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Port Matilda - Art Reflecting Changes in Nature

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Superintendent’s Message

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There is a familiar saying, “With every challenge or obstacle, comes an opportunity.” I cannot think of an instance when this is not true. For example, take a look at the *Eagle Pride*. For over a decade, Rose Hoover, now retired, wrote the articles and snapped the pictures. The semi-annual publication was an extension of Rose; her interpretation of events and the moments captured with the camera enlightened, thrilled, and motivated us, even occasionally making us shed a tear. Rose has a gift; we often referred to this as “Roserizing” the article. If you wrote something, anything, the finished article was more in-depth, conveyed greater meaning, and tugged more on your emotions after Rose fine-tuned the words, bringing the piece to life. Rose is missed each and every day, but with this challenge came an opportunity. *Eagle Pride* is now under the direction of Barb Young, one of our incredible teachers. Mrs. Young is our Gifted Support Instructor and has incorporated some of our students’ talents into the publication.

Our next challenge is to update our website. Until September, Rose was also our webmaster. As we move forward in the social media environment, we want to be able to provide information in a timely manner, using multiple applications. To create a website that reflects this need for immediate information, we have chosen Aptegy as our website provider. Once the website is up and running, information will become available almost instantaneously through a single platform using Facebook, Twitter, voice calls, and push-out messages. With each school building responsible for providing its own information, the community should have a better grasp not only of the district, but also of the individual school activities. Again, the challenge of replacing Rose led to a great opportunity.

The challenges we have faced in the past have not gone away. The need to provide curriculum that is rigorous, relevant, and responsive to the needs of our students in the most efficient manner still exists. Declining enrollment, advocating for each individual child, delivering meaningful and effective educational opportunities in and out of the classroom—these challenges are front and center every day.

With all these challenges, there is peace of mind knowing we live in a community that understands and supports the importance of a quality education that enables our students not only to attain rewarding occupations, but also to be outstanding citizens in their communities.

Bottom to top, top to bottom, our outstanding faculty and staff are committed to the children of Bald Eagle Area School District. Here at Bald Eagle Area, It’s Cool to Care and It’s All about the Students.

We Teach for Success

On the Cover... Elementary Art Students Create Images Reflecting Changes in Nature

Port Matilda fifth-graders Kaylee Moore and Shawn Knepp pause to study and critique artwork in progress with art teacher Janet Riggio, who was honored at the 2016 Pennsylvania Art Education Conference for her work as a Region Representative.

In this picture, Mrs. Riggio is encouraging students to observe closely the details of the stems and how they overlap. The BEA elementary arts curriculum addresses the idea of creating images that reflect the changes in climate and seasons. Students can identify the inspiration for this painting of Brown-eyed Susans as an observation of late summer flowers. The artist who created the painting has shown understanding of spatial relationship: the stems can be seen through a clear vase of freshly picked flowers. This artist used cake tempera, although students could choose from a variety of color media.

Phoebe McClincy Named National Merit Finalist

BEA senior Phoebe McClincy has been named a finalist in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. Last fall, based on her score on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, she was notified that she was a semifinalist, and in February, she was informed that she had reached finalist status. Phoebe now has the opportunity to continue in the competition for about 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth about \$33 million. Phoebe plans to attend Penn State University Park campus to major in Meteorology.



BEA Serves as Flood Shelter



The Red Cross opened a shelter at the Middle-High School on October 21, 2016, after several inches of rainfall overnight caused widespread flooding throughout the Bald Eagle Valley. Over 80 evacuees, including residents of the nearby Eagle Valley Personal Care Home, were relocated to the school's lobby, where cots were set up and the Salvation Army and area businesses provided food and beverages. District schools were closed for the day, and county commissioners declared a disaster. Principal Jack Tobias stated, "The school and community support I witnessed on the evening of the flood to assist others in a time of need was absolutely remarkable. The High School building is often referred to by many as the hub of the community, but the people in this school community and their selflessness are what makes BEA a special place!"

Secretary of Education Visits BEA



Pennsylvania Secretary of Education Pedro Rivera and Representative Mike Hanna visited BEA on November 3, 2016. Superintendent Jeffrey Miles and Principal John Tobias led a tour through the High School, where Industrial Technology teacher Andrew Markle, Physics & Engineering teacher Kathy Gee, and Science teacher Todd Biddle demonstrated student projects and some of our new technology. The visitors proceeded to Wingate Elementary, where they were joined by Principal James Orichosky. Ms. Robey's Kindergarten class danced to a video for them and then settled down to listen to a book. Secretary Rivera was greatly impressed with not only the beautiful setting of Bald Eagle, but also the culture we support and the curriculum we provide.

