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A NEWSLETTER FOR
PENN MANOR
SCHOOL DISTRICT
MILLERSVILLE, PA 17551

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We Love the USA!

The tragic events of September 11 spurred an immediate patriotic response across the country. Penn Manor's schools responded in a variety of ways. Most schools had change jars in classrooms, lunchrooms and offices collecting donations for the Red Cross, Salvation Army and America's Fund for Afghan Children. The total collected was an astounding \$17,643.75. Martic Elementary led the way with \$3,600 which was matched by Payless Shoes for a school total of \$7,000. Hambright raised \$3,3243.52 with their "Read for Relief" program where students collected pledges for each book they read. As a book was finished, the students colored an American flag and put it on the wall outside of their classroom.

In addition to raising money, the schools raised spirits by creating signs of unity. The high school created a peace chain with links provided by the students. Students were encouraged to write a message of peace and patriotism on their link. Over 800 links were collected for the chain. Students at all schools were encouraged to wear red, white and blue and many schools observed a moment of silence. ★



Red, white and blue hand prints were made by every Pequea Elementary student and staff member. The hand prints were then linked together to represent the school's unity and support for our country.



A flag made of hand prints of each student and staff member at Martic Elementary hangs under the caption "United We Stand" as a visual reminder of our patriotism.



Manor Middle School's Blue 7 team studied patriotic symbols. At the conclusion of the unit, students created large posters using the symbols of their choice to hang around the school as a show of unity and patriotism. Devon Blake, Derek Nettke, and Mark Irwin chose two very familiar patriotic symbols for their poster titled "God Bless America".

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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.

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Manor Future Farmers of America (FFA)— Fall 2002 Activities

Our FFA members have been very busy this fall. Many of our FFA members exhibited their projects – livestock, produce, floral designs and other handmade items at the Lampeter and Solanco fairs. Among the award winners at Lampeter Fair, Mike Dyer showed the Champion FFA Market Hog, Robin Kendig exhibited the Champion FFA Market Lamb, and Eric Wilson showed the Champion FFA Steer. Benjamin Railing earned 1st place honors in the Youth Encouragement contest where exhibitors earn points based on the number and placings of their projects. The person with the most points is named the winner. Manor FFA members earned approximately \$100,000 as a result their projects at the fairs through premium moneys and the sale of animals at the Youth Livestock Auctions.

In September, four members of the Manor FFA Floriculture team traveled to Springfield, Massachusetts to compete in the Eastern National FFA Floriculture Career Development Event held in conjunction with the Big E, Eastern States Exposition. The competition included fresh floral design, corsage construction, customer service, plant/floral identification, salesmanship, and a written test. FFA members from 14 northeast states competed in the event. Members of the team were Debbie Herr, Jenifer Falk, Nicole Eneedy, and Jessica Sholly. The team placed 2nd in the competition.

Anne Dearolf and Jessica Muchmore competed in the International Horse Judging competition held during the Keystone International Livestock Exposition at the Farm Show building in Harrisburg. Anne placed 1st and Jessica placed 2nd. This event was sponsored in part by the Arabian Horse Association. October 24 through 27th, seven of our FFA members competed at the National FFA Convention which was held in Louisville, Kentucky. The Horse Evaluation Team consisted of Eric Wilson, Jessica Muchmore, Nicole Hart, and Anne Dearolf. Anne placed



Robin Kendig is pictured with her Champion FFA Market Lamb at the Lampeter Fair.

Silver and Nicole, Eric, and Jessica placed Bronze. The Agriculture Mechanics team consisted of Robert Garrett, Richard McCauley, and Korte Shearer. Robert and Korte placed Gold and Richard placed Silver. The team earned a Silver Award. These students were selected for these competitions by placing 1st as a team at Penn State during FFA Activities Week in June. ★

Grades Go Online for Students and Parents with New LetterGrade Website

This fall, Penn Manor became the first school district in Lancaster County to provide access to student grades and attendance records via the web. The new LetterGrade system permits parents and students in grades 7-12 to check assignments, grades, and attendance information at any time from the Penn Manor website.

