

THE VIKING VOICE

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*A newsletter to the
residents of Northern
Lebanon School District*

CONGRATULATIONS
NL GRADUATES!
2023
Class of



A Message from the Superintendent



To our graduating Class of 2023,

Congratulations on completing this stage of your life. You should be proud of what you have achieved so far and should take the time to celebrate this accomplishment. It is my sincere hope that this is just the beginning for you. I have no doubt that the hard work and perseverance you displayed during your time at Northern Lebanon will serve you well as you tackle the challenges and milestones that are yet to come. Best wishes to all of you. We hope you will return to visit and we look forward to hearing about your successes as you pursue your personal passions.

Dr. Gary Messinger, Superintendent



Jean Boltz Jean Boltz has been an employee with the Northern Lebanon School District for 23 years, while holding various positions in the district. Her dedication to the district will be missed. We wish you the very best in your retirement years!!



Tina Carl

The best part of working as the Reading Specialist at Lickdale Elementary was the ability to really get to know the students in the small group setting over the course of multiple years. The relationships I have formed with the kids and their families have been the most rewarding part of the job. I will also miss planning building-wide literacy events with my colleagues and witnessing the community of readers at Lickdale who participated in the activities. But the biggest thing I will miss about working at Lickdale Elementary is the daily staff interactions, from the lunchtime shenanigans and laughter in the faculty room to socializing with co-workers outside of the school day. It has been an amazing experience being a member of the Northern Lebanon School District staff and I am blessed to have been a part of it.



Faith Collins

As I look back at my time at NL, I realize I've been part of the district in some way for almost my entire life. I attended and graduated from NL, watched my two children attend and graduate from the district, and have worked here for 43 years. I've had the privilege of working with many wonderful administrators, teachers and support staff over the years and I will always be grateful for the support I received and the life-long friendships that were made. While I'm excited to retire and move on to new adventures, I will miss the amazing staff and students that have been such a huge part of my life. Most of all, I will miss working with the wonderful women in the Pupil Services Department. I couldn't have asked for a better team to work with to end my career at Northern Lebanon.



Fay Cormack

Fay Cormack was hired by Larry Miller in December 2006 as a substitute and became full-time in October 2008. Her entire NL career has been spent at Jonestown Elementary. She cleaned the Special Services house and the modular for Head Start. During the summer she was part of the summer work crew; her main job was to clean windows and she LOVED it! This past year she enjoyed distributing Power Packs. She enjoyed talking to the families and getting to know them. She will miss seeing all the students and staff at Jonestown.



Cindy Hoerner

My years at Northern Lebanon have been very rewarding. The things I cherished the most has been greeting and helping our students, parents and staff each day. My goal has been, "no matter how anyone felt coming into my office, I made sure they were smiling as they left." Honestly, there has been very many smiles that went out of the Lickdale's office over the years.

I truly wish Northern Lebanon the very best in the years to come.



Richard Ream

Richard has been a part of the NL custodial staff since 2019. We appreciate your hard work and dedication and wish you the absolute best in your retirement!



Jon Burkholder

I feel privileged to have been a teacher at Northern Lebanon High School for the past 35 years. As I retire from my career as math teacher, department chair, golf coach, quiz bowl coach, NLEA negotiator, and mentor to new math teachers, I will carry with me many memorable moments. This community is filled with numerous loyal parents, respectful students, and dedicated teachers, staff, and administrators. Working with them over the years brings me great hope for the future. Thank you for the opportunity to be part of the NL community. It's been an honor and a privilege. Remember to always be responsible, respectful, and compassionate. Be open to learn from others and recognize that every day is a great day for math!





1st Year of teaching

Rita Jackson

I came to Northern Lebanon forty-four years ago full of ideas and eager to teach health and physical education, coach track and field, and gymnastic intramurals. Over the years fashion and hair styles have changed, our school campus and buildings have changed, colleagues have come and gone, but one thing had not changed was providing knowledge and education to youth, thereby giving them the possibility for a better future. I so much enjoyed encouraging students to find the best in themselves to help them succeed.



Last Year of teaching

I look back at my years of teaching with gratitude and appreciation. I entered this profession because I had a strong desire to directly make an impact assisting young people to grow and achieve their full potential.

As I leave Northern Lebanon, I am taking many fond memories with me. I am grateful for the many wonderful experiences. I have been privileged to teach many, many fine young people for many, many years. Lastly, I want to thank administration, teachers, and support staff for their friendship and support through the years. You have all left a mark on my heart and mind.

*Warmest regards,
Rita Jackson*



Renee Tobias

I have had the privilege of working with many wonderful children, families, teachers, secretaries, paraprofessionals, nurses, custodians and cafeteria workers at East Hanover and Fredericksburg during my years at Northern Lebanon. There have been many colleagues over the years that provided support and friendship. They have been exemplars of what it is to serve faithfully with humility. It has been a joy to work with children at the beginning of their learning journey. Northern Lebanon School District is a place where communities of learners gather to do interesting work that matters and I am proud to have been a small part of that community.



Darlene Walker

I feel so blessed to have worked at NL the last 19 years. I will miss all of the fun activities that are part of teaching, the smiles and laughter that come with working with students, and the friendship of colleagues. It has been wonderful to teach and be a part of this great community of teachers, parents, and students. I have nothing but appreciation and thanks as I look back over my career.



Stefan Wentling

When I graduated from Northern Lebanon, I had no plans to return as a teacher. Many years later, as I conclude my career here, I leave with the confidence of knowing that this is where I was meant to be. There is a spirit of family at NL that creates opportunities for all students to learn, mature, and explore new interests, both in and out of the classroom. I have been truly blessed to be able to play a role in that process as a teacher, coach, and advisor. Viking pride swells when I think of the thousands of students, including my own four children, who have walked these halls and gone on to live meaningful lives and contribute to their communities, both far and wide.

All of this is only possible with a cadre of skilled, dedicated, and compassionate individuals. It has been a privilege to work with so many such colleagues over the past three decades. Whether teaching classes, helping the school operate safely and efficiently, or making administrative decisions, Northern Lebanon is staffed by many wonderful people. They serve as role models, not only to the students, but to me as well.

Fredericksburg Elementary School first welcomed me as a Viking in 1970 when I began kindergarten there. As I depart as a retiring teacher these many years later, it is not an exaggeration to say that NL has been one of the biggest, most positive, influences on me. I am a Viking For Life.





Congratulations to Ryan White for being selected as the Artist of the Month for November 2022!

Ryan can't remember when art was not the most influential part of their life. Any piece of paper they could get a hold of is destined to have a doodle on it. Art has always been second nature to Ryan.



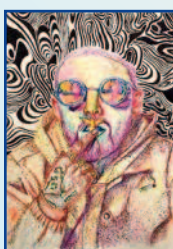
Ryan feels really inspired by Roberto Ferri, who originally painted this. He is able to recreate the renaissance style in anatomy and overall expression. His gallery is never-ending and has helped me with figures, shadowing, etc.



Ryan felt really inspired by a renaissance artist called Agnolo Bronzino who painted "Venus, Cupid, Folly, and Time" in 1546. Bronzino uses a lot of expression, which allows the viewer many interpretations of the meaning. The overall meaning still remains elusive.



Ryan indulged in an anime style, specifically from the artists at Studio Ufotable and the manga artist, Koyoharu Gotouge. Ryan watched and read the manga, Demon Slayer, which inspired me to recreate one of my favorite character's heroic moments.



Ryan has enjoyed the artist Mac Miller's music since his first album, "K.I.D.S" in 2010. When he died in 2018, Ryan knew that they would have to make something in honor of the impact that he made.

Ryan White is graduating in 2023 and receiving the top senior artist award this year. Ryan is caring, protective, creative, and sincere. In the future Ryan is working towards becoming a tattoo artist, and eventually owning their own shop.



Casey Keim!

Casey Keim was chosen as the Artist of the Month for **December 2022**.

Casey is a senior who loves to paint abstract or make odd art, and Casey

loves to learn about cooking and nature. Casey loves all kinds of art including different types of paint mediums, sculpting, and just basic drawing/ sketching. Casey likes collecting crystals and jewelry in her free time. She also likes hiking and baking.

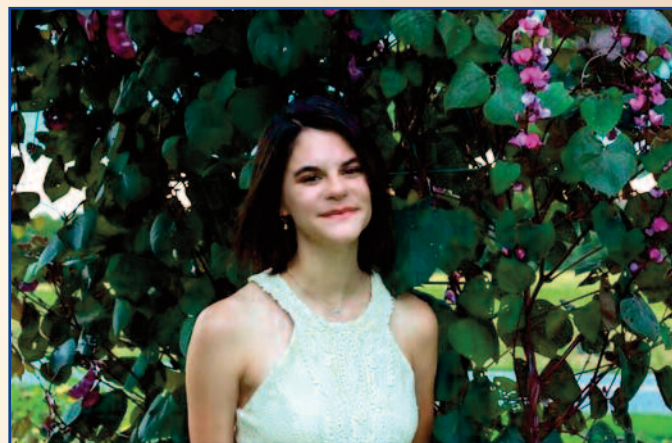




Charisma Corbin!

