

TULPEHOCKEN TIMES



WINTER ISSUE



TULPY WELCOMES NEW STAFF!



Left to Right: Allyson Balmer, JSHS Ag; Emily Dietrich, JSHS English; Nicole Randall, Bethel Autistic Support; Sophie Queitzsch, Penn Bernville Learning Support; and Lauren Solazzo, School Psychologist

THE WINTER ELEMENTARY CONCERTS WILL BE HELD ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Penn Bernville Blue Band & 4 th Grade Chorus Concert	December 11, 2019 7:00 PM	PB Gym
Bethel Blue Band & 4 th Grade Chorus Concert	December 12, 2019 7:00 PM	Bethel Gym
Gold Band and 5 th / 6 th Grade Chorus Concert	December 17, 2019 7:00 PM	JSHS Auditorium

THE WINTER CONCERTS AT THE JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL WILL BE HELD ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

December 15th at 3 PM: Senior High Concert

December 16th at 7 PM : Junior High Concert



SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER



Greetings Tulpy Family!!

Think back to your years as a child and I bet we all had the same question asked to us over and over – “What do you want to be when you grow up?” I know as a parent I ask my own children that question. Depending on the day, I get answers like “Aquaman” and “Batman” to a teacher and veterinarian. As little kids it is good to dream about what your future holds. While my son will probably not be Aquaman, he will at some point during his schooling career make a decision about the career path he would like to pursue. Fortunately for our kids, there are so many different opportunities available for them that at times it can be overwhelming. Some students know exactly what they want to be when they leave high school, while others struggle with the decision to pick a 4 year or 2 year college, a military career or the workforce.

In order to help guide students through this process, we have added a new position of K12 Career Specialist. The goal of this new position is providing opportunities and advice to our students on their future. The staff member that will fill this position is a Tulpy resident, Lydia Beck. Lydia comes with a background in school career counseling from Exeter Twp and Berks Career and Technology Center. One of Lydia’s role as the K12 Career Specialist will be helping students who do not have any idea where they want to do. By giving these kids opportunities to explore different avenues, Lydia will be able to hopefully guide the kids into a career pathway. For students who know what they want, internships and pre-apprenticeship opportunities are being set up. Through internship opportunities, students will be able to experience the field they are interested in before they actually have to invest time and money into that career path. I am sure we all know someone who went to school for one field but realized that wasn’t for them and now does something completely different. We are trying to help minimize those decisions and experiences because in some cases it can be a costly decision.

Our school counselors will still be there to support our students as they will work closely with Lydia in this new role. By putting this new position in place it will allow our counselors to focus on other areas related to our students.

If you would be interested in offering internship & pre-apprenticeship opportunities for our students, please contact Lydia Beck at 610-488-6286, ext 2508 or at lbeck@tulpehocken.org. Our internship/pre-apprenticeship program is geared more towards grades 11 & 12, but we are also open to offering job shadowing opportunities for grades K-10. We also welcome anyone who would be interested in speaking to our kids as well about their career path.

As always, please know our doors are open.

Tulpy Pride!

Andy Netznik

Superintendent of Schools

GRADUATION PROJECTS

Graduation Projects are still required for graduation at Tulpehocken. In order to begin a project, stop in room 512 and see Mrs. Bross for a proposal form, which needs to be completed, including approved mentor clearances. We award credit toward graduation for BCTC students who complete their required projects there.

Current seniors without a project are reminded of the January 31, 2020 completion deadline for the required 35-hour work component. Students may stop in room 512 to secure a pre-approval form, get clearance information, and designate a project. In addition, information is located on the Tulpehocken website under Our Schools>Junior-Senior High School>Graduation Project.

Contact Mrs. Millie Bross, Graduation Project Coordinator at 610-488-6286 or mbross@tulpehocken.org for more information.

HILLBILLIES AT TULPEHOCKEN

This year's Fall Play will be **The Beverly Hillbillies**, a play based on the classic TV show. The story follows the Clampett family from their shack in the Ozarks to a mansion in Beverly Hills, after oil is discovered on their property. This fish-out-of-water comedy is fun for the whole family.

