



A Message from the Superintendent

I have now been a part of the Marple Newtown School District for one school year and can see why our school district has a tradition of excellence. I am supported by a community that values education and have a wonderful administrative, professional and support staff. They deliver an educational program that strives to meet the needs of all types of students.



Our School Board, administration, teachers, support staff and parents are committed to support our mission: to prepare each student for a productive, responsible life in a diverse global community by creating an educational environment that fosters personal excellence. I am working collaboratively with our School Board and my administration to develop a master plan to renovate school district facilities. The goal of this plan will be to support quality learning for our pupils tomorrow and well into the future.

I am delighted to share the accomplishments and initiatives of our students and staff. You will see many wonderful examples of our success throughout this community newsletter. I feel proud that I have met my goals for the 2005-2006 school year: to enhance communication and public relations, to encourage the use of technology in creative ways to increase student achievement and to renew a sense of community pride in our school district. I plan to build upon what I have initiated this year and will continue to find ways to ensure that Marple Newtown is one of the finest school districts in Pennsylvania.

Please actively support our students and our school district. Together we can ensure that educational excellence and student achievement remain the hallmarks of the Marple Newtown School District.

Sincerely,
Merle Horowitz

Paxon Hollow Receives the 2005-06 Pennsylvania Middle School Association's Don Eichhorn Outstanding Middle School Award

On Sunday, March 19, 2006, Dr. Stephen Subers, Principal of Paxon Hollow Middle School accepted the Don Eichhorn Award for Outstanding Middle School. Paxon Hollow is one of three middle schools of the 501 districts in Pennsylvania to be recognized for their efforts. The award is in honor of Dr. D. Eichhorn, a native of Pennsylvania, and one of the founding fathers of the middle school movement.

Paxon Hollow Middle School incorporates the 14 Essential elements of a middle school outlined by the National Middle School Association, including courageous, collaborative leadership, high expectations, a challenging curriculum, and multifaceted guidance and support services. A complete list of the 14 Essential elements can be found on the Pennsylvania Middle School Association website: (<http://www.pmsaweb.org/files/DON-EICHHORN.rtf>). In addition to the rigorous academic program, a comprehensive arts related program is offered to meet the needs and interests of all students.

For further information, please contact:

Dr. Stephen Subers, Principal, PHM School Phone: (610) 359-4320 Fax:(610) 353-4061

"I am so proud of the Paxon Hollow Middle School community! This outstanding award is a tribute to the administration, professional staff, support staff, students and parents. Everyone works collaboratively to foster a wonderful educational program for our middle school students," said Merle Horowitz, Superintendent of Schools.

Summer Reading: The Marple Newtown School District requires a Summer Reading Program in all schools. More information about Summer Reading Requirements are online. Elementary Schools are available at www.mnsd.net/reading PHMS is available at www.mnsd.net/phms/library/required.html MNHS is available at: www.mnsd.net/mnhs/summer.html

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MARPLE NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL WINS 2006 HIQ

Congratulations to our HIQ team, the 2005/2006 Delaware County Champs! With one question remaining, the three teams, Marple Newtown, Garnet Valley, and Delaware County Christian, were a mere 3 points apart. Marple Newtown was first to buzz in the correct answer to a very difficult algebra question, and clinched the title. The team was



awarded the Donna Zerby trophy. Team members Hallie Treadway (Captain), Marisa Felsher, Joey Mansky, Dan Albert, Roashan Ayene, Jen Dailey and Jason Pan, were led by Coach Deb Bonder and Assistant Coach and 2004 Championship team member Chris Buttarò.

Hallie Treadway was named to the All Delco Team

The Delco HI-Q is the oldest continuous academic quiz competition in the United States. Twenty-one Delaware County High Schools participate in Delco HI-Q. Questions are prepared from 14 subjects, such as literature, world history, physics and mathematics.

1st ANNUAL ARTS GALA



On April 28th the 1st Annual Arts gala to support the Tiger Foundation was held at Marple Newtown High School. The \$12,000 that was raised this evening will be allocated back into the schools to benefit the children.

The halls of the high school were brought to life with the student's artwork and the auditorium was filled with magic from the performances of over 500 students. From the jazz band to the individual performances, it was quite an evening to support the efforts of our children and showcase their talents! It is only through the efforts of our volunteers that we are capable of holding such events like the Gala.

