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Congratulations Class of 2015

- Kayla R. Altland
- Christopher Andino Nunez
- Daniella Marie Angelo
- Alexa Chloe Arnold
- Darraha Ashe
- *•Kayla Noel Aulenbach
- Matthew A. Babel
- Anique Alexa Baer
- Shelby Rosina Baney
- Morgan J. Barrett
- Delinea Bedolla Reyes
- Ben Evans Benjamin
- Samantha N. Bennethum
- Mykala Lyn Berger
- Caleb Aaron Berstler
- Danielle N. Blanchette
- Alicia Lauren Bohn
- Nathaniel Carl Bond
- Katie Leigh Bowman
- Katelyn Ann Breneiser
- Zakorias James Brownmiller
- *Reese James Buckholz
- Andrew M. Caccese
- Anthony Castellon
- Mahak Chadha
- Dashmire Guerina Charles
- Michael Charles
- Christina Marie Cintron
- Gabrielle Janet Cipolla
- Alexandra Noel Maria Clark
- Jenelle M. Clelland
- Alexander Bryce Cobb
- Brooke Ashley Coldren
- T. Clay Colton
- Kaitlynn M. Conlon
- Justin Ryan Cox
- Brandon M. Cruz
- Danielle Claire D'Amico
- *•Connor James Dautrich
- Brittany L. Derr
- Nimatoulaye Diallo
- Michael Dinger
- Erin P. Doherty
- Mikayla Ann Dollinger
- Kyle L. Drobeck
- Marina Coral Ebersole
- Jerome Lee Edwards
- Svetlana Henshaw Esposito
- †*•Kathryn R. Fegley
- *•Aarika Rose Ferko
- Savannah Leigh Franco
- *•Taylor Saleen Franco
- Allison Nicole Freeman
- *•Austin James Frownfelter
- Dominic A. Geddio
- Ciara Geist
- Janayla Marie George
- Drew R. Gibbel
- † Dominic A. Giffin
- Miranda Marie Gilmer
- Jorge Oscar Gonzalez, Jr.
- Trent Harland Good
- Jordan Ashley Grabert



Student speakers Reese Buckholtz, Christina Kohler, and Makayla Lagerman used quotations from Dr. Seuss' 'Oh the Places You'll Go' as inspiration for their speeches at this year's commencement held in the auditorium. Class president Connor Dautrich delivered the farewell message to his classmates.

- *•Anthony J. Gresoi
- Aidan James Griffith
- Alex Javier Guilbe
- Jordan Ashley Hagy
- Emelia B. Haines
- Jad Hancock
- Samuel Hancock
- Derek Martin Hanna
- Brady H. Harper
- Cutter Bach Harris
- Cj Hart
- Logan Mallory Hatt
- *•Elizabeth Rose Hawley
- Jobe E. Hickernell
- Austin J. Highley
- Ashton Hill
- Tyler A. Himmelberger
- Jonathan Hoffa
- Cody John Houck
- Molly Ellen Hudson
- Eryk Janus
- Bensley Jean
- Malik Tyrell Jean- Philippe
- *•Alexandra De Los Angeles Jimenez
- Josh William Joseph
- Edjwena L. B. Julien
- Tyler S. Kahn
- Lea Michelle Kauffman
- Sebastian Ryan Kiebach
- Alex W. Kirm
- *Christina Renee Kohler
- Dillon Bernard Kramer
- Alyssa Marie Kreider
- Heather A. LaFollette

- *•Makayla Beatrice Lagerman
- Eunice P. LaLanne
- Brady K. Lockerby
- Shanique Lopez
- Mireya J. Lopez-Suarez
- Tarah N. Lovenstein
- Deionna Marie Ludwig
- *•Kennedy Marie Lutz
- Rebecca M. Lutz
- David Adam Madden
- Evan Malarkey
- Yasmeen Elizabeth Malik
- Claudio A. Martinez, Jr.
- Hannah Marie May
- Emily A. McGarrigle
- Kaitlyn N. Mensch
- Aaron Everett Miller
- Easten Miller
- Timothy Scott Miller
- Valerie Miller
- Michaela Ann Moore
- *•Tyler E. Moore
- Francisco Moreno
- Raina T. Morris-Eiceman
- Devin B. Mottter
- Tyler S. Mountz
- Noah G. Moyer
- Emmalise Elizabeth Mulreaney
- Mallory Ann Mulreaney
- Amanda Margaret Nicotra
- Regina Noel
- Emily Kate Noll
- Chase Ober