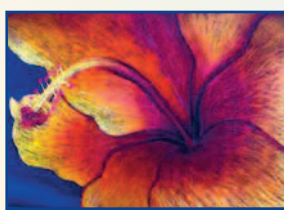
Charisma Corbin was honored to be selected as the Artist of the Month for **January 2023**. Charisma is patient, kind to others, and very thankful for

what comes out of life. Her hobby is creating art and she loves drawing and painting. Singing and dancing are other hobbies that have gained an interest in Charisma's life.



Amelia Schriver!

Congratulations to Amelia Schriver, a senior at Northern Lebanon high school, for being selected as Artist of the Month for **February 2023**. Amelia is a top student and has been taking upper-level art classes throughout high school. Some of her hobbies include riding roller coasters, hanging out with friends and family, shopping, and of course art.



This is one of her favorite artworks as it took a long time to finish and is in a medium that she does not typically work in. This piece sat unfinished through 2020 and was a work in progress to finish. Chalk pastels are also tricky to work with but she was able to figure it out to create this generous work modeled after the stunning work of Georgia O'Keeffe.

Another project that she is very proud of is her hand silhouette acrylic painting. Silhouettes are one of her absolute favorite things to paint and she sees this one as one of her best. The background took lots of time but it was worth it for this painting and she is still very happy with the outcome.



Her larger-than-life candy bar painting will forever be one of her favorite projects as well. It is the largest artwork she has ever completed and the only one that has been on display in her room since it has been finished. It took many hours to complete and is one that she will surely enjoy for many years to come.

Finally, her roller coaster collage is also a very important artwork to her as it stretched her as an artist and she is very proud of the finished product. She was unsure if she would be able to pull it off towards the beginning but pulled it out in the end. It features her 50 favorite roller coasters which she greatly enjoys as a piece that she can display and enjoy as one of her favorite hobbies.



Amelia is very thankful for being chosen as the artist of the month. She is also very honored to be seen as a talented and developing artist of Northern Lebanon. She will be sure to continue her progress as an artist by exploring new mediums and getting better at ones that she has already tried. She is looking forward to where her art will be headed and the journeys she will continue to go through with each new project.





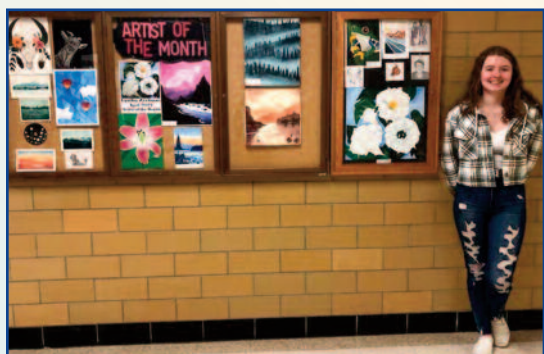
Selena Buck!

Selena Buck is a Northern Lebanon senior pursuing auto body at CTC. She was selected as the **March 2023** Artist of the Month for Northern Lebanon High School. Congratulations Selena!



Lyndsy Zechman!

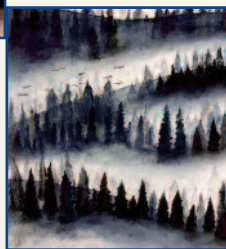
Lyndsy Zechman was the **April 2023** Artist of the Month and she was honored to be selected. Lyndsy is currently in 12th grade as part of the class of 2023. She enjoys art and sewing. Lyndsy loves painting landscapes and sky paintings. Her preferred medium is acrylic paint because she loves the sharp colors it produces.



This piece is one of Lyndsy's favorites because she loves the bright colors and highlights of the water, along with the depth of the tree and grass.



This piece is one of her favorites because she loves the faded fuzzy effect on the background with the spider web in the foreground.



This painting is one of her favorites because of its foggy mountain appearance. Lyndsy was inspired by a vacation upstate into the mountains.

This painting is one of Lyndsy's favorites because she loves the gradients that she created. She was inspired by a Georgia O'Keefe painting called the Jimson Weed.

Lyndsy Zechman was also chosen as the Ty Zemba Miller top senior artist in memory of Mrs. Zemba's son. Congratulations Lyndsy!!!



Ash Rich!

The **May 2023** Artist of the Month was Ash Rich, a track and field athlete in the class of '23. Ash enjoys competition, and because her twin sister also draws, she is driven to continually

improve. Her sister Sara inspires Ash. Ash enjoys telling stories, and also loves to share them. Ash also loves to read and jump.

- Ash's emotions inspire her art
- Ash is also inspired by the feeling of accomplishment she feels when she can visually see her improvement.



TSA Students Attend Construction Wars Event!

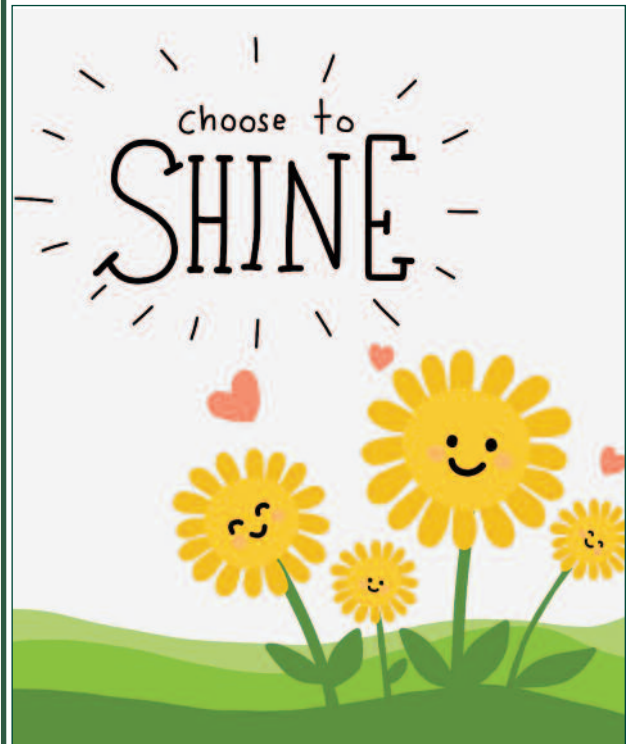
Students who participate in TSA (Technology Student Association) had the opportunity to attend a **Construction Wars** event hosted by ABC Keystone in Manheim. The event gave the students an opportunity to learn about First Aid and Safety, HVAC, Masonry, Plumbing, Wood and Metal construction, and DC electrical wiring. Participants even got to take home a small wooden bench and metal toolbox they made while at the event! #VikingPride



Ecology Club Members Stock the "Quitty"!



On March 3rd, members of the Northern Lebanon Ecology Club participated in their annual service project with the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission. This is an NL tradition of community service that had started over 30 years ago by the Ecology club and its advisors. Each spring, the students in the club assist the PA Fish and Boat Commission in their pre-season stocking of the Quittapahilla Creek. This is just one example of community volunteerism carried out by the outstanding students of Northern Lebanon. #VikingPride



April/May – STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

High School April



Hanna Wanyo



Amanda Adey

High School May

*(sponsored by the
Fredericksburg and
Jonestown Lions Club)*



Trevor Peirce



Gurleen Singh



Middle School

April



Hope Shaffer

May



Elsie Shuey

(sponsored by Northern Lebanon County Rotary Club)



April/May – STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

East Hanover



(L-R): Olivia Gilbert, Jenson Smith, James Dumas, Aubrey Taylor

Fredericksburg



(L-R): Back row Trentin Stauffer
Front row: Madyson Stoner, Connor Kapp, Emmalee Hower

Jonestown



(L-R): Back row: Athena Files, Mara Murphy, Ravyn Hunsicker
Front Row: Addison Derr, Lillyan Kreiser, Haley Gatto

Lickdale



(L-R): Standing: Atticus Rivera, Jacob Bomberger
Sitting: Jace Daub, Lily Clarke



Middle School Students Read Their Way Into the Reading Olympics!



As a team, the students had to read 25 books in preparation for the competition. The team, led by Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Wiest, battled through three rounds of comprehension trivia questions on the 25 books they had read. The team ended up placing as a top tier team for the day. Congratulations Vikings!



NL Art Club Participates in Rain Barrel Competition!

The NL High School Art Club recently participated in a rain barrel competition sponsored by the Lebanon County Conservation district.

The barrels were 55-gallon capacity each and art club painted 2 of them. The barrels were recycled from Coca-Cola distributors and equipped with spigot, drain hole, and hole for hose connection.

They were painted in the theme: *Adapting to a Changing Climate*

The barrels were voted on and auctioned off at the LCCD Tree Sale on April 7, 2023.

