



Faculty Madness Basketball Fundraiser



High School Faculty Team in front of a cheering crowd!

The district held its second annual Faculty Madness basketball tournament on March 16 in the high school gym. Teams comprised of faculty from all three schools competed in front of a capacity crowd of more than 600 fans. The tournament, won by the high school faculty, was organized by the high school student council, which donated \$2,500 from the event to the Conner Kleffel Scholarship Fund. The Kleffel family created the fund in memory of their son, Conner, and hopes to offer scholarships each year to two students who exemplify athleticism, community service and school spirit.

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Committees generally meet the third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Board meetings are generally held the fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the high school's LeRoy K. Seip room.

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superintendent's MESSAGE

School safety has entered the national conversation again after the tragedy in Parkland, Florida at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, where seventeen lives were lost. Student safety is a focus for all school districts every day and in everything we do. It is a priority in any student program, activity or action. Schedules, student daily procedures and all other decisions around students have safety as the primary consideration.

In the most recent round of national conversations, many discussions and questions have been focused on building security, which is a very important part of student safety. All Schuylkill Valley School District buildings have safety and security plans for all types of emergencies and threat events. In cases where evacuation is part of the procedure, parent reunification protocols are in place. For student safety reasons, we do not make safety plans and evacuation procedures public. The plans for all events are coordinated with the Northern Berks Regional Police and they are revisited and updated.

However, there are other components to school safety beyond building security. They include the background checks required of all new district employees during the hiring process and the training of staff on safety and emergency procedures. Student safety also involves the culture and climate of a school where students feel engaged, valued and that they belong. Positive culture and climate is a goal of each of the



Schuylkill Valley School District buildings and in my short tenure here, I have had several students approach me in an unsolicited manner to let me know that they believe that their teachers care. I have also observed this in the classrooms that I have visited. Another facet of student safety is the intervention system in place where students can receive support through venues such as the student assistance program, child study teams and our district's partnership with Concern. All of these are the foundational blocks of student safety.

We will continue to promote student safety and building security in all of our schools. In order to do so, we will work to maintain positive, collaborative relationships with all of our community partners, including our local law enforcement agencies. As always, please feel free to contact me with any concerns or questions.

Dr. Cindy Mierzejewski
Superintendent

Leadership, Experience, Opportunity – these are the words that describe the Leo Club. For more than fifty years, Leos around the world have embraced community service, giving young people unique opportunities to volunteer and fostering a lifetime of commitment to others. The Leo Club at Schuylkill Valley high school, led by advisor and math teacher **Mr. Mark Horrell**, has fifty-nine members, many of whom have given forty or more hours of service during this school year alone. Last fall, the Leos held a pancake breakfast at Applebees restaurant, served food at the Leesport Historical Society's Harvest Moon Festival, helped the Central Berks Lions Club with their sandwich sales, stuffed Christmas stockings for soldiers through the Keystone Military Families organization, and baked cookies with the Bern Lutheran Church. Each month, club members volunteer at the Leesport Church of the Holy Trinity food pantry and this spring they will serve as home field assistants for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life, to be held at



Schuylkill Valley on May 19. A significant portion of their service involves fund raising and the club has raised \$1,450 this year. The Leos will donate \$500 to send a vision-impaired camper to Beacon Lodge in central Pennsylvania this summer, and will donate \$520 to the American Cancer Society. Volunteer service has its rewards, and our young people are making a big difference right here in our community. Well done, Leos!

HIGH SCHOOL

Leo Club Officers

President: **Lucas Horrell**, 12th grade

Vice-President Relay For Life:
Lily Whitmoyer 11th grade

Vice-President Service:
Naomi Arnold, 12th grade

Treasurer: **Carissa Trievel**, 12th grade

Secretary: **Emily Greisemer**, 11th grade



Elementary School Faculty Team

Faculty Madness Basketball Fundraiser

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Middle School Faculty Team

Boys' Basketball

Malachi Kauffman, 10th grade, was named All-Division III and **Tyler Worrell**, 12th grade, was selected as a Berks Senior All-Star Game participant. The boys are coached by **Mr. Taylor Grim**.

Girls' Basketball

Anna Brzostek and **Sydney Himmelberger**, both juniors were named All-Division II Honorable Mention and **Ann Civil**, 12th grade, was selected as a Berks Senior All-Star Game participant. The girls' team is coached by **Mr. Jason Bagenstose**.



