

Pottstown Schools – Building a Better Tomorrow

POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT POINTS OF PRIDE SPRING 2013

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Student activities are an integral part of our educational program. Co-curricular programs are not only a way for students to have fun, but also a valuable educational tool. Activities provide an opportunity for all students to participate and help build community recognition and identity. Co-curricular activities are designed to instill school pride and teach life-long lessons. They support the academic mission of the school district and promote citizenship and sportsmanship. The activities program is a testing ground for the physical and emotional development of our young people. **IT IS BETTER TO BUILD STRONG CHILDREN THAN TRY TO REPAIR ADULTS.**

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BASEBALL

Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference First Team

Richy Masciarelli

Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference Second Team

- Jason Hydier
- Joey Schaaf

Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference Honorable Mention Team

- Bailey Brown
- Jimmy Mullen
- Dylan Vermeesch

Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference All-Star Team

Bailey Brown

Richy Masciarelli

Bailey Brown was named the Most Valuable Player on the Pioneer Athletic Conference All-Star Team which competed against the Berks All-Star Team in a game played at the First Energy Stadium in Reading, Pennsylvania.

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Richy Masciarelli

Named to The Mercury All Area Second Team Jason Hydier

Named to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team

- Jimmy Mullen
 Bailey Brown
- Joey Schaaf
 Dylan Vermeesch

SOFTBALL

Named to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team

- Rayanna Ramsey
- Jade Yingling
- Megan O'Donnell

GIRLS' LACROSSE

Named to the Pioneer Athletic All Conference First Team

- Kelsey Shumaker Attack
- Gina Moore Defense
- Madison Mackewicz Mid-Field

Named to the Pioneer Athletic All Conference Honorable Mention Team

Morgan Wambold

Named to The Mercury All Area Second Team

• Gina Moore

Named to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team

- Kelsey Shumaker
- Madison Mackewicz

GIRLS' TRACