

# ABOVE & BEYOND

A NEWSLETTER FOR  
PENN MANOR  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MILLERSVILLE, PA 17551



## Reading: A Priority at Penn Manor

**P**enn Manor School District has made great strides in the area of Language Arts Instruction. Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening continue to be focus areas at all grade levels. At the elementary level, a framework has been developed and adopted that includes such research-based elements as guided reading and writing, independent reading and writing, shared reading and writing, and phonemic awareness. Fluency and accuracy with a child's reading has been a primary focus along with developing comprehension skills. Students at all levels have the opportunity to be instructed at an appropriate level through the use of flexible groups.

Flexible grouping allows students to strive for attainable goals and to be moved to an appropriate level when the need arises. Nonfiction as well as fiction are used for small and large group literature sharing. A variety of assessments are used at every grade level to determine placement and to track the rate of progress a student has made during the course of the year. This information will be passed on to the next grade level teacher so that teachers are fully prepared to begin effective instruction at the start of each school year. Our dedicated staff includes qualified Classroom Teachers, Trained Aides, Support Teachers, and Reading Teachers, whom are all working together to develop effective programs that successfully target individual student needs.

Martic, Hambright and Pequea elementary schools have also developed and implemented an extended day kindergarten opportunity for students who need some extra time to develop early literacy skills. Conestoga, Central Manor, Letort, and Eshleman are also developing plans to implement extended day kindergarten opportunities in the near future. Qualified teams of teachers in each building



help to support these classes where oral language, learning about letters and words, shared reading, and early writing continue to be focus areas. Penn Manor has also provided teachers with a unique support system that consists of two highly-qualified coaches who devote half of their day during the first semester to supporting teachers in all seven elementary schools in the area of literacy development.

Through the initial support of the Read-To-Succeed Grant that began two years ago, we have been able to develop the Jump Start Reading Camp. This is a two- to three-week session that runs in August that supports identified students in the area of literacy. This program has proved to be successful in supporting students with that extra boost before the school year begins. We are proud of the efforts of our entire staff and through the continued support of the Penn Manor community. We look forward to continued growth and progress in the area of language arts development. ★

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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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# High Fives to...

## Elementary Spelling Bee winners:



Fourth grade spelling champ Henry Stewart (Central Manor) and runner-up Megan Harris (Letort) are pictured with their principals - Trisha Pearson, Randy Fox and Deb Holt.

<b>3rd Grade:</b>	1st place	Erin Loy (Central Manor)
	2nd place	Caleb Osisek (Central Manor)
<b>4th Grade:</b>	1st place	Henry Stewart (Central Manor)
	2nd place	Megan Harris (Letort)
<b>5th Grade:</b>	1st place	Briana Huynah (Hambright)
	2nd place	Amanda Kennedy (Pequea)
<b>6th Grade:</b>	1st place	Julia Dunn (Central Manor)
	2nd place	Peter Alexakos (Central Manor)

**Brittney Powers** will represent Marticville Middle School at the Lancaster Intelligencer Journal Spelling Bee. Christine Felegi is the alternate.

**Sam Meckley** will represent Manor Middle School at the Lancaster Intelligencer Journal Spelling Bee. Kelly Milisock is the alternate.

## Scholastic Writing Contest Winners:

### Penn Manor High School

**Gold Key:** (Entries have been forwarded to the National Scholastic Writing Contest in NYC)

Patrick Groff - Humor: *Confessions of Fable City*

Emma Geiger - Dramatic Script: *Only God*

Bradley Moyer - Dramatic Script: *Sign In, Please-or-Heaven's Waiting Room*

### Silver Key:

Katherine Winters - Short Story

Edward Shenk - Short Story

Jenna Groff - Poetry

Christian Herr - Poetry

Elizabeth Chismar - Journalism

Katelyn Poukish - Short Story

Stephanie Reese - Personal Essay

Katy Walkowiak - Personal Essay

Jeannette Snyder - Dramatic Script

### Marticville Middle School

**Silver Key:** Gillian Graham - Humor

Leah Cohen - Short Story

The **Manor MathCounts Team** of Mike Newswanger, Kevin Roak, Kevin Brent, Jon Goss, Justin Bradfield, and Cortney Hall placed 7th out of 23 teams at the regional competition. Justin Bradfield was the top individual student for Manor placing 11th overall out of 151 competitors. LeTort 6th graders Meghan Ecker, Corey Frey, Anton Runkles, and Suzanne Yocom also competed in this national program sponsored by teachers, professors and engineers. The program for 6th, 7th and 8th graders is designed to promote mathematics through coaching and competition.

Eryn Grego, an 8th grade student at Marticville Middle School, won a \$100.00 savings bond in the Youth Essay Contest sponsored by the VFW. This year's theme was "Is Freedom Really Free?"

