

# TULPEHOCKEN TIMES



## SPRING ISSUE



### TULPEHOCKEN FFA NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION - INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Tulpehocken FFA members attended the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. At the convention there were roughly 70,000 FFA members from all over the United States. During the convention, our members attended leadership workshops, a career success tour at an 80,000 square foot Case Industries Facility, and a career and industry networking fair. During the trip, members were able to meet up with our school board President, Oscar Manbeck and his wife Sandy, at Ozark Fisheries where they toured a hatchery focused on goldfish and coy production.



Mr. Manbeck was also attending the convention as the 1969 American Star Farmer of America and judge of this year's American Star Farmer of America Award.

Members were able to experience agriculture on a national scale, network with other members around the country, and meet with countless future employers during their time at the convention.

### REGIONAL CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

Congratulations to Abigail Brubeck for placing 1<sup>st</sup> and Makayla Barrett for placing 4<sup>th</sup> in Horse Evaluation, Kyla Ebersole for placing 2<sup>nd</sup> and to Camden Gehris for placing 4<sup>th</sup> in Forestry, Adam Mays for placing 4<sup>th</sup> in Aquatics, Maddie Marous for placing 6<sup>th</sup> in Interview, and Leah Zielinski for placing 9<sup>th</sup> in Nursery Landscape. Great Job!

### DAIRY LEADERS OF TOMORROW FARM TOUR

On Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, local highschool students in the Berks County area had the chance of visiting three innovative and model of excellence dairy farms, which was sponsored by the Center for Dairy Excellence. The three farms that were toured were Vistagrand Farm in Fleetwood, Way-Har Farm Market in Bernville, and Zahn Croft Dairy in Womelsdorf. At these farms, students learned the workings of a dairy farm and the careers associated with the agriculture industry. The FFA would like to thank Brittany Snyder and the Center for Dairy Excellence.



### PA PREFERRED DAY

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, during lunches at the high school, Pure Wild Tea and Stoudt's Orchard had information booths along with samples to showcase PA Preferred food products.

This event was planned by Ms. Jillian Bergman, Tulpehocken's Food Service Director and Tulpehocken FFA.

PA Preferred Day was developed to identify and promote food and agricultural products grown, produced, or processed in Pennsylvania.



## SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER



Greetings Tulpy Family!!

A few months ago, the Berks County superintendents sat with state legislators to discuss major issues that are impacting education. We spoke about topics from school safety and mental health to property tax reform to cyber/charter school reform. As we dialogued about these important topics, one thing became clear – the need for advocacy for public education. Education is the single greatest line item in the state budget and each year draws much debate on how we fund and finance our schools. Next to religion and politics, schools are probably the most talked about topic at dinner tables and holiday gatherings.

I often get asked how one can help or impact schools. My answer to that is being an advocate for schools, but in a positive way. When important issues come up in the state legislatures, our representatives and senators need to hear from us. One topic that I am sure is of interest to all of us is school property taxes. Recently the legislators presented five property tax proposals that would either eliminate or reduce the burden of funding schools. This is a great topic to reach out to your representatives and advocate for both property tax reduction and guaranteed school funding.

Another area for advocacy is cyber and charter school funding. Right now, our district spends over \$400,000 on cyber charter school payments. While this is a significant decrease from the \$707,000 spent in 2016, our district is forced to send hundreds of thousands of local tax dollars to cyber and charter schools who are posting record profits. Tulpehocken has its own successful cyber program. Why must we fund outside cyber programs when we have our own program? On top of that, their state assessment achievement and growth data lags behind most public schools. Serious legislative reform is needed to hold cyber and charter schools accountable and to the same standard as every other school district. Many will argue that school choice leads to competition and ultimately a better education. While I don't disagree with that philosophy, I would argue that the playing field needs to be the same in order for competition to be fair.

There are many more areas that need advocacy such as school safety, mental health, school construction funding, and special education. Your emails and phone calls to your legislators do not go unheard and have proved to be effective especially in the area of school safety, as the state government has allocated \$120 million over the last two years for competitive grants.

Remember your voice matters and I welcome open conversations and dialogue about the topics in this article. I strongly believe that we need to provide the very best for our kids and the best advocates are you and the people that work with our kids.

Don't forget, my door is always open! Tulpy Pride!

Andy Netznik

Superintendent of Schools

### FFA STAR FARMER OF AMERICA – 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF AWARD

It was in October, 1969 and a little more than 50 years ago, Tulpehocken School Board President Oscar Manbeck received the top honor of being named FFA Star Farmer of America. He was one of four regional finalists from across the United States. The finalists went to the National FFA convention in Kansas City, Kansas, and Oscar was chosen to be the FFA American Star Farmer.

So this October 30 – November 2, 2019, the National FFA Convention was held in Indianapolis, Indiana where Oscar and his wife Sandy returned to the convention to commemorate the award. They were reunited with another regional winner – Gary Wollweber and his wife June from Washington State. Oscar and Gary were now judges for the four semi-finalists to receive the Star Farmer of America for 2019. They were honored at the Star Farmer luncheon. Oscar has been farming all of his life and he continues to farm in Bethel Township. Congratulations on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of receiving the Star Farmer of America title.





## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Students of the Month are Tulpehocken 2019-2020 seniors selected by the faculty and administration for special recognition. Each month, one male and one female student are chosen based on academic performance, school involvement, and community service.