- Patrycja Paulina Okurowski
- Anouk E. Ooms
- Joshua G. Pabon
- Samantha E. Pack-McFerren
- Sydney Paine
- Katelynn N. Painter
- Samuel D. Palm
- Emily Valeria Paredes
- Gordon
- Isaac C. Pettis
- James Joseph Philactos
- Brett Andrew Phillips
- Kevin Phillips
- Brianna Nicole Pichler
- Jordi Yanni Pierre
- Taylor Emale Pool
- Brennan Neno Prakansa
- Emma Price
- Gwyneth Price
- William J. Price
- Nolan P. Quell
- *•Hannah N. Racis
- *•Kristin E. Racis
- Samuel Ramsay
- Tyrus Rankin
- Savannah Reed
- Jocelyn A. Reese
- Arkeice Ringgold
- Ashley M. Rittle
- John C. Rivera
- Damir Alejandro Romano
- Daniel C. Rumpf
- Megan Elizabeth Ruppert

- *•Leah Rose Ruth
- Randa L. Ruth
- Andrew T. Sackett
- Alyssa Alicea Santa
- Gabrielle P. SantaRosa
- Samantha L. Saraceni
- Nicholas A. Schmoyer
- Lilley Ruth-Ann Schools
- Taylor J. Schreiner
- * Austin James Schubert
- *•Patrick A. Scubelek
- Madison L. Seale
- Olivia M. Shaak
- Sarah Ann Sheffy
- Ryan Shockey
- Michael Robert Shoumlisky
- Samantha L. Shuman
- Maxwell Neal Shyda
- *•Rebecca Nicole Snyder
- † Austin James Sonon
- Rebecca Soulsby
- Amber Louise Sowers
- Megan Emily Stauffer
- Michelle Syabrenko
- Nora Rose Szigeti
- Cartier Talford
- Dylan Taylor
- Luke A. Thomason
- Adam Christopher Thompson
- Ryan A. Tilney
- Nashaly Tirado Ramirez
- Jessica Lynn Turco
- Darian Korin
- Umbenhauer
- Mark A. Wagner
- Mark Michael Warrick
- Ciara Deja Washington
- Hunter Gene Wenrich
- Chad G. Werner
- Madison Marie Werner
- * Matthew David Werner
- Carley A. Wise
- Branden David Wolfskill
- Lauren Elizabeth Wright
- Dakota I. Yeingst
- Warren E. Yerger, Jr.
- Dustin W. Yoder
- Tyler Zorich
- Francis John Zwiercan

*Member of National Honor Society
+Member of National Technical Honor Society
•Completed at least 100 hours of community service

Graduates Earn Scholarships and Awards

'04 Angels Scholarship

Anthony Gresoi

American Assn. of University Women Recognition

Christina Kohler

Anna Shoup Shull Helping Hand Scholarship

Alexander Cobb

Eunice LaLanne

Jessica Turco

Anne Douglas-Minnich Weiser Decisions Memorial

Austin Highley

Arrow International Scholarship Fund

Christina Kohler

Barbara Murdough Bricker Award

Rebecca Snyder

Bayer Health Care Scholarship-

Making Science Make Sense

Austin Frownfelter

Berks Career & Technology Center Awards

Kyle Drobeck-Outstanding

Senior in Welding Technology

Kathryn Fegley-Outstanding

Senior in Health Occupations,

HOSA (Health Occupations

Students of America) Outstand-

ing Senior Award, Rose Marie

Dunkelberger HOSA Achieve-

ment Award, Principal's

Citizenship Award, Senator

Judith L. Schwank Good

Citizenship Award

Dominic Giffin-Instructor's

Award for Drafting

Jordi Pierre-Collectors

Foundation Achievement Award

for Auto Collision Repair

Technology

Taylor Pool-Outstanding Nail

Technician Award

Samantha Shuman-Senator

Judith L. Schwank Good

Citizenship Award

Hunter Wenrich-Collectors

Foundation Achievement Award

for Auto Collision Repair

Technology

Berks County Cheerleading Coaches

Assn. Award

Jenelle Clelland

Elizabeth Hawley

Heather LaFollette

Brady Lockerby

Kaitlyn Mensch

Berks County Farm Women Award

Heather LaFollette

Berks County Football Coaches Assn.