## Newspaper-In-Education Contest Winners:

**1st Place - Storytelling Category:** Alexandra Flurry (2nd grade Eshleman)

**1st Place - Design an Ad Category:** Megan Harris (4th grade Letort), Karla Brent (4th grade Central Manor), Hunter Paulsen (4th grade Pequea) Olivia Hertzler (3rd grade Pequea)

**2nd Place - Journalism Category:** Julia Rios (3rd grade Eshleman)

**3rd Place - Journalism Category:** Landon Alexih (2nd grade Central Manor)

## Music Honors:

**LLMEA County Orchestra** (Manor MS) Kevin Brent, Jenna Dietrich, Maggie Eder, Steve Mohimani; (PMHS) Lori Hess, Grant McFarland. **LLMEA County Chorus** (PMHS) Alden Stowe, Arielle Caffey, Steph Cieslik.

**LLMEA County Band** (PMHS) Luke Dunn, Brenda Harnish, Marie John, Bilal Khan, Vanessa Kreider, Katie Layman, Brendan Ledwith, Beatrice Mao, Laura Martin, Jeff Morrison, Bradley Moyer, Christine Neff, Danielle Smith, Jeanette Snyder, Margaret Spaugh, Olivia Witmer.

**PMEA District Chorus** (PMHS) Alden Stowe

**PMEA District Band** (PMHS) Luke Dunn, Brenda Harnish, Christine Neff

**PMEA District Jazz Band** (PMHS) Luke Dunn

**PMEA Regional Band** (PMHS) Luke Dunn, Christine Neff

## Other Honors:

**Humane League Volunteers:** Tish Clow, Kelly Sheehan, Chrissy Baffa, and Courtney Kinsinger.

**Government/Economics Class Stock Market team:** Kevin Sheetz, Zach Ichter, Erica Miller, Ann Schwartz, and Nick Swartz placed 17th in the county in the Stock Market Game. The team made over \$17,000 profit with a \$100,000 investment of fictional money.

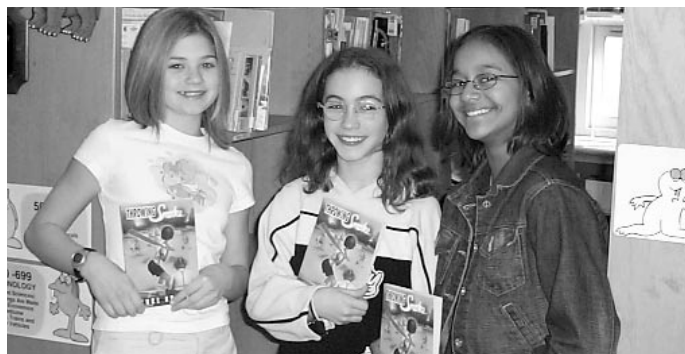
**Mike Connelly** finished 2nd in the countywide essay contest sponsored by Lancaster Newspapers, Millersville University and The Stock Market Game.

**The Varsity JETS (Junior Engineering Technical Society) team:**

Taylor Lehman, Chadd Funk, Jonathan Hill, Alden Stowe, Bill McCue, Francis Koczur, Keith Anderson competed at Warwick HS along with the Junior Varsity JETS team of Christian Herr, Megan Good, Brian Myer, Sara Mucko, Josh Shrom, and Brett West. The JV team finished in a tie for second place.

**Buck A Book 2002 Program:** Eleven classrooms at Central Manor Elementary participated in the Lancaster/Lebanon Counties' *Buck A Book Program*. Central Manor placed 4th raising \$3,454 with 119 students participating and 575 books read.

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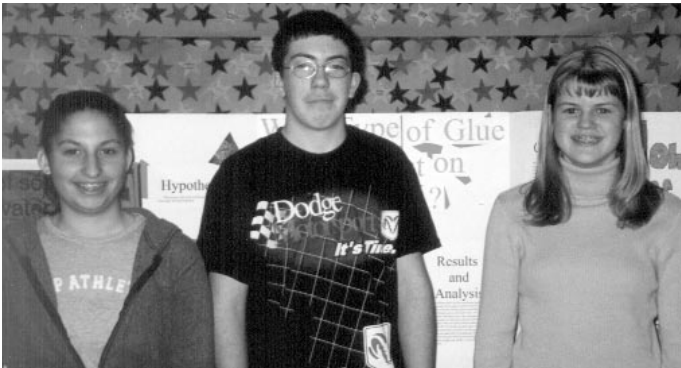


Erica Repsch's 6th grade class participated in a writing contest through Scholastic Book Orders. Students were to write a one-page ending to a story started by Newbery author, Bruce Brooks. Casey Barnett, Amber Kendig, and Xiomara Pagan were 3 of the 30 winners chosen from the many entries received from across the country. They each received an autographed copy of Bruce Brooks's latest book, *Throwing Smoke*, along with a congratulatory letter from Scholastic.