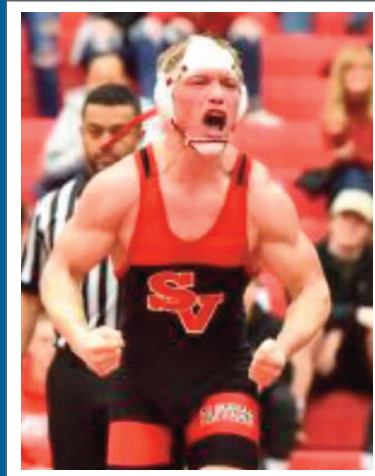
2018 SV Girls' Basketball Team



HIGH SCHOOL

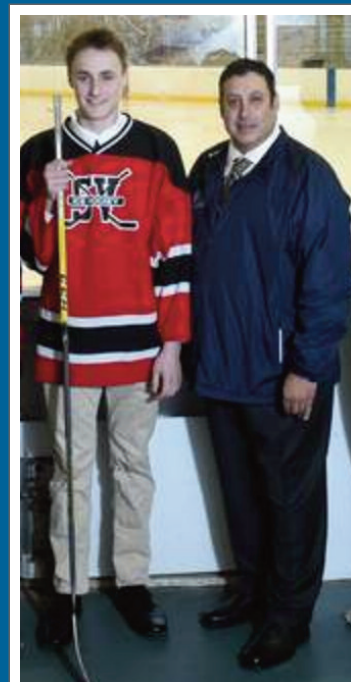
Wrestling

Jack Bennett, 11th grade, son of **M. Shane and Jodi Bennett**, Bern Township, was the Berks County wrestling champion at 145 lbs., Sectional runner-up, District III Bronze medalist and SE Regional qualifier. He compiled a season record of 31-9 and is coached by **Mr. Mike Metzger**.



Ice Hockey

Congratulations to **Mike Heller**, 11th grade, who was selected for the All Berks Ice Hockey Team. Also **Ben Reisenweaver**, 12th grade, and **Declan Murphy**, 10th grade, made Second Team. **Blake Petrasek**, 11th grade, and **Austin Lubak**, 12th grade, were chosen as Honorable Mentions for the All Berks team.



Reading Eagle photographer: Susan Angstadt

STRIIIKE!

Congratulations to the girls' bowling team which captured the BCIAA Division II championship. The team is coached by **Ms. Patricia Christman**.

SV Junior **Mike Heller** and All Berks Team Coach **Mike Barone**.

L WINTER SPORTS

SV Swimmers Earn Medals and Break Records



Congratulations to senior **Colin Gwiazdowski** for his record-breaking performances this season. Colin, the son of **Tom and Kathy Gwiazdowski**, Ontelaunee Township, won gold at the PIAA Class 2A championship meet in the 100 freestyle, silver in the 50 free, broke the Central Penn League (CPL) record for the same distance (in the freestyle relay) at the Wilson meet in December, won the 50 freestyle at the CPL meet, won and broke the Berks County and District III 50 freestyle record at the District III meet, and won the 100 freestyle at the District III meet. Colin has accepted a scholarship to continue his athletic and academic career at the University of Arizona.

Sophomore **Marlee Rickert**, the daughter of **William and Donna Rickert**, Leesport, earned the silver medal in the 100 backstroke at the PIAA Class 2A championship meet, won the 50 freestyle and the 500 freestyle at the CPL meet, and won the 50 freestyle at the District III meet, setting a new meet record.

Senior **Dawson Mohl**, son of **Ron and Priscilla Mohl**, Leesport, finished eighth in the 500 free at the state meet.

Marlee Rickert, **Emily VanderSleen**, 11th grade, **Katelyn VanderSleen**, 11th grade and **Lauren Hart**, 12th grade, won the silver medal at states in the 400 relay and set a new school record.

Junior **Sally Francis**, the daughter of **Buzz and Janet Francis**, Bern Township, won the gold medal in the 500 freestyle at the District III meet.



Sally Francis



Colin Gwiazdowski



Marlee Rickert

Individual members of the boys' and girls' swim teams, coached by **Mr. Kyle Campbell**, earned gold and silver medals at the District III meet:

Colin Gwiazdowski, 12th grade, **Chris Zeiner**, 10th grade, **Dawson Mohl**, 12th grade, and **Lucas Knopsnyder**, 9th grade, won the 200 freestyle relay.

Chris Zeiner, 10th grade, **Dawson Mohl**, 12th grade, **Brock Dalton**, 10th grade, and **Colin Gwiazdowski**, 12th grade, won the 400 freestyle relay.

Marlee Rickert, 10th grade, **Katelyn VanderSleen**, 11th grade, **Emily VanderSleen**, 11th grade, **Stephanie Brumbach**, 10th grade, won the 200 medley relay.

Emily VanderSleen, 11th grade, **Emily Griesemer**, 11th grade, **Lauren Hart**, 12th grade, and **Marlee Rickert**, 10th grade, won the 400 freestyle relay.

Emily Griesemer, 11th grade, **Lauren Hart**, 12th grade, **Stephanie Brumbach**, 10th grade, and **Emily VanderSleen**, 11th grade, captured the silver medal in the 200 freestyle relay.

HIGH SCHOOL

Science Olympiad

Twenty-four students from the high school participated in the Berks County Science Olympiad Invitational held at Kutztown University on January 11. The students are advised by science teachers **Mr. Bill Gampe** and **Mr. David Smith**.

