ABOVE & BEYOND

A newsletter for Penn Manor School District

Student Achievement High Five

In every classroom, in every building, at every grade level, Penn Manor students are doing amazing things! Students excel in everything from art to math, writing to athletics and everything in between. The *HIGH FIVE* column has space to honor just a sampling of those students. In additon, many student groups at the high school, middle schools and all elementary buildings gave back in a big way by fundraising for charities such as Hope for Haiti, American Cancer Society, UNICEF, Milagro House, area food banks, and district families in need.

Penn Manor boasts one National Merit Finalist, **Grant Elledge**, and six National Merit Commended students, **Sydney Durenberger, Daniel Gochnauer, Jonathan Shue, Henry Stewart, Brendan Stoeckl** and **Hannah Tucker**. More than 1.5 million students in over 22,000 high schools took the PSAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which served as an initial screen of program entrants. Of the 1.5 million students, 50,000 were named Merit Commended students, and 15,000 were named Merit Finalists.

Penn Manor was well-represented at the 2010 Team America Rocketry Challenge. Two teams from Penn Manor HS and one each from Manor MS and Marticville MS qualified for this national competition. The high school team of **Brendan Stoeckl, Jordan Franssen, Nate Bernhardt**, and **Tyler Funk**, all seniors, took 1st place in the nation and the team of **Wyatt Shiffler, Tom Sowers,** and **Jesse Stoner,** all 8th grade students from Marticville Middle School, captured 2nd place. The Penn Manor High School team wins a trip to the Farnborough International Air Show in July in England and will compete against the UK and France national champions in the International Youth Rocketry Challenge. This year, student teams were challenged to design, build and launch a model rocket to an altitude of 825 feet with a flight time of 40-45 seconds, as well as return the raw egg payload to the ground unbroken without a parachute.

Dessie Jackson earned a Superior rating at the PA State Thespian Conference for her publicity campaign for *Check Please* qualifying her to compete at the National Conference.

Manor FFA Members who earned Keystone Degrees are **Megan Brown, Jennifer Drumm, Brian Groff, Jessica Herr, Joe Herr** and **Jeremy Kreider**. **Jennifer Drumm** placed 1st in Extemporaneous Public Speaking and **Amber Williams** placed 3rd in Senior Prepared Public Speaking at a recent competition qualifing them to advance to regionals.

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www.pennmanor.net

MISSION STATEMENT

The Penn Manor School District shall strive for academic and personal excellence by fostering a democratic environment which motivates students, teachers, administrators, and parents to work collaboratively to improve the instructional program.

Spring/Summer 2010 Issue

Superintendent's Message:

From the Desk of Dr. Michael Leichliter

Spring is my favorite time of year in the schools. Every week is filled with special events that showcase the bright and talented students who attend schools in Penn Manor. From elementary math competitions, to middle school music concerts, and ultimately, high school commencement, we are constantly reminded that the Penn Manor community can take great pride in this next generation of young people.

While the last issue of Above & Beyond focused on the achievements of our district through standardized measures, this issue highlights many of the programs and individuals that make Penn Manor a unique and exciting place to learn. You will see from the large list of "high fives" that we have many reasons to celebrate the successes of our Penn Manor family.

One of the highlights of this year has been the success of our online student newspaper, which is also featured in this edition. The Penn Manor School Board recognized the students on the staff of Penn Points for winning the national Pacemaker award. This award is a high honor for our students, especially considering the fact that the online newspaper is in its first year.

Our faculty and staff have the privilege of working with a great group of young people on a daily basis. While our focus is on students and programs it is also important for the district to consider issues related to brick and mortar. To that end, the Penn Manor School Board is developing a master facility plan for the ongoing maintenance and repair of our buildings. The goal of this plan will be to have a blueprint that will guide us in future decision-making over the next ten to twenty years. All schools are facing tough economic choices, which makes it even more important that the district develops a fiscally responsible plan so that we can be proactive for future needs. We encourage all district residents to take part in this survey, which will be available through June 30. Instructions for accessing the survey are contained in this edition of Above and Beyond. Working together we can be sure that Penn Manor continues to offer educational programming that parents and students expect, at a cost that our community can support.

