

MECHANICSBURG EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT



WELCOME PARENTS



Muffins with Moms



Doughnuts with Dads

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Residents of the Mechanicsburg Exempted Village School District:

District leadership and staff are honored to present the 2015 Annual Report in alignment with our District's Goals and Objectives. The Annual Report provides a glimpse into the instruction and operations of the district. The district has three goals, and each year focused work allows us to adjust our practices and policies to best serve the students, staff, and members of our community.



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Specifically, this updated version of the annual report strives to highlight our continuous focus on student learning and achievement, along with the allocation of resources to do the right work. The narratives and pictures provide the community with a concrete summary of what Mechanicsburg Exempted School District is all about.

You will find in the following sections information on achievement, safety and wellness, showcases of student work, event and program highlights, financial information, school building updates, and other "measures that matter."

The district report card is delayed well into the start of 2016, but grade level scores show success across the buildings in all subject areas.

Thank You Voters for passing the Income Tax Renewal Levy for a 10 year period of time. This passage saves tax payers dollars and allows the district to more reliably plan for future expenses. We will continually strive to use the tax dollars entrusted to us to serve our students and community at the highest level.

The Board of Education, administration, and staff are proud to call Mechanicsburg home. We will continue to evaluate and reflect on our work to best serve the students, families, and local community members at the highest level. Thank you for allowing us to do this important work!

Sincerely,

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FIRST GOAL

PRIORITIZE THE LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT OF ALL STUDENTS

Goal one is the primary focus of our work in Mechanicsburg. This Goal is measured through the state's report card system as well as several internal measures throughout the year. As a result of the changing assessment system in the state of Ohio, districts have not yet received their official state report card.

From what we do have and know about student state assessments results, the district continues to perform at high levels. Preliminary state data shows we were among the top in the county in the following grades:

- Math - 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, Algebra I
- English Language Arts - 6th, 9th
- Science - 8th
- Social Studies - 4th, 6th, HS Government

The district met all but two state assessment indicators, with several areas scoring well above the state average.

One benchmark of specific focus includes the ACT scores of our high school students. We are committed to increasing our school average composite score to be at or above the state average. In 2016, students will have the chance to participate in an ACT study skills workshop during the school day. That training, paired with additional practice in the classroom, is designed to increase student scores when the ACT is taken within 6 weeks of the course. We will be tracking these results.



Thank you American Legion for supporting the 8th grade trip to D.C. Learning about our nation is so important.



Thanks to our partnership with the Madison-Champaign Educational Service Center, the district had the pleasure of hosting Dr. Doug Reeves for a personalized day of learning. Dr. Reeves met with teachers, students, and administration to discuss grading, student feedback, and strategies that maximize learning. Teachers are currently taking risks and trying new strategies for student learning.

Percent of ACT-Tested Students Ready for College-Level Coursework

Are Your Students Ready for College?

Through collaborative research with post-secondary institutions nationwide, ACT has established the following as college courses.

A benchmark score is the minimum score needed on an ACT subject-area test to indicate a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in the corresponding credit-bearing college courses.

- English Composition: 18 on ACT English Test
- College Algebra: 22 on ACT Mathematics Test
- Social Science: 22 on ACT Reading Test
- Biology: 23 on ACT Science Test

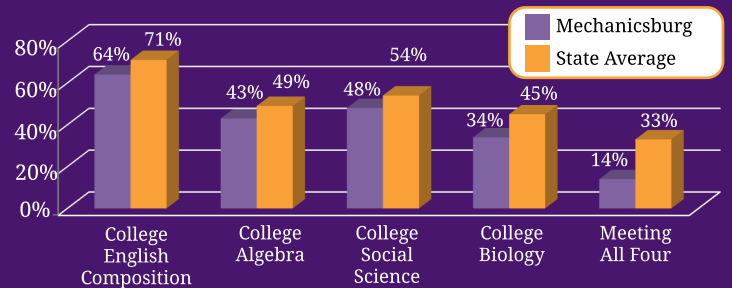


Table 1: Five Year Trends - Average ACT Scores

Grad Year	Total Tested		English		Mathematics		Reading		Science		Composite	
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2011	40	92,313	18.6	21.1	20.3	21.5	21.1	22.1	20.4	21.8	20.3	21.8
2012	36	92,121	20.4	21.1	20.6	21.5	21.3	22.1	21.5	21.8	21.0	21.8
2013	53	92,813	19.4	21.2	20.6	21.5	21.1	22.2	20.6	21.8	20.5	21.8
2014	41	91,089	20.8	21.4	21.1	21.7	21.6	22.4	21.5	22.0	21.4	22.0
2015	44	91,607	19.5	21.4	20.5	21.7	20.5	22.5	20.2	22.1	20.3	22.0