### Congratulations to Our Students of the Month

#### SEPTEMBER 2019

Ava Ahner & Joshua Straw



#### OCTOBER 2019

Kyleigh Beck & Luke Paulson



#### NOVEMBER 2019

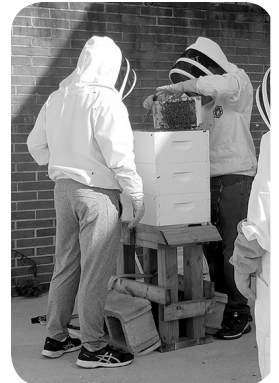
Natalie Grumbine & Jeremy Walthers



## JUNIOR HIGH BEEKEEPING CLUB

What's all the buzz about around campus? There's plenty of buzz coming from the first beehive added to the Tulpehocken Junior/Senior High School! Several thousand Italian honey bees were added to a new hive in June of 2019. Over the summer and through the fall, the population has flourished and the hive is well established with an estimated 10,000 bees. This project has been spearheaded by Junior Connor Davis, a veteran beekeeper.

Davis, along with the support of 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science teacher Heather Stoy, also started a Junior High Beekeeping Club. The club members have learned the ins and outs of beekeeping as a hobby. They have performed several hive inspections in order to check on the overall health of the hive. Club members were able to extract about 2 quarts of golden, apple-flavored honey in the fall. The hive was winterized in November and will remain undisturbed until the spring.



## BCTC STUDENTS OF THE QUARTER

Each quarter, BCTC instructors select a student from their program whose attitude, skills, and knowledge gained during that particular quarter is above and beyond the standard. The student shows initiative and integrity in performing their tasks and is, overall, the best student for that quarter.

The students receive a certificate of recognition and are honored as a group at a breakfast reception for the morning students, and the afternoon students are honored at a luncheon reception. The students are also photographed and their portrait is displayed prominently throughout the school.

#### BCTC West Campus 1<sup>ST</sup> Quarter

Gerald Walsh

Hannah Vogel

Electrical Occupation

Health Occupation

#### BCTC East Campus 1<sup>ST</sup> Quarter

None

**Tulpy BCTC  
Students  
Make Us Proud!!  
Keep up the  
Great Work!!!**

## WELCOME REBECCA MARMAS!

I am excited to be part of the Tulp Family! During my short time here, everyone has been so warm and welcoming. Prior to serving as Assistant Director of Pupil Services, my educational career consisted of teaching in Berks County public schools over the past ten years, special assignments in learning support, multiple disabilities support, and emotional support. I earned a BA in Early Childhood and Elementary Education, and a Master's degree in Special Education from Albright College. Most recently, I obtained a Special Education Supervisory certificate through Penn State University.

When not at work, my boys keep me busy! My husband and I entertain the kids with outdoor activities and events. I will spend the winter months on maternity leave, with our third son.

I encourage open communication in order to best meet the needs of our students. I appreciate the opportunity to be a part of the Tulpehocken team, and look forward to all the great things 2019-2020 school year will bring!



## WELCOME KRISTIN HOLST!

Greetings Tulpehocken! I am very excited to introduce myself as the new Director of Student Services. I grew up in the Hazleton area and pursued my undergraduate education at the University of Pittsburgh. I received my Master's Degree in Special Education from Lehigh University and also attended the College of William and Mary to earn my administrative credentials.

I was a special education teacher in both Pennsylvania and Virginia and worked for the Virginia Department of Education as a Training and Technical Assistance Specialist. Upon my return to Pennsylvania in 2008 from the Hampton Roads area of Virginia, I served as a high school assistant principal at Ephrata High School and as special education supervisor with the East Penn School District. Following my tenure at East Penn, I was employed by the Antietam School District as their Director of Student Services.

In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my husband, Steve, my children, Owen and Olivia, and my dogs Lambeau and Duncan. I am thrilled to be a part of the Tulpehocken School District and am ready for the awesome opportunities that await in supporting the students, staff, and families of the district.



## SHOP WITH A COP

Jaelyn Nguyen was selected to participate in the Crime Alerts Berks County Police Shop With A Cop Holiday event on December 12, 2019. The program had students meet a police officer in a positive environment to build community relationships and promote the positive things our law enforcers due on a daily basis.

Jaelyn was one of 27 students who had the opportunity to participate in this community building event. Students were nominated from each Berks County elementary and middle school.

They had the opportunity to shop with a police officer at Boscov's North for gifts for their family. Jaelyn was featured on WFMZ, Channel 69 news with pictures and a video piece.



## WORLD LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT SPAIN 2021

The Germany trip that was planned for the summer of 2020 had to be, once again, rearranged. After much consideration and discussions with students, we will try to plan one more trip. In the summer of 2021, the Tulpehocken Travel Club is planning a 10 day trip to Spain. We will visit Christopher Columbus in the Cathedral of Sevilla, along with the site of the Star Wars, Java the Hut cave, the Alhambra of Granada, the Real Madrid Stadium, a bullfighting ring, Flamenco dancing, eat tapas and much more.

If any student is interested, please see Sra. Taylor in room 202. Parents, please feel free to email me with questions at: [mtaylor@tulpehocken.org](mailto:mtaylor@tulpehocken.org).

The sooner we have committed travelers, the sooner we can start fundraising.



