

# ABOVE & BEYOND

## PENN MANOR SCHOOL DISTRICT

A NEWSLETTER FOR PENN MANOR SCHOOL DISTRICT, MILLERSVILLE, PA 17551

## Wall of Honor Inductees

The 4th class of inductees to the Penn Manor Athletic Wall of Honor was honored at a banquet on Thursday, October 2 in the Penn Manor High School cafeteria. The inductees were also recognized at halftime of the Penn Manor-McCaskey homecoming football game on October 3.

This year's recipients included:

**Richard Barr** (Class of 1951), a three-year letter winner in soccer, basketball, and baseball; Lancaster County Baseball Championship 1951 (6-0 pitching record). Played for the Detroit Tigers professionally.

**Robert Charles** (Class of 1955), a three-year letter winner in soccer, basketball, and baseball; played semi-pro soccer for Garden Spot Kickers; PMHS gymnastics coach (6 County and 3 District Championships); head soccer coach at Millersville University (3 time PSAC Coach of the Year).

**David Henry** (Class of 1981), a four-year letter winner in Cross Country and Track and Field; L/L League and two-time District Cross Country Champion, 4th in PIAA State Cross Country Championship; 5th in PIAA State 2-Mile Championship.

**Vicki (Kreider) Kassees** (Class of 1980), a four-year letter winner in gymnastics; broke several school records her senior year; full scholarship to North Carolina State; MVP ('81); ACC Beam Champion ('84); State Team Championship ('83).

**Jill Hungerford, Ph.D.** – deceased (Class of 1983), a four-year letter winner in Tennis; L/L League and District Tennis Champion; 36-11 single match record in four years (12-0 senior year).



*Penn Manor Athletic Wall of Honor recipients: Front Row: Mr. & Mrs. Charles (Chick) Hungerford (parents of honoree, Jill Hungerford) Second Row from left: Robert Charles, David Henry, Vicki Kreider Kassees, Richard Barr*

## District Report Card

The Penn Manor School District is happy to provide our staff, parents, and community members with a comprehensive District Report Card, which provides summary data covering our students' performance on recent state testing. The District Report Card is available to be viewed on the district website at [www.pennmanor.net/report/](http://www.pennmanor.net/report/). This report card is a requirement of the No Child Left Behind legislation, which affects every public school in the nation. School students in Pennsylvania take a test commonly referred to as the PSSA. The results of these tests given in reading and math for Grades 5 and 8 and reading, math, and writing in Grade

11 are a key component of the District Report Card. We are pleased with the progress of our students, but continue to work diligently each day so that all of our students achieve at a high level on these tests. More importantly, our goal is that every Penn Manor student will develop an appreciation for learning and will acquire the skills they will need to become fulfilled, successful, and productive citizens. If you have any questions regarding the District Report Card or No Child Left Behind, please contact Ellen Griffis, Administrative Assistant for Curriculum and Instruction, at [ellen.griffis@pennmanor.net](mailto:ellen.griffis@pennmanor.net) or at (717) 872-9500 ext 2222.

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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.

Visit Penn Manor online at [www.pennmanor.net](http://www.pennmanor.net)



## "Looking At Taxation Over Time"

Every purchase we make can be measured against two criteria. Did we get the quality product we desired? Did we pay a reasonable price for that quality?

The Department of Education has initiated a program in cooperation with Standard and Poor's to evaluate school districts all across Pennsylvania. The analysis is available on all school districts on the Standard and Poor's website, [www.sp-ses.com](http://www.sp-ses.com). At this website you can learn how the Penn Manor School District compares with the other 500 school districts in Pennsylvania and how we compare with a group of school districts that Standard and Poor's has designated as a "peer group" for Penn Manor.

Comparisons are provided in a wide range of areas - performance on the state PSSA tests, performance on national tests like the SATs, graduation

rate, continuing education rate, attendance, class size, teacher degree status, and taxes. All of this data is presented in a "bang for the buck" type format. The data gives our families and our taxpayers the opportunity to compare how effectively Penn Manor spends its dollars to achieve its goals.

A sample of the types of evaluations contained in the Standard and Poor's report are provided here.