Penn Manor Master Facilities Study

The Penn Manor School District is currently engaged in a Master Facilities Study. The purpose of the Master Facilities Study is to create a long-range plan to guide future renovations, additions, and potential land purchases. This survey will be available online until June 30, 2010.

To complete the survey, please go to the Penn Manor website at http://www.pennmanor.net. Click on the red ***Master Survey*** link.

If you would like a paper copy of the survey mailed to you, please call Cindy Rhoades, Community Relations Coordinator, at 872-9500. ext. 2241.

We value your input and comments and encourage you to complete the survey.

District Information

- *Penn Manor buildings that are normally open during the summer months will be closed on Fridays from June 21 until August 2. Buildings will be open Monday through Thursday from 7 AM until 5 PM as the district, once again, goes to 4-10 hour days to save money on utility costs.*

- *The first day of school for the 2010-2011 school year will be Monday, August 30.*

- *School calendars will be mailed to each district resident the week of August 23. Don't forget to use the valuable coupons in the current year's calendar.*

- *Tax payments are not accepted at the district office. All payments should be mailed or taken to any branch of Fulton Bank.*

Technology Innovations Fuel Student Learning

Technology has radically changed our lives. However, we haven't seen anything yet

By Charlie Reisinger - Director, Information Technology
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While the rate of progress and innovation in communications, engineering, medicine, science, and technology continues to accelerate, the need for professionals with innovative new skills becomes critical. As an educational community, we are challenged to prepare students for future jobs that may not yet exist, in markets that have not yet emerged, and with tools and devices currently unimagined. From alternate energy and sustainability specialists, to robotic engineers and genetic architects, future careers will demand that our students possess radically new literacies and talents.

Over the past 10 years, Penn Manor has made significant investments in technology infrastructure, network equipment, technology staffing and teacher professional development. Currently, the district supports over 2600 faculty, student and support staff computers on robust wired and wireless data networks. The district also maintains over 120 “smart-classrooms”, where data projectors integrated audio systems and interactive whiteboards help students engage lessons via rich multimedia tools.

Access to current technology tools is only the beginning of the story. District teachers are embracing new technology-fused instruction methods and focusing on 21st Century skills: collaboration, communication, critical thinking, problem solving and cultural understanding. An observer would notice our classrooms transitioning from traditional lecture formats to collaborative, technology-rich learning spaces where group problem solving and student produced projects become the norm. From live video Skyping with students in India, to blogged book review podcasts, our students are cultivating the higher-order thinking skills necessary to succeed in post-secondary schools, local business and global markets.

When skilled teachers and students fuse technology resources with 21st Century approaches, the results are stunning. Recently, our journalism class revamped a traditional student newspaper into a modern Internet-based publication. Penn Points - The News Magazine of PMHS, is Lancaster County's first and only fully online high school news magazine. Penn Points student writers take ownership of their work and become authors, producers and publishers of a dynamic online new magazine. With over 45,000 visits since the October 2009 launch, Penn Point student staff have been recognized by the National Scholastic Press Association for the 2010 Online Pacemakers award in student journalism.

Student achievements in technology have been demonstrated time and time again by our strong showings at both regional and state competitions. Most recently, Penn Manor High School students Faith Walauskas (1st place Graphic Design), Ryan Krause (1st place Animation and Julie Kersic (2nd place Graphic Design) advanced to the PA State Computer Competitions for their outstanding graphic and technology design work.

Penn Manor is also committed to providing our students safe and secure technology experiences. For the past several years, the district has conduced dozens of student, staff and community workshops on online safety, security and privacy. In addition, our library curriculum has been revised to include Internet safety and digital media literacy. Finally, we continue to expand the number of safe, teacher-monitored online classroom spaces via Moodle and Google's Docs for Education.

Providing technology program information to the community is also a goal. We recently concluded a series of low-cost and free technology classes. Please watch future building, website and press announcement for upcoming evening course offerings. Additionally, we encourage parents and community members to follow the stories of our classroom technology and learning initiatives via our website, Twitter account and blogs pages.

Penn Points staff receives recognition at the National Scholastic Press Association conference

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District Website: www.pennmanor.net
Twitter: twitter.com/pennmanor
Blogs: blogs.pennmanor.net/list/
Planet PM News: www.pennmanor.net/planet/
Penn Points Online: www.pennmanor.net/pennpoints/
Tech Blog: www.pennmanor.net/techblog/

High Fives!

