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Home of the Bulldogs

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SOUTHEAST TEAM - Have a Heart for the Homeless



The SouthEast team's seventh-grade students are conducting a service-learning project through the end of February entitled "Have a Heart for the Homeless." The theme of homelessness and the ability for a young boy to survive on the streets of New York City are in the novel *Monkey Island*, which students just finished reading. A goal of this project is to demonstrate every individual's role in affecting a positive change for the less fortunate. Mr. Valentini, Site Coordinator for Pennsylvania's Homeless Children Initiative in the Allentown

School District, spoke to our team about the plight of the homeless—especially the children. He shared first-hand experiences from 20 years of working with the homeless and read several of his unique poems from a collection called "7 Hours of Sanity"—all verses are about homeless children. Based on their needs, students are seeking donations of all types of toiletries and school supplies. Soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs are some examples of items to be donated, as well as notebooks, writing pads, pens, pencils, rulers, crayons and anything else someone else might appreciate. No item in either category is too small to accept. Donations will be collected each day throughout February in our homerooms. At the conclusion of the drive, Mr. Valentini will personally deliver donations to local shelters and individuals in need.



SOUTHEAST STANDOUTS

Congratulations to SouthEast team's recent Wall of Fame recipients: For eighth grade, Lauren Zellner, Luke Herbold, Morgan Farber and Sam Pryor. For seventh grade, Tyler Dibilio, Emily Palansky, Matt Egan and Mackenzie Witmer.

Our VIPs, which stands for Very Impressive Person, were (8th grade) Jackie Marlow, Cody Bowman and Cory John Wagner. (7th grade) Brad Owens, Tyler Dibilio and Destiny Morey.



It's New Year, New You on TEAM NORTH



The North Team kicked off 2009 with our "New Year, New You" month.

North Team teachers wanted to set the tone for 2009 by focusing on a different virtue, or character trait, for the students to learn about and work toward implementing in their daily lives.

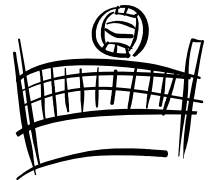
Each Team North teacher created a reading activity focused on a different trait. The traits included in our lessons were Tolerance, Integrity, Loyalty, Trustworthiness, Honesty, Confidence, and Responsibility.



Our goal is to recognize students on Team North who display these traits through their school work and interaction with other students during the rest of the school

NET SPORTS INTRAMURALS

Net Sports Intramurals will begin on Wed., April 1 at 2:15 -4:00 pm in the middle school gym. This includes volleyball, badminton, ping pong, and tennis when the weather is nice.

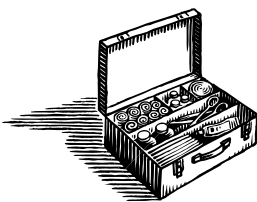


Students need to have a parent permission form signed. These forms are found in the hallway on the wall outside the gym. A pizza party will conclude the activity on April 29.



Phys. Ed. and Health Happenings

In PE class students just finished the Angle Ball unit and are now participating in a class Volleyball tournament. When spring arrives, students will participate on the Fit America equipment and do the Mile run.



In Mrs. Raber's 7th grade Health classes, students are learning the American Red Cross First Aid skills. Congratulations to the students who earned their All Stars awards on Jan. 22. Students in 7th and 8th grade Health classes are encouraged to read Health current event stories on the www.TeenBiz3000.com website and www.KidsHealth.org website.

COOKIES FOR CANCER



Cookies for cancer was a huge success before the winter break. We raised \$422.00 in profit which was split between the American Cancer Society and Penn State's program to help families of children with pediatric cancer. A big thank you to all of the families who purchased the cookies for cancer kits and also to those families that donated the supplies to make the kits!



OUR EXEMPLARY EXPLORERS



The following students were recognized by the Explorer Team as doing great work in their Explorer classes.

Cycle 2, Carlos Medina – Art, Dana Fricker – Art, Brandon Minnich – Art, Caitlin McCormick – FCS, Jennifer Fronheiser – FCS, Courtney Blocker – FCS, Ashlee Uebele – FCS, Sarah Frantz – PACES, Siarra Fogle – PACES. Shannon Srogi – PACES, Alexis Barrett – Keyboarding, Aidan Burke – Keyboarding, Ryan Klass – Keyboarding, Abigail Messinger – Keyboarding, Angela Rivera – Keyboarding, Kayla Jones – Keyboarding, Jennifer Howell – Keyboarding, Nathaniel Czarnecki – Keyboarding, Emily Palansky – Keyboarding, Annelise Tarafas – Tech Ed, Tyler Sellers – Tech Ed, Kendra Smith – Tech Ed, Morgan Zellner – Hand Tool, Samantha Kern – Hand Tool, Austin Berger – Hand Tool, Axl Feiller- Home Repair, Travis Gruber – Home Repair, Christopher Hoffman – Home Repair, Kristopher Seiler – Home Repair, Emerald Snyder – Music, Tyler Lenskold – Music, and Lucas Pierce – Music

