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West Allegheny Wins Best Musical and Best Actor at Gene Kelly Awards

West Allegheny High School claimed the coveted Gene Kelly Award for best musical (budget III) and senior Ryan Borgo won best actor for his performance in the school's production of "Catch Me If You Can." The musical was nominated in seven categories, including best musical, best actor (Ryan Borgo and Tom Currey), best choreography, best ensemble, best lighting design, and best scenic design. The Pittsburgh CLO's 24th Annual Gene Kelly Awards were held on May 24 at the Benedum Center for the Performing Arts.

"The Gene Kelly Awards for Excellence in High School Musical Theater were launched in 1991 as a means to recognize and encourage student achievement and to focus the attention of the community and school districts on the importance of musical theater and arts education. Patterned after Broadway's Tony® Awards, this event celebrates the power of the Arts to significantly improve all areas of education," as noted on the Pittsburgh CLO website.

"Catch Me If You Can" is based on the 2011 Tony-nominated musical and 2002 movie starring Leonardo DiCaprio. The musical tells the true story of Frank W. Abagnale, Jr., a teenager who runs away from home in search of a glamorous life.

Justin Fortunato served as the show's director, assisted



ABOVE: The cast of "Catch Me If You Can," which won The Gene Kelly Awards for best musical and best actor awards on May 24.

by Bob Neumeyer as musical director and Rudy Hazen as choreographer. Tom Snyder, arts coordinator at West Allegheny, was the executive producer, assisted by Meagan Bruno as producer.

"Mr. Fortunato and his staff have done an outstanding job in developing and nurturing the talents of our students. Justin's experience and expertise as a seasoned actor and director have introduced a new level of professionalism to our productions," said superintendent, Dr. John S. DiSanti. "I am delighted that our students have been recognized for their artistic excellence and hope that this accomplishment will serve as a foundation for the program's future success."

Dr. Jerri Lynn Lippert Appointed New Superintendent

Dr. Jerri Lynn Lippert has been appointed superintendent of the West Allegheny School District. The Board of School Directors unanimously elected, by those members present, Dr. Lippert to a four-year contract.

Dr. Lippert currently serves as the Chief Academic Officer for Pittsburgh Public Schools, a position which she has held for five years. Prior to serving in this capacity, she was executive director of curriculum, instruction, and professional development, principal, and assistant principal, all with the Pittsburgh school system. Dr. Lippert began her career as a high school health and physical education teacher in the Baldwin-Whitehall School District. Dr. Lippert has a proven track record

of leading strategic educational reform, particularly in the areas of curriculum, instructional improvement, technology integration, professional development, and teacher and principal evaluation. She has earned a positive reputation for her work ethic, passion for high student achievement and collaborative leadership style.

"I am excited with the Board's decision to appoint Dr. Jerri Lynn Lippert as our new superintendent," stated Debbie Mirich, school board president. "Dr. Lippert's previous experience with the Pittsburgh



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New Superintendent, cont.

Public Schools, along with her extensive knowledge of public education, is only part of the reason our Board came to a unanimous decision. During several intensive interviews, it was easy to recognize the confidence, enthusiasm, passion and vision that Dr. Lippert possesses as an educational leader. I believe she will continue to build on the successes and accomplishments

that Dr. DiSanti has brought to our District. I look forward to working with her as she joins our West Allegheny family.”

Dr. Lippert earned a bachelor’s degree in physical therapy from Duquesne University, and bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees in education from the University of Pittsburgh.

Administrative Changes Slated for 2014-2015 School Year

The 2014-2015 school year will see administrative changes within the West Allegheny School District that include retirements, a promotion and new hire.

From the District office, Dr. William Englert, Jr. has announced his retirement effective this summer. Since 2005, Dr. Englert has served as the assistant to the superintendent for personnel and student support services, responsible for recruiting, selecting and training quality employees, assisting administrators with personnel matters, and establishing personnel policy and procedures. His responsibilities have also encompassed developing, implementing and coordinating crisis intervention, school safety, security and emergency management. In addition, Dr. Englert has served as liaison for parents and guardians on issues of student behavior and discipline.