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SECOND GOAL

MAINTAIN A FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE & FINANCIALLY STABLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

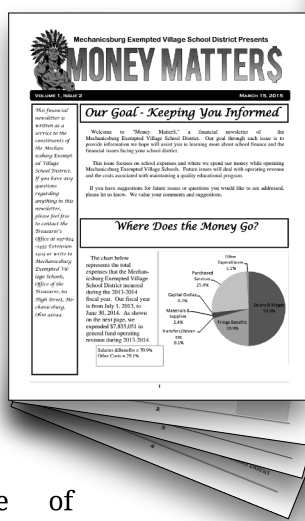
The fiscal department publishes *Money Matters*, the official financial document for the district. Money Matters provides the community with up to date information on the district's financial status, including revenue and expenses. Money Matters can be found at www.McBurg.org/MoneyMatters

Overall, the district's per pupil expenditures was \$8,586.51 in fiscal year 14 (most recent available). This is lower than the state's average of \$10,912.65 and similar districts' average of \$9,598.04. The district will continue to use funds to promote academics, arts, and athletics while preserving our financial stability.

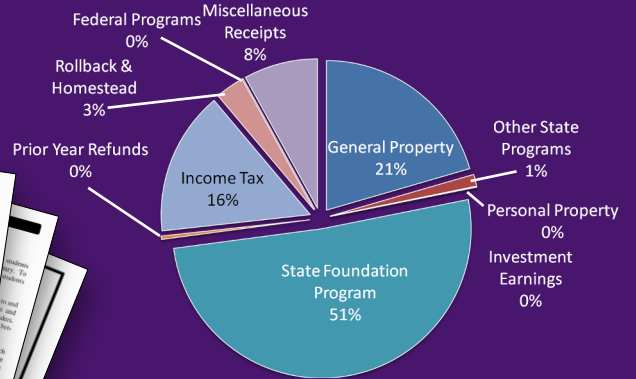
Here is what we currently have in permanent, renewable, and continuing levies.

- \$189,000 Emergency 10 year renewed in November 2014;
- Permanent Improvement Levy - Permanent November 2013;
- Capital Maintenance Levy - Permanent associated with the building project;
- Income tax .5% - continuing
- Income tax 1% - 10 year renewed in November 2015

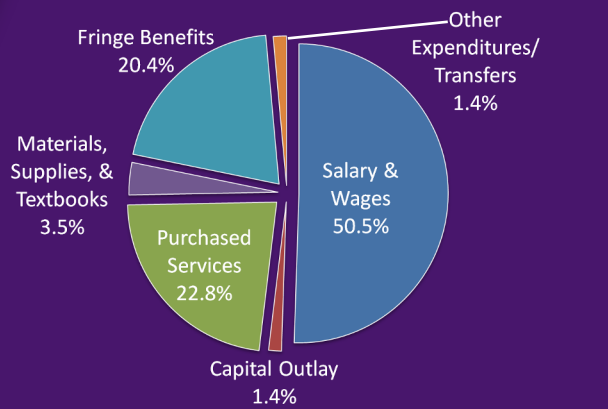
District enrollment continues to be stable, even slightly higher than last year. The district accepts 117 open enrollment students each year, while losing 41 students to surrounding districts or online programs. Open enrollment helps with the district's financial stability. The elementary school's 2 preschool classrooms are at capacity, which supports enrollment in the district from an earlier age than in years past.



SCHOOL DISTRICT INCOME



SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPENSES



Building Enhancements

The district has been working to upgrade and enhance the athletic and extra curricular facilities. New bleachers were installed in both gymnasiums, batting cages hung off of the main gym, and insulation and boarding added to create a wrestling building next to the Booster building. MS lockers were added to the 6th grade hallway to reduce traffic in the Middle School and allow for room to grow in the 7th and 8th grade hallway. A new display case was added outside the main gym as we are always in need of space to display the talents of our students. Our building along with strong academics and extra curricular programs is a selling point for prospective families.



THANK YOU VOTERS FOR PASSING THE RENEWAL INCOME TAX LEVY



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THIRD GOAL

CUSTOMER SERVICE & SAFETY

Thank you to the following partners for joining us at the 2nd Annual **Boo in the U** event.