## SENIOR CITIZENS' DAY

March 11, 2020

On Wednesday, March 11, 2020, the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Senior Citizens' Day will be held at the Tulpehocken Area Jr/Sr High School. The program will begin with a potpie dinner being served in the cafeteria at 4:00 p.m. There will be a minimal charge of \$4.00/person at the door for the optional dinner. To accommodate transportation needs, please do not arrive earlier than 3:30 p.m. At 4:45 p.m., the students will be presenting the musical rehearsal of *Spelling Bee*.

### TULPEHOCKEN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT IS PROUD TO PRESENT



**Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM  
in the Junior/Senior High School Auditorium**

An eclectic group of six students vie for the spelling championship of a lifetime. While candidly disclosing hilarious and touching stories from their home lives, the tweens spell their way through a series of (potentially made-up) words, hoping never to hear the soul-crushing, pout-inducing, life un-affirming “ding” of the bell that signals a spelling mistake. Six spellers enter; one speller leaves! At least the losers get a juice box. The production features over 50 cast members, technicians and musicians. The cast includes:

William Barfee.....	Kyle Yenser	Featured Speller.....	Peter Jackson
Olive Ostrovsky.....	Kyleigh Beck	Featured Speller.....	Chloe Mathias
Leaf Coneybear.....	Jordan Baer	Ensemble.....	Vivica Leshner
Logainne Schwartzandgrubeniene.....	Brenna Farrell	Ensemble.....	Clarissa Hoffert
Marcy Park.....	Courtney Luckenbill	Ensemble.....	Adrienne Lash
Chip Tolentino.....	Bradyn Erb	Ensemble.....	Sophia Courtright
Rona Lisa Peretti.....	Ariana Abarca	Ensemble.....	Rebecca Unger
Panch.....	Brooke Gibson	Ensemble.....	Sabrina Heck
Mitch.....	Emily Leshner	Ensemble.....	Starlette Beard
Olive's Mom.....	Abbi Walker	Ensemble.....	Emily Dougherty
Olive's Dad.....	Jacob Bowers	Ensemble.....	Sophia Joy
Schwarzy's Mom.....	Mary Groff	Ensemble.....	Nicholas Woolf
Schwarzy's Mom.....	Maddie Marous	Ensemble.....	Landen Davis
Jesus.....	Ben Bowers	Ensemble.....	Ayden Gerena
Featured Speller.....	Harmony Seiders	Ensemble.....	Emma Book
Featured Speller.....	Jaileah Slater		

All seats are reserved. Cost of the tickets is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students through 12<sup>th</sup> grade and may be purchased by calling 610-488-6286 ext. 2721 or visiting <https://tulpehockenmusical.seatyourself.biz>.



## 2019-2020 SPRING BLOOD DRIVE DATE

**This Spring a Blood Drive will be held  
Monday, March 23, 2020.**

**The time will be from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

Members of the blood drive committee are:

Chair: Makayla Baransky

Asst. Chair: Alyssa Boyer

To register for the March Drive:

Please call the High School Office (610-488-6286)

or

E-mail Mr. Patrick Slater at [pslater@tulpehocken.org](mailto:pslater@tulpehocken.org)

You may also register online at:

**GiveaPint.org**

Give your name, phone number and/or e-mail address, and time you would like to donate.

Many thanks to all for your donations, support, time, and encouragement!!

Many thanks to our administration for allowing us to pursue this drive year after year!

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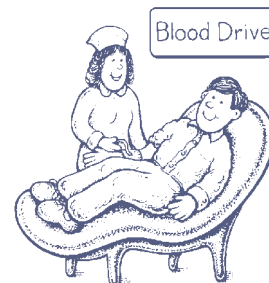
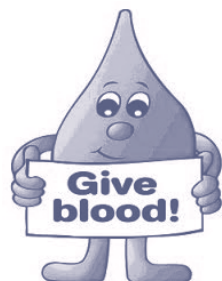
### A SEASON OF MARCHING SUCCESS

The Tulpehocken Jr./Sr. High Marching Band had a very memorable fall season! With the largest group of musicians and color-guard in recent history participating in this year's Disney Magic field show, the band had never looked better on the field.

The band attended two marching exhibitions in Lancaster, collaborating with other bands while enjoying great music, marching, and food! The band had beautiful weather and a welcoming crowd for their performance at the Rehoboth Beach Sea Witch Parade.

To close the season, the Tulpehocken Marching Band received a 3<sup>rd</sup> place award at the Reading Holiday Parade for their music and marching. Next year, the band will be preparing along with the H.S. Show Choir to perform at Disney World, Orlando, Florida. Stay tuned!

Matthew Schrack, Jr. & Sr. High Instrumental Music Director of Bands



## FAST FACTS ABOUT TULPEHOCKEN SCHOOL BREAKFAST!

Our cafeteria offers a Grab & Go breakfast that meets the nutritional guidelines for only \$1.50. If your children qualify for free or reduced lunch, they also are entitled to a free or reduced breakfast. Reduced breakfast cost is \$.30.

**Breakfast** is served every morning. Breakfast is not served when we have two or three hour delays due to the weather.

**JSHS:** Breakfast is served from 7:30 am until the first bell. Bags are provided for breakfast items and students are permitted to take breakfast with them to their homerooms.

