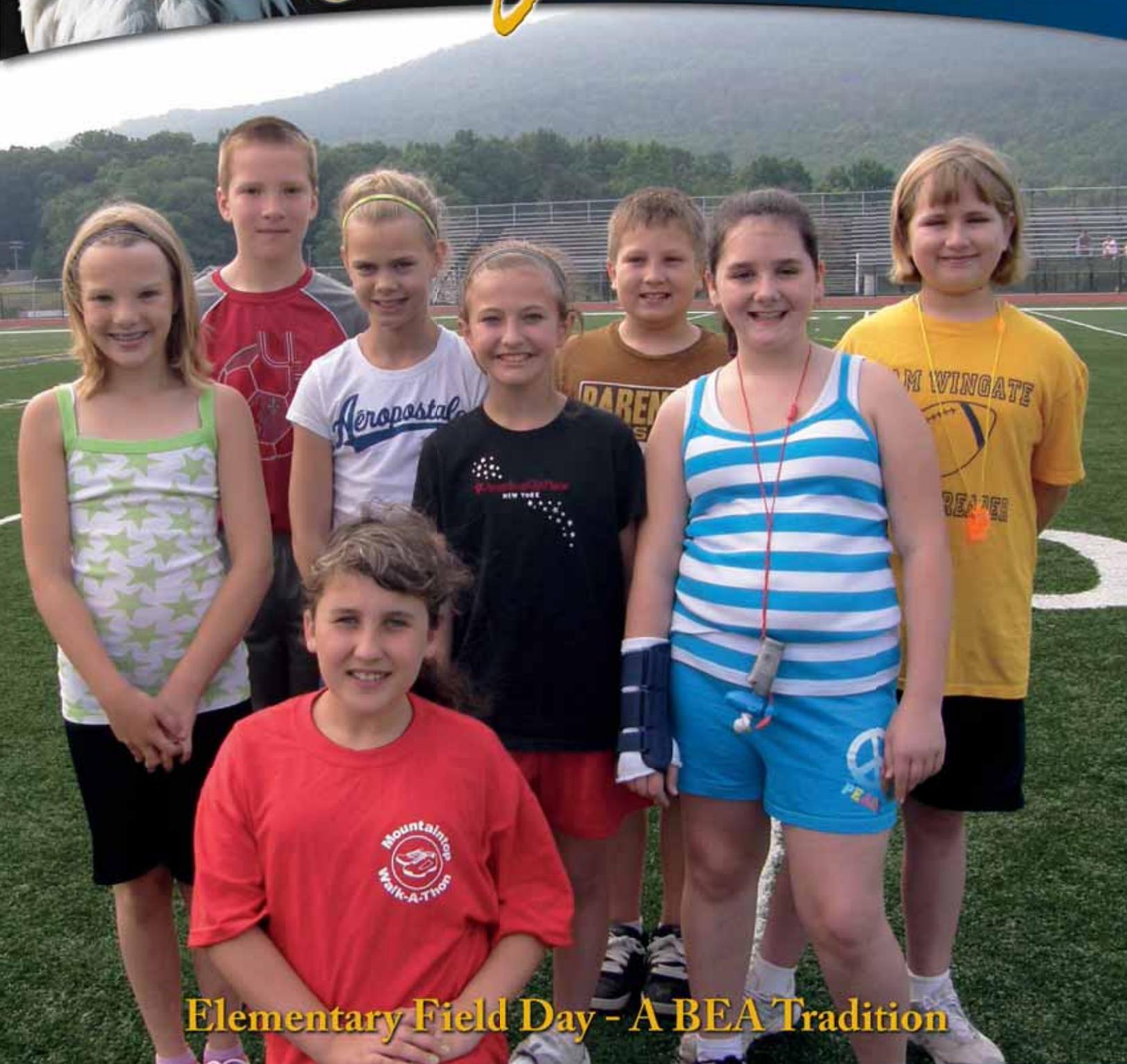




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Elementary Field Day - A BEA Tradition

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We Teach for Success

On the Cover

Elementary Field Day

These elementary students had the privilege of being selected to sing the National Anthem and BEA's Alma Mater prior to Elementary Field Day - Kneeling, Cheyenne Yoder (Mountaintop); Standing, from left: Allison Hess (Port Matilda); Austin Huyett (Wingate); Alexis Turner (Port Matilda); Madelynn Holderman (Howard); Colton Lucas (Wingate); Kayla O'Leary (Howard); and Carissa Matthiesen (Wingate).

Buses started pulling up to Alumni Field around 8:30 a.m., and groups of third, fourth, fifth, and sixth graders from Howard, Mountaintop, Port Matilda, and Wingate Elementary schools started pouring out. Excited and laughing, many of them wearing brightly colored team shirts, the students were ready to participate in a long-standing BEA elementary tradition - Field Day. Participants in the 50-Yard Dash, 4 x 100 Relay, Softball Throw, and the Three-Legged Sack Race had already won qualifiers and would proudly represent their school during the competition. All students participated in the Tug-of-War, which pitted classroom against classroom from across the District in a show of strength and teamwork.

"Oh, Field Day - I always waited all year for Field Day!" a high school student wistfully remembered.

As always, the 2010 Field Day competition was a spirit-filled event, creating happy memories for yet another round of elementary students.



SUPERINTENDENT'S Message

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With high expectations for our students, and great appreciation for the blessings we have here at Bald Eagle Area, I warmly welcome our school community to the 2010-2011 school year. Throughout this issue of *Eagle Pride*, we have highlighted some of the changes we expect to see this coming school year, and have covered a few of the highlights from last year.

We are happy to report that we have added air conditioning to both the Howard and Mountaintop Area Elementary Schools over the summer. We expect to have all classrooms in our District air conditioned by spring. To be sure, as I write this message, there is a lot of construction activity going on in all of our schools, except for the Port Matilda Elementary School. I am hopeful that we will get it back together enough by September to begin what will surely be a successful, challenging school year.

As reported on page 20, we learned on August 6th that all of our schools, all of our grades, and all of our separate groups performed well enough to have met the requirements for Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). Our students demonstrated improvement in nearly all categories. Our elementary special needs students scored higher than the AYP criteria for all students this year, and many of our groups far exceeded the requirements. However, we do have our work cut out for us in several areas to make AYP district-wide next year as the proficiency percentages are raised to 67 percent in Reading and 73 percent in Math. The good news is that our students and staff have the ability, work ethic, and dedication to reach the elevated goals by next March.

We need the support of everybody who touches our students' lives over the next seven months to maximize our collective efforts in providing the best educational experience possible. Solid, steady, and near-perfect school attendance is a must. Students need to come to school well-rested and ready to tackle the academic challenges that will meet them. They need a good night's sleep and breakfast at home, or a school breakfast, to be on top of their game.

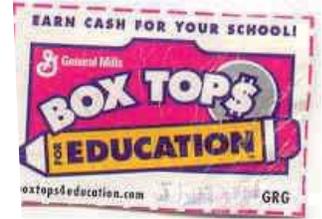
In summary, we have the facilities and, most importantly, we have a nurturing, diligent, capable staff who, working with our talented students, should all but guarantee academic success. Another key to student success is communication with each other. We need to hear from you any time you have a concern or question. Our students need to know, and realize, that their parents and the school personnel are on the same team. It will take all of our collective work, and cooperation, over the next ten months to reach the academic goals that are necessary. I am looking forward to working with the total BEA team and community to climb these steps toward success.



Classroom Assistant Stephanie Moore counts the number of Box Tops points that Wingate Elementary student Olivia Horner has collected.

WINGATE

Box Tops Store is a Winner



Those little red and yellow squares cut from food products and sent in to your child's school, as part of the BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION program, really do provide money for extra school supplies or field trips. There is also an extra bonus for the students at Wingate Elementary. Every two weeks, students have the opportunity to visit the Box Tops Store, which is organized by the Wingate Elementary PTA. PTA members fill the store with tablets, books, pencils, glue sticks and other school supplies that children enjoy. Each item has a "price" on it, and students can use the corresponding number of Box Top points to purchase the items.



Current BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION Coordinator Evon Snook (left) and past coordinator Juanita Huyett (right) help two Wingate Elementary customers select items at the Box Tops Store.

PTA members say the Box Tops Store is a way that students can immediately have something to show for their hard work of collecting all those boxtops. The PTA still makes a profit, to benefit the school, when the group submits the points to General Mills for reimbursement. It's a fun, win-win situation for all.