Luke Thomason

Bollman Family CW Tennis Scholarship

Savannah Franco

Yasmeen Malik

Valerie Miller

Brenneman Family Courage Award

Ben Benjamin

Jordan Hagy

Emelia Haines

Mireya Lopez

Arkeice Ringold

Brian A. Wenrich Memorial Award

Danielle Blanchette

Bryan D. Snyder Memorial Award

Emily McGarrigle

Carl "Gib" Gible Scholarship

Jessica Turco

Caron Foundation Award

Samantha Pack McFerren

Chapter 131 Vietnam Veterans of Berks County

Samuel Ramsay

Christopher Worley Memorial Award

Rebecca Snyder

Community Fire Company of Fritztown

Jenelle Clelland

Brittany Derr

Lea Kauffman

Dillon Kramer

Francisco Moreno

Darian Umbenhauer

Community Service Award

Aarika Ferko

Leah Ruth

CW 76ers Scholarship

Rebecca Snyder

CW Education Assn. Scholarship

Alicia Bohn

Kathryn Fegley

Jessica Turco

CW Football Alumni Scholarship

Nate Bond

William Price

CW Lions Club Scholarship

Makayla Lagerman

Tyler Moore

Leah Ruth

Patrick Scubelek

Rebecca Snyder

CW Math Dept. Award

Austin Frownfelter

CWHS PTO Scholarship

Samantha Bennethum

Kyle Drobeck

Kathryn Fegley

Dominic Giffin

Rebecca Lutz

Samantha Pack McFerren

Austin Sonon

Adam Thompson

CWMA Jeff Rothenberger Memorial Scholarship

Rebecca Snyder

CWTV Scholarship

Logan Hatt

DAR Recognition Award

Austin Frownfelter

E. Jerry Brooks Academic Excellence Award

Reese Buckholz

Jenelle Clelland

Aarika Ferko

Cutter Harris

Elizabeth Hawley

Tyler Moore

Anouk Ooms

Brianna Pichler

Hannah Racis

Kristin Racis

Elaine M. Putt Memorial Award

Austin Frownfelter

Eugene "Chet" Kline Memorial Scholarship

Kennedy Lutz

Fackler-Hower Sportsmanship Award

Tyler Moore

Jessica Turco

FBLA Senior Scholarship

Reese Buckholz

Alexandra Jimenez

FBLA Service Scholarship

Alexandra Jimenez

Friends of Robesonia Scholarship

Michael Charles

Makayla Lagerman

Good Citizen Award David Argall

Kayla Aulenbach

James Philactos

Harry C. Bates Scholarship (National Merit)

Christina Kohler

Heath Hassler Memorial Scholarship

Alexander Cobb

Heath Jon Fisher Award

Makayla Lagerman

Leah Ruth

Patrick Scubelek

Rebecca Snyder

Jane Worley Scholarship

Austin Frownfelter

Jean Frey Award/Three Point Goal

Kennedy Lutz

Jennifer Kuhn Memorial Soccer Scholarship

Hannah Racis

John Philip Sousa Award

Caleb Berstler

Jonathan Joseph McDonald Scholarship Fund

Reese Buckholz

Jonathan Krick Memorial Award

Alexandra Clark

Joseph P. Heilman Memorial Award

Dustin Yoder

Junior League of Reading Community Service Scholarship School Representative

Kathryn Fegley

Kohls Cares Community Service Scholarship

Aarika Ferko

Krista Staudt Memorial Scholarship

Kristin Racis

Leverett B. Smart Memorial Scholarship

Kyle Drobeck

Melissa Edwards Memorial Scholarship

Mahak Chadha

Mike Miller Courage in Adversity Award

Mahak Chadha

Polish American Board of Ed. Scholarship

Patrick Scubelek

Scholarships and Awards

- Reading Alloys Scholarship**
Austin Frownfelter
Molly Hudson
Matthew Werner
- Reading Music Foundation-Outstanding Senior**
Rebecca Snyder
- Reading Music Foundation-STEAM Award**
Kayla Aulenbach
- Renaissance Scholarship**
Kristin Racis
- Rev. Garnet & Vera Adams Memorial Scholarship**
Michael Charles
- Robert Phillips Memorial Award**
Samuel Ramsay
- Robesonia Community Association Award**
Austin Schubert
- St. Paul's Community Choir Scholarship**
Rebecca Snyder
- Scott R. Hiester Memorial Music Award**
Elizabeth Hawley
- Small Steps Scholarship**
Kayla Aulenbach
Kathryn Fegley
Elizabeth Hawley
Makayla Lagerman
Tyler Moore
Jessica Turco
- Terry Reber Baseball Alumni Scholarship**
Drew Gibbel
- Three Point Goal Scholarship**
Kennedy Lutz
- Travelers Protective Association Award**
Anthony Gresoi
- Trinity Lutheran Church Jack Frost Scholarship**
Makayla Lagerman
Tyler Moore
- US Army Reserve National Scholar/Athlete Award**
Christina Kohler
- US Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence**
Connor Dautrich
- US Marine Corps Athlete Award**
William Price
- US Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Award**
Patrycja Okurowski
- Wernersville Fair Community Service Scholarship**
Kayla Aulenbach
Connor Dautrich
- Wernersville Lions Club Scholarship**
Makayla Lagerman
- Western Berks Assn. of School Retirees**
Patrycja Okurowski
- Womelsdorf Area Women of Today**
Kathryn Fegley
Noah Moyer
- Wyomissing Garden Club Scholarship**
Patrick Scubelek

Top Ten Graduates Named

The following students are the top ten graduates of the class of 2015 (three students tied for the top graduate spot):

- 1 Kayla Aulenbach
- 1 Reese Buckholz
- 1 Christina Kohler
- 4 Makayla Lagerman
- 5 Leah Ruth
- 6 Connor Dautrich
- 7 Patrycja Okurowski
- 8 Elizabeth Hawley
- 9 Austin Frownfelter
- 10 Anthony Gresoi

CW PSAT, SAT, ACT Planning for 2015-2016

The following college readiness tests will be held at the high school.