To deliver this system, Penn Manor has partnered with the web development firm, Lettergrade. The Lettergrade system is a web-site that teachers use to record daily attendance, exam and project grades, and homework assignments. Teachers are using the Lettergrade system as a replacement for paper attendance records and gradebooks. When parents

access the Lettergrade website, they will see attendance records and grade information for their child or children.

It has been the Penn Manor School District's continued goal to use technology to improve communications between students, parents, and teachers. Offering parents and guardians online access to their child's attendance and grading records is the next step forward in increasing both communication and parental involvement.

The online grade and attendance website is available at: <http://lettergrade.pennmanor.net>. For questions regarding the LetterGrade system please contact Charlie Reisinger - Director of Technology: charlie@pennmanor.net. ★

What's new in the Cafeteria?

Tired of sending cash with your child every day for his/her school meals? Penn Manor School District now has the ability to accept credit card payments at www.Pay4Lunch.com. It is a quick and convenient way to pay for your children's meals and not have to worry about them losing or spending their lunch money on something else. However, convenience does come with a price—a 6% service charge is added to the total bill. That's how the company can provide the service at no charge to our school district.

Once you enter the proper information and click OK, you will receive notification of your successful transaction. Email is sent immediately from www.Pay4Lunch.com, notifying us of your payment. The next morning, we also receive a fax notification of your payment. Once we receive notification, we enter your payment in your children's account and the money can only be used for meals in the cafeteria.

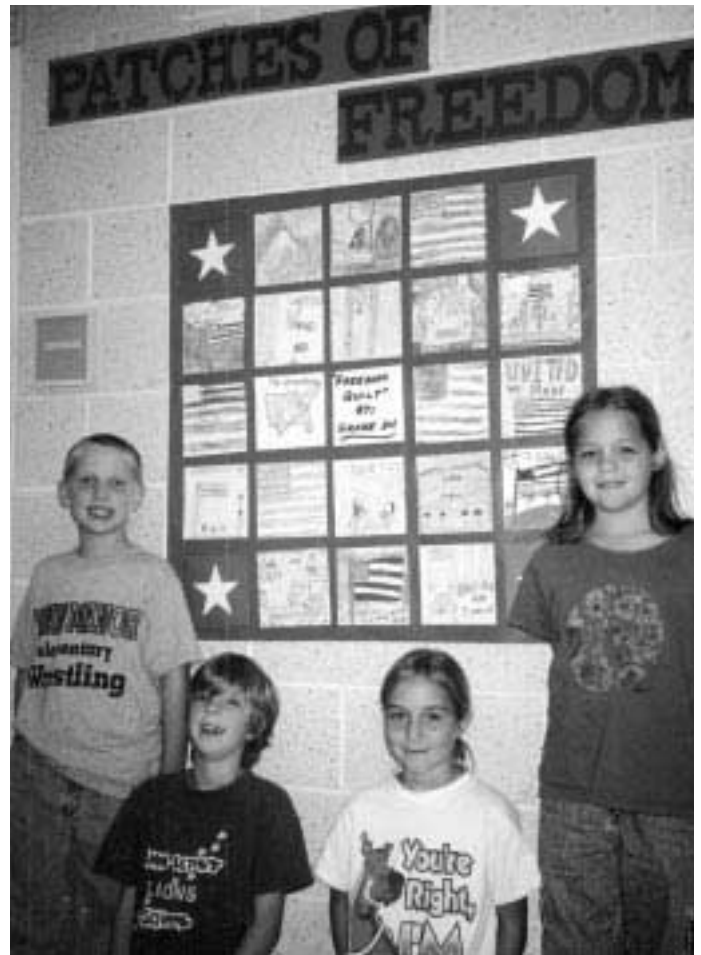
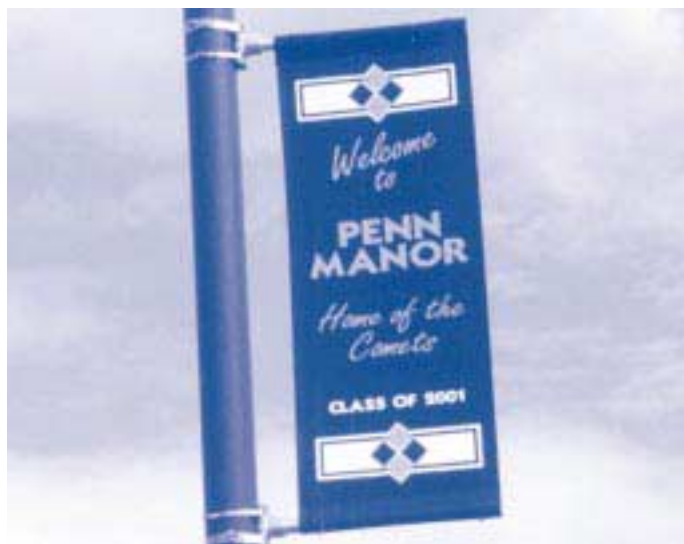
After two months of operation, 70 students are using the CafePrepay option. The popularity of this payment option continues to grow and the comments from parents have been very positive. Internet payments may be made in increments of \$31.00/elementary and \$34.00/secondary.