Rain barrels are a rainwater collection system that captures and stores runoff from a roof for later use:

- Stored water can be used for • Gardens • Lawns • Flowers • Washing your car • Cleaning windows or lawn furniture

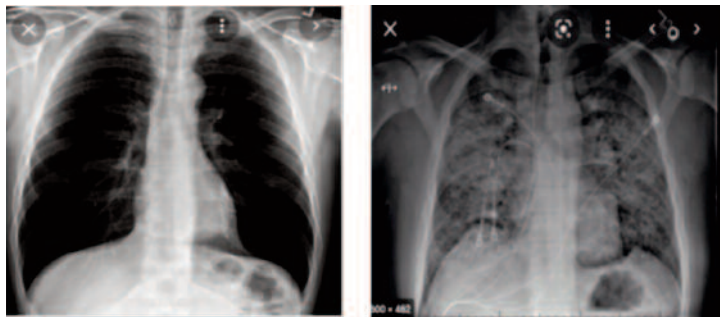
What Can I Do About NPS Pollution?

- Wash your car at a car wash or in the grass • Properly dispose of chemicals • Minimize fertilizer use
- Install a rain garden • Clean up pet waste • Check vehicles for leaks • Watch for soil erosion • Spread the word!

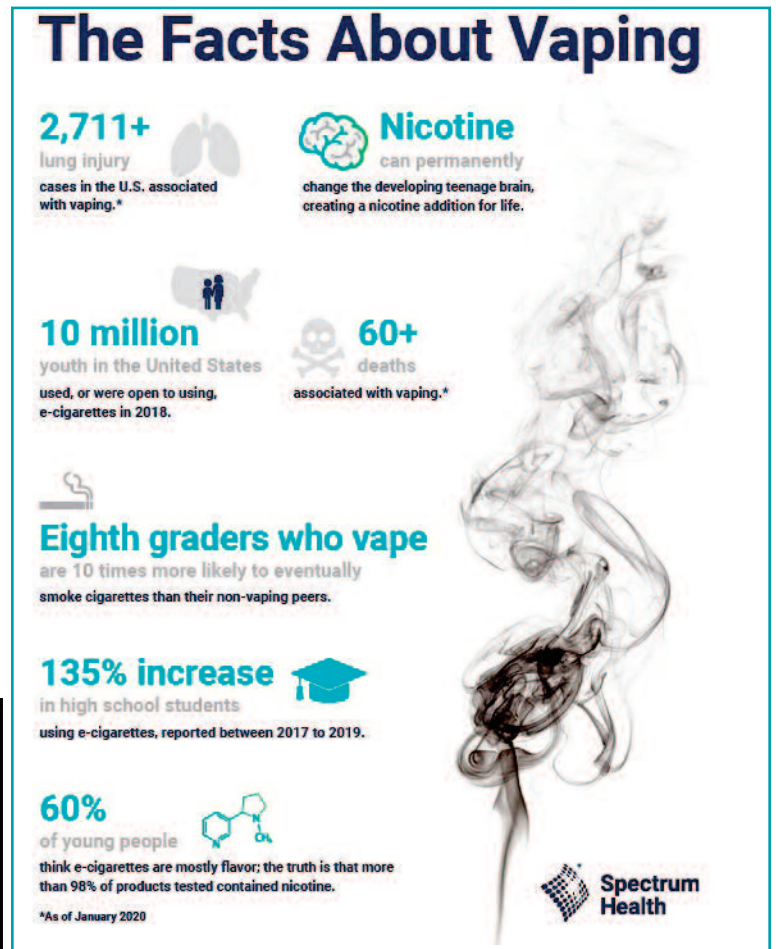


Students Learn About the Dangers of Vaping and Smoking

Dr. Mandy J. Harshberger, RRT, WellSpan Good Samaritan Hospital Pulmonary Services Operations Manager and Roxanne Burkholder, B.S., RRT WellSpan, Ephrata Hospital Pulmonary Services Operations Manager presented a PowerPoint on respiratory care, vaping, and educational requirements to become a respiratory therapist to Mrs. Jackson's and Mrs. Lewis's eighth grade Health classes on March 23, 2023. Eighth grade students were taught about the dangers of vaping and smoking by utilizing pig lungs as an interactive and visual warning. The black-colored lungs, shown in the pictures, were directly treated with chemicals found in common tobacco products, mimicking the damage caused by smoking a pack of cigarettes a day for a year. Students found out that when air was added to the black-colored lungs, they barely inflated and appeared to have very little elasticity, which was not like the pink lungs when inflated. They filled up like a balloon and then returned to original size. According to the CDC there is an outbreak of lung injury associated with the use of e-cigarette, or vaping, products. (https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic_information/e-cigarettes/severe-lung-disease.html)



Normal Lung vs **Vaping Lung Injury**
of a 17 year old male who inhaled a carcinogenic chemical when he vaped.



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NLHS Student Council Students Represent!

Eleven delegates represented the NLHS Student Council at a leadership conference on Friday, March 31, 2023 at Cedar Crest High School. PASC stands for "The Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils" and holds two conferences per year for PA Student Council members. Students who attended got to hear from impressive speakers and attend sessions they signed up for as well as interacting with student leaders from schools around us.

#VikingPride



IXL Competition Held for Sixth Grade Students!



Sixth grade competed in a second IXL competition focusing on the number of math and ELA questions answered correctly! Our individual winners were Hadley Barr, Matthew Burt, and Ashley Pass. Our class winners were Mrs. Wiest's Period 1-2 ELA class and Mrs. Gyomber's period 3-4 math class. Congratulations to our winners!

NL Welcomes New Employee to the District

Nelli Wenrich
Instructional Assistant – Secondary



Summer Vibes



Planting a Tree = Earth Day Celebration!

On April 11, 2023, a team from Tanger Outlets in Hershey delivered a blooming Dogwood tree to Northern Lebanon High School. Mrs. Albright's Life Skills Support class was selected to receive the tree and assist in planting it to celebrate Earth Day. The students helped to dig the hole and plant the tree in the courtyard. During the process, the students learned how to care for the tree from a professional landscaper. This was a great culminating activity for our unit on preserving our environment and a wonderful way to celebrate Earth Day!

A huge thank you to all of you for enhancing the beauty in our courtyard! #VikingPride



Middle School Students Represent NL at County Chorus Festival!



Congratulations to Braeden Bomberger, Simeon England, Alaina Lauver, Olivia Hansell, Brenna Engebretson, Emeri Kreiser, and Clara Fessler who participated in the very first LLMEA Middle School County Chorus festival held at Pequea Valley High School on Saturday, April 29th.

This day-long event culminated in a concert of excellent quality. Participants were held to high musical standards and these seven students did a fantastic job at representing NL. #VikingPride





Spanish Club Visits Lancaster!

The NL Spanish Club took a field trip to Lancaster on April 25th to learn about the vibrant and diverse Hispanic community throughout the city. Students were given a

tour of the SACA Center, which provides a gathering place and meals for Hispanic senior citizens. The organization also offers community and educational resources for local Spanish-speaking students and families. The students had some time to chat in Spanish with the seniors, and some even got involved in a few rounds of BINGO. Students also got a behind-the-scenes look at the Radio Centro (91.3 FM) broadcasting headquarters, and they chatted in English and Spanish with the station's general manager about

potential discussion topics for radio and podcasts. Radio Centro is Lancaster and York's only educational bilingual public radio station (one of 34 in the nation), and part of their mission is to keep the community connected, informed, and learning. The station manager urged students to continue studying Spanish, highlighting a few of the many ways in which learning Spanish can make their careers and lives more fruitful. For lunch, students had time to explore the sights, sounds, and smells of the Lancaster Central Market, which included getting to enjoy an empanada from a Uruguayan food stand. Some students also sampled Cuban and Puerto Rican cuisine. Before returning to NL, the group stopped at BeadWorks to make a customized bead bracelet as a memento of the day.



Valiant Vikes!

May 12, 2023, our Valiant Vikes Reward Program in the secondary building had a very successful year! Numerous activities and rewards were given throughout the year, including candy sales, Star Dollars, Christmas raffles, and handing out snacks during testing (just to name a few). To promote school spirit, we held monthly 'Spark Days' which included staff wearing NL Gear and students receiving a small treat. This year we held an End of the

Year raffle where students could enter using their Viking dollars earned throughout the year. Prizes included gift cards to local businesses, Nintendo Switch Lites, TVs, and a mini frig for Seniors. Our finale was held Thursday, May 11th, with Fertile Valley Ice Cream Truck and Kona Ice serving all students and staff! A huge thank you goes out to administration and staff for their support of the program! Go Vikes! #VikingPride



Washington, DC Trip

On Friday, March 17, 2023, Northern Lebanon's annual Holocaust field trip finally resumed after being on a hiatus since 2019 because of COVID and the museum's group limitations. Members of the senior class and students from AP World History, US History and US Government and Politics traveled to Washington, DC to visit the US Holocaust Memorial Museum. This trip has been sponsored for many years by the Beth Israel Synagogue in Lebanon in order to teach generations about the dangers of unchecked hatred and the need to prevent genocide. The museum encourages them to act, cultivating a sense of moral responsibility among our citizens so that they will respond to the monumental challenges that confront our world. Today there is an alarming rise in Holocaust denial and antisemitism—even in the very lands where the Holocaust happened—as well as genocide and threats of genocide in other parts of the world. This is occurring just as we approach a time when Holocaust survivors and other eyewitnesses will no longer be alive.