- PSATs (Wednesday) October 14, 2015
- ACTs (Saturday) October 24, 2015
- SATs (Saturdays) March 5, 2016 and May 7, 2016

Please note: The ACTs and SATs are given several times throughout the school year at other locations in Berks County as well.

Academic Awards Presented at Graduation

Agriculture Education
Kayla Aulenbach

Art
Nora Szigeti

Business Education
Kevin Phillips

Computer Science
Austin Frownfelter

English
Makayla Lagerman

Family & Consumer Science
Brittany Derr

Foreign Language
Miranda Gilmer

Mathematics
Austin Frownfelter

Music
Rebecca Snyder

Physical Education
Aarika Ferko

Science
Aarika Ferko

Social Studies
Anthony Gresoi

Technology Education
Trent Good

Notice to Class of 2016

Over the summer, seniors are expected to schedule formal headshots to be taken for the 2016 yearbook with Searfoss Designer Portraits at 610-670-9674. Dress is formal and pictures are free if done before the deadline. Student ID pictures will not be used for senior headshots. Information for parents who would like to purchase a baby ad will also be included in the flyer. Order forms for the 2016 Yearbook will be mailed directly to homes from Jostens sometime in October. Books can also be purchased at www.jostens.com.

High School Spring Art Contest Results Announced

- 1st place Avery Iacovone
- 2nd place – Ali Clark
- 3rd place – Leah Ruth
- Honorable Mention – Shianne Hicks

Congratulations to all students who participated. Avery's piece will join the permanent PTO collection in the high school cafeteria.

Correction from the Winter Courier

A caption in the Winter Courier incorrectly explained that veterans marched from Robesonia to Womelsdorf. In fact, they marched all the way from Wernersville to Womelsdorf!

2014-2015 Athletic Accomplishments Highlighted

First Team All-County

Girls Soccer-Hannah Racis, Kylie Redcay, Kristin Racis, Kennedy Lutz

Cross Country-Sam Ramsay, Maddy Frasch

Golf-Emily McGarrigle

Football-Branden Wolfskill, Chase Ober

Boys Basketball-Cartier Talford

Boys Bowling-Kyle Drobeck, Brady Harper

Softball-Val Miller, Aarika Ferko

Track-Josh Joseph

Field Hockey-Alexa Schneck

Girls Basketball-Hannah Racis

First Team All-Division

Field Hockey-Brianna Sassaman, Lulu Plue, Taylor Franco

Girls Soccer-Tacari Talford

Boys Soccer-Derek Hanna

Cross Country-Sam Ramsay, Maddy Frasch

Girls Basketball-Kennedy Lutz

Boys Basketball-Pierce Brosious, Josh Joseph

Baseball-Jorge Gonzalez

Softball-Emma W. Price

Girls Lacrosse-Alexa Schneck,

Kayla Altland, Lexi Shockey

Boys Lacrosse-Chad Werner, Brandon Freeman

Track-Julia Bouchard

Football-Luke Thomason,

Alex Guilbe, Jake Roth

Golf-Brady Harper

First Team All-State

Girls Soccer- Hannah Racis

Field Hockey-Alexa Schneck

Athletes of the Year

Girls Soccer-Hannah Racis

Golf-Emily McGarrigle

Bowling-Kyle Drobeck

Soccer (boys)

Offensive MVP-Daniel Rumpf, Defensive MVP-Elijah Bowers, Knobby Shin Award-Christopher Andino, MVP-Derek Hanna, Captain's Award-Tyler Moore

Golf

Impact Players-Emma Price, Mike Dinger; Hole-in-One-Brady Harper, Most Improved-Tyler Himmelberger, MVP-Emily McGarrigle

Volleyball

MVP-Logan Hatt, Most Improved-Lauren Wright, Most Kills-Maddy Werner

Cross Country

Most Outstanding-Maddy Frasch, Sam Ramsay; Coaches Award-Laura Abell, Nick Lagerman

Football

Outstanding Offensive Back-Alex Guilbe, Outstanding Offensive Lineman-Branden Wolfskill, Outstanding Defensive Back-Pierce Brosious, Outstanding Linebacker-Isaac Pettis, Most Improved Player-Tyler Hoss, Coaches Award-Billy Price, Most Valuable Player-Chase Ober, Outstanding Defensive Player-Luke Thomason, Coach Nunn Award-Connor Burt

Tennis (girls + boys)

Bagel Award-Yasmeen Malik, Quincy Pettis; Most Determined-Brianna Sassaman; Most Improved-Aarika Ferko, Ben Aulenbach; Most Valuable Player-Val Miller; Anchor Down Award-Savannah Franco, Hayden Christ; Coach's Award-Brianna Pichler