## Geography Bee Champion

Congratulations to Kevin Brent, this year's seventh grade National Geography Bee Champion at Manor Middle School and runner-up Jennifer Pillion. Based on Kevin's score on his written qualifying exam from National Geographic, he has been invited to compete in the Pennsylvania State Bee in April. Other school finalists included: Joshua Falk, Devin Foster Clark, Skyler Ruf, Phillip Smith, Adam Bofinger, Justin Bradfield, Alicia Rossi, and Matt Martin. ★

## Middle Level Science Fair



Alyssa Wissler, Adam Scheaffer, and Kelly Olena were three of the Science Fair winners from Marticville Middle School.

The 1st annual Middle Level Science Fair was held on February 12th at Penn Manor High School. Close to 200 students from Marticville and Manor Middle Schools participated. Several of the students who participated in this fair also competed in the Lancaster Science & Engineering Fair in March. The following is a list of the Middle Level Science Fair winners in each category and their topic:

### Earth Science:

- 1st Place - Alyssa Wissler "What type of soil is best for water retention?"
- 2nd Place - Andrew Beam "What is the most effective way to stop erosion?"
- 3rd Place - Ashley Conlin "Are our streams and rivers contaminated?"

### Consumer Science:

- 1st Place - Malia Mason "Do anti-bacterial soaps have a greater affect on killing bacteria than regular soaps?"
- 2nd Place - Randee Betheric "What brand oil filter is the best?"
- 3rd Place - Adam Schaeffer "What type of glue works best on wood?"

### Life Science:

- 1st Place - Felicia Vitale "To what extent do surface textures effect latent fingerprints?"
- 2nd Place - Sarah Hunt "Which yields a greater amount of DNA: cauliflower or a cow spleen?"
- 3rd Place - Alex Steffy "Does caffeine effect a person's blood pressure?"

### Physical Science:

- 1st Place - Logan Kibler "Does tensile strength increase with the diameter of nails?"
- 2nd Place - Bobbisu Barnett "Does the viscosity of oil change with use?"
- 3rd Place - Kelly Olena "How does distance affect color vision?"

### Plant Science:

- 1st Place - Erin Harvey "Is it possible to produce numerous offspring from a single plant embryo?"
- 2nd Place - Kevin Brent "Is Vitamin C more effective than Beta-carotene at sustaining life in cancerous *M.annuus*?"
- 3rd Place - Ashley Knepp "Does hair effect the growth of plants?"★

## Heroes Day

Who is your hero? Heroes can be a figure in the community, a parent, celebrity, or maybe a friend you aspire to be like. On Friday, February 22, fifth and sixth graders from Conestoga and Central Manor Elementary Schools spent an entire day dedicated to learning about heroes. Senior Millersville University Education majors organized and presented Heroes Day to local elementary students.

The day gave the elementary students insight into some heroes lives. The program was done in circuit form. Each student moved from station to station where they were greeted by a college student dressed in character and ready to present their ten minute history lesson. Some of the heroes represented were William Penn, Queen Elizabeth, Chief Joseph, and Jeannette Rankin. One of the most impressive presentations was the Annie Oakley station. While reading the story about Annie Oakley each elementary student was given a party popper to pull when a key word in the story was read. Daphne Hudson, a student at Central Manor, had a great time during Heroes Day. She enjoyed the presentation on Princess Diana the most. "She was almost expelled from school!" Letting students know that these extraordinary people had ordinary life experiences is important too. The teachers seemed to enjoy the day as well. Vickie Usiack, a fifth grade teacher at Conestoga Elementary, prepares her students for Heroes Day by talking about the student's personal heroes and what attributes make a hero. Conestoga will hold their own Heroes Day later in the school year. ★



## Summer B.R.E.A.K. is Just Around the Corner

Penn Manor's Summer B.R.E.A.K. (Brain Riveting Enrichment Activities for Kids) program is scheduled for June 10 through June 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:35 p.m. Students currently in 1st through 7th grades have the opportunity to participate in as many as four different 50-minute courses for the two-week period. Kindergarten students can take part in a program designed especially for them. All students are welcome—you need not be a Penn Manor student to attend. Over 40 different courses are offered in the following areas: sports, science, art, math, reading, cooking, child care, drama, computer, social development, and cooperative games. The cost is \$35.00 per course or \$125.00 for four courses. (Some courses also have a material's fee.) Shuttle bus service is provided free of charge from Martic and Pequea Elementary Schools each day. Course descriptions and registration forms will be available by April 17. Registrations will be accepted from April 22 until May 10. Courses are filled on a first come, first serve basis. If you would like more information, please contact Cindy Rhoades at 872-9500 ext. 2241. ★

## Penn Manor School District Residents Your Local Earned Income Tax Return for 2001 must be filed by April 15, 2002

If you are 16 years of age or older, have earned income for the year, 2001, and you lived in the Penn Manor School District, you must file a tax return. Even if your employer has withheld and paid your tax, this return must be completed. Anyone who is a wage earner, farmer, unincorporated business (including partnership and individual proprietorship) and ALL OTHERS who received earned income or profits for services rendered incurs this obligation.