2010-11 School Calendar

August 23, 2010	First Day for Teachers (In-Service Day)	March 14-25, 2011	3-8 & 11 PSSA and PSSA-Modified Reading & Math
August 24, 2010	Act 80 Day (No School for Students)	March 28-31, 2011	PSSA Writing (5, 8 & 11)
September 7, 2010	First Day of School for Students	April 1, 2011	Assessment/Parent Conferences (No School for Students)
October 22, 2010	Act 80 Day (No School for Students)	April 4-8, 2011	4, 8, & 11 PSSA & PSSA-Modified Science
October 25-Nov. 5, 2010	Grade 12 PSSA Retests for Math & Writing	April 11-15, 2011	PSSA & PSSA-Modified Make-Ups In All Subjects
November 11, 2010	Assessment/Parent Conferences (No School for Students)	April 22, 2011	Vacation Day
November 25, 26, 29, 2010	Vacation Days	May 30, 2011	Vacation Day
November 30, 2010	In-Service Day (BEAEA) (No School for Students)	June 6, 2011	Last Day of School for Students
December 24-31, 2010	Vacation Days	June 7, 2011	Last Day for Teachers (Assessment Day)
January 28, 2011	Assessment/Parent Conferences (No School for Students)	June 7, 8, 9, 10, 2011	Snow Make-up Days
February 21, 2011	Vacation Day		



Nicole Rossman Takes First Place

Nicole Rossman placed first in the Culinary Division at the SkillsUSA Championships.

Indoor Majorettes

The Indoor Majorettes placed first in the Scholastic A Majorette Division at the 2010 TIA Atlantic Coast Championships. Members of the squad are, from left, First Row: Mandi Perryman, Kelley Benninghoff, and Jenna Reese; Second Row: Molly Gilbert, Nicole Bonsell, and Cristen Heaton; Third Row: Kara Hammond, Rachel Davis, and Morgan Walk.



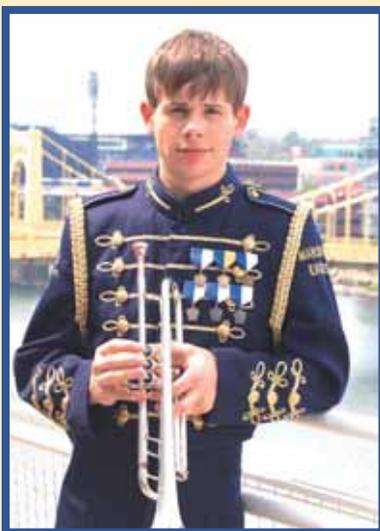
District Band

2010 District Band participants were (from left) Front: Rachel Klinefelter*, Jessie Scrudders*+, Back: Brian Robison*#, Brandon Reese*, Zach Deering, Mrs. Long, Krista Biggans, Jenny Weston*, Shawna Mitchell*, and Julie Allen*. (Not Pictured - Jessica Simcisko.)

* Region Band

+ One of 16 students across the State selected to attend the Future Music Educator's Honors Symposium.

State Band



Brian Robison- 3-Time All State Band

For the third consecutive year, Brian Robison was selected for All State Band. This year, taking first chair, he played all of the solos at the event, which was held at Shippensburg University.



Andrew Onder wins 2010 Spelling Bee

Mountaintop Area Elementary's Andrew Onder was the winner of the 2010 Sixth Grade Spelling Bee. Other students participating in the Spelling Bee were Adrianna Cohen, Colton Eckenrode, Kody Hamer, Sara VanCise, Alyssa Ward, and Seth Woodring, who was the 1st Runner-Up.

NOTING

Envirothon Winners

Congratulations to the BEA Envirothon Team for winning the Centre County Envirothon. Pictured (L-R) are Sheri McCloskey, Tim Gleason, Donald Cox, Kyle Johnson, and Maggie Mehalko. This is the eleventh consecutive year that a BEA group has won the event. The team also placed 9th out of 66 teams in the Pennsylvania State Envirothon.



District Chorus

Participating in District Chorus at Southern Fulton High School were (L-R) Julie Allen, Jenny Weston, Maggie Mehalko*, Kenny Dupler*, Brian Yearick, and Tyler Greer.

* Region Choir

FBLA

(From Left) Kayla Miller, Shannon Singer, and Emily Strunk placed third with their Business Plan at the Pennsylvania State Leadership Conference.



Kelsey Shaw Crowned Miss BEA

Kelsey Shaw, daughter of Gary and Trish Shaw of Snow Shoe, was crowned Miss Bald Eagle Area for the 2010-11 school year. Amber McClure (center) was Miss BEA First Runner-up, and Kaiden Dyke (left) and Shaina Hahn (right) tied for Second Runner-up. Congratulations, Kelsey!

This is not a fish story...

Fly Fishing Club Hooks 'Em

The goal of the BEA Fly Fishing Club is to create an interest in Fly Fishing, and Fishing in general, by providing students opportunities that would not be available to them without the support of interested organizations and mentors. Club members participated in two fish stockings on the Bald Eagle Creek, and fished on the Bald Eagle Creek and on Eagle Pond, which is located on school district property. Special guests were invited to present skill-oriented and informational demonstrations to students. Dennis Charney, instructor for the Wulff School of Fly Fishing, donated an evening of fly casting instruction to members. Well known local fishermen, Josh Richards and Cameron Walker, presented sessions on fly tying skills and stream

tactics. Mr. William Morse, a former Alaskan fishing guide, provided a program on fishing and wildlife in Alaska.

The advisors thank the aforementioned persons, and John Lucas, the owner of John's Hunting and Fishing Supply, for his donations of equipment for the club. Please contact Mr. John Peters or Mr. William Corkill at the Bald Eagle Middle-High School if you would like to provide support for the organization by donations of fly tying materials, equipment, time, or student opportunities.

The Fly Fishing Club expresses a special thank you to Spring Reilly and Amidea Daniel of the PA Fish and Boat Commission for their guidance and support.



Fly Fishing Club members learn to tie flies during their afterschool club period. They will have an opportunity, later, to see if any fish at Eagle Pond are interested in their craftsmanship!

GRANTS HELP FUND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

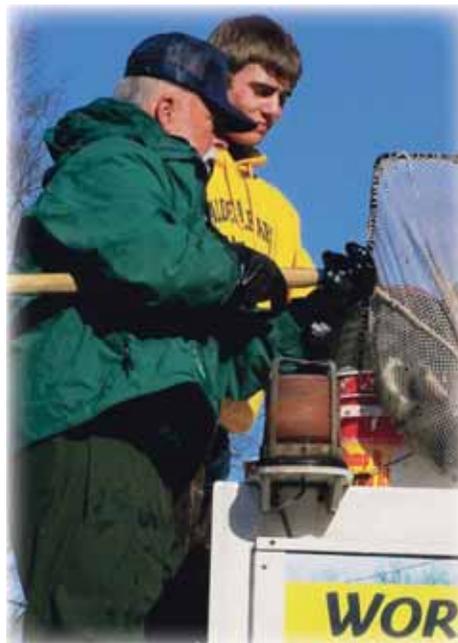
The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission awarded a \$4,000 educational grant to BEA in May 2010. The funds will be used to introduce students and faculty to the sport of kayak and canoe paddling. Participants will receive instruction in boating and river safety, basic paddling skills and river etiquette, and will be able to participate in field trips and training sessions. BEA also received a grant from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission in 2009 for \$5,000 for the establishment of the Fly Fishing Club.

A \$7,500 Lowe's Grant and a \$7,500 DEP Environmental Education Grant were used for construction materials for the Environmental Center and for instructional materials for the K-12 classrooms. A part of each grant project includes volunteer work at the Environmental Center itself, as well as on the development of the lesson plans and organization of the materials for the Center. A team of teachers and administrators have worked to develop curriculum that addresses the State Standards in Science, and Technology, Ecology and Environmental Science. The program will be piloted at several grade levels this fall and spring with a full implementation scheduled for the fall of 2011.

A \$2,000 Chesapeake Bay Meaningful Watershed Experience Mini-Grant was used to provide additional environmental equipment and learning materials for the center, such as nets, waders, microscopes, thermometers, native plants and various other supplies to make the facility operational.