The following students won medals in the competition:

Chemistry Lab – 2nd Place

Olivia Jenkins, 12th grade

Tristian Kucera, 11th grade

Ecology – 3rd Place

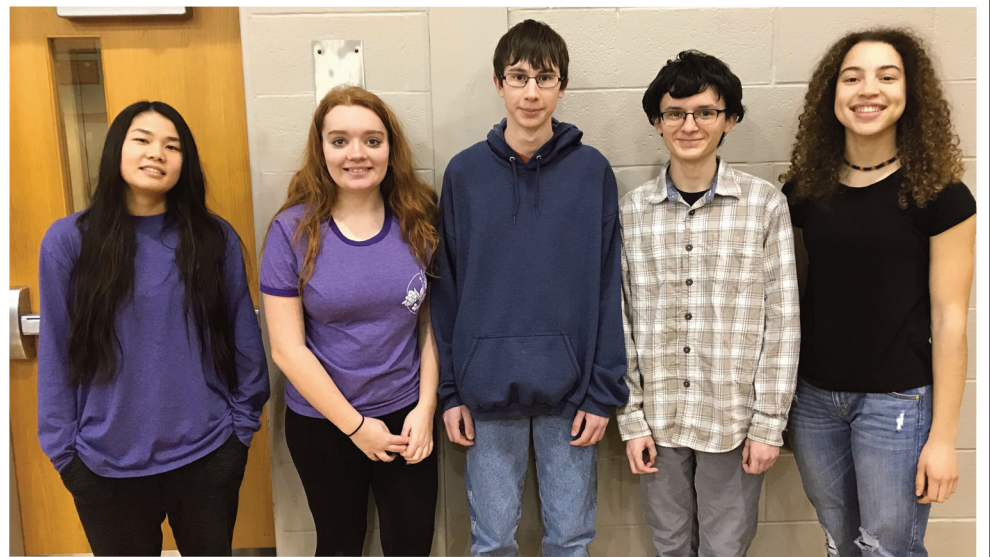
Laura Henne, 12th grade

Emily Gunkel, 12th grade

Material Science – 3rd Place

Olivia Jenkins, 12th grade

Trevor Teprovich, 10th grade



Pictured, L-R: **Emily Gunkel**, **Laura Henne**, **Trevor Teprovich**, **Tristian Kucera** and **Olivia Jenkins**

Students Harvest Awards at Pennsylvania Farm Show

While most of Pennsylvania settled into a deep freeze in early January, students from the high school were showing off summer's bounty at the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg. Led by advisor **Mrs. Lisa Chillot**, science teacher at the high school, seniors **Mackenzie Homan** and **Ashley Spatz** won third and fourth place ribbons, respectively, for their market basket displays. Junior **Mikayla Davis** won second place in Greenhouse and Tunnel Vegetables for her entry of three green peppers. Her peppers, along with the herbs from Mackenzie's basket, were grown in the high school greenhouse. All three young women are students in the high school's horticulture program.

Mikayla Davis, 11th grade, with prize-winning green peppers



Mackenzie Homan, 12th grade, with prize-winning herb basket



Ashley Spatz, 12th grade, with prize-winning market basket



Angela Guydik
 Colin Gwiazdowski
 Elizabeth Heffner
 Scott Horning
 Jacob Jerdan
 Madison Kepner
 Tristian Kucera
 Tehinnah Louis
 Isabel Martin
 Kellyn McGinley
 Kelsey Patrick
 Kahlee Perera
 Jay Poland
 Taylor Romberger
 Riley Pontician
 Andre Rivera
 Ivey Rost
 William Stevenson
 Alexis Szymczyk
 Emily VanderSleen
 Katelyn VanderSleen
 Kaitlynn Wayman
 Molly Weidner
 Molly Wenzel
 Lily Whitmoyer
 Macy Zimmerman

National Honor Society Inductees

Excellence in the four pillars of scholarship, service, leadership and character were recognized with the induction of thirty students into the Schuylkill Valley High School chapter of the National Honor Society on February 15. Senior **Donald Ballou** served as the master of ceremonies and seniors **Elizabeth Clement**, **Emily Gunkel**, **Olivia Jenkins**, and **Carissa Trievel** spoke on the four pillars. **Ms. Corielle Yarde**, 3rd

grade teacher at the elementary school and a 2008 SV honors graduate, was the keynote speaker. **Mrs. Lisa Chillot**, science teacher at the high school, is the advisor for the chapter.

2017-2018 INDUCTEES:

Nicollas Bernhart
Charanya Birabakaran
Rosal Diaz De La Rosa
Emily Griesemer

Students Make A Case for Healing

When children are hospitalized with cancer or other life-threatening illnesses, it is terrifying and traumatic for the whole family. Bringing comfort and support can reduce the emotional trauma and foster healing. In November, students in **Mrs. Becky Boland's** Sewing Studio elective class crafted several pillowcases for Ryan's Case for Smiles, a non-profit organization whose mission is to create and distribute whimsical pillowcases to give hospitalized children an emotional boost, and to remind them that they are not defined by their illnesses. The cases sewn by SV's students will be donated to children's hospitals throughout the northeast.