Mountaintop

Schoolwide Positive Behavior

Fall Festival, Ronald McDonald House Charities, caroling, and food drives are all part of life at Mountaintop Area Elementary School. These activities are tied into the Schoolwide Positive Behavior program, the goal of which is to teach students that they can make a difference at school and in their community. Each month students strive to follow three school rules: be kind, be respectful, and be responsible.



In October, students earned Soaring Eagle tickets for their positive behavior and used them at our annual Fall Festival for games and activities such as finding a “needle” in the haystack, navigating an obstacle course, walking through a spooky kitchen, and eating caramel apples.

For the month of December, Mountaintop made a chain of success where students earned red and green chain links for following the school rules. The chain started at each end of the building, and, when it connected, students were able to go caroling in the community. In place of a gift exchange that month, students brought in donations for the Ronald McDonald House, allowing them to give to others in their time of need. Starting in January, students brought in food to try to reach a goal of 1,000 pounds to donate to the Mountaintop Food Bank. Students could earn extra cans of food by trading in Soaring Eagle tickets for food that was collected from donations by local businesses.

Howard Elementary

Elementary December Schoolwide Reward: Movie Day



During the month of December, students at Howard Elementary worked hard to earn a ticket for a seat to see a movie of their choice. Instead of just showing one movie, Mr. Pighetti created a Google survey for students to decide which four movies would be shown. From the survey, choices were whittled down to *The Polar Express*, *The Santa Clause*, *Elf*, and a collection of short movies: *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*, *Frosty the Snowman*, and *A Charlie Brown Christmas*.

Each student was given a movie card with 10 spaces to get punched. As they were caught being Respectful, Responsible or Kind, students would get spaces punched out on their cards. As soon as a student had all their spaces punched out, they were allowed to go to the library, sign up for a movie of their choice,

and get a movie ticket. Tickets into each movie were limited, so students worked hard to get their cards filled quickly to ensure a seat at the movie of their first choice.

On movie day, students used their tickets to be admitted into their chosen movies, which were shown in the library, kindergarten classroom, cafeteria, and music room. Students and staff enjoyed freshly popped popcorn during the movie.

Port Matilda Elementary

Fall Festival

As part of our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) participation, the Port Matilda Elementary School celebrated autumn with a Fall Festival Day, which included a hayride, pumpkin bowling, fall games, and food treat competitions. Fun was had by all, and the community involvement was much appreciated! Students earned this event by demonstrating good behavior with Soaring Eagle tickets.



Stockings for Troops

Port students participated in Stockings for the Troops. The idea behind the program is to promote good will to all armed forces who would not be home for the Christmas holidays.



Students filled stockings with simple treats and candy and basic needs items like ChapStick, dental floss, toothbrushes, and hand warmers.

Each stocking included a personal handmade card to express our gratitude and to share good will.



Soldiers have responded to Port Elementary with touching thank you cards and to voice how special they felt to be remembered by our young students.

Wingate Elementary



Phoebe McClincy

Wingate Elementary students went for the ride of their life when the Carnegie Science Center visited in January. With their interactive presentation, "Science Takes Flight," the Science Center taught students about basic aerodynamics and the science of flight. The students then had the opportunity to participate in different activities that were themed around aerodynamics.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS



Jennifer Benson
Language Arts Instructor
Middle-High School

Hello BEA! I am excited to join the team! My name is Jennifer Benson, and I was hired to teach the 12th grade Applied and Academic English courses as well as the 10th grade Applied English course. Before teaching at BEA,

I taught at a small school in Pittsburgh for three and a half years, after which I had my son Asher and was a stay-at-home mom for two years. I am excited to be back in the classroom and to get to know my new students and staff!

am a huge Philadelphia sports fan. The Flyers are my number one team with the Eagles at a close second. I have been an ice-hockey player for 18 years; however, due to injuries, I have switched my passion to golf. I fell in love with golf about eight years ago and have been playing as much as possible ever since. My other hobbies include snowboarding, skateboarding, photography, and fantasy football. My goal for my time here at BEA is to inspire my students to be the greatest versions of themselves and to prepare them for the challenges they will face beyond the high school classroom.