The web site accepts Visa, Master Card, and Discover. The food services department continues to gladly accept cash or check payments at each school building for payment of lunches/breakfasts. ★

Chapter XVI - Services for Gifted Students

The Penn Manor School District complies with all elements of Chapter XVI related to services for students who have been identified as gifted. The process for identifying students for inclusion in the gifted program requires the approval of a parent and input from teachers and school specialists. If you believe your child might qualify for this program, consult your child's teacher and school principal.

If you have questions concerning the program, contact Mr. Donald Stewart, 872-9500 x 224 H



The third grade classes at Letort Elementary made freedom quilts titled Patches of Freedom. The students each made a paper patch for the quilt depicting a freedom they enjoy or a patriotic symbol.



ABOVE: The sixth grade classes at Martic Elementary completed a weather unit by constructing weather instruments such as thermometers, anemometers, weather vanes, wind socks, rain gauges, etc. Jordan Weber and Audriana Phillips help explain some of the weather instruments that were on display outside of Mark Andrews sixth grade class.

LEFT: New banners of blue, gold and white like the one pictured above decorate each light pole at the high school complex. These beautiful additions to the high school were a gift from the class of 2001. The banners read, "Welcome to Penn Manor, Home of the Comets, Class of 2001."

Coaches' Corner

Girls' Field Hockey:

The team completed a very successful season on Oct. 23rd. We qualified for league playoffs by finishing second in Section I of the Lancaster-Lebanon League, losing in the semi-finals to Lancaster Mennonite, 1-0. The team then advanced to District III playoffs, meeting very tough competition in Lower Dauphin, and losing, 1-0. The field hockey team was led by nine seniors, whose contributions to the program have been numerous. The seniors are: Gretchen Berlin, Cheryl Charles, Liz Chismar, Lori Harnish, Lauren Montgomery, Morgan Rand, Katy Walkowiak, Lauren Weitzel, and Maureen Zelle. Several players received All-Star recognition by the league coaches: First team All-Stars - Lauren Weitzel, Cristen Eberly, grade 11, and Britney Long, grade 10. Second team All-Star - Liz Chismar, Honorable Mention - Lauren Schaefer, grade 9. - Angie Stiklaitis

Girls' Tennis:

The Penn Manor girls' tennis team consisted of 27 dedicated and SPECIAL girls! For the record we came in second in Section One and we lost in the cross-over to the #1 team in Section Two. Our non-league record was 4 and 0 and our league record was 8 and 1. The MOST noteworthy thing about our team is that they are the VERY BEST at gamesmanship and sportsmanship! We had the crossovers against CV and lost 4-1. CV was Section Two Champ and we were #2 in Section One. Barb Bee placed #4 in District Singles and Steph Reese and Barb Bee placed #2 in District Dubs. Because of that they made States. They won their first match at States against Mindy Calvert and Vanessa Wayne from Warren County in the Erie district 6-1,6-2. In the quarters they lost a heart-break match to Amy Gross and Annie Miller from Lower Merion in the Philly district 3-6,6-3,6-2. They hung in the match to the bitter end. It was only the difference in a couple of points in determining the winners. - Charlotte Miller