- The portion of PSSA tests taken by students in Penn Manor School District that met or exceed state standards is 67.8%.
- Penn Manor has well above average PSSA mean scores.
- The district's SAT combined score is moderately above the state average.
- The district's operating expenditure of \$7,002 per student is well below the state average of \$8,295. The district spends \$4,392 per student on instruction, placing it moderately below the state average of \$5,150,

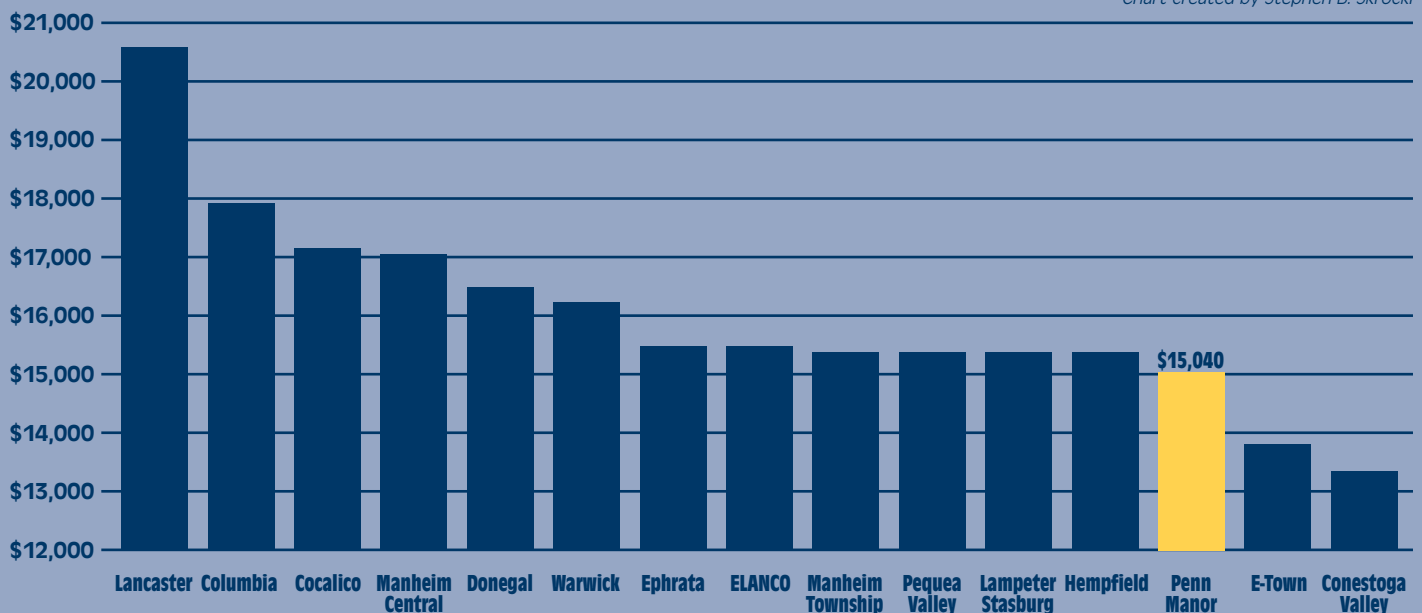
and lower than the peer group average.

- The district's attendance rate of 95.9% is comparable to the state.
- The district's dropout rate is 1.5% and is in line with state and peer group averages

I encourage you to check out this report. You will find that Penn Manor performs extremely well. There is one caution; the measurement of a school district is much more than numerical comparison data. I believe that the citizens of Penn Manor, whether they are parents or whether they have never had students in schools, will still measure their schools on the quality of programs we produce and the capabilities of the students who participate in those programs. The best sign that a school district is succeeding remains graduates with strong academic skills and character. In Penn Manor we take pride in doing that job well.

### Total Tax Liability Since 90-91 by School District

*Chart created by Stephen B. Skrocki*



*This chart reflects an 11-year real estate tax history. The tax total for that 11-year period is based on the average property value of a residential home in Penn Manor (\$118,415). The bars indicate the real estate tax that would have been paid over that 11-year period had an "average" Penn Manor property been located in the districts listed.*

# Major Construction Projects Come Full Circle at PM

Through the vision and dedication of many Penn Manor School Boards and several Administrations, the PMSD has come full circle in the current construction/renovation cycle to enhance and modernize all education facilities. With the recent completion of the Eshleman Elementary project the District has constructed one new school, a field house at Comet Field, and enlarged and renovated nine other buildings. Following is a timeline of each major construction project and the year it was started:

## **1986 - Eshleman Elementary**

Enclosed outdoor play area to make two classrooms.

