

# TULPEHOCKEN TIMES



## SUMMER ISSUE



### TULPEHOCKEN SCHOOL DISTRICT MINITHON

Congratulations to the Tulpy School District on a phenomenal Mini-THON! The Co-Chairpersons, Sydney Zellers and Mackenzi Sowers, the MiniThon Committees and the Faculty Advisor, Mr. Patrick Slater, wish to thank the entire Tulpy community in helping to raise over \$19,46.35 in the battle against childhood cancer!! The final amount was revealed at 5:45 AM during the culminating event; a 12-hour activity marathon starting on Friday night, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM and ending at 7 AM on Saturday morning!!!

The Co-Chairs and the Committee had the challenge of giving this year's fundraising campaign and MiniThon event some additional structure and activities in order to take things to new heights. They added events to the effort by taking on Scoring for a Cure in the fall and Rivals Unite in the winter and "Mini" MiniThon for the elementary school students 2 weeks before the main MiniThon event. On Friday the 6<sup>th</sup>, a new community hour was added as well as 3-hours for junior high students.

The Co-Chairs and the Committee should be incredibly proud of the work that was accomplished this year! They have established some momentum for next year's Chairman, Madeline Marous, and her committee to refine, build on and grow!! Thank you again for all of your support!! For The Kids!!!



Congratulations!  
Thank  
You For  
Your Support!



Pictured Top Row:

1. Sydney and Mackenzie reacting to the reveal. They didn't know the number until that moment!
2. Sydney and Mackenzie in front of the final number reveal.
3. Human FTK - For The Kids

Pictured Bottom Row:

1. The committee members before MiniThon started.
2. Co-Chair Mackenzi Sowers, MiniThon Event Chair Aubrey Evans, Faculty Advisor Mr. Patrick Slater, Co-Chair Sydney Zellers, MiniThon Event Chair Jessie Torres

# SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER



Greetings Tulpy Family!!

So...here we are! Fresh from the end of the 2019-2020 school year and words cannot describe the impact that this year will have on all of us. I am sure no one ever envisioned such a global event could put all of our lives in such upheaval. Moving online for instruction was challenging at both ends of the spectrum. I know for my own kids it was not easy. Many hours were spent arguing as to why we had to sit down at the kitchen table and work on math or reading.

Moving forward, there are a lot of things to consider and I know many of you have questions and concerns. There are many issues that we need to consider when re-opening schools. Some of the issues social distancing in the classrooms, hallways, and cafeterias as well as transportation on busses. To compound the situation, every agency and expert has a different perspective on COVID-19. Our leadership team has begun the process of putting a plan together and as we move through each aspect, we will be soliciting feedback from stakeholders and local health officials. We realize that it will need to be a balance between what is being recommended by our state leaders, local health officials, and what is actually practical to put in place. Please know that while we are working with other districts within the county to create plans, we will always put the needs of our families and community first.

Our re-entry plan must be school board approved and submitted to the Department of Education. Our hope is to have the plan approved at the July 21st Board Meeting. Once the plan is board approved, we will officially present the plan to the community shortly thereafter.

As always, please know that my door is always open both physically and virtually. Whether you want to chat in person, through the phone, or via Zoom, both myself and our leadership team is here to serve our kids and community.

One last thing...At the end of the year our staff put together a virtual camp known as Camp Tulpy. Check out Camp Tulpy at [www.camptulpy.org](http://www.camptulpy.org). On the site you will find all types of videos made by our staff for both students and adults. Videos present fun activities for all ages from making slime to grilling the perfect burger! I hope you enjoy them as much as many of our staff had making them!

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

Andy Netznik  
Superintendent of Schools

## **ARE YOU LOOKING FOR JOB FLEXIBILITY? DO YOU HAVE A BACHELOR'S DEGREE?**

Consider becoming a substitute teacher.  
STS is hiring substitute teachers in your school district.