Boys'/Girls' Cross Country:

The girls' team was led by senior co-captains Talia McKinney and Lindsay Miller. Hampered by injuries, the team did not match its very fine 16-5 record of last year. However, Talia did end up with three first place finishes in duel meets and Lindsay ended her high school career as first Comet finisher at the District meet.

Underclassmen led by Kati Mussleman (1st team finisher at Leagues, 2nd team finisher at Districts), Jesse Painter (injured this season), and Rachael Ulmer should improve the outlook for next season. Seniors Lindsay Miller and Steph Smith will be honored with a Scholar-Athlete Award at the L-L League Cross Country Banquet. Both girls sport 4.0+ grade point averages!

The boys' team did not have a successful season in terms of wins and losses, but they also did not have any seniors

on the squad. Led by freshman, Chris Ecker, with strong support from junior, Brian Myer, sophomore, Jimmy Walsh, and freshman, Evan Slagle, as well as Paul Ward (jr.) and Zak Rosenberg (fr.), the team's experience should translate into many more wins next season. Both the girls' and the boys' teams at the high school and at the junior high level need runners! Anyone interested in joining cross country should contact the athletic office at 872-9520 ext. 1367. - Mike Kaufold

Boys' Golf:

The Penn Manor Golf Team had a terrific year. The team compiled a 19-10-1 record in Section I of the Lancaster-Lebanon League and an overall record of 34-10-1. The team of Zach Ichter(12), Jordan Darrenkamp(11), Bob Bee(10) and Jarred Texter(10) took first place at the York Invitational with Jordan finishing second and Jarred tied for third during the event.

On Monday, October 1 the team traveled to Iron Valley Golf Course for the L-L League Tournament. The team finished in second place with a score of 410. Jarred Texter won the individual title with a 2-under par 70 and taking only one playoff hole to secure the win. He was also named the Toyota High School Athlete of the Week by WGAL channel 8 for his efforts. Jordan Darrenkamp received a medal for his top ten finish after posting a 79. Zach Ichter(83) and Bob Bee(84) also scored well enough to advance to the District III Tournament. At the District III Tournament on October 12-13, all four players made the cut for the second day. Zach finished tied for 34th with a 79-82—161. Bob finished tied for 22nd with 79-76—155. Jordan was the alternate for the state tournament coming in 13th place with a 72-78—150. Jarred qualified for the state tournament by placing 2nd with a 70-73—143. He received a medal for his efforts. The season came to a close at the PIAA Golf Championship in State College on October 21-23. Jarred accepted a medal for his 4th place tie with scores of 75-70—145. Jarred is the first Penn Manor golfer to compete in the state tournament and win the Lancaster-Lebanon League title. Congratulations on a successful season! - Jeff Erisman

Football:

The 2001 L-L Section I Football League was perhaps the most challenging it has been in years. During the course of the year four of the eight teams were ranked in the state. The Penn Manor Comet's Football Team challenged these teams week in and week out. Our record for the season was 2-8, but this was no indication of the pride and determination the players demonstrated during the season. The highlight of the season was beating Governor Mifflin 51-13 on Senior Night. This was a game in which everything went right and the players were rewarded for their hardwork. During the league season, the Comet offense went to the air passing for 1,300 yard for the sea-

son which made watching our offense exciting. Best wishes to the seniors on this team and good luck with your future endeavors. - Shawn Maxwell

Boys' Soccer:

How quickly a season comes to an end! At the junior high level, JV and Varsity teams were able to earn section titles. The varsity team did this with a team of 7th and 8th graders playing against teams composed primarily of 9th graders. The high school teams did not fare quite as well, but still had a year to remember. The JV team ended the year with a respectable 5-7-2 record and the Varsity team went 8-10. Considering the strength of schedule that both of these teams play, these were respectable seasons.