The fall play will be performed on Friday, November 15th and Saturday, November 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. This year's cast includes Jacob Bowers, Jordon Baer and Emily Leshner, as well as, many other students. The Beverly Hillbillies will be directed by Reid Mosley with assistant director Barbara Moyer.



4TH GRADERS ENJOY ANNUAL POTATO BAR

During the month of September, Bethel and Penn-Bernville Elementary students enjoyed their annual potato bar project. This annual event is a collaboration bringing together STEM, classroom teachers, Ag. Science teachers, and our FFA. During each potato bar, students from the High School who are members of FFA visited to present the 4th graders with information on FFA, facts about potatoes, and PA agriculture. They guided students on how to grow potatoes. After learning all about potatoes and discussing the benefits and uses of them, students got to enjoy potatoes that came directly from a farm of a former Tulp alum, Nathan Tallman. At Bethel, Nathan and his wife also gave a short presentation to the students on his role in Harrisburg as the CEO of the PA Co-Operative Potato Growers. They even brought along a special guest, named "Spud" to visit with the students. Both potato bars were a huge success and a great educational opportunity to show our elementary students where their food comes from, how to continue to pursue interests in agriculture when they enter HS through our FFA program, and also showed them the possibilities of pursuing a career in agriculture.



UPCOMING PSSA & KEYSTONE TESTING DATES

December 2 - 13, 2019	8 th – 11 th Grade	Keystone Exams in Algebra I, Literature, and Biology
April 20 - 24, 2020	3 rd - 8 th Grade	PSSA Tests in English Language Arts
April 27 – May 1, 2020	3 rd - 8 th Grade	PSSA Tests in Math, Science, and Make-Ups
May 11 - 22, 2020	8 th – 11 th Grade	Spring Keystone Exams in Algebra I, Literature, and Biology

PENN-BERVILLE ELEMENTARY

The school year is in full-swing at Penn-Bernville Elementary! During the first week of school, students and staff participated in **Tulpy Pride Day**. This was a school-wide activity where students rotated through centers to review behavior expectations. Thanks to our wonderful PTO, everyone got a treat from Kona Ice as well. The school ended the day with a friendly tug of war competition. It was a day filled with fun and purpose!

The **S.P.A.R.K.S. Grant** that was awarded to PB last year continues through this year. The S.P.A.R.K.S. (Science Projects are Really Kids' Stuff!) Foundation is a Mohnton-based nonprofit that promotes science literacy. They will be visiting our school twice a month and teaching lessons to students in grades 1-4. Continuing with more science fun, PB had a school-wide assembly about the science behind skateboarding. It was an exciting show for everyone! The **Ag Lab** returned to PB again this year, and students in all grades were able to participate in this hands-on learning opportunity.

NEW THIS YEAR

Throughout the year, both elementary schools will have **Positivi-TEE Days**. On these spirit days, the idea is to wear a shirt with a positive message to promote positivity, kindness, and school unity.

Be sure to follow our Facebook page @PennBernvilleElementarySchool to see all the wonderful things happening in our school. Also, there will be a **"Spotlight On..."** a new staff member featured each week. We are anxious to share more about who we are with our school community!



Penn-Bernville Elementary
Staff Members
for 2019-20200

BETHEL ELEMENTARY

Bethel Elementary has had an exciting start to the 2019-2020 school year. It has been a very busy and productive start and I'm honored to be part of it as the building principal. During the month of September, we had our first **"Positivi-Tee"** day where the entire staff was invited to wear a shirt that shared a positive message. We continued the "Positivi-Tee" initiative on the first of October and also invited students to participate!

The high school FFA along with PA Potato Corporation presented to our 4th grade classes and treated them to a potato bar. I even got to take my picture with a giant potato! On Friday, September 20th, we celebrated our community grandparents with stations around the school. The celebration was a great success and I thank our PTO for hard work and planning.

During the first week of October, we expressed our Tulpy pride! Each day we had a theme where staff and students participated to show their school spirit.

I am seeing so many wonderful things in our classrooms and can't thank the staff, students, and families enough for their hard work. It is an honor to be a part of this wonderful community.



Celebrating
Grandparents' Day
September 2019
Bethel Elementary



GRAB & GO BREAKFAST

Don't have time to prepare a nutritious breakfast? We can ease that stress in your busy morning! Our cafeteria offers a Grab & Go breakfast that meets the nutrition 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.