The high school math team has been winning competitions all season.The team of **Ben Clark, Grant Elledge, Dan Gochnauer** and **Helen Hutchins** placed 1st out of 22 teams at the Millersville University annual high school mathematics contest. The team also placed 1st at the Colonial Bowl in Washington D.C. The team of **Dan Gochnauer, Aaron Gochnauer, Ben Clark** and **Helen Hutchens** placed 1st at the Lebanon Valley College math bowl and the team of **Grant Elledge, Ben Clark** and **Mikayla Herbert** competed against 19 teams at a math competition at Harrisburg Area Community College taking 1st place.

The Continental Math League Exams challenge 9th grade students with five exams in both the fall and spring. In the fall, **Austin Rineer** placed 1st with a cumulative score of 19.In the spring, **Zach Falk** placed 1st with a cumulative score of 19.

Ben Clark is a semifinalist for the 2010 U.S. Physics Olympics Team. 3,200 students competed in the first round with only 312 advancing to the next round.

QUIZ BOWL

Penn Manor High School's quiz bowl team finished the Lancaster-Lebanon League regular season with a record of 18-0. The team was in the final four of the Conestoga Valley tournament. The quiz bowl team is going to Chicago to compete in a national tournament in June. The top five players are **Grant Elledge**, captain, **Brendan Stoeckl, Lars Andersen, Henry Stewart, Christine Sharp.** The same students compete in WGAL's Brainbuster competition. They will compete in the final match against Hershey on May 27th .

JUNIOR ENGINEERING TECHNICAL SOCIETY (JETS)

Penn Manor teams competed at the Annual JETS competition on February 23, 2010 at Warwick High School. Two teams were entered in the 11th and 12th grade division at the local JETS competition. The 11th and 12th grade teams ranked 2nd and 3rd out of a very competitive twelve team-field.

At the state level Penn Manor's Team A ranked 2nd and Team B ranked 8th out of 93 teams. Nationally, Team A ranked 20th and Team B ranked 55th. Congratulations to all the team members -Team A: **Grant Elledge, Ben Clark, Henry Stewart, Tyler Newswanger, Matt Glick, Brendan Stoeckl, Georgina Waldman, Dan Gochnauer**. Team B - **Jon Shue, Shane LaPierre, Kaity Deisley, Chelsea Bernheisel, Aaron Gochnauer, Shannon Nitroy, Kaitlyn Imel, Peter Ashworth.**

Technology Student Association (TSA)

This past month, students from Penn Manor High School, Manor Middle School and Marticville Middle School attended the 2010 Technology Student Association (TSA) Conference at the Seven Springs Resort in western Pennsylvania. The students competed in various on-site events and entered display events.

RESULTS:
Manor Middle School: **Andrew Lobos** placed 1st in Zap It! Electrical Applications; **Katina Jones** and **Lexie Diaz** placed 3rd in PA-Digital Video Challenge.
Marticville Middle School: **Chase Bleacher, Sean Bernheisel** and **Hayden Ali** placed 10th in System Control Technology.
Penn Manor High School: **Karla Brent** and **Georgina Waldman** placed 3rd in Architectural Model; **Brendan Stoeckl, Corey Delmonto, Matt Glick, Garth Bolin, Henry Stewart** and **Tyler Newswanger** placed 5th in Chapter Team; **Laura Myers** and **Tim Sheaffer** placed 10th in Debating Technological Issues; **Corey Delmonto, John Geiser, Tyler Newswanger** and **Matt Glick** placed 6th in Electronic Game Design; **Christine Sharp** placed 9th in Essays on Technology; **Georgina Waldman** placed 9th in Extemporaneous Presentation; **Henry Stewart** placed 1st in Music Production; **Shane LaPierre, Henry Stewart** and **Tyler Newswange**r placed 7th in System Control Technology and **John Geiser** placed 3rd in Chapter Team (Written).

Athletics

Peter DeLuca (Lacrosse) and **Jill Witmer** (Field Hockey) were selected to All-American status for their respective sports.

Basketball:
Patrick Welsh and **Jon Brooks** were selected as Senior All-Stars. **Sam Cornell** was selected for Section 1 All Defensive team.
Senior Academic All-Stars: **Patrick Welsh, Bryan**

High Fives!