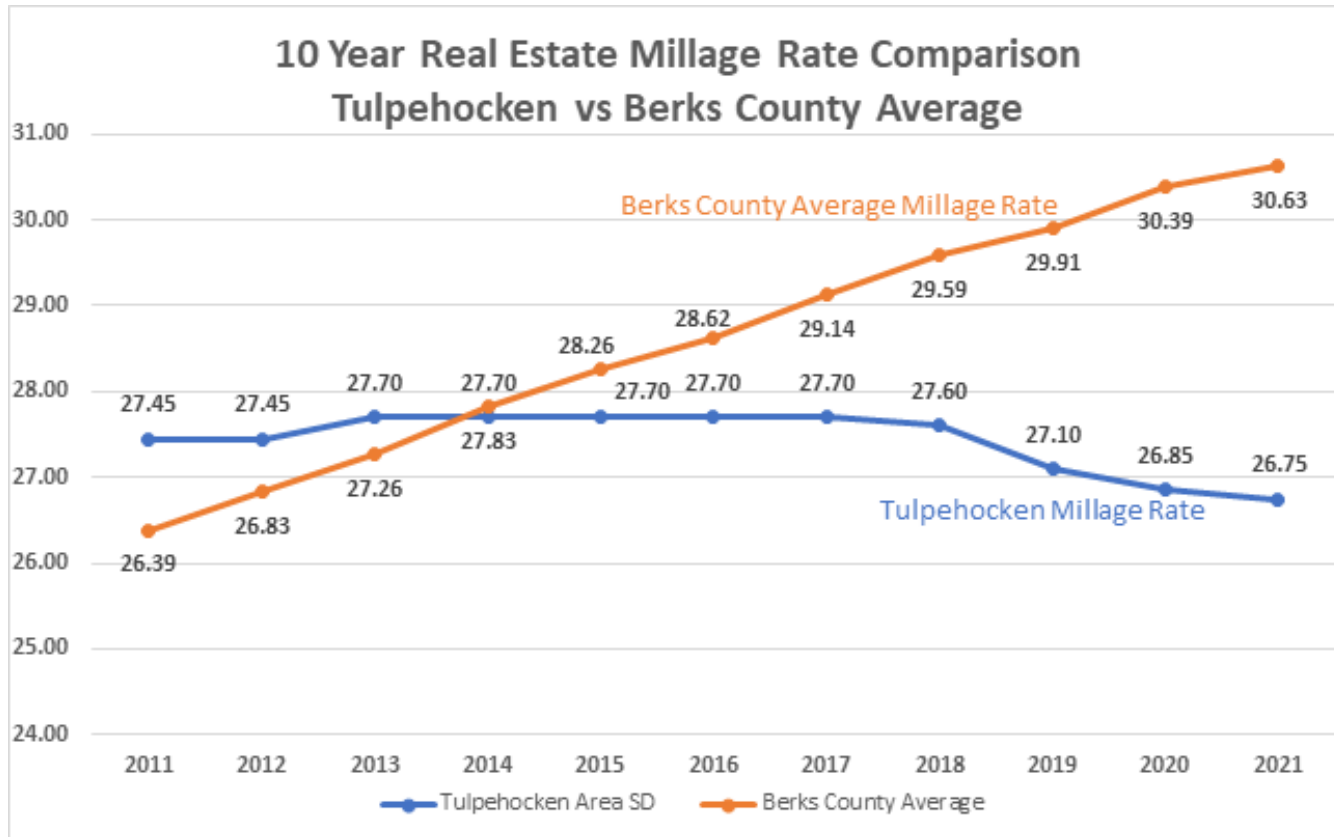
STS offers flexible scheduling, teacher training, competitive pay, direct deposit, and unemployment benefits during the summer months.

This is an excellent opportunity to help your local community and school district!

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[www.thesubservice.com](http://www.thesubservice.com) or call 412-676-9702

## REAL ESTATE TAXES REDUCED AGAIN

For the fourth consecutive year the Tulpehocken School Board reduced the real estate tax rate. The approved rate for the 2020-2021 school year is 26.75 mills, a reduction of .1 mills from the previous rate of 26.85 mills. The graph below compares our tax rate to the Berks County school district average rate over the past ten years. Tulpehocken's rate is .7 mills or 2.5% lower than it was ten years ago while the average Berks County school district's rate increased by 4.2 mills or 16% for the same period. The recent construction of warehouses along the I78 corridor has increased the district's revenue substantially and the administration and school board have consistently managed expenses to provide an educational program that balances the interests of all stakeholders.



The COVID-19 pandemic has proven to be a challenge for our financial planning due to the uncertainty of the economic future locally, statewide, nationally, and globally. Our projected revenue reflects a decrease of over \$1 million for next year due to the projected economic downturn. Consequently, our projected expenditures reflect a similar reduction and plans for the renovation of the Junior Senior High School have been put on hold until the outlook becomes clearer. We are still moving forward with necessary repairs such as a roof replacement, sidewalk repairs, and HVAC upgrades at Penn Bernville Elementary School as well as preventative maintenance, safety, and security upgrades at all district buildings.

Because of the economic downturn, the school board approved a change to the real estate tax payment periods to assist taxpayers that may have financial hardship. The discount period will be extended by one month and the face (or flat) period will be extended to 12/31/2020. Tax payments received in July, August and September will receive a 2% discount and tax payments received in October, November and December will be at the face (or flat) amount. The district will not charge a penalty for payments received in November and December but any bills that are unpaid as of 12/31/20 will be turned over to the Berks County Tax Claim Bureau for collection as usual. This change is for the school real estate tax bills dated 7/1/2020 only! The Per Capita and interim real estate taxes will reflect the normal tax period schedule of a two-month discount period, a two month face period, and a two month penalty period.

Hopefully, this pandemic will end shortly and we can get back to business as usual quickly to continue working on the great things ahead for the Tulpehocken students, staff, and community.

Thomas L Kowalonek  
Chief Financial Officer



## 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

#### DECEMBER 2019

Tamara Hower & Strauss Perilus



#### JANUARY 2020

Jenna Philippe & Andres Bazan



#### FEBRUARY 2020

Hannah Vogel & Kyle Schermerhorn



### BETHEL STUDENTS OF THE QUARTER

Bethel Elementary staff and families were able to celebrate our student's hard work and accomplishments at the February 4<sup>th</sup> board meeting. From Ms. Schlater's classroom we recognized Annie Folk and Kelby Meyers. From Mrs. Hummel's class we recognized Heidi Marks and Aaron Wilson. From Mrs. Dodge's class we recognized Kayla Smith and Annabelle Dove. Bethel Elementary would like to thank Mr. Netznik, the Tulpehocken Area School District School Board, and families for recognizing our student's hard work!

#### Pictured Left to Right in the Back Row:

Annie Folk and Principal Andrew Guers

#### Pictured Left to Right in the Front Row:

Aaron Wilson, Heidi Marks, Kelby Myers, Kayla Smith, and Annabelle Dove



### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

Bryce Haldeman

Welding

#### BCTC East Campus 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

Gil Castandea-Gonzalez

Service Occupations

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

## BETHEL & PENN-BERNVILLE ELEMENTARY

During the school closure, we are very proud that our schools have served as points of resources for Tulpehocken families. The Junior-Senior High School has housed our technology department who distributed over 400 devices to students. Both Bethel and Penn-Bernville Elementary buildings continue to hold “Grab and Go” meal distributions on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Administrators, cafeteria staff, and volunteers package and distribute collectively over 1,400 breakfasts and lunches for children in our community!

### CAFETERIA STAFF PREPPING MEAL BAGS



We recognize that it's important for us to remain connected to our students during this time. We have both worked hard at shifting our schools to distance learning to ensure that we are not only staying connected but also providing support to our families. Some of the things we are doing include joining classroom online sessions, reading stories to kids, keeping the school's Facebook pages engaging and informative, and distributing meals to families at the school every week. Our teachers have also been very diligent in providing their students with what they need. Many teachers hold recurring online check-in sessions with their students so that the kids can see their teacher and teammates and also ask questions. Teachers use educational apps like Class Dojo, Bloomz, or Google Classroom (to name a few) to inform families about important information. In addition, many of our support staff have been offering student check-ins and tutoring sessions for students. This transition has been a team effort, and Tulpy rose to the challenge!



Eleanor Strickler, Jena Damiani, Lauren Oswald, Leslie Shaud, and Missy Huey help distribute meals



Mr. Guers during a read aloud

We would like to thank our school board, administrative team, staff, and families for being so flexible and supportive during these challenging times. Without the support from everyone, we wouldn't be able to make distance learning a reality. We miss our students, and we look forward to being together again in the future!

Thank you!

Jena Damiani & Andrew Guers

Penn-Bernville Principal & Bethel Principal



## **PENN-BERVILLE CANSTRUCTURE TEAM WINS 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE AT COMPETITION**

On Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, a team from Penn-Bernville Elementary participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual VoiceUp Berks CanStructure Competition at the Berkshire Mall. Members of the team designed a structure built of cans that incorporated the theme “Inspire Kindness.” Students held a Coin War week back in February at PB where all students in the school were challenged to bring in different coins each day. The goal of the coin war was to raise money to purchase the cans needed to complete the build. Penn-Bernville Elementary students donated over \$2,000 to the CanStructure team to purchase cans and boxed items. Third grade students at the school earned an ice cream party by donating the most coins.

The team used the money raised from coin wars to purchase over 3,000 cans and several boxed items to build their design. The final structure built during the competition was a giant bee, which the team named the Busy Bee. The bee sat in the grass where certain cans spelled out the word “Kind.” The goal of the structure was to remind people who see it to “Bee Kind.” Students on the team incorporate their pictures into the letter I in the word kind and they also wrote ways to inspire kindness on flower cut outs and used those to build giant flowers around the bee. The CanStructure team was led by Mrs. Sanders and Mrs. Jacobs. Team members were Balin Honicker, Daisy Deavers, Addyson Ludwig, Raymond Snyder, Caedence Thomas, Carter Boltz, Sean Jacobs, Samuel Joy, Samuel Lutz, Luke Blimline, and Cooper Schwalm (Bethel Student.) Penn-Bernville’s CanStructure team presented to a panel of judges and was even featured on the Channel 69 news. The team was announced the winner of the elementary/intermediate division of the competition during the awards ceremony!



Everything the students raised and all the canned items purchased will go directly to Helping Harvest when the structure is taken down. Helping Harvest distributes food to over 200 food banks and pantries across the county.

**We are #TULPYPROUD of this group of kids and all their hard work on this project!**

## **FBLA REGIONAL COMPETITION**

On December 18<sup>th</sup> five members of the Future Business Leaders of America club at the Senior High School competed in the Region 8 Competition. Our students competed against other students from nine districts in the county. Students competed in a variety of business and technology topics.

Our students did a fantastic job in their events.

Please congratulate the following students who placed in their events.

- I’zhaya Fiers 4<sup>th</sup> place in Broadcast Journalism.

One of our groups placed 1<sup>st</sup> in their event and will be moving on to States.

- Jacob Bowers and Clara Hardick in Graphic Design.

**Congratulations to all the students!**



**Bethel Elementay Food Drive**  
+  
**“Pennies for Patients: Money War”**  
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**A Caring Community!**

The entire student body at Bethel Elementary was very busy the months of November & February thinking about and helping others. First, they held their 13th annual food drive to help put food on the table for those in the area that might otherwise go hungry. With the food they collected, they fed a total of 65 families (183 people) PLUS there was food left over to hand out to families in December!

In addition to their food drive, they also held a “Pennies for Patients: Money War” in February to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and raised a total of \$1073.00 in donations. Thanks to their contributions and those from schools all over the United States, patients will be able to go beyond surviving and live a long and happy life.