## **1987 - Martic Elementary**

Added kindergarten classroom, library, renovated and enlarged office and health room area, added small group instruction area, five classrooms, restrooms, and onsite wastewater treatment plant.

## **1988 - Central Manor Elementary**

(64,000 sq. ft.)  
Added 49,000 square feet including 18 classrooms, library, small group instruction area, multipurpose room, office, and health room area; the rest of the building was renovated.

## **1989 - Martic Elementary**

(50,200 sq. ft.)  
Added four classrooms, gymnasium, expanded kitchen.

## **1989 - Marticville Middle**

Added three classrooms, computer classroom, small group instruction area, and conference room. Replaced HVAC.

## **1989 - Comet Field**

Construction of 7,000 square foot building that includes dressing areas, restrooms, storage, and concession area; added additional driveways and parking.

## **1989 - Pequea Elementary**

(55,000 sq. ft.)  
Added 12 classrooms, library, small group instruction area, office and health room

area, new mechanical and electrical, and additional parking.

## **1989 - Hambright Elementary**

(54,000 sq. ft.)  
Added 6 classrooms, small group instruction area, library, cafeteria/kitchen, office, health room area, new mechanical and electrical system.

## **1992 - Conestoga Elementary**

(42,400 sq. ft.)  
Added five classrooms, library, small group instruction area, office, health room area and kitchen. Existing building was renovated; new mechanical and electrical system added.

## **1993 - Manor Middle** (116,000 sq. ft.)

New building was constructed that includes 36 classrooms, office, health room area, kitchen, cafetorium, gymnasium, and small group instruction area. Central Administration and central receiving for the district are also housed at Manor Middle.

## **1996 - Penn Manor High School**

(326,000 sq. ft.)  
Renovation of existing 1958 structure and the 9th grade building. Addition of band area, office, health room area, library, gymnasium, cafeteria, kitchen, and

mechanical room. Built the high school and the 9th grade building together into a single building with a covered walkway.

## **2001 - LeTort Elementary**

(42,000 sq. ft.)  
Renovated the entire building without students for the first time. Added one classroom, small group instruction, office, health room area, library, and kitchen. Received first geothermal HVAC system, new playground equipment, and sports field.

## **2002 - Eshleman Elementary**

(42,800 sq. ft.)  
Renovated the entire building without students. Added two classrooms, small group instruction, expanded office and health room area, new kitchen, and multipurpose room; added geothermal HVAC.

The District completed 14 major construction projects totaling approximately 82.5 million dollars from 1986 to 2003. The unmatched cooperation of everyone involved, including students, faculty, administration, school boards, contractors, and support staff helped to insure that projects were successfully completed and schools opened on time. The buildings in the Penn Manor School District are in excellent shape.



*The newly renovated Fred S. Eshleman Elementary School was rededicated on Sunday, September 28 before a standing room only crowd in the new all-purpose room. Participating in the official ribbon cutting ceremony were descendants of Fred S. Eshleman.*

## FFA News

The Manor FFA has been very busy and hard at work. During the weekend of September 12-14, the Poultry team, which consists of Jason Stone, Barb Dickey, Mark Shaibly, and Alyssa Wissler, traveled to Springfield, Massachusetts to compete at The "Big E" Eastern States Exposition, with Pennsylvania finishing in first place. Manor FFA team members placed as follows: Alyssa Wissler - 2nd Gold; Mark Shaibly - 5th Gold; Barb Dickey - 6th Gold; and Jason Stone - 10th Gold. Overall the Manor FFA Poultry team captured first place.

- Just four weeks after school started, it was fair time. Students who raised their animals all summer and completed other projects were finally able to show them off. The Solanco fair was held September 17-19. Kristen Richards earned the Champion Lightweight Market Lamb.

- The West Lampeter Fair was held September 24-26, where Manor FFA members earned over \$98,000 on the sales of their projects and premiums. On Thursday, September 25, the upper classmen judging contest was held, with students from Penn Manor, Solanco, Pequea Valley, Lancaster

Mennonite, and Lampeter-Strasburg High Schools participating in the livestock judging. Benjamin Railing earned first place honors in the event.

### **Champion fair winners were:**

FFA Champion Steer – Erin Eckman

FFA Champion Hog – Andrew Herr

### **Showmanship winners were:**

Jr. Lambs – Kristy Garrett

Jr. Steers – Brittanni Murry

Jr. Hogs – Kami Mull

Sr. Steers – Jami McMichael

- Corey Klinton placed first in the Hershey's Baking Chips Cookie, Brownie, or Bar Contest. Corey is now eligible for the 2004 PA Farm Show competition. Several Manor FFA members entered Floriculture exhibits and placed very well.