An active school community makes this event, as well as other events possible, which ultimately benefits our students. Once again, we would like to thank the following businesses for their continued support:

Fellini Café Trattoria – Media, Luigi & Giovanni Catering, Soprano's Deli & Catering, Alberto's Authentic Italian Cuisine and Steakhouse, Giampino's Cucina Italiana – Havertown, Charlotte's Restaurant, Casey's Seafood Grille & Pub, Hill's Quality Seafood, Fresco Pizza & Grill, Mrs. Marty's Deli, Mom's Bake at Home Pizza, Hot Spot Diner, Valentino's Restaurant, Thunderbird Steakhouse & Pizza, Heavenly Ham, Alfredo's Pizza, Campo Dei Fiori Italian Bistro, Upper Crust Pizza, Broomall Pizza, Wings to Go, Incredibly Edible Delites, Produce Junction, Weinrich Bakery, Jacqueline's Bakery, Swiss Farms, Starbucks, Dunkin' Donuts – Bryn Mawr, B & E Sportswear, Nuss Printing, Taylor Rental NSQ, Accents by Michele, Andy's Newtown Square Flower Shop, Lotus Flower Shop, Natalie's Floral Boutique, Leary's Florist, Giant, Acme, Wawa, Pepperidge Farm Stores, Liberty Paper Products

SPONSOR-A-SCHOLAR

On Tuesday May 23, Merle Horowitz, Superintendent of Schools, held a recognition ceremony to introduce the new **Sponsor-A-Scholar Program**. This meeting brought the sponsors, mentors, students and families together for the first time. The class of 2009 currently has 9 students that have been sponsored by the Marple Newtown business community, members of the Board of School Directors, and Merle Horowitz.

The Sponsor-A-Scholar program pairs a student with a sponsor and mentor during their four years of high school. This program is a partnership between the school district and the business community to reach out to young scholars and aid them in their pursuit of a college education.

The Sponsor has a financial commitment to the student to aid in the costs of a college education. The Mentor serves as a role model and motivator for the student. The mentor can be from the sponsor's organization or will be assigned from the school district's administrative or professional staff. The students are selected by a set of criteria, such as financial need, GPA, interest and intention of a college education. The number of students selected is determined by the number of sponsors in that given year.

There are 3 levels of Financial Sponsorship:

Gold Sponsor \$1000/yr for 4 yrs.
Silver Sponsor \$750/yr for 4 yrs.
Bronze Sponsor \$500/yr for 4 yrs.

Please contact Robin Wallin at 610.359.4256 or rwallin@mnsd.org for additional information.



NEWS FROM CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

CURRICULUM MAPPING

Curriculum Maps help teachers, administrators and parents answer the questions that many ask regarding our students' learning: What do my students know? What did they study last year? What are they studying in the classrooms throughout the district? How do I help my students understand the connections between my subject and others? They are easy to read snapshots of the educational activities taking place in classrooms across the district.

The first level of maps are called "Consensus Maps" and reflect the key concepts, aligned to Pennsylvania Standards, that will be taught in each course. While consensus maps reflect the key concepts that will be taught in each course, this does not imply that by using a map, every teacher at each grade level or content area will be teaching the exact same thing on the exact same day throughout the school (and district). One of the goals of curriculum mapping is to collect and make available district-wide, the best instructional options for teachers as they work through a part of the map. For a variety of reasons, teachers may be in different "units" from other teachers, or they may choose different lessons designed to achieve the same performance objectives. These are not lock-step maps. If you would like more information about our district's curriculum mapping process, please call the Office of Curriculum & Instruction, 610.359.4264 or [The Curriculum Mapping Implementation Chart](#) is available on the web site.

The Art of Studying is a reference guide developed by the Office of Curriculum and Instruction for students and parents. It will help students learn efficient and effective study skills and is available on the website.

Elementary Summer Program — We are pleased to announce that Marple Newtown will be offering its outstanding Elementary Summer Reading, Math & Writing program once again this year. Children who will be entering 1st through 6th grades in the fall can take Reading or Math. Students entering 2nd through 6th grades can take Writing Enrichment. Children may be enrolled in 1, 2 or 3 classes. Each class is 1 hour, 3 days a week, for 5 weeks. Classes of typically 5 to 8 students with similar skill levels are taught by experienced and caring teachers in a fun learning environment.

Middle & High School Summer Program — The Marple Newtown Summer School program has been designed for middle or high school students seeking restoration or enrichment. The program of summer courses will provide an opportunity to achieve high school credit for courses previously taken or to learn new skills. **Restoration Subjects** are for the student who must retake and pass a required course or for the student who is seeking improvement in academic areas. **Enrichment Subjects** are Honors level full credit courses for those students who wish to develop skills independent of the academic curriculum. All classes will be held at Marple Newtown High School.