- McBurg FFA
- The Gaver Family
- The Prohaska Family
- Citizens for Schools
- McBurg Central Office
- Pizza Alley
- Mack Wright, DDS
- Leeson ELECTRIC
- E. Smith for School Brd.
- DWE Student Council
- DWE PTO
- United Methodist Church
- P. McMahill for School Brd.
- NHS/HS Student Council
- MHS Soccer
- doTERRA Essential Oils: Karen Rugh
- Darby Dental Smiles
- McBurg XC Team
- Champion Feed and Pet Supply
- Memorial Health
- Mech. Public Library
- HS Freshman Class



The district is partnering with the Drug Free Youth Coalition to host several monthly meetings at Mechanicsburg Schools this year.



A new digital sign welcomes visitors to school grounds thanks to a student council donation. The digital sign promotes upcoming school and sports information, important dates, school delays and closings, and district accomplishments. Increasing our methods for communicating with families is something that supports the success of our students, programs, and the community as a whole.



The elementary school student council honored Veterans with their annual Veteran's Day program. We had two WWII veterans in attendance for the event. What an honor to share the day with such distinguished guests. Sodexo, our food service provider, also hosted our local Veterans for their Veteran's Day celebration during student lunches. It made us all proud to see Veterans and their students enjoying lunch together. We extend our deepest appreciation for their service to our nation.



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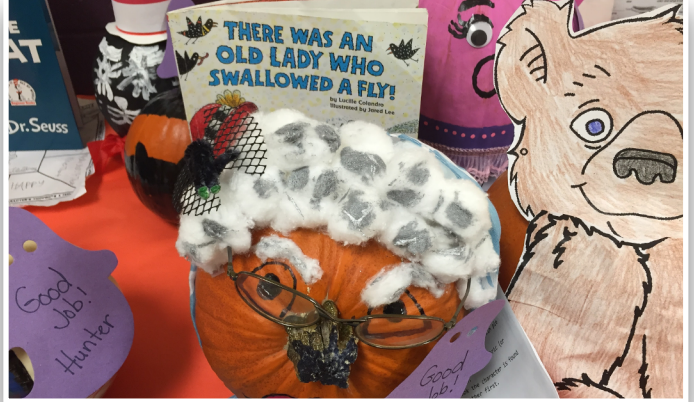
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DOHRON WILSON ELEMENTARY

MEASURES THAT MATTER

The elementary prides itself on creating a well rounded educational experience for all students. It is important to have fun while learning and as a result, to love learning. Here are several things that help make Dohron Wilson Elementary a wonderful place to learn.



Second grade students learned about character traits and created pumpkins based on the characters in their reading.



**KINDERGARTEN
PARENT
INVOLVEMENT DAY
THANK YOU
PARENTS FOR
YOUR SUPPORT!**



- 110 students earned perfect attendance for the 1st nine weeks of school.
- 60 students earned perfect attendance for the second quarter.

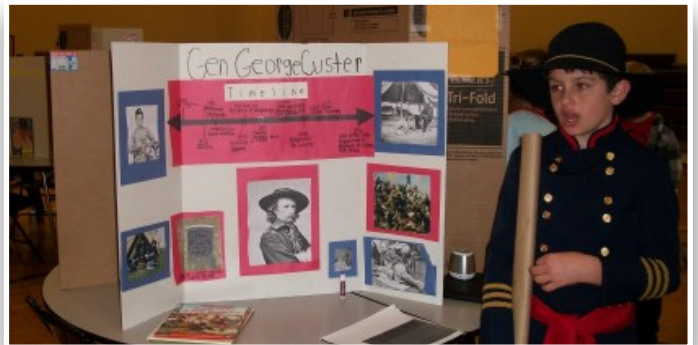
The School Board President, Danny Gaver, reading *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* to our elementary students.



Famous Ohioan Wax Museum



The 4th grade studied famous Ohioans in social studies and shared what was learning at the Wax Museum.



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MECHANICSBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL



MEASURES THAT MATTER

The Middle School finished the first quarter with 172 students on High Honor Roll and Regular Honor Roll. Students enjoyed doughnuts during first period in recognition of their achievement. We are very PROUD!



Students wrote and posted positive messages throughout the Middle School hallways showing support for each other.

The middle school also celebrated perfect attendance, with 61 students earning perfect attendance in the first quarter.

