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2006-2007 BUDGET APPROVED

On June 26, 2006, the Central Dauphin School Board approved the budget for the 2006-2007 school year in the amount of \$133,643,985. The increase in real estate taxes is comprised of a 3.7% increase in the base budget and a 4.5% increase for renovation of the middle schools. The real estate millage needed to pay for middle school renovation will be phased in over 3 years.

The base budget increase of 3.7% includes monies for additional teaching positions, year 2 of the reading curriculum (K-5), \$420,000 for secondary textbooks, and \$300,000 for special education. Additionally, money was added to cover the cost of healthcare and the state-mandated pension contribution. In June 2006, the governor signed tax reform legislation. This new legislation will now affect all Pennsylvania public schools. Please look for more information in future issues of “Working Together”.

The First Day of School is Monday, August 28, 2006

From the Desk of the Superintendent

Summer vacation for the 12,000 students of our district is quickly coming to an end. The first day for students will be August 28, 2006. However, this summer is a busy time for both staff and administration. In fact we are beginning renovations of the four middle schools and staff members are involved in numerous professional development opportunities.

Many communities will be welcoming new building principals and assistant principals. **Mr. Tom Shaffer**, formerly the principal at Chambers Hill and South Side, will become Tri-



Dr. John A. Scola
Superintendent

Community's new leader. **Mr. Steven Epstein** will take the reins as principal of Chambers Hill and Assistant Principal at North Side Elementary. Paxtonia's students will be greeted on the first day by **Mr. Tom Toone**, former principal at Paxtang. **Mr. Lewis Correale III** will assume the Principal's position at West Hanover Elementary School and South Side Elementary's students will welcome **Mrs. Monique Vaughn** as Assistant Principal. **Mr. Robert Stewart**, CD East Middle School Assistant Principal will become Paxtang Elementary School's new principal. **Ms. Christine Schell** will replace Mr. Stewart as Assistant Principal at CD East Middle School.

In addition to the principals we are fortunate to welcome an outstanding team of newly hired staff members to the district. Congratulations and best wishes for a rewarding school year.

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Mission Statement

Central Dauphin, a uniquely diverse school district, ensures all students a challenging and dynamic curriculum that prepares them to succeed in a changing, global society by inspiring lifelong learning in a caring, collaborative community.

Tax Study Commission

The newly enacted tax reform law, Act 1, requires each public school district to appoint a Tax Study Commission no later than September 14, 2006. The purpose of the commission is to make a non-binding recommendation to the school board to levy additional earned income tax or personal income tax. The revenue generated from the increased tax rate will be used to reduce taxes on qualified residential properties. The commission will be comprised of 5, 7, or 9 people reflective of the socioeconomic, age, and occupational diversity of the district to the extent possible. Anyone who has any questions or is interested in serving on the Tax Study Commission may contact **Robin Malloy** at 717-545-4703, ext. 202, or visit our website www.cdschools.org.

Gold Card

Any district resident who has reached their sixty-fifth (65th) birthday may apply for a "Gold Card" pass to all district-sponsored events. All members of the "Gold Card" club are entitled to free admission to Central Dauphin home athletic events, (except PIAA playoffs) and to selected plays and musical productions. "Gold Card" applicants may visit the Administration Building to apply for a "Gold Card."

CENTRAL DAUPHIN SCHOOL DISTRICT GOLD CARD CLUB

Name _____
Address _____
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CDS D Becomes "LEARNING FOCUSED"

The "Learning-Focused" Schools Model is a school improvement model providing exemplary practice strategies within the framework of learning. This learning framework connects exemplary practice teaching strategies to teacher planning and instruction. Central Dauphin School District is proud to be engaging in this results-proven model as a means for raising student achievement to reach Adequate Yearly Progress goals and meet the guidelines set by the No Child Left Behind legislation.



Several District and school administrators attended the Leadership Institute in the spring of 2006. This is the first and most important step for raising student performance in order for a school to have high quality growth. School and District leadership shared with personnel the District improvement goals



that involve the implementation guidelines for raising student achievement with the Learning-Focused Schools Model.