Cycle 3, Kayla Jones – FCS, Shannon DeForest – FCS, Luke Herbold – FCS, Emerald Snyder – FCS, Ty Herzog – FCS, Kelsey Kuntz – PACES, Elijah Velazquez-Oswald – PACES, Autumn Stauffer – PACES, Courtney Blocker – Music, Chad Conklin – Music, Nicole Gill – Music, Sydney Martin – Music, Emily Moore – Music, Courtney Sutton – Music, Rebecca Owens – Keyboarding, Carissa Blessing – Keyboarding, Zachary Joy – Keyboarding, Joshua Landsberger – Keyboarding, Samantha Miller-Brown – Keyboarding, Thomas Quigley – Keyboarding, Allen Dailey- Keyboarding, Lucas Pierce – Art, Cella Schleicher – Art, Jamie Miller – Art, Brook Seyler – Art, and Morgan Zellner – Art, Nate Czarnecki – Hand Tool, Emily Palansky – Hand Tool, Tyler George – Home Repair, Darien Middaugh – Home Repair, Austin Golden – Home Repair, Abbey Sauerwine – Tech Ed, Jennifer Fronheiser – Tech Ed, and Travis Gruber – Tech Ed



Great job to all these students!





ATTENTION 7TH GRADE PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

Enclosed with this newsletter are permission forms to do scoliosis testing and dental exams. Please read, sign and return to the health office by March 1st.

If your child had a private dental exam or will be having one, please send a dental note or a note indicating the date the exam was done. If we are not notified, your child will automatically be seen by our school dentist. School dental exams are being scheduled for the end of March.

If you have any questions, please contact the health office at 610-767-9816. Thank you for your assistance!

Read-On Program Begins



Northern Lehigh Middle School is participating in a reading program that gives our students a chance to make a difference in someone's life simply by reading.

The Child Advocacy Center of Lehigh County, a child friendly facility for the victims of child abuse, sponsors the Read-On program from January 9th until April 3rd. Money is raised through corporate sponsors that agree to pay 25¢ for each book a student reads. Last year our school had four sponsors. That was \$1.00 for every book our students read!

Students complete special forms to verify that the books have been read. All books read since the Christmas break qualify, including required reading. Forms are also available for parents who would like to participate.

To encourage students, bi-weekly drawings from the completed forms will be held. Blue Mountain tubing passes and other assorted prizes will be awarded. Top readers in each class will receive gift cards to Barnes & Noble and a pizza party. Every student who reads at least one book will receive a McDonald's Achievement Certificate which is good for a free hamburger meal.

Last year our school raised over \$1,000.00 for the Child Advocacy Center. Let's see if we can make it \$1,500.00 this year!



See the below flyer for a great way to help our Middle School earn Free supplies!



SAVE THE DATE!!

The PTO has combined with Fine Arts Night on May 14th to offer a fun family evening. The PTO is sponsoring a lasagna dinner with salad and dessert. After the dinner, you are invited to enjoy the musical talents of the Band and Choir. In addition, student projects will be displayed for all to see their work. Mark your calendars for this event.

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*“If you can imagine it,
you can achieve it;
if you can dream it,
you can become it.”*

~William Arthur Ward

THE PRINCIPAL'S PAGE



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10 Ways to Help Your Teen DO WELL in School

1. Pay attention to your teen's schoolwork. Ask regularly and with genuine interest, "What are you learning?"
2. Offer support. Provide reassurances and help as your teen tackles educational activities and situations for the first time.
3. Promote good health habits. If your teen gets enough sleep, balanced meals, and proper exercise, classroom participation and learning will come more easily.
4. Stimulate your teen's growing interests. Have a variety of reading materials available at home.
5. Get involved in your teen's school. Meet with your teen's teacher, attend school events, and be prepared to intervene to assure that your teen's classes provide opportunities for success.
6. Be positive about education. Show how much you enjoy and value learning.
7. Help to organize a quiet study area at home for your teen. It should have needed supplies easily accessible and be free from distractions.
8. Offer praise for your teen's achievements and efforts. Praise helps to build self-esteem and encourages teens to keep trying their best.
9. Discuss current events with your teen to promote an interest in learning about the world.
10. Be available when your teen wants to talk about school or other issues. Then offer help and advice as needed.

Remember

Your involvement in your teen's education can contribute to a lifelong love of learning!

WALL OF FAME

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO EARNED A PLACE ON OUR **WALL OF FAME** FOR THE SECOND AND THIRD CYCLES. STUDENTS ARE NOMINATED BY THEIR TEACHERS. IF YOU STOP BY THE MIDDLE SCHOOL, BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR WALL OF FAME LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE MAIN OFFICE.

CYCLE 2

GRADE 7

MATTHEW EGAN

ZACARY SCHLEGEL

BROOK SEYLER

CASSIE TOTH

MACKENZIE WITMER

GRADE 8

MORGAN FARBER

CASEY GAVALLA

LUCAS PIERCE

SAMANTHA PRYOR

HARLEE SCHAFFER

CYCLE 3

GRADE 7

TYLER DIBILIO

ALEX HOFFNER

MARISSA MARSH

EMILY PALANSKY

THOMAS QUIGLEY

GRADE 8

COURTNEY BLOCKER

CLARRISSA GONZALEZ

TRAVIS GRUBER

LUKE HERBOLD

LAUREN ZELLNER