Pictured, L-R: **Kaitlyn Kline**, 9th grade, **Jenna Stoudt**, 10th grade, **Paige Strausser**, 12th grade, **Mercedes Batton**, 12th grade, **Lourdes Gomez-Contreras**, 10th grade, **Trinity Sterling**, 9th grade and **Gabby Klatt**, 12th grade). Missing: **Katlynn Rhein**, 10th grade.

MIDDLESCHOOL



(L to R) Geography Bee runner-up **Jillian Boyer**, 6th grade, **Mr. Tod Witman**, social studies teacher and bee moderator, and winner **Emily Gao**, 7th grade

Where In the World Is? Geo Bee!

Congratulations to this year's Geography Bee champion **Emily Gao**, 7th grade, daughter of **Bin Gao and Xue Zhu Zhang**, Ontelaunee Township. Sixth grader **Jillian Boyer**, daughter of **Mark and Leslie Boyer**, Bern Township, came in second place. The two students vied in an intense competition filled with many tiebreaker questions. The final question, which determined the champion was, "The Big Horn Mountains stretch from Central Wyoming north into what neighboring state?" Emily correctly answered Montana.

Emily has now taken a qualifying test and is waiting to hear if she is one of the top one hundred participants to qualify for the State Geography Bee. The winner of the State Geography Bee, held in April, will travel to Washington, D.C. to compete in the National Tournament in May. The top prize is a \$50,000 college scholarship, \$500 in cash and a trip to the Galápagos Islands.

The finalists of the grade level Geography Bees were:

6th grade: **Jillian Boyer, Ty Ellsworth, Laura Schlappich**

7th grade: **Michael Goad, Delaney Yeakle**

8th grade: **Drew Campbell, Jonathan Castellon-Palacios, Dylan Slusser.**



Special thanks to **Mr. Tod Witman**, high school social studies teacher, who served as the moderator, and the Schuylkill Valley PTO for their generous donation of prizes.

2018 SV Middle School
Geography Bee Finalists

SVMS Student Selected for Musical Honor



Eighth grader **Brian Gambler**, son of **Matt and Amy (Killian) Gambler**, Ontelaunee Township, was selected to participate in the West Chester University High School Honors Percussion Ensemble. This group is normally only open to ninth through twelfth graders in southeastern Pennsylvania, but Brian was chosen as an eighth grader. Brian is a homeschooled student who is a member of the SVMS concert band, jazz band, chorus and select chorus. He was also selected to participate in junior county band, orchestra and chorus. He and his parents credit his hard work in private lessons with **Mr. Brent Behrenshausen** and are grateful for the guidance and support of SV music teachers **Dr. Mark Yingling, Mrs. Kim Makosch** and **Mr. Andrew Smith**.



National Junior Honor Society Inductees

In 2017, the middle school received a charter for the National Junior Honor Society. The NJHS is a prestigious organization of students who excel in the pillars of scholarship, leadership, service, character and citizenship. In November, forty students in 7th and 8th grade were inducted at a ceremony held in the middle school. Family members shared in the celebration and, following the ceremony, a reception with light refreshments was held in the cafeteria.

The primary purpose of NJHS is service. So far this year, the students have raised \$80 for the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia during a Christmas Candy Cane Sale, refinished a Little Lending Library for the Albright Early Learning Center and volunteered at a local food pantry.

Members are scheduled to serve at the food pantry two more sessions this school year, and are planning a Flag Football Tournament for the end of the year to raise money for the Conner Kleffel Scholarship Fund.

Mrs. Dana Heins, 8th grade social studies teacher, and **Mrs. Kathy Batson**, 8th grade language arts teacher, are advisors for the chapter at SVMS.

The 2017-2018 inductees are:

7TH GRADE

Brock DeJesus
Paul Engleman
Emily Fies
Isabelle Fetting
Emily Gao
Seth Geiger
Michael Goad
Sarah Haag
Allison Harmuth
Amanda Hoover
Jaxon Kuehner
Ryan Lauback
Nikailyn Madden
Megan Raifsnider
Lilyana Rodriguez
Bailey Unterkofler
Noah Wamsher
Delaney Yeakle
Elizabeth Zaharia

8TH GRADE

Mason Clery
Gabriella DeMarco
Benjamin Eddinger
Megan Erhnfeldt
Katie Eisenhofer
Sarah Gilbert
Anna Gwiazdowski
Averi Hidalgo
Bryce Hill
Brayden Himmelberger
Brad Hoffman
Sara Motz
Mara Nagle
Andrew Rider
Reagan Rittenhouse
Kory Sander
Luke Seymour
Dylan Small
Emma Walsh
Jade Weller
Kristian Wolf

MIDDLESCHOOL

Overall winners **Natane White** and **Colby Crills**

HOT SHOTS basketball contest

Girls and boys in the Schuylkill Valley Youth Basketball program celebrated the season's end with a skills shooting contest on February 25 in the high school gym. The tournament included a fifty-fifty three-point challenge for \$1 per shot with the last person standing winning half the money collected. **Dillon Lackner**, 5th grade, won the competition, which included students as well as parents and coaches. In addition, the overall female and male winners in the 6th grade contests, **Natane White** and **Colby Crills**, will have their names engraved on the trophy which is housed in the middle school sports display case.