NUTRITION UPDATE:

Proper nutrition and adequate physical activity have tremendous implications for students' academic achievement and long term health. The school environment has a powerful influence on students and can help create and promote healthy habits and behaviors. School staff must teach, support, and model a healthy lifestyle.

The Marple Newtown School District adopted a student wellness policy that incorporates State Nutrition Standards on April 25, 2006. The Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 requires wellness policies to be developed in schools. One requirement of the law is that nutrition guidelines exist for all foods available at each school during the school day. A collaborative effort to generate a policy to meet state guidelines was done by a district committee comprised of administrative staff, teachers, nurses, cafeteria workers, parents and students. The objectives of the policy are to promote student health and reduce childhood obesity. For the school year (2006-07), please refer to the district website, www.mnsd.net, to review the Wellness Policy, #246, and Nutritional Standards for foods and snacks in PA schools.

Promotions of healthy foods, including fruits, vegetables, whole grains and low fat products are encouraged. Food and drinks such as cookies, cupcakes, candy, brownies, donuts and carbonated soft drinks that have traditionally been offered in vending machines and in the cafeteria for daily snacks will be replaced with more nutritious items meeting nutritional guidelines. Suggested snack foods include: Fresh fruits, raisins and other dried fruits, sliced raw vegetables, whole grain crackers and breads, dry cereal (main ingredient not sugar), granola bars, hard and soft pretzels, popcorn and drinks that are 100% fruit juice.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

The Pennsylvania Middle School Association in partnership with Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency sponsored a "poster contest" for middle level students. Theme: "What I Discovered in the Discovering Module at Education Planner.org". Students visited and explored the website www.educationplanner.org to learn more about themselves (i.e. learning style, personality type, and career options). Then, they created a poster based on their experiences and results. Students had the option to use paint, colored pencils or markers; no computer graphics or letters.

On May 10, 2006 PHEAA presented a \$2,000 check to Paxon Hollow Middle School in honor of students, Lexie Abel and Lauren Rutecki for winning the career development poster contest. In addition, they presented both girls with sweatshirts from Villanova. Mrs. Holly Dunleavy is the Career and Computer Teacher at PHMS that leads the outstanding Career awareness program. Shown in photo receiving the check: Steve Subers, Principal, Merle Horowitz, Superintendent, Lauren Rutecki, Cheryl Browning, Regional Director PHEAA, Lexie Abel, Mrs. Holly Dunleavy.



APPLAUSE

- Delaware County Reading Council Awarded 26 MNSD students in grades 1-8 with the Young Author's Award. The Award named for Dr. Nicholas Spennato is designed to heighten interest in writing among Delaware County pupils, in grades 1-8. The children are given a certificate of excellence, a bound book of the best writing, and a presentation by a children's author. This year, Dan Gutman, author of many sports themed books, visited all 4 MNSD elementary schools.
- Literacy Lifeboat, a program to aid the victims of Hurricane Katrina, collected 40 boxes of books from all the Marple Newtown schools and delivered to the Gulf area.
- Marple Newtown School District and the USDA Forest Service are working together to promote conservation and environmental literacy through an "Adopt a School" partnership. This year's \$1000 grant provided by the Forest Service is being used at Loomis Elementary School to purchase and plant 5 beautiful trees.
- The Asperger's Class of Worrall Elementary filmed its own version of a local news cast called "ACTION-7"! The team was interviewed and was featured by Rick Williams, Channel 6 News Anchor, on his monthly program Fast Forward on April 29th.
- Amy Cander, a Loomis 5th grader, won a silver medal at the 24 Challenge Regional Math Championship Finals which were held at the Franklin Institute on June 5, 2006.
- Angela Matt from Loomis Elementary is a candidate for "Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year".
- Paxon Hollow Middle School's Lemonade Bowl raised \$14,000 for Alex's Lemonade Stand on 4/19. This event was a joint effort between Paxon Hollow and Haverford Middle School. The total amount raised by both the Potter Cup and Lemonade Bowl exceeds \$65,000.
- PHMS teacher, Holly Dunleavy, was awarded the 2006 Certificate of Achievement for her outstanding career Awareness Program from the PA School Counselors Association.
- MNHS participated in the second annual High School Science Symposium sponsored by The Walter and Leonore Annenberg Conference Center for Medical Education at Lankenau Hospital. The students were presented with the award for "Best Didactic Presentation".
- Chris Landi, MNHS Senior, was a finalist for the 2006 All USA High School Musicians. The All-USA High School Musicians was created to recognize the top 100 high school-age musicians from across the nation for their exceptional musical achievement, academic prowess and community involvement. Each member received a scholarship toward pursuing his or her musical studies.
- Samantha Stephenson, a sophomore at MNHS and in the Early Childhood Education Program at the Delaware County Technical Schools received a silver medal in the Focus on Children competition by FCCLA. FCCLA stands for Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America which encourages students in Career and Technical Education to promote personal growth and develop leadership skills.
- Jennifer Dailey and Kathryn Biehl from MNHS were selected to participate in the Pennsylvania Governor's Schools of Excellence. Sponsored by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Education, the Pennsylvania Governor's Schools of Excellence are five-week-long summer residential programs on college campuses committed to meeting the educational needs of artistically or academically talented high school students, including the gifted.
- MNHS students under the direction of Laura Gambone and Mollie Fahnstock collected 6,256 books and donated them to the Norristown Area School District.

