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Friday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m.

(Friday sold out)

Saturday, April 12 at

2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$10 each

610-693-8599 ext. 6654 or

c_kirkhoff@conradweiser.org

Breakfast to Support Seniors

Support the class of 2014 by attending a breakfast on **Sunday, April 13th**, at the **Pioneer Firehouse** in Robesonia.

Breakfast will be served from 7:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. It will feature a full breakfast menu and a bottomless cup of coffee. Proceeds go to the annual drug and alcohol free graduation party held at the high school.

Kauffman's BBQ Chicken Sale

Saturday April 26

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

pick up at the Middle School

\$6.00 ticket includes

1/2 Chicken and a Potato

sponsored by CW Athletic Boosters

Contact Brenda Talbot

at 610-780-3227 for tickets

A limited number of extra chickens will be available the day of the sale.

New Breakfast Kiosks Help Kids Start Their Day Right



Denise Pirrotta helps a student make a selection from the breakfast kiosk in the middle school. Kiosks (mobile breakfast carts) have been provided by the Mid-Atlantic Dairy Association to offer students breakfast in the lobbies of the middle and high schools. Students can choose items to fit into a "Grab n' Go Bag" and eat on their way to class. This program is part of the PA School Breakfast Challenge which asked schools to increase breakfast participation by at least 30%. Since January, breakfast participation has increased by an average of 68 per day at the high school and 22 per day at the middle school.

Kindergarten Registration Set for 2014-2015 School Year

Kindergarten registration for the 2014-15 school year will be held April 22 -25, 2014. Children must be 5 years old by September 1, 2014 to be eligible to attend the full-day kindergarten program.

Parent information letters were mailed the last week of January to families with known eligible children residing in the district. Parents who did not receive a letter and have an age-eligible child should contact Kelly Grabey at 610-678-9901 to provide the child's information.

Registration forms are available to print from the Conrad Weiser Area School District Website. Registration packets are also available for pick up

at CW East Elementary, 200 Lincoln Drive, Wernersville, PA, 19565; CW West Elementary, 102 S. Third Street, Womelsdorf, PA, 19567; or the District Administration Office, 44 Big Spring Road, Robesonia, PA 19551.

Completed packets may be mailed or dropped off at any of the above locations to the attention of Mrs. Kelly Grabey. Please return the registration forms to Mrs. Grabey by Monday, April 14, 2014.

Registration appointment cards will be mailed closer to the screening dates to families who have completed and returned the registration forms and required documentation.

Parents Plan Graduation Party

For twenty-seven years, the parents of the Conrad Weiser graduating class have been throwing their kids a post-graduation party. The party is held the evening of graduation from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. at the high school. The party promises a drug and alcohol free environment for kids to celebrate their accomplishments. Parents of the officers of the Class of 2014 head up many of the committees comprised of other parent volunteers.

Local businesses, school clubs, and Conrad Weiser staff and parents have made donations to make this event possible. Many fundraising events have been held as well.

Parents and students of the Class of 2014 have received information in the mail about the party. There is still time for parents to get involved by contacting any of the committee chairs. There will also be important information coming home regarding a mandatory permission slip that must be signed by a parent or guardian in order for students to attend this event. Parents must be aware that their seniors will not be able to leave at any point during the evening unless it is an emergency.

Thanks for your support!
(contributed by *Gloria Troup*)

Pi Guys Never Cease to Amaze!



Champion Austin Frownfelter recited 127 digits of Pi (the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter) in this year's contest. Steve Barone, Xavier Char-Amato, and Andrew Meglathery were runners-up.

High School Science Department Holds Science Fair



Winners of the science fair display their awards: Vanessa Colon earned third place with a spectrometer analysis and burning ion solutions, Ana Goudy came in first with the environmental impact of D-limonene and combustion reactions with polystyrene, and Alexa Schneck was awarded second place for her project on the testing of different disinfectants on meat bacteria.