Winners in age groups were:

2nd GRADE GIRLS:

Cameron Chase

2nd GRADE BOYS:

Jaxon Kowalski, 1st place

Brayden Stricker, 2nd place

Bradyn Strayer, 3rd place

3rd GRADE GIRLS:

Hannah Yobb

3rd GRADE BOYS:

Zachary Reeser, 1st place

Hunter Durland, 2nd place

Alex Gehret, 3rd place

4th GRADE GIRLS:

Elyssa Sellers, 1st place

Katlyn Kier, 2nd place

Morgan Siglin, 3rd place

4th GRADE BOYS:

Asher Clerly, 1st place

Eli Kiritsis, 2nd place

Brody Leach, 3rd place

5th GRADE GIRLS:

Adi Leroy, 1st place

Addison Moser, 2nd place

Paige Chase, 3rd place

5th GRADE BOYS:

Bryce Gumby, 1st place

Cooper Hohenadel, 2nd place

Dillon Lackner, 3rd place

6th GRADE GIRLS:

Natane White, 1st place

Juliana Stichter, 2nd place

Julia Missimer, 3rd place

6th GRADE BOYS:

Colby Crills, 1st place

Ryland Miller, 2nd place

Donovan Miley, 3rd place

PTO

UPCOMING PTO EVENTS

- **April 10** – PTO meeting, SVES cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.
- **April 13** – Father/Daughter Dance
- **April 14** – Mother/Son Dance
- **May 7 – 11** – Teacher Appreciation Week
- **May 8** – PTO meeting, SVES cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.
- **June 1** – Welcome Summer Luau, elementary school grounds, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- **June 12** – PTO meeting, SVES cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.

Parent Teachers Organization

The PTO, a traditional source of elementary school support, is growing to include a middle school PTO (SVMSPTO) and a high school Parent Teacher Student Organization (SVPTSO). Both organizations welcome your ideas and energy. If you are a parent, grandparent or guardian who would like to help with the SVMSPTO, please contact

Mrs. Heather Hueske, president, at HeatherHueskeSVMSPTO@gmail.com.

For more information on the high school PTO, contact **Mrs. Kelly Myers** at KellySVPTO@gmail.com.

As always, you can connect with the elementary school PTO at its website, www.svpto.org.



Elizabeth Zaharia



2018 SV Middle School Spelling Bee Finalists



Middle School Spelling Bee

Kudos to seventh grader **Elizabeth Zaharia**, daughter of **Alex and Daniela Zaharia**, Leesport, who won this year's spelling bee with the winning word, "battlement." Elizabeth is a member of the National Junior Honor Society, student council and band.

The thirty other students, selected out of a total of 150, who participated in the Spelling Bee were:

8th Grade: **Drew Campbell, Jonathan Castellon-Palacios, Anna Gwiazdowski, Brian Harris, Madison Hess, Landon Jamison, Megan Miley, Carissa Palamar, Dylan Slusser, Alexis Smeck, Jonathon Werley**

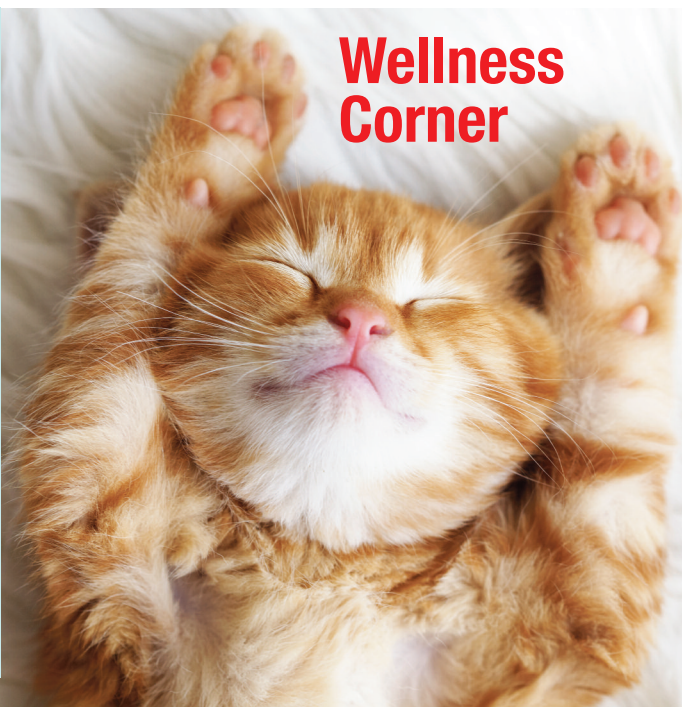
7th Grade: **Chad Gangewere, Emily Gao, Seth Geiger, Caden Kline, Nikailyn Madden, Michael Orth**