Art Club Visits the “Met”

Museums provide memorable, immersive learning experiences, and provoke imagination. The Metropolitan Art Museum in NYC is the largest museum in the USA, and the most eclectic collection in the world! Northern Lebanon art students took a field trip with Mrs. Zemba to the Metropolitan Art Museum in New York City on April 21st and had a culturally informative day. Art students appreciated getting to see original works. No reproduction or projection of an art image can do the original justice. Students are always amazed at the true size and textures of the originals when they see them at the art museum. Art allows us to gain historical perspective and understanding and allows us to appreciate different periods in history and their impact and significance in our world. Art immortalizes people, places, and events, and students always gain a lot from their experience at the Met.



NL FFA Chapter Holds Banquet!



On March 23rd, the Northern Lebanon FFA Chapter held their annual banquet at the Lebanon Valley Expo Center. Parents, Northern Lebanon staff, members of the community, local businesses, and even PA State Representative

Russ Diamond shared a meal catered by Heisey's Diner. After dinner, our Superintendent, Dr. Gary Messinger, Jr., was inducted as an honorary member of the organization. The event continued, looking back in review of the year and concluded with recognizing Northern Lebanon FFA member accomplishments.

NL FFA Holds Annual Greenhouse Sale!!!

Throughout the end of April and the month of May, the Northern Lebanon FFA conducted their annual Greenhouse Sale! Various plants, including flowers and vegetables, were sold to teachers and members of the local community. If you missed it this year, be sure to mark your calendars for next year!



NL FFA Students Visit Elementary Schools!



During Mid-March, NL FFA officers and members traveled to our district's four elementary schools for Ag-Literacy Week! Elementary students were read a book titled, "The Day the Farmers Quit," which opened their eyes to how much farmers contribute to their everyday lives. They then completed a sticker activity where they sorted goods produced by farmers and ended with a snack that looked like corn on the cob! Our FFA members enjoyed their opportunity to impact Northern Lebanon's younger generation of students with agriculture. The week just so happened to fall during St. Patrick's Day, so many of the kiddos were excited to wear their green!



NL FFA Competes in Area Olympics – Continued their Winning Streak!

On May 11th, NL's FFA members attended the annual Area FFA Olympics! Competing schools included Northern Lebanon, ELCO, Annville-Cleona and Cedar Crest. After all events were scored, Northern Lebanon successfully continued their winning streak of five years! Events varied, from relay races to cheesecake eating contests to small tractor driving. Overall, it was a night filled with fun!



NL FFA Students Participate in Eastern Regional Speaking Contest



April 13th marked the FFA Eastern Regional Public Speaking Contest. Northern Lebanon competed admirably, with four of six speakers and their Parliamentary Procedure Team advancing to the state competition. This includes Lyndsie Bomgardner of the Creed Contest, Chloe Bomgardner of the Conservation Speech Contest, Brooke Beamesderfer of the Senior Prepared Speech Contest and Chloe Bomgardner, Grace Bomgardner, Luke Shaffer, Kadence Shuey, Amelia Shriver and James Voight of the Parliamentary Procedure team. Memorizing the FFA Creed, writing and memorizing passionate speeches and conducting a meeting professionally all takes countless hours of time and dedication. These members have worked hard to earn their spot in the state competition. Wish them luck!



SUMMER FUN



MINI-THON 2023–GRAND TOTAL: \$36,605.54!!! FTK!



Mini-THON 2023 has come to a close. We are so excited to announce that we had our best fundraising year to date. This year NL Mini-THON will be donating \$36,605.54 to the Four Diamonds to aid in the fight against pediatric cancer. We had some amazing partners this year who helped us reach our goal. The athletic department allowed us to take over a boys and girls basketball game which gave us \$2,762.32 towards our goal; we also had a record-breaking Stall Day bringing in \$4,263.17 in change; and our Community Night proceeds brought in \$1,747.26. Our small but mighty Mini-THON Committee planned various

other fundraisers throughout the year that got us closer and closer to our goal. Lastly, we want to give a special thanks to our 4 Diamond Sponsors: Shuey Excavating, LLC, Fox Pest Control, Highmark, Fredericksburg Eagle Hotel, William J. Dieffenbach Foundation, Dieffenbach's Snacks, Kreamer & Lum, Tim McGowan Studio, Lyndsie Faith Photography and R&K Subs, who each donated \$500 or more. We couldn't have done it without the support of our community. We are so grateful for all who donated in any way. FTK!!!

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Middle School Band Students Participate in LLMEA Festival!



On March 31st, Northern Lebanon had five students participate in the LLMEA Middle School Band North Honors Festival. Representing Northern Lebanon were Liam Bragg, Levi Bucks, Nathan Kolar, Simeon England, and Taylor Gruber. Special mention should be made to Braeden Bomberger, who was selected but could not attend. All students worked very hard to prepare difficult music, and everyone represented NL very well. After more practice on April 1st, they presented a fantastic concert! Congratulations to the students selected to represent NL!! We are very proud of you! Go Viking Band! #VIKINGPRIDE



Junior/Senior Prom

Northern Lebanon High School held its Junior/Senior prom on Friday, May 5th at the Holiday Inn in Grantville. This year's theme was "Enchanted Forest." Students enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, a buffet dinner, and dessert. The rest of the evening was filled with dancing and getting pictures with friends at the photo-booth. Students choose Peyton McKissick to be prom prince and Gracie Favinger as prom princess. Coby Van Dusen was crowned the prom king and McKayla Myers was the prom queen.



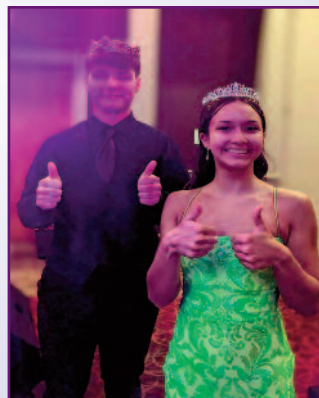
Prom Centerpiece



Dancing the night away



Eli Thompson and friends posing with props for the photobooth pictures



Peyton McKissick and Gracie Favinger are thrilled to have been named prom prince and princess



McKayla Myers and Coby Van Dusen dancing together as prom king and queen

First Annual NL Prom Color Run/Walk

On Saturday, April 1st, the class officers from the Class of 2024 held the first NL Prom Color Run/Walk. Despite having terrible weather in the morning, the skies cleared up by afternoon to provide a sunny day for members of the NL community to walk or run the mulch trail. Although the turnout was not as high as we hoped, the class was still able to turn a profit and earned funds to help pay for some of the costs to planning prom. The Class of 2024 class officers would like to thank all of those who helped and participated in this fundraiser.



Hudson and Peyton McKissick having too much fun spray powder on the participants



Amy, Daniel, Cora, and Audrey King running together as a family



Ms. Sharon Spencer is ready to get hit with the color powder!



Ms. Charity Stohler, Ms. Michelle Deitzler, Mrs. Tammy Long, Noah Long and Abby Liddick after the Color Run



Junior Honor Society Inducts New Members



On Tuesday, May 16th, 2023, at 2 pm, 16 eighth graders were inducted into the Northern Lebanon Junior Honor Society. Students are selected based on the demonstration of the five qualities held in high esteem by the Honor Society: Scholarship, Service, Leadership, Character, and Citizenship. These students have been working towards this great honor since the end of their 6th grade year. Specifically, they have had a final grade of 90% or higher in all 7th grade core classes, and they have attained Honor Roll twice and Superior Honor Roll once during the first three quarters of eighth grade. Additionally, they have had no discipline referrals in 7th or 8th grade. Finally, they have completed and submitted 6 hours of documented community service.

Students inducted were: Isabella Battistelli, Owen Dohner, Simeon England, Owen Fahringer, Oliva Hansell, Nathan Kolar, Roxette Lauderman, Alaina Lauver, Shea Moyer, Anna Shoemaker, Elsie Shuey, Holly Weaver, Riley Werner, Olivia Winters, Bryce Yocum, and Zeah Zerman.

The induction ceremony took place in the middle school cafeteria where ice cream sundaes were enjoyed as a special treat. Students received flowers or their favorite king size candy bar at the ceremony. Later that evening, the students were recognized at the middle school awards program and given their certificates. Congratulations!