Field Hockey

Outstanding Offense-Taylor Franco, Outstanding Defense-Brianna Sassaman, Outstanding Midfield-Alexa Schneck, Heart and Soul Award-Gwyn Price, Coaches Award-Kirsten Brochu, Best All-Around-Alexa Schneck

Soccer (girls)

Golden Boot-Hannah Racis, Outstanding Defense-Christina Kohler, Most Valuable Player-Kennedy Lutz

Wrestling

Coaches Award-Dillon Kramer, Most Pins-Dustin Yoder, Outstanding-Dustin Yoder, Most Improved-Chris Andino, Eryk Janus

Thanks to Community Members for Donations for Troops

Thanks to community members for their past donations and please continue to donate new/used/abused cell phones to be sent to Cell Phones for Soldiers.

Also, please donate clipped manufacturer's coupons, regardless of the expiration dates. The troops can use the coupons at the commissaries. Two large

Bowling

Rookie of the Year- Emily Palm, Daniel Althouse; Unsung Hero-Alex Kline; Bowler of the Year-Kyle Drobeck, High Game-Nick Reis (300)

Swimming

Outstanding-Carley Wise; Connor McFadden

Basketball (girls)

Team Energizer-Anouk Ooms, Defensive Stopper-Kennedy Lutz, Team MVP-Hannah Racis, Most Versatile-Gwyn Price

Basketball (boys)

Most Improved-Drew Gibble; Defensive Player of the Year-Pierce Brosious, Koran Jordan; Iron Man Award-Josh Joseph, Chase Ober; Most valuable Player-Cartier Talford

Cheerleading

Most Peppy-Tani Stellmon, PA Awards-Natalie Buck, Heather LaFollette, Meghan Moffett, Katelyn Williams

Track (girls + boys)

Leadership Award-Claudia Janus, Sam Ramsay; Most Valuable-Gwyn Price, Kwislav Montinard; Work Ethic-Julia Bouchard, Tyler Moore

Baseball

Coaches Award-Billy Price, Most Improved-Luke Thomason, Most Offensive-Jay Gonzalez, Top Pitcher-Drew Gibble

Softball

Most Valuable Player-Val Miller, Slugger Award-Emma Price, Coach's Award-Brianna Pichler, Best All-Around Player-Aarika Ferko, Most Improved Player-Amanda Schaeffer

Lacrosse (girls)

Most Valuable Offense-Brooke Ryan, Most Valuable Defense-Kayla Altland, Most Valuable Player-Alexa Schneck, Most Improved Player-Anouk Ooms

Lacrosse (boys)

Outstanding Offense-Harley Smith, Outstanding Defense-Mason Wolfskill, Most Improved-Brandon Freeman, Team Leader-Reese Buckholz, Heart and Hustle Award-Chad Werner

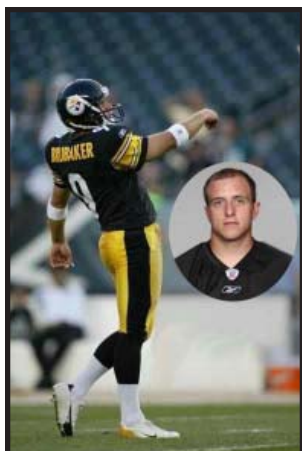
Alumni Notes

- Julie Bennick has been accepted for an internship this summer at the University of Tennessee Forensic Anthropological Research Facility (aka "The Body Farm") for her Master's Degree Research.
- Matthew Gardner recently defended his PhD dissertation in Virology (through Harvard.) He and his team are in the news for their work with HIV and potential immunity and vaccines.
- David Pettis graduated from the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.
- Jamie Salvador has been a two-time national finalist in the national patient counseling competition sponsored by the American Pharmacist Association.

priority USPS boxes are mailed each month to U.S. troops stationed overseas.

Drop off boxes for the cell phones and the coupons are located at Robesonia and Womelsdorf Libraries as well as in the CW High School Office and at several Fulton Bank branches.

Brubaker, Redcay Inducted into CW Athletic Hall of Fame



Mark Brubaker

- graduated from CW in 2002, where he earned 10 varsity letters in baseball, soccer, and football

- named All Berks County Football player in senior year and All County in baseball in both junior and senior years
- was the starting placekicker for four years at East Stroudsburg University
- at East Stroudsburg, was a 4 time first team PSAC Eastern Division Kicker; Division 2 All American in 2005

- holds the following records at East Stroudsburg: for PAT's in a season and in the PSAC, for career PAT's, and career kicking points at ES and PSAC

- signed as a free agent with the Pittsburgh Steelers in 2006 and appeared in two preseason games

- played with the NFL Europe Rhein Fire in 2007



Dennis Redcay

- played baseball and basketball in high school

- played baseball for four years at Millersville University

- taught Driver Education at Conrad Weiser High School for 35 years

- has been the basketball scorekeeper at Conrad Weiser High School since 1982

- has been serving as an assistant basketball coach since 2009; previously served as an assistant basketball coach (junior high or JV) from 1971-1981

- assisted in baseball from 1971-1987
- published a Statistical History of Conrad Weiser High School Boys Basketball from 1955-present

- was inducted as a Life Member of the Reading-Berks Basketball Association in 2012

- has been the official scorekeeper at county basketball playoff games since 2007

Students Help to Plant Cherry Tree



Students in Ms. Cindy Murdough's classes helped to plant a columnar sargent cherry tree in Robesonia for Arbor Day.