Cindy Cain
Para-Educator
Middle-High School

Hello, my name is Cindy Cain, and I am a Para in the High School Life Skills class. I am a proud 1992 graduate of Bald Eagle Area. I live in Howard with my wonderful husband, Greg and our two amazing kids, Jessica and

Caleb. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, sewing, cooking, and working with animals—especially goats! I also enjoy helping with the BEA Drama Club. I am very excited and blessed to be a part of the BEA family.



Leisa Fisher
School Nurse Assistant
Mountaintop Elementary

Hello BEA, my name is Leisa Fisher. I was hired in January to be the new Health Room Assistant Nurse at Mountaintop Elementary. I had been a nurse with Bellefonte School District for 13 years. My husband and I and

two dogs moved here to Snow Shoe to be closer to our family. I have spent the last three years being a full-time "Nan" to our granddaughter and making a new home for us here in Snow Shoe. I enjoy landscaping, gardening, flowers, and sewing. I feel privileged to have this opportunity to serve the children here at Mountaintop and look forward to helping them be healthy for their school day.



Alex Coblentz
Business Instructor
Middle-High School

My name is Alex Coblentz, and this school year will be my first year teaching. I cannot express enough how excited I am to begin my career at Bald Eagle. I am a recent graduate of Bloomsburg University and plan to

eventually further my education at Penn State University. I am originally from Quakertown, Pennsylvania. This means I



Laurie Hall
Para-Educator
Mountaintop Elementary

It's been a while, but I am back at Bald Eagle, however this time not as a student but as an employee. Hi there, my name is Laurie Hall, and I am excited to share that I am the new Para-educator at the Mountaintop Elementary School. I am

a 1994 graduate of Bald Eagle and a 1996 graduate of South Hills Business School. My husband Jason and I live in Snow

Shoe with our two children. In our free time, we enjoy watching the Pittsburgh Pirates and Steelers! But I am always looking for a new adventure. I am really looking forward to working with all the students at Bald Eagle.

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Adam Herzing
Special Education Instructor
Middle-High School

My name is Adam Herzing. I am from Saint Marys, Pa, but now live with my wife and two children in Bellefonte. I have my degree in Economics and Business Administration from Penn State and my Bachelors in Teaching from Lock Haven University. I am certified to teach Special Education N-12, Math, Science, and Social Studies. I love to hunt, fish, and garden. I am so excited to join the team at BEASD and am dedicated to providing our learners with the best education possible.

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Nicole Kindelberger
Elementary Music

I am originally from the Pittsburgh area, though I taught in North Carolina for seven years before moving back to Pennsylvania. I love Pittsburgh sports and spending time with my friends and family. I'm grateful for everyone who has welcomed me here in BEA!

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Ellen McCaslin
Custodian
Middle-High School

Hello BEA! My name is Ellen McCaslin, and I am the new custodian at the Middle-High School. I am a 2013 Bald Eagle graduate, and I live in Julian with my chocolate lab on my grandfather's farm. My hobbies include outdoor activities like hunting and doing things on the farm.



Amy Nearhoof
Language Arts Instructor
Middle-High School

Hello BEA community. My name is Amy Nearhoof, and I'm joining you as a Secondary English Teacher. I grew up in the Tyrone area and have returned to raise my family here. I live on a century-old farm with my family, dog, cat, hamster, and fish. My life is never boring! I have a BA from the University of Pittsburgh and a MEd from Penn State. I have taught Senior High English and English as a Second Language courses. In my spare time, I can be found on my front porch painting furniture, in my kitchen creating custom cakes, on the soccer sidelines cheering on my daughter, or in the cornfields walking my dog. I am excited to be sharing my love of English with BEA and looking forward to a great year!

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Del Park
Special Education Instructor
Middle-High School

Hello BEA Family,
My name is Del Park, and I am proud to be Bald Eagle Area's new High School Life Skills Teacher. I am very excited to be part of BEA. I grew up in the suburbs of Philadelphia, about thirty miles from the city. My father was an English teacher, coach, and administrator. My mother was a teacher but left the profession to raise me and my two sisters. I learned the importance of work ethic and the power of education from my father. My mother taught me patience, caring, and sacrifice for others.

I earned an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice and Bachelor's Degree in Social Science: History. I worked for seven years teaching Adult Basic Education to incarcerated offenders. While working, I went back to school and received a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership with a Dual Certification in Elementary and Special Education from Immaculata University.