Dr. John S. DiSanti, superintendent of West Allegheny School District, said, “It has been a tremendous privilege to have had Dr. Englert as an assistant for the last eight years. He truly is a person of honor and integrity. His steady, patient, encouraging, and collaborative leadership style has had a calming influence on those difficult and challenging issues that are an everyday part of managing any organization. Bill proved to be particularly skilled in mediating student and personnel conflict. That’s because he always treats everyone with dignity and respect. His leaving will certainly be a loss to West A. On behalf of the District, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Englert and wish him the very best.”

In addition, Wilson Elementary School principal Dr. Kathleen Sites recently announced her retirement after 23 years with the District. High school assistant principal Christopher Shattuck has been named as her successor.

Dr. Sites has been with the District since 1991, when she was hired as a special education emotional support teacher at McKee Elementary School. During her tenure at West Allegheny, she has served as an instructional advisor and assistant principal at the middle school and was appointed principal of Wilson Elementary in 2001. The retirement of Dr. Sites will be effective July 31.

“Dr. Sites has had a long and distinguished career,” noted Dr. DiSanti. “Her no-nonsense leadership approach, passion for excellence, and advocacy for children will leave a positive and lasting legacy on students, staff, and the West Allegheny



Dr. William Englert, Jr.



Dr. Kathleen Sites



Christopher Shattuck



Katharine McClelland

community.”

Mr. Shattuck joined the District as a full-time teacher in 2000. In 2007, he was promoted to the dean of students at the high school before becoming assistant principal in 2008. Mr. Shattuck is a West Allegheny alumnus and is currently working toward his superintendent certification from the University of Pittsburgh.

“Mr. Shattuck possesses all of the prerequisite skills to be an outstanding principal. His work ethic, interpersonal relations, and instructional leadership make him most deserving of this administrative promotion,” added Dr. DiSanti.

Filling the position vacated by Mr. Shattuck, Katharine McClelland has been named assistant high school principal. Ms. McClelland has been a mathematics teacher and curriculum coach for the Elizabeth Forward School District since 2007. She also teaches math for the Community College of Allegheny County. Prior to her work at Elizabeth Forward, she was a teacher in the Woodland Hills School District. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, Ms. McClelland has held several instructional leadership roles and has noteworthy experience in curriculum writing, technology integration, data analysis and online course delivery. Ms. McClelland is also nationally board certified.

“Ms. McClelland was one of several outstanding applicants that we interviewed,” said Dr. DiSanti. “While Katharine demonstrated a comprehensive understanding of effective instructional pedagogy, curriculum alignment, and technology integration, we were most impressed with her energy and passion to ensure that every student is successful.”

Additional Retirements

West Allegheny would like to thank the following retirees for their years of dedicated service to the District:

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| Dorothy Brown, Teacher | Judy Kubatka, Aide |
| Ellen Campbell, Teacher | Nancy Lane, Teacher |
| Laurie Cole, Teacher | Deborah Lutz, Aide |
| Mary Damratoski, Teacher | Walt Schollaert, Jr., Custodian |
| Karen Fedin, Teacher | Karen Tracy, Teacher |
| Bernadette Fitzharris, Aide | Bonnie Trucco, Teacher |
| Barbara Gedman, Custodian | Debra Turici, Teacher |
| Nancy Howell, Teacher | Sandra Walsh, Aide |

Superintendent's Message

...a Fond Farewell

This will be the final time that I have the opportunity to communicate with you through my superintendent's message in our school district's newsletter. As you are aware, I am retiring at the end of June. I wanted you to know that I have really enjoyed being superintendent of the West Allegheny School District for the last nine and a half years. I can't believe that it has been that long. It seems like just yesterday when I moved my family to North Fayette after living in Hershey for eight years. My three children were in the 10th, eighth, and fifth grades then. Since that time, all have become proud graduates of West Allegheny. My wife, Judy, and I have found the community to be a great place to raise a family. We have made many friends, as have our children. We love calling West Allegheny home.

