Fractions.

Colette Huber assists Jahsear Bainbridge in Division Partners.

The Poetry Bomb

Sixth grade Language Arts students and poet Craig Czury gathered at the West Reading playground for a poetry recitation in front of the new mural.

This school-wide project involved all WREC students and the High School Public Art Workshop students in its creation and is the culmination of a poetry unit completed in 6th grade Language Arts classes. Inspiration for this work came from the term *Yarn Bomb*, a street art that employs colorful displays of knitted or crocheted yarn or fiber rather than paint or chalk. The subject matter for this work of art features a design made entirely of text. The design was made of plastic yarn (plann)

and other weatherproof materials. The chain link fence acts as an armature to support the various materials used in the project. The text for the project was the result of a two-day residency by Berks County Poet Laureate Craig Czury which was sponsored by the Wyomissing Area Education Foundation. The various components for the project were created in both Language Arts and Art classes.

Installation volunteers included Destini Boyer, Kathy and Dennis Burkhardt, Erin Croft, Grace Fernandez, Stephanie Kotula, Ronald and Veronica Miller, Cindy Murdough, Flora Natalini, Tori Smith, and Johnny Tavez.



Volunteer Dennis Burkhardt installs segments of plann on the fence at the West Reading Playground.



2014 Honorees

- Joe Alcaro
- Kristin Allen
- Tony Alvarez
- Keith Arnold
- Matthew Babiarez
- Crisanne Bansner
- Cathy Barra
- Pete Beck
- Andrea Boerger
- Dorothy Brandt
- James Delp
- Meredith Emkey
- Frank Ferrandino
- Kelly Ferrandino
- Gwen Gibson
- Jim Hicks
- Mary Hollinger
- Christopher Kersikoski
- Joe Kollar
- Rob Kucharczuk
- Kim Lally
- Andrea Landrum
- Bobbi Lofgren
- Martin Mann
- Eric Miller
- Nathan Miller
- Curt Minich
- Joelle Ostrich
- Colleen Paulson
- Dana Quinlivan
- Nancy Robinson
- Christopher Stancheck
- Erin Tyrrell
- Michael Vecchio
- Laura Zamperini

Teaching is the one profession that creates all other professions.

-Unknown

Spartan Impact Awards

The first annual Spartan Impact Awards, held June 3, 2014, honored faculty and staff who were selected for having a significant impact on the life of a graduating senior.

According to Principal Corey Jones, members of the Class of 2014 nominated someone in the District who influenced their life more than anyone else during

their time as a student. These people were honored for using this power to educate, engage, inspire, and motivate the students to be responsible and successful young adults who are equipped to take on the future.

Following refreshments provided by the PTA, Alumni Committee and Food Service Department, and a chance for the nominees to

mingle with the students, Superintendent Julia Vicente welcomed everyone with opening remarks. The honorees were introduced and presented with a certificate. The qualities of the honorees that prompted their nominations were displayed on screen.

Mrs. Vicente said, "This is an evening these teachers will remember forever."



Jim Hicks, Bus Driver

"Jim has done so much for me over the years. He says that he will stay with me until I graduate. Jim holds the umbrella for me. He sends post cards, pictures, and gifts while on vacation. He always makes the bus comfortable for me and the other students"

— Lexy Portner



Dorothy Brandt, WHEC ESL Teacher

"Mrs. Brandt impacted my life in such a positive way. She gave me comfort, believed in me, and worked really hard with me to help me understand and speak English. Whenever I wanted to give up, she made me want to try harder. I honestly don't think I would have made it without her."

— Miriam Gaona

Honoring Those Who Have Had an Impact

Joe Kollar, Chemistry Teacher

"I have been fortunate to have Mr. Kollar as my teacher for three years. In AP Chemistry, he devoted extra time to help us succeed on the exam and throughout the year. His care for and belief in his students has made a lasting impact on me and I truly appreciate his help and guidance."

— Lauren Bell

"Mr. Kollar's unassuming manner and straightforward teaching style had a subtle but definite impact on me. My decision to pursue engineering in college comes in part from my experiences in Mr. Kollar's class. His passion, understanding and ability to explain his subject transferred to me the desire to delve deeper into my study of chemical science."

— Lizzy Tonneslan

"Mr. Kollar pushed my classmates and me during my junior year. He strengthened my knowledge of chemistry and encouraged me to pursue a career within the field. After researching occupations within the field and scoring well on the AP Exam, I have decided to major in Chemistry at Lafayette College."

— Dan Sweitzer



Kelly Ferrandino, 6th Grade Teacher

"Mrs. Ferrandino is kind and caring, and believes in my strong work ethic. Throughout the years she has always had a great interest in how I'm doing, whether it's academics or athletics. She is one of my biggest cheerleaders and always wants to see me succeed."