Then, my wife, daughter, son, and I moved to my wife's hometown of Mill Hall. I taught for a year at Sugar Valley Rural Charter School and three years at BLaST IU 17 in Learning and Emotional Support. Consequently, my family was drawn to the Bald Eagle Area Community. We thank you for the opportunity to be a valued member of the BEA family.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS



Gena Rodriguez
College and Career Counselor
Middle-High School

Hello BEA! My name is Gena Rodriguez, and I am the new College Adviser in the Counseling office. I'm very excited to be placed at Bald Eagle and to work with all of you during my time here! You may see me doing SAT registrations, helping

to file the FAFSA, or leading the College Knowledge Club on Wednesdays! When I'm not at school, I enjoy hiking, playing rugby, and touring college campuses. I hope you will stop by my office and say "Hello" sometime!

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Toby Sheckler
School Nurse Assistant
Howard Elementary

Hello Bald Eagle! I am Toby Sheckler, and I am the new Nurse Assistant at Howard Elementary. I am a 2006 graduate of BEA. I attended 2 1/2 years at LHU in the health science program before I went to CPI for nursing in 2009.

I am excited to begin my career with BEA and to get to know all of you! I have two children, Takoda, 6, and Taelyn, 4. In addition to nursing, I enjoy spending time with my two children, family and friends, going to my kids' sporting events, and being outdoors. This year is already off to a great start, and I am looking forward to being part of a wonderful group of people!

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Kathy Salvanish
School Nurse Assistant
Port Matilda Elementary

Hello BEA, my name is Kathy Salvanish, and I am the new Nurse Assistant at Port Matilda Elementary School. I am a 1977 graduate of BEA and a 1984 graduate of Centre County Vo-Tech, now known as CPI, in the LPN Program. I love children

and have spent most of my nursing career working with them in one aspect or another. I spent 20 years in a pediatric office, and prior to coming to BEA I did homecare with special needs children for nine years. I have been married to my husband James for 37 years. We have two daughters and one son. My daughter Jayme is a graduate of Bellefonte High School, and my daughter Janelle and son William are both BEA grads. I have three grandsons, one of them in first grade at Wingate, and one granddaughter. I enjoy redoing old furniture and antiques. My favorite hobby is collecting bears, as many of you know; my collection just goes on and on. I am extremely excited and proud to be back at my alma mater and look forward to great things happening.



Tabatha Stover
Special Education Instructor
Wingate Elementary

Hello, my name is Tabatha Stover and this is my first year teaching at Bald Eagle! I received my Master's Degree in Teaching and Learning with a concentration of Early Childhood

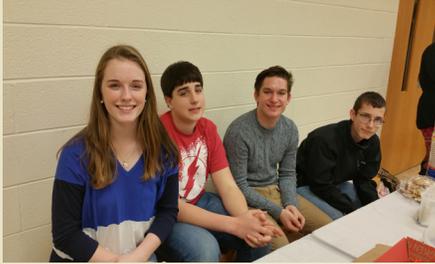
Education, along with my B.S. in Early Childhood and Special Education from Lock Haven University. I have been teaching for over five years and have experience in multiple educational settings. My husband and I live in the Runville area with our dog, and we enjoy spending time outside during our free time. I am excited to be a part of the Wingate Family and look forward to an exciting year with 5th grade!

The mission of the Bald Eagle Area School District is to provide all students with academically challenging educational experiences and opportunities to grow into responsible lifelong learners and productive contributors to our global society.

World Travelers

Bald Eagle Area High School Offers Once-in-a-Lifetime Opportunity

Emily Shiels



Students in the high school received the offer of a lifetime last spring. Some were sitting in Spanish 2 when they read the bright orange fliers with the words, “COSTA RICA: TRIP OF A LIFETIME!” Lauren Fisher was excited at the opportunity, stating, “To travel is to learn new things.”

Several days before, Spanish teacher Angela Smith explained to her Spanish 3 class that she had petitioned the BEA School Board to approve an international trip to the Central American country of Costa Rica, where she had worked as an interpreter multiple times. “I chose Costa Rica because I love the nation, the people . . . and the food,” she said with a grin. After an informational meeting and sign-ups, the newly formed club, BEA World Travelers (BEAWT) attained 12 student members with Señorita Smith as their adviser. The students committed to the trip are Emily Shiels, Blaine Egan, Ashton Robinson, Anton Fatula, Brianna Dyke, Taylor Kilmer, Kyle Gates, Lacey Barnhart,

Lauren Fisher, Madison Surovec, Rebecca Hoffman, and Jakob Ream.