Everyone at Bethel should feel very proud of themselves for helping those not only in their area but nationwide.

**WAY TO GO BETHEL!**  
**Thanks for being such a caring & giving school!**

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**K’NEX COMPETITION**

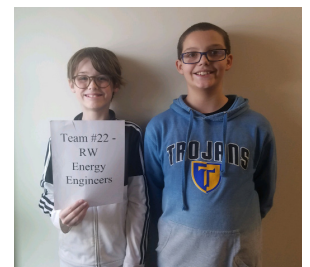
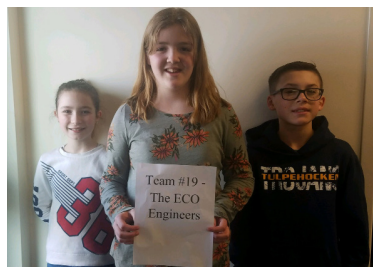
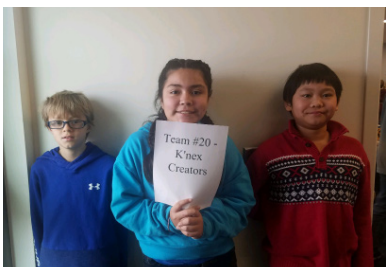
The Berks County Intermediate Unit and ThermoFisher Scientific sponsored the 2020 K’nex Challenge on Thursday, February 27, 2020. Tulpehocken sent four teams of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders to compete against students from a long list of Berks County schools.

In all, 40 teams from fourth and fifth grades attended to show their hard work. Students were assigned the challenge of creating a way of conserving energy in the future. For example, transforming energy from one object to power another or creating a new type of energy to power a city.

Our teams worked for 3 months on their designs. They designed and built their projects which were required to use at least one motor and use no more than 1,400 K’nex pieces. Teams also kept a daily journal of their progress.

On the day of the competition, teams were given two hours to completely rebuild the product using their blueprint, which was required in the competition. Each team was able to present their finished product, blueprint, and journal to a panel of judges.

Our students showed great teamwork, problem solving skills, and innovative ideas in the competition.



Students Pictured Left to Right:

Picture #1 (Bethel 4<sup>th</sup> grade) - Cooper Schwalm, Valeria Teran, Vincent Kan

Picture #2 (Bethel 5<sup>th</sup> grade) - Callie Harting, Sierra Sauder, Ryan Giambalvo

Picture #3 (PB 4<sup>th</sup> grade) - Jolie Thomas, Kendyl Metz, Sianna Jackson

Picture #4 (PB 5<sup>th</sup> grade) - Wes Reed, Raymond Snyder

**GREAT**

**JOB !!**



## CHORAL MUSIC STUDENTS EXCEL

We are very fortunate in the music department to have many opportunities outside of the classroom for students to enrich their lives in the arts. The Tulpehocken vocal department is proud to announce that several of our students have auditioned and been accepted to perform at choral festivals.

We would like to congratulate Nathan Pierson, Courtney Luckenbill, and Kyle Yenser for being selected to perform with the Berks Senior County Chorus. In addition, Rebeccah Unger auditioned and will be performing with the Berks Jr County Chorus. All of these are extraordinary accomplishments!



Pictured Left to Right:

Nathan Pierson, Courtney Luckenbill, Kyle Yenser, and Rebeccah Unger!

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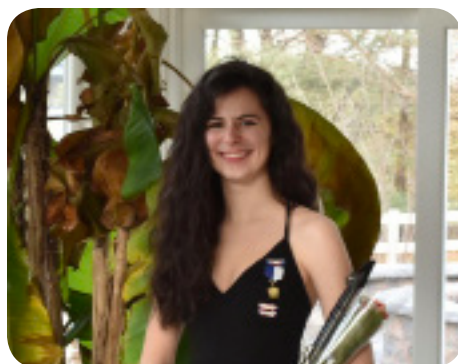
## GOT JAZZ?

K'drian Vega, 11<sup>th</sup> grade saxophonist, tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place alto saxophone in the Berks County High School Jazz Ensemble. He participated in numerous performances associated with the Berks Jazz Fest! Congrats!

## COUNTY AND DISTRICT BAND FESTIVALS

Olivia Oxenreider, 11<sup>th</sup> grade clarinetist, was accepted through her audition to participate in this year's Berks County High School Band Fest. She then went on to District Band on clarinet for an amazing experience under the baton of Dr. Patricia Cornett, of Temple University!

Five students who auditioned for the Berks Jr. County Band Festival this year, were accepted and performed along with 100+ students across the county! These students were Lauren Bryant, 9<sup>th</sup> grade clarinet; Jayden Manbeck, 9<sup>th</sup> grade trumpet; David Bednarczyk, 9<sup>th</sup> grade trumpet; Charlie Eckenrode, 8<sup>th</sup> grade trombone; and Tommy Zadeh, 7<sup>th</sup> grade clarinet.



Pictured Left to Right:

K'Drian Vega, Olivia Oxenreider, Charlie Eckenrode, Lauren Bryant, Jayden Manbeck, David Bednarczyk, and Tommy Zadeh.



# TULPEHOCKEN FFA AND AGRICULTURE PROGRAM

## 2020 PENNSYLVANIA FARM SHOW: KEYSTONE DEGREES

Congratulations to the following seniors: Austin Deck, Seth Etchberger, Natalie Grumbine, and Stephanie Younker. They were awarded their Keystone FFA Degrees. This is the highest degree the PA FFA can bestow upon a member. Each member had to earn or invest \$1,000.00 in their Supervised Agricultural Experiences or 300 hours of work, participated in at least 10 FFA activities, and completed community service hours. Well done!



## FFA MID-WINTER CONVENTION: JACKET RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the following first-year members: Maya Bicksler, Madison Blouch, Sara Haag, Regan Kreitzer, Jenna Krause, Halle Lytle, Paige Meckley, and Gabriella Sembello, who won their FFA jackets through a contest where members had to complete an application and write an essay about "What an FFA jacket means to them." What a great way to get their FFA careers started!



## PA FARM SHOW EXHIBITS

Many FFA members submitted projects into the 2020 Pennsylvania Farm Show this year. The horticulture class submitted four poinsettias, cacti mugs, mini nursery landscapes, and floral arrangements. Abby Gardula placed 4<sup>th</sup> with her floral arrangement, which is pictured. There also were several FFA members who entered into the photography category. Cam Gehris placed 5<sup>th</sup>, Madison Blouch placed 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Maya Bicksler was a participant



Congratulations to all FFA members who placed in their category.

## 2020 FFA BREAKFAST

Every year, the Tulpehocken FFA hosts a Community Appreciation Breakfast in celebration of National FFA Week. This year at the breakfast there were nearly 250 attendees and the FFA collected over 200 pounds of food to be donated to the Bethel Food Pantry. All of the food served to the attendees were donated to the FFA by various businesses, such as the Hatfield Clemens Family Food Group, Brown's Transport, Clover Farms, Boyers, Richard Hoffman, the Tulpehocken FCS Department, and Pammy Hoffert.



## 2020 SPEAKING COMPETITIONS

Congratulations to our FFA Public Speakers who are moving on to the regional competition for a chance to compete at states:

**Creed Speaking:** Regan Kreitzer (2<sup>nd</sup> place)

Madison Blouch (6<sup>th</sup> place)

**Extemporaneous Speaking:** Makayla Barrett (5<sup>th</sup> place)

**Junior Prepared Speaking:** Maya Bicksler (4<sup>th</sup> place)

**Employment Skills:** Maddie Marous (2<sup>nd</sup> place)

**Great job to all who competed!**



## UPDATES FROM THE NURSING DEPARTMENT

### Immunization Reminders:

Students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2020-2021 School Year will need a Tdap and Meningitis vaccine prior to the first day of school.

Students entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2020-2021 School Year will need a second Meningitis vaccine prior to the first day of school.

If your child has already obtained these immunizations, please send a record to the nurse in your child's building.

### Medication Policy Reminder:

All medication administered during school hours will need a doctor's order and parent permission signature. Medication must be labeled from a pharmacy. This includes inhalers and EpiPens. Medication forms can be found on the district website. A new medication form is required each year.

### Physicals and Dentals:

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania requires all students in Kindergarten, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade to obtain a physical exam. Documentation can be accepted the year prior to the mandated grade. If you have not yet turned in your child's physical exam, please do so before the end of the school year.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania requires all students in grades Kindergarten, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade to obtain a dental exam. Documentation can be accepted the year prior to the mandated grade. If you have not yet turned in your child's dental exam, please do so before the end of the school year.

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## JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS READ TO BETHEL ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

Recently, the junior high students learned healthy ways to deal with stressful situations during health class. Students created storybooks that dealt with issues that elementary aged students might face during the school day. They ranged from making friends to trying something new. After completing the storybooks, several junior high students travelled to Bethel Elementary and read their stories to the second grade classrooms. Some students even received a Tulpehocken stress ball for great participation!



### Pictured Above Left to Right:

Aiden Schwalm is reading to Ms. Schneck's and Mr. Beilhart's class.

Dalton Spencer is reading to Ms. Schneck's and Mr. Beilhart's class.

Emma Schueller is reading to Mrs. Kiebach's and Mr. Beilhart's class.

Emma Konoza is reading to Mrs. Kiebach's and Mr. Beilhart's class.

### Pictured to the Right:

Zachary Neuin is reading to Ms. Schneck's and Mr. Beilhart's class.





## THE CONCERT BAND TRAVELS TO BANDORAMA

Many students of the Tulpehocken High School Concert Band had a fantastic experience at Bandorama, held in Palmer Hall, at Messiah College on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

These band students performed their spring band pieces receiving musical feedback from educators and composers, Dr. Jim Colonna and Dr. Travis Weller. Dr. Travis Weller also provided a motivational clinic. Afterwards, the band had the opportunity to watch other high school bands from the Harrisburg area perform in the beautiful Palmer Hall.



Mr. Schrack is thankful to the district for providing this opportunity and proud of the 40 student musicians who attended. The Tulpy concert band has not traditionally performed outside of the school district and so this an exciting development!