Music Students Excel in County, District Competition

Congratulations to Conrad Weiser's music students, who have been honored for their musical accomplishments as follows:

Sr. County Band

Ingrid Rumbaugh, flute
Charlotte Wood, clarinet
Calen Wolfskill, baritone saxophone
Caleb Berstler, horn
Will Brunner, trombone
Anthony Zohlman, tuba

Sr. County Orchestra

Ingrid Rumbaugh, flute
Aubrey Eaken, violin

Jr. County Band

Hannah Eaken, flute
Muhamed Badjie, flute
Bryn Werley, flute
Sarah Kern, clarinet
Gracie Bateman, bass clarinet
Bethany Miller, bass clarinet
Victoria Organtini, tenor saxophone
Seth Ravert, baritone
Van Wirebach, baritone
Nick Tomanelli, trombone

Jr. County Orchestra

Gracie Bateman, bass clarinet

District Orchestra

Ingrid Rumbaugh, flute

District Band

Ingrid Rumbaugh, flute
Charlotte Wood, clarinet

Susquehanna University and Lebanon Valley College Honors Bands

Charlotte Wood, clarinet
Erika Kirn, clarinet
Anthony Zohlman, tuba

Honors Performance Series Band at Carnegie Hall

Devon Drexel, percussion

District 10 Intermediate Bandfest at Southern Lehigh

Derek Ulrich, mallet percussion
Van Wirebach, baritone

County Jazz Band

Will Brunner, trombone

Region 5 Band

Ingrid Rumbaugh, piccolo

Sr. County Chorus

Becca Snyder
Kayla Aulenbach
Erica Kirn
Kirsten Lebo
Nick Schmoyer
Michael Confalone
Evan Malarkey
Tyler Ravert
Gabe Reber

District Chorus

Tyler Ravert
Evan Malarkey
Michael Confalone
Alex Potcovaru
Gabe Reber
Kayla Aulenbach
Becca Snyder

Region Chorus

Tyler Ravert
Alex Potcovaru
Gabe Reber
Becca Snyder

Jr. County Chorus

Maura Malarkey
Gracie Bateman
Christiana Wagner
Hannah Krause
Nicolas Tomanelli
Kevin Gemmell
Benjamin Aulenbach
Tremaine LaManna

Foreign Language Students Compete at Culture Day



Students pose with Diane Payne, Spanish teacher, as well as their third place award from the Bengaku competition, a Jeopardy style game where students demonstrate their knowledge of the language and culture by answering questions.



German students also traveled to Lebanon Valley College for International Culture Day where they earned first place in their Bengaku competition. Teacher Ashley Snyder proudly displays the award.

CW East Readers Honored

The top ten readers from CW East pose for pictures when they were recognized for reading 32,443 books from September to January. Principal Janet Heilman ran in Disney to honor her students' reading accomplishments. She even face-timed them three times in her marathon week to let them know she was spreading awareness of their incredible feat!



CW East Students Learn about Cyberbullying



CW East students listen to a presentation on internet safety and cyberbullying.

Students at CW East enjoyed a visit from Agent Janene M Holter on Friday, February 21st. Agent Holter came from the Office of Attorney General Kathleen G. Kane of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Agent Holter shared a presentation on cyber bullying. She used videos and open discussions about how students can be safe on the internet inside and outside of school. The students had many questions and were able to clarify how to handle situations online.

Agent Holter explained how to keep personal information safe, to stay away from Internet strangers, and to go to an adult for help when students see anything online that makes them uncomfortable. Specific examples were pointed out that many students may encounter. She explained exactly what they should do in each case, stressing that parents and teachers are always there to help when students feel uncomfortable.

Agent Holter explained that she also does presentations for people of all ages and many different situations. It is an unparalleled service that her office provides in an effort to take a proactive approach to crime prevention through education. More information on staying safe on the internet is available for all ages at www.ikeepsafe.org. (contributed by Mark Pearsall)

New Book!
Collecting
Breinger Pottery
from A to Z

Featuring more than 200 pages and hundreds of full-color photos of Breinger Pottery pieces, plus pictures from many years of porch shows.

Written by award-winning Ohio journalist, historian and author Paul Locher with the cooperation of the Breinger family.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to add a copy of this hardbound reference work to your library!

Copies available at the Conrad Weiser High School Library for \$35 cash or check only (payable to Breinger Publications).
 Email Ann Schmidt at a_schmidt@conradweiser.org to reserve your copy today!

The Conrad Weiser Junior/Senior Prom

will be held on Saturday, May 24th at the Crowne Plaza in Wyomissing.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m., dinner will be served at 6:30, then dancing will take place until 10:30.

Tickets will be \$50 each, and will be sold during all lunch periods on April 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th.

Questions: contact Misty Witman:
m_witman@conradweiser.org
 or Michelle Strunk:
m_strunk@conradweiser.org.