Teachers and administrators participating in the pilot of the Learning-Focused Schools Model attended the Learning-Focused

Strategies workshop at the Capital Area Intermediate Unit during the summer. Follow-up sessions will be conducted in the fall of 2006. Through this training process, participating teachers will develop the skills and knowledge to facilitate learning through proven, research-based exemplary practices.

Selected teachers, administrators and curriculum specialists participated in the Learning-Focused Schools Prioritizing and Mapping Curriculum workshop in the spring of 2006. The teams worked to prioritize our District curriculum to be essential, important or compact, to create cohesive District-wide curriculum, unit and content maps. All instructional personnel reviewed the maps at a District-wide inservice on August 24, 2006. All instructional personnel will be planning from the District approved unit maps, as well as a prioritized curriculum, creating a cohesive District-wide curriculum.

CDS D Teachers Present: Writing Research at Statewide Conference

Ms. Jessica Flood, Central Dauphin Middle School, **Mrs. Megan Patterson**, Tri-Community Elementary School, and **Mrs. Janet McCauslin**, Special Education Director, recently presented their data at a statewide writing conference sponsored by the Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN). Jessica's work in obtaining writing fluency and correct word sequences is ground-breaking because of the large number of teachers and students from whom she has obtained cooperation. Megan's contribution is significant because it details her work with the 5th grade teachers at Tri-Community Elementary involving a direct instruction approach to the writing process. Under the direction of Janet and with the support of the PaTTAN staff, the two teachers are participating in a statewide research study that will establish writing norms, something that does not currently exist in the educational research.

Best Wishes Retirees

On June 12, 2006, a luncheon was held at Central Dauphin East High School to honor the 61 individuals that retired from the school district during the 2005-2006 school year. The Central Dauphin East High School Jazz Band provided entertainment during the festivities. The Central Dauphin School District would like to send best wishes to all of its retirees on their future endeavors!



Central Dauphin High School reached its 50th anniversary during the 2005-2006 school year – quite an achievement! To acknowledge this milestone, a group of local alumni and community members celebrated by hosting a full day of festivities at Landis Field on September 24, 2005. More than 1,100 people from across the country gathered to revisit their alma mater and one another. Because of the success of that event and interest from the thousands of alumni who were contacted during the planning period, the temporary 50th Anniversary Committee was then transformed into the CDHS Alumni Association. This new organization has already taken on several important projects: opening the 1955 Time Capsule from the old building and preparing a new one to be buried at the Picketown Road building; creating an Alumni Directory that will be distributed this fall; planning a second annual Homecoming Event for October 6, 2006; establishing a Scholarship Fund for graduating seniors; and setting up a website and information database. The Association will serve as a central contact point for all Central Dauphin graduates and former staff members to be able to keep in touch with one another and their individual class reunion organizers. The CDHSAA hopes to become an integral part of the high school community from this point forward.

For additional information on what the Alumni Association is all about, to view photos of the Time Capsule contents and the Anniversary Celebration, to keep in touch with Central Dauphin High School and your classmates, and to find out how to become a member, visit the website: www.CDHSAlumni.com or call **CDHSAA President Debbie Groff Hoachlander**, Class of '72, at 541-0220.

ALZHEIMER'S Program

A program relating to ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE will be held at the United Church of God from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. on October 8, 2006. **Brandon Smeltzer**, Marketing Director from Arden Courts, will be speaking on various forms of Dementia and Alzheimer's, its stages and treatments, as well as other topics of interest on how to care for an Alzheimer's patient. Light refreshments will be served.

United Church of God is located in Harrisburg at 1211 Fairmont Drive. Please call the church for directions at 652-2418.

2006-2007 School Board Meetings

The following School Board meetings begin at 7 p.m. and are held in the Lecture Hall of the Central Dauphin East High School.

August 21, 2006
September 11, 2006
September 25, 2006
October 9, 2006
October 23, 2006
November 13, 2006
December 4, 2006
December 11, 2006
January 8, 2007
January 22, 2007
February 12, 2007
February 26, 2007
March 12, 2007
March 26, 2007
April 16, 2007
May 7, 2007
May 21, 2007
June 11, 2007
June 25, 2007

Public attendance is encouraged.