### 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: [baclstaff@berks.lib.pa.us](mailto:baclstaff@berks.lib.pa.us) Website: <http://www.berkslibraries.org/branch/bernvill>  
Hours: Mon-Thurs. 11 am-8 pm | Closed on Friday | Saturday 10 am-3 pm | Sunday 2 pm-6 pm

### THE BERNVILLE LIBRARY REMAINS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

We encourage you to check out Overdrive and Libby to find e-books and audiobooks. We will also be posting on our Facebook page daily with different activities and stories. Everyone who participates in the daily activities will be entered into a drawing for tickets to Longwood Gardens.

One of our largest fundraisers happens at Community Day, which will be held on August 1 in Umbenhauer Park. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page as well as the Bernville Borough Facebook page for updates on this event.

This year, instead of taxing small businesses that have suffered during this time, we are asking that the community step up and provide us with crafts of any kind and baked goods to auction off.

Once the restrictions are lifted, we will follow the Commonwealth's recommendations on reopening and to what extent that will occur. During this time off we will be planning new, safe, and exciting programs for you to enjoy when we reopen.

We ask that you be patient with us during this time. Please follow us on Facebook or our website to see the latest updates.

Alicea Rodig  
Director BACL

# TULPEHOCKEN JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL

## 2<sup>nd</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  
Dieffenbach, Lewis  
Dougherty, Emily  
Forry, Mark  
Gehris, Abigail  
Hall, Britan  
Hussman, Katelyn  
Joy, Sophia  
Neuin, Zachary  
Schueller, Emma  
Shirey, Chloe  
Slater, Jaileah  
Snyder, Juliet  
Sprigg, Hailey  
Thomas, Parker  
Wadel, Conner  
Zellers, Sophia

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

Bobo, Aiden  
Brendle, Kallia

Cornelius, Tyler  
Farrell, Allison  
Gardula, Meghan  
Harring, Kaylyn  
Haws, Clint  
Palm-Rittle, Seth  
Paul-Chandia, Nicolas

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

Beck, Lannie  
Bednarczyk, David  
Bryant, Lauren  
Claman, Breanna  
Forry, Faith  
Jackson, Peter  
Schrack, Connor  
Straw, Jacob  
VanTiggelen, Vanessa

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

Ahner, Ella  
Bobo, Ashton

Boyer, Alyssa  
Ebersole, Kyla  
Erb, Bradyn  
Hannacker, Olivia  
Johnson, Lindsay  
Lutz, Nathan  
Marez, Monica  
Marous, Madeline  
Murrin, Alexandra  
Sowers, Mackenzi  
Womer, Evan

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

Bauscher, Madilyn  
Burns, Jaclyn  
Coleman, Jenna  
Forry, Mallory  
Gagnon, Bailee  
Groff, Mary  
Oxenreider, Olivia  
Rubright, Lisa  
Tartaglia, Olivia

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

Ahner, Ava  
Beck, Kyleigh  
Betz, MacKenzie  
Bobo, Alexander  
Boyer, Jordan  
Cox, Stephen  
Eberly, Megan  
Elicker, Jack  
Hower, Tamara  
Jonas, Natalie  
Kaur, Mehtab  
Keeney, Joshua  
Kintzer, John  
Luckenbill, Courtney  
Montilla, Keen  
Paulson, Luke  
Philippe, Jenna  
Travis, Katherine  
VanTiggelen, Alan  
Vogel, Hannah

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

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

Bair, Veronica  
Baransky, Aaron  
Bausher, Anna  
Bazan, Jair  
Beard, Starlette  
Beitler, Evan  
Colon, Xander  
Coy, Grayson  
Crampton, Cecelia  
Crampton, Nathan  
Erb, Brett  
Gehman, Hank  
Gutierrez, Tiffany  
Hess, Aaren  
Kampe, Calvin  
Kauffman, James  
Keeler, Austin  
Kelly, Nickolas  
Kieffer, Alexis

Kitchenoff, Celissa  
Leinbach, Jacob  
Maurer, Jessica  
McQuillen, Jonathan  
Plempel, Hannah  
Pletz, Sarah  
Sauder, Riley  
Saunders, Tinaya  
Schmeer, Bryce  
Schwalm, Aidan  
Setlock, Nikolas  
Smith, Wayne  
Spencer, Dalton  
Tartaglia, Vincent  
Vogel, Rebekah  
Wesner, Jamie  
Yeager, Aiden  
Youse, Landon

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

Becker, Nicholas  
Beidler, Ethan  
Bowers, Benjamin  
Boyer, Keegan  
Daub, Caleb  
Eckenrode, Charlie  
Fox, Ethan  
Henne, Keira  
Honicker, Myles  
Hopwood, Tuesday  
Hornberger, Gabriel  
Hubler, Lani  
Lawrence, Taylor  
Leonhard, Hayden  
Marous, Ella  
Merfert, Christian  
Pugh, Bria  
Reese, John  
Schrack, Oakley

Zadeh, Thomas  
Seiders, Harmony  
Stothart, Devon  
Sullivan, Brogan  
Troxel, Tess  
Unger, Rebecca  
Wessner, Mason  
Wilson, Allison  
Zielinski, Angelina

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

Blankenbiller, Kristen  
Blouch, Madison  
Boyer, Jessica  
Boyer, Joseph  
Brungart, Alayna  
Bucher, Tyler  
Courtright, Sophia  
Cox, Rachel  
Edwards, Liliana