The Middle School Student Council published a school newsletter, a first since the inception of the Middle School in 2014. Thank you students (Nikolas King, Francys King, Cori Kent, Mazie Reece, Kaylee Allender, Brooke Moore, Natalie Tull, Kaylee Warfield, Grace Forrest) and advisers (Mrs. Hoellrich and Mrs. Lee) for your hard work!



In 6th grade, students will attend Camp Kirkmont, learning about science, teamwork, and communication. In the 8th grade, students will travel to Washington D.C. for a well-rounded experience in our nation's capital.

In addition to academics, the Middle School participates in Junior Achievement Lessons and Life Skills Training. Both programs support career development, making good choices, problem solving, communication, and preparing for the future.

**SCIENCE
ENRICHMENT
PROVIDES HANDS
ON LEARNING FOR
STUDENTS**



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MECHANICSBURG HIGH SCHOOL



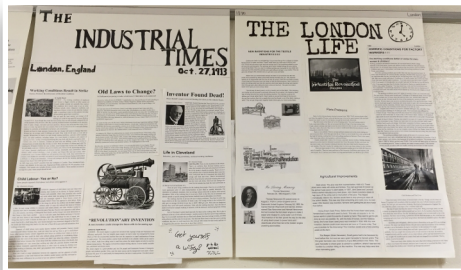
MEASURES THAT MATTER



Football Friday Nights would not be the same without our growing Marching Band and baton twirlers. Nothing says school spirit better than a rendition of Fight On or a choreographed half time show!

Mechanicsburg High School students participated in a Healthy Schools Challenge and won \$500 for the high school, finishing 49th out of 95 schools. This challenge was supported by the food service department.

Students in World History studied the Industrial Age, including dangerous factory conditions for workers, city populations and child labor, etc. Students combined their research to produce a newspaper front

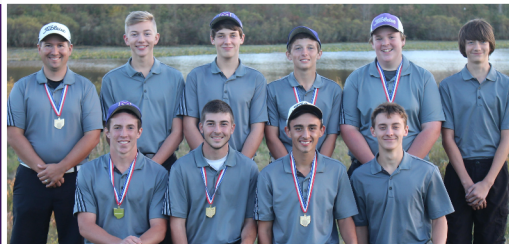


The Mechanicsburg FFA along with their advisor Mr. Neer at National Convention this fall. The FFA has been busy with projects, Agri Science Fair, numerous competitions, and selling baked potatoes during football season.



High School Choir performed a host of holiday songs for family and friends to kick off the holiday season. Nice job HS Choir!

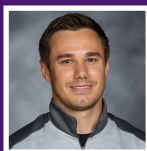
THE BOYS GOLF TEAM MADE IT TO THE STATE TOURNAMENT FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1992.



Congratulation to:
Caleb Westfall,
Cody Minor,
Corey Bogan,
Jack Shoemaker,
Mack Cushman
Coach Trainer
Austin Wolfe alternate



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SUPPORT PROGRAMS

MEASURES THAT MATTER

The district houses a preschool program within the elementary for both typically developing preschools and preschoolers with disabilities. This program promotes kindergarten readiness and helps students be comfortable in the school before they officially start their elementary career. The preschool supports 32 students between a morning and afternoon session Monday-Thursday. The preschool program is operated in conjunction with the Madison Champaign Educational Service Center (ESC).

The district also houses a Multiple Handicapped classroom, servicing students from around the county with similar needs. This is a county unit supported by the ESC. The classroom enjoys participating in building events and even works in the cafeteria, supporting the food service staff by assembling breakfast bags daily. There is a focus on daily living skills, identifying community signs, and using money for life skills.

The district believes that students need exposure to a variety of academic and social experiences. The more involved students are outside of the classroom, the more likely they are to be engaged in the classroom.



Santa visited the preschool classroom to share in the holiday excitement; the students enjoyed sitting on his lap to share their Christmas lists. All of the Preschool students were of course on Santa's "nice list." Mrs. Green enchanted them with stories of Africa, the animals that live there and a few African instruments..



Elementary Students enjoyed AESOPs Classic Fables during a school wide assembly. They watched "The Boy who Cried Wolf", "The Lion and the Mouse" and "The Hare and the Tortoise". All three productions included great life lessons for students.



Step Up To Quality (SUTQ) is a five-star quality rating and improvement system administered by the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. SUTQ recognizes and promotes learning and development programs that meet quality program standards that exceed licensing health and safety regulations. The program standards are based on national research identifying standards which lead to improved outcomes for children. Congratulations on earning the highest rating!