6th Grade: **Annie Gao, Jett Gyomber, Makaylah Kindoll, Emmitt Mackes, Laura Schlappich, Marty Welch, Devin Welker**

5th Grade: **Calvin Arndt, Josh Hill, Kaleya Lapaix, Abby Ruth, Justin Weidner**

All of the participants should be very proud of their performance in spelling so many challenging words on the list. Among some of the words were "parenthetical," "merengue" and "pestiferous." Elizabeth's stellar performance in the school competition won her a spot at the Berks County Spelling Bee held on March 12 at the Miller Center for the Arts in Reading.

Wellness Corner



Sleep is vital to good health and may even prevent childhood obesity. In today's lifestyle, children are staying up much later than just a few decades ago. The childhood obesity prevalence is multifactorial, but research supports a significant link between sleep and weight. Many studies found a link between short sleep (less than 6 hours) and increased risk for weight gain. Inadequate sleep can release hormones that affect weight gain even in children. Ghrelin is a hormone that has been recently catching interest, as it is an appetite-stimulating hormone that increases with diminished sleep quality. Length of sleep and sleep quality can be affected by many things. Screen time before bed may be a

contributing factor to shorten sleep time, decreasing the quality of sleep in children. Fluorescent lights are considered to interrupt sleep quality if used one hour before bed. Interestingly, this is not shown in children who read before bed.

Children ages 3-6 years old need ten to twelve hours of sleep, ages 7-12 need ten to eleven hours of sleep and ages 13-18 need eight to nine hours of sleep. Small changes can make a big difference. Limit electronic use before bed, have children do homework before activities if later in the evening, read before bed, and have a set bedtime schedule and routine.

References: Miller A, et al. Sleep patterns and obesity in children. Curr Opin Endocrinol Diabetes Obes. Feb 22 (1): 41-47 WebMD

Becky Robinson,
Food Service Director, SVSD

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mrs. Melissa Rhoads, SVES assistant principal, and Mrs. Missy Kelchner, SVES principal get slimed!



Elementary School Readers Win ... Again!

For the fifth time in six years, the students at Schuylkill Valley Elementary School brought in the most money among schools participating in Reading-Berks Literacy Council's "Readers Win!" campaign. Our students collected \$8,188 from pledges for books they read in a one-week period in January. **Gregory Manwiller**, 3rd grade, son of **Patrick and**

Kristy Manwiller, Leesport, was the biggest single donor, contributing \$705. As a special treat, students who collected at least \$10 were given a green panther paw and the opportunity to "slime" the principal, **Mrs. Missy Kelchner**, and assistant principal, **Mrs. Melissa Rhoads**, at a Panther Pride Assembly. It's a good thing the "slime" was made out of vanilla pudding and applesauce! Later this spring, players from the Fightin' Phils baseball team will visit the school to inspire and celebrate with the students. Special thanks to **Mrs. Deborah Werstler**, reading specialist, who coordinates this fun event each year.



SVES Family Reading Night

Mother Nature tried to put a damper on the elementary school's annual Family Reading Night, but our students are "Hooked on Books!" The theme of the event, held on the snow date, March 8, included fishing for bookmarks, bingo for books, a STEM station, crafts and refreshments. **Professor Kevin McCloskey**, local author of the "Giggle and

Learn" series of children's books on worms, fish and pigeons, was the featured guest. Special thanks to **Ms. Lori Messner**, reading specialist, **Mrs. Marsha Townsend**, 4th grade teacher, **Mrs. Carey Steward**, art teacher, and the entire elementary school faculty for their creativity and dedication to this event.



Library Mural

One of the nicest places to read a book is under a tree. Thanks to the artistic talent of **Mrs. Leanne Moyer**, an artist and middle school learning support teacher, students at the elementary school now have the perfect spot to let their imaginations soar.

When **Mrs. Stephanie Jacobs** became the elementary school librarian in 2014, she noticed how blank the white cinder block walls of the library's story pit looked. She and library assistant **Mrs. Patti Miller** envisioned transforming the area into a creative, fun, student-centered nook.

They visualized a tree that they could decorate for each season and enlisted the help of Mrs. Moyer, a graduate of the York Academy of Art, who drew up a dazzling, detailed sketch.

Mrs. Moyer worked with **Dr. Deborah Schmeck**, gifted support and middle school reading specialist, who asked her students to suggest their favorite book characters. After compiling a three-page list, Mrs. Moyer designed

the mural to feature seventy-five different characters, including Harry Potter, Winnie The Pooh, the Cat in the Hat, Clifford, Corduroy and Alice in Wonderland.