(Above Left) Vaughn Holderman, Fly Fishing Club President, holds up a carp's fin, while Krista Biggans (who plans to attend Mansfield College to study Fisheries Culture) looks on. A PSU student is explaining how a carp's age can be determined by the counting the ridges on the fin. (Above Right) Mark Leskovansky watches a PA Fish and Boat Commission worker stock trout.



With the assistance of the Fish and Boat Commission, Lowes, PSU, the Department of Environmental Protection, and many volunteers, BEA is pushing forward with its own Environmental Center at Eagle Pond. This educational project will ensure that an increased number of our students gain knowledge of, and get to experience, our local environment. The renovated pond and new outdoor classroom (left) are located behind the baseball field at the Middle/High School complex.

The revitalization process of Eagle Pond is now entering its third year. The area surrounding the pond had become overgrown with sumac, multiflora rose, and autumn olive. The area was cleared last summer, mostly with the assistance of the Rockview Correction Institute work force. Some of the work continued this summer with the help of both volunteers and student work crews provided through CareerLink.

The exciting K-12 curriculum for the Environmental Center is complete, but there is still some work to be done in completing our environmental center to make it fully serviceable. BEA has plans to install utilities, and even build a restroom in that area, to serve the needs of both the environmental center and the baseball field area.

We look forward to the next chapter in developing Eagle Pond and providing increased opportunities for our students to learn to enjoy and protect the beautiful rural environment right in our back yard.



Outdoor Classroom Will Be Ready for Use During the 2010-11 School Year

Work continues on Eagle Pond Environmental Center

PSU Fisheries Management Class visits Eagle Pond

The PSU Fisheries Management Class electrofished Eagle Pond to determine the quantity and types of fish that inhabited the water. An electric shock temporarily stunned the fish, which caused them to come to the surface, and they were netted. So the fish wouldn't be



One of the amphibious residents of Eagle Pond.

Students from the BEA football team and several science classes planted three kinds of pines, and various types of other trees, to reforest the area above Eagle Pond. This effort will help prevent nutrient loading and soil erosion into the pond. The 750 seedlings were donated by the PA Game Commission, and the Woodland Owners of Centre County assisted with the project. Both of these organizations, along with the PSU Forest Resources Lab, donated tree shelters for the project.

counted twice, their fins were clipped (which didn't hurt them at all, and was similar to getting a fingernail clipped). The water quality was also checked.

BEA Fly Fishing Club Members and some Environmental Science Classes were there to watch the process. This shows that the Environmental Center at Eagle Pond is already offering exciting new types of learning experiences for BEA students.

A group of BEA students and staff watch the electrofishing process.



Associate Professor Paola Ferreri, from the PSU Fisheries Management Class, explains the process of electrofishing to one of the BEA Environmental Science Classes.

Mathematics UPDATE

IMPLEMENTATION TO DATE

EVERDAY MATHEMATICS (Grades K-6)

- 2007-08: Grades K, 1, and 2 with pilots in Grade 3
- 2008-09: Grades 3 & 4 with pilots in Grades 5 & 6
- 2009-10: Grades 5 & 6

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO SCHOOL MATHEMATICS PROJECT (Grades 7-12)

- 2009-10: Grades 7 & 8 (Pre-Algebra and Algebra I)
- 2010-11: Grades 8-12 (Algebra II and Geometry)

Elementary math at BEA used to focus on a combination of memorization skills, worksheets, and putting the pencil to the paper. With the introduction of Everyday Mathematics three years ago, those procedures have mostly been replaced with math games, computerized learning activities, many colorful hand-held objects, and much mental problem-solving performed by the students.

Director of Mathematics Tracy Boone says that the Everyday Mathematics program, developed by the University of Chicago Mathematics Project, is based on research about how students learn and develop mathematical thinking. In Everyday Mathematics students learn through hands-on activities that build on prior knowledge, interests, and real-life connections. That means using bright colors and math games; a combination that makes math enjoyable and fun. Students are receptive to learning new math skills and, the teaching of mathematical content at the elementary level now goes beyond the basic arithmetic skills of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Algebraic concepts are regularly explored in the lower grades.

This complete implementation of Everyday Mathematics involved much training for teachers and staffs, and K-6 Parent Workshops were also offered to help parents better understand this exciting method of teaching math. Math Nights are being planned for the 2010-11 school year. These workshops, one for each grade level, will give parents a chance to get a better understanding of Everyday Mathematics, and will be a chance for students to "turn the tables" and show their parents the methods they use to solve mathematic equations.

"Students are learning to work with one another to go out on a limb - and the results are amazing." ~ A BEA High School Math teacher.

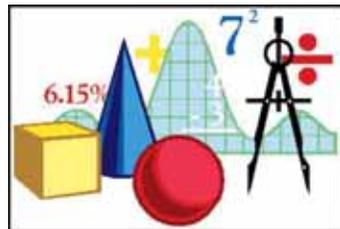
The web-based program eSuite was added to the mathematics program in 2009. Everyday Mathematics eSuite is accessible from any computer with Internet access; the program is used in the classroom and also can be accessed from home. A direct link to eSuite is located on the District website (www.beasd.org) under the Parents/Students tab. Students can use their school login information to enter the site. Student login cards are sent home at the beginning of each school year, and periodically during the school year.

At the Middle-High School level, math programs have also been introduced, including Number Worlds, which exposes students to the many different ways that numbers and quantity can be represented. Teachers have also been trained in Power Teaching, which encourages students to be actively engaged during a math lesson. The University of Chicago School Mathematics Project will continue to be implemented this year in Grades 8-12 with Algebra II and Geometry, and an Advanced Placement Level of Statistics offered.

This increased emphasis on understanding *why* you perform a certain mathematical operation, rather than just doing it because "that's the way you do it" is paying off. Student PSSA math scores are on the rise and our students' mathematical experiences at Bald Eagle Area are now adding up to prepare them, mathematically, for whatever is needed to be successful. Surrounding school districts are visiting BEA to observe how we have implemented the program. Even the University of Chicago itself is taking notice of Bald Eagle Area's math accomplishments. But, we need to hold that exciting news until a later date!



Math teacher Kayleigh Buda created this wall display in her classroom to celebrate how well her student groups work together. Student communication and collaboration are an important part of Power Teaching, which was introduced in the mathematics departments during the 2009-10 school year.



Bookmobile VISITS Mountaintop

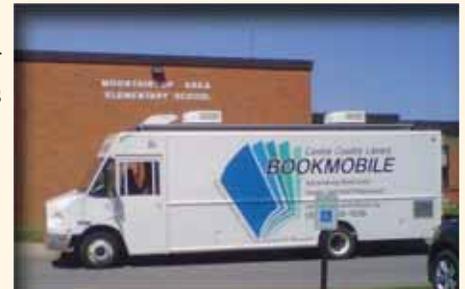


Mountaintop Area Elementary fifth grade students explore the inside of the Centre County Bookmobile.

The Mountaintop Area Elementary students were able to get a first-hand view of another great reading asset, the bookmobile - thanks to Tess Bechdel. She won a drawing sponsored by the Centre County Bookmobile, and had a choice of having the bookmobile visit her house, or her school. She chose the school, so all of her classmates in fifth grade would have a chance to become familiar with the bookmobile, in case they hadn't had the opportunity to visit it yet.

The students listened to a presentation about the bookmobile, and received a schedule of the places it visits in Centre County. Students who had a Centre County library card were allowed to choose books to take home.

Thanks, Tess, for sharing your interesting prize with the students at Mountaintop Elementary.



ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES – Fall 2010

Registration will remain open for the Adult Education Program until Wednesday, September 15, 2010. Registrations will be accepted by mail or by phone, and 10 people are required to register before the class will be held. We will hold your place in class until a check for the class fee is received. Please do not send cash. In the event that we do not receive the required 10 people for a class, your check will be returned. Any questions regarding the Adult Education Program can be directed to Nancy Fisher at 355-4860 or 355-3737, Monday-Friday, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

GENEALOGY: Were your ancestors Royalty or Rascals, Martyr or Murderer, Rebel or Warriors? Track your ancestry using the simple techniques in this course. Learn the sources available in the library, courthouse, federal and state government records, churches, and the Internet. Whether you wish to write a family history or just fill in your pedigree chart, all the information you need will be available in this short course. Meet your ancestors and be ready for surprises. Class will be held at the Wingate Elementary School on three Tuesday evenings from 6 – 8 p.m. and one Saturday morning from 9 – 11 a.m., beginning Tuesday, September 28. Cost: BEASD Resident – \$20.00, Non-resident – \$30.00.



MICROSOFT WORD/EXCEL: This course provides a focused introduction to two important features of Microsoft Office. It is designed to teach the basics about Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel that you need to know for practical tasks at school, at work, or at home. Prerequisite: Typing skills. Class will be held at the Bald Eagle Middle/Senior High School on Tuesday & Thursday from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m., beginning Tuesday, September 28, and will continue for 6 weeks. Cost: BEASD Resident – \$25.00, Non-resident – \$40.00.



INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS: This is the perfect course for new computer users or those who have never had any formal orientation to the Windows environment. You will learn to identify different types of hardware and their functions, how to customize the Windows environment, and much more. Class will be held at the Bald Eagle Middle/Senior High School on Monday & Wednesday from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m., beginning Monday, September 27, and will continue for 6 weeks. Cost: BEASD Resident – \$25.00, Non-resident – \$40.00.



FITNESS CLASS: Back by popular demand! The class will include physical activities, as well as fitness walking in a variety of settings to keep you having fun and burning calories! Light hand weights will be incorporated into each evening's activities. The only equipment needed for this class is a pair of 3-5 lb. hand weights. Hope to see you there! Class will be held at the Wingate Elementary School on Monday & Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., beginning Monday, September 27, and will continue for 8 weeks. Cost: BEASD Resident - \$30.00, Non-resident - \$40.00.



REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

Class you wish to register for _____

Are you a resident of the Bald Eagle Area School District? Yes _____ No _____

Check enclosed in the amount of \$ _____

Make check payable to "Bald Eagle Area School District"
PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH

Please return registration form and check before September 15, 2010 to:

Bald Eagle Area School District, Adult Education Registration
751 S. Eagle Valley Road, Wingate, PA 16823

A Decade of Progress

Bald Eagle Area may be a small, rural district, but we are often at the forefront of technology and program implementation in the state. Over the past ten years, BEA has been forging ahead at almost breakneck speed, improving our curriculum, updating our buildings, and just plain-old "getting the job done."

One 9th grade parent, who was a member of the BEA Long Range Plan Mid-Point Review Committee wrote, "I am very impressed with the progress the District has made ... I am interested and excited to see the implementation of all the hard work going on in the District." Parent Lori Eckley, also a member of the committee, commented, "I don't think folks have a clue how much enthusiasm and work go into making the great programs for our children a success."

Grant monies were secured for many of these programs, and remember, the implementation of these projects took months to complete, and sometimes years! Read the following partial list of accomplishments for the past ten years and feel the Eagle Pride!

Action Phone Line Established (814) 357-0335
 Additional Secondary Activities – Middle School
 Play, Indoor Majorettes, Seventh Grade Football, Girls Soccer, Bookends Club, All School Arts & Craft Club, Fly Fishing Club, Indoor Drum Line, Technology Team, Power Lifting Club, and Boys/Girls Jr. High Soccer
 AESOP – (Automated System to Obtain Substitute Staff)
 Air Conditioning (Total) – All Schools
 All-Weather Six-Lane Track at Alumni Field (Installation and recent resurface)
 Alumni Directory
 Annex Addition (Administrative Staff Offices)
 AP Courses with Enhanced Requirements
 Artificial Turf - Alumni Field
 Attendance Office Relocation - Middle-High School
 Bald Eagle Area Cyber Academy
 Band Room Expansion – Middle-High School
 Baseball Field Renovation
 Career Counseling Position
 Computer-Controlled Botball Team
 Cyber Academy Building Addition (Tutoring for BEA Cyber Students)
 Director of Math Position
 District Newsletter Upgrade
 Dual Enrollment (Students take online college courses while at BEA)
 Eagle Ambassadors (Alumni Association)

Environmental Center (Outdoor Classroom)
 Everyday Mathematics
 Food Services Office Relocation at Middle-High School
 Full-Option FOSS Science - Elementary
 Free Flu Shots for Students and Staff (Seasonal and H1N1)
 Free Student Admission to Middle-High School Sporting Events
 Full-Day Kindergarten
 Geothermal Heating and Cooling Systems at Middle-High School, Wingate Elementary, Mountaintop Elementary
 Handicap Ramp – Home Side of Alumni Field
 Homestead Exclusions
 Independent Living Facility – Special Education (In Progress)
 Interior-Locking Classroom Doors – All Schools
 Kid Writing – Kindergarten
 Lighted Electronic Marquee – Middle-High School (Donated)
 Middle School Concept
 My Access Writing – Secondary Level (Elementary Level In Progress)
 NASA Space Alliance
 Off to Kindergarten Workshops
 Olweus Bullying Prevention Program – All Schools
 OnHand Schools Student Data System

Orff Musical Instrument Program
 Overhead Projectors in Most Classrooms
 Photo ID Staff Badges
 Playgrounds Installed – Elementary Schools (Most Equipment Funds Provided by PTA)
 Point of Sale System in Cafeteria – (Full Pay, Free, and Reduced Lunch Purchase Food Identically)
 Pre-Engineering Four-Year Program
 Pre-K Counts – Port Matilda and Wingate (Agreement with Cen-Clear Child Services)
 Prevention Coordinator/School Resource Officer
 Read 180 Program – Middle-High School
 Reading Competitions – Elementary and Middle Schools
 Reading Recovery Program with Teacher Leader – Elementary Schools
 Reception for 50-year Reunion Classes
 Recycling – All Schools
 Renovation of Middle-High School (Electrical, Heating and Cooling, and Plumbing Installations and Upgrades, Total Facelift, Addition of four classrooms, Gymnasium, Large Group Instruction Room, Technology Wing, Fitness Center, Additional Parking)
 Renovation of Wingate Elementary - (Electrical, Heating and Cooling, and Plumbing Upgrades, Total Facelift)
 RSVP Pen Pal Program – Elementary Schools
 School Reach Parent Notification System
 Security Cameras – Middle-High School and Port Matilda Elementary
 Security System on Entrance Doors – All Schools
 Softball Field Complex at Milesburg – Total renovation by BEA Personnel
 Solar Panel Installation Agreement signed for Middle-High School and Wingate Elementary (No Cost to District)
 Spell Read Program – Elementary Schools
 Spirit Club – Howard and Mountaintop
 Staff Picnic
 State-Licensed Afterschool Daycare Programs – Mountaintop and Port Matilda Elementary
 Student Laptops – Secondary Level (Classrooms for the Future Grant)
 Summer Reading and Math Program – Elementary Schools
 School-Wide Positive Behavior Intervention and Support Plan - Elementary Schools
 Web Site
 Web-Based Email
 Wellness Committee
 Wireless Internet – Administrative Offices, Middle-High School Gymnasium/Cafeteria, and many classrooms



The Indoor Drumline, shown here performing their "Scenes from an Italian Restaurant" routine, is one of the most recent student activities formed in the Bald Eagle Area School District. The group won the Chapter Four Championships during the 2009-10 school year.

A Scientific Taste of COLLEGE LIFE



In May, over three hundred BEA students traveled to the PSU University Park campus to attend DNA Day, which commemorates the discovery of DNA's double helix. The field trip was organized by Marilee Close, Career Counseling Coordinator.

As the exclusive guests of the Eberly College of Science, eighth and ninth grade students learned about genetics and genomics, while experiencing a typical day of college life. Students attended four presentations on Forensic Science, DNA, and Genomic Careers. On-hands activities included learning a simple way to extract DNA from a strawberry, making DNA bracelets, and listening to a professor's experiences of extracting DNA from the extinct dodo bird.

Eight current PSU students (including BEA graduate Quentin Wright) answered questions about college life. The PSU students' views on university life were varied. Some thought the college classes were hard and some students thought they were easy; not unlike thoughts that eighth and ninth graders currently have about middle school!

Of course, part of a true PSU college campus experience would have to include lunch at the Hetzel Union Building (which was provided by PSU via Lion Cash), and watching the fish in the HUB's legendary aquarium. The students also rushed to class in the pouring rain, tried to listen to a lecture in a 150-seat college

classroom, and ate ice cream from The Creamery on the HUB lawn.

In July, BEA students interested in health careers attended the Lock Haven University Summer Day Clinic at the LHU Health Professions Building (Pictured Below). Students had an all-you-can-eat lunch at Bentley Hall, attended mini-workshops, and explored human anatomy via science lab activities. Students also visited the Cadaver Laboratory to see how muscles, ligaments and bones really work.