**Penn-Bernville:** Breakfast is served from 8:35 am until the first bell. Bags are provided for breakfast items and students in grade K-3 eat in the cafeteria while students in grades 4-6 bring their breakfast back to their classroom.

**Bethel:** Breakfast is served from 8:35 am until the first bell. Bags are provided for breakfast items. All students eat breakfast in the cafeteria up until 8:50 am. After 8:50 am students take their breakfast back to their classrooms.

Research demonstrates that school breakfast consumption:

- \* Boosts students' academic performance, grades, and test scores
- \* Increases concentration, alertness, comprehension, and memory
- \* Improves classroom behavior
- \* Reduces absenteeism and tardiness

Please visit the Food Service page on the district website to view the breakfast menu and learn more about the school breakfast program.



## FALL SPORTS DAY

On October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Fall Sports Day promotions were held in the Elementary School cafeterias.

Student athlete representatives from each fall sport joined elementary students for lunch.

The student athletes helped serve lunch to students, passed out an ice cream treat, played games, and even joined students on the playground for recess.

Elementary students decorated the cafeterias with signs and posters congratulating our athletes on their successful seasons.

## GO TROJANS!







On October 25<sup>th</sup> the JSHS Cafeteria and FFA students hosted a PA Preferred Day event. Food items that were produced in PA were highlighted on the lunch menu with signs made by the FFA students. Stoudt's Orchard donated several varieties of apples which were used for a student apple tasting in the café. A representative from the local company Wild Tea was also in the café providing samples and teaching students about the tea that grows in their own backyards.

### COME VISIT THE BETHEL-TULPEHOCKEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

8601 Lancaster Avenue, Bethel, PA 19507

Exit 13 off I-78

Phone: 717-933-4060 Website: <http://www.berks.lib.pa.us/sbe/>

Facebook: Bethel-Tulpehocken Public Library

Hours: Mon Tue Th 9:30-8, Fri 9:30-6, Sat 9:30-1:30, Sun 1:30-4:30

**STUDY, READ, & RELAX:** The library now offers space to sit and study. Come use our free high-speed WiFi anytime we are open. Quiet study space is available as long as no programs or classes are in session.

**BOOKS & BAGELS:** Try our newest adult program, Bestsellers and Breakfast. The second Saturday of the month, join us for a light breakfast and a tour of what's new and upcoming in adult books. Share some of your favorites, or just add some fresh titles to your to-read list.

**HEALTHIER YOU:** Learn about the health benefits and making of kefir, kombucha, or bone broth at one of our free classes.

**COMPUTER HELP:** We are now offering free computer classes. Call in to see when our next class is, or request one that works well for you. Need quick computer assistance? Stop by anytime we are open, and we are happy to help.

**COME ONE, COME ALL:** We invite you to try one of our hundreds of annual events. Come for nature classes, crafting, STEM, teen activities (we have pizza), movie night, gingerbread house decorating, essential oils, art, Trim Healthy Mama support group, SAT prep, pre-school class, computer help, storytime, and much more. Everyone is welcome.



## BERNVILLE AREA COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

4<sup>th</sup> Street at Fox Alley, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Redner's Quick Shop, Bernville. Phone: 610-488-1302  
E-mail: [backstaff@berks.lib.pa.us](mailto:backstaff@berks.lib.pa.us) Website: <http://www.berkslibraries.org/branch/bernvillle>  
Hours: Mon-Thurs. 11 am-8 pm | Closed on Friday | Saturday 10 am-3 pm | Sunday 2 pm-6 pm

Happy New Year from the staff at the Bernville Library! Wow did 2019 fly.

2019 was a year of changes for our library and we hope to continue the improvements in 2020.

Do you have a passion for our library and want to help make our library even better? We currently have a few vacancies on our Board of Trustees we need to fill. Please consider coming to a board meeting to see if this is a place you could serve your community. We are looking for people with new and exciting ideas to help our library grow and improve.

We are also looking for volunteers to help in a variety of ways including a book club facilitator. Check at the circulation desk next time you are in.

We are currently working on programming for January, February, and March. Here is what we have scheduled so far:

We will continue to have our story times weekly on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday mornings.

We will be relaunching our 1000 Books before Kindergarten in the New Year. Please ask at the circulation desk about this fabulous program.

We will also be starting a coding program for children in 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade and another for Girls in 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Please check for updates on our Facebook page and website.

Our Wellie Wishers and Super Hero book clubs will be meeting on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 pm,

American Girl will be meeting February 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.

Lego club starts back up in March so be on the lookout for that date and theme.

February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, John Brown will be presenting "Abraham Lincoln and the Northern Central Railway." Relive Lincoln's three train trips on the Northern Central Railway which connected Baltimore to York to Harrisburg to Williamsport. On each trip the differing moods—angry, joyous, and sad—of the country at the time were on display. Learn more about the emotions of the citizens during the Civil War with these three snapshots of Lincoln on the Northern Central Railway.

March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 4 pm, we will be hosting an AARP Safe Drivers class. The cost for the class is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members of AARP. By taking this class you may qualify for a discount on your car insurance. Please sign up at the library as soon as possible to hold your spot. Class may be limited.

In March we will be having a flower arranging class with Marge from the Nosegay. We are still planning the date and type of class and the cost of the class so please check on our Facebook page or on our website for more information. Sign-up and payment will be required for this event to hold your space as space is limited.