Note to Volunteers

The Conrad Weiser Area School District would like to thank all of the volunteers who have helped in our buildings, classes and on trips throughout this past school year. Without the help and support of our volunteers, many of the special programs, events and memorable activities would not be possible.

Some of the changes in Pennsylvania law and school policy will go into effect for the next school year on August 26, 2015, and they affect volunteers.

Effective December 31, 2014, Act 153 was passed. This piece of legislation requires all school volunteers to get criminal background checks and a recent revision to the law requires volunteers to renew criminal background checks on a five-year cycle. This requirement begins on July 1, 2015. The Conrad Weiser Area School District requires the following clearances for all school volunteers.

- Federal Criminal History Records Check (FBI fingerprinting) - \$27.00
- PA Criminal History Records Check - \$10.00
- PA Child Abuse History Clearance - \$10.00

School volunteers whose clearances are dated prior to July 1, 2012, and those school volunteers who have never had clearances need to obtain new clearances prior to the start of school this year (August 26, 2015).

If you must apply for new clearances, you will find information posted under the Administration tab on the School District website. Recently, Governor Wolfe has indicated the possibility of waiving the fee for clearances for volunteers for anyone applying for PA clearances after July 25, 2015.

School volunteers shall provide copies of updated clearances to the building principal for approval. The names of these individuals shall be reported to the Superintendent.

The District will keep a master list of school volunteers that will include the effective dates of clearances.

Pre-Kindergarten Program Planned at CW West

The District is planning to offer a Pre-Kindergarten program at CW West with a tentative start date of August 26, 2015. Students who are at least four years old by August 31, 2015 and whose families meet specific income guidelines are eligible. We anticipate that many of our families will qualify for this classroom based on household income and numbers of family members.

The state is proposing to grant school districts with Pre-K Counts funding targeting school readiness. Conrad Weiser hopes that Pre-K will be a part of our plan to better prepare students in the primary grades.

The grant dollars for this program have not been approved by the state as of the publication date of this *Courier*, so applicants can expect an email and phone call if the status of this program changes. If a child in your household qualifies for this program by age, you can apply by doing one of the following: (1) email CW West@conradweiser.org to receive a link to complete the application online, (2) contact the CW West office at 610-589-2501 if you require a hard copy. The program will include required bi-monthly parent workshops.

The following link provides more information about the Pre-K Counts program. https://www.pakeys.org/pages/get.aspx?page=Programs_PreK_Families

Pre-K Quick Facts

- *Start Date: August 26
- *Complete applications either online or by contacting the CW West office
- *BCIU screening held in August
- *Students must be 4 years of age by 8/31/15
- *Students will be selected based on economic and academic needs
- *Families should have a back-up plan if state funds do not become available

Board Recognizes CW West Student Council Members for Community Garden



Mrs. Sherri Sattazahn, Amber McGonigle, Alex Snyder, Owen Sabold, Brady Snyder, and Mrs. Lisa Oxenreider were recognized at a school board meeting this summer for their work on the community garden as well as a variety of other projects during this past school year. Student Council officers and their advisors worked hard on a community garden and planted lettuce, herbs, onions, tomatoes, peppers and a variety of other vegetables and flowers for the community to enjoy all summer long. CW West families volunteered over the summer to tend the garden.

CW East Hosts One Book, One School Project



Screwball gives some pitching advice to CW East students during Family Fun Night in May. The Fenway Foul-Up, the first in a series of ten ballpark mystery books, was chosen as the One Book, One School project and 250 people took part in baseball and reading activities, courtesy of the PTO and a United Way grant.

PTO Hosts Family Bingo Night to Collect for Food Bank



The CW West PTO hosted Bingo Night for families in late winter. The cost to play was a non-perishable food item for the food bank. Prizes included donations from local businesses.

Authors Inspire Students to Love Reading and Writing



Award-winning author Jerry Pallotta is swarmed by an enthusiastic Mrs. Shoemaker's class. Mr. Pallotta has written many books, including *The Ocean Alphabet Book*, *The Icky Bug Alphabet Book*, *Dory Story*, *Who Will Plant a Tree*, and most recently the *Who Would Win?* series. His visit was sponsored by the CW West PTO.