When the board of school directors interviewed me for the superintendent's position in 2004, I promised that I would do everything I could to build on the accomplishments of my predecessors. I also vowed to foster a collaborative spirit among stakeholders to move the district forward. Looking back, I believe that together we have made great strides.

Over the past few weeks, I have been part of selection committees that have interviewed several candidates for administrative and teaching positions, including individuals who want to become the next superintendent of West Allegheny. One of the questions that we always pose to candidates is, "Tell us what you know about our District and why you would choose to leave where you are to be part of our school system."

The responses to this question certainly made me aware of just how far our District has come over the past several years. West Allegheny has emerged as a leader in innovation and high performance, and people have noticed. Allow me to share some of the prospective candidates' responses: "I can see that academic achievement is a priority;" "your test scores are impressive;" "I heard that Donaldson Elementary School has been nominated as a National Blue Ribbon School;" "the number of different programs that you offer proves that you are really committed to meeting the needs of all students;" "you have courses that most schools could only dream of like your pre-engineering and biomedical programs;" "I can't believe that you have a gaming and entertainment academy and an online cyber school;" "I was fascinated by your Technology Opportunity Proposal (TOP) grants for teachers that tie teacher training, competency, and effective pedagogical practices to technology acquisition;" "you have 14 AP courses. Even your

middle school has a pre-AP program;" "the SMALLab at the middle school is amazing;" "I see that your musical was nominated for seven Gene Kelly awards;" "the music and arts programs are so strong;" "your athletic program has a terrific reputation;" "the District values and respects diversity;" "it's been a while since I have visited. You have really made improvements to your facilities;" "I read that you are going to modernize two of your oldest buildings;" "in reading about your District, it is hard to believe how well you have managed your

budget given all of the cuts in funding by the state. The District is in excellent financial condition;" "I want to be a part of something special;" "this is a place where I want to make a difference. I want to move my family here."

What became very apparent to me during the interview process is that West Allegheny has become a school district that is attracting the best and brightest of educators. The high volume and quality of applicants have made the selection process more difficult. That is a good problem to have. While the reputation of a school district is the primary reason people move to a community, other factors are also critical when folks are making a decision on where to live. Safety and security, municipal services, recreational opportunities, tax rates, and proximity to a city that provides first-class educational, cultural, medical, and entertainment opportunities are all factors that people

take into consideration. As the superintendent of schools and a resident of our community, I have had the pleasure of working closely with our local and county government officials, police, fire, EMT departments, and other municipal service leaders. I can say that because of the dedicated efforts of these people, the school district is not the only entity that has improved. If you look at what we had 10 years ago, and what we have today, you can readily see progress evidenced by a higher level of services and new opportunities for residents. We should all recognize these individuals for their determination to make Findlay, North Fayette, and Oakdale a better place to live and work.

Finally, I want to extend my gratitude and appreciation to all of the members of my West Allegheny School District family. To board members, the administrative team, teachers, and support staff, thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for your commitment to excellence and your dedication to our students. Thanks to all of our families and students for your support. It truly has been an honor and a privilege to serve you.

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Dr. John S. DiSanti
Superintendent

Nine West Allegheny Students Place at FBLA State Leadership Conference



FBLA members included (front) Dakota Lamb, Jerome O'Connell, Joe Falcioni (back) Jarrett Bordo, Andrew Becker (accepting for Michael Ujevich, not present), Antonio Moreno, Justin Josey and Jordan Grogan.

The Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Leadership Conference was held April 6 through 9 in Hershey, where two West Allegheny students qualified for nationals and seven students placed in the top 10.