Weaver, LaRonn Lee, Forrest Lovett and **Keith Eshleman**

Julie Falk and **Bianca Ygarza** were named to Jeff Reinhart's Section One All-Stars Team.

Girls' Volleyball Team
Elly Raush - 1st Team All-Section 1, Honorable Mention District 3**; Kayla Drexel** and **Holly Underkoffler -** 2nd Team All-Section 1

Wrestling
Bobby Rehm and **Matt Flick** were 1st Team All-Stars. Bobby also placed 2nd at the District Meet. Senior Academic All-Stars: **Kyle Kramer, Bobby Mead**

Cross Country
Marcy Herr was selected as a 2nd Team All-Star. **Marcy Herr** and **Hannah Tucker** were named Academic All-Stars.

Football
LaRonn Lee and **Bryan Weaver** were selected as 1st Team All-Stars. **P.J. Rehm, Demetrius Dixon, Derek Sauder** and **Jared Shearer** were selected as 2nd Team All-Stars.

Swimming
Jessica Burkhart was All-League in the 50 freestyle event and placed 8th at States.

Field Hockey
Kelly Harsh, Nancy Stehman, Jill Witmer, Katie Breneman, and **Renee Suter** were named to the LL League All-Star 1st Team. **Carenna Neely, Helen Doolittle** and **Maddie Hess** were selected for the 2nd team. **Kelly Harsh, Jill Witmer, Katie Breneman, Renee Suter** were named to the LL League All-League Team. **Taylor Eichelberger, Megan Harris, Nancy Stehman** were named to the LL League All-Academic Team and The National Field Hockey Academic Team. **Katie Breneman, Renee Suter, Jill Witmer** were named to the All-State Team.

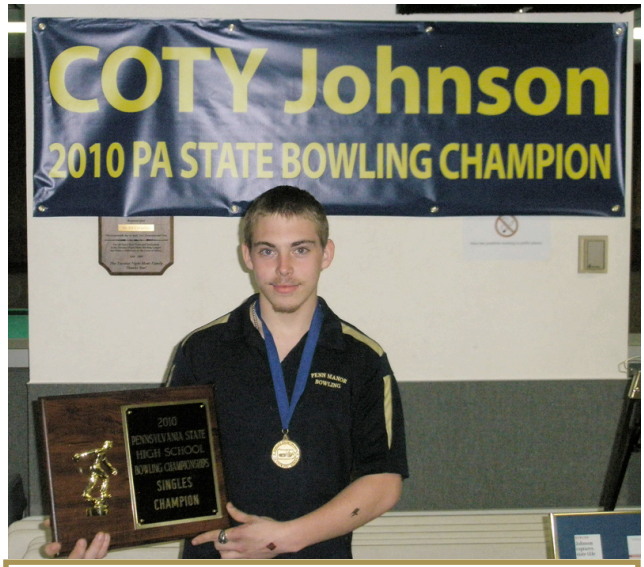
Track & Field
LaRonn Lee captured the LL League Championship in the triple jump
Kelly Shertzer, Morgan Fletcher, Katie Maisel, and **Jessie Greenslade** won the1600 4x4 relay at the LL League Championships.

Carenna Neely took 1st in the girl's discus event at the LL League Championships.

Letter of Intent Signing

The following student-athletes plan to continue playing athletics at the college level and signed a letter of intent on National Signing Day.

Division I
Peter DeLuca (lacrosse) - Jacksonville University
Kelly Harsh (field hockey) - Lock Haven University
Nancy Stehman (field hockey) - West Chester Univ.
Patrick Welsh (baseball) - Marist College
Jill Witmer (field hockey) - University of Maryland
Division 2
Rachel Hess (soccer) - Shippensburg University
Brittany Lapp (soccer) - Shippensburg University
Carenna Neely (soccer) - Shippensburg University
Derek Sauder (football) - Shippensburg University
Ashley Vellucci (soccer) - Shippensburg University
Division 3
Megan Harris (field hockey) - Lebanon Valley College
Shannon Henry (soccer) - University of Mary Washington
Andrew Hershey (baseball) - York College
Nikki Kremer (soccer) - Penn State Berks
Forrest Lovett (basketball) - Colby College



Congratulations to Coty Johnson Penn Manor's first ever PA State Bowling Champion!

High Fives!