—Caroline McMahon

"My teacher and a field hockey coach, Mrs. Ferrandino, taught me to have faith and stay strong through difficult times. She was always there to support me and to remind me to love and enjoy whatever I am doing in my life. From Mrs. Ferrandino I know to have courage, strength, and to "believe in order to achieve'."

— Devi Jagadesan



Nancy Robinson, WHEC Reading Specialist

"As my fourth grade reading teacher, Mrs. Robinson came to school everyday with a giant smile on her face and a cheerful attitude. Her soft-spoken words and kind-hearted personality gave me the confidence to read words I found difficult to pronounce and understand. She was instrumental in improving my reading skills."

— Lauren Hafer





Post-Prom Party Provides Safe Alternative for Notoriously Dangerous Night

Hoping to provide a safe haven for students during a notoriously dangerous night, the Post-Prom Committee transformed the Jr./Sr. High School into an activity-filled arena. The gym, library, and hallways boasted games of chance, an inflatable slide and wrecking ball, bowling, ping-pong, golf, volleyball, and basketball. Half-hourly cash prize drawings kept attendees interest-

ed and chaperones bleary-eyed into the wee hours of the morning.

Planning began in September as parents joined forces with Principal Corey Jones. The event, attended by 128 students was free and open to juniors and seniors and their dates regardless of whether they attended the prom.



“Post Prom 2014 was the beginning a new Wyo tradition. It was great to see the community rally behind our kids!”

— Michelle Davis



Post Prom’s Generous Sponsors and Donors

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| Coca-Cola Refreshments | Eric and Toula Miller | |
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Without the generous support of these donors, this event would not have been possible!



Second Grade Teacher Honored



Stephanie Myers and Ava Olexy

Wyomissing Hills Elementary received a \$1,000 Teacher Stories Award from TakePart.com as part of their TEACH series. TakePart agreed to donate more than \$10,000 through DonorsChoose.org to public schools through the Teacher Stories program that was launched in April. The public school that submitted the most letters about their teachers received \$5,000, while five schools whose students submitted the best stories about their teachers received \$1,000. Those stories were voted the best

based on originality, persuasiveness, creativity, and relevance.

Second grade teacher Stephanie Myers was nominated by parent Stacy Olexy in a compelling letter describing how Myers has worked to include her daughter Ava, who has a form of non-verbal Autism, in her classroom. With the Olexys' permission, Myers explained to the other children that Ava is very bright and does communicate with them. Throughout the year Ava has become just part of the group and has developed many friend-

ships, something Stacy feared would never happen.

Myers was excited to have Ava as a student because she had heard how adept she was with computers. She was working on curriculum that incorporated iPads into the classroom. In her letter of nomination, Olexy said, "If we can help Ms. Myers to gain more iPads to expand her curriculum and allow other students like Ava to feel their worth, I would feel as if I had taken a small step towards repaying her for her efforts."

"Ms. Myers has created a classroom that has emphasized more than just math, science, and good test scores. She has educated these students on the importance of community and celebrating differences. A curriculum that we should NEVER overlook"

—Stacy Olexy



Stephanie Myers having story time with her second grade students.

Permanent Art Collection Addition

The walls in the District Office and Community Board Room are lined with original artwork created by students in the most advanced art classes at the high school. On display at the annual District Art Show in May are prized pieces of an artist's collection, some of which are available for purchase.

Superintendent Julia Vicente said the collection reminds her of the true talent of our students

and reflects the taste of the various Superintendents in what art pieces they choose each year. Her selection is an acrylic painting on wood by Andrew Long, Class of 2014. Long was recognized at a June Board meeting and presented with a check for the purchase of his work.

Vicente was delighted to select something very different from anything in the collection to date.



"This piece is exquisite and speaks to my inner soul."

— Julia Vicente

Acrylic Painting
entitled
Blah #2
by
Andrew Long,
Class of 2014

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Our Mission:

The Wyomissing Area School District, in partnership with parents and community, is committed to:

- ◆ educate all students to their fullest potential
- ◆ provide all students with the opportunity to acquire the knowledge and skills to be successful in the 21st century
- ◆ encourage all students to be productive, responsible citizens and lifelong learners.

Class of 2014, Where Do We Go From Here, cont'd.

Jeremiah Rosario
Millersville University

Samantha Ross
University of Pittsburgh

Jacob Rothfleisch
Immaculata University

Adam Rumer
Slippery Rock University

Kyle Sands
Employment

Yashira Santos
Employment

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York Technical Institute

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Kutztown University

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