Jacob Manning Selected for All-Eastern Symphony Orchestra!

Northern Lebanon has always had a strong music program, and this past week we had a student participate in a unique milestone. Jacob Manning was selected to perform in the All-Eastern Symphony Orchestra on bassoon. This ensemble was chosen from students in 12 states! Due to Jacob's past successes at State-level festivals, he was selected to be part of this prestigious group. Jacob left for Rochester, New York, on Thursday, and participated in practices throughout the rest of the week. On Sunday, he performed as part of the Symphony Orchestra. We want to wish Jacob many congratulations on this huge achievement! Go Viking Band!

#VikingPride



Students Show Heart While Raising Funds for Kids Heart Challenge!!



The Kids Heart Challenge was a huge success again this year at both Jonestown and East Hanover. The American Heart Association sponsors the event which is then run by Mrs. Coll, the physical education teacher. The program is used to raise awareness of heart disease, and is a teaching tool to learn about fitness and heart health. The event kicked off with a fund raiser using dragons as the main theme which was prominently displayed on the tee-shirts and was part of the small thank you gifts. The students at East Hanover raised a total of \$2798.72 for the AHA. The top collectors were Kaylee Herr, Chase Harmon and Molly Zickler. Jonestown also had another amazing year collecting \$8014.73. Their top collectors were Shane Balmer, Marley Walborn and Mara Day. The highest fundraiser for the District was Shane Balmer who raised \$759.28 for this worthy cause. The final part of the event was held during field day. The students participated in a jump rope station which was filled with games, challenges, and prizes. It was a fantastic way to end the school year with the students already looking forward to Kids Heart Challenge 2024.



HELLO
Summer



Fourth Grade Students Participate in Stream Study!

From May 15th -18th the Northern Lebanon 4th graders participated in a district-wide stream study at Levitz Park and Memorial Lake State Park. Throughout the day students were immersed in an inquiry-based investigation on the relationship between watersheds, water quality, and macroinvertebrates. To start off the day students learned about macroinvertebrates, specifically indicator species, and how the lack of or abundance of certain species reflects the health of the water in a certain area. After the presentation on commonly found species, the eager 4th graders donned boots and gathered buckets, d-frame nets, kick nets, along with their sense of adventure and headed into the streams. Each day Mayflies, Dobsonflies, Caddisflies, Crane flies, Water Pennies, and Dragonflies were safely harvested (and later returned) for student

observation and identification. After the harvest, the species were placed into observation stations and the young scientists tallied the number of each species found. At the close of the day, each group reported on the types of species they were able to harvest and identify. Based on our findings, we calculated the biotic index for the stream. Our score showed the sampled areas were of excellent water quality! Great job, 4th graders! A special thank you to Levitz Park for hosting, Ms. Ronda Sowers and Mrs. Mardelle Bouchette for instructing and guiding the students, NL Administration for the support of this program, and all the high school group leaders for being role models to our young Vikings. Without your help, the week in the stream would not be possible.



All School Read-Aloud

We kicked off the month of March with our All School Reading of the story, *A Boy Called Bat* by Elana K. Arnold. This story is about a young boy, Bixby Alexander Tam (BAT) who is autistic, loves yogurt, and wants to keep a baby skunk, as his pet, that his mom brings home from her veterinary clinic to rehabilitate. His mom is unsure if BAT is up for that challenge.

During our month-long read-aloud, each student received a copy of the book and was required to read two chapters a night. The next morning, they were given a trivia question to answer, and if they answered correctly, their name would then be put into a drawing for prizes. As a finale to reading the story, Zoo America from Hershey Park came with a few creatures, including a skunk, to share with the students. Thank you to everyone who read the story and a HUGE thank you to Zoo America for visiting with us and teaching us about a few of your animals.



Popcorn Hat Theater

EH had a rip-roaring good time with our visit from the Popcorn Hat Theater! We enjoyed down home laughter as we went back in history to a time where tales were as big as the American imagination. The show featured tales of Pecos Bill, Slue-Foot Sue, John Henry, & Paul Bunyon!



East Hanover Talent Shines

The final East Hanover talent show delighted all on Friday, April 28, 2023. This has been a tradition at East Hanover for decades, and it was a bittersweet performance. East Hanover is full of talented students! Before the show, the audience enjoyed a slide show featuring photos of East Hanover students. The evening showcased the talents of many acts, including singing, dancing, comedy acts, piano solos, and even cattle roping! In typical East Hanover fashion, the teacher act wrapped up the show with a crowd-pleasing dance act to the tune of Meghan Trainor's "Better When I'm Dancing."

The talent show has entertained East Hanover audiences for many years. Stay tuned next year when the talent show tradition continues at Northern Lebanon Elementary School!



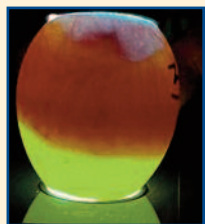
Art Show Highlights

The rain didn't damper the mood! Students at East Hanover Elementary participated in this year's Art Show on April 28th. The halls were adorned with hundreds of drawings, paintings, prints, weavings, and designs from 1st grade through 5th grade students. Sculptures, including clay work, paper sculptures, weavings, and cardboard action figures with human body proportions, filled the library. Thirty students were ribbon winners, demonstrating superb artistic achievement in various spheres of artmaking. Featured as a special presentation was an 8-ft tall sculpture called, "We Fit Together," which was a collaboration between 4th grade students from East Hanover and Jonestown elementary schools. The sculpture included stencil prints from the students and reminds us that we Northern Lebanon kids all fit together, and we'll be taking that message with us to the new Northern Lebanon Elementary School next year.



Fourth Grade Peeps!

On Wednesday, March 8, 2023 the fourth-grade class of East Hanover received 30 chicken eggs from local farmers! The students placed them in an incubator and began the adventure of waiting for them to hatch. The class used a flashlight to look inside and learned how the chick develops in the egg. Of the 30 eggs, only one was not fertilized. In about 20 days the eggs were rolling and pipping (poking through the shell). Kyle Wall from the Tech Department set up a live video stream, so we could see them hatching after school hours. The camera caught the hatching of numerous chicks. It was amazing! In all, 27 eggs hatched! When the chicks were old enough, the students were able to hold them and observe their behavior. Through this amazing journey the kids learned about life cycles, heredity, breeds of chickens, and the process of growth/hatching and early development of chickens. The students and teachers had a blast with this activity.



CAREER DAY!!!!

Career Day took place at East Hanover and Lickdale on May 17 and 18, respectively. The event included engaging presentations from many talented professionals in our community. Students were able to learn about the career experiences associated with numerous occupations, including:

- Law Enforcement Officers
- Software Engineer
- Equestrians
- Print and Television News Journalists
- Carpenters, Plumbers, Electricians and HVAC Specialists
- Attorneys
- Educators
- Military Service Members
- Park Rangers
- Emergency Management Specialists
- Business Executives
- And many more!

Our students enjoyed interacting with so many community members. Thank you to all the generous volunteers who participated.



Student of the Third Trimester – Congratulations, Braelyn!

Braelyn Stoner has been an extraordinary student throughout the third trimester of the 2022-2023 school year. She has been a determined and dedicated student in the classroom. Braelyn has constantly strived to achieve at her highest potential and has been a superb role model for other students. It is my pleasure to nominate Braelyn as the student of the third trimester. Congratulations, Braelyn!



East Hanover Carnival - Come One, Come All

We had such an AMAZING day at our all school carnival at East Hanover Elementary! We enjoyed the day with a variety of activities to include – inflatable obstacle course, face painting, dunk tank, popcorn & lemonade stand, carnival games, prizes, and much more! This was our last HURRAY as we close our chapter here at EH. Oh! the wonderful years we have had, AND we are super excited for our next adventure at the new NL Elementary School. We are ready to make new memories, new friends, and most importantly NEW LEARNING!!!!!! HERE WE COME!!!!!!



FREDERICKSBURG FOCUS

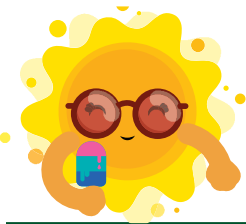
Fredericksburg Students Countdown to New Beginnings!

Second graders at Fredericksburg Elementary created a paper-chain to countdown to the end of the school year and participated in a little writing activity where they reflected on the past and thought about the future. Students were asked the questions What will you miss most about Fredericksburg Elementary School? and What are you looking forward to at our new elementary school? Student responses were adorable!

Some said they were going to miss being all one floor, the old posters, the gym and playground, and seeing the band Fredrocksburg. Some said they were looking forward to having an elevator at the new school, going up and down stairs, new stuff and seeing new teachers!



We also took the entire 2nd grade class outside for a photo in front of the building. We had students create picture frames to go around them as a memory they can cherish forever. Great conversations were had and we all decided that although we will miss Fredericksburg, we are looking forward to the new memories and traditions we will create as one big elementary school!