These two activities provided a wealth of valuable information to college-bound BEA students.



BEA students wait for a presentation to begin at DNA Day, which was held at the Penn State University.



BEA students learn about the structure of the ear during the Lock Haven University Summer Day Clinic in July.

STUDENT COMMENTS

LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE PSU DNA FIELD TRIP

- Manage your time for classwork and free time.
- Don't try to fill up your schedule to get finished with college sooner – take your time.
- Forensic Science sounds very confusing.
- When I go to college I will sit in the front of the class, so I can actually see and hear the professor.
- It's really important to finish high school, so then you can go to college and get a better job.
- The classrooms are so big – professors need to use a microphone.
- College students don't get much homework, but what they do get is very important.
- If it looks like rain, bring an umbrella on your way to class.

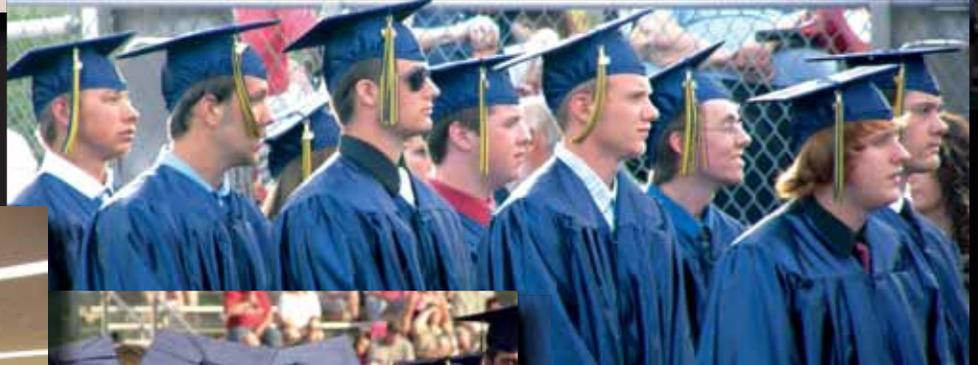
2010-11 Breakfast/Lunch Prices

Breakfast	\$ 1.00
Elementary Lunch	\$ 2.15
Middle/High Lunch	\$ 2.35

All families with students in the District should have received the Free and Reduced Lunch Application in the mail. Approximately 11 percent of our students who would qualify for Free and Reduced Meals are not signed up. Families should realize that the point of sale system does not identify students paying a F&R price when they go through the line. All ID cards look exactly the same. All applications are processed by one person and that person does not (under penalty of law) divulge the information in the applications to anyone. The system is set up to preserve a family's privacy and dignity. **Fill out your application to see if you qualify and save your family some money! Questions? 814-355-5721**

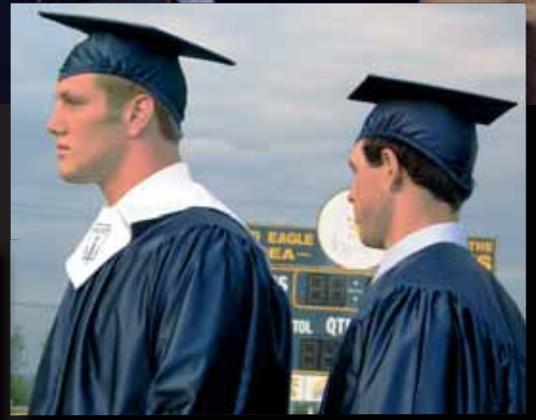
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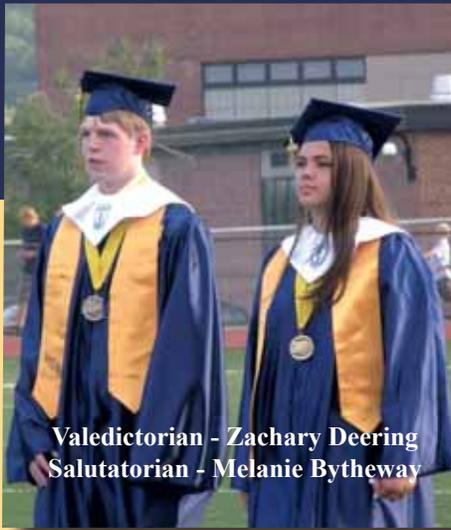


MOMENTS

rest of our lives



SENIOR



Valedictorian - Zachary Deering
Salutatorian - Melanie Bytheway

RECIPIENT	AWARD
Zachary Deering	Trophy
Melanie Bytheway	Trophy
Danielle Turner	Trophy
Emily Catherman	Trophy
Jessica Scruders	Trophy
Jeremy Beck	Trophy
Lauryn Davidson	Trophy
Carrina Trawinski	Trophy
Shannon Singer	Trophy
Sasha Hutchings	Certificate
Emily Strunk	Certificate
Alysha Waite	Certificate
Kayla Miller	Certificate
Luke Gardner	Certificate
Nicole Reese	Certificate
TeAnna Dorey	Certificate
Sarah Reese	Certificate
Shawn Homan	Certificate
Theodore Judene	Certificate
Melanie Bytheway	Certificate
Zachary Deering	Certificate
Brian Robison	Certificate
Luke Gardner	Certificate
Lauryn Davidson	Certificate
Christopher Gribble	Certificate
Emily Catherman	Certificate
Jeremy St. Clair	Certificate
Brandi Weaver-Gates	Certificate
Jonathan Gingrich	Medallion/Certificate
Nicole Reese	Medallion/Certificate
Kevin Fayman	Plaque
Jonathan Gingrich	Plaque
Brandon Kling	Plaque
Toby Quick	Plaque
Dillon Schall	Plaque
Jonathan Gingrich	Plaque
Nicole Reese	Plaque
Jonathan Gingrich	Plaque
Cortney Switzer	Plaque
Jeremy St. Clair	Plaque
Luke Bracken	Plaque
Olivia Bowes	Plaque
Sasha Hutchings	Plaque
Nicole Reese	Plaque
Dillon Shreffler	Plaque
Lauryn Davidson	Plaque
Brock Bathurst	Plaque
Olivia Bowes	Plaque
Luke Bracken	Plaque
Jonathan Gingrich	Plaque
Brock Bathurst	Plaque
Derek Jabco	Plaque

VALEDICTORIAN

SALUTATORIAN

- HIGHEST HONORS AWARD (Top Five Percent of Class)
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- HIGHEST HONORS AWARD (Top Five Percent of Class)
- HONORS AWARD (Top Ten Percent of Class)
- Pennsylvania National Guard
- U.S. Navy Reserve
- U.S. Air Force Math and Science
- U.S. Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award
- U.S. Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Award
- U.S. Marine Corps Athletic Award
- U.S. Marine Corps Athletic Award
- U.S. Marine Corps Scholarship for ROTC
- The Richard M. Sharp Memorial Award
- Good Citizen Award
- Good Citizen Award
- 2010 U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar/Athlete Award
- 2010 U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar/Athlete Award
- The Reverend A. John Perna Memorial Award
- 2009-2010 BEA Football Scholar Athlete
- BEA Baseball Coaches Award
- BEA Baseball Coaches Award
- Howard Chambers Jr. Memorial Baseball Award
- James H. Snyder Memorial Award-Letterman
- James H. Snyder Memorial Award-Letterwoman
- Gary Spain Coaches Award-Male
- Gary Spain Coaches Award-Female
- Dennis Spotts Memorial Award
- Norman "Cork" Womer Award-Male
- Norman "Cork" Womer Award-Female
- Scholar/Athlete Award
- Soaring Eagle Award
- Burl Flick Memorial Athletic Award-Football
- Burl Flick Memorial Athletic Award-Girls Basketball
- Burl Flick Memorial Athletic Award-Boys Basketball
- Burl Flick Memorial Athletic Award-Girls Track
- Burl Flick Memorial Athletic Award-Boys Track
- Burl Flick Memorial Athletic Award-Baseball