- Seniors Jay Shaibly, Michael Hess, Jenna Bleacher, Ben Railing, Kris Enterline, Jen Nickle, Scott Gingrich, and advisor Neil Fellenbaum traveled to Louisville, Kentucky in late October to attend the National FFA Convention. They attended the FFA Career Show and the American Degree Ceremony to see Garrett Neff and Duane Stoner, Manor FFA Alumni, receive their American

FFA Degree. They went on a dinner cruise with the Pennsylvania FFA and received the Two Star National Chapter Award earned by the Manor FFA.

- The Floriculture team also traveled to Louisville to compete at the National FFA Floriculture Career Development Event after placing first at the FFA Activities Week held at Penn State. The team consisting of Lisa Ward, Vanessa Kreider, Kathy Quigg, and Michelle Eckman earned a Gold Award and placed 14th out of a possible 51 teams. Individually, Vanessa earned a Gold Award, Michelle and Kathy earned Silver, and Lisa earned a Bronze award.

- Bobby Bresch was recently named the 2003-2004 Pennsylvania Poultry Ambassador. He will represent Lancaster County and the state of Pennsylvania at poultry functions throughout the state. He will be involved with Ag in the Classroom program and the Farm Show opening ceremony. The Pennsylvania Farm Show is the next big event for Manor FFA. It will be held from Jan 10-18 at the Harrisburg Farm Show Complex.

## Homecoming Queen Crowned



Left to right: Jenna Groff, Lindsey Hager

The 2003 Penn Manor Homecoming Queen was crowned at halftime of the Friday, October 3rd football game against McCaskey. Lindsey Hager was chosen the 2003 homecoming queen with Jenna Groff as first runner-up.

Lindsey Hager is the daughter of Charlie and Kim Hager. Lindsey is a member of the National Honor Society, Prom Committee, Manor Singers, Girls Choir Group, and president of the Ski Club. Lindsey has performed in Entertainment PM and the spring musical as well as at the Dutch Apple Theatre. She can frequently be heard singing the National Anthem at many of the Penn Manor sports events. Lindsey plans to travel to Nashville, TN to pursue her dream of being a country singer.

Jenna Groff is the daughter of Jeffrey Groff and Robin Groff. Jenna is member of the high school band and First Priority Club. She has participated in chorus and spring musicals, and teaches piano lessons. Jenna plans to attend Lancaster General Hospital School of Nursing to pursue a nursing career.

## A Message from the Penn Manor Alumni Association

The mission of the Penn Manor Alumni Association is to promote and support the schools and students of the Penn Manor School District. Through volunteer efforts we endeavor to support education in our schools. Through our Senior Awards we endeavor to support the possibilities in education beyond Penn Manor High School.

The dues and award contributions fund seven Senior Awards each school year. With memorial and estate endowments, we've been able to expand our philanthropy. Please consider helping us with the important work we accomplish by contributing your time, talent, or money.

The Penn Manor Alumni Association address is Box 9, Millersville, PA 17551. We can also be reached via voice mail at the high school: (717) 872-9520, extension 1934.

-Cindy Duncan LaMaster, PMAA President (Class of '74)

# Technology at Penn Manor

by Charlie Reisinger, Director of Technology



In his book *Playing the Future*, author Douglas Ruskoff writes, "Students are natives to cyberspace, where the rest of us are immigrants." Our children are inherently wired to be daring and

fearless of technology in all of its forms. One only needs to observe 2nd grade classes casually building digital slide shows, 6th graders easily creating desktop movies, or high school students exploring advanced concepts with high-tech computer probes to understand how fully engaged our students are in a tech-

nology-rich society.

It is the duty of our schools and our community to focus our children's natural technical ability and curiosity to the point where it becomes an effective tool for life-long learning and productivity. Today's digital society is now exceedingly far removed from the simple industrial world of a mere 10 years ago. It is not enough to simply show a student which button to push. Rather, one must help him or her develop a depth of problem-solving skills so he or she can master not only the technology of 2003, but that of 2020.

