

Penn Manor Students Help Others

The 2005-06 school year started out with images of Hurricane Katrina filling the news. The students and staff at Penn Manor didn't hesitate. The schools started planning ways to help those affected by this natural disaster.

Eshleman Elementary quickly organized a Penny Race collecting \$4,014.30 in pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters. The students also collected several boxes of non-perishable items. Letort Elementary students and staff collected a total of \$2,906.50 that was sent to the American Red Cross for Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund. Conestoga Elementary raised \$2,000 for the same cause.

Students at Hambright Elementary collected spare change and made a donation of \$683 to the American Red Cross. They also collected bars of soap that were sent to relief areas. The learning support class at Central Manor Elementary made beaded bracelets and sold them to family, friends and classmates raising \$300. They sent their check to the Mennonite Disaster Fund. The students at Central Manor also collected toothpaste and sent 6 copier boxes full of toothpaste to a church in the south. Pequea Elementary students raised a total of \$1,845.66 for the hurricane relief effort. Martic Elementary students raised \$1,810 and also collected 839 stuffed animals.

Manor Middle School raised \$8,978.50 for the Port Arthur Education Foundation located in Texas. Students canvassed their neighborhoods to collect donations in a door-to-door campaign. The Manor Student Advisory Council held a Fun Night and raised \$600 to donate to the cause. The Technology Student Association sold "Glow Necklaces" and raised \$50. The faculty and staff participated in a dress down day, raising over \$500. The project was coordinated by Sandy Brown and the Peer Helpers who raised over \$400 by soliciting funds from shoppers at John Herr's Market. In addition, donations were collected at lunch. The Peer Helpers counted

all the money collected. Manor principals, Mike Leichliter (pictured above at left) and Dana Edwards (right) also provided encouragement to the students by offering to camp overnight on the roof of the school if the effort raised more than \$5,000. It was cold the night of September 29 when they pitched their tent and endured the elements in a tribute to those Katrina victims who took refuge on their roofs.



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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.

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



Courage and Commitment

Over the past several years political leaders, educational pundits and the nation's media have given a great deal of attention to high profile testing in schools. A national debate concerning the "No Child Left Behind" legislation continues. Pennsylvania and Lancaster County's attention has been focused on PSSA test scores. But as I have emphasized over and over again in this space, parents

and children expect and deserve so much more from their schools than good test scores.

This edition of "Above and Beyond" highlights the efforts of Penn Manor students who give service to their local communities, their nation and in some cases to their planet. We celebrate our students' social conscience and are proud of their willingness to take action on their beliefs.

Recent events have placed special emphasis on the need for all Americans to develop a sense of social conscience. The terrorist attacks in New York on 9-11, Katrina, Rita and Wilma all have elevated our awareness that we depend upon our countrymen and women for support.

While schools are charged with helping students reach their full

academic potential, each and every member of the Penn Manor community has a stake in making sure that our young people develop the character and the sense of commitment that will help our students grow into responsible adults and civic minded citizens.

The staff of the Penn Manor School District believes that there is much to be learned by helping others. It is for this reason that we proudly share with you the service oriented successes of our students. In a world that seems all too focused on negatives we are proud to demonstrate to you that Penn Manor students have a keen willingness to make positive contributions to their local and their global communities. Penn Manor students will become the heroes who help to overcome our nation's future challenges.

The Feasibility of a K-8 Campus is Explored for Martic Elementary and Marticville Middle

The Penn Manor School Board recently authorized the administration to contract with the architectural firm of Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates (CRA) to conduct a feasibility study for both Martic Elementary School and Marticville Middle School. The purpose of the feasibility study is to explore several options to address the infrastructure, physical plant, and educational resources at each site. The ultimate goal is to make a recommendation that will ensure quality educational facilities for many years to come while being fiscally responsible.

Over the next several months CRA will be gathering survey data from faculty and staff, performing engineering analysis, conducting financial modeling studies, and developing sketch plans. As the study progresses, information sessions will be conducted with families and community members. Your input into this process will be invaluable when considering the most desirable option. These sessions are scheduled as follows:

- **Thursday, January 12 at 6:30 pm**
(snow make-up date is Tuesday, Jan 17)
- **Thursday, March 2 at 6:30 pm**
(snow make-up date is Thursday, March 9)

The meetings will be held in the auditorium at Marticville Middle School.