AWARDS

Burl Flick Memorial Athletic Award-Baseball		Plaque
Burl Flick Memorial Athletic Award-Softball		Plaque
Burl Flick Memorial Athletic Award-Wrestling		Plaque
Burl Flick Memorial Athletic Award-Girls Soccer		Plaque
Burl Flick Memorial Athletic Award-Boys Soccer		Plaque
Burl Flick Memorial Athletic Award-Girls Cross Country		Plaque
Burl Flick Memorial Athletic Award-Boys Cross Country		Plaque
Burl Flick Memorial Athletic Award-Volleyball		Plaque
Unionville/Union Township Award-Unionville Borough		Certificate
Unionville/Union Township Award-Union Township		Certificate
Boggs Township SAT Award		
Milesburg Borough SAT Award		
Attendance Award-Female		
Attendance Award-Male		
Art Award		
Union Grange #325 Achievement Award		Certificate
Union Grange #325 Achievement Award		Certificate
Homemaking Proficiency Award		
The American Legion Auxiliary Award		Certificate/Pin
The Aaron Weaver Memorial Award		
Wingate Community Service Award		
Wingate Community Service Award		
Steven R. Dorman Memorial Athletic Award		Plaque/Book
Steven R. Dorman Memorial Athletic Award		Plaque/Book
Steven R. Dorman Memorial Athletic Award		Plaque/Book
Steven R. Dorman Memorial Athletic Award		
Senior High Service Award		
Howard Civic Club Award		
The Military Appreciation Award-Navy		
The Military Appreciation Award-Marines		
The Military Appreciation Award-Army		
English Award		
Social Studies Award		
American History Award		
Mountaintop True Value Hardware Store Award		
Hall's Market Award		
The Snow Shoe VFW Post 5644 Ladies Auxiliary Award		
Walter L. McClincy Memorial Award		
Walter L. McClincy Memorial Award		
Bald Eagle Soccer Award		
Howard Area Lions Club Leo Award		
Howard Area Museum & Historical Society Award		
Gerald R. Wisner Memorial Scholarship		
Student Government Activities Scholarship		
Woodmen of the World Award		
Pizza Mia Award		
Port Matilda, Worth, or Huston Township Award		
Port Matilda, Worth, or Huston Township Award		
Howard School and Community Service Award		
Howard School and Community Service Award		
Mays Korman Memorial Homemaking Award		
The Doug Crater Memorial Award		
Centre County Pomona Grange #13		
Our Lady of the Mountain-Knights of Columbus Council Award		
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The Thom Shultz Memorial Award		
Mountaintop Scholastic Award		
D.A.R. Good Citizen Award		
First National Bank Business Education Award		
Howard Area Lions Club Memorial Scholarship		
Allen T. Weaver Memorial Scholarship		
Marcus Kotzur		Plaque
Cortney Switzer		Plaque
Jonathan Gingrich		Plaque
Carrina Trawinski		Plaque
Brian Robison		Plaque
Kara Miller		Plaque
Luke Bracken		Plaque
Cortney Switzer		Plaque
Donald Beere	\$ 25.00	Certificate
Jeremy Beck	\$ 25.00	Certificate
Zachary Deering	\$ 25.00	
Jessica Scrudders	\$ 25.00	
Emily Catherman	\$ 25.00	
Brian Yearick	\$ 25.00	
Sarah Reese	\$ 25.00	
Dillon Burns	\$ 25.00	Certificate
Alicia Witherite	\$ 25.00	Certificate
Melanie Bytheway	\$ 25.00	
Kara Miller	\$ 25.00	Certificate/Pin
Brandon McCloskey	\$ 25.00	
Kenneth Dupler	\$ 50.00	
Shawna Mitchell	\$ 50.00	
Jonathan Gingrich	\$ 50.00	Plaque/Book
Brock Bathurst	\$ 50.00	Plaque/Book
Derek Jabco	\$ 50.00	Plaque/Book
Brandon Kling	\$ 50.00	
Sarah Reese	\$ 50.00	
Luke Gardner	\$ 50.00	
Theodore Judene	\$ 50.00	
Christopher Gribble	\$ 50.00	
Kyle Robison	\$ 50.00	
Samantha Gosa	\$ 50.00	
Eric Bisel	\$ 50.00	
John Katra	\$ 50.00	
Brittany Billett	\$ 50.00	
Kara Miller	\$ 50.00	
Melanie Bytheway	\$ 50.00	Bond/Certificate/Medal
Coty Williams	\$ 50.00	
Katelyn Leathers	\$ 50.00	
Katelyn Leathers	\$ 50.00	
Charles Martin	\$ 50.00	
Lauryn Davidson	\$ 50.00	
Brian Robison	\$ 50.00	
Brandi Weaver-Gates	\$ 50.00	
Joshua Snyder	\$ 75.00	
Zachary Deering	\$ 75.00	
Zachary Deering	\$ 80.00	
Melanie Bytheway	\$100.00	Plaque
Joe Ciancarelli	\$100.00	
Emily Catherman	\$100.00	
Melanie Bytheway	\$100.00	
Haylee Mann	\$100.00	
Luke Gardner	\$100.00	
Nicole Reese	\$100.00	
Mark Bonsell	\$100.00	
Brittany Billett	\$100.00	
Kory Hicks	\$100.00	Bond
Brittany Billett	\$100.00	Bond
Taylor DeArment	\$100.00	Bond
Amber Bickel	\$100.00	
Danielle Turner	\$100.00	Certificate/Bond/Pin
Katlyn Housel	\$100.00	
Shawna Mitchell	\$100.00	
Brandi Weaver-Gates	\$100.00	

SENIOR

Bald Eagle Area High School Service Award	Brandi Weaver-Gates	\$100.00	
Bellefonte Intervalley Area Chamber of Commerce Business Award	Tasha Moore	\$100.00	
Eagle Cheer Scholarship	Brandi Weaver-Gates	\$100.00	
Leo T. Bomboy, Sr. Memorial Award	Sasha Hutchings	\$100.00	Bond
Leo T. Bomboy, Sr. Memorial Award	Josh Walk	\$100.00	Bond
The Nittany Leatherneck Detachment Semper-Fi Award	Samantha Gosa	\$100.00	
Lady Eagle Soccer Coaches Award	Carrina Trawinski	\$100.00	
Lady Eagle Booster Club Award-Basketball	Lauryn Davidson	\$100.00	Certificate
Lady Eagle Booster Club Award-Volleyball	Cortney Switzer	\$100.00	Certificate
Lady Eagle Booster Club Award-Softball	Cortney Switzer	\$100.00	Certificate
Lady Eagle Booster Club Award-Track & Field	Nicole Reese	\$100.00	Certificate
Lady Eagle Booster Club Award-Soccer	Elizabeth Wedlake	\$100.00	Certificate
Lady Eagle Booster Club Award-Cross Country	Kara Miller	\$100.00	Certificate
Tiffany Bratton Memorial Scholarship	Nicole Reese	\$100.00	
The Timothy Van Orman Award	Brandon Reese	\$100.00	
The Dennis L. Hanscom Memorial Award	Kellie Neff	\$150.00	
Carolyn Connelly Memorial Scholarship	Carrina Trawinski	\$150.00	
The Etters/Shope Award	Sasha Hutchings	\$150.00	
The Etters/Shope Award	Kevin Fayman	\$150.00	
Snow Shoe Lions Club Nursing Scholarship	Katelyn Leathers	\$150.00	
Snow Shoe Lions Club Award-Regular Curriculum	Amber Bickel	\$200.00	Bond
Snow Shoe Lions Club Award-Regular Curriculum	Rachel Wallace	\$200.00	Bond
Snow Shoe Lions Club Award-CPI Curriculum	Christopher Miller	\$200.00	Bond
Snow Shoe Lions Club Award-CPI Curriculum	Felicia Strible	\$200.00	Bond
Bald Eagle Area Class of 1964 Memorial Scholarship	Zachary Deering	\$200.00	
Ethel L. Meckes Memorial Award	Alexis Rhoades	\$200.00	
Kiwanis Leadership Award	Emily Strunk	\$200.00	
Ashley A. McClain Memorial Softball Scholarship	Jasa Mitchell	\$200.00	
Leeman Hilner Memorial Award	Marcus Kotzur	\$250.00	
The Bisbee Project Scholarship for Service	Christopher Gribble	\$250.00	
The William J. McCamley, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund	Jessica Scrudders	\$250.00	
Bald Eagle Area 1st & 10 Club Senior Academic Achievement Scholarship	Jonathan Gingrich	\$250.00	
Gary Confer Memorial Award	Zach Serrano	\$250.00	
Gary Confer Memorial Award	Lauryn Davidson	\$250.00	
Boys Basketball Booster Club Howie Chambers Memorial Scholarship	Zach Serrano	\$250.00	
BEA Wrestling Club Award	Jonathan Gingrich	\$250.00	Plaque
The Rex G. McCloskey Drama Award	Emily Catherman	\$250.00	
The Rex G. McCloskey Drama Award	Zachary Deering	\$250.00	
Music Department Scholastic Achievement Award Band	Zachary Deering	\$250.00	
Music Department Scholastic Achievement Award Choral	Zachary Deering	\$250.00	
Elks Academic Service Award	Brandi Weaver-Gates	\$250.00	
American Red Cross Making a Difference Educational Scholarship	Tasha Moore	\$250.00	
The Port Matilda High School Alumni 1905-1956 Award	Emily Catherman	\$250.00	
The Port Matilda High School Alumni 1905-1956 Award	Melanie Bytheway	\$250.00	
Milesburg Lions Club Industrial Technology Award	Brandon Kling	\$250.00	Certificate/Bond
Milesburg Lions Club LEO Club Award	Mary Eliz. McCulloch	\$250.00	Certificate/Bond
Andrew R. (Andy) Jodon Memorial Scholarship	Jonathan Gingrich	\$300.00	
Betty J. Alexander-Norfolk Memorial Scholarship	TeAnna Dorey	\$300.00	
Delta Kappa Gamma Award	Amber Bickel	\$300.00	
Mount Nittany Medical Center Scholarship	Lauryn Davidson	\$300.00	
Principal's Leadership and Service Award	Emily Catherman	\$300.00	Plaque
Bellefonte Lodge #268 of the Free and Accepted Masons	Shannon Singer	\$500.00	
Rex G. McCloskey Memorial Scholarship	Danielle Turner	\$500.00	
The Bob and Donna Vallimont Scholarship	Rachel Wallace	\$500.00	
The Jan Janusz Boguslawski Award	Nicole Rossman	\$500.00	
Rex G. McCloskey Memorial Award	Jeremy Beck	\$500.00	
The Connelly/McCloskey Education Scholarship Award	Amber Bickel	\$600.00	
David B. Garver Memorial Scholarship-Salutatorian	Melanie Bytheway	\$650.00	
David B. Garver Memorial Scholarship-Valedictorian	Zachary Deering	\$1,000.00	
LT. Col. Robert and Lois Barraclough Scholarship	Emily Catherman	\$1,000.00	
Workforce Development Scholarship	Caleb Mitchell	\$1,250.00	
Joanne Stover-Feroletto Memorial Scholarship	Kayla Miller	\$1,800.00	
The Next Step Scholarship	Coty Williams	\$2,540.00	