The students were amazed to watch her process over the next year. Starting in February, 2016, Mrs. Moyer worked on the mural for fourteen months after school, on holidays and during the summer. First, she sketched it in pencil, then painted the large areas, went back in to create the details, edited certain areas when she wasn't happy, and finally gave it a glossing to protect it. In addition, Mrs. Moyer donated all the materials and time to complete the mural. Mrs. Moyer is now working on a biography wall at the middle school library with depictions of twenty-eight important faces throughout history from the fifth through eighth-grade curriculum, including President Lincoln, Anne Frank and Albert Einstein. The artist says it is a labor of love to create these magical spaces in our schools. "I have been with the district for eighteen years," said Mrs. Moyer, "and I love my job, so I wanted to create a gift for the children and staff of Schuylkill Valley past, present and future." How lucky we are!



HIGH SCHOOL FALL SPORTS

Coach **Mrs. Allyson McKechnie**, **Ben Reisenweaver** and Coach **Mr. Brian Boyer**



Cross Country

Ben Reisenweaver, 12th grade, was an outstanding athlete in the fall season. The son of **Rob and Pam Reisenweaver**, Bern Township, Ben was an All-Berks II selection, placed 18th in the BCIAA meet, 8th in the District III AA meet, and 18th in the PIAA State AA championship with the fastest time of any Berks County male runner across A, AA and AAA. Ben is coached by **Mrs. Allyson McKechnie** and **Mr. Brian Boyer**, and was co-captain of the SV team in 2017 along with senior **Delanie Heck-Hoppes**. Ben is also a member of the SV Ice Hockey Club in the Eastern Pennsylvania Scholastic Hockey League and competes in trap shooting at clubs throughout the county.

FOOTBALL: All-Berks Honorable Mention

Luke Amarell, 10th grade, lineman
Jackson Brown, 12th grade, running back and lineman
Anikin Glassmire, 11th grade, quarterback
Logan Grauer, 12th grade, back
Joe Jardine, 12th grade, wide receiver and place kicker
Zach Myers, 11th grade, linebacker
Shane Newell, 11th grade, tackle
Mason Riegel, 12th grade, linebacker
Tyler Worrell, 12th grade, all-purpose back

Boys' Soccer

Colby Stichter, 12th grade, midfielder, All-Berks II, Berks second team
 Honorable Mention: **Connor Becker**, 12th grade,
David Goad, 12th grade, **Brian Porter**, 10th grade

Golf

Jack Lynam, 11th grade, All-Berks, 10th in BCIAA meet, 9th in District meet
Clay Spencer, 11th grade, All-Berks II
Kadin Hohenadel, 12th grade, honorable mention

Girls' Soccer

Sadie Goad, 10th grade, midfielder, All-Berks II, Berks second team
Fiona Murphy, 12th grade, midfielder, All-Berks II, Berks second team
Taylor Romberger, 11th grade, defender, All-Berks II, Berks second team
Hannah Seltzer, 12th grade, forward, All-Berks II
Madison Stichter, 10th grade, forward, All-Berks II
 Honorable Mention:
Kaelan Cronan, 12th grade, **Alyssa Lash**, 12th grade,
Halee Peters, 12th grade.

Girls' Volleyball

Courtney Blimline, 12th grade, All-Berks II
Morgan Fox, 12th grade, All-Berks II
Sydney Himmelberger, 12th grade, All-Berks II

Girls' Field Hockey

Kasey Bubel, 12th grade, All-Berks
Ashley Birmingham, 10th grade, All-Berks II
Sydney Campbell, 11th grade, All-Berks II
 Honorable Mention: **Kaydence Muller**, 10th grade,
Abby Rea, 10th grade, **Marlee Rickert**, 10th grade,
Gabby Rider, 10th grade.



SV Juniors Powder Puff Team

Powder Puff



SV Seniors Powder Puff Team

On March 11, Sunday night football reigned again at Panther Stadium as the junior girls took on the senior girls in the inaugural Powder Puff football game. A hard-fought battle on the gridiron ended with the seniors winning, 28-6. This Mini-THON kick-off event, sponsored by Pennsylvania Youth Education Association (PYEA), raised funds for the Four Diamonds Fund of the PSU Children's Hospital at Hershey. Special thanks to club advisors **Mrs. Lisa Chillot** and **Mr. Jeff Chillot**, and the coaching staff, including juniors **Anikin Glassmire**, **Luke Innis**, and **Shane Newell**, and seniors **Logan Grauer**, **Mason Riegel** and **Tyler Worrell**.



**2018 Panthers-
on-Parade Show:**

SISTER ACT



Tickets went on sale to the public **Monday, March 19, 2018**, for this year's production of *Sister Act*. Performances will take place on Friday, April 13, and Saturday, April 14, at 7:30 p.m. General admission price is \$11.00; price for senior citizen tickets (62 years of age or older) is \$8.00. All tickets are filled on a first-come/first-served basis and are not refundable.