Academic Fair

Mummy-making, wetlands in a box, famous black African-Americans, the Amish, WWII battles, fashion, and a wood-art project were just some of the presentations by more than 35 Swatara Middle School students during the school's first Academic Fair.

The Academic Fair was held April 4. Students – individuals and classroom groups -- created projects in the academic area they chose. The goal was “having fun while learning about something they're interested in,” said **Mrs. Stephanie Bruno**, an organizer of the event and sixth-grade science teacher.

Some other fair presentations were growing up black in Nazi Germany, an art display of the beach, dragons, poetry, an abstract painting and a display about a 9/11 firefighter by his nephew. Each participant received a medal. “I was pleased with the outcome of the Academic Fair,” said Mrs. Bruno. “For the first year, I think it went really well. We had a total of 38 kids and four teachers participating.”

Principal Michael Jordan said he was “most excited about the fact that the Academic Fair was the idea of a teacher, Mrs. Bruno. And our students – along with a great deal parental and teacher support -- participated and made the first Fair a great success! I look forward to future Academic Fairs at Swatara Middle School.”

In addition to support from parents, teachers, and staff members, Mrs. Bruno also credited the custodial staff for arranging the display area in the small gym for the event. The PTO operated a refreshment stand to which the Honor Society and Student Council had donated water and snacks.



CDS Foundation Presents

Scholarships

The Foundation for the Central Dauphin Schools presented two \$500 scholarships to **Natasha Deavor** of Central Dauphin High School and **Kenneth Onyeaka** of Central Dauphin East High School. Additionally, Linglestown Middle School was the recipient of the Foundation's grant in the amount of \$15,000 for their middle school transition program.

The Foundation is looking for new members. Please contact **Kim Fisher**, the Foundation's secretary, at 545-4703, ext. 209.

District Students Attend Braille Awareness Day Ceremonies

On Wednesday, May 10, 2006, four students from Central Dauphin School District's Visually Impaired Support Program attended Braille Awareness Day Ceremonies in the Rotunda of the State Capitol. All of the participating students are learning Braille. The occasion celebrated the importance of Braille in the daily lives of people who are blind. The event was sponsored by the PA Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services.

After the ceremonies, the students had a chance to tour the Capitol and have lunch in the Capitol cafeteria. The students were accompanied by District Teachers of the Visually Impaired and several of the students' parents. The group traveled to and from the Capitol by Community Transit buses.



Pictured front row: Mrs. Diane Minter, parent; Mrs. Rhonda Salak, Teacher of the Visually Impaired; Grace Minter, student at North Side Elementary; Kimberly Stanton, student at E.H. Phillips Elementary; Mrs. Anita Winer, Teacher of the Visually Impaired; Bronwen Tagoe, student at Central Dauphin Middle School. **Second row:** Cassie Liddick, student at Central Dauphin High School; Mrs. Molly Stanton, parent; Mrs. Sue Felker, Paraeducator, at Central Dauphin Middle School; Mrs. Debra Kersey-Tagoe, parent. **Top row:** Mr. Larry Steninger, Orientation and Mobility Specialist.

Task Force Holds Spring *Parent / Student Conference*

To commemorate its one-year anniversary, the Central Dauphin School District (CDS) Drug & Alcohol Task Force held a Spring Parent/Student Drug and Alcohol Education Conference on March 20, 2006 at Central Dauphin East High School. **Mrs. Caroline Allen**, Chairman, CDS Drug and Alcohol Task Force, organized the event. A panel discussion was held with testimony from recovering addicts and parents of former addicts. Workshops for children, teens and parents were held ranging from the effects of drugs on the human body, a presentation by **Police Officer John Stoner** from the Lower Paxton Township Police Department to a presentation by **Steve Schmidt**, Director of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB) on alcohol use by America's youth. **Jason Moffitt** of the Dauphin County Executive Commission on Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco displayed information that is important for individuals to lead a healthy and drug-free lifestyle.