My belief is that the role of district technology is to empower both classrooms and the

community. Over the past several years, Penn Manor teachers and staff have responded to this challenge by working diligently to reach a leadership position in technology initiatives impacting students, staff, and the community. Visitors and alumni who tour our district are often taken aback by how technology has become as commonplace as pencil and paper. To underscore this work, Penn Manor has won numerous awards for our unique technology programs and has received both local and national press on several cutting-edge initiatives. Below are some highlights of major district technology accomplishments over the past five years:

**Budget Webcast** – In May of 2000, Penn Manor delivered the state's first live "Town-Meeting" Budget Webcast. The budget webcast was awarded the 2001 Award of Achievement by the Pennsylvania Associations of School Business Officials, and was featured in the national magazine *Electronic-School*.

**Cisco Network Academy** – High school students may enroll in network engineering and web design courses that will prepare them for careers in information technology. High School Network Academy graduates have been honored with numerous awards for their mastery of computer network skills.

**Commencement Webcasts** – Since 2000, Penn Manor is the only school district in central Pennsylvania to provide a live video webcast of high school commencement ceremonies. The live webcast has reached over 600 viewers across the United States and in other countries.

**Community Computer Discount Program** – In order to help maximize student access to technology at home, Penn Manor School District has partnered with CyberWarehouse to offer an exclusive community discount program. District students, staff, parents, and residents are offered 10% off computers and accessories at CyberWarehouse.

**District Website** – Since 1999, Penn Manor has made a significant investment in the quantity of information published for students, teacher, parents, and residents. The website also offers unique content and services, such as complete school board meeting minutes, online tax-payments, online school-lunch payments, and multimedia snapshots of student work and projects. Each month, the website receives over 50,000 unique visits. In 2002, the district's budget website received the Award of Achievement by the Pennsylvania Associations of School Business Officials. The district website was also a finalist for the Central Penn Business Journal's Best of the Web Awards for two straight years.

**Elementary Digital Report Cards** – In October 2003, district elementary teachers began pioneering a new web-based digital report cards system.

**Elementary Mobile Labs** – To increase student access to technology, the district has implemented wireless mobile laptop labs at each elementary school. Students use the mobile Apple iBook laptops for classroom projects involving video, slide shows, spreadsheets, word processing, and Internet research. Through the generosity of the PM Education Foundation, the district was gifted a number of additional iBook laptops to help work toward our goal of one laptop per student.

**Lettergrade** – In December of 2001, Penn Manor became the first public school district to provide real-time online grade and attendance information to parents of students in Grades 7-12. Penn Manor's Lettergrade system is used by hundreds of students and parents on a daily basis and was awarded the 2003 Award of Achievement by the Pennsylvania Associations of School Business Officials.

**Millersville University Network Partnership** – In the autumn of 2000, Penn Manor connected its data network to Millersville University. Millersville University offers first-class Internet connectivity to the district and both schools have collaborated on various network video conference projects.

**NASA Video Conferences and ISS Link** – On multiple occasions, elementary students have conducted live videoconferences with NASA engineers at the Glen Research Center in Ohio. With the assistance of the Southern PA Amateur Radio Club, students at Hambright Elementary were able to speak to astronaut Dan Burch live as he orbited the International Space Station.

**Students Build Computers** – Penn Manor has custom-built PC systems as an alternative to finished computers from Dell or IBM. Students have assisted district technical staff with the process of building over 400 complete computer systems every summer for the past three years. To date, the in-house computer build program has saved the district over \$100,000 and has provided valuable real-world learning experiences for dozens of students.

**Public Classes and Presentations** – Past partnerships with New Horizons and PC Easy have offered PM students, parents, and residents discounts on specialized computer training classes. The district has also offered both free and low-cost technology classes on a number of technology related topics. Additionally, the district has partnered with corporations such as Apple Computer to hold community technology demonstrations.

**Technology Literacy Challenge Fund Grants (TLCF)** – Penn Manor was twice awarded the TLCF grant to fund student-created websites featuring unique Pennsylvania destination. Hambright students produced a virtual tour of President James Buchanan's Wheatland home and high school students prepared a multimedia website detailing their research at the Lancaster County Conservancy's Chanastocka Nature Sanctuary.

Penn Manor has now begun crafting the 2004-2007 strategic plan for technology and laying the foundation for future technology programs and projects. As parent and community involvement is a vital component to all district initiatives, I invite you to visit our online technology survey at <http://www.pennmanor.net>. Your input can help shape the future direction of both instructional classroom technology and programs that may benefit our parents and community members. Please feel free to contact me at [charlie@pennmanor.net](mailto:charlie@pennmanor.net) if you would like to discuss any past or future technology initiatives.