West Allegheny's third place finishers, who qualified for nationals in the programming category, were Jarrett Bordo and Jerome O'Connell. Claiming fourth place finishes in the public service announcement category were Joe Falcioni, Jordan Grogan and Dakota Lamb. Taking sixth place in game programming was Justin Josey. Taking sixth place in business financial plan were Michael Ujevich, Antonio Moreno and Will Page.

Pam Volakis and Julie Dennis are the FBLA advisors.

West Allegheny Named a Finalist for 2014 Design, Art and Technology Awards

West Allegheny School District was named a finalist for the 2014 Design, Art and Technology Awards, sponsored by the Pittsburgh Technology Council. The entry, titled West Allegheny's Entertainment Technology Academy, detailed the District's innovative approach to learning through a new game design curriculum with a state-of-the-art classroom transformation and project-based teaching.

Through collaboration with Zulama, and in association with Carnegie Mellon University, the new curriculum hooks students by tapping into a topic they are passionate about: game design. The activities and assignments are hands-on and correlate

to Common Core Standards. The newly renovated, state-of-the-art learning center will provide a creative, engaging, and technology-rich atmosphere. West Allegheny High School is one of the first in the nation to offer this curriculum.

West Allegheny's education entry was on display at the Interactive Exhibition and Creative Technologies Summit at the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust in Pittsburgh from May 7-8. The summit celebrated the year's best and brightest creative technologies in such categories as education, community, design, art and technology, entertainment and games, software and apps, and student communications.

Three Seniors Named Outstanding Young Citizens

Three West Allegheny seniors were recognized as recipients of the *Pittsburgh Tribune Review's* Outstanding Young Citizens award, and were honored at a banquet on April 10. Those recognized were Joe Falcioni, Aubrey Leasure, and Vishmayaa Saravanan, all of whom were nominated by high school faculty. From the 50 regional students selected, the *Tribune Review* then announced 10 students as most outstanding, and Saravanan was chosen and awarded a medal.

Recognition was based on student dedication to academics, leadership, community service and involvement in extracurricular activities.

"We have the utmost confidence that these students will go on to do amazing things and hold rewarding and impressive careers," stated Ralph Martin, president and CEO of Trib Total Media.

Also nominated from West Allegheny were Heather Amper, Jordan Grogan, Jennie Kriznik, Alec Palmer, Jocelyn Perry, India Price, Catherine Roberts and Carmen Swasey.



Seniors Aubrey Leasure, Vishmayaa Saravanan and Joe Falcioni are recognized as Outstanding Young Citizens.

High School Students Record Beatles Tunes With a Little Help from Their Friends

High school students in Andrew Peters' music technology classes recently recorded Beatles songs as part of an ongoing class project. Throughout the lesson, students recorded their own instrumentals and vocals and later mastered the tracks to create a tribute to the band and embrace the timeless messages of the songs.

The class, now in its fourth year, is offered to 10th, 11th and 12th grade students interested in exploring the world of music technology through recording while creating music with music software programs such as GarageBand, Logic and Reason.



Music technology students Abbie Wilson, Jess Ligas, Nathan Richard, Keegan Treloar, Alex Wahl and Chey Morse provide back-up for "Come Together" recording project.

Borgo Places at State Choral Festival

Senior Ryan Borgo claimed second chair at the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) State Choral Festival held March 26 through 29 in Hershey. The top three students qualify for the All Eastern Conference.

Borgo was first selected for the PMEA District 1 Senior High School Choral Festival held in January at Shaler Area High School. Based on his performance, Borgo earned fifth chair and an opportunity to perform at the PMEA Regional Choral Festival in February at Blackhawk High School.

West Allegheny music teacher Megan Bruno has been rehearsing with Borgo to prepare him for the festivals.



Senior Ryan Borgo claims second chair at state choral festival.