Failure to file on time will result in a penalty and interest charge of 12% per annum. Pennsylvania law also provides for a fine of up to \$500 for failure to file or other violations.

Residents of the Penn Manor School District are required to file a tax return, **EVEN IF THEY HAVE NOT RECEIVED A FORM THROUGH THE MAIL.** Forms may be acquired by contacting the Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau, 299 Hess Blvd., Lancaster, PA, 17602. (717) 569-4521. ★

## Award Winning Budget Website is On-Line

For the 2nd straight year, Penn Manor School District is using a novel method in constructing the budget. By accessing the preliminary budget website at: [www.pennmanor.net/budget/prel2002](http://www.pennmanor.net/budget/prel2002), you can view the budget as it's being created. This unique approach of utilizing the web for the preparation and publicity of the preliminary budget has earned Penn Manor the 2002 Award of Achievement from the Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials.

As seen on the website, the district follows a budget calendar that breaks the budget down into areas that can be discussed and reviewed with the School Board. Information on these areas is posted for all to see before they are discussed by the board. Feedback is encouraged with an e-mail link from the site.

In addition to eliminating surprises for the budget viewers, the web-displayed budget was designed for all levels of Internet competency. Stop by the site and see how the budget is shaping up this year. We welcome all comments and suggestions and encourage you to become involved in the budgeting process. ★

## Wally Walker to Speak at Alumni Banquet

Penn Manor alumni Wally Walker (Class of 1972) will be the featured speaker at the annual Penn Manor Alumni Banquet. The banquet will be held on Saturday, June 1. For more information or to make reservations, please contact Arlene Glick at 394-9289. ★

## Second Annual Readathon

The Penn Manor High School library was the site of the March 2nd celebration of Read Across America, commemorating the birthday of Dr. Seuss. Hundreds of children and adults met in the library for a Saturday morning of reading and reading-related activities. The librarian, Sue Hostetter, and high school teachers, Frank Dell'Estate, Maureen Klingaman, Kim McMullen, Carole Shellenberger, Marianne Sullivan, and Amy Wall, planned the very successful event, pairing learning and fun. They were aided in their efforts by many student volunteers. Among them were Josh Consylman, Ali Kenna, Tim Marr, Jon Mason, and Steph McConnell, who visited the elementary schools to advertise the event and participated in the morning's activities; and Mrs. Shellenberger's Theater Arts class who created a puppet show. Serteen provided many volunteers for decorating the library, directing the parking, manning the individual stations, serving the refreshments and cleaning up; and Miss Heffner's sewing classes created the hats, mitts and bow ties.

The library, festooned in red and white streamers and balloons, was divided into several different stations. Officer Hottenstein led everyone into the Reader's Pledge, and the reading began. In one area several high school students helped younger children make hats. In



other areas, special activities evolved from specific books. Guest readers read to small groups. Parents and children, cuddled together with pillows and blankets they had

brought from home, could be found reading in nooks and crannies of the library not occupied by other activities. Even the Cat in the Hat arrived for birthday cake!

The morning's activities successfully integrated school personnel and students with members of the community. Parents and/or guardians were required to accompany their children because the Read Across America campaign encourages "reading in the presence of a caring adult." High school students and community members were very generous with their time, helping to advertise the event, to decorate the library, to make goodies for snacks, and to read to the children. Community businesses and organizations, including Penn Manor High School, Penn Manor Education Foundation, the Barn Door, Subway of Kendig Square, the House of Pizza—Millersville, and Two Cousins—Millersville sponsored the T-shirts that were given to many of the participants.

All in all, the morning's activities promoted having great fun with reading. With the souvenir t-shirts, the prize gift certificates to local bookstores and the general camaraderie of a community of readers, the memories connecting reading with fun will not fade quickly. ★

# Coaches Corner



## GIRLS' BASKETBALL

The Lady Comets Basketball Team ended the season with an 18-5 overall record and 10-4 League record that qualified them for a berth in the Lancaster-Lebanon League Playoffs for the 1st time in 15 years. Teamwork was the key to the Comets successful season. Heather Weiss, Sheena Woodard, Liz Chismar, Melissa Frerichs, Bonnie Anderson, and Kristi Bates, all seniors, will be missed and hard to replace. Individual accomplishments included Liz

Chismar being voted Athlete of the Week, Heather Weiss selected as Christmas Tournament MVP, Sheena Woodard/Melissa Frerichs/Liz Chismar voted to All-Tournament teams. Team accomplishments included 3rd place finish in Section 1, L-L League and District Playoff berth, and Champion of the Columbia Christmas Tournament. What a great season for the Lady Comets! Congratulations to all the girls. The JV Lady Comets also had a great year posting a 14-5 overall record. With continued hard work during the off-season, we will continue the success set by this year's Varsity Team.