Did you know you can now donate to the library online? Check out our webpage at [www.bernvilllelibrary.com](http://www.bernvilllelibrary.com) for all our events as well.

In November, we held our first ever Breakfast with the Grinch which was a huge success. Participants ate pancakes and sausage, decorated cookies, played games, and took pictures with the Grinch. In addition our stylists from Bernville Family Hair created "Who" hair for any who so desired. A huge thank you to Snyder's Landscaping, Bernville Borough, Friedens Church, Peggy, Wesley, Shawn, Evonne, John, our staff and board, McDonalds, Denise, Julie and all those who attended.



# TULPEHOCKEN JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL

## 1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER 2019-2020 HONOR ROLL

### Principal's Honor Roll

**\*Students who have earned 90% or higher in each core subject, and 80% or higher in each special area subject for the marking period.**

#### 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Baer, Jarred  
Baransky, Avery  
Bausher, Anna  
Castaneda-Gonzalez, Melissa  
Dieffenbach, Lewis  
Dougherty, Emily  
Erb, Brett  
Forry, Mark  
Gehris, Abigail  
Hall, Britan  
Hess, Aaren  
Hussman, Katelyn  
Joy, Sophia  
Kelly, Nickolas  
Kieffer, Alexis  
Kitchenoff, Celissa  
McQuillen, Jonathon  
Neuin, Zachary  
Schmeer, Bryce  
Schueller, Emma  
Schwalm, Aidan  
Shirey, Chloe  
Slater, Jaileah  
Snyder, Juliet  
Sprigg, Hailey

Tartaglia, Vincent

Thomas, Parker  
Wadel, Conner  
Wesner, Jamie  
Yeager, Aiden  
Zellers, Sophia

#### 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Cornelius, Tyler  
Garcia Diaz, Michelle  
Harring, Kaylyn  
Palm-Rittle, Seth  
Paul-Chandia, Nicolas

#### 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Beck, Lannie  
Bednarczyk, David  
Boyer, Joseph  
Bryant, Lauren  
Cox, Rachel  
Faut, Arabella  
Giambalvo, Dylan  
Ruffner, Mahala  
Straw, Jacob  
VanTiggelen, Vanessa

#### 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Ahner, Ella  
Boyer, Alyssa  
Ebersole, Kyla  
Hannacker, Olivia  
Hardy, Skylar  
Lutz, Nathan  
Marez, Monica  
Marous, Madeline  
Murrin, Alexandra  
Sembello, Gabriella  
Smith, Reagan  
Sowers, Mackenzi  
Zohn, Hunter

#### 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Aquirre-Gallo, Maily  
Bauscher, Madilyn  
Coleman, Jenna  
Forry, Mallory  
Gagnon, Bailee  
Groff, Mary  
Oxenreider, Olivia  
Vogel, Isaac  
Yatchyshyn, Molly

#### 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Beck, Kyleigh  
Betz, MacKenzie  
Bobo, Alexander  
Boyer, Jordan  
Brossman, Bethany  
Cox, Stephen  
Eberly, Megan  
Elicker, Jack  
Faust, Angelina  
Henne, Logan  
Jonas, Natalie  
Kaur, Mehtab  
Keeney, Joshua  
Luckenbill, Courtney  
Montilla, Keen  
Paulson, Luke  
Philippe, Jenna  
Pierson, Nathan  
Stupp, Lydia  
Travis, Katherine  
VanTiggelen, Alan  
Vogel, Hannah  
Walther, Jeremy  
Wolfe, Cameron



### Students who have earned 80% or higher in all subjects for the marking period.

#### 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Bair, Veronica  
Baransky, Aaron  
Bazan, Jair  
Bazan-Hernandez, Alex  
Beard, Starlette  
Beitler, Evan  
Bicksler, Brooks  
Borrelli, Katalyna  
Colon, Xander  
Coy, Grayson  
Crampton, Cecelia  
Crampton, Nathan  
Flynn, Keeley  
Frederick, Tobias

Fulton, Dominick  
Gehman, Hank  
Gutierrez, Tiffany  
Hewitt, Madison  
Kampe, Calvin  
Karpulk, Seth  
Kauffman, James  
Keeler, Austin  
Klonis, Alexander  
Konoza, Emersyn  
Kulp, Rainna  
Leinbach, Jacob  
Lutz, Ryan  
Maurer, Jessica  
Mirabella, Ayden

Perilus, Geneve  
Perilus, Natt  
Plempel, Hannah  
Pletz, Sarah  
Rauenzahn, Austin  
Sauder, Riley  
Saunders, Tinaya  
Setlock, Nikolas  
Smith, Wayne  
Snyder, Carson  
Spencer, Dalton  
Vogel, Rebekah  
Wilson, Hannah  
Youse, Landon

Zadeh, Thomas  
Zeller, Benjamin

#### 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Bobo, Aiden  
Bowers, Benjamin  
Boyer, Keegan  
Brendle, Kallia  
Daub, Caleb  
Eckenrode, Charlie  
Farrell, Allison  
Frederick, Gretchen  
Gardula, Meghan  
Haws, Clint  
Henne, Keira



Honicker, Myles  
Hornberger, Gabriel  
Lawrence, Taylor  
Pugh, Bria  
Reese, John  
Sanchez, Jose  
Schrack, Oakley  
Stothart, Devon  
Troxel, Tess  
Unger, Rebeccah  
Wessner, Mason