Additionally, the CDS Drug and Alcohol Task Force held an informational session on Cyber Safety on April 25, 2006 at Central Dauphin East High School. **Special Agent Mike Williams** from the PA Attorney General's Office, Child Predator Unit, presented information on the benefits and dangers of the Internet and important safety measures that can be taken to reduce online risks and how to recognize potentially dangerous situations.

The Central Dauphin School District would like to announce the resignation of **Caroline Allen** as Chairman of the Central Dauphin School District Drug & Alcohol Task Force and offer congratulations on her election as President-elect of the Pennsylvania PTA. Caroline will take office in April 2007.



We would like to thank Caroline for her dedicated service to the district and wish her well in her new position.

CDSD ANNOUNCES *New Administrators*

The Central Dauphin School District would like to welcome the following individuals as building administrators:

Chambers Hill Elementary/North Side – **Steven Epstein**
 Paxtang Elementary – **Robert Stewart**
 Paxtonia Elementary – **Thomas Toone**
 Tri-Community Elementary – **Tom Shaffer**
 West Hanover Elementary – **Lewis Correale III**
 South Side Elementary – **Monique Vaughn**
 Central Dauphin East Middle School – **Christine Schell**

3 Choirs Perform in Music Showcase

For the first time in Central Dauphin's history, three choirs, formed from our combined secondary schools performed in the Dorney Park Music Showcase Festival, "Sweet Sensation," a women's choir consisting of students from all four middle schools won First Place in the Treble Choir Division. "Women's Festival Chorus," made up of students from both Central Dauphin and Central Dauphin East High School won First Place in the High School Choir Division, and "Boyz Nite Out" our men's choir consisting of men and boys aged 12-18, from all six secondary schools won numerous awards. "Boyz Nite Out" won First Place: Male Choir Division, Best Overall Choir, Best Baritone Section and Best Accompanist. The students have enjoyed their accomplishments and enjoyed meeting new friends. Congratulations to the participants. These choirs look forward to more successes in the future.

CENTRAL DAUPHIN SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL




USED
INSTRUMENT
and Accessory
SALE

SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 16, 2006
9:00 am - 12:00 noon
CD EAST HIGH CAFETERIA

Consignments Accepted
Friday, September 15
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

For more information call 541-1662
ext. 459 or 703-5360 ext. 407
A bake sale will also be held on Saturday.



Inside Our Schools . . .

HIGH SCHOOLS

Central Dauphin High School

Lindsay Dallago held a Special Olympic Cheerleading Camp this summer while working on her Gold Award for Girl Scouting. She is a senior at Central Dauphin High School. The camp was for special needs students in the Central Dauphin School District with an interest in cheerleading.

The week long, half day camp had activities geared toward learning how cheerleaders are athletes, starting with stretching every day. The girls learned motions, jumps, cheers, chants and a dance. On Friday they put it all together and showed off their new skills. They were terrific!



Pictured above: Camper Krista Latin, Lindsay Dallago, Ram (Zach Hogentogler), Emily Sanders, Kaitlyn Veronikis, Erin McCurdy, Maddie Kennedy and Cynthia Zambardino.

Girls attending the camp – **Emily Sanders, Krista Latin** and **Erin McCurdy**. They had a visit from our school mascot, The Ram! Several cheerleaders helped with the camp, as well as **Coach Amanda Selvenis**, an elementary teacher with the district, and **Liz Stank**, also a district employee, as an aide in a special needs classroom.

The following students in **Mrs. Salinger's** Advanced Computer Concepts class at Central Dauphin High School received a Pennsylvania Skills Certificate in Business Information Processing. The students are **Jack Barth, Kyle Brandt, Morgan Davis, Daniel Depeau, Lauren Evans, Michael Foster, David Foutz, Joseph Friedman, Eric Gibson, Samuel Guertin, Brett Hoachlander, Ereno Lewis, Keegan McCoy, Mary McKenna, Daniel Mooney, Kristie Nicolas, Chris Prendergast** and **Andrew Santell**. They achieved this by taking and passing the NOCTI (National Occupational Competency Testing Institute) Tests with an advanced level of proficiency.