The district feels that co-curricular and extra-curricular participation supports well rounded students. The High School had a 78% participation rate and the Middle School had a 82% participation rate during the 2014.2015 school year.



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STUDENT SHOWCASE

MEASURES THAT MATTER



Title: Current Internal Culture: Anger at home

Name: Caroline Nott **Grade:** 6th grade

Explore and discuss how aspects of culture influence ritual and social artwork.



Title: Line Sculpture

Name: Kaden Moore **Grade:** Kindergarten

Engage in art making that explores and combines various forms of symbolic representation including words, symbols, images, music and movement.



CHECK OUT THE SCHOOL MASCOT HANGING IN THE HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE
ARTWORK BY: EMMA LOCKWOOD



Title: Family Portrait

Name: Lily Sorensen **Grade:** 1st grade

Explore and use a range of subject matter to create original works of art. Explain how personal interests and experiences are reflected in the subject matter of artworks.



Title: Area of Personal Development: Fear of horses

Name: Lilly Cushman **Grade:** 6th grade

Use observations, life experiences and imagination as a source for visual symbols, images and creative expression.

Engage in visual problems of personal or social relevance showing focus and persistence.

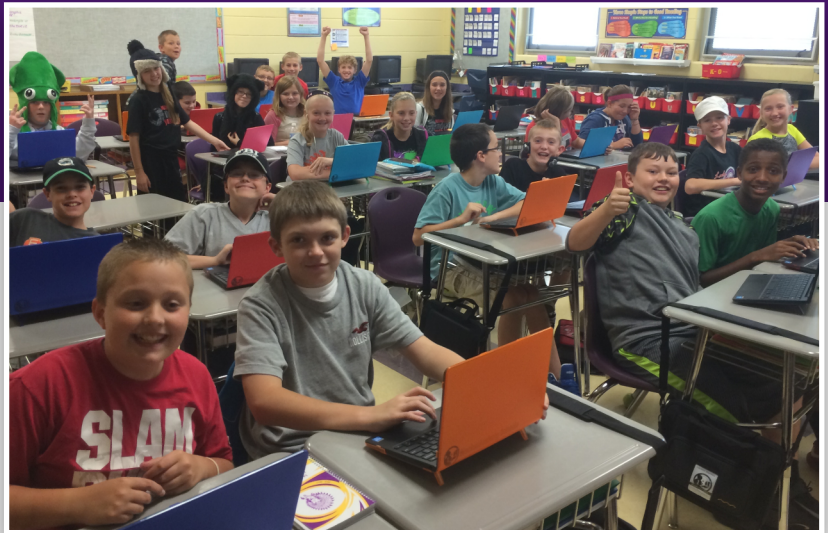


ONE TO ONE INITIATIVE

MEASURES THAT MATTER

During the 2011-12 school year, Mechanicsburg partnered with Google and enrolled in their Google Apps for Education program. This program provided every student and staff member in the district a free Google account, giving the ability to send secure email as well as create and share content with anyone on any device. Google's solution is the back bone of the district's communication and organization structure for teaching and learning and in addition to the entire one to one Chromebook program.

In 2013 Google announced their laptop style solution called a "Chromebook," designed to run their secure Chrome Operating System for browsing the internet and utilizing their online suite of productivity applications. Their low cost and easy to repair device with a eleven inch screen and a full keyboard was a hit in the education market and today out numbers Apple's iPads.

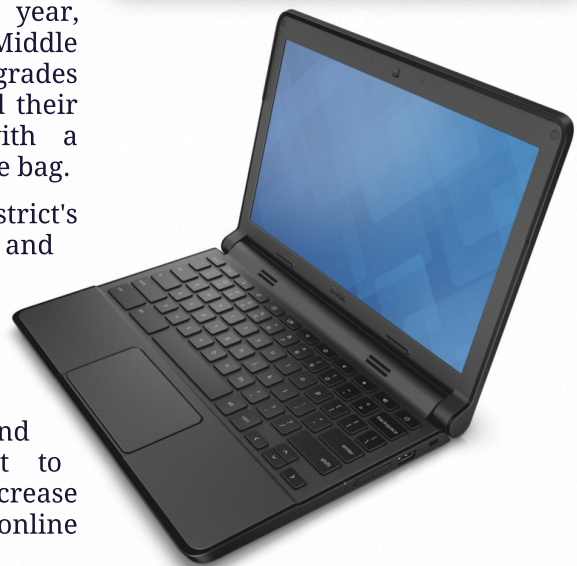


Shortly there after Mechanicsburg, launched a small pilot called the Digital Learning Program which provided a Chromebook to a select group of students to be used in the home. After the success of that program, two mobile Chromebook carts were purchased allowing staff to check out a cart for their classroom.