The story of the season for the varsity team was losing close games at home. Five matches were lost either in overtime or when Penn Manor had a lead late in the game. Victories in just two of these matches would have meant a playoff spot. On the other hand, the team's away form was excellent. We were able to post some great victories. Wins at Dallastown, Warwick and Cedar Crest are hard to come by, but the soccer team was able to walk out of these games victorious.

Three Penn Manor players received post season accolades for their outstanding seasons. Shane Rineer was named a first team all-star, Mitch Long was named to the second team and Eric Bonds was named an academic all-star. Shane and Mitch have been asked to participate in the senior all-star game on November 11th. If they play well in that match, they will be asked to participate in the Central Pennsylvania all-star game on November 18th. Good luck to those three and the rest of our seniors as they graduate from the Penn Manor soccer program. - Dan Wagner

Girls' Volleyball:

The Girls' Volleyball team had a very successful season. The Lady Comets finished 7-7 in the league, the same as last year, which put us in fifth place. Unfortunately, 7-7 was a game short of advancing to the Lancaster-Lebanon League playoffs for the third straight year. Our overall record was 9-9. The JV team had an impressive 13-5 overall record.

The team was lead by co-captains Mindy Minchhoff and Danielle Sten. Kristen Kreider, Jen Fish, Liz Foster, and Jackie Eshleman rounded out the starting six. The Lady Comets had several come from behind victories to make for some very exciting matches. Tough serving, a strong defense, smart hits, and playing with enthusiasm led to a great season.

We had three players selected to the Lancaster-Lebanon All-Star Teams. Mindy Minchhoff and Danielle Sten were on the Section One second team and Kristen Kreider was on the Section One third team. Also, for the Varsity team, Danielle Sten was the Most Valuable Player, Mindy Minchhoff was the Offensive Player of the Year, and Kristen Kreider was the Defensive Player of the Year. The

Junior Varsity Most Valuable Player was Kasey Shover, and Karrine Riggins was the Most Improved Player of the Year. Congratulations to all for a fine season. - Curt Snelbaker

Punt, Pass & Kick Competition

The 3rd Annual NFL & Gatorade Punt, Pass and Kick Competition sponsored by the Penn Manor Elementary Physical Education Department was held on September 21. Ninety students competed in three age brackets. The top finishers were as follows. Girls 8-9 Shannon Nitroy (Eshleman), Boys 8-9 William Chalfant (Eshleman), Girls 10-11 Liz Crawford (Hambricht), Boys 10-11 Shane Garner (Eshleman), Girls 12-13 Amber Kitch (Hambricht), Boys 12-13 Derek Putt (Central Manor). These students went on to compete at the sectional competition. William Chalfant and Amber Kitch placed 1st at sectionals and are waiting to hear if they have qualified for the regional competition at Veteran's Stadium. ★

Run For Fitness



What a family! Andrew, Adrienne and Alisa Herr all attend Eshleman Elementary and participated in the 11th annual "Run for Fitness." Andrew (2nd grade) and Alisa (Kindergarten) captured 1st place ribbons for their age group; big sister Adrienne (4th grade) came in a fast 2nd.

The 11th annual Penn Manor Elementary "Run for Fitness" was held at the Millersville Borough Park in October with 440 students participating.