Central Dauphin East High School

Central Dauphin East High School held Music Mayhem on April 7, 2006. Approximately 24 acts comprised of rock bands, rap artists, solo artists, etc. competed for awards. A tremendous display of talent was enjoyed by all that attended.

On June 7, 2006, **Dr. Jerry Zahorchak**, Secretary, PA Department of Education, visited Central Dauphin East High School to speak to the staff of East High's 9th Grade Academy regarding high school reform practices and the importance of the 9th grade academy in this process. Dr. Zahorchak answered questions from the staff and toured the school.

The new Freshman Academy at Central Dauphin East High School is ready to welcome its first class of incoming 9th graders. The Freshman Academy is a new and innovative way of helping students entering high school to have a successful and productive year. Featuring academic acceleration for those who are ready for it and intensive remediation for those students who need it, the Academy aims to maximize the potential of each new high school student. Students in the Academy will be housed in a new wing of East High where they will be supported by a staff of teachers dedicated just to working with them. In addition, the District has appointed a 9th grade principal to work specifically with this group of students. This combination of rigorous academics combined with extensive support provided by a dedicated staff of teachers and administrators in a specially designated area of the high school has been shown to be the most effective way of insuring that the freshman year becomes the foundation for a great high school experience. The goal of the Freshman Academy is for ALL students to successfully complete the 9th grade. This is reflected in the Freshman Academy motto, 'Starting out on top and staying there!'.

Matthew McDonald, Jake Mauck and **Anna Muzio** from Central Dauphin High School were selected to participate in the PHEAA 2nd Annual Character Camp June 21-23, 2006 at Penn State's Stone Valley Recreation Center. Seventy high school



Anna Muzio



Matthew McDonald

students from across the state are invited to participate. Students were nominated by their principals, guidance counselors, and teachers and selected on their demonstration of strong character and leadership abilities. Character Campers perform community service, participate in team-building exercises, team competitions and develop a personalized Character Action Plan.

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Central Dauphin Middle School

Charley Allegar, an 8th grade student at Central Dauphin Middle School finished 10th in the 79th Annual Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. To qualify for this honor, Charley won the 50th annual Patriot News Spelling Bee. He is the first student from the midstate to qualify for the Bee in three consecutive years.

Central Dauphin Middle School held its 6th Grade Spring Choral Concert on May 15, 2006 and the 7th & 8th Grade Choral Concert on May 10, 2006.

The Select Choir and All Star Guys Choir participated in a Vocal Music Showcase on May 19, 2006.

Central Dauphin Middle School held its 6th Grade Orchestra Concert on May 14, 2006 and the 7th & 8th Grade Orchestra Concert on May 9, 2006.

Swatara Middle School

The Middle Paxton Scholarship Committee presented the 2006 Middle Paxton School Association Scholarship to **Cassandra Campbell**, daughter of Joel and Sharon Campbell. Cassandra plans to attend Albright College in the fall and major in Biology.

Linglestown Middle School

Linglestown Middle School held a program for parents, Pedophiles Online, presented by **Chuck Favata**, a computer specialist from Holland Middle School. The public was informed about the dangers of child predators on the Internet and how to safeguard your children from becoming victims.

Linglestown Middle School held their Spring Concert for the Jazz Band and Choirs on May 11, 2006. The 6th-8th Grade Band and Orchestra Concert was held on May 18, 2006.

Central Dauphin East Middle School

Central Dauphin East Middle School students presented the musical, Aladdin, on March 17, 2006.

Central Dauphin East Middle School's 7th & 8th Grade Spring Concert was held on May 10, 2006 and the 6th Grade Spring Concert was held on May 15, 2006.

Karla Carmona was a Certificate of Merit winner in the Patriot News Scholastic Writing Competition.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Chambers Hill Elementary

Mrs. Luzik's first grade class at Chambers Hill accepted an invitation from DEP to attend the Peregrine Falcon Banding Event. All of the Chambers Hill students were well prepared for this visit because they researched facts about falcons, read a guided reading book about Rachel Carson through our reading curriculum, and used our technology skills to view the nestlings on the DEP website.