Margery Cuyler, children's book author from Lawrenceville, N.J. visited CW East and delighted the students and staff by sharing the touching stories of her childhood and how they inspired her to be the author of fifty books. Her love of storytelling was woven into her explanation of how to create stories using a problem and a solution. Thank you to the CW East PTO for sponsoring this annual event.

Author Jen Bryant Visits Middle School

The Middle School PTO sponsored Jen Bryant as this year's visiting author. Ms. Bryant has written a wide variety of books for readers of all ages including picture books, biographies, poems, and novels. The library conducted presales of

her books at a discounted price. Students who purchased books were able to meet and chat with the author during the autograph sessions on the day of her visit.

Cat in the Hat Visits Kids and That's That



CW West students are fortunate to be visited by the Cat in the Hat (portrayed by reading specialist Cathy Penta) every year on creator Dr. Seuss' birthday.

Ready Rosie to be Available August 1

Parents and students can take advantage of the Ready Rosie program, sponsored by the United Way. The program helps parents get their kids ready for school in just two minutes per day!

- 1) Readyrosie.com/signup
- 2) Watch a quick daily video
- 3) Do the interactive activity
- 4) Learn

Help prepare your child for academic success!



Help us start your school year off right! If you have moved since the 2014-2015 school year or are changing daycare providers, please contact your child's school by August 12 for details on how to arrange transportation.

Trex Recycling Challenge Recap

(reported in Winter Courier)

- CW Middle School placed 3rd in the state of Pennsylvania
- collected 1.484 lbs per middle school student
- collected a total of 1,410 pounds (175 bags)
- earned a Trex planter box for participating

CSpan Honors CW TV Students



Maddie Gheer and Kallie Lutz were two of only five students recognized nationally for their documentaries. Maddie's entry was on the Heroin Epidemic, while Kallie's investigated Cancer Research Funding. Mrs. Stefanie Schneck encouraged the students to enter the CSpan competition held this spring.

Pi Recitation Champions Named



Jada Talbot, an incoming freshman, recited 390 digits of Pi.



Steve Barone is the new high school Pi champion. Austin Frownfelter and Samir Chedid are the second and third place winners. Pi is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter.

Reading Olympics Team Earns Spot in First Place Tier



The Middle School Reading Olympics team traveled to Twin Valley Middle School to compete against other middle schools from across the county in three rounds of jeopardy-style questions. The team, made up of 11 seventh and eight grade students, and coached by middle school librarian Allison Swoyer and 7th grade teacher Kelly Knapper, finished with a score of 49 points, earning them a spot in the first place tier.

Congratulations to Band and Chorus Students for 2014-2015 Accomplishments

County Chorus

Geneva Bateman
Rosalie Brunner
Michael Confalone
Erica Kirm
Victoria Organtini
Nicolas Tomanelli
Kayla Aulenbach
Andrew Granus
Morgan Keener
Rebecca Snyder
Evan Malarkey
Matthew Duong
Nicholas Schmoyer
Benjamin Aulenbach
Grayson Ziegler

District Chorus

Geneva Bateman
Michael Confalone
Rebecca Snyder

Sr. County Band

Charlotte Wood- clarinet
Erica Kirm- clarinet
Gracie Bateman- bass clarinet
Victoria Organtini- tenor sax
Nic Tomanelli- trombone
Seth Ravert- baritone

Sr. County Orchestra

Aubrey Eaken- violin

District 10 Band

Bryn Werley- flute
Charlotte Wood- clarinet
Brandon Kunder- trumpet

Region 5 Band

Charlotte Wood- clarinet

Jr. County Band

Bryn Werley- flute- 1st chair
Hannah Eaken- flute- 2nd chair
Sarah Kern- clarinet- 2nd chair
Jillian Rathman- clarinet
Amity Sell- flute
Nicole Davis- clarinet

Bethany Miller- bass clarinet
Emma Swartz- bassoon- 1st chair
Brandon Kunder- trumpet
Kevin Gemmell- timpani

Jr. County Orchestra

Bryn Werley- flute- 1st chair
Hannah Eaken- flute- 2nd chair
Sarah Kern- clarinet- 2nd chair
Emma Swartz- bassoon- 1st chair
Kevin Gemmell- timpani

Intermediate Bandfest

Rachel Wawrzyniak- clarinet
Emma Swartz- bassoon
Sylvannah Boyer- percussion

Elementary Bandfest

Brett Organtini-Clarinet
Lauren Hoyt-Flute
Michael Miller-Percussion
Hannah Gelsinger-Flute
Ian Swartz-Trombone
Alyssa Werner-Trumpet

Students Preserve Local German Legacy



High School German students attended the Annual Versammlung Event held in the spring. The Versammlung is a gathering for PA Dutch speakers and most of what is said is in the dialect. College students are sometimes in attendance, but high school students have not attended this function in the past. Conrad Weiser is proud to have a program that embraces the local heritage and culture.

Latin Students Take Home Awards

Congratulations to the Latin students who attended the PAJCL State Convention held at Penn State University. They brought home the 2nd place trophy for Division II (schools with 30 or fewer students attending). The following is a list of their individual and team accomplishments.