The top finishers were: Kindergarten - R.J. Haas (Pequea), Alisa Herr (Eshleman); 1st grade - Ryan Murray (Martic), Kelly Shertzer (home school); 2nd grade - Andrew Herr (Eshleman), Rachel Stetler (Martic); 3rd grade - Sam Zegley (Martic), Maddy Hess (Pequea); 4th grade - Kyle Haines (Hambricht), Marjory Kauffman (Central Manor); 5th grade - John Myers (Pequea), Karen Welch (Central Manor); 6th grade - Robert Cohen (Hambricht), Meghan Ecker (Letort). Central Manor Elementary won the Participation Trophy that is presented to the school with the highest percentage of students participating in the Run for Fitness. ★

Adopt a Kid, Adopt a Vet



The "Adopt a Kid, Adopt a Vet" program started at Central Manor Elementary in October with a visit to fifth and sixth grade classrooms by approximately thirty veterans from the Retired Military Officers' Association. The students had an opportunity to ask the veterans questions about their experiences and to hear "war" stories. The veterans brought along photos, medals, uniform items and other memorabilia from their service experiences. The veterans will return on November 12th for a Veteran's Day Celebration.

Bringing History Alive



Dale McCleary, a decorated combat veteran of the Vietnam War, helped bring this period of history alive for students when he visited Penn Manor High School to share his experiences. Mr. McCleary answered students' questions, read stories that he wrote and showed slides that he took during the war. Mr. McCleary was once a teacher himself and named in "Who's Who Among America's Teachers."

The Penn Manor Education Foundation awards \$4,983.75 in venture grants to teachers

The Penn Manor Education Foundation (PMEF) awarded \$4,983.75 in venture grants to Penn Manor School District faculty members in early October. The PMEF awards money for projects, materials, and field trips. Staff members submit creative and innovative ideas to enhance education in their classrooms or school. The PMEF received thirty-one grant applications during this round of venture grants and funded seventeen of the grants submitted. A sample of grants funded include evening workshops for parents to help strengthen language development of primary students, the purchase of books for a classroom to integrate reading material with a unit on the American Revolution, a bluebird trail where students will build bluebird boxes and monitor birds throughout the year, and funds to beautify an existing courtyard.

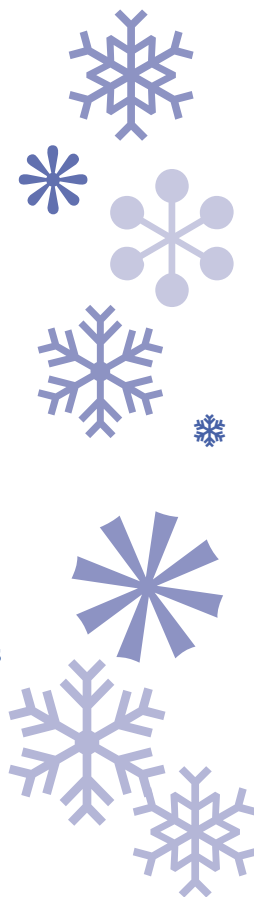
Established in 1997, the Penn Manor Education Foundation is an independent organization devoted to providing opportunities to the students within the Penn Manor School District. The PMEF provides additional support for projects and/or activities that go beyond the scope of programming normally associated with public education. ★

Inclement Weather Procedure

The announcement of school delays or closing will be reported on the following local radio and television stations when possible before 6:00 a.m.:

- WDAC - 94.5 FM
- WROZ - 101.3 FM
- WARM - 103 FM
- WIOV - 105 FM
- WLAN - 1390 AM/97 FM
- WSBA - 910 AM
- WQXA - 105.7 FM
- WTTL - 90.3 FM
- WRKZ - 107 FM
- WGAL - TV Channel 8
- WLYH - TV Channel 15
- WHTM - TV Channel 27

When weather conditions develop during the day causing an early closing, high school and middle school students will generally be dismissed first followed by elementary students. Unanticipated weather conditions or other factors may require alterations in the procedures as described above. Parents of elementary students should have an emergency plan prepared in case of early dismissal. ★



Wall of Honor - The 3rd Class



Seated from left: Bill Beck, Bob McConaghy, Gary Grosh, Kathryn Hill, Bob Herr (accepting for Richard Bishop), Michael Wilds, Joe Martin.
Standing from left: Jim Marlett, Wayne Little, Walt Rebman, Tony Purcell, Dave Black, Gary McCauley, Terry Groff, Dave McIlwaine, Bill Korman, Harry Pickle, Dave Haines, Bruce Herman, Mike Brown, John Zuzu, Jim Seiple, Jeff Kaiser, Tom Herr, Keith Upton, John Treier, Steve Feilmeier.