The students traveled to the Rachel Carson Building in Harrisburg to view the five recently hatched nestlings. These nestlings, along with the mother falcon, had been nesting on a ledge on the Rachel Carson Building. Each nestling was weighed to determine if it was a male or female. The students learned the females weigh more than the males. Each falcon had a leg banded and was color coded to trace its future flights. A question and answer period followed as students learned facts about the life span of the falcon, habitats, eating habits, nesting, and flight patterns.

Our first grade would like to thank DEP, our chaperone, **Mrs. Roadcap**, and our administrators who made this learning experience possible.

Linglestown Elementary School

This past school year, Linglestown Elementary School held a bully prevention assembly presented by **Jay Banks**. The assembly combined music, comedy and audience participation in an entertaining fashion to educate the students on the importance of developing a good moral character and being compassionate to their fellow students.

E.H. Phillips

Elementary School

E.H. Phillips Elementary held a Hand Washing Campaign with WHP TV and the Hershey Medical Center. The event was held to as part of a public service campaign about the importance of hand washing, especially with young children.

Phillips Elementary held its Spring Concert on May 16, 2006. The choruses, bands and orchestra performed.

Lawnton Elementary School

Lawnton Elementary held its May Fair on May 13, 2006. Fun, food, games and prizes were enjoyed by all in attendance!

Lawnton Elementary held its Spring Musical Concert on May 16, 2006. The chorus, full band and full orchestra performed.

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Inside Our Schools . . .

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

North Side Elementary School

The North Side Elementary students raised \$7,500 participating in the American Heart Association's Jump Rope for Heart.

North Side Elementary participated in the Seventeenth National African-American Read-In Chain as part of African-American History Month.

Barbara Thompson, Director of Multicultural Recruitment and Community Affairs read a short story to the students. At the same time, all teachers within the school read a book to their students, written by an African-American author. The purpose of the event was to document all students engaged in reading at the same time.

Middle Paxton

Elementary School

The Middle Paxton Scholarship Committee presented the 2006 Middle Paxton School Association Scholarship to **Cassandra Campbell**, daughter of **Joel** and **Sharon Campbell**. Cassandra plans to attend Albright College in the fall and major in Biology.

Paxtang Elementary School

Paxtang Elementary held their Spring Musical Concert on May 18, 2006, featuring its chorus, select chorus, full band and full orchestra.

Paxtonia Elementary School

The following students participated in special musical ensembles:

Dauphin County Band – **Janelle K.** on flute, **Rebecca C.** on oboe, **Byron H.** and **Jonathan L.** on sax. **T.J. O.** was selected as an alternate. Central Dauphin Honors Band – **Nate V.** and **Jared L.** on baritone and **Nathan L.** on bells.

Rutherford Elementary School

Rutherford Elementary School was selected to present their video project at the Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo and Conference. See page 10 for the complete article.

Mountain View Elementary School

Mountain View Elementary School's Student Council was awarded the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) ASCA Honor Student Council Excellence Award for 2005-2006. Mountain View was recognized on the NAESP website and in their newsletters, **Student and Community News Today** and **Communicator**.

Mountain View Elementary School presented "Twinderella, The Musical" this past spring. Seventy students, (including two autistic students), participated in the production.

Nine year-old **Katy Shriner**, an autistic student at Mountain View Elementary, stepped up and performed a lead role in "Twinderella, the Musical," when one of her classmates fell ill ten minutes before the scheduled performance. Luanne Williard remembered Katy had memorized all the lines, dances and songs of another play, even though, just as with this one, Katy was only in the chorus. Katy stepped up to the challenge when asked to perform and questioned as to how she was able to memorize the lines, she replied, "I pay attention." When the play was finished, all the students on stage put Katy on their shoulders and in a rousing chorus, chanted, "Katy, Katy, Katy."

South Side Elementary School

South Side Elementary is pleased to announce the opening of its Literacy Lab. This lab allows students to acquire additional reading time in order to become more fluent readers. The lab is utilizing a research-based program, Read Naturally, to achieve this goal. Read Naturally was designed to build oral reading fluency. Students gain confidence as they practice reading along with high-interest stories that are recorded on CD, as they graph their increase in fluency. The average student can make 2-4 years of reading growth!