Today we have a total of five Chromebook carts, one of them being assigned to Mr. Kevin Neer's Agriculture Technology class allowing his students to keep track of their documentation in the FFA program.

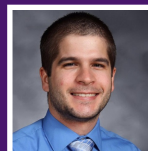
Starting in 2014-15 school year, with the addition of the Middle school staff and students in grades six and seven were assigned their own Dell Chromebook with a custom cover and a protective bag.

This was the start of the district's 1:1 Chromebook Pilot, and during that first year less than one percent of damage was recorded for the devices. In 2015, all educational staff received the same Chromebook bag and case allowing the district to reduce it's paper use and increase the district's online communication.



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Dear Community of Mechanicsburg,

With all the political craziness that is going on in the world today, both here at home and abroad, it is great to know that in our tight knit little community of Mechanicsburg, we are only looking for normalcy. Mechanicsburg Schools are currently firing on all cylinders: our academics, athletics, music program, and agriculture department are the envy of many other schools. As you can see illustrated throughout this annual report, our students are exceptional students, athletes, artists, and civic minded leaders. We are proud to be able to showcase such talents.

We are at the top of our game, but the road to greatness never ends. We as a Board, administration, and faculty pledge to you, our children and community, to continue to be the Best Small School in Ohio. We are challenging ourselves and each other to think outside the box, creating more opportunities for our students and community. We also strive to continue the many traditions that set us apart from other districts and communities. With your help we will carry on the great traditions that Mechanicsburg Schools have built over the last 100 years. We will not lose sight of what is important. GO BURG!

Sincerely,

Mechanicsburg School Board of Education



CALENDAR

MARCH 25TH-29TH

Students and staff will be taking a break from school to enjoy time with family and friends!

MARCH 31ST

College Credit Plus Enrollment forms for the 2016.2017 school year due to the MS & HS offices.

APRIL 4TH

The MS and HS along with the FFA are excited to host inspirational speaker and former WCW and WWE Wrestling Champion, Marc Mero. Students are inspired to treat themselves and others with respect, dream big, achieve goals, and cherish relationships.

JUNE 5TH

Help us celebrate the class of 2016 and join us for their graduation ceremony in the HS gymnasium.



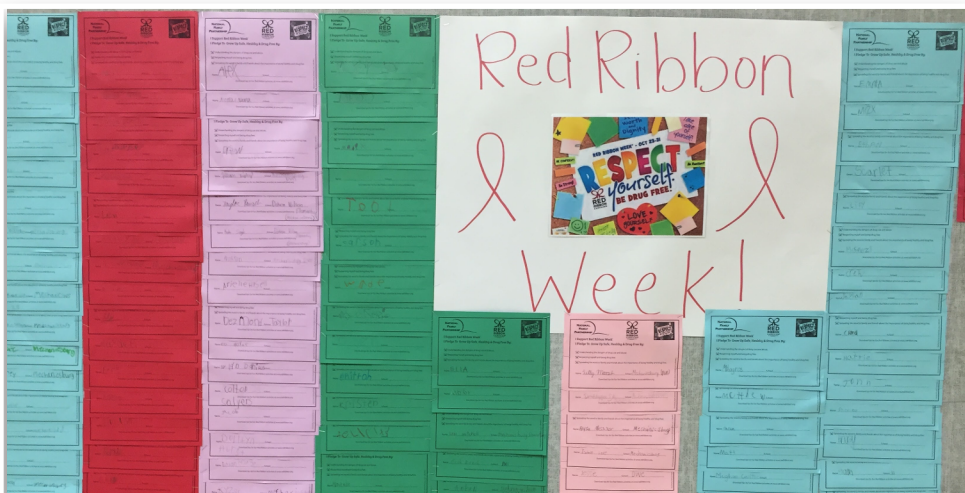
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Brian Forrest, Vice President



RED RIBBON WEEK

The district celebrated Red Ribbon Week with various daily themes. Students were asked to pledge their commitment to staying drug free. Students "socked" it to drugs and "put a cap" on drugs to show their support for being drug free.