High school students joined with district technology staff to build 185 computers this past summer.

# SPORTS CORNER



## Girls Tennis:

The Penn Manor girls tennis team placed third in Section I. The girls exemplified the finest gamesmanship and sportsmanship anywhere in the country. The team included seniors: Abby Dickerman, Ashley Everhart, Jamie Friedman, Emily Kaufhold, juniors: Allison Altdoerffer, Paige Benfer, Steph Fisher, Kristin Herr, sophomores: Rande Bretherick, Emily Funk, Libby Funk, and freshmen: Katie Chant, Elizabeth Dickerman, Lexa Everhart, Laura Rankin. These girls all played with heart.

In the Lancaster-Lebanon League Flight Tournament Allison Altdoerffer placed fifth in flight one and then qualified for district singles where she lost in two very close and tough sets. Ashley Everhart placed first in flight two and Steph Fisher placed first in flight four. Allison and Steph qualified for district doubles winning their first match but losing the second. Congratulations!

-Coach Miller

## Field Hockey:

The Penn Manor Field Hockey team finished the 2003 season with an overall record of 11 wins, 6 losses and, 1 tie. Senior Britney Long and juniors Lauren Schaefer and Whitney Miller were named to the First Team Lancaster-Lebanon League All-Stars. Other seniors on the team include Jenna Arment and team manager Valerie Foreman. One of the highlights of the season was when the team beat ELCO 2-0 on October 10th, giving Coach Stiklaitis her 200th career win! This was Coach Stiklaitis' last season as she is resigning after 17 years as head coach. The players and the fans will miss her.

## Golf:

The Penn Manor Golf Team, led by seniors Bob Bee, Scott Gingrich, Matt Goudie and Jarred Texter, helped the Comets to their fourth straight winning season with an overall record of 44-26 and Section I record of 16-14. In the Carlisle Invitational the team finished second,

while Jarred Texter fired a course record 66, including five birdies in a row, winning the individual title. Jarred also set a personal, school, and L-L League mark by torching Fairview Golf Course with a bogey free 62, including 6-under 29 on the back side.

The L-L Tournament, held at the Host Resort, saw the four seniors along with junior Kyle Martin and sophomore Ben Rowe place second with a total of 409. This was an outstanding finish. Jarred finished second with 1-under par 70 and Bob made the cut for Districts with an 82.

At the District III tournament at Briarwood East, Bob missed the cut for the second day by one stroke, carding an 80. Meanwhile, Jarred, who shot an opening round 69, appeared to have won the tournament by one stroke after making birdie on the last hole. After being assessed a controversial two stroke penalty, Jarred finished in a tie for second. At the PIAA Championship at Heritage Hills, Jarred could not get anything going. His final tournament of his high school career saw him battle all the way to the end, carding a 76-78-154.

The senior class of Bob, Scott, Matt, and Jarred will be deeply missed.

-Coach Erisman

## Boys Soccer:

Growth and pride are words that can summarize the 2003 Penn Manor boys soccer season. The Comets ended their season with an overall record of 5-9-2 and a Section record of 3-7-2. Section I of the Lancaster-Lebanon League offered a high level of competition, however the Comets fell just one win short of a playoff berth. This would have been their first since the 1995 season.

The 2003 Comets returned eight starters from the 2002 season, including first team all-star, Sean Shover, and team MVP, Alan Smith. The eight starters and host of young talent were joined by Roman Fishchuk, a foreign exchange student from the Ukraine; Jarred Vanderplate, a transfer student; and Chris Douts, a senior at Penn Manor. The new acquisitions played an important role in the Comets' run at a playoff berth.

Senior Sean Shover was named to the Section I first all-star team for the second straight year. Sean was also voted as the team's hardest worker by his coaches and teammates. Senior Travis Masten was named to the Section I second all-star team. His coaches also voted Travis as the team's most coachable player. Other team awards included Junior Zack Charles who was chosen as the most consistent player for the Comets. Sophomore Terry Fry was voted as the most versatile player. Terry also led the team in points the last two seasons and was the only sophomore named to the Section I, second all-

star team. Senior keeper Alan Smith was voted by his teammates as the most valuable player on the team for the second straight year. Alan recorded two shutouts and saved a penalty kick against Warwick with seven minutes to go in the game.