We will continue to keep you updated on the status of the feasibility study in future editions of this newsletter. A recommendation to the School Board is expected by May.

Tech Department Sponsors Free Seminar

On January 19th, the Penn Manor Information Technology Department is again sponsoring a **free** community and parent presentation titled: "Online Privacy, Safety and Security." We are pleased to be joined by Internet Safety Trainer, Officer Gordon Berlin from the Elizabethtown Police Department. Officer Berlin brings online safety insight from both a law-enforcement and practical perspective. The session will provide information for computer users at all levels of experience and will allow time for audience questions. Due to the adult nature of some topics, parents are advised **not** to bring young children.



Discussion topics include:

- Practical steps to protect your privacy when online
- Recognizing and avoiding phishing and other online scams
- Teen communities such as Xanga
- Cyberbullying and online harassment
- Practical tips on Instant Messaging (IM)
- Computer crimes and online hate groups
- The growing dangers of Spyware, Spam and Crimeware programs
- Computer system patches, service packs and security fixes

Date: January 19th, 2006

Time: 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Place: Manor Middle School Auditorium

For more information contact Charlie Reisinger, Director of Technology at 717-872-9500 ext. 2226 or email at charlie@pennmanor.net

Penn Manor Teacher receives PAGE Award

Linda Deal was recognized this past spring as the Pennsylvania Association of Gifted Education (PAGE) Educator of the Year. She was nominated by Donald Stewart, Superintendent of the Penn Manor School District and received letters of recommendation from colleagues, former students and parents.

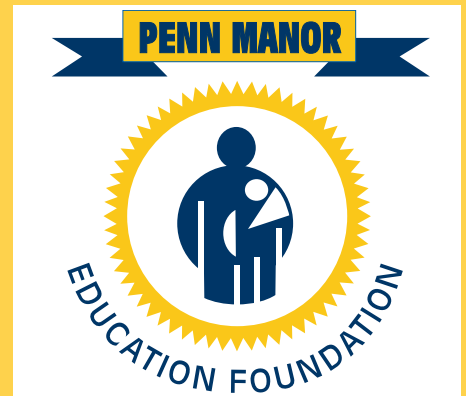
Ms. Deal has been an educator for over 26 years and most of those years have been spent as a teacher of the gifted. She joined the gifted staff at Penn Manor in 1992 and is currently a gifted teacher at Hambright, Central Manor and Pequea elementary schools. She is also very involved in the Lancaster Area Gifted Opportunities and Options Network (LAGOON), a local affiliate of PAGE. In addition, Ms. Deal has published a book, *The Boredom Solution*, targeted for parents of gifted children.

Ms. Deal holds three degrees from Millersville University; a bachelor's in biology, a master's in reading and a master's in gifted education.

She is the mother of two sons: Jack, a physics teacher, and Eric, a captain in the U.S. Army. Both men graduated from Penn Manor High School and Millersville University.



The Penn Manor Education Foundation awards \$18,935.38 to teachers for grants



The Penn Manor Education Foundation (PMEF) awarded \$18,935.38 in venture grants to Penn Manor School District teachers in early October. The PMEF awards funds for projects, materials, field trips and to bring in outside educators and artists based on applications submitted by staff members that are judged to be creative and innovative ideas that will enhance education in the schools. The PMEF was able to fund 34 of the grant applications received.

At the elementary level, *Promoting a Health Lifestyle* will introduce 4th grade students at Hambright to a new fruit and vegetable each month to promote healthier eating choices. Fifth and sixth grade students at Conestoga and Pequea will use a software program in art class that will allow them to use what they know about basic design elements to create and manipulate images. Martic has created a *Reading Oasis* that will encourage students of all grades to embrace reading in all of its genres. The students at Eshleman will be visited by *Jonathon Sprout* who will perform a school-wide assembly that highlights several heroes in our history. *Basic Math Facts Memory Aids* will assist third grade students at Letort in remembering their basic math facts through stories, pictures, rhymes and sensory images. Susan Vollmar, a local wildlife enthusiast, will bring her hands-on lessons on animal groups, migration and hibernation to the kindergarten, first grade and second grade students at Central Manor.

Both Marticville Middle and Manor Middle were awarded grant funds to provide a resource library in the counseling offices. Books, videos, and magazines addressing topics dealing with middle school issues will be available in this lending library. Both schools will be exposed to the art of opera by a nationally recognized Chinese opera troupe, *The Peking Opera*. In addition, Manor will host two well-known authors, Ann Rinaldi, author of historical fiction books targeted to young people, and Ruth White, author of Newberry Honor book *Belle Prater's Boy*.