MEAL CHARGE POLICY

No student who requests a meal will be denied a main lunch option, unless the parent or guardian has provided written permission to withhold a school lunch. Direct communications regarding money owed will be made to the parent or guardian only. Students may deliver communications in letter form, addressed to the parent/guardian.

Meals served to students will not be removed or exchanged as a result of overdrawn cafeteria accounts. When it is discovered a student has selected a meal and they do not have positive funds or cash to purchase it, the student will be permitted to have the meal without discussion. The meal will be charged to the student's lunch account.

Students may not charge ala carte items (snacks, ice cream, etc.).

Weekly notices will be sent via email, letter and/or automated phone call for account balances of \$5 or less.

If all district attempts to collect unpaid meal charges are unsuccessful, the account will be sent to a collection agency. Additional fees will be added by the collection agency.

FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATION

We have tried to make the process to apply for free and reduced lunch as easy as possible. You can apply online using SchoolCafe. If you already are a SchoolCafe user, simply login and click on the eligibility link to complete an application.

You may also apply for benefits online using the state website Compass.

If internet access is an issue, you may complete a paper application and return it to school with your student. A paper application can be downloaded from the food service section of the school district website at any time during the school year.

SCHOOLCAFE

SchoolCafe is a great online tool to view your children's cafeteria account. Schoolcafe allows parents to:

- Review your student's buying history
- Set low balance alerts for each account (\$10 low balance alert is recommended)
- Make payments to your student's cafeteria meal account
- Apply for free & reduced lunch benefits

We strongly encourage utilizing this online tool to ensure there is money in your child's lunch account.

As always, we will continue to accept deposits in the school cafeteria. When sending money with your student for deposit, please put the cash or check in a sealed envelope. On the envelope include the child's name, grade and student PIN number

2020 DARDANIAN

Dear Parent:

The staff of the Dardanian, Tulpehocken's yearbook, would like to take this opportunity to offer you an advanced opportunity for including a special tribute to your child in the 2020 yearbook. Would you consider running a "public display of affection" ad featuring your child, or children? This sort of celebratory ad is not limited to seniors. Rather, this type of ad is perfect for the student who has achieved a significant educational, athletic, or creative goal in the recent past, or will attain this goal in the near future.

Please consider contributing an ad featuring a photo or two of your THS student along with a message of congratulations or encouragement for a job well done, or a goal yet to be met. We are offering "traditional" ad space this year (1/2, 1/4, 1/8 page), where you can deliver a personal message in a most affordable way.

I look forward to receiving your generous response. Please take a look at the fee schedule and deadlines. If you have questions, please email me.

Sincerely,
Ashley Gassert, THS yearbook advisor
agassert@tulpehocken.org

BUSINESS AD RATES/ SIZES FOR THE 2020 DARDANIAN—THE THS YEARBOOK

Ad sizes: full page, one-half page, one-fourth page, one-eighth page (business card sized)

Ad rates and discount deadlines:

Ad size	Oct. 1 - Dec. 31, 2019	Jan. 1 - Jan. 31, 2020	Feb. 1 - Feb. 26, 2020
1/2 page (2-3 photos and copy)	\$200.00	\$240.00	\$260.00
1/4 page (1-2 photos and copy)	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$130.00
1/8 page (1 photo and copy)	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$60.00

Please make all checks payable to: **T.A.S.D.** Mail payment and copy of your ad to:

T.H.S. Yearbook
Attn: Mrs. Ashley Gassert
430 New Schaefferstown Rd.
Bernville, PA 19506

Photos can be scanned and emailed as jpegs to: agassert@tulpehocken.org.

Please mention your name and check number in the emailed correspondence so I can match your photo with your ad. If you have questions, please email me.

Alternatively, you can call the school and leave a message. Please be patient. It may take me a day to get back to you.

Our book size is 8.5 x 11, so a full page is approx. 8 x 10.

1/4 page. This orientation only.	1/8 page. This orientation only.
1/2 page. This orientation only.	

CONGRATULATIONS PENN BERNVILLE ELEMENTARY!