All orders will be by mail only. There will be no orders taken over the phone. Tickets will be mailed back if a self-addressed, stamped envelope is provided, or they may be picked up at the ticket booth the nights of the performances. Orders received after **Wednesday, April 4**, will be held at the ticket booth.

Payment must accompany all orders. If paying by check, please make checks payable to Schuylkill Valley High School.

Questions or concerns regarding tickets should be forwarded to tgolbbe1@gmail.com.

FRIDAY April 13, 2018 Ticket Order Form

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

_____ general admission tickets @ \$11 each = _____

_____ senior citizen admission tickets @ \$8 each = _____

_____ total # ticket | total amount enclosed \$ _____

_____ CASH _____ CHECK (# _____)

SATURDAY April 14, 2018 Ticket Order Form

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

_____ general admission tickets @ \$11 each = _____

_____ senior citizen admission tickets @ \$8 each = _____

_____ total # ticket | total amount enclosed \$ _____

_____ CASH _____ CHECK (# _____)

Cut out the order form above and include with check or cash in an envelope addressed to:

Schuylkill Valley High School
929 Lakeshore Drive
Leesport, PA 1953

Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you'd like the tickets mailed to you. Otherwise they will be held at the ticket booth. All orders will be by mail only. There will be no orders taken over the phone.

STAFFUPDATES



Head Custodian Receives Recognition

Congratulations to **Mr. Jerry Hussman**, high school head custodian, on receiving the 2017 Lauretta Woodson Support Professional Award from the Berks County Association of School Retirees. Mr. Hussman has worked in the district since 1993 and was honored for his commitment to students and staff members. Recommended for the award by past superintendent **Dr. Warren Mata** and director of buildings and grounds **Mr. Craig Strunk**, Mr. Hussman was recognized for his dedication and hard work in faithfully going above and beyond to get the job done.



Special Thanks

The SV community offers its sincere appreciation to **Mrs. Donna Lash**, Ontelaunee Township tax collector, who recently retired after serving for seventeen years. The district welcomes its two new tax collectors, **Mrs. Brittney Hadden**, Ontelaunee Township, and **Mrs. Jane Lause**, Borough of Leesport.



Middle and High School Gym Uniforms

The Schuylkill Valley Physical Education Department requires that students in grades 5-12 wear gym uniforms. **Order forms can be found here** (<https://goo.gl/Y3gAmT>). Forms are also available in the general office of each district building. Orders and payment must be given to your child's physical education teacher.

Uniforms ordered and paid for by May 25 will be available to students at the beginning of school in August. Orders after this date will need to be placed and picked up at TexStyles, in Shoemakersville, as the school district no longer carries an inventory. Checks must be made out to TexStyles. For your convenience you may also pay by Visa or MasterCard.

Students are expected to wear the required gym uniform for the first day of class activity.

Special Note: For an additional \$5 you now have the option of having your child's last name placed on the back of the t-shirt. Likewise, for an additional \$5, you can have a white rectangle screened on the shorts to write his/her name on them.



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SCHOOL DISTRICT

Marsha Townsend's Bringing Up a Bookworm

Barnes & Noble Book Fair

All-day event, Saturday, April 28, 2018

Barnes & Noble
2751 Paper Mill Road,
Wyomissing, PA 19610

Come for the bookfair and
participate in our various activities!

Can't attend our bookfair at Barnes & Noble?

Visit BN.COM/bookfairs to support us online from
4/28/2018 to 5/3/2018 by entering Bookfair ID
12335428 at checkout.

*A percentage of your Barnes & Noble purchases will benefit
Bringing Up a Bookworm. Thank you for your support.*

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**Bringing Up a
Bookworm**

Saturday, April 28, 2018

ALL DAY at Barnes & Noble

2751 Paper Mill Rd., Wyomissing, PA

Bookfair ID#: 12335428

**Please present this voucher prior to making your
purchase. A percentage of the net sale
will be contributed to your school/organization.***

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magazine subscriptions, video games, purchases made at Cafés
owned and operated by Starbucks, and other items Barnes & Noble
may exclude from time to time in its sole discretion are not eligible
for bookfair sales. Institutional discounts may not be applied.
See BN.COM/bookfairs for more details and to shop online.

Spring Book Sale April 6 + 7

Schuylkill Valley Community Library



In Our Community

The Schuylkill Valley Community Library welcomes book donations for its Spring Book Sale, to be held on April 6 and 7. The event, from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Friday and from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, will include a \$5 "fill-a-bag" on Saturday and a bake sale both days. Please bring donations to the library, located on Washington Street in Leesport. No text books, encyclopedias, magazines or anything torn or musty.

ALUMNI NEWS

Calling all members of the class of 1968! A 50th reunion will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2018, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Weaver's Banquet Facility, Denver, PA. The price per person is \$26, which includes a hot buffet, soda, coffee, tea and dessert. The deadline for payment and registration is September 19. For more information and to register, contact **Nancy Wagner James** at 610-562-2850. To connect with classmates, visit the Schuylkill Valley High School Alumni Memoriam page on Facebook.

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