Celebrating Fredericksburg's Finest!

On Tuesday, May 23rd, teachers were asked to nominate 1-2 students from their classroom to receive the Fredericksburg Finest Award. This is an award given to students who have been hard workers and who have demonstrated positive character traits such as kindness (being kind to staff and students), responsibility (working hard to always complete your work), resiliency (challenging yourself to learn new things and being able to adapt to change) and dependability (this means your teacher knew you were someone they could trust to always do the right thing even when they weren't watching) all year long. This is an award that students should be extremely proud of receiving.

The winners each received a certificate, ice cream and a kickball game with Mr. Herling, Assistant Principal! Listed below are our winners!

Ethan Zechman, Rosey Crane, Colton Citino, Myles Hehnlly, Brielle Beidler, Chloe Smeltz, Alyvia Camasta, Laney Boyer, Serenity Dunlap, Addison Snader, Ellie Clemmer, Asher Clemmer, Lily Grumbine, Shaina West, Connor Flamm, Braelyn Engebretson, Yevgeniya (Jenny) Khairova, Christopher Kreiser, Abigail Rabuck, Markus Miller and Braden Kleinfelter.



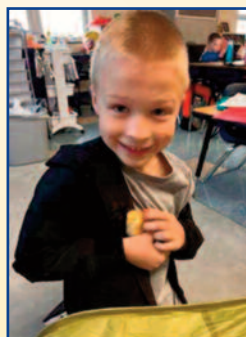
Congratulations to each one of you! We are very proud of you!

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Miss Yingst's Class Full of Li'l Peeps!

Miss Yingst's first grade class learned about the process to hatching your own chicks! They saw the project out from beginning to end. Miss Yingst and her students put 24 eggs in an incubator, added water every couple days to keep the humidity high and made sure they were rotating. After 21 days they had a total of 14 healthy chicks hatch! They learned how to care for them by changing their bedding, keeping the heating plate warm, and giving them fresh food and water. After spending a couple days with the chicks, they went back to the farm where the eggs came from!



SUMMER



Bucket List

1. Visit a Water Park
2. Go On a Staycation
3. Go Camping
4. Play in the Sprinkler
5. Movie Marathon
6. Make Slime
7. Water Gun Fight
8. Go to The Lake
9. Backyard Waterslide
10. Ride a Rollercoaster
11. See Fireworks
12. Go Bowling
13. Tie Dye Shirts
14. Go RollerSkating
15. Play Mini Golf
16. Make Own Pizza Night
17. Play Flashlight Tag
18. Game Night
19. Create a Summer Craft
20. Host a BBQ
21. Make Ice Cream
22. Toast Marshmallows
23. Catch Lightning Bugs
24. Pick Strawberries
25. Play in the Sand
26. Paint & Hide Rock
27. Make Bubbles
28. Complete a Read List
29. Play Dress Up
30. Go on a Picnic



The Final Curtain Call

In the lifetime of an average human-being, a decade is a pretty significant amount of time. Ten years ago, in the spring of 2013, four classroom teachers, a gym teacher, and a technology director decided to follow some of their roots from their elementary school experiences and put together a rock band for the kids. Thus, FredROCKSburg, the band, was created. The initial goal of the band was to have a fun, positive assembly of celebration for our students. It worked!

In the days leading up to the first assembly, the concert signs and rumblings amongst the kids created a sense of anticipation that you could feel in the hallways of our humble school. Unbeknownst to the members of the band, the assembly jumpstarted a drive that only pushed Fredericksburg Elementary to become even more of a kid-focused school that not only provided educational opportunities but focused on providing numerous activities that would reach the whole child.

On June 2, the last day of the 2022-2023 school year, there was one last performance in Fredericksburg Elementary, a building that has synonymously become known as FredROCKSburg. Before the curtain closed, there were songs to sing along with like *Sweet Caroline* and *Livin' on a Prayer*.

There was the highly-popular student air guitar competition! The band played dance songs that brought out some of the best dance moves in both students and staff alike! And, without question, some boisterous rock songs were played that tested the strength of the gym walls that were erected in 1963.

A short documentary video titled, *FredROCKSburg: A Decade of Dominance (2013-2023)* was played for all to see and enjoy! It included pictures of activities that have taken place in the past ten years of performances. This included videos portraying silly, fictitious training and recruiting processes that were used to join the band, along with teacher Olympics and singing groups that included the female teachers of the school. Air guitar competitions and Christmas sing-alongs, that included Grandma Herling getting chased by two reindeer, were also remembered fondly throughout the video!

While some people say that all good things must come to an end, FredROCKSburg does not. FredROCKSburg can still remain in our memories. Its ideals can live on forever in both our daily lives and even in new environments that we encounter.



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Michael Jean Paul



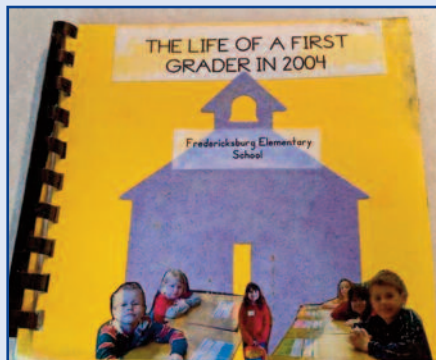
Time Capsule FUN!

In 1963 the staff and students of Fredericksburg Elementary buried a time capsule filled with various documents and objects with the intent of providing a glimpse into 1960s school culture for the future historians who would find it. Just over 40 years later in 2004, the Fredericksburg Elementary building was renovated, adding additional classroom and hallway space, so the time capsule was excavated and more contents were added. Now in 2023, 60 years after the capsule was first buried, all classes are preparing to move to the newly constructed Northern Lebanon Elementary School. In preparation, the capsule was once again exhumed so that its contents could be examined.

Unfortunately, the welding of the capsule did not completely hold against the elements, so some of the materials were exposed to rain and had become water-logged. The lucky staff members who opened the capsule and sifted through the contents reported a pungent smell that followed wherever the materials were taken, which became the topic of conversation for many of the staff members who visited the office that day. Thankfully all of the items are still readable!

Examples of the contents from 1963:

- A commencement program for the 1963 graduating class of Northern Lebanon High School.
- A number of 1960s postage stamps attached to a school letter.
- An issue of the Belron, the school's student-run newspaper, dated September 1963.
- An issue of the Lebanon Daily News, dated September 30, 1963. Some headlines mention John F. Kennedy, Nikita Khrushchev, and the recently introduced polio vaccine.
- Class lists of all students and teachers who attended Fredericksburg Elementary.
- A small bag containing one of each US coin minted in 1963.
- A horseshoe with a note explaining that it was found by a second grader.



Examples of the contents from 2004:

- A letter addressed to "Fredericksburg Historian" from Kenneth Weaver, the Fredericksburg Elementary principal at the time.
- A 2003-2004 Northern Lebanon school calendar.
- A book created by the 1st grade class titled "The Life of a First Grader in 2004".
- A list of favorite books from each 2nd grade student.
- A list of favorite things from 3rd graders such as songs, places to eat, and school subjects, and a program of a play they wrote titled "Actions Speak Louder Than Words".
- A CD that contained a PowerPoint file with every 4th grade student's answers to the question "If you could only put 3 items in a time capsule, what would they be?"
- A book of student-created photo collages made up of pictures of things that 5th graders felt were important to them.
- A student-created newspaper called "The Sixth Grade Review", with articles written by 6th grade students. Some headlines included the 2004 US presidential election and NASA's Mars rovers.

All of the items are currently being aired out and cataloged. The goal is to create a digital archive that is accessible for the public to view them. It has been a great opportunity to look into the past and compare these two different eras of school life at Fredericksburg. Now we get to contemplate the future memories and history that will be made at the new elementary school!

Enjoy looking at some of the items included in this article for the Viking Voice!