Penn Manor High School students in the Ecology of the Susquehanna River and Chesapeake Watershed class took a field trip on board the Skipjack Martha Lewis where they learned firsthand about navigation and how local water quality impacts the Chesapeake Bay. The high school newspaper, Penn Points, was awarded funds to upgrade their software to allow the student staff to be involved in all aspects of the publishing process. The students taking the Veterinary Science course will be provided with practical experience working with animals and learning the importance of management, care and recordkeeping. The PMEF grant will allow students to raise rabbits to care for and to observe the genetic traits that are passed onto offspring in subsequent generations. The rabbits will also be used in Pet Therapy programs at local retirement facilities. The students in this class will also take the rabbits to each of the district's seven elementary schools to show the younger students basic care and handling of rabbits.

Since September 2000, the Penn Manor Education Foundation has awarded over \$200,000 for venture grants.

To learn more about the Penn Manor Education Foundation or see a complete listing of the grants funded in October, please visit the website at www.pennmanor.net/foundation. The Penn Manor Education Foundation is a non-profit community based organization, dedicated to enhancing and enriching the educational experiences of the students and faculty in the Penn Manor School District public schools.

PM Athletic Wall of Honor

The 5th class of inductees to the Penn Manor Athletic Wall of Honor was recognized at a banquet on Thursday, October 6 in the Penn Manor High School cafeteria.

Dale “Dutch” Bennetch – Dale taught history at Penn Manor High School and coached baseball at Penn Manor from 1965 until 1996. His teams won Section championships in 1975, 1976, 1977 and 1979. Penn Manor also won the Lancaster-Lebanon League Championship in 1975 and 1976. Coach Bennetch was inducted into the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the Sports Hall of Fame in 1982.

Kim Schlemmer Braun – Kim is a 1990 graduate of Penn Manor where she excelled in Track and Field. She was a 3-time Lancaster-Lebanon League Champion in the 400 meter dash; member of Champion Lancaster-Lebanon League 1600 relay team with Jill Reifsnyder, Erica Hackman and Jenny Perry; 3-time District III Champion in the 400 meter dash. Kim placed 5th (1989) and 3rd (1990) in the PIAA State Championship Meet in the 400 meter dash. She held the Lancaster-Lebanon League record in the 400 meter dash from 1989-2001 with a time of 57.2 seconds set in 1989, which is still a Penn Manor record.

John Suter Hudson – John is a 1974 graduate of Penn Manor High School where he garnered many swimming titles. At Penn Manor, he was the District Champion in the 400 yard freestyle in 1973 and District Champion in the 500 yard freestyle in 1974. In 1974 he placed 2nd in the PIAA State Championship meet in the 500 yard freestyle. He was named Penn Manor’s Outstanding Athlete in 1974.

Harry “Hummer” Stigelman – Harry is a 1956 graduate of Penn Manor High School. He had an outstanding career in soccer, basketball and baseball while attending Penn Manor. He lettered in soccer (1954); baseball (1954,55,56); basketball (1954,55,56). He was voted to the 2nd team All-County in basketball in '56 while averaging 19.2 points per game and was a 2nd team All-Star in baseball in '55. He was voted Outstanding Athlete at Penn Manor in 1956.



Front row from left - John Hudson, Kim Braun, Curt Snelbaker, Harry Stigelman. Back row from left - Dale Bennetch, William Koenig, Andrew Long, Joel Meisenbach, Chris Telesco, Jarod Staub and Jason Waldo

Penn Manor Boys’ Volleyball Team 1998 – The 1998 Penn Manor Boys’ Volleyball Team had a regular season record of 16-0 matches; 32-2 games. They were tournament champions at the Comet Clash, Panther Classic and Warrior Invitational. Several members of the team were named to All-Section, All-District and All-State teams. The roster of players on the 1998 volleyball team included Derrick Ament, Austin Kibler, William Koenig, Justin Lehman, Andrew Long, Luke Mason, Joel Meisenbach, David Rachor, Jarod Staub, Wesley Stone, Chris Telesco, Adam Van Leer, Jason Waldo, Head Coach – Ric See, Assistant Coach – Curt Snelbaker

Athletes can be nominated for the Athletic 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 chosen for the Wall of Honor based on the information presented on the nomination form.