South Side Elementary held its Spring Musical Concert on May 18, 2006. The chorus, band and orchestra performed.

The South Side Student Council raised \$2,267 for the victims of the Tsunami.

Tri-Community Elementary School

Tri-Community Elementary hosted a Literacy Counts Family Fun Night. The Program was sponsored by the Patriot News and Faulkner Motors. Hands on mathematical instructional activities were presented by Community Literacy Organizations. It was a fun evening of mathematical activities!

West Hanover Elementary School

West Hanover Elementary School presented an all school musical, "A Celebration of Reading" on March 3, 2006. The entire student body participated by singing songs and dancing. The musical was part of the year long "Captain O.G. Readmore" program. Parent volunteers made and donated all the costumes as well as the elaborate scenery.

On May 1, 2006, **Charlie Aeschliman** from the National Character Education Foundation visited West Hanover and Mountain View Elementary School students in grades 3-5. Mr. Aeschliman is a former Navy Seal and a NIKE sponsored basketball handler. He has been featured on ESPN. He spoke to the students regarding the importance of overcoming obstacles in life and to believe in their dreams.

Best Inclusive Practices

Educators from Tri-Community Elementary School were recipients of the Best Inclusive Practices award that recognizes individuals that work with children with visual impairments. Additionally, educators from Central Dauphin East High School received the Best Inclusive Practices award for their recognition as Outstanding Educators based on their ability to integrate all students into a productive learning environment and teaching philosophy that every educator is responsible for a child's success. Both schools received their awards at the June 26, 2006 school board meeting.

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Transportation post cards were mailed on August 14th. Any changes in transportation requests should be made through your child's school office.



REMINDER.....all daycare arrangements must be requested annually from the Transportation Department.

Employees Assist with

POSSIBILITY PLACE

— A Playground for ALL Children



Possibility Place, a 100 percent accessible playground, was built in George Park (behind Paxtonia Elementary) in Lower Paxton Township during design week, June 14-18, 2006. In order to reach the goal of building this playground, the design committee needed to raise \$200,000. Many charitable organizations stepped forward to donate money, as well as volunteer, especially staff and students from the Central Dauphin School District community who braved the heat, put their hard hats on, grabbed a hammer and went to work. **Leah Brown, Michelle Sholder, and Adrienne Mitford** are district employees that serve as Committee Chairs with Inspired Recreation.

The Grand Opening of Possibility Place was held on August 12, 2006, kicked off with a community picnic. Funds are still needed to complete the project. If you would like to make a charitable donation, please visit www.inspiredrecreation.org.



On June 15, 2006, the School Board approved the renovations of Central Dauphin Middle, Central Dauphin East Middle, Linglestown Middle and Swatara Middle Schools. Those renovations commenced this summer and are anticipated to be completed by the next fall for the start of the 2007-2008 school year. Three middle schools have not been renovated in over twenty years and Swatara was partially renovated in 1990. Consequently, the renovations are necessary.

Renovations include but are not limited to the upgrades and expansions of the buildings and grounds, such as the installation of new HVAC systems and safety upgrades to expand the cafeterias and gymnasiums to make the environment more comfortable and conducive to learning in an improved technological environment.

For additional information or to follow the renovation process as it unfolds, please visit the District website at www.cdschools.org under the Middle Schools Renovations heading.

From the Desk of the Superintendent

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I would also like to welcome all new residents and students to our district. Please visit our district website, www.cdschools.org for individual school information, middle school renovation updates, and important school closing information. Posted on this site are also the highlights of the previous school board meeting, board policies, athletic schedules and student policies and procedures.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and have an “awesome” school year.

Dr. John A. Scola, Superintendent

Rutherford Elementary Students Present at Technology Expo

Rutherford Elementary School was selected to present their video project at the Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo and Conference (PETE&C) Student Showcase on February 21, 2006. The Student Showcase was held in the Chocolate Ballroom of the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center.