Four West Allegheny Middle School Students Selected for PMEA Choral Festival

Four West Allegheny students were selected to participate in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Junior High District 1 Choral Festival on May 3. Joseph Clutter, Rachel Kiss, Mackenzie Walters and William Wiechelt joined over 150 regional students to perform in a concert held at Chartiers Houston High School.

PMEA Choral Festival participants included Mackenzie Walters, Rachel Kiss, Joseph Clutter and William Wiechelt.



Page Penguins Prepared for Battle



ABOVE: The winning team of Taylor Coulter, Alexa Rebovich, Rebecca Miller, Katie Bleil and Anjali Vishwakarma accept their medals with Donaldson librarian Beth Schultz.

West Allegheny elementary schools hosted their annual Battle of the Books competition with a total of 37 teams participating. The teams made up of fourth and fifth grade students read 10 books from a selected list and came together in the tournament to answer questions. The champions of the 2014 tournament were the Page Penguins from Donaldson Elementary. Team members included Katie Bleil, Taylor Coulter, Rebecca Miller, Alexa Rebovich and Anjali Vishwakarma with manager Mrs. Tracey Coulter.

The competition was organized by West Allegheny elementary school librarians.

Eighth Grader Claims Silver at County Challenge 24 Competition

West Allegheny Middle School eighth grader Quinn Sterner competed in the final medal round of the Allegheny County Challenge 24 competition and won a silver medal in the seventh and eighth grade division. Also representing the District were seventh graders Alex Berhosky, Cathrynn Crisanti, Kimmy Davis and sixth grader Cole Lanni. The annual competition was held at Jefferson Hills School on April 23.

Students qualified for the county-level competition by winning the West Allegheny Middle School Challenge 24 competition. The rules of Challenge 24 prohibit the use of paper, pencils or calculators. Participants are required to derive the answer 24 using each of four given numbers only once and applying any combination of operations. The Challenge 24 Club at WAMS is coordinated by seventh grade math teacher Renee Treonze, who accompanied the students to the event.

BELOW: Kimmy Davis, Cathrynn Crisanti, Quinn Sterner, Alex Berhosky and Cole Lanni compete in county math challenge.

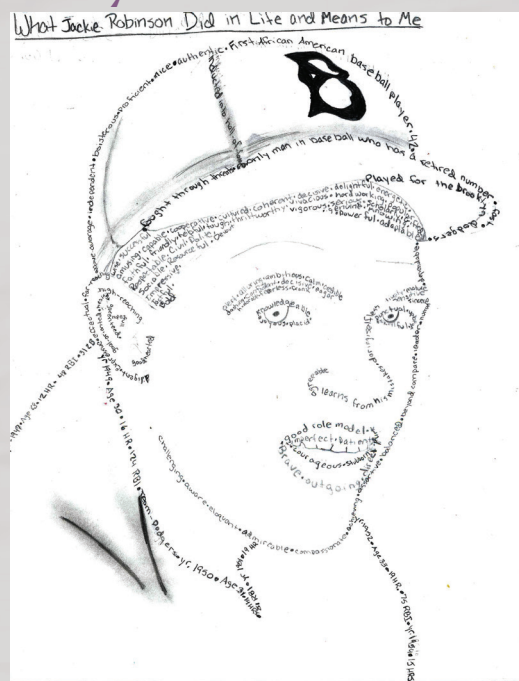


Eighth Grader Knocks Pirates Contest Entry Out of the Park



Eighth grader Kaitlyn Carnot took second place in the Jackie Robinson Art, Essay and Poetry Contest sponsored by the Pittsburgh Pirates. There were 3,100 student entries and 18 winners. Carnot and her family were invited to PNC Park to participate in Jackie Robinson Day on April 18. She was recognized on the field in a pre-game ceremony followed by a banquet for the honorees.