#### **9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

Aguilar Salgado, Brian  
Aguirre-Gallo, Eliecer  
Blankenbiller, Kristen  
Blouch, Madison  
Brungart, Alayna  
Bucher, Tyler  
Chavez, Nataly  
Claman, Breanna  
Courtright, Sophia  
Emerich, Seth  
Erb, Bryson  
Estrada, Mya  
Evans, Taylor  
Fidler, Sarah  
Forry, Faith  
Forry, Kelsey  
Fraunfelter, Kameron  
Frederick, Tyler  
Gibson, Brooke  
Jackson, Peter  
Kraatz, Everett  
Kreitzer, Regan  
Lathan, Samuel  
Latshaw, Skyler  
Light, Katie  
Lillis, Mason  
Manbeck, Jayden  
Matias, Janae

Mays, Tonya  
Morais, Samantha  
Ritchie, Trenton  
Schrack, Connor  
Sutherly, Harmony  
Walmer, Regan

#### **10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

Abarca, Ariana  
Adams, Kira  
Becker, Abigail  
Bobo, Ashton  
Borz, Christopher  
Erb, Bradyn  
Folk, Amelia  
Gehris, Camden  
Henning, Chad  
Johnson, Lindsay  
Kiebach, Brayden  
Lathan, Joanna  
Lawrence, Autumn  
Lillis, Logan  
Madeiros, Serena  
Mathias, Chloe  
Mays, Adam  
McDermott, Jessica  
Rescigno, Angelle  
Risser, Joshua  
Seiler, Joseph  
Thierwechter, Gavin  
Wenger, Matthew  
Wolfe, Christopher  
Womer, Evan  
Zellers, Sydney  
Zielinski, Leah  
Zweizig, Kennedy

#### **11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

Alejandro Martinez, Beberly  
Baer, Jordan  
Baransky, Makayla  
Bazan, Carlos

Bazan, Guadalupe  
Bicksler, Charles  
Blankenbiller, Matthew  
Blymier, Evan  
Bower, Ragen  
Brown, Alek  
Bucher, Justin  
Burns, Jaclyn  
Davis, Connor  
Fair, Bella  
Fair, Brook  
Forry, Lucas  
Hardick, Clara  
Heck, Sabrina  
Henne, Alexander  
Hussmann, Mia  
Johnson, Emily  
Kephart, Nickolas  
Lutz, Hailey  
Mathias, Silver  
McDermott, David  
McQuillen, Hannah  
Miller, Mary  
Montgomery, Milo  
Norris, Mykalyia  
Peiffer, Austin  
Reese, Brittlee  
Rubright, Lisa  
Serrano, Jaylynn  
Stoudt, Ryan  
Stull, Jonah  
Tartaglia, Olivia  
Toussaint-Fils, Ashley  
Vega, K'drian  
Velazquez, Wendy  
Weiant, Morgan  
Welsh, Breanna  
Wentzel-Stout, Donovan  
Wolf, Paige  
Yenser, Kyle

#### **12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

Ahner, Ava  
Bazan, Andres  
Bedleyoung, Kenneth  
Boylan, Daniel  
Bredbenner, Madalynn  
Claman, Autumn  
Deck, Austin  
Derr, Bradley  
Evans, Aubrey  
Gettis, Alex  
Grumbine, Natalie  
Hartman, Brody  
Himmelberger, Tyler  
Horne, Carmella  
Howe, Rachel  
Hower, Tamara  
Kieffer, Mason  
Kintzer, John  
Kline, Devin  
Linke, Joshua  
Linke, Kevin  
Mace, Austin  
Maciejewski, Orion  
Mathias, Skylar  
McCulley, Hailey  
Ovid-Velazquez, Juliana  
Perilus, Strauss  
Phillips, Jocelynn  
Reddig, Beth Ann  
Sanchez, Yaquelin  
Schermerhorn, Kyle  
Seward, Aidan  
Shepley, Trinity  
Straw, Joshua  
Stump, Hunter  
Swisher, Rebekah  
Torres, Jessie  
Walker, Abigail  
Walsh, Michael  
Witmer, Andrew  
Wojciechowsky, Kaila  
Yassine, Anissa

**Tulpy Students Make Outstanding Accomplishments !!**  
**Keep up the Great Work !!!**

#### **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

The Bethel Elementary School Kindergarten Registration is being held on Tuesday, March 17, 2020. Penn-Bernville Elementary School Kindergarten Registration is being held on Wednesday, March 18, 2020. Parents of children who turn five years of age prior to August 1, 2020 should receive an informational letter from the Tulpehocken Area School District sometime in February. If your child will be the appropriate age by August 1, 2020 and you did not receive a letter of intent, please contact Mrs. Dianne Harchuska at the Tulpehocken Area School District office immediately (717-933-4611 ext. 1006) to obtain the information necessary to schedule your child for registration.

## **PENN-BERVILLE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS**

Each month, staff members are encouraged to select a student who they feel deserve a positive phone call home from the principal. We are happy to report that Mrs. Damiani calls about 20 parents each month to share the great news. Keep up the good work PB students! PB students are also reminded daily to be kind with this amazing art piece put together by some of our 6<sup>th</sup> graders.