The club has been actively fundraising to help defray the costs of the trip. They have sold Yankee Candles and raffle tickets, offered Christmas wrapping services and, most recently, held their own event, Paint BEA-utiful, on Tuesday, January 17, 2017. Supporters, composed of faculty, family, and friends, joined for a night of relaxation and refreshments, with all proceeds going to the Costa Rica fund. Students from BEAWT waited on tables, offering refreshments and replacing dirty paint-water for the participants. The night went so well that the club is planning to host another paint night in May. Individuals or groups may sponsor a student or donate to the club.

For more information on how to contribute, contact

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Tess Bechdel Named Homecoming Queen



Tess Bechdel was crowned as BEA's 2016 homecoming queen during ceremonies at Alumni Field in September. Regan Dyke and Shania Moore were the runners-up. Miranda Noll, the 2015 homecoming queen, returned to present the crown to the new queen.

Left to right: Miranda Noll, Skyler Woodward, Caleigh Guenot, Olivia Andrews, Morgan Dubbs, Savannah Elder, Caylee McCaslin, Regan Dyke, Shania Moore, Tess Bechdel, Velanna Stripek, Madelynn Holderman.

Band and Chamber Choir Travel to Disney World



Ireland Hackman

On Saturday, December 17, 2016, after waiting several hours for an ice storm to pass, the Bald Eagle Area Marching Band and Chamber Choir left for Disney World, where they were each scheduled to perform.

The travelers spent Sunday at the Hollywood Studios Park, enjoying attractions focused on movies such as the *Star Wars* saga. That evening, students attended a *Fantasmic!* show, which featured live actors, music, and video effects.

On Monday, the day that they performed in a parade in the Magic Kingdom Park, the marching band members were considered temporary employees of Disney World, even getting a look behind the scenes at the Magic Kingdom. After the parade, they enjoyed the rides in the park before watching a fireworks show.

Tuesday was spent at Epcot, with a break during the day for the choir to sing at the Disney Spring Resort. After another evening fireworks show, the students boarded the bus to head back to Pennsylvania.

Wednesday was spent trying to catch up on sleep and fight off boredom on the trip back to Pennsylvania. The travelers arrived at the high school Wednesday evening around eight. Most people were grateful for the fact that, even though a bus broke down, nothing caught on fire this year.

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District Chorus
Madison Maney, Karissa Bittinger, Alice Statham,
Heather Huyett, Colton Lucas*, Michael Bailey,
Austin Huyett*, Michael Geyer*
(*Region Chorus)



District Orchestra
Colton Lucas, Alice Statham,
Jacob Michael, Austin Huyett* (*Region Orchestra)*



District Jazz Band
*Alyssa Packer, Austin Besong, Jacob Michael,
Tim Durachko, Jacob Bloom, Austin Huyett, Anton Fatula*



District Band
Jacob Bloom, Michael Geyer, Austin Huyett, Courtney
Metz*, Colton Lucas* Austin Besong, Anton Fatula*,
Tony Talarigo (not pictured) (*Region Band)*

BEA Students Win Recycling Poster Contest



Four BEA fifth-grade students were among twelve in the county to win the “How My Buddies and I Recycle” poster contest sponsored by the Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority. Students worked with Elementary Librarian Sharon Bittel to create their posters on computers. (Left to right) Niziah Noone from Howard Elementary, Quentin Muirhead from Mountaintop Elementary, Marlando Jones from Wingate Elementary, and Joseph Jones from Port Matilda Elementary each won a \$25 gift card from Weis and a Buddy Bench for his school. Winning posters were compiled into a free 2017 calendar, available at Weis Markets.

Scenes from the High School and Middle School Plays: *Murder for Dummies* and *The Actor Games*



MARK YOUR CALENDARS: *The Bald Eagle Area Drama Club will present its Spring Musical, *The Addams Family*, on April 27, 28, and 29.*

Farm Show



FFA members Clayton Giedroc, Mason Finocchio, and Kami Woodring accept the 2-Star National Chapter Award.



Bald Eagle Area students brought home many awards from this year's PA State Farm Show, held during the second week of January.