Penn-Bernville Elementary won a School Logo Package from Inter-State Studio.

Inter-State Studio is the organization that takes our fall and spring student pictures at the elementary buildings.

The School Logo Package includes one roll-up banner, one character poster, and a package of 50 Achievement Awards customized with our school logo and colors.

Way to go Penn-Bernville !!!!



2019-2020 BLOOD DRIVE DATES

**This year's Fall Blood Drive will be held Monday, November 25th, 2019,
Our Spring Blood Drive will be announced at a later date.**

The time will be from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Members of the blood drive committee are:

Chair: Makayla Baransky

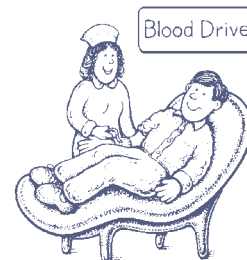
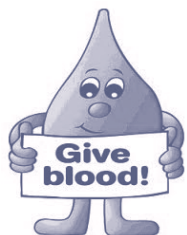
**Members: Ariana Abarca, Guadalupe Bazan, Sarah Johnson,
Monica Marez, Britlee Reese, Olivia Tartaglia**

To register for the November Drive:

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

or

E-mail Mr. Patrick Slater at pslater@tulpehocken.org



Unfortunately, online scheduling is not available at this time.

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!

TOBACCO POLICY FOR SMOKE FREE/TOBACCO FREE ENVIRONMENT

Tobacco and other tobacco usage are prohibited on all school grounds at any time. Tobacco use is prohibited at all times by all persons in all District-owned facilities, on school buses/vans, and in all school district vehicles used in connection with school activities. The term tobacco also includes electronic cigarettes, and other devices designed to replace traditional tobacco products or to deliver nicotine, flavor, and other chemicals.

PA School Tobacco Law (35 PS 12235 et.seq.)

BERKS COUNTY DAIRY PRINCESS

The 2019-2020 Berks County Dairy Princess Royalty were crowned during the recent Berks County Dairy Princess Coronation and Banquet. Pictured below are Stephanie Younker, 2019-20 Berks County Dairy Princess, Kennedy Cavalier, 2019-20 Berks County Alternate Dairy Princess; and Andrea Hix, 2019-20 Berks County Li'l Miss Dairy Princess.

Stephanie Younker, 18, is the daughter of Steven and Melanie Younker, Bernville, and is in her senior year at Tulpehocken High School. Their dairy farm is called Younker's Pride Farm. Stephanie is very involved in the Berks County 4-H programs where she holds many offices. Stephanie is a member and President of the Northern Berks 4-H Dairy Club, President of the Berks County 4-H Swine Club, Vice President of the Berks County 4-H Dairy Beef Club, and is Vice President of the Berks Junior Holstein Club, as well as a member of the Tulpehocken FFA where she serves as Secretary.

Kennedi Cavalier, 18, is the daughter of Chantel Cavalier, and a recent graduate of Kutztown High School. Kennedi is a member of the Eastern Berks 4-H Dairy Club and the Kutztown Sew N Sews 4-H Club. She is currently attending Kutztown University.

Andrea Hix, 6, is the daughter of Michael and Melissa (Bicksler) Hix of Mohrsville. Their family dairy farm is called Sweetswing Holsteins. Andrea is in the first grade at Tilden Elementary and both of her parents are graduates of Tulpehocken High School.

During their reign as Princess' they will be traveling all over Berks County promoting the benefits of drinking milk and eating dairy products. You might see them at grocery stores, participating in parades and school promotions or at the local fairs distributing ribbons.



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

COME "CHILI" WITH US: Join us for our first ever chili cookoff on November 2 at 12pm.

- Sample a variety of chilis from local organizations, restaurants, and home cooks. Beef or beans, spicy or mild – there's something for everyone.
- Play yard games and enjoy music and good company.
- Purchase corn bread and other baked goods.
- Join our celebrity judges and vote for your favorite to determine Bethel's best chili.
- Purchase your tickets in advance (\$8) or at the door (\$10).
- Cooks: reserve your FREE spot to enter your favorite recipe in the cookoff. Cooks receive 1 free admission ticket and a chance to win prizes and bragging rights.