AWARDS

CPI AWARDS & RECIPIENTS

Special Awards

Karen C. Johnson	E. Dale Simpson Memorial Award
Cassidy F. Comly	Bellefonte Business & Professional Woman's Club Student of the Year
Kaileigh G. Reed	Bellefonte Kiwanis Club
Coty C. Williams	Excellence in Attendance

Automotive Science Technology

Shawn Homan	Lyons Kennel
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Building Trades Maintenance

Cassidy Comly	Associated Builders & Contractors, Inc.
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Carpentry & Building Construction Technology

Dillon Burns	Mr. & Mrs. Max Hartswick
Ian Neely	Wilbur T. Badger Scholarship

CISCO Networking Academy

Paul Pirosko	Grant Bodle Memorial Award
Paul Pirosko	Outstanding Student Plaque

Collision Repair Technology

Kellie Neff	G. W. Auto Collision
Kellie Neff	Clark Auto Equipment
Kellie Neff	Outstanding Student Plaque

Cosmetology

Megan Wolfe	Looks Hair Design
Felicia Strible	Teacher's Award (Ms. Heverly-Ferenchick)
Samantha Gosa	Twisted Scissors
Paige Boscaino	J.C. Penney's Styling Salon
Paige Boscaino	Outstanding Student Plaque

Culinary Arts/Food & Beverage Management

Nicole Rossman	Chelsea Weaver Memorial Award
Nicole Rossman	Outstanding Student Plaque

Dental Assisting

Brittany Walk	Centre Dental Society
Tori Dunkel	Centre Dental Society
Brittany Struble	Centre Dental Society

Diesel Equipment Maintenance & Repair Technology

Derrick Shiner	Robert A. Bird Memorial Award
Matthew Conley	Purcell Tire Company

Heavy Equipment Operation Technology

Joshua King	HRI, Inc.
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Horticulture/Landscaping

Kaileigh Reed	Grant Bodle Memorial Award
Jasa McKean	Instructor's Award
Kaileigh Reed	Outstanding Student Plaque

Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration

Curtis Bush	R. E. Michel, Co., Malco
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Medical Science Technology

Keira Grieb	Instructor's Award
Keira Grieb	Jason Weaver Memorial Award
Keira Grieb	Outstanding Student Plaque

Protective Services

Donald Beere	Chelsea Weaver & Grant Bodle Memorial Award
Donald Beere	Richard C. Payton-St. Moritz Security
Donald Beere	Oak D. Norton
Donald Beere	Outstanding Student Plaque

EAGLE SCOUT PROUD



Six proud Eagle Scouts and 2010 BEA graduates (from left) Josh Walk, Josh Snyder, Zach Deering, Mark Bonsell, Charles Martin, and Kenny Dupler.

Mark Bonsell is a member of Boy Scout Troop #59 of Port Matilda, and son of Jack and Shirley Bonsell of Port Matilda. For his Eagle Scout Project, he painted the pavilions at the Port Matilda Community Park.

Zach Deering, son of Paul and Carol Deering of Runville, built a large storage building at the Runville United Methodist Church for his Eagle Scout Project. He is a member of Boy Scout Troop #45 of Milesburg.

Kenny Dupler, son of Gene and Rose Dupler of Confer's Development, and a member of Boy Scout Troop #45 of Milesburg, carried out a flag retirement ceremony for the Milesburg community for his Eagle Scout Project.

Charles Martin is a member of Boy Scout Troop #59 of Port Matilda and son of Thomas and Teresa Martin of Julian. For his Eagle Scout Project, he built a stone retaining wall, platform, garden, and erected a flag pole at the Julian-Union Cemetery to honor more than fifty veterans who are buried there.

Josh Snyder, son of Jeff and Betsy Snyder of Howard and a member of Boy Scout Troop #45 of Milesburg, planned and carried out the building of two sets of outdoor steps at the Sylvan Hills Church Camp for his Eagle Scout Project.

Josh Walk, a member of Boy Scout Troop #59 of Port Matilda, repaired and reset tombstones, erected a sign, and built a split-rail fence at the Henderson Cemetery for his Eagle Scout Project. He is the son of Joseph and Christine Walk of Julian.

FULL SPEED AHEAD

Renovation Update - Summer 2010

July 8, 2010

The marquee outside of the Bald Eagle Middle-High School listed 100 degrees as the temperature, but the work was still continuing full bore on the renovation project. Assistant Principal Jack Tobias said, "After the last day of school was over and the students were gone, the workers swarmed in here like an army." He said that although the whole school is torn up, everyone seems to know what they are doing and where they should be, but he still is a little nervous of how it all can come together in a few short weeks. Project Manager Rick Vilello smiles and says, "We are right on schedule and will be ready for the students."

One thing that *will* be put on hold until next summer, June 2011, is the auditorium renovation. The seats are slated to be replaced and new carpeting installed, along with an upgraded lighting system. The new gym is expected to be up and running in time for Winter Sports and the Large Group Instruction Room should be ready for students, staff, and community use in the fall.

Steps are being torn out, with a sledgehammer and a crowbar, in what used to be the "new" wing of the high school. The main entrance to the school is closed off with cones, as workers chop up old, and lay down new, pavement. Nearby, work continues on the additional side parking lot. Paving is blistering hot work!

Inside, construction workers are laying block in the cafeteria, which has been stripped bare down to the concrete, and an additional required entrance added from the hallway. Some cutting of cement is being done, and a worker coughs from the dust - despite wearing a dust mask. Likewise, the library is completely empty, save for a few bookshelves in the back - the carpeting is gone. The ceilings are being lowered in the science classrooms. The Large Group Instruction Room is also empty, except for a lone worker picking up some material. Its walls and floors are still bare concrete. Workers run heavy equipment outside of the new gymnasium. The fine yellow dust in the parking lot flies though the air with the slightest breeze. In fact, the BEA students have temporarily renamed this area "The BEA Desert."