At the Mid-Winter FFA Convention, which convened during the Farm Show, Clayton Geidroc and Mackenzie Stine earned the Keystone Award, the highest degree in the state FFA organization. Free FFA jackets were awarded through the Pennsylvania FFA Alumni Jacket Scholarship fund to Luke Roan, Meredith Knoll, Olivia Reed, Hunter Snook, Colton Reese, Logan Rider, Ellissa Russell, Madisen Hilgar, and Blaine Egan. At a reception held prior to the convention, the Bald Eagle FFA chapter was recognized by the Pennsylvania State FFA Foundation for its rank as a two-star chapter on the national level.

To close a successful week, Jessica Cain, Alex Eagles, Allan Heaton, and Nick Smith gave a fifteen-minute presentation on the International Cub Lo Boy tractor that they restored in their agriculture mechanics class. These students received a blue merit and a check for \$800 from the Lancaster Farmer.

Prom Dress Event

The Junior Class and Student Government held the fifth annual Prom Dress Event on Sunday, February 5, from 2:00 PM till 6:00 PM. Anyone donating a dress prior to the day of the event received a coupon for a dress of a similar style and early entrance to the event. Those donating on the day of the event received coupons for a prom dress for \$5 or a free semi-formal dress. Accessories and some men's items were also available. Proceeds from the sale will be used to purchase additional dresses and formal attire.



Veterans Day Programs honored our area veterans in all BEA schools on November 11, 2016.



Middle-High School & Wingate Elementary

BEA graduate Command Sergeant Major John E. Jones of the 28th Infantry Division, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, addressed Wingate and Middle-High School students, emphasizing the significance of the people and opportunities that we encounter in life.



Howard Elementary



Port Matilda Elementary



Mountaintop Elementary

Veterans Day means a day when we honor how selfless and courageous veterans are. They sacrificed themselves for our freedom, even though they don't know us. --Daina Julian

Reindeer Games



On December 22, the BEA High School held a Reindeer Games assembly to celebrate the Positive Schoolwide Behavior Program. The initiative, previously implemented at the elementary and middle school levels, was introduced to students in grades nine through twelve during class meetings in September. Each month, teachers awarded Soaring Eagle tickets to students caught being kind, respectful, responsible, or safe. Monthly drawings awarded lucky students and teachers \$5 gift cards.

At the December assembly, teams of students representing each grade, along with a spirited team of teachers, volunteered to play games such as blindfolded limbo, plunger races, and musical boxes. Between games, drawings of all tickets accumulated in the fall were held, with 62 students winning gift cards ranging in value from \$10 to \$100.

History Night



BEA held its first History Night in the lobby of the Middle-High School on February 2, 2017. Students displayed projects on the National History Day theme: Taking a Stand in History. A history presentation followed in the LGI.

SCHOLASTIC HONORS BANQUET

Students in Grades 7-12 were recognized for being in the top ten percent of their classes last year.

Grade 7

Claire Andrews
Cora Bulles
Chelsea Davis
Tenley Gates
Olivia Horner
Emily Ream
Megan Reese
Sadie Roberts
Joseph Shawley
Katie Snyder
Carter Stere
Autumn Tobias
Haley Watson

Grade 10

Taylor Bumgarner
Chelsea Butterworth
Tessa Cingle
Cameron Cody
Michael Geyer
Garrett Giedroc
Katherine Haagen
Rebecca Hoffman
Nicholas Ishler
Shane Lambert-Brooks
Courtney Metz
Jakob Ream
Caleb Spackman
Julia Thompson

Grade 8

Brynne Bisel
Nicholas Fisher
Amayah Fogleman
Sarah Holler
Meghan Ishler
JoAnn Loper
Regina McCloskey
Raelyn McGonigal
Cole Parsons
Julia Patcyk
Lexi Skripek
Hannah Terment
Rachel Veneziano

Grade 11

Michael Bailey
Austin Besong
Kaitlin Carter
Morgan Chambers
Jared Gettig
Ireland Hackman
Charlotte Harris
Mariah Houck
Mae Hugar
Heather Huyett
Adazia Mellott
Emma Murgas
Brooke Myers
Alice Statham
Tobi Yarrison

Grade 9

Samantha Arens-Ennis
Jeffrey Fry
Grace Hugar
Taylor Kilmer
Paige Murgas
Lindsey Reynolds
Madison Rockey
Emily Shiels
Sierra Surovec
Peter Van Cise
Luke Wilson
Benjamin Yetsko