Rutherford’s gifted support teacher, **Mrs. Marsha Nettles** and Rutherford 4th grade teacher, **Mr. Brian Griffith** collaborated on the development of the project. Mr. Griffith’s entire classroom and 2 third grade students, brainstormed ideas and centered on the theme and content area of a movie that they had decided to make. Robot City was to be a movie that tied into the 4th grade science curriculum electricity unit.

Eight students working with Mrs. Nettles took on the role of screen writers and brought back the movie script to the class. Actors were chosen and the movie was filmed using a digital video camera. Using a PC lap top and the software, Moviemaker, Mrs. Nettles and the Rutherford 3rd and 4th CDEEPers did the final editing, added videos and background music.

Mrs. Pam Ellsesser, Technology Integration Specialist, lent her expertise in the area of editing and the final product was created.

Matthew Grobinski, **Courtney Hurst**, and **James Waters** accompanied

Mrs. Nettles to the technology conference and shared their learning process and ideas with educators who attended the Student Showcase.



Students with Multiple Disabilities Participate in Field Trip Designed to Meet their Unique Educational Needs

This past May, the Multiple Disabilities (MDS) class from Central Dauphin Middle School, along with classroom staff and parent volunteers, participated in a field trip to City Island. The trip was designed in a manner which enabled students of the MDS program to take an active part in the environment and practice socialization skills.

The day's activities included a trip book that would be filled in by students traveling around the Island and retrieving tabs that had been placed in specific areas. The tabs were designed to match pictures of subjects of interest located throughout the Island. **Mrs. Jackie Heath**, Special Education teacher for the class, spent the previous Sunday walking around the Island, locating items of interest for students to find and taking pictures of them. The day of the field trip, Mrs. Heath's daughter visited the Island prior to the students' arrival, and placed the tabs for the teams to find.

When the buses pulled in, the race was on! Students were paired off into teams of two and assigned to two adults who were in charge of locating the places of interest. The race was completed when all areas were visited and tabs collected. Teams were instructed to meet at the picnic area by the mini golf course for lunch after filling the trip book.

The Multiple Disabilities classroom is made up of students with a variety of disabilities, including being blind/deaf. Activities were designed so that each student was able to participate in some fashion. Students in wheelchairs were pushed by adult staff and encouraged to look at the picture in the trip book, find what matched the picture and place the tab on the Velcro by the picture. The adult staff read the history plaque that described the importance of the location. Sometimes they counted how many more places were needed to finish the trip or how many places they had visited. Then they were off to the next location on the hunt.

A tape player with sounds recorded at all of the island locations was used to provide an auditory component to the activity for the student who was blind, and a bag containing natural items collected from the island gave the student who was blind and deaf a means of participating in the "hunt." Communication with these students was through both verbal means and tactile sign language.

After lunch Mrs. Heath produced a bag she had packed with additional physical activities for the students to try. This included bubbles for blowing, a parachute and balls. The group went to a grass and tan bark playground which provided a safe environment for the students. Students in wheelchairs who were able were assisted out of their chairs and allowed the opportunity to play. The class then took a walk over to the baseball stadium, where the students were permitted to go inside, which was a special treat for students.

It was a great day for all of the students, staff and parent volunteers. The dedication of the teacher and paraeducator staff was apparent throughout the day, as well as in the extensive advance planning that went into the event. Extreme care was taken that all students would be able to participate in some fashion, despite the nature of their disability. It was truly a successful educational experience for all.



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4th/5th Grade:

Hoan Truong – South Side
Sam Hoepfer – Paxtonia
Jeremy Larkin – Linglestown
Aaron Ferree – Chambers Hill

6th Grade:

Martin Martin – Swatara
Sara Mater – Linglestown
Jeremy Schwartz – CD Middle
Michael Sheckard – CD East Middle

7th/8th Grade:

Jimmy Nguyen – Swatara
Ghazi Wasi – Linglestown
Matthew Pagliassotti – CD Middle
Kevin McInturff – CD East Middle

Platinum Masters:

Tyler Fewell – Swatara
Daniel Smith – Linglestown



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