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

The **Marple Newtown Athletics Hall of Fame** welcomes 4 new inductees:

Charlie Kennedy (Class of 1974)

Wendy Smith (Class of 1978)

Bill Maas (Class of 1980)

Ashleigh Haas (Class of 2001)

Many of our students have achieved excellence in Fall, Winter and Spring sports. We would like to congratulate all students who have participated in sports-related programs in our schools !

Here are the highlights of some of the Achievements in the MNSD:

Marple Newtown High School:

MNHS Central League Sportsmanship Awards for Varsity Football, Varsity Boy's Volleyball and Varsity Boy's Basketball District One AAA Championship Cross Country and All-State Cross Country—Natalie Finnerty

PA All Academic Field Hockey—Lauren Albero, Kristin Anderson, Meghan Cantwell

National All Academic Field Hockey—Lauren Albero

Maxwell Football Award—Matt Moccia

Daily Times Tennis Player of the Year—Katie D'Ambrosia

All District One AA First Team Swimming and All State Honorable Mention Swimming—Doytchin Panayotov

Stu Nathans Scholarship Award Wrestling—Matt Moccia

Congressman Curt Weldon Award—Elaine Yeh and Sean Spratt

Sportsmanship Award—Central League Boy's Lacrosse - Jake Becker

Herbert Rathey Awards—Christie Wienckowski and Sean Spratt

Paxon Hollow Middle School:

The Tiger's Lair Scholar athletes—Kevin Deegan and Kate Homa

The PTO scholar athletes—Tony Leon and Jane Carpenter.

The 8th grade baseball team was 12-2; Tony Leon pitched a perfect game vs. Richardson

The 7th grade baseball team went undefeated with a 12-0 record

Elementary Schools:

Culbertson David Schultz Award—Kelsey Hoekstra, Evan Ronen

Russell Lois Bortle Outstanding Sportsmanship Award – Brendan Morrow

The Marple Newtown Tigers are the PIAA Class AAA District One softball champions. The team is led by Coach Sue Salerno assisted by Bob Salerno, Michelle Salerno and trainer Mark Diabauldo. To win the championship they defeated the higher seeded teams Lansdale Catholic and St. Basil, then the Tigers went on to upset Great Valley, 10-8, at West Chester East on June 3 to win the title.

The Tigers went on to the first round of the PIAA State Tournament against Muhlenberg.

Team members include:

Amanda Andrews, Lauren Brubaker, Kate Dailey,

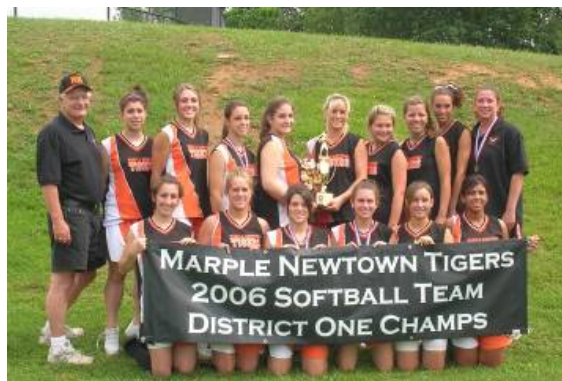
Kristen Gallagher, Hannah Hewes, Ally Homa,