Grade 12

Olivia Andrews
Karissa Bitteringer
Julia Cingle
Morgan Dubbs
Moreta Dyke
Regan Dyke
Maya Eppley
Lacey Geyer
Caleigh Guenot
Madison Hahn
Austin Huyett
Casey McClellan
Phoebe McClincy



Seventh Grade Honorees



Eighth Grade Honorees



Ninth Grade Honorees



Tenth Grade Honorees



Eleventh Grade Honorees



Twelfth Grade Honorees

Alumni Speaker Series



Mary Elizabeth McCulloch discusses Project Vive, her nonprofit organization.

The BEA Alumni Speaker Series connects high school students with alumni who share the stories of their career paths and life experiences after graduation. Students sign up to hear the talks in the LGI. This fall's speakers included Magisterial District Judge Kelley Gillette-Walker, Corey Dillon, who manages Penn State's Larson Research and Education Center, and Mary Elizabeth McCulloch,

who founded an assistive technology nonprofit organization.

Physical Education Classes Include Archery



Thanks to a National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) grant, the BEA Middle-High School physical education department included an archery unit in its classes this year. Students enjoyed some friendly competition as they strove to receive the highest score each day.

PSSA AWARDS

On December 15, 2016, students were honored for having the top 10% scores in the school district on the 2016 Grades 3 and 4 PSSA English Language Arts, Math, and Science assessments.

Grade 4 English Language Arts

Alice Crane
Tristan Eveleth
Hunter Gardner
Dylan Gehringer
Brenda Heverly
Claudia Irvin
Daina Julian
Ashlyn Lucas
Edwin Simoncek
Savannah Sowers
Katherine Spicer
Emma Spillia
Cadence Stem
Ava Stere

Grade 4 Math

Percy Byrd
Tristan Eveleth
Hailey Houser
Claudia Irvin
Daina Julian
Chloe Kinley
Shawn Knepp
Ashlyn Lucas
Ava Murnyack
Andrew Ream
Mason Reese
Edwin Simoncek
Dru Smith
Katherine Spicer
Cadence Stem
Ava Stere

Grade 4 Science

Percy Byrd
Tristan Eveleth
Hunter Gardner
Claudia Irvin
Joseph Jones

Daina Julian
Ashlyn Lucas
Weston McClain
Ava Murnyack
Andrew Ream
Zachary Rowland
Edwin Simoncek
Cadence Stem

Grade 3 English Language Arts

Caleb Close
Matthew English
Elijah Fry
Adrienne Hacker
Cassandra Harpster
Wyatt Kowalczyk
Carson Nagle
Lillian Nyman
Gabrielle Perry
Jessie Saldana
Joshua Saldana
Grace Seth
Wyatt Spackman
Madison Stimer

Grade 3 Math

Caleb Close
Matthew English
Elijah Fry
Gavin Guenot
Emma Hoover
Wyatt Kowalczyk
Mikayla Maney
Lillian Nyman
Gabrielle Perry
Joshua Saldana
Grace Seth
Wyatt Spackman
Talon Thompson
Halle Urbanik

Boys' Soccer

Jacob Michael

“Just take it one game at a time. Don’t focus on the one after that or the games we’ve already played, but the one ahead of us,” Jason Bair said to his BEA Boys’ Soccer Team early in the fall, and that phrase set the tone for the team’s most successful season ever.

Taking games one at a time, the team worked their way to a 10-2-2 record, managing to

place second in the Mountain League. After a 3-2 loss at Bellefonte, a solid 2-0 victory against Penns Valley solidified a third seed in the District Playoffs.

This development added a twist to Coach Bair’s game plan: “Same as always, just take it a game at a time, except if you lose, there won’t be another game to look forward to.” The first playoff game against Forest Hills began as a defensive match but turned into a shootout, with a final score of 3-2 to the Eagles. Super-sub Nick Zink coming off the bench and scoring with his first touch added a dramatic highlight to the game.

With that, the team traveled to Altoona’s Mansion Park to take on Cambria Heights, a veteran of the tournament. Despite their opponents’ confidence, BEA controlled the entire game, needing just one score to clinch it. Sophomore Garrett Giedroc was the man for the job, tapping the ball in with little time left. The 1-0 win pushed BEA into the District 6 finals against an eagerly waiting Everett.