Penn Manor Students Help Others



The service clubs at Marticville Middle School (Honor Society, Peer Helpers, Serteen and Sunshine Club) adopted a school affected by Hurricane Katrina and collected backpacks for the students. 94 backpacks were collected and filled with school supplies, personal hygiene items, nonperishable snacks and a handmade card. These were packed up and shipped to D'Iberville Middle School in D'Iberville, Mississippi.

At the high school, the students and clubs are always busy with service learning projects. The Class of 2006 held a charity concert called *Hard Rock into Homecoming* which featured six Penn Manor bands. The proceeds were split between the American Red Cross for Katrina Relief Fund and a local family in need.

The 9th grade Family and Consumer Science Skills classes are studying philanthropy. The students held a chili cook-off with the proceeds going towards materials for the students to make wee care gowns for premature babies and cancer caps for chemotherapy patients.

High school students, Amanda Charles, Christine Felegi, Janelle Felegi, Kent Mylin, Josh Tucker, Marybeth Henry along with Greg McGough's English class collected over 1,500 stuffed animals for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The annual Powder Puff football game between junior girls and senior girls added a new feature. This year the boys voted to the Powder Puff King Court collected money to help a district family in need and the Water Street Rescue Mission.

The high school student council collected \$700 for Hurricane Katrina victims at the first home football game of the year. The Penn Manor Marching Unit passed collection buckets at this year's Kick-Off Classic and raised over \$400 which was sent to the American Red Cross.

The Serteen Club at the high school sponsored Katrina collection jars and a "dress-down" day and collected \$1,548.03. The

March of Dimes "Blue Jeans for Babies" program brought in \$540. The Serteen students also participated in Trick or Treat for UNICEF and collected \$692. The annual UDS (United Disabilities Services) Shootout was held on November 12 and Serteen was able to raise \$2,000 for this worthy cause.

The Peer Helpers at the high school planned events for Red Ribbon Week to remind students to stay healthy and drug-free. The group also organized a New Students' Reception for all those students new to Penn Manor High School. The students had a chance to meet each other and each received a ticket to a home boys' basketball game to encourage them to become involved in their new school.

Schools, classrooms, service groups, and clubs are already planning warm clothing drives, food drives, and volunteer programs to help those less fortunate during the coming holidays.

"Adopt-A-Soldier" is a district-wide program initiated by Quay Hanna, a consultant, who works with tolerance and diversity issues, pairs a Penn Manor graduate serving state-side or overseas in the military with a Penn Manor classroom. Over 35 soldiers have been adopted with additional classrooms waiting for a soldier to adopt. If you know of a soldier who would appreciate receiving mail from Penn Manor students, please email Quay Hanna at quay.hanna@pennmanor.net.

The students in the Penn Manor School District show everyday that they are students that everyone in the district can be proud of.



A.J. Lease and Lauryn Goldberg pose with some of the food collected by members of the ITS Club for "Trick or Treat so Kids Can Eat" program. All food was donated to the Central PA Food Bank.

15th Annual Penn Manor Elementary Run For Fitness

Eshleman Elementary runners showed up in force on Sunday, October 2, in the Millersville Boro Park for the 15th running of the Penn Manor Elementary Run for Fitness. With 51% of the student body running (159 runners) Eshleman retained the Traveling Championship Participation Trophy for another year. Central Manor was 2nd with an outstanding 31% (140 runners); Pequea 3rd with 21% (87 runners). There were 532 runners (21% of the entire elementary school enrollment) who participated in the 1 mile run on a beautiful, sunny afternoon. The Penn Manor High School and Middle School Cross-Country teams led the races. The Millersville Lions Club sponsored the event buying trophies for the top 5 boys and girls in each grade. Elementary PTO's supported the event by purchasing ribbons. Domino's and Turkey Hill provided pizza and drinks for the runners. First place winners are listed below.