**Coach Roth, Coach Witmer, Coach Hanes**

## BOYS' BASKETBALL:

The boy's basketball team finished the season strong winning the last 2 out of 4 contests. Beating Hempfield on senior night 52-50 in front of a packed house was by far one of the highlights of this year. Another thrill was playing after a 76er's game at the First Union Center in Philadelphia in front of over 600 fans from the local community back in December. Penn Manor beat Manheim Central 68-56 in convincing fashion. Finishing with 7 wins, the hoop's team suffered 5 losses by five points or less, two of them by one point. The team continued to battle through a tough section even though their playoff hopes were dashed by those close defeats. Leading the Comets in scoring was Corey Caruthers at 13.7 points per game. Corey was also named to the War of the Roses All-Star squad. Senior Danny Herr improved greatly by scoring 10.8 points per game in Section One play. Shane Rineer was also nominated for Section One All-Defensive team despite missing 7 critical games in the middle of the season. Junior Josh Smith along with sophomores Jarred Texter, Jerome Ward, and Peter Herr all experienced quality playing time on varsity and will be a force to be reckoned with in the future. A busy off-season should make next year's team one to come out and cheer on to victory. Thanks for your positive support and "Go Comets!"

**Coach Erisman**

## WRESTLING

This year's wrestling team had its best performance yet. The Comet Grapplers ended the regular season with a 12-3 dual meet record. The Comets not only performed well as a team but showed a lot of individual strength in the tournaments. The Comet domination in tournament competition first started on their own mats at PMHS. Derek Bosso, Will Jens, and Daryl Cromwell all had first place finishes and led the Comets to a tournament win over 18 teams. The Comets headed to North Carolina to compete against 36 teams in the Tiger Tournament. Cromwell had a first place finish making a big contribution to the Comet team's fifth place finish overall. At the L-L Tournament the team placed third, 4 1/2 points behind the first place finishing team. At the tournament the Bosso brothers, Ryan and



Derrek, both finished with an impressive second place, with Derrek shooting for 80 takedowns in a season. Andrew Johnson, Brandon Kauffman, and Jens all beat their opponents to win third place for the tournament and Cromwell took fourth place in the heavyweight competition. The Comets took first place in the Section Tournament. It was a huge team win for the Comets. Cromwell and Jens led the team taking first place in their weight classes. Cody Lewis finished second, both Ryan and Derrek Bosso finished third along with Kauffman, and Johnson wrestled a tough match to finish fourth. The Comets were able to qualify seven wrestlers to compete in the District III Tournament. At the District III tournament, the Comets put on a spectacular performance. The wrestling team battled through the tournament and produced a sixth place finish in the team competition. Freshman Ryan Bosso powered through a tough weight class to place fourth. Brandon Kauffman upset the number one seed in the first round and picked his way through the competition to place second and qualified for the state tournament held at Hershey Park Arena where he earned a sixth place medal.

**Coach Hess**

## GIRLS' SWIMMING



The girls' swim team finished their season with a record of 6-3-1. This record puts the team in fourth place in Lancaster-Lebanon League dual meet competition. Five senior girls were honored at the last home meet of the season: Katelyn Gillespie, Talia McKinney, Katie Neary, Katelyn Poukish, and Sami Roop. At the League Championship meet, freshmen Holland Baldrige, Maggie Eshleman, and Lindsey Long all achieved personal best times in their individual events. Seven girls qualified for District III championships. Carli Brill, Talia McKinney, Mallory Simmons, and Katie Neary qualified in the 200 freestyle relay and swam a season-best time at Districts. Becca Rhoades, Valerie Kozachuk, Amy Yocum, and Neary qualified in the 400 freestyle relay and placed 10th. Neary and Yocum also qualified in individual events: Neary swimming 50 freestyle and 100 butterfly (a season-best time) and Yocum swimming 200 and 500 freestyle.

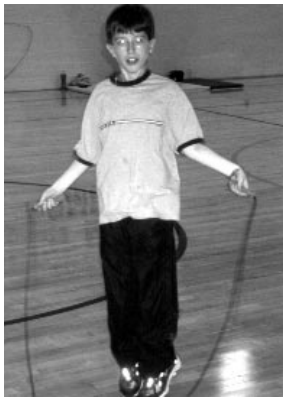
## BOYS' SWIMMING

The boys' swim team finished their dual meet season with an exciting victory over Cedar Crest. That win gave the Comets an overall record of 8-2, placing them in a three-way tie for second in the dual meet standings. This meet was truly a team effort. Every member of the team had at least one personal best time. This accomplishment was followed by a tremendous performance at the L-L championship meet. Comet swimmers won five of the 11 swimming events—all of which were new meet records. Cameron Hollinger was first in 200 and 100 freestyle. J. B. Peterman was first in 50 freestyle (and third in 100 freestyle). The 200 freestyle relay team of Peterman, Bobby Franssen, Trip Altdoerffer, and Hollinger were first, setting a new school record. The 400 freestyle relay of Peterman, Franssen, Stephen Diller, and Hollinger were also first. Bobby Franssen placed second in 200 IM and fourth in 100 backstroke. In addition, T. J. Purcell and Andrew Gilchrest both had personal best times in the 200 freestyle and 100 breaststroke. Justin Eshleman and Kris Horner both had best times in the 100 butterfly, and Stephen Diller had a best time in the 100 backstroke.