The third Penn Manor Athletic Wall of Honor class was inducted on October 4th at a banquet held at the Penn Manor High School cafeteria.

The inductees included:

Richard W. Bishop

Class of 1933: Varsity basketball, volleyball, baseball and track; captain of the basketball team; considered best athlete in school.

Kathryn B. Hill

Class of 1926: Varsity basketball - 3 years (captain); honored for being Highest Individual Scorer in Eastern PA; Basketball Team was Lancaster County Champion in 1926; Track and Field - 3 years; honored as school's "Best Athlete."

Michael C. Wilds

Class of 1967: Varsity soccer - 4 years (3 years 1st team All County and League MVP senior year); Varsity basketball 3 years (member of 1967 Section I Championship team); Baseball 3 years (1st team All County and member of '67 Section I Championship team); 1967 Male All Sport Award Recipient.

Stephen F. Moore

Class of 1969: Varsity basketball, soccer, baseball (10 varsity letters)(1st Team Lancaster All-County baseball and soccer); Lancaster County Leading Goal Scorer in soccer senior year; played in 3 Sectional Team Championships and 2 Lancaster County Team Championships.

1974 Varsity Penn Manor Football Team

Won Section 2 Championship of Lancaster-Lebanon League in third year of varsity football; 8-1-1 record, Members of 1974 Intell All Star team included Bruce Ditlow, Jay Zimmerman, Gary McCauley, Joe Martin and Harry Pickle. Head Coach - William Beck, Assistant Coaches - Gary Grosh, Robert McConaghy, Max Riley and Keith Wilkins.

Athletes are nominated for the Wall of Honor by anyone who feels that they know a deserving athlete who is a Penn Manor graduate. A combined school and community committee selects the athletes ultimately chosen for the Wall of Honor based on the information presented on the nomination form. Jeff Roth, Penn Manor High School Athletic Director, is currently accepting nominations for the 2002 Athletic Wall of Honor. The nomination forms are available in the high school's athletic office. ★

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Superintendent's Message: *From the Desk of Dr. Gary Campbell*



Educated We Stand!

In light of the tragic events which occurred during the past several months, the conflicts of the present, and those anticipated in the future, I have come to this conclusion. It is absolutely impossible to survive as a free and independent nation without a strong sense of faith and an equally strong education and democratic citizenry. Without these necessary ingredients, everything is reduced to the survival of the individual and not the collective welfare of the American citizens or people from other freedom seeking nations. Our Constitution calls for government to provide for the general welfare of citizens. Unfortunately, it took the tragedies of the World Trade Center, Pentagon and the plane crash in western PA to cause us to rethink the concept of the general welfare of the people. Historians as well as futurists predict that the "ME" philosophy which had become so prevalent across our nation would ultimately lead to our demise.

History is clear! Moral, ethical and religious cultures are the only ones that work and endure. There is a direct and inviolable relationship between personal integrity in a society and society's prosperity. People who build societies based upon spirituality, honor, trust and law flourish because they are harmonious; because people respect the rights and property of others and yes, because, in the end, right will prevail.

An 18th century philosopher said it best when he realized even at the very beginning of our nation's life, "America is great because America is good. If America ceases to be good, she will cease to be great." He would have certainly warned us that we were following a path which could only lead to loss of our greatness. For the course to change indefinitely, each of us must strive to serve others. We must lead those who are lost and we must help educate them to carry forth the cause of freedom. Individually, we must help carry the torch of goodness as well as the flame of greatness if our country is going to survive. We are only limited by our imagination and the commitment we are willing to make to bring about meaningful changes in the way people think and the way people act. Change is not an event, it is a process. Perhaps the changes needed to make the world better started on that tragic day in September. Time will tell. The tasks ahead will be difficult but I am confident that our individual and collective abilities will meet the challenges which lie ahead. ★