## **HOLIDAY FUN**

On December 7<sup>th</sup>, PB hosted its annual Santa Breakfast. Lots of families came to the event to enjoy some great food, make some crafts, and of course get a photo with Santa! The fourth, fifth, and sixth grades held holiday concerts in December. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade class participated in their first concert for chorus and students in Blue Band showed off what they had been learning with their new instruments. On December 17<sup>th</sup>, the students who chose to be a member of chorus and Gold Band performed along with Bethel students at the Junior-Senior High. It was nice to see both elementary schools come together and put on an awesome performance.

## **SLIME ASSEMBLY**



Our PTO works very hard to bring exciting resources and opportunities to our school. One of the ways the PTO is able to do these things is through fundraising. This year, the PTO set a goal of selling 800 items during the Joe Corbi's Pizza fundraiser. The PB families stepped up and not only reached the goal but surpassed it selling 880 items! Because of the amazing outcome of this fundraiser, the school held an interactive assembly where 8 staff members were slimed! The staff included Mr. Boltz, Mr. Stepenaskie, Mrs. Fernandez, Mrs. Huey, Mrs. Dries, Mrs. Jacobs, Mrs. Damiani, and Mr. Netznik. It was a lot of fun, and the kids are still talking about it!

## **PLEASE FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!**

Be sure to follow our Facebook page @PennBernvilleElementarySchool to see all the wonderful things happening in our school. We hope you are enjoying the "Spotlight On..." a new staff member that's featured each week.

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## **PENN-BERVILLE 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE EXPERIENCES ANCIENT GREECE**

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes studied ancient Greek civilization as part of our new Core Knowledge Language Arts program. We learned about ancient cities, jobs, leaders, writings, and religion. Our virtual reality experience "placed" each student in Athens and allowed them to "walk" through the Parthenon. After researching Greek gods and goddesses, we built a Parthenon temple of our own. The importance of Olympic competition came alive when we held our own marathon and earned our laurel wreath crowns. We are looking forward to many more exciting adventures as we continue our studies in our language arts program.



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## **ARTICLES AND PICTURES**

We are always looking for interesting information about past and present students to put in the Tulpy Times. If you would like to put something in the Tulpy times, please contact Barbara Wealand at the Tulpehocken District Administration Office at 717-933-4611 ext. 1012 or at [bwealand@tulpehocken.org](mailto:bwealand@tulpehocken.org).

It would be appreciated if articles were submitted as WORD documents and pictures as JPGs. Thank you!



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BETHEL ELEMENTARY?

It's hard to believe the 2019-2020 school year is nearly half way over. We have been diligently working at Bethel to master the skills necessary to make us successful. Since our last article, we all have made so much progress, myself included.

I want to thank our wonderful PTO for putting together such successful fundraisers and activities for our students. Race for Education was October 11<sup>th</sup>. The weather couldn't have been better. It was a day filled with athletics, purpose, and pies! The PTO also put on our Santa's Workshop during the Holiday season and our Book Fair during Parent/Teacher conferences. The students had a great time during the roller-skating night at the Mt. Gretna Roller Rink.

Bethel students had quite a few learning experiences. We had our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students visit the Reading Public Museum with Ms. DeFilipps. Our Kindergarten students took a walking field trip to the Bethel Union Fire Company with lots of parent volunteers. Mrs. Messner took her Kids with a Cause club to Berks Heim to deliver donations. She also took ESL students to the Oley Fair! We had quite a few things going on during the school day as well. We had Music in our Schools present, our annual Fall parade, and the High School Show Choir and Jazz Band performed for our students.

Family S.T.E.A.M. night was a huge success this year. On November 14<sup>th</sup>, families had the opportunity to visit each aspect of S.T.E.A.M and earn a stamp in order to be entered to win a 3-D pen. My personal favorite activity was the Augmented Reality Coloring station. Students and I colored volcanoes and animal cells and brought them to life with iPads.

Our Annual Holiday concerts were on December 12, 2019 and December 17, 2019. It was so nice to see and hear all the hard work our chorus and band students have put forth. Thank you to Mrs. Innes and Mr. Bernat for their hard work and coordination.

I am very much looking forward to the rest of the school year. I am very excited to continue my journey with the Tulpehocken family.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CODING & ROBOTICS CLUB!

Mrs. Stoy's Coding & Robotics Club students participated in the Cyber Robotics Coding Competition Regional Finals on December 12<sup>th</sup> in Harrisburg. To qualify, each student had a virtual robot that they coded to perform various tasks and collect points. The top students have completed nearly 100 missions EACH as they worked through each stage of the competition. Out of 162 teams, our students ended 39<sup>th</sup> overall in the state of Pennsylvania and were invited to participate in the regional finals.

Out of 54 teams from five different states that competed in the regional finals: Team Nacho Average Duo (Chloe Shirey and Nick Kelly) placed 38<sup>th</sup> overall! Team Nerd Herd (Meghan Gardula and Evan Beitler) placed 11<sup>th</sup> overall! There were no other local schools in the top 20. CRCC threw a lot of new challenges at them and certainly put the pressure on. Needless to say, they did a fantastic job and represented Tulpehocken well.

Congratulations to Mrs. Stoy and both teams for a job well done!



## TROJAN WRESTLING

What an exciting time for the Tulpehocken Wrestling Program. It is with excitement and anticipation that Tulpehocken Athletics welcomes Coach Larry Wildermouth as Tulpy's new Junior High wrestling coach. Coach Wildermouth brings a wealth of wrestling knowledge to Tulpy and is a member of the Berks County Wrestling Hall of Fame for his years of coaching in the Oley School District.