Five boys qualified for Districts: Stephen Diller, Trip Altdoerffer, Bobby Franssen, J. B. Peterman, and Cameron Hollinger. The 400 freestyle relay placed 10th with a season-best time. Bobby Franssen swam two best times in the 200 IM and 100 backstroke, in which he placed 10th. J.B. Peterman also swam two best times to qualify for States in 50 and 100 freestyle. He placed fifth and sixth, respectively. Cameron Hollinger also advanced to States in the 200 and 100 freestyle. He placed second in the 100 freestyle and first in the 200 freestyle, setting a new District record. In the state meet, Hollinger took gold in both the 100 and 200 freestyle and was named "Swimmer of the Meet."

**Coach O'Day ★**

# Students Raise Record Amount



**J**ump Rope for Heart is held each year at all seven elementary schools. Students in Grades 3 to 6 help to raise money for the American Heart Association by collecting pledges and jumping rope. Every year since this program began, the schools have exceeded their previous year's contribution and this year was no exception. The schools raised \$22,516.00—an all-time high! ★

*Corey Delmonto, along with 422 other Penn Manor elementary students, jumped rope to help raise \$22,516.00 for the American Heart Association.*

Here is a breakdown by elementary school for *Jump Rope For Heart*:

SCHOOL	GRADES	# STUDENTS	SPONSOR	TOTAL \$ RAISED
Eshleman	4-6	26	Mary Lou Ruth	\$ 821.00
Central Manor	3-6	55	Terry Robb	\$ 1,500.00
Hambright	4-6	55	Mary Barnett	\$ 2,970.00
Conestoga	4-6	66	Kathy Young	\$ 3,714.00
			& Mary Lou Ruth	
Letort	3-6	78	Jim Amigh	\$ 4,394.00
			& Diane Vickers	
Martic	4-6	73	Kathy Young	\$ 4,538.00
Pequea	3-6	<u>70</u>	Jim Amigh	\$ <u>4,579.00</u>
		<b>423</b>		\$ <b>22,516.00</b>

## WHAT'S NEW AT [www.pennmanor.net](http://www.pennmanor.net)?

**N**ew features are constantly being added to the Penn Manor School District website, [www.pennmanor.net](http://www.pennmanor.net). Look for the following:

- **Lettergrade** - Middle school and high school parents should have received a username and password to check their students' grades and attendance.
- **Follett Library System** - This allows you to search for books in our school libraries from home.
- **News** - Each month several classrooms are featured with a picture and short description of an event or activity that took place.
- **Budget 2002/2003** - The budget for next year is posted on the web. Check to see how your tax dollars are being spent.
- **Live Budget Webcast** - The budget will be webcast live again this year on May 16 at 7:00 p.m. You can e-mail in questions and comments.
- **New Staff Profiles** - Meet the new faces at Penn Manor.
- **Employment Opportunities** - Job openings are posted as well as information on how to apply for a position with the school district.
- **Graduation Ceremony** - Once again this year, the high school graduation ceremony will be broadcast via a live webcast on the Penn Manor website. Friends and relatives who are unable to attend the ceremony can watch it in realtime.
- **District Calendar** - A calendar showing upcoming events happening in the district is now posted on the website.

If you have any questions regarding Penn Manor's website, please feel free to contact Cindy Rhoades at 872-9500 ext. 2241. ★

# Manor FFA Makes It Real

by: Jenifer Falk - FFA Reporter

**T**he Manor FFA has been busy with several activities. In December, the chapter finished its biggest fundraiser of the year, the Thanksgiving and Christmas fruit sales. FFA members sold nearly 2000 cases of fruit and over 300 fruit baskets. The profits are used to support the many FFA activities.

During the Pennsylvania FFA Mid-Winter Convention held during the Pennsylvania Farm Show, seven of our FFA members received their Keystone FFA Degrees. To be considered for this state recognized award senior FFA members had to complete an application that summarized all of their projects for the past 4 years. All of the application information was supported by recordbooks on each project that were also scored. Students earning their Keystone State FFA Degrees include Anne Dearolf, Ryan Hoover, Daniel Harnish, Ashley Herr, Lamar Stoner, Candice Hartranft, and Robert Garrett. In addition, Ashley Herr was named the Eastern Region Star Keystone in Sales and Service for her work at E.M. Herr. Manor FFA was recognized again as one of the top FFA chapters in the state for its activities and projects.