TAKE A CHANCE: Stop in to buy tickets for one of our gorgeous raffle baskets. At only \$1 each, they're a bargain and a great way to support the library.

HERSHEY PARK IN THE DARK: Want free Hershey Park tickets? Volunteer at Hershey Park on behalf of the library! You will receive tickets for your time and the library receives a donation. Available all year round. Contact us for details.

READING FOR SPORT: Get your Reading Olympics books here.

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, preschool class, computer help, storytime, and much more. Everyone is welcome.

BERNVILLE AREA COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

4th Street at Fox Alley, 2nd floor of Redner's Quick Shop, Bernville. Phone: 610-488-1302
E-mail: 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

BREAKFAST with the Grinch November 9, 2019 8:30-11 am. Tickets required for all "WHO" attend. See a librarian for tickets. Adults \$8 and Kids \$6 in advance. At the door Adults \$9 and Kids \$7.

Monthly events:

NEW: Wellie Wishers Club. This club is ideal for girls ages 6-9. Wellie Wishers are a younger version of American Girl. The girls will read books, make crafts and socialize with peers. Dates: Nov. 4 and Dec. 9 All dates are at 5:30pm. Please sign up at the library.

American Girl Club is ideal for girls ages 10 and up. They will read books, socialize with peers, and tackle modern day issues. Dates: Nov. 18 and Dec 16 all at 5:30 pm. Please sign up at the library prior to event.

Lego Club is ideal for all ages who love to build and use their imaginations. Dates: Nov 11 at 5:30 pm. We take a break from Legos from December to February.

Read to a Therapy Dog on November 3 and December 8 from 2:30 pm to 4 pm.

Please check our Facebook page or website at www.bernvilllibrary.com for other activities such as Movie nights and Cosplay Club.

Weekly events:

Monday at 11:15 am Preschool Story time. Ideal for ages 4 & up

Tuesday at 11 am and 6 pm Mother Goose on the Loose Story time. Ideal for ages Birth to 2 years

Thursdays at 11:15 am Toddler Story time. Ideal for ages 2-3 years old.

November 14 at 7 pm Building the Reading and Columbia Railroad - An Amazing Feat! presented by John Brown. Please sign up at the library.

We are currently working on additional programs so please check our website at www.bernvilllibrary.com.

We would like to thank all of the sponsors for the Bernville Community Day 5K that was held on August 3. This event would not have been successful without them. Sheetz, Wawa, CVS, PA Honeybee Rescue, Blue Marsh Market, Weis, Strausstown Rod & Gun Club, Weaver Eye Care Associates, Blue Marsh Veterinary Clinic, Boyer's, and Kirkhoff Funeral home.

Also a big thank you to all those who supported us by running the race. We hope to see you next year. Congratulations to the top Male: Nick Sokolovich with a time of 18:18 and the top female Michelle Falzone with a time of 22:08.

Over the summer we held our second Science Camp at the library with 26 participants from ages 8-13 which was a huge success. The participants learned about cells and their components and the roles bacteria play in our environment. The participants spent 3 nights in the library doing experiments and 2 nights at the park. On the last night the participants enjoyed experiments and pizza and of course no science camp would be complete without blowing stuff up. We look forward to a great topic and turnout in the summer of 2020. Stay tuned to find out what we will be learning then.

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BERNVILLE LIBRARY (continued)

We had another successful Summer Learning Quest. Our theme this year was “Be a Book-a-neer” (pirates). We had a variety of events and special guests to help us learn about pirates. The highlights were Grace the Pirate, Sailor Mike and Yeardley, Live Parrots, Lemurs and other animals, and Leslea the Mermaid. The participants read for a total of 88,480 minutes. We ended the summer with a pool party at the Bernville Pool for all the 45 children who completed the “learning treasure map.” A big thank you to the Bernville Pool for allowing us to enjoy the day relaxing after all that reading.

Did you know that you can check the website to see what new books and movies we have? You can then call to have us place a hold for you or you can place a hold online. Also if you would like us to purchase an item, let a library clerk know and we will consider it based on our collection needs. We have books for all.

With the winter months ahead please note that we will follow the Tulpehocken Area School District for closings. We will put the closing on our Facebook page also.