Kindergarten Boys

Colin Morrison, Conestoga

Kindergarten Girls

Hanna Brown, Letort

1st Grade Boys

Jonah Barley, Letort

1st Grade Girls

Selina Mentzer, Martic

2nd Grade Boys

Joel Burkholder, Central Manor

2nd Grade Girls

Erin Davidson, Pequea

3rd Grade Boys

Tanner Erisman, Central Manor

3rd Grade Girls

Kirsten Gibson, Central Manor

4th Grade Boys

Brett Caggiano, Pequea

4th Grade Girls

Alisa Herr, Eshleman

5th Grade Boys

Kevin Reinhart, Letort

5th Grade Girls

Kelly Shertzer, Central Manor

6th Grade Boys

Andrew Herr, Eshleman

6th Grade Girls

Rachel Shetler, Martic



School Concerts will brighten your holidays



The winter weather brings holiday music to the auditorium at Penn Manor High School. During December, the public is invited to attend the scheduled holiday concerts free of charge.

The two middle schools, Manor Middle and Marticville Middle, will combine for a holiday concert featuring the band, string orchestra, and chorus on Thursday, December 15, at 7:30 pm in the high school auditorium. Highlights of the musical selections for the 110 member band are "A Christmas Tribute" and "Sleigh Ride." Two of the string orchestra's five selections will be "The Bells of Christmas" and "Christmas Classics," and the 200 member chorus will entertain with "Jingle Bell Swing" and "A Wreath of Carols" among others.

The much anticipated Penn Manor High School holiday concert will take place on Wednesday, December 21, at 7:30 pm. The band performance includes the popular "Up On A Housetop" and "Oh Come All Ye Faithful." The high school chorus program includes audience favorites "Winter Wonderland" and Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus." The orchestra will entertain with "Selections from the Polar Express" which will include several Penn Manor alumni, faculty and community members joining the high school musicians. The orchestra's rendition of "'Twas the Night Before Christmas" will feature Superintendent Donald Stewart as the narrator. Don't miss the chance to hear the sounds of season!

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Inclement Weather

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- WDAC 94.5 FM
- WROZ 101.3 FM
- WLAN 1390 AM
- WQXA 105.7 FM
- WJTL 90.3 FM
- WMHV 106.7 FM
- WARM 103 FM
- WIOV 105 FM
- WLAN 97 FM
- WSBA 910 AM
- WCAT 102.3 FM
- KISS 99.3 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 will generally be dismissed first followed by elementary. Unanticipated weather conditions or other factors may require alterations in the procedures as described above. Parents should have an emergency plan prepared in case of early dismissal.

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Penn Manor Pipeline

Upcoming Events or Dates of Interest

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| Monday, December 5 | Committee of the Whole Meeting 7 p.m.
School Board Meeting 8:15 p.m. |
| Wednesday, December 7 | Elementary Strings Holiday Concert @ 7 p.m. at PMHS |
| Thursday, December 15 | Combined Middle School Holiday Concert @ 7:30 @ PMHS |
| Wednesday, December 21 | High School Winter Concert @ 7:30 p.m. @ PMHS |
| Monday, December 26-Friday, December 30 | Winter Vacation - NO SCHOOL |
| Monday, January 2 | Snow Make-up Day or No School |
| Monday, January 9 | Committee of the Whole Meeting 7 p.m.
School Board Meeting 8:15 p.m. |
| Monday, January 16 | NO SCHOOL |
| Friday, January 20 | End 2nd marking period - No School for Grades 7-12 ONLY (day off floats with the end of the marking period) |
| Thursday, February 2 | HS Spring Parent's Night in auditorium 7:00 p.m. |
| Friday, February 3 | District Early Dismissal (No PM Kindergarten) |
| Monday, February 6 | Committee of the Whole Meeting 7 p.m. |
| Tuesday, February 7 | Kindergarten Information Night @ Manor MS 7:00 pm |
| Monday, February 13 | Committee of the Whole Meeting 7 p.m.
School Board Meeting 8:15 p.m. |
| Friday, February 17 | Snow Make-up Day or No School |
| Monday, February 20 | Snow Make-up Day or No School |
| Thursday, February 23 | HS Course Selection Night 6:30/8th grade - 7:00/grades 9-11 |
| Thursday, March 2, Friday, March 3 and Saturday, March 4 | HS Spring Musical 7:30 |
| Monday, March 6 | Committee of the Whole Meeting 7:00 p.m. |
| Monday, March 13 | Committee of the Whole Meeting 7:00 p.m.
School Board Meeting 8:15 p.m. |
| Friday, March 17 | Snow Make-up Day or No School |
| Monday, March 20 | Snow Make-up Day or No School |

All Committee of the Whole and School Board Meetings are held in the district board room at Manor Middle School.