Everett came out firing, but late in the match, a determined and passionate Joey Gates scored a last-gasp goal to tie the game and force overtime. Although Everett scored in a golden goal overtime to win the District title, the Eagles secured a State Playoff berth for the first time, matched against Quaker Valley.

The Eagles lost 7-0 to the eventual State runners-up, but with only four seniors leaving, the Eagles are looking to reload instead of rebuild. They have their sights set on next year’s District 6 title, and they intend to take it one game at a time.



BEA defensive lineman Rilee Bechdel was named a member of the Pennsylvania Football Writers All-State Class 4A Team (First Team Defensive Line) in December.



2016 Mountain League Volleyball Champions

Middle School Day of Caring

We are proud of our Middle School students, who once again participated in the Day of Caring, completing acts of service at Bald Eagle State Park, the Port Matilda Ball Fields, the Clarence Youth Center, and many other locations throughout the Bald Eagle area. These students enjoyed their opportunity to serve as they cleaned up the Snow Shoe Rails to Trails.

(From left) Railey Zeigler, Kamryn Martin, Marina Shawley



FBLA Students Qualify for States



FBLA students from BEA qualified for the state competition in April. (From left) front: Morgan Dubbs, Chelsea Butterworth, Heather Huyett; middle: Toni Masullo, Madelynn Holderman, Caleigh Guenot, Regan Dyke, Kaitlin Carter, Skyler Woodward; back: Karissa Bittenger, Carson Spence, Joey Gates, Nate Chambers, Luke Wilson, Julia Breining. Not pictured: Brian Egan, Mackenzie Stine, Olivia Andrews, Mitchell Jenkins, Austin Huyett, Madison Surovec, Charlotte Harris

Elder Eagle Picnic--Save the Date!

The 3rd annual Elder Eagle Picnic will be held on Wednesday, July 26, 2017, with the time and location yet to be determined. All BEA grads who have reached the 50-year milestone of their high school graduation (1967 and prior) and their guests are cordially invited to attend. Rekindle old friendships and make new ones. Want to help? Please call 814-625-2132 or email bea.1964@outlook.com.

BEA Board of Education News



BEA Board of Education (Top): Susan Butterworth, Mary Ann Hamilton, Mark Kresovich, Thomas Letterman, Timothy Nilson; (Bottom): Theresa Peters, John Rougeux, Tawna Smith, Richard Watters, Student Representative Mariah Houck

BEA junior Mariah Houck is the 2016-2017 Student Representative to the Board of Education. She states that it is a great privilege to represent the student body “because I get to be active in my community, and it provides a great opportunity for me to responsible.” As Student Representative, Mariah attends monthly Board meetings, reporting on what is happening in our schools. At each meeting, she begins with the current season of sports, including the teams’ records and their upcoming games. She also apprises the Board of other upcoming events, such as plays and concerts.

A busy young woman, Mariah participates in Spanish Club and National Honor Society and plays both school and club volleyball. Also active in her church and youth group, she enjoys going on missions trips and traveling. Mariah plans to major in sports medicine at either Lock Haven University or Messiah College.

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| Port Matilda Elementary | 692-7429 |
| Wingate Elementary | 355-4872 |

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Mountaintop Takes Reading Trophy

What do 5,035,838 words, 3,568 books, a reading comprehension of 90%, and 47.8 books per student equal? This was the formula for success at Mountaintop Elementary as they became the Reading Super Bowl champions for the 2016-2017 school year. Each of the four elementary schools went head-to-head to compete during the month of January. Over the course of the Reading Super Bowl, points were earned from each week's competition, and at the end of it, Mountaintop Elementary and Howard Elementary were locked in a tie.

In the event of a tie, the first tie breaker is the comprehension rate during the competition. Both schools had a 90% comprehension rate on tests taken on the books that they read. The second tie breaker was the average of the total number of books read per student. Howard had 43.3 books per student, and Mountaintop had 47.8, making Mountaintop the champions.

The trophy was delivered by the Snow Shoe Volunteer Fire Company, and the students celebrated by having a school dance and games. Congratulations to all the students who participated, and congratulations to Mountaintop Elementary for a job well done!

Pictured Top: Mountaintop students wait for the Snow Shoe Volunteer Fire Company to deliver the trophy. Bottom right: Students who received over 100 points in the competition carry trophy into school. Bottom left: Mountaintop students celebrate their success.