DAYTONA 500
March 12-13, 2004 Daytona 500 results of the top ten where

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Movies, Weekend of February 13, 2004
50 First Dates
Barbershop 2
The Minors
The Butterfly Effect
You Got Served

Five Primetime Broadcast TV Programs
Network household Rating Total Viewers
CBS 18.3 25,898,000
NBC 16.3 21,949,000
FOX 14.8 21,762,000
NBC 14.5
CBS 14.0

Billboard Hot Country Singles
Week of February 16
Title, Artist, Record company
Shaw James, Twista Featuring Kanye West & Jamie Foxx, Atlantic
Yeah! Usher Featuring Lil Jon & Ludacris, Arista
The Way You Move, Outkast Featuring Sleepy Brown, Arista
Me, Myself And I, Beyonce, Columbia
Hey Ya!, Outkast, Arista
y/Billboard.com

Billboard Hot Country Singles
Week of February 16
Title, Artist, Record company
In Soldier, Toby Keith
When the Wind Blows, Alan Jackson
Do It All, Tim McGraw
ments, Terri Clark
Brad Paisley
y/Billboard.com

Company
DreamWorks
Arista Nashville
Curb
Mercury
Arista Nashville

Handwritten notes:
Leah Rhoad
Chelsea Gerhart
Paige Lutz
Kenny Rhoads
Amy & Kiera
Kylie Lester
Dina Mingo
Lindsey Lutz
Cody Shepherd
Zack Chambers
Derek Carr
Anna Miller
Jesse Kim
Joshua
Autumn Steinmetz
Zachary B. Davis
Erin Howie
Blake Clement
Ashley Roth
Katie Byrd
Juan Beltrán
Nathan Stevens
Brynn Ruge
Sarah Puffer
Katie Poore
Michael Linder
Jon Robinson
Pablo Molina
Tyler Bantz

The Sixth Grade Review
March 1, 2004
50 cents

Saddam Hussein
Saddam Hussein was born in Tikrit on April 28, 1937. His parents were poor farmers. In his early years, he was involved in the assassination attempt of Prime Minister Abdul Karim Qasim. During this attempt, he was shot in the leg. Hussein became a soldier. He tried to invade Kuwait.
Before the 1991 Gulf War, he threatened that if U.S. forces attacked Iraq it would be the "mother of all wars." Saddam and his government were overthrown by U.S. and British forces. He was Iraq's President from 1979 to 2003. During his presidency, he used poison gas against Iran. He executed thousands of Iraqis who were prisoners of war. One of the worst single mass killings was when Iraq dropped chemical weapons on Halabja in 1988. More than 5,000 people were killed. He destroyed over 3,000 villages. His government burned fields and homes, demolished homes with bulldozers, and drained and poisoned marshes.
Later on Dec. 13, 2003, he was found hiding in a pit on a farm near his home town, Tikrit. He will be tried in court for war crimes and crimes against humanity.
By Benjamin Paxon
Info from Encarta, Who's 2, and U.Sinfo.com

Election 2004
This year is an election year. George W. Bush is our current President. He will be running against an elected president. Among the top runners are John Kerry, John Edwards, and Howard Dean.
Howard Dean is a long time Vermont Governor. He was born in Burlington, Vermont. He is for easier health care, higher education, and a new social contract.
John Edwards is a U.S. Senator. He was born in Raleigh, North Carolina. He is for helping the states, cutting the government's size, and protecting workers.
John Kerry is a U.S. senator. He was born in Boston, Massachusetts. HE is for renewable energy, college tuition for national service, and health care for children.
The president election will be held November 2nd, 2004. Anyone could win this year.
By Evan Berkheiser
Info from Scholastic News

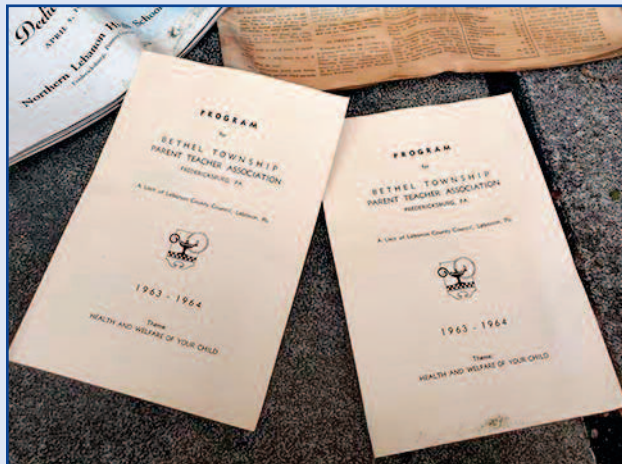
Mars Exploration: The Rover Mission
This is the first time that Mars has been this close to the Earth in 60,000 years. NASA has sent land rovers to search the "red planet".
On January 3 and January 24 the two rovers, Spirit and Opportunity, were scheduled to land on Mars. They will roam the surface of Mars for three months. Recently, Japan has sent 33 missions to the "red planet" and only 10 have been counted a success.
NASA has put a tremendous amount of work into everything going into the two rovers. They still have rocks to turn over to see if there is life or past life on the "red planet".
By: Leah Rhoad and Danielle Armbruster
Information from Scholastic News

Super Bowl XXXVIII
New England Patriots VS. North Carolina Panthers. The game was on Sunday February 1, 2004.
The Patriots won by a field goal. The final score was Patriots 32, Panthers 29. It was a very close game.
The Panthers had 11 wins and 5 losses going to the super bowl. The Patriots had 14 wins and 2 losses going to the super bowl.
By: Leah Rhoad
Info from www.superbowl.com

Priest of Heaven's Stars
school lunch \$1.60
loaf of bread \$1.00
gallon of milk \$3.25
gallon of heating oil \$1.49
movie tickets adult \$4.50
child \$14.99-19.99
music cd \$6.37
postage stamp \$8.00
hair cut men \$14.00
women \$8.00
boys \$10.00
girls \$10.00
Mustang Mach 1 \$29,760.00

Other:
average allowance of a sixth grader \$6.00
median family income in Lebanon County \$48,906.00
average size of a house 2,300 sq. ft.
average cost of a house \$100,700.00

Weather
Monday 3/1
sunny and warm
High 62° F
Tuesday 3/2
Showers
High 52° F
Wednesday 3/3
Sun and some clouds
High 50° F
Thursday 3/4
Times of clouds and sun
High 48° F
Friday 3/5
Rain, some ice early
High 49° F



Time Capsule



Students Chosen for the Swavely Award!

The Swavely Award is an award given to the most enthusiastic 4th grade student from each class. This award was created in memory of Glenn Swavely, a teacher who was killed in a car accident on his way to work. This year's winners are Nathan Boyer and Braelyn Engebretson. Congratulations!!!

#VikingPride



Jonestown Students Participate in Annual Envirothon!



This year Jonestown Elementary School had eight students participate in Lebanon County Envirothon. Students have been studying the topics of aquatics, forestry, and wildlife native to Pennsylvania/Lebanon County. Students were able to participate in a field experience this year at Camp Rocky Creek where they enjoyed seeing animal skulls and hides, learning how to measure and identify trees, and “playing” in the creek where they caught a variety of critters. The competition was held at Coleman’s Park and students had a great time! We are so proud of their hard work.



Students who Participated:

5th- Cooper Bouchette, Kyle Morris, Annabella Hess

4th- Luke Alferez, Aiden Snyder, Jameson Hammaker, Brynn Grubb

Coaches- Mrs. Scheib, Mrs. Eberly, Miss Koch



Fourth Graders Meet Their LVC Pen Pals

Fourth graders in Miss Misiewicz’s class at Jonestown Elementary have been working hard all year on strengthening their writing skills and building their writing stamina. As a way to get real-world practice with writing letters and expanding on information, they teamed up with Lebanon Valley College juniors and seniors to become pen pals. Each week, students wrote letters back and forth and found many connec-

tions with the future teachers coming from LVC! After months of exchanging letters, students were finally able to meet their pen pals in person on May 5th and spent the afternoon giving thank-you cards, sharing stories, eating popsicles, and playing on the playground together. Thank you to Lebanon Valley College for taking the time and effort to give these Jonestown students such an amazing experience.



Students Raise Money for the PTO!



Mrs. Boltz's first grade class and Mrs. Mosco's third grade class collected the most receipts from BG's and Redners this school year. It helped raise almost \$1000 for the PTO. They were awarded with a Pizza Party! Thank you to **Wich Way Sandwiches** for making the pizza and Mrs. Renik, Mrs. Kimmel and Mrs. Bates for helping with the party. It looks like they had a great time!



Students Show Off Their Talents at 2023 Art Show!

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Mrs. Hoffman's (Stine) Class Heads to the Beach!

Mrs. Hoffman's (Stine) class is celebrating the upcoming summer season with a Beach Day! Students reviewed measurement and shapes with shells. They also got to make ice cream in a bag. We ditched our desks and relaxed on towels for the day. It was a blast!



LET'S
go to the
BEACH

FIELD DAY = FUN DAY @ Jonestown Elementary School!

Students and staff at Jonestown Elementary enjoyed their Field Day, held on Thursday, May 25th!!! The students and staff enjoyed playing games and eating ice pops under the beautiful sunshine!



HAPPY
SUMMER



Raising Chicks in Second Grade

Second grade students were able to learn all about embryology by raising baby chicks in their classroom. This hands-on experience helped students learn the life cycle of a chicken. Every day students were responsible for rotating each egg in the incubator. They also had to check to see if the temperature was set correctly to keep the eggs warm. After a few days, students were able to candle the eggs. This is the process of holding a light near the egg to see the inner contents. Students were amazed to see small movement coming from within. Finally, after 21 days students heard chirping sounds and noticed small cracks in the eggs. Before the class knew it, they had baby chicks! From there the chicks were relocated from the incubator to a cardboard box. Students added straw, water, chick food, and attached a lamp to keep the chicks warm. Second grade loved this incredible experience and learned how much responsibility it takes to care for a chick!