Emerich, Seth  
 Evans, Taylor  
 Faut, Arabella  
 Fidler, Sarah  
 Giambalvo, Dylan  
 Gibson, Brooke  
 Hager, Rachel  
 Hermann, Rebecca  
 Kantner, Kennedy  
 Kraatz, Everett  
 Krause, Jenna  
 Latshaw, Skyler  
 Lillis, Mason  
 Manbeck, Jayden  
 Matias, Janae  
 Mays, Tonya  
 Morais, Samantha  
 Reisch, Averi  
 Ritchie, Trenton  
 Ruffner, Mahala  
 Sutherly, Harmony  
 Trommutter, Marley  
 Walmer, Regan

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

Abarca, Ariana  
 Adams, Jade  
 Barrett, Makayla  
 Becker, Abigail  
 Borz, Christopher  
 Folk, Amelia  
 Gehris, Camden  
 Hardy, Skylar

Henning, Chad  
 Herbst, Nazzareno  
 Himmelberger, Dylan  
 Kiebach, Brayden  
 Lathan, Joanna  
 Lawrence, Autumn  
 Lillis, Logan  
 Madeiros, Serena  
 Mathias, Chloe  
 Mays, Adam  
 McDermott, Jessica  
 Miller, Aidan  
 Rescigno, Angelle  
 Risser, Joshua  
 Scianna, Rachel  
 Seiders, Kyra  
 Seiler, Joseph  
 Wise, Shelby  
 Wolfe, Christopher  
 Zellers, Sydney  
 Zielinski, Leah  
 Zohn, Hunter

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

Alejandro Martinez, Beberly  
 Baransky, Makayla  
 Bazan, Carlos  
 Bazan, Guadalupe  
 Beltran-Lozada, Lewis  
 Blankenbiller, Matthew  
 Bucher, Justin  
 Christ, Malachi  
 Davis, Connor

Fair, Bella  
 Fair, Brook  
 Forry, Lucas  
 Heck, Sabrina  
 Henne, Alexander  
 Hulse, Abigail  
 Henne, Alexander  
 Hulse, Abigail  
 Hussmann, Mia  
 Johnson, Emily  
 Kephart, Nickolas  
 Kershner, Seth  
 Konoza, Carter  
 Lutz, Hailey  
 McDermott, David  
 Reese, Brittlee  
 Serrano, Jaylynn  
 Sholl, Sharon  
 Toussaint-Fils, Ashley  
 Vega, K'drian  
 Weiant, Morgan  
 Wentzel-Stout, Donovan  
 Williams, Hailey  
 Wolf, Paige  
 Yatchyshyn, Molly  
 Yenser, Kyle

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

Bazan, Andres  
 Brossman, Bethany  
 Claman, Autumn  
 Deck, Austin

Dubbs, Jenna  
 Evans, Aubrey  
 Fair, Bailey  
 Faust, Angelina  
 Garcia, Chloe  
 Gettis, Alex  
 Grumbine, Natalie  
 Henne, Logan  
 Horne, Carmella  
 Howe, Rachel  
 Kissinger, Jarrod  
 Linke, Joshua  
 Linke, Kevin  
 Mace, Austin  
 Maciejewski, Orion  
 Mathias, Skylar  
 Perilus, Strauss  
 Phillips, Jocelynn  
 Pierson, Nathan  
 Schermerhorn, Kyle  
 Seward, Aidan  
 Shepley, Trinity  
 Straw, Joshua  
 Stupp, Lydia  
 Torres, Jessie  
 Walsh, Michael  
 Walther, Jeremy  
 Wernicki, Alexander  
 Wojciechowsky, Kaila  
 Wolfe, Cameron  
 Yassine, Anissa

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

## **ATTENTION SENIOR CITIZENS AND DISABLED INDIVIDUALS**

The deadline to apply for a rebate on property taxes or rent paid in 2019 is June 30, 2020. The Property Tax/Rent Rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older. The program income limit is \$35,000 for homeowners and \$15,000 for renters (which excludes half of Social Security income) and the maximum rebate for both homeowners and renters is \$650. In addition, property tax rebates are increased by an additional 50 percent for senior households in most of the state, as long as those households have incomes under \$30,000 and pay more than 15 percent of income in property taxes.

In Berks County alone, 17,731 claimants received nearly \$9 million in rebates from this program in 2016. The average rebate was \$496. Don't miss out on this valuable program. Property Tax/Rent Rebate application forms and assistance are available at no cost from Department of Revenue district offices, local Area Agencies on Aging, senior centers and state legislators' offices. For more information call the PA Department of Revenue at 1-888-222-9190 or visit their website at [www.revenue.state.pa.us](http://www.revenue.state.pa.us).

## **TULPEHOCKEN SOFTBALL**

The Tulpehocken Softball team is entering their spring season with the uncertainty of how much we will play but, regardless, we are dedicated to improve on our 3-16 (3-7 league) overall record. The lady Trojans are welcoming back seniors Emma Book, Natalie Grumbine, Rachel Howe, Rebecca Oxenreider, Alli Reed, junior Mallory Forry and sophomores Abigail Becker, Lindsay Johnson, Autumn Lawrence and Arianna Wertz to the varsity team. Seniors Book and Howe will lead the outfield while starting shortstop Grumbine will dominate the infield with pitcher Becker and catcher Johnson. Offensively, Oxenreider and Becker show promise to get the bats moving. The lady Trojans are ready to hit the dirt, and will make the most of whatever opportunities we are given.