Lauren Kowalski, Jessica Lubragge,

Monica Milanovich, Becca O'Donnell,

Michele Palumbo, Elise Rosanio,

Julie Sebastian, Randi Wozniak



TECHNOLOGY IN OUR SCHOOLS

- A growing number of MNSD teachers are updating their Teacher Web pages to enhance communication between school and home. Teacher web pages for all the schools can be found at: <http://www.yourclasspage.com/6103594200/>
- Global Connect is a phone notification system being utilized to contact parents for school activities and events. In an emergency, over a thousand phone calls can be made in fewer than two minutes!
- Grade Quick is our **new online** grading system for secondary grades and attendance. Parents and students will be receiving passwords to access their grades and attendance online beginning late fall of 2006.
- We are currently using a growing number of exciting, interactive software programs to enhance learning, such as Kid Biz / Achieve 3000, Plato, and Wordsmart.
- [netTrekker](http://www.nettrekker.com) is an academic search engine that is safe, fast and easy to use. It includes over 180,000 educator selected online resources organized by readability level. It can be accessed from school or home by going to <http://www.nettrekker.com> and putting in one of the following usernames & passwords:
 - High School Level -- username mnsdhs; password student
 - Middle School Level -- username mnsdms; password student
 - Elementary Level -- username mnsdes; password student
- The District will be renewing its license for Worldbook Online for the entire community! During the past 12 months, over 6,000 searches have been conducted on this excellent service, and over 500 of them were done from homes. Families can access Worldbook Online by going to: <http://www.worldbookonline.com/> and logging in as follows:
username = marplenevtown password = student
- A computerized Point of Sale system for collecting money for school lunches is installed at all the schools. Parents may deposit money in their child's lunch money account, and forget about hunting for change in the morning!
- There have been over 150 sign-ups for District-sponsored technology workshops this summer. Faculty will receive training in various topics including Smartboard, Desktop Publishing, Powerpoint, Gradequick, and Internet activities.



2006 RETIREES

Don Ash, Central Administration
Leon Adams, Culbertson
Ellie Murray, Culbertson
Eva Werner, Culbertson
Tom Gallagher, District
Dave Heit, Food Services
Clinton Cox, Paxon Hollow
Cheryl Ferguson, Paxon Hollow
Carol Lutters, Paxon Hollow
Judith Busch, Loomis Elementary Principal
Eleanor Gorman, Russell
Ed Aiken, Transportation
Jerry Cook, Transportation
Jack Lennon, Transportation
Roy Mounce, Transportation
Harry Murphy, Transportation
George Tittermary, Transportation
Shirley Rubino, Worrall
Jim Turner, Worrall
Leslie Virgilio, Worrall

We thank all of these retirees for their dedication and service to the MNSD.

Sovereign Bank & Junior Achievement Educate and Inspire High School Seniors

Sovereign Bank's Carl Needles, Regional Exec. Sr. Vice President, and Anthony Ryan, Area Manager Vice President, and Junior Achievement conducted a three day program with more than 270 MNHS Seniors and 23 team members from Sovereign Bank and Junior Achievement.

Sovereign Bank and Junior Achievement present JA Titan, a program in which volunteers spend the morning educating and inspiring students to value free enterprise, business and economics. JA Titan is a web-based business simulation set in the year 2030, where CEO's compete to get the new fictional Holo-Generator™ to market before the competition. Volunteers used JA's Titan software to teach students how to make price, production, capital investment, marketing and research and development decisions. Students gained a life experience that improved their understanding of business and ability to formulate strategies.

MNHS had some of the highest scores in PA, they advanced to the national competition.



Sovereign Bank and Junior Achievement volunteers with John Sanville, Principal MNHS, Merle Horowitz, Superintendent, and Stan Piccara, Director Secondary Education

School Happenings



A Spring Jubilee, in recognition and appreciation of those employees who have served the District for 25 years or more, and to honor those who retired this year was held on Sunday, June 11. A few of the retirees are photographed below.



Merle Horowitz & Judith Busch, Loomis Principal
 Cheryl Ferguson, Steve Subers, Carol Lutters, PHMS
 Merle Horowitz, Joe Driscoll, Dave Heit, Food Services Manager
 Merle Horowitz, Dr. Linda Bluebello, Leslie Virgilio, Worrall
 Merle Horowitz, Dr. Linda Bluebello, Jim Turner, Worrall
 Merle Horowitz, Tom Cook, Ellie Murray, Reading Specialist, Culbertson

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Rededication of Harry R. Harvey Field

Harry R. Harvey was a teacher, coach, and athletic director at Marple Newtown High School in a career that spanned five decades from the 1920's to the 60's. Mr. Harvey was not only the first football coach and athletic director; he coached all men's sports and took great pride in Marple Newtown High School, the athletic program, and the fields. Mr. Harvey was present at the original field dedication on Thanksgiving Day 1957 where the MN Tigers defeated the Springfield Cougars 26 to 0. Legend has it that while the high school was on fire, Mr. Harvey entered the building to retrieve the football gate receipts.