Student Reaches 100 Level in Imagine Learning

Students in the English Language Development Program are excelling using Imagine Learning – a research-based, data-driven language and literacy program. Throughout the school year, students focus on goal-setting, learning strategies for evaluating their own work, and celebrating achievements as a learning community.

This month, we are proud to celebrate Tomasz Niewiadomski from Jonestown Elementary for his outstanding work in Imagine Learning! He has become the third student this year to reach Level 100 through his great effort and perseverance!

CONGRATULATIONS, TOMASZ!



First Graders Visit the Hershey Gardens/Zoo America!

On May 19th, first grade students from Jonestown Elementary took a trip to the Hershey Gardens and Zoo America. The students had a fabulous morning exploring the gardens, learning about plants, and seeing some amazing creatures such as a tree frog, hissing cockroach and a really cool lizard. They even got to tour the Butterfly Atrium where they got to see some beautiful butterflies and moths flying around!

The afternoon was spent at Zoo America where the students were able to freely explore the zoo with their chaperones and small groups. It was a great day with beautiful weather!



Mrs. Walker's 2nd Grade Class Enjoys a Field Trip to Indian Echo Caverns!

Second grade students enjoyed their field trip to Indian Echo Caverns. While on the trip they learned about the history of the cavern and the Native American tribe that used the cavern. They even learned about a man who once lived in the cavern! The students were exposed to the wonders of stalactites, stalagmites, flowstone, and the natural underground pools. They were able to experience what it was like for those who explored the cavern many years ago without the convenience of electricity when they were cast into complete darkness for a few moments. After exploring the cavern, second grade participated in a long-time tradition of panning for gems. Using a water wheel, water trough, and sifter each student came away with a bagful of their own gems. It was an adventurous educational experience for all!



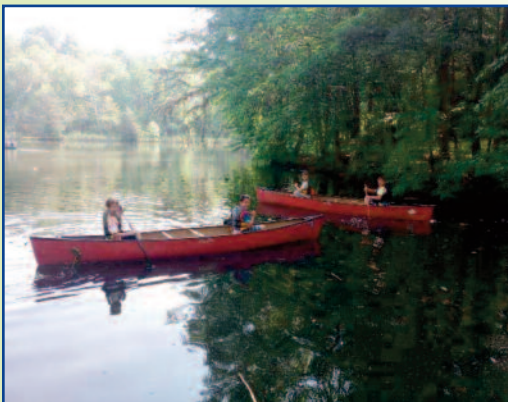
Third Grade Takes a Trip to Pioneer Tunnel and Coal Mine!

Lickdale third grade took a field trip to Pioneer Tunnel and Coal Mine. During our trip, students got to ride an old-time narrow-gauge steam locomotive around the side of Mahanoy Mountain. Next, students rode on an open mine car into the side of Mahanoy Mountain to learn about how coal is mined. Students enjoyed the playground and the gift shop too! It was a fun and informative trip!



Fifth Grade Field Trip – Kenbrook

Lickdale's last fifth grade class took a field trip to Kenbrook. The students enjoyed being surrounded by nature as they engaged in team-building activities, such as archery, climbing wall, low ropes and boating. The students were all smiles as they raced their canoes, climbed the 25-foot tower, aimed for the bullseye and swung from rope to rope, as they navigated through the course. This was the perfect way to end their many wonderful years at Lickdale!



The Reading Carnival is Lickdale's Legacy!

While the tenure of Lickdale Elementary may be coming to a close, the memories of almost 30 years of Reading Carnivals will never fade. And this year....we went out with a BANG!

Built on the theme, *Lickdale's Legacy*, the carnival boasted nine amazing stations to entertain the students and staff all day long. With many stations located outside, we were able to enjoy activities such as backyard games, sack races, and various sporting events. Feasting on a scrumptious cupcake and selecting free books from the Gently Used Book station drew smiles on so many faces. But the highlight of the day involved dancing and singing during a Glow Dance Party (perfect for this year's neon shirts) and energetically jumping in the always popular – *Bouncy House*!

All of this (and more!) was wrapped up into one fun filled day at Lickdale Elementary. Thank you to the volunteers who helped us to make the day run smoothly

AND to our Lickdale AFP for making all of this financially possible. While we may never again get to experience this as a Lickdale community, we will forever be grateful for such a fabulous tradition!

Lickdale students love to read...how do we know! Because they do it in so many different ways!

- **Read with a Buddy Day** – Students at Lickdale spent time with an older/younger buddy sharing books and a general love of reading. It is always great to make new friends and to spend time with books!
- **Read in the Dark Day** – Who knew that turning off the classroom lights and reading your favorite books with a flashlight could be so much fun?
- **Read at the Beach Day** – While it wasn't quite the same as actually sitting by the ocean, students and staff alike enjoyed simulating the experience. Stretching out on beach towels and wearing our favorite sunglasses made this reading experience one to remember!



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LEGEND

Instruction/Act 80:
Teacher Days:

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190

KEY

-  New Teacher Induction Days
-  In-Service Day/No School
-  No School
-  First/Last Student Day
-  Early Dismissal—10:50AM-Secondary 11:40AM-Elementary
-  End of Marking Period—Secondary
-  End of Marking Period—Elementary
- 8/22-23/23: New Teacher Induction Days
- 8/28-29/23: Teacher In-service Days—*Trade Days*
- 8/30-31/23: Teacher In-service Days—No School
- 9/4/23: Labor Day—No School
- 9/5/23: First Student Day
- 10/6/23: Teacher In-Service—*Trade Day*
- 10/9/23: Columbus Day—No School
- Teacher In-Service Day—Act 80
- 11/20/23: Teacher In-Service—*Parent/Teacher Conferences*—Act 80
- 11/21/23: Teacher In-Service—*Parent/Teacher Conferences*—1/2 *Trade Day*
- 11/22-27/23: Thanksgiving Break—No School
- 12/22/23: Early Dismissal K-12
- 12/25-1/1/24: Christmas Break—No School
- 1/15/24: Martin Luther King Jr. Day—No School
- Teacher In-service Day—Act 80
- 2/19/24: President's Day—No School —*Trade Day*
- 3/4/24: Teacher In-service/Flex Day—No School
- 3/28/24: Early Dismissal K-12
- 3/29-4/1/24: Easter Break—No School
- 4/1/24: Snow Make-up Day (if needed)
- 5/27/24: Memorial Day—No School
- 6/5/24: Early Dismissal/Graduation (Will not change)
- 6/6/24: Early Dismissal K-12; Last Student Day (Will change if snow make-up days needed)
- 6/7/24: Teacher In-Service Day 1/2 *Trade Day* (Will change if snow make-up days needed)

NORTHERN LEBANON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2023-2024 CALENDAR

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BOARD APPROVED: 3/14/2023 updated 5/2/23



Summer Office Hours

Summer hours will begin Monday, June 5, and end Thursday, August 10. Offices are closed every Friday, including August 11.

- Thru the weeks of 6/5 to 8/10, offices will be open Monday thru Thursday.
- Offices will be open from 7:30 AM until 2:30 PM

NOTE: *Offices will be closed Monday, July 3rd and Tuesday, July 4th, for the Independence Day holiday.*

We will resume Monday through Friday office hours on Monday, August 14.



CLOSINGS AND DELAYS



Cancellation of school because of inclement weather or other emergencies will be announced on local radio and television stations. Emergency closings are announced on the following stations:

WGAL-TV – Channel 8
WHP-TV – Channel 21
WHTM-TV – Channel 27
WPMT-TV – Channel 43

Email and Text Alerts are also sent from the district.

Substitute Staff Needed!

The district is in need of instructional assistants, personal care assistants, secretaries, nurses and custodians.



If you're interested in working as a substitute for the Northern Lebanon School District, please visit our website at www.norleb.org – **Our District/ Employment/Forms** to complete the necessary application. Please call 865-2117 ext. 2502 for more information.

Northern Lebanon Vision Statement

"To Inspire Today and Equip for Tomorrow"

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Northern Lebanon Mission Statement

"It is the mission of NLSD to provide a learning environment that empowers our students to discover and pursue their educational interests and prepare them with solid academic skills to achieve their aspirations and make a positive impact in their communities."

Code of Ethics

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| • Compassion | • Perseverance |
| • Kindness | • Fairness |
| • Courage | • Respect |
| • Loyalty | • Honesty |
| • Courtesy | • Responsibility |

Upcoming Events:



Northern Lebanon Web Site

<http://www.norleb.k12.pa.us>

The Northern Lebanon School District is an equal opportunity education institution and will not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, sex, religion, and disability in its activities, programs, or employment practices as required by Title VI, Title IX, and Section 504. District contact person is Superintendent of Schools, 865-2117.