In March, the softball team traveled to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida for spring training. The girls had a once in a lifetime experience and played competitively against The John Cooper School from the Woodlands, Texas. Though the team came short of a win, their play showed promise against the very skilled team. The final score was 7-4 and leading the Tulpy offense with two hits a piece were senior Rebecca Oxenreider and sophomore Abigail Becker. When the girls weren't practicing or playing on the field, they filled their time exploring the theme parks making countless memories. The experience was well received by all those involved and the coaching staff would like to thank the school board for approving the trip, Kyle Batz for driving us to and from the airport, Mindy Henne for handling all of the team finances, Taryn Stothart for being our "Disney pro" and lastly, and most importantly, all the parents who chaperoned. We could have never given the athletes this experience without all the support from our Tulpy family!

During the pandemic, the softball team felt the need to stay united and motivated once we lost our spring season. Each athlete joined a Google Classroom page to learn drills and cardio they could do at home. Three times a week, athletes logged into Zoom and completed softball drills live with the coaching staff and also completed cardio exercises twice a week. Prizes were awarded for girls who logged in the most and completed challenges. The team is looking forward to the summer and we hope to play in a few games our tournaments to give our seniors one last time in a Tulpehocken jersey.



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### **TULPEHOCKEN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT RESIDENTS**

The Tulpehocken Area School District is seeking your help and cooperation in maintaining its census information. We are asking that you notify your township tax collector if any of the following apply to your household:

1. Have you been getting school district mail for someone who no longer lives there
2. Has anyone moved out of your household (ex. marriage, divorce, separation, etc.)
3. Has anyone changed their name due to adoption or marriage
4. Has your address changed in any way – added a post office box, street name changed, deleted a post office box, etc.
5. Are you planning on moving to another location within the school district
6. Are you moving out of the school district
7. Has someone passed away in your household

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Business Office at (717) 933-4611 ext. 1012. All information supplied will be kept confidential and only used for official business. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.



## **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

## **THE BETHEL LIBRARY REMAINS CLOSED INDEFINITELY DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

In the meantime, check our Facebook page for online events and programs and for details about reopening.

If you want to access e-books, but don't have a library card? You can get a card online for the Bethel Library or any other Berks County library. Here's how:

Go to <https://bit.ly/GetCardedToday>

Select Bethel Library and enter your postal code.

Click Continue.

Fill out the online form.

You'll be asked to visit the library after we reopen to show a photo ID to verify your account. But you can start borrowing from our digital resources 24-48 hours after online registration.

If you have questions or difficulty with the online card registration, you can call Reading Library's reference department at 610-655-6355. They are still answering phone calls during the COVID-19 shutdown.

We look forward to seeing you again soon.

## **NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

As a district, we would like to increase community awareness about upcoming school activities. If you are interested in receiving notification of school activities (music, sports, and other programs) please call Mimi Shade at 717-933-4611 extension 1011. You will have an option for any combination of the following for notifications; phone calls, text, or email.

If at any time you would like to stop receiving notification or to change the way you are notified please contact Mimi Shade at 717-933-4611, ext. 1011.

## **SUBSTITUTES NEEDED**

The Tulpehocken Area School District is looking for individuals who wish to serve as substitutes for nurses, 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.

## **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!

Mr. Andrew Netznik  
Superintendent

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**BUILDING A SOCCER LEGACY**

On a cold, wind-driven, rainy evening in October at a Tulpehocken High School girls soccer game, something significant happened that only Coach Zerbe and his wife Carol knew about. After the game, while boarding the bus and taking off layer upon layer of soaking wet clothes, Coach Zerbe, being his humble self, simply muttered to his coaching staff "that was a memorable game." Anyone that has played for or worked with Coach Zerbe knows he always puts everyone else first and never makes it about himself. It was only weeks later that someone realized Coach Zerbe really meant so much more by that comment. You see, that game had much more significance than anyone ever expected. On that evening, Coach Zerbe achieved a milestone that only one other person in Tulpehocken coaching history has reached. On October 7, 2019, Coach Zerbe reached his 250<sup>th</sup> win as the high school girls soccer coach.

For those of you that might not know Coach Zerbe, he has been leading a successful high school girls soccer program at Tulpy for 20 years. His dedication to his players, his coaching staff, and the girls soccer program is second to none. When he's not running around keeping all the buildings at Tulpehocken up and running as head maintenance mechanic, he's putting countless hours in year round with his team to continue their growth. In addition, he somehow finds time to spend with the youth soccer players working on their development to continue the success of Tulpy girls soccer. The next time you see Coach Zerbe, thank him for his dedication to Tulpy girls soccer as well as all he does for the Tulpehocken School District. This man bleeds Blue and Gold. Also make sure that you congratulate him on his 250<sup>th</sup> win and success as a coach.

To honor his achievement, the girls soccer team purchased a commemorative brick for the stadium wall. With the help of the underclassmen, it is our expectation that this coming fall Coach Zerbe will become the winningest coach in Tulpehocken history. Make sure that you check the upcoming Tulpehocken Times winter issue for an update on this next achievement.