USTA Regional/National Awards Cap off Banner Year for CW Tennis



CW Tennis Coaches and the CW tennis group display just a few of the honors they were awarded at the USTA Middle States Eastern Pennsylvania Awards Banquet in Bethlehem.

CW Tennis has continued its growth and promotion of tennis with in-school, after-school and year-round tennis programming within the CW community. This program has been honored with numerous United States Tennis Association (USTA) awards at the District, Regional and National Level. The year began with CW Tennis receiving over \$5,000 in USTA grant money to aid in the school district's renovation of CW's tennis facility, which included resurfacing of the tennis courts and the addition of lights to all five courts. The lights, paid for by the CW Tennis Association, were installed at no cost to the district.

CW Tennis, led by CWTA President, CW coaching staff member and tennis professional Ryan Knarr and Head Coach Craig Whiteley, also applied for and received a \$1,500 school district equipment grant from USTA to purchase new junior tennis rackets, drop nets and low compression balls for physical education classes at the middle school under the direction of teacher Pete Chamberlain. The newly renovated CW Tennis Facility finished as a national semi-finalist for National Educational Tennis Facility of the Year in 2013.

In addition to the outdoor facility, CW also holds the rare distinction of being only the second school district in the state to have full indoor lined tennis courts, which are on the gym floors at the two middle school gymnasiums. This allows for off-season practice during the cold weather months for both boys and girls tennis teams.

CW Tennis also hosted for the 3rd straight year its annual Hits for Hope Tennis Tournament- which in 2013 became the largest tennis tournament in the state of Pennsylvania with 186 players. A total of \$2,500 in proceeds from the 2013 tournament went to the Gift of Life Donor Program, honoring CW Tennis Alumni and recent graduate Devyn Snyder, who underwent a kidney transplant last spring.

The 2014 tournament will benefit the American Heart Association to honor CW Athletic Director Russ Kline. CW Tennis was honored as the Eastern Pennsylvania District- Community Tennis Association of the Year as well as the Middle States region sectional Community Tennis Association of the Year which covers the region of Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, West Virginia. Coach Ryan Knarr was honored by USTA National for the "No-Cut Coach of the Year Award," a national award which recognizes a coach in a school district tennis program that has gone above and beyond to keep all players involved in their program at all levels elementary through high school. Coach Knarr was also named Eastern PA District Tournament Director of the Year for the second time in three years.

The Malik family of the CW Area School District was named USTA Family of the Year by USTA in the Eastern Pa District as well as for the entire USTA Middle States Section. *(contributed by Ryan Knarr)*

Installation at High School Welcomes the Artist to Her Alma Mater



Alyssa Reimenschneider, a 2013 graduate, recently returned to the high school where her stained glass panels have been installed in the doors of the Library Media Center. Her art teacher, Jessica Alexander, joins her to admire her artistic accomplishment.

Math Classes Attempt World Record for Sierpinski Pyramid



On Friday, March 14, high school math classes, under the direction of teacher Andrea Schaeffer, assembled the world's largest Sierpinski pyramid. A Sierpinski pyramid is a pyramid with four equilateral triangular faces. The Polish mathematician who discovered this fractal, Waclaw Sierpinski, was born on March 14, 1882, which is why this date was chosen. Students worked furiously since last November to make 4096 regular tetrahedra and assemble them into the pyramid. More than 100 students helped as well as some family members of students.

**A reminder
to residents of the
Conrad Weiser Area School District
Your Local Earned Income Tax Return for
2013
MUST BE FILED BY
April 15, 2014**

Anyone who has earned income, **regardless of age**, for the year 2013, must file a tax return. Even if your employer has withheld and paid your tax, this return must be completed. This obligation is incurred by anyone who is a wage earner, farmer, unincorporated business (including partnership and individual proprietorship) and ALL OTHERS who received earned income or profits for services rendered.

Failure to file on time will result in a penalty and interest charge of 12% per annum. Regulations also provide a \$500 fine for refusal to file or other violations.

Residents of the Conrad Weiser Area School District are required to file a tax return **EVEN IF THEY HAVE NOT RECEIVED A FORM THROUGH THE MAIL**. Forms may be acquired by contacting the following:

Berks Earned Income
Tax Collection Bureau
920 Van Reed Road
Wyomissing, PA 19610
610-372-8439
Toll free: 1-855-372-8439
Fax: 610-372-1102
www.berkseit.com

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