The High School wrestling team is led this year by senior Zack Ruffner. As returning Regional qualifier Zack Ruffner will have a lot of District III wrestlers nervous when they see him in their weight class. Zack spoke to the team at the first practice and told everyone what his expectations are for the 2019-2020 season. Zack wants everyone to have fun throughout the year, wrestle hard, and never give up. Zack acknowledged that even though our current low numbers may prevent a lot of dual match wins, as individuals we can still win and hold our heads high knowing we are the better wrestling team.

We encourage you to check out a match and bring your enthusiasm! The wrestlers love to hear you scream and shout while they are taking down and pinning the opponents. If you are interested in joining the team there is room for you. Wrestling builds character and discipline. Stop a wrestler and ask them how. It's a great time to be a Trojan Wrestler. Building a tradition.....



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## TULPEHOCKEN SOFTBALL

This year, the girls' softball team is starting off with a bang! The high school team will be flying down to Florida for spring training this March. While in the Sunshine State, the team will compete against girls from across the country. What a great way to kick off the season! New coaches, Ashley Rank and Ashley Count, are excited to grow the program from the bottom up and with some great upperclassman leadership and some fresh, young talent, the team is looking to continue growing and developing together.

For the first time, Tulpy youth pitchers and catchers are invited to work out with junior high and high school athletes during their Saturday open gyms! If your daughter is interested in softball, follow "Tulpehocken Softball" on Facebook to hear about future events and check out the open gym schedule. If you have any questions feel free to contact Coach Rank at [ranka@readingsd.org](mailto:ranka@readingsd.org).

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## HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Tulpehocken cross country saw some success this season. The boy's teams finished second place at the Canes Invitational. Theodore Headley, James McQuillen, Jayden Manbeck, and from the girl's team Bella Headley, all earned ribbons at the Canes Invite. Our senior Kyle Schermerhorn earned a medal. Our top finisher at districts this year was freshman David Bednarczyk. Senior Kyle Schermerhorn finished first for his team for almost every race and earned All-Division honors. As a result of upper classman increasing their off season training and the addition of some talented underclassman, the team improved their record this year by two wins. Congratulations everyone! With continued hard work and dedication the team is hoping to continue to climb up the ranks in the county next year.

The girl's team had two promising freshman runners this fall. We are hoping to grow the girl's team next year. We need at least five runners to have a team and compete against other schools. The girls race 5K's (3.1 miles). Races are once a week on Tuesdays with an occasional Saturday race. All ability levels are welcome. The coaching staff will help prepare you and build your confidence so you are ready to race. Anyone willing to put in some work can find some personal victories and race a 5K. Similar to the boys, Tulpehocken girls cross country has a history of success. Previous accomplishments include two 4<sup>th</sup> place finishes at states as a team, multiple all-state and all Berks athletes, several individual district runner ups, and individual county championship titles. Please consider joining the girls cross country team next fall! We would love to have a full girls cross country team next and begin the process of becoming the powerhouse it once was.



## HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' SOCCER

The 2019 Tulpehocken High School Girls soccer team had a solid season this year. Led by an outstanding group of seniors consisting of Ava Ahner, Megan Eberly, Natalie Grumbine, Jocelynn Phillips, Swaye Hopwood, and Jessie Torres the team won the division 3 championship and qualified for county and district playoffs. The team finished with an undefeated league record of 6-0-2 and an overall record of 11-7-2. The team had many great accomplishments and will be back next year with a group of veteran, talented players to defend their division title and hopefully much more!

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**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NHS?**

The end of October was our Pumpkin Decorating Contest. This year NHS asked for donations to receive a pumpkin to decorate. All proceeds went towards helping needy families in our district. NHS was able to raise \$85 and introduce some friendly competition and bring faculty and staff together. This year's first place pumpkin was decorated by the Envirothon group by Kyla Ebersole. Second and third place was Mr. Stoy's class and Mrs. Makoski. (the blue tree was the winner)



November welcomed our new inductees! This year NHS inducted 12 new members! Members are selected based on the four aims of NHS which are: Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character. Members must maintain good academic standing and continue to perform service throughout the year for both the school and the community. The new members join our senior members already serving in our organization. New members include: Jaclyn Burns, Autumn Claman, Connor Davis, Mallory Forry, Bailee Gagnon, Mary Groff, Clara Hardick, Abigail Hulse, Olivia Oxenreider, Jonah stull, Olivia Tartaglia, and Kyle Yenser.



December took NHS to Berks Heim for their annual Santa's Corner. NHS has been volunteering at this event since 2013. Students help assist the residents in picking out gifts for loved ones, wrapping presents, serving goodies, and just talking and listening. This has become one of NHS's favorite events. The group posed for a picture at the end of the day.



**SUBSTITUTES NEEDED**

The Tulpehocken Area School District is looking for individuals who wish to serve as substitutes for nurses, teachers, secretaries, cafeteria workers, custodial workers, and building aides.

Interested individuals should contact Sherry Wessner at 717-933-4611 ext. 1005 for more information. Applications can either be downloaded from the Tulpehocken website ([www.tulpehocken.org](http://www.tulpehocken.org)) or picked up in the district office.