Over at Wingate Elementary, the main offices are also completely bare and empty, with no carpeting. Outside the window, a backhoe scoops the top layer, cracked and packed bone-dry, from the drainage area in front of the building and deposits the debris onto a waiting dump truck.

And through all this, the BEA janitorial staff is trying to complete its normal massive summer cleaning operation and the office staff is scheduling classes, etc., and doing all of the tons of office work that needs to be completed during the summer months. Regular BEA summer work goes on - sometimes minus electricity, water, phone, or computer service, depending on where the renovation crews are working.

At this stage of the renovation, most of the planning is over. Now patience, hard work, and team work are required to get this massive job finished. And, as usual, most of the BEA staff is coming through it all with a smile.



Workers place a row of windows in the Middle-High School Cafeteria, just outside the serving lines, to help brighten the cafeteria.

ENERGY \$AVINGS RECAP - Blue and Gold Goes GREEN

BEA is committed to saving energy and money through energy-saving programs and projects

BEA has implemented three guaranteed energy savings projects over the past eight years with the McClure Company. The total projected energy savings for the three projects (from 2002 through 2025) is \$1,043,412.00. These energy conservation measures included:

Middle/High School - Freezer cooler retrofits, demand controlled ventilation (CO2 Sensors), booster heater retrofits, lighting retrofits (to T8 technology), HVAC retrofits to energy efficient cooling and heating systems; Domestic hot water heater replacements, lighting retrofits in Gym, Aux. Gym and Wrestling Room (to T8 technology), energy efficient cooling for Gym.

Howard Elementary - HVAC retrofit to 4-pipe system.

Wingate Elementary - Lighting retrofits (to T8 technology); Lighting retrofits in Multi-Purpose Room and Gym, energy efficient cooling for MPR.

Mountaintop Area Elementary - HVAC retrofit to geothermal system.

District Wide - Small Equipment Energy Management (Vending Misers), Lighting Upgrades (to 28 watt T8's).

Geothermal heating and cooling systems have been installed at the Middle-High School and Wingate Elementary. Port Matilda Elementary has had a geothermal heating and cooling system for the past 15 years.

BEA recently approved an agreement with Premiere Power Solutions, an electricity broker licensed by the Pennsylvania PUC. BEA is now in a consortium of other school districts within Central PA. When Allegheny Power deregulates, Premiere Power Solutions will be purchasing power at the most advantageous price for a specific period of time. This is the same concept BEA has been using for the purchase of natural gas for the past sixteen years.

BEA doubled the R value on nearly six and one-half acres of roofing surface (Wingate Elementary and Middle/High School) during the 2009-10 school year by adding an additional one-and-one-half inch of insulation material, over and above architectural specifications.

A rooftop photovoltaic system is being installed on the Middle-High School and Wingate Elementary roofs (solar panels) at NO cost to the District, thanks to a timely 20-year agreement with Smart Energy Capital.

BEA is also significantly reducing energy consumption in our technology systems throughout our entire school district.

The above listed projects are just some of the ways that BEA is saving money by going green

Elementary Band & Chorus Festivals 2010 PARTICIPANTS



Sixth Grade Band Fest was held at Central Mountain Middle School. From left to right: Miss Allison, Matthew Blaylock, Zoe Armstrong, Sarah Van Cise, Mary Veneziano, Karina Bloom, and Mr. Farley.



Fifth Grade Chorus Fest was held at the State College Area School District. Row 1 Carson Spence, Colton Lucas, Madelynn Holderman; Row 2 Allison Hess, Cheyenne Yoder, Kaitlin Lutz; Row 3 Ms. Boose, Carissa Matthiesen, Kayla O'Leary, Miss Baker; Row 4 Austin Huyett and Alexis Turner.

HOWARD Can Win It In A Minute!

Howard Elementary celebrated PSSA Assessment time by sponsoring an afterschool event for the students who took the PSSA's – the third, fourth, fifth and sixth graders.

The celebration consisted of four activity centers, which included dancing, motion-packed games, pizza, and snacks.

The students' favorite center was a mock-up of the popular game show "A Minute to Win It!" Here is how it worked. There were twelve activities that the students could choose to do in the center. The students would complete the task required, but they only had ONE minute to do it – fun tasks like stacking 24 dice in one column or blowing up a balloon and using the air inside the balloon to knock cups off a table. This center was the students' absolute favorite.

All the students, staff and parents agreed that this event was something to be remembered for a very long time. Who could ask for more? Good times and good food, and if you've got a minute, our students can win it!

Caleb Kelly (left) and Jared Ishler are enjoying snacks at the Howard Hard Rock Cafe.



Cameron Cody is enjoying an activity at the Win It In A Minute Center.



PORT MATILDA CELEBRATES READING WITH A COOL TREAT IN MAY

What are our students doing in the month of May? Some are playing softball, baseball or soccer. Some are enjoying warm weather playing outside, riding bikes and swimming. Some students are reading!

The Bald Eagle Area School District held a Mighty May Reading Challenge and the Port Matilda Elementary students did AWESOME. All students in each elementary school were challenged to read more points than they had in November to earn a hand-dipped ice cream sundae. The students at Port in grades K – 6 all achieved their goal and received a certificate and ice cream for their achievement. They even received a double scoop of ice cream if they doubled the number of books they read or doubled their number of AR points earned in November.

It was an exciting day at each elementary school across the district. Superintendent Dan Fisher and Director of Reading and Port Matilda Principal Betsy Dickey handed out approximately 975 individual awards. Ice cream was enjoyed by everyone. Mrs. Dickey would like to give a special thank you to the principals and staff who helped serve the ice cream, chocolate syrup, and jimmies to make a really tasty reading reward. YUM!

Superintendent Dan Fisher scoops ice cream for the students at the Port Matilda May Reading Celebration.



Cale Burkett receives his "I'm a Mighty May Reader" award.



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BEA Intramural Bowling Program A Strike Every Time



For thirteen weeks during the school year, from November to February, BEA students can jump on an afterschool bus at 3:20 p.m. each Tuesday, travel to Bellefonte Lanes, bowl three games, and return back to the Middle-High school in time to catch the late bus home. During those two-and-one-half hours, students have fun, learn good sportsmanship, and participate in a sport that can last for a lifetime – bowling. About 50-70 students participate in the BEA

Intramural Bowling Program each week, and there's no need for students to know HOW to bowl when they join. It is a no pressure situation, and many students are beginning bowlers. The students can learn a little more about the techniques of bowling each trip, and their confidence levels increase as they learn to become a better bowler.

There are three leagues the students can join: All Boys, All Girls, or a Mixed Boys and Girls League. Each league receives trophies for 1st and 2nd Place, High Game of the Year, High Series of the Year, and High Average of the Year. Many of the Intramural Bowling Program students have introduced their families and friends to the sport of bowling. What starts as an afterschool activity, carries over into family time or an activity to do with friends.

Tim Kasper, who has been the advisor for more years than he can remember, says, "This is really a neat program. It gives absolutely everybody a chance to mix in. There is no pressure to win - students just get out there to bowl and have fun. The kids really enjoy the program a lot, and I'm happy to have been the advisor for all these years."

BEA student Cory Moore (right) came in first place at the Happy Valley Tournament between the BEA bowlers and the Bellefonte bowlers.



"WE MADE AYP!"

Those are the words that every staff member wants to hear - because it means the teaching strategies, the professional development, and the hard work of staff and students made a real difference. We are proud to announce that Bald Eagle Area DID make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for the 2009-10 School Year in every category. Congratulations to all the BEA students and staff!

During the 2010-11 school year, the AYP requirements increase in both Reading and Math. Fortunately, most of our schools, and grade levels, scored well enough last school year that we should be able to meet next year's requirements, too.

AP CLASSES ADDED

The Bald Eagle High School curriculum will include three new Advanced Placement (AP) classes this year, along with higher expectations for all AP classes that are offered. BEA will offer the following AP classes for the 2010-11 school year: Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Literature, Statistics, and U.S. History. AP courses are designed for those students who have scored at the advanced level according to the Pennsylvania Academic Standards on local, state, and/or national assessments.

AP courses are comparable to courses offered in college and universities, and prepare students for the AP Examination. Students are required to take the AP exam in order to receive the Advanced Placement designation on their transcript. Students who achieve a qualifying score on this exam may be granted credit upon college admission.