UPDATES FROM THE NURSING DEPARTMENT

Immunization Reminders:

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

Students entering 12th 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.

School Physical Exams:

The school Doctor, Ziad Osman MD, will be here on January 23rd, and January 24th, 2020 to complete physical exams on students in mandated grades (grades K, 6, and 11). If you indicated interest on your emergency form, the nurse will send home a reminder in early January. Parents are welcome to attend, just let the nurse in your child’s building know so they can give you an approximate time.

Smile Mobile Dental Team:

The mobile dental team will be visiting the buildings on several occasions throughout the school year. Look for the Blue Smile form and return to the school if interested in your child participating. This is open to students in all grades.

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.



EARLY DISMISSAL FOR PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Students will be dismissed early on the following dates for Parent Teacher Conferences:

Monday, November 25, 2019

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

Wednesday, November 27, 2019

Times for Dismissal:

Elementary at 12:15 pm

Secondary at 11:30 am

Information regarding how to sign up on-line for parent/teacher conferences was sent home with students during the month of October. You must register online! Do not call the buildings for a date and time!

TULPEHOCKEN FFA

WHO ARE WE?

FFA makes a positive impact in the lives of students by developing their potential through personal growth, premier leadership and career success. In FFA, you have the opportunity to compete in CDEs (career development events) and LDEs (leadership development events), such as Environment and Natural Resources and Public Speaking. Members can also attend many conferences where you learn leadership skills and visit the Capitol to discuss Agricultural Law and Policy with our representatives and senators. At the end of the school year, students can attend Penn State University for the PA State Convention and Activities Week. The opportunities are endless for any student who wants to become involved in our organization.

2019-2020 FFA Officer Team:

Natalie Grumbine, President
Austin Deck, Vice President
Stephanie Yonker, Secretary
Makayla Barrett, Treasurer
Abby Gardula, Reporter
Aidan Seward, Sentinel
Amber Houser, Chaplin



TULPEHOCKEN FFA MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN BIG E COMPETITION

On Thursday, September 12th, six Tulpehocken FFA members left for Massachusetts to participate in competitions at the largest agricultural event on the eastern seaboard. These students earned their place in the competition by their exceptional performance at the PA FFA Activities Week held at Penn State from June 11-13th. Our students will compete against students from twenty other states in the Eastern Region, ranging from Rhode Island to Michigan. Over 900 FFA members will take part in two days of competition.

Tulpehocken's Environment and Natural Resources team comprised of Kyla Ebersole (sophomore), Colt Hoppes (sophomore), Maddie Marous (sophomore), and Adam Mays (sophomore) placed second overall at the state competition, earning them a trip to the Big E. They placed first in the Big E competition, beating out all other teams in the Eastern Region. In addition to the Environment and Natural Resources team, Natalie Grumbine (senior) and Stephanie Yonker (senior) also earned a place in the Big E Dairy Cattle Handlers Competition. Natalie placed 4th overall at the state competition and Stephanie placed 6th overall. Natalie and Stephanie's combined scores earned their team 4th place in the Big E Competition. Congratulations Tulpehocken FFA!

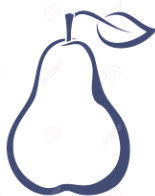


FFA Upcoming Event:

Citrus Sale

Forms and Website available

starting October 14th



TULPEHOCKEN SCHOOL DISTRICT SUMMER STEM CAMPS 2019

This summer marked the first year the Tulpehocken High School hosted Summer STEM camps. 42 students enrolled and participated in the 4-day Summer Stem Camps over a 4-week period July 8 through August 8. Weeks 1,2 and 4 hosted K through 3rd Grade students and the theme Phenology: Animal and Plant Interaction. Campers had fun learning about the pollination story and were able to become a honeybee for a day. Putting their eyes to the skies, campers learned all about raptors, Skyping with Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, learning to identify silhouettes, and finishing the day with owl pellet dissection lab. They then moved on to elk where the students learned how elk were once extinct in Pennsylvania, but then repopulated with Rocky Mountain Elk from Yellowstone. Another Skype session with the Keystone Elk County Alliance allowed campers to learn the evolutionary history of the elk; how they are tracked with radio collars and that they are ruminants with a split hoof. On our final day students went on a field trip to Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area where they learned to identify wild mammals of Pennsylvania by different skulls and pelts. Waterfowl migration and habitat was also emphasized during the scavenger hunt conducted at Middle Creek Waterfowl Management Area visitor's center. Week 3 camp focused on Environmental & Natural Resources. Campers participated in activities and became better informed stewards of our earth and how to lower their footprint on the environment. The week started by exploring watersheds, stream biological, chemical and physical measurements of a water cycle. As the week went on there were visits to The Greater Lebanon Refuge Authority where they experienced efforts to contain leachate and return it as clean water to the stream. At Blue Marsh campers explored the function of wetlands and engineering of a dam. Finally, the week ended at the Rentschler Arboretum with the focus on common trees of PA and why forestry and timber production is important. Urban foresters led the sessions and invasive species identification was observed with methods to control them in a forest and arboretum setting.

A "BIG" thank you goes out to all of the campers, staff, and custodians for making this summer program a success! Mrs. Williams, assisted by Mrs. Engelbert, Mrs. Sanders and Tulpehocken senior John Kintzer, led the camp staff.

Article by John Kintzer



ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

THE TULPEHOCKEN ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT WILL BE ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL TULPEHOCKEN ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME.

Criteria for nomination to the Tulpehocken Athletic Hall of Fame:

1. The nominee must have, during his/her career, exemplified greatness in the area of athletics, and have a history of good character.
2. If an athlete, he/she must have graduated from Tulpehocken and have been out of high school for (5) years.
3. If a coach or administrator, he/she must have coached/been employed in the Tulpehocken system for at least (5) years, and have been out of coaching/employment for at least (5) years).
4. If neither an athlete nor a coach, the person must have made significant contributions to the Tulpehocken athletic program.
5. Nominations will be kept, if not selected, for future consideration.
6. Deadline for nomination forms is December 13, 2019.

TO NOMINATE A CANDIDATE, PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE FORM FROM THE TULPEHOCKEN WEBSITE ATHLETIC PAGE, FILL IN THE FORM, AND EITHER EMAIL OR SEND TO:
athletichof@tulpehocken.org or Tulpehocken High School, Athletic Office
430 New Schaefferstown Rd., Bernville, PA 19506



NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

NO ANIMALS ARE ALLOWED ON ANY OF THE TULPEHOCKEN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL PROPERTIES.

ONLY TRAINED SERVICE ANIMALS WILL BE ALLOWED !

NO EXCEPTIONS!

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.

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

NEED TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR SCHOOL?

Parents needing to register their child(ren) in the Tulpehocken Area School District can contact Dianne Harchuska in Child Accounting at 717-933-4611 at ext. 1006 to make an appointment.



SPEAK TO THE BOARD

The Board of Directors welcomes comments from the community! Board members' e-mail addresses as well as dates and locations of meetings are posted on our web-site www.tulpehocken.org under "School Board".

Additionally, correspondence may be sent to the Board at: Tulpehocken District Administration Office, 27 Rehrersburg Road, Bethel, PA 19507.

Please include your name, address, and phone number on all communication so that your remarks and questions may be answered.

TULPY YOUTH SOFTBALL CAMP

This past July, athletes from the girls varsity softball team hosted a week long youth softball camp. The camp was open to all girls from grades first through seventh and served as a fundraiser for our high school athletes who are traveling to Disney for spring training in 2020. Abigail Becker, a sophomore at Tulpy, came up with the idea of reaching out to our youth and then organized, recruited, and ran the four day camp. Twenty young Trojans strengthened their knowledge of the game and enhanced their softball skills through numerous drills and exercises. The camp was a huge success. Thank you Abby for your commitment to the program and thank you to all of the high school athletes who came to help. We hope to see you next summer!



GIRLS' SOCCER

The Tulpehocken girls' soccer team is coming into this season with some big goals in mind, winning their division and making a run in the playoffs. The team is returning six seniors this year, Ava Ahner, Megan Eberly, Natalie Grumbine, Swaye Hopwood, Jocelynn Phillips, and Jessie Torres. Along with the returning seniors the team has a large returning sophomore class and a small talented group of freshmen. The team worked hard during the off season, creating a strong bond and chemistry amongst one another, and are ready to take on the regular season.