Several FFA members also entered over 70 exhibits in Farm Show competition. Showing market hogs were: Bobby Bresch, Kristy Garrett, Tyler Rohrer, Kris Enterline, Billy Bresch, Ryan Hoover, Bob Garrett, Andrew Herr. They all earned Showmanship Awards! A number of students in the floriculture class entered exhibits in the horticulture area including Candice Hartranft, Erin Eckman, Robin Kendig, Debbie Herr, April Miller, Terry Markley, Cassie Griffith, Jenifer Falk, Bob Garrett, Nicole Enedy, and Ricky Falk.

On March 10-12, Jenifer Falk, Benjamin Railing, Tyler Rohrer, Jenna Bleacher, and Andrew Herr attended the State Legislative Leadership Conference in Harrisburg. While there, they met with state legislators to discuss current agricultural issues. Upcoming FFA events include: State Legislative Leadership Conference, several Career Development Events, the annual FFA Awards Banquet and the Manor FFA Horse Show on June 2nd at the Columbia Riding Club. ★



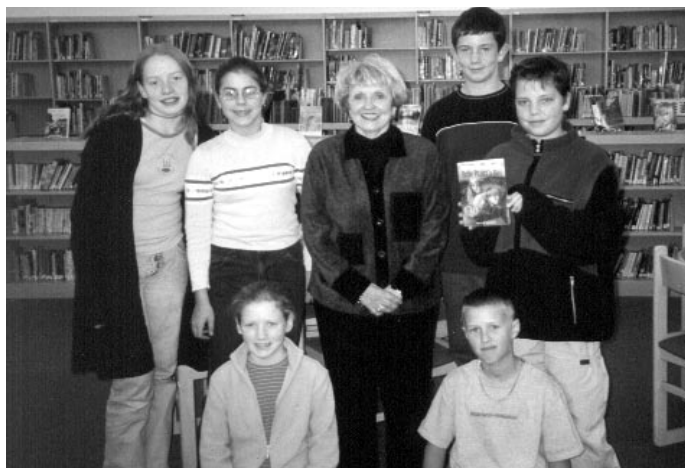
*Debbie Herr, Jenifer Falk, and Candice Hartranft display some of the floriculture projects that were featured at this year's Farm Show. Debbie took two first place ribbons and one second, Jenifer was awarded a second, third, and fourth, and Candice was presented with a first, second and third place ribbon for her entries.*

# PM Education Foundation Awards \$2,778.38

The Penn Manor Education Foundation awarded 8 venture grants and 2 educators-in-residence grants in February for a total of \$2,778.38. The following is a list of the grants approved.

- 1. Twilight School:** Funds to support hands-on projects for the Twilight School students.
- 2. Penn Manor HS - Foreign Language:** Funds provided to subscribe to quia.com, a website with lessons, vocabulary, and activities for foreign language students. This was previously a free site.
- 3. Penn Manor HS - Social Studies:** Grant funds to be used to offer scholarships to advanced placement American History students to take a 3-day trip to Boston.
- 4. Penn Manor HS - Science:** 50 students (25 learning support students and 25 ecology students) will take a trip to the New Jersey shore to experience several different ecosystems.
- 5. Central Manor Elementary - Speech:** Funds are being provided to purchase a "One Step Communicator" for a student who has difficulty using oral language to communicate.
- 6. Central Manor Elementary - Guidance:** Funds provided to purchase resources to help grieving children.
- 7. Central Manor Elementary - Fifth Grade:** Funds approved to purchase appropriate videos/simulations to help students understand the Underground Railroad.
- 8. Pequea Elementary - Special Education:** Funds provided to purchase a set of literature books with decodable text and controlled vocabulary.
- 9. Letort Elementary - Educator in Residence Grant:** Grant awarded to provide honorarium and lunch for Kathleen Pennell, author of the "Pony Investigators." Funds also provided to cover materials for student activities and copies of the author's books.
- 10. Penn Manor HS - Library - Educator in Residence Grant:** Grant money provided to help fund "How to Read It and Get It". This is a presentation on how to use practical reading strategies and will be presented by Cris Tovani.

For more information, check out the Penn Manor website at [www.pennmanor.net/foundation.html](http://www.pennmanor.net/foundation.html) ★



A venture grant presented in October 2001 provided funds to bring author, Ruth White (pictured with students Skyler Ruf, Sarah Spidle, Josh Eppley, Neil Bear, Rebecca Lehman, and Craig Shrom), to Manor Middle School. She spoke with all seventh grade students and signed copies of her 1997 Newbery Honor book, *Belle Prater's Boy*. Ms. White's visit helped to introduce a literature unit on loss.

