



# Superintendent's Report – October 2014

## Grant Update

We are happy to report that we have been awarded the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Grant. This money will allow us to continue our 21<sup>st</sup> Century After School Program. 400+ students from K to 12 participate – it's great program for our children!

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Family Night Out was held on Wednesday, October 15. It was sponsored by The Community Health Council of Lebanon County. They provided communication tools parents need to talk to their teens about drugs & alcohol. This event was held at the Annville Cleona MS/HS.

## Futures Seminar

All members of the Class of 2015 were invited to meet with Dr. Bartley and talk about their future aspirations. As a result of these meetings, a "Futures" seminar is planned for Tuesday, November 11 at LHS from 6 – 7:30 PM. Community and/or business members have been invited to share their stories with students about their career developments.



We are also going to honor our Veterans by bringing canned goods which will be donated to Veterans in need.

Happy Veteran's Day!

## Rotary Students of the Month



### Jeannie Showers

Jeannie is the daughter of Dianne and Richard Showers of Lebanon. She is a member of the Chinese Club, Student Council, Field Hockey, Track and Field Teams and assists with the Life Skills Class. Jeannie plans to study biology at Robert E. Cook Honors College at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

### Justin Martin

Justin is the son of Jay and Elisabeth Martin of Lebanon. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Envirothon, and Football and Baseball Teams. Justin plans to attend a four-year college to study engineering.

### Gene Smoak

Gene attends the CTC to study Health Careers Technology. He has been a member of the LHS football team. Gene is a leader in his program.

## LHS Interact Club Update

- North 6<sup>th</sup> Street Playground Fall Festival

# Fall Festival

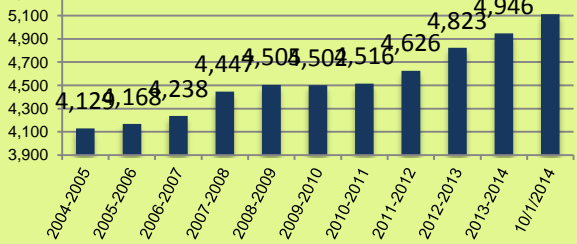
Tuesday, October 28  
4:00 to 5:00 PM

- Dominican Republic Trip – December 1 to December 7
  - World Blindness Outreach Dinner – Monday, October 27, 6 – 7:30 PM – Salvation Army
- Rotary 4-Way Speech Contest
  - Tuesday, October 14 – LHS Atrium – 3:45 PM
  - Wednesday, November 19 – LHS Atrium – 3:45 PM

## Budget Update

It's time to talk about the 2015-2016 Budget. Our School Board is discussing whether to renovate or build a new Northwest Elementary, and our overall facilities plan. We will continue to study the options so that we can make the best decision.

## District Enrollment



Our student enrollment is increasing. As of 10/1/14, our enrollment is at 5,113. This is an increase of 167 students or 3% compared to last year at the same time. Lebanon continues to offer a stellar education at a fraction of the cost of most other districts.

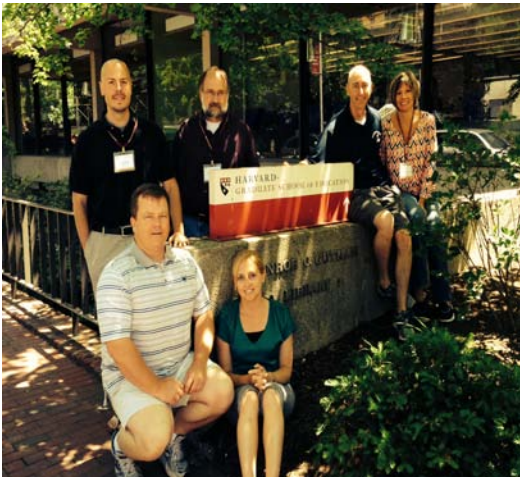
## Chinese Guest Teacher Update

We welcome our Chinese Teacher, Li, Rui and our intern Feng, YanYan. We are so happy to have them at Southeast Elementary, Harding Elementary, Lebanon Middle School and Lebanon High School.



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## Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Update



This past summer a district level team attended the Data Wise Institute at Harvard University. The team is comprised of a district level administrator, elementary principal, middle school principal, high school teacher, and two elementary teachers. The team has been meeting to discuss how to take the knowledge gleaned from the institute and implement it throughout the course of the school year. The goal of utilizing the Data Wise Improvement Process is to increase consistency and cohesiveness in the way data is analyzed across the district in order to inform instruction to boost achievement.

Another topic of discussion was the Standards Based Report Cards. Standards specify what all students should know and be able to do by the end of their school year. The child's performance is measured against the standard, rather than simply being compared to other students in his or her class. It gives every child in our school the opportunity to meet or exceed Lebanon Academic Standards.

## Policy Updates

Lebanon School District is a smoke free campus. With the recent update to our smoking policies, this includes all smokeless tobacco products including e-cigarettes and vaping.



Our School Board is reviewing a new "Use of Force" policy. The policy authorizes our safety officers to carry weapons while on duty and to exercise the same powers used by municipal police, including force that is reasonably necessary to effectively bring an incident under control, while protecting the lives of the officers and others.

We are working on updating our "Admission of Beginners" policy. Students enrolled in school are expected to be independent in taking care of his or her bathroom needs.

The Board will vote on the above policies at the November meeting.

**Snow Days**

Our District will be staying with a typical snow day concept. No cyber snow days. Notification of closings, late openings or early dismissals will be broadcast over radio and TV stations:

Radio Stations:  
 WLBR/WQIC (Lebanon) 1270 AM                      100.1 FM  
 WWSM (Lebanon)                      1510 AM

Television Stations:  
 WPMT-TV (FOX 43) - Channel 43  
 WHP-TV (Harrisburg) - Channel 15 and 21  
 WHTM-TV (Harrisburg) - Channel 27  
 WGAL-TV (Lancaster) - Channel 8

Remember to check Twitter: @mariannebartley and our District Facebook

**Cedar Foundation Update**

Our Cedar Foundation is the 501 c 3 for the Lebanon School District. A special "thank you" to the following businesses who donated to the Cedar Foundation through the DCED/EITC Program:

• Susquehanna Bank -	\$ 1,500
• Waste Management -	\$ 3,000
• Phillips Facilities Management -	\$ 5,000
• Fulton Bank -	\$ 3,200
• Frontier Communications -	\$ 1,000
• Northwest Savings Bank -	<u>\$10,000</u>
	\$23,700

Businesses receive tax credits for contributions they make to the Cedar Foundation. A business may receive a tax credit equal to 75% of its contribution, up to a maximum of \$200,000 per year. The tax credit increases to 90% of the contribution made, up to a maximum of \$200,000 per taxable year if the business agrees to provide the same amount of contribution for two consecutive years.

**Music News Update**

The following 5 Students qualified for LLMEA County Chorus: Natalie Payne, Ande Maguire, Veronica Morales, Keegan Maguire and Quentin Gable. Congratulations to these students for a job well done!