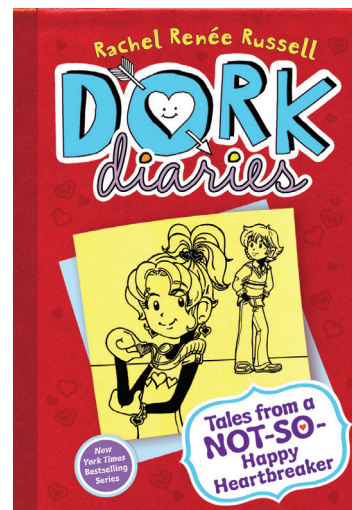
Kaitlyn Carnot receives recognition from Pittsburgh Pirates' President Frank Coonelly for her Jackie Robinson artwork entry. Photo used with permission of the Pittsburgh Pirates.



"Dork Diaries" Author Visits Donaldson



Fourth grader Ella Chandler (right) asks questions of Erin, Nikki, and Rachel Renee Russell with moderator Eryn Morgan.



West Allegheny School District welcomed Rachel Renee Russell, *New York Times* best-selling author of the tween series "The Dork Diaries," to Donaldson Elementary School on March 17. Russell has written seven books in the series, with inspiration and artistic contributions from her daughters Nikki and Erin Russell, who joined their mother during the visit.

Through a joint venture with Pittsburgh Arts & Lectures and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit, the visit was video conferenced with other regional schools. Donaldson students in grades three through five had the opportunity to meet Russell and participate in a question and answer session moderated by PA&L's Eryn Morgan. Following the conference, two students were selected to be "dorkified" in a caricature drawn by Nikki Russell.

The event was coordinated by Donaldson librarian Beth Schultz.

History Brought to Life by Holocaust Survivor

For several years, Holocaust survivor Sam Weinreb has been sharing his life story with the sixth grade students and staff of West Allegheny. On May 20, the soft-spoken gentleman returned to tell this year's class about his family disappearing, his imprisonment in Auschwitz, and his harrowing escape.

He also spoke of his journey to America following World War II and his reunion with a childhood friend who he later married. Students listened attentively, as they recently completed a unit on the Holocaust in which they learned about the fate of the Jewish people under Nazi rule. Following his talk, Weinreb participated in a thoughtful question and answer session with the students. Sixth grade reading teacher Gabrielle Monti arranged Weinreb's visit through the Holocaust Center of Greater Pittsburgh.

Students Megan Stutzman, Ava Meier, Delaney Upton, Alex Morrison, Eric Diffendal, and Zach Defabbo, joined by superintendent Dr. John S. DiSanti, presented Mr. Weinreb with gift cards, flowers for his wife, and a donation to the Holocaust Center in Pittsburgh.



After School Programs Offer Student Enrichment

With titles such as robotics, ninja training academy and creative dramatics, it is no surprise that after school programs are growing in popularity at Donaldson and McKee elementary schools.

Donaldson Discovers and McKee After 3 are initiatives that invite students to stay after school to pursue a topic of interest outside of traditional classes.

These enrichment programs offer healthy, creative and educational sessions that compliment the school curriculum.

The programs are offered to students on a first-come, first-serve basis, and typically have a small fee associated with them. Parents and staff volunteer to help with the programs, which are presented by such organizations as the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh, The National Aviary, Sweetwater Center for the Arts, the Western Allegheny Library, and many more.



McKee students Zachary Nemec, Mitchell Bertella and Jacob Nemec learn to build bridge structures as part of the Super Science course presented by the Western Allegheny Library.

Donaldson Students Give Back with Snacks

Members of Donaldson Elementary School's student council presented cards and 25 snack bags to North Fayette Township Public Works employees to thank them for their hard work and dedication to the community. Director of Public Works Patrick Felton accepted the gifts and noted the department's appreciation of the random act of kindness.