Science Fair Results

Penn Manor Elementary
Grade 4 - **Summer Brooks**, Eshleman
"What Foods do Mice Like to Eat Best?"

Grade 5 - **Lily Delle-Levine**, Eshleman
"Biometrics of Figure Skating: Do Hand Weights Increase Spin Velocity?"

Grade 6 - **Colin Brooks**, Eshleman
"Which Brand of Pencil Lead/Eraser is the Best?"

High School (County Senior Division)
Shannon Nitroy "A Statistical Analysis of the Cost of Living Green" - 1st place Mathematical Science

Grant Elledge "What is the Effect of Hydraulic Ram Utiliation on the Productivity of Hydroelectricity?"
1st Place - Society of Manufacturing Engineers
1st Place - National Society of Professional Engineers

Middle School (County Junior Division)
Katie Myers "An Examination of the Flammability of Household Materials"
1st Place - Lancaster County Firemen's Association
1st Place - Lancaster Emergency Management
1st Place - Union Fire Company No.

Spelling Bee Results

Penn Manor Elementary
Grade 3:
1st - **Lisa Schaefer** - Eshleman
2nd - **Stephen Albright** - Pequea

Grade 4:
1st - **Ava Dunford- Groves** - Hambright
2nd - **Ethan Getz** - Letort

Grade 5:
1st - **Faith Roda** - Eshleman
2nd - **Rachel Divet** - Eshleman

Grade 6:
1st - **Evan Phelan** (3rd year in a row!) - Conestoga
2nd - **Brianna Hornberger** - Hambright

Middle School
Bailey Griggs, Manor Middle School represented Penn Manor in the Intelligencer/New Era Spelling bee.

2010 Lancaster County Young Artists Awards

Special Awards
Art Association Drawing Award: **Christina Stoltzfus**
Hammel Gold Drawing Award: **Julie Kersic**

Gold Awards
Senior High Drawing: **Brent Rothermel, Megan Carr, Stephanie Carroll, Tanya Lukenbaugh, Jonathan Almanza**
Senior High Film Photography: **Andrew Zell**
Senior High Graphic Design**: Jonathan Almanza, Julie Kersic, Tanya Lukenbaugh**
Senior High Painting: **Dani Leon**
Junior High Sculpture: **Hayley George**

Silver Awards
Junior High Drawing: **Dale Braun**
Senior High Ceramics: **Katie O'Connor**
Senior High Graphic Design: **Tanya Lukenbaugh**

Scholastic Writing Awards

Marticville Middle School
Silver Key - **Brooke Peters**
Certificate of Merit - **Jenn Adams, Rachel Shelley**
High School
Silver Key - **Zach Estep, Chloe Reisinger**
Honorable Mention - **Jessica Cheng, Megan Herr, Rachel Sherts, Hannah Tucker, Allison Herr, Georgina Waldman, Zachary Krause, Ellen Blazer**

Foreign Language

Penn Manor High School was well-represented in the National French Exam.

French II **Lizbeth Rivera** - 5th place
French IV **Allison Herr** - 4th place
French IV **Taylor Breidenbaugh** - 2nd place
French IV **Sophia WuShanley -** 1st place
French V **Christine Klingaman** - 2nd place

At the middle school level, four 8th grade students, **Lily WuShanley, Ryan Conner, Nathan Rosenberg, and Will Dunford-Groves**, competed in the National Spanish Exam.

High Fives!

MUSIC

High School: County Chorus: **Haley Blazer, Ian Bricker, Becca Eckman, Logan Falk, Luke Harvey, Kelly Lenahan, Hannah Tucker**
District Chorus: **Kelly Lenahan, Hannah Tucker**
LLMEA County Orchestra: **Shannon Nitroy, Allison Herr, Olivia Dietrich, Sophia WuShanley** District Orchestra: **Sophia WuShanley**
LLMEA Music Awards; **Henry Stewart**, Orchestra; **Brittany Burke**, Band; **Hannah Tucke**r, Chorus.
Middle School: LLMEA Middle School Orchestra - **Joelle Williamson, Julia Hasircoglu, Lily WuShanley, James Reilly**

Conestoga Elementary students **Ryan Mahoney** (grade 3) and **Samantha Adelman** (grade 4) captured 1st place honors for posters they created for the AMVETS Americanism Program.