-Coach Eby

## Volleyball:

The Penn Manor Girls Volleyball team finished the regular season with a record of 10-7 and advanced to post season play. Jackie Ochs-Gregory was named to the L-L League all-star first team, Kayla Singleton was named to the all-star second team, and Karrine Riggins was named to the all-star third team. Team awards went to Linda Welch as Defensive Player of the Year, Karrine Riggins, Offensive Player of the Year and Jackie Ochs-Gregory as team MVP.

## Football:

The Penn Manor Football team ended the season with a 2 and 8 record. The team played hard and with great determination and effort throughout a tough season. Jerome Ward was selected to the War of the Roses Game on Thanksgiving. He scored 16 touchdowns this year and had over 900 yards rushing. Andrew Johnson threw to seniors Mickey Pfortsch and Drue Miles who combined for over 45 receptions. The leading tacklers were Dan Ott, Curran Blevins, Corey Frey, and Kevin Stienkirchner. Mickey Pfortsch ended the 2003 season with five interceptions. There were 30 members on the team this year that saw Varsity playing time.

-Coach Maxwell

## Cross Country:

The boys team continues to climb to the top echelon of the league with a 14-7 record. Four runners; Neal Trump, Chris Ecker, Jimmy Walsh, and Evan Slagle, all broke the former Penn Manor home course record. Neal earned a selection to the L-L League Honorable Mention All-Star list and became the first Penn Manor runner from the boys team to qualify for the state meet in almost twenty years. With an outstanding group of freshman team runners coming up, and all but two starters back, the team should be ready for big things next year.

The girls team (7-14), led by Jessie Painter, was riddled by injuries to key performers (Jessie and Kati Musselman) all year. With three freshman starters on the Varsity team, some outstanding freshman team runners moving up, and all of the top five runners back for next year, the girls could be set up for an outstanding season, if everyone can stay healthy. The ultimate success of both teams will be determined by how hard the athletes work in the summer.

-Coach Kaufhold

# "CONQUEST" The Penn Manor Marching Unit 2003 Season

The 2003 Penn Manor Marching Unit was once again under the direction of Mr. Skip Reddig, but this year he was assisted by Miss Christy Hopkins. Referred to by the students as "Miss H", Christy is a graduate of Shepherd College in West Virginia and has been hired by the Penn Manor School District as the assistant high school band director and the elementary instrumental music teacher.

The Marching Unit successfully presented



*Pictured above are Justin Stahl on bass, Daniel Johnson on marimba, Daniel Ledwith (background).*

their unique marching show entitled "Conquest!" – a musical and visual interpretation of the Spanish Conquistadors exploration of Mexico and their confrontation with the powerful Aztec Indian nation. The show began with the rousing "Captain from Castille," by Alfred Newman, signifying the arrival of the conquistadors to South America during the 1500's. "Symphonia Ressurrectus", by David Holsinger, symbolized the religious beliefs of the conquistadors as they brought Catholicism to Mexico. From there, the pounding of tribal drums could be heard in the original composition "Aztec Rituals" showing the ancient and primal beliefs of the Aztec Indians, transitioning into the final number, "Aztec Dance" by H. Owen Reed, a jubilant celebration of this ancient culture.

The Marching Unit was equally successful on the competition field. With a slow start early in the season, the band quickly rebounded with three consecutive first place finishes, a feat not attained by many bands. The unit soared to the top at Carlisle

and Middletown and peaked the season with a surprise upset of many top contenders at the Concord Competition in Frawley Stadium, Delaware.

## THE PENN MANOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM INCLUDES:

### Drum Majors:

Brett Gammache and Rachel Irwin

### Segment Leaders:

Ashley Warfel, Woodwind  
Christine Nickel, Brass

### Section Leaders:

Flute – Kelly Olena  
Alto Sax – Jared Ridinger  
Tenor Sax – Vanessa Kreider  
Trumpet – Will Frey  
Mellophone – Christine LaFleur  
Trombone – Abbie Spinella  
Tuba – Laura Martin  
Drum Line – Adam Flurry  
Pit – Dan Johnson  
Guard – Christy Blaisdell and Chelsee Huber

## Run for Fitness

The 13th annual Penn Manor Elementary Cross-Country "Run for Fitness" took place Saturday, October 4 at the Millersville Boro Park.