Members of Donaldson's student council include: (first row) Robby Bleil, Jake Polosky, Tommy St. Claire, Tyler Morgan, Ambria Slutiak and Ethan Taranto; (second row) Meadow Robertson, Paige Sinclair, Alex Morton, Lindsay Danzik, Mackenzie Taranto, Gianna Giacomino, Trish Nolan (principal); (third row) Keri Quasey, Morgan Shansky, Ethan McClain, Patrick Felton, missing from the photo was Mason Palaima.



Wilson Elementary Unifies to Take on Bullying



For the third year, Wilson Elementary School participated in the Million T-shirt March Against Bullying on May 6 as they joined schools across the country to send a powerful message. Students in kindergarten-plus through fifth grade walked with their classmates, teachers and staff around the school to build awareness of the issues and results associated with bullying. Wearing their anti-bullying t-shirts, the students carried banners and signs displaying thoughtful messages. The event was organized by school counselor Kathy Taylor.

Mr. West Allegheny Named at Benefit Pageant

The West Allegheny Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) sponsored the twelfth annual "Mr. West Allegheny" pageant on May 1. Seniors Jeff Biers, Tom Currey, Ray Haim, Josh Kolarac, Elijah Kutzavitch, Mirce Opacic and Mike Ross participated with Ross claiming the Mr. WA title and Kutzavitch winning Mr. Congeniality.

Contestants competed in a number of categories, including sports/casual wear, formal wear, and talent and were required to answer questions during an interview. The event raised \$2,480 to benefit Autism Speaks, the charity selected by the winner.

Senior members of the NHS Jennie Kriznik, Elizabeth Murn, Jocelyn Perry, Catherine Roberts and Vishmayaa Saravanan coordinated the event. Several teachers served as judges and Lynn Birnie and Carol Bookmiller serve as the NHS faculty sponsors.

RIGHT: Front Row (Left to right), Ray Haim, Josh Kolarac, Tom Currey, Mirce Opacic, Back Row (Left to right), Elijah Kutzavitch, Jeff Biers, Mike Ross.



Middle School Celebrates World Autism Awareness Day

On April 2, West Allegheny Middle School students donned blue in support of the seventh annual World Autism Awareness Day. Lisa Panucci is the student government advisor and served as the coordinator of the event.



McKee Elementary Raises Funds for Project Hope

McKee Elementary students raised nearly \$1,600 for Project Hope, an organization that creates care packages for mothers with babies in the intensive care unit at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC. Students contributed \$1 to wear pajamas to school and chew gum during the school day. The project was organized by McKee student council and advisor Mary Beth Hill.

Dynamic Living Classes Leave Their Mark

High school students in Jennifer Cook's dynamic living I classes participated in a unique project this spring. In lieu of a unit test, students were assigned a bookmark project that would reflect lessons learned in the child development unit. Students were to create bookmarks for families that would share the knowledge they had gained on the topic. Student-selected

themes included the importance and benefits of reading to and tips for reading with children, as well as steps that encourage childhood reading. More than 200 bookmarks were created and donated to the Western Allegheny Community Library, where they were distributed to the community.



Palko Named Positive High School Coach of the Year



Football coach Bob Palko was named the 2013-2014 positive high school coach of the year and honored at a ceremony on May 3 at the Senator John Heinz History Center and Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum. The awards were sponsored by C Harper and recognize coaches who have demonstrated an optimistic attitude, encouragement and heart.

"Bob's greatest contribution is made off the field in the West Allegheny School District and the community as a whole," said Dave McBain, West Allegheny athletic director. "He is a student-athlete advocate whose players continue to be successful on and off the field and are an annual staple in West A's community service."

West Allegheny Students Excel at Safe Driving Competition

Congratulations to senior Katelyn Garland, who took first place in the driving portion of the Allegheny County Safe Driving Competition held at Pittsburgh Technical Institute on April 3. Seniors Emily Garvin and Dustin Peluso also represented West Allegheny and received recognition for their

performances.

The event was coordinated by the high school club Students Against Destructive Decisions. High school teachers Carol Bookmiller and Steve Nicola are the SADD sponsors.

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