# Transportation Overview

Penn Manor School District provides transportation for students free of charge as a service paid for by the taxpayers of the district. The district's number one priority is to provide all students with safe and reliable bus transportation on a daily basis. In an effort to provide the students with the best service possible, Penn Manor has used Eschbach Bus Service and Shultz Transportation Company to provide busing for the students for more than 40 years. These two contractors provide the district with more than 60 state-certified drivers.

All school bus drivers must go through extensive training and testing before they begin transporting school students. Before obtaining their Commercial Driver's License (CDL) all drivers must attend 21 hours of classroom training and 6 hours of behind-the-wheel training. They must pass a doctor's physical and blood and alcohol test. Drivers must then pass a written test and an on-the-road test given by a state-certified instructor. Every four years, drivers are required to re-certify with the state to keep their CDL current. Re-certification requires each driver to complete 7 hours of classroom instruction, 3 hours of in-bus training and retaking the CDL written test.

In compliance with state law, the two contractors perform random drug and alcohol tests yearly. At least 50% of their drivers are tested for drugs and at least 25% for alcohol. Each year the district and contractors conduct several meetings and workshops for the drivers to review policy and school bus safety issues. This is done to help drivers deal with the day-to-day issues involving our students.

Your children's school bus drivers are dedicated and experienced professionals who take pride in their work. Our school bus drivers travel almost 5,500 miles a day, which amounts to more than 950,000 miles each year in the daily transportation of our students. They stop at more than 4,000 bus stops daily. The drivers are often required to do this on ice- and snow-covered or hurricane-flooded roads. If you should have any questions or suggestions for the transportation department, please contact Susan Kelshaw, Transportation Coordinator, at 872-9500 (ext. 2236) or by e-mail at [sue.kelshaw@pennmanor.net](mailto:sue.kelshaw@pennmanor.net) ★

## Penn Manor Pipeline Upcoming Events or Dates of Interest

- **Monday, April 8, Monday, May 13, Monday, June 10:**
  - Committee of the Whole Meeting 7 p.m.
  - School Board Meeting 8:15 p.m.
- **Saturday, April 20** - Entertainment PM Talent Show 7 p.m. PMHS
- **Wednesday, April 24** - Elementary Combined Concert 7 p.m. PMHS (Conestoga, Martic, Pequea)
- **Thursday, April 25** - Elementary Combined Concert 7 p.m. PMHS (Eshleman, Letort, Central Manor, Hambright)
- **Friday, April 26** - District Early Dismissal
- **Monday, April 29** - High School Parent Coffee 7-8 p.m. (cafeteria)
- **Thursday, May 2** - Combined Middle School Spring Concert 7:30 p.m. PMHS
- **Wednesday, May 8** - PMHS Spring Concert 7:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, May 9** - Festival of Learning at PMHS Central Complex
- **Wednesday, May 15** - Elementary Strings Concert PMHS 7 p.m.
- **Friday, May 17** - Spring Fling at Comet Field
- **Wednesday, May 22** - Senior Awards Ceremony 6:30 p.m. (cafeteria)
- **Monday, May 27** - Memorial Day - No School
- **Thursday, June 6** - Last Day of School/Commencement

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## Superintendent's Message: *From the Desk of Mr. Donald Stewart\**



***"The object of learning is not to fill a vessel, but rather to ignite a fire."***

**- Socrates**

**A**s educators and as parents or grandparents, we face a puzzling dilemma. In a culture that changes as rapidly as modern America, what wisdom is most important to pass on to our children?

Pundits now predict that our children will change careers approximately every seven years. Estimates are that the world's knowledge today will double in a period of just six months. In such a world, what messages and skills do a caring generation pass onto the next?

In this time of rapid change, the partnership that exists between Penn Manor's schools and Penn Manor's families grows increasingly crucial. If we hope to prepare our children for the pace of change that will characterize their futures, we must rethink our roles as parents and educators. For our children in the 21st century, it will no longer be acceptable to know and understand a certain body of information. If we hope to prepare our children for success, we can no longer view parenting and educating as an effort to "fill a vessel." More than ever before, our challenge is to "ignite a fire."

What does that mean in the everyday world of the classroom and the home? I believe that means that schools emphasize process and methods and that we diminish emphasis on the accumulation of fact. Our children will face issues and decisions that may look dramatically different from anything previous generations have faced. But while problems will change, the sound reasoning and the basic understanding of good problem-solving techniques will remain the same.



As educators and parents, I believe, we must instill in children the core values and qualities of character which will sustain them no matter what shape tomorrow's problems might take. Courage is timeless. The value of commitment is sustained. Kindness never grows old and integrity has never gone out of style. ★

***\*NOTE: Mr. Donald Stewart, shown at left, was appointed to the role of Substitute Superintendent in February. He will serve in that role until the return of Dr. Gary Campbell. Dr. Campbell is currently recovering from heart surgery in December.***