BOYS' SOCCER

Our boys' soccer team is going through a season of transition, after the resignation of 14-year head coach, Tim Frantz. First-year head coach, Trevor Brown, and his staff will have some big shoes to fill. Thankfully, the team has a great group of leaders to see through the transition and spark the development of the team. Even with losing a few key starters to graduation, this year's team has played well. Early season injuries may have caused a few setbacks, but the team has grown tremendously, and new players have filled the roles. The team is continuing to improve and poised to make another post-season run. Best of luck boys, and grow the tradition!

A reminder to the residents of the Tulpehocken Area School District

Your Per Capita Tax Bill

MUST BE PAID BY DECEMBER 31, 2019

Failure to do so will result in your Tax Bill going to a Collection Agency. If you have any questions pertaining to your Per Capita Tax bill, please call your tax collector.

Bernville Borough	Deborah Craig	610-488-6379
Bethel Township	Darlene Orendo	717-933-8061
Jefferson Township	Nancy Schoener	610-488-1941
Penn Township	Carmen Chiumento	610-488-0460
Tulpehocken Township	Lori Deck	717-933-5067

DID YOU KNOW...

USSSA 14U ALL AMERICAN ABIGAIL BECKER

Abigail Becker was named to the USSSA All American 14U Southeast Region softball team. The tournaments were played at the new Space Coast Complex in Viera, Florida from July 22-27, 2019. The Space Coast Complex consists of 15 AstroTurf fields and three championships stadiums; including the Space Coast Stadium where the professional softball team, the Pride, plays. Throughout 2019, USSSA hosted 23 tryouts across the eight regions of the United States. Eight 14U teams, consisting of about 13 girls each, were hand-picked to participate in the All American Games. Abby was chosen to be a member of the Southeast Region team roster. Throughout the week, Abby had the opportunity to play first base and outfield with numerous college coaches as well as Pride players, coaching and looking on.

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) or picked up in the district office.

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.

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
8. Have your children gone off to college?
9. If you purchased a house in 2019 in the Tulpehocken School District, you will receive a Homestead/Farmstead application in the mail from the Berks County Assessment Office between December 15th and January 1st. These applications must be completed and returned to the assessment office by March 1, 2020. The assessment office will not accept them after March 1, 2020. If you do not receive the application by January 5, 2020, please contact Barbara.

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

Mr. Andrew Netznik
Superintendent

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PSBA RECOGNIZES SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Since 1983 PSBA has been recognizing school directors through the Honor Roll of School Board Service program. At the October 1st T ASD Board Meeting, Karen Devine presented Oscar Manbeck with a plaque for 36 years of school board service and Chris Heck and April Klopp with certificates for 8 years of service. Long serving school directors are recognized for 8 years of service and every 4 years thereafter for their contributions to their public schools and their community. It's PSBA's way of saying thank you to the men and women who give unselfishly of their time and talents for the future of the children.



BETHEL ELEMENTARY 6TH GRADE OCTOBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Twice a year the 6th grade teachers at Bethel are asked to select (2) students from their classrooms to be nominated as "Student of the Month". The criteria for the nominations are:

- The student would not have received a disciplinary report from any teacher.
- The student would have performed to his/her academic capability in all subject areas
- The student would have demonstrated leadership skills in and out of the classroom

Front row: Marshal Wessner and Logan Eisenhower

Back row: Andrew Guers, principal, Meghan Bucher, Isabella Cooney, Austyn Kreitzer, and Seth Benson-Dursse



CONGRATULATIONS WEAVER EYE CARE POSTER WINNERS

Elementary Art Teacher Ms. DeFilipps had all 5th grade students at both Penn Bernville and Bethel design posters as an art project for Dr. Brendan Weaver of Weavers Eye Care, Bernville. Each year 3 winners are selected and awarded cash prizes. Dr. Weaver frames the pieces and displays them in his office in Bernville. Awards were presented at Tuesday night's school board meeting. Pictured: Dr. Weaver, Sophia, Lillian, and Ms. DeFilipps.

1st Place Sophia Rauenzahn 3rd Place Lillian Pawling
2nd Place Rakya Cullins