Two hundred and seventy-five kindergarten through 6th grade students didn't let the rain dampen their spirits as they raced for individual trophies and the coveted Participation Trophy, which is awarded to the elementary school that has the highest percentage of student body participating in the run. For the second year in a row Eshleman (72 runners, 22%) edged out Central Manor (81 runners, 19%). New Eshleman principal Manny Caulk and physical education teacher Marylou Ruth led the Eshleman runners in a dash to the lower pavilion to celebrate their victory with a pizza party sponsored by Domino's Pizza in Millersville.



Trophies were awarded to the top five boys and top five girls in each grade, courtesy of the Millersville Lions Club. Farmers First Bank sponsored the Participation Trophy.

### 1st Place Boys:

Kindergarten - Eric Snyder (Pequea)  
1st grade - Andrew Flatley (Central Manor)  
2nd grade - RJ Haas (Pequea)  
3rd grade - Ryan Murray (Martic)  
4th grade - Andrew Herr (Eshleman)  
5th grade - Sam Ziegler (Martic)  
6th grade - Kenneth French (Pequea)

### 1st Place Girls:

Kindergarten - Erin Davidson (Pequea)  
1st grade - Mary Kate Wells (Conestoga)  
2nd grade - Greta Lindsley (Pequea)  
3rd grade - Kelly Shertzer (Homeschool)  
4th grade - Monica Herr (Central Manor)  
5th grade - Maddie Hess (Pequea)  
6th grade - Bridgett Reinhart (Letort)

## The Penn Manor Education Foundation Awards \$18,800 in Venture Grants

The Penn Manor Education Foundation (PMEF) was proud to award Penn Manor teachers venture grant funds in early October. PMEF was able to fund 25 projects totaling \$18,800.52. Some of the projects funded include:

- Additional iBook computers for the district's seven elementary schools
- Software to enhance reading comprehension and phonemic awareness skills for early readers
- Hands on science experiences for primary grades
- Artist-In-Resident featuring international Latin dancers for middle school students
- Materials for elementary Parent Resources Centers
- A project combining geometry and miniature golf for high school geometry students
- Production of slides featuring 20th century art for middle school students

A complete list of the venture grant projects can be found on the PMEF website at [www.pennmanor.net/foundation/ach.html](http://www.pennmanor.net/foundation/ach.html).

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.

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## 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
- WJTL - 90.3 FM
- WRKZ - 107 FM
- WGAL - TV Channel 8
- WLYH - TV Channel 15
- WHTM - TV Channel 27
- WITF - TV Channel 33
- WPMT - TV Fox 43

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.

## Penn Manor Pipeline

### Upcoming Events or Dates of Interest

**Monday, January 5, February 2, March 1, and April 5 in Manor Middle School Board Room:**  
- Committee of the Whole Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**Monday, January 12, February 9, and March 8 in Manor Middle Board Room:**  
- Committee of the Whole Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
- School Board Meeting, 8:15 p.m.

**Thursday, December 11** - Combined Middle School Holiday Concert, 7:30 pm at HS

**Wednesday, December 17** - Penn Manor High School Winter Concert, 7:30 pm

**December 24 to January 4** - No School - Holiday Break

**Monday, January 19** - No School

**Tuesday, January 20** - End of the 2nd Marking Period/No School for Secondary Grades (7-12)

**Thursday, February 5** - High School Spring Parents Night, 7:00 pm

**Friday, February 6** - Early Dismissal for Secondary Grades (7-12) only

**Tuesday, February 10** - Middle Level Science Fair at HS

**Friday, February 13** - Hurricane Make-up Day - School is in session

**Monday, February 16** - No School (Snow Make-up Day)

**Thursday, February 19** - High School Course Selection Night - 8th grade, 6:30 pm; Grades 9-11, 7:00 pm

**Tuesday, February 24** - 2004-05 Kindergarten Info Night @ Manor Middle, 7 pm

**Wednesday, February 25** - Elementary Language Bowl - Grades 3 & 4

**Thursday, February 26** - Elementary Language Bowl - Grades 5 & 6

**March 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11** - Kindergarten Registration at selected schools (Please call elementary schools for their scheduled times.)

**Thursday, March 4, Friday, March 5 and Saturday, March 6** - High School Spring Musical, 7:30 pm (Special Matinee Performance March 6, 2:00 pm)

**Friday, March 12** - No School - In-Service Day for Teachers

**Monday, March 15** - No School - Snow Make-up Day