Newspaper in Education winners - art & journalism categories:
Jeremy Burkholder - 1st place - 5th grade Central Manor
Caleb Breidenbaugh - 1st place - 6th grade Hambright
Sidney Brunner - 1st place - 2nd grade Eshleman
Cheyenne Eddins - 2nd place - 5th grade Central Manor
Bethany Joy Pettis - 2nd place - 2nd grade Eshleman
Paige Flinchbaugh - 2nd place - 1st grade Central Manor
Austin Lookenbill - 3rd place - 1st grade Central Manor
Daniel Wolf - Honorable Mention - 6th grade Hambright
Hannah Brown - Teacher Pick - 4th grade Letort
Jenna Mylin - Teacher Pick - 4th grade Pequea
Jessica Cheng - 2nd place - 11th grade Penn Manor HS
Austin Rineer - Honorable Mention - 9th grade Penn Manor HS
Kael Miller - Teacher Pick - 9th grade Penn Manor HS
Abby Barley - Teacher Pick - 10th grade Penn Manor HS

Congratulations PMHS Winter Guard for winning the **2010 Cavalcade of Bands, Indoor Winter Guard Championship.** This capped an outstanding winter competition season for the team. Members are front row, Kim Riley, Livie Stoltzfus; middle row, Paige Zayas, Ashley Miller, Michelle Resh; back row, Amber Casey, Sabrina Kurtz, Shayla Moore, Lindsey Ostrum, Amber Schwebel. Katie Cozzoli was their instructor and show designer and Tom Mumma the director.

Penn Manor Senior Citizens' Corner

If you haven't already applied for a **Comet Classic Card**, you are missing out on special events like Dinner and a Show, reduced tuition for district computer classes, and free admission to home Penn Manor sporting events. To apply for your Comet Classic card, visit the district administration office (attached to Manor Middle School) on Charlestown Road. You will need to show proof of age (must be 60 or older) and residency (driver's license, etc.) Your card will be mailed to you in about a week. Please call Cindy Rhoades at 872-9500 ext. 2241 if you have any questions.

Penn Manor's **tax rebate program** is modeled after the Pennsylvania Property Tax Rebate program. Any homeowner who has received a PA Property Tax Rebate and earned less than $15,000 is eligible, upon filing an application, to receive a district rebate up to a maximum of $650. The district rebate is calculated on the amount of the 2008 (bills issued July 1, 2008) school real estate taxes paid. The deadline to file for the 2008 district rebate is June 30, 2010. The Penn Manor School Board has voted to continue this program for another year. On or after July 1, 2010, you can apply for your 2009 rebate. District applications may be obtained at the following locations:

* Penn Manor website at www.pennmanor.net/business/tax/rebate
* Penn Manor Business Office located at 2950 Charlestown Road (adjoining Manor Middle School) (717) 872-9500 ext. 2243

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Special Education - Inclusion Survey

Your participation is requested

Inclusion is a term describing the education of students with disabilities in general education classroom settings for at least some part of the school day. It implies more than mere physical proximity between students with and without disabilities. The term means full participation and equality as part of a group, leading to a sense of belonging within the classroom and community at large. It means that the student is truly a member of, not merely a visitor to, the class or group for the designated amount of time or class(es).

A focus throughout the Penn Manor School District has been to increase inclusive practices within all of our buildings. Students with all levels of special needs have been included into general education classrooms and settings. The results have been indescribable benefits for all of the students and staff members involved.

In order to continue to improve our practices and preparation for all staff members, the Special Education Department has created a 10-question survey for parents and community members to participate in. This survey will allow the department to continue to address needs and build upon our strengths in the area of inclusion. Please consider completing the survey prior to the end of the 2009-10 school year by following this link:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/inclusion

Thank you in advance for your support and participation! Together we will continue to make a difference in all of our students' lives!

New District Logo

Penn Manor School District

Penn Manor's official logo was unveiled at the May 3, 2010 school board meeting. Thanks to those district residents who submitted their ideas and designs. The final logo was designed by Diana Lombardo, who is both a district resident and parent.

The logo is available on the Penn Manor website for use by district organizations, booster clubs, PTO, and other school groups. The logo colors and different variations of the logo that may be used are also available.

If you have specific questions, contact Cindy Rhoades at 872-950 ext. 2241.