Nick Lagerman	5 th Vocabulary Latin II, 7 th Derivatives Latin II, 7 th Daily Life Latin II, 7 th Oratory Latin II, 2 nd Mosaics – Roman Baker, 2 nd Boys 200 meters, 4 th Boys 400 meters, 7 th Boys Rubber Chicken Toss, 9 th Boys Friscus
Kaitlyn Granger	1 st Chapter Scrapbook, 2 nd Watercolor of Flora, 2 nd Impromptu Art, 3 rd Greeting Card, 9 th Ink Sketch of The Death of Patroclus, 10 th Poster, 6 th Mythology Latin II, 8 th Girls 200 meters
Julia Boyer	3 rd Derivatives Latin II, 10 th Dramatic Interpretation Latin II
Leah Ruth	2 nd Photo of Canova's Cupid & Psyche, 3 rd Pastel Sketch of Cupid & Psyche, 5 th Photo of Laocoon, 10 th Watercolor of Spring, 10 th Ink Stetch of Terpsichore
Olivia Raihl	4 th Dramatic Interpretation Latin I
Mackenzie Fizz	5 th Dramatic Interpretation Latin I, 10 th Girls Pool Noodle Javelin
Kelsey O'Brien	7 th Derivatives Latin II, 8 th Oratory Latin II
Vicki Organtini	9 th Oratory Latin I
Madi Bright	8 th Dramatic Interpretation Latin I
Rachel Palm	7 th Girls Rubber Chicken Toss
All Delegates	2 nd Spirit, 4 th Volleyball

The Certamen Latin I team (Vicki Organtini, Mackenzie Fizz, Olivia Raihl, & Madi Bright) placed 5th and the Certamen Latin II team (Nick Lagerman, Rachel Palm, Julia Boyer, & Kelsey O'Brien) placed 8th. The video of Auricoma et Tres Ursi placed 1st.

Web Designers Win for Weiser

Three high school students: Zack Hable, Trent Lessig, and Ben Sumner competed in the Web Design event at the FBLA State Leadership Conference, Hershey, PA, and earned the opportunity to represent Pennsylvania FBLA in the event at the National Leadership Conference. Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda (FBLA-PBL), the largest and oldest student business organization held its National Leadership Conference in Chicago from June 27–July 3. Participants from across the United States and two countries were in attendance for this exciting conference. Select FBLA'ers competed in more than 60 business and career-related competitive events.

High School Art Students Win Souper Bowl Prizes



Tabitha Wirebach and Brittany Isaacs display their award-winning bowls. The Art II class participated in the 2015 Souper Bowl fundraiser for the Opportunity House in April. Each student donated two hand-made soup bowls towards the cause. This year only CW students were awarded hand-made bowl awards. Tabitha received first place for her whimsical bowl featuring a butterfly resting on a flower, and Brittany was awarded second place for her sgraffito bowl inspired by the literary works of Dante.

High School Students Host Artist-in-Residence

Jenny Hill, an artist-in-residence from Lancaster, worked with high school art and English students on a project that has been permanently installed in our award-winning Library Media Center (see page 10). Work on this project was completed in May. Ms. Hill shared her talent with visual poetry and collage.

Ashley Moore, art teacher, was awarded a grant for this project supported in part by Millersville University as well as SouthCentral PaARTners, a program supported by the PA Council on the Arts. This was the only grant to be awarded in Berks County.

Drexel Performs at Carnegie Hall

Devon Drexel was selected for the 2015 High School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall. He performed as a percussionist in February with the Honors Band. Participation in one of the three Honors Ensembles is limited to the highest rated high school performers from across North America and select schools internationally.

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Teachers Recognized for Hybrid Learning Training



Teachers from the middle and high school gather with trainer Ken Zimmerman at the conclusion of one of their training sessions. Hybrid learning combines new digital resources and proven teaching methods to create a more personalized learning experience for students. The fifth grade teachers in particular were also recognized at a board meeting as Employees of the Month for their cooperation as a grade level.

Golden Apple Recipients Honored



Pictured are Sue Hatt, Denise Pirrotta, and Carol Wenrich, the first Golden Apple recipients for the food service department. The Golden Apple recognizes above and beyond team work and positive attitudes.

High School Library Media Center Honored as Outstanding School Library



Ms. Ann Schmidt was honored by the PA School Librarians Association as the certified teacher librarian for the 2015 Outstanding Individual School Library. Ms. Schmidt was also recognized as the Employee of the Month for her development of a vision for learning and role of the library program in teaching and learning. She was honored at the Hershey Lodge in May.

Rothenberger Recognized for World Quest Work with Students



Christine Wullert and Carl Sabold of the World Affairs Council recognized high school social studies teacher Eric Rothenberger for his work in preparing his students for participation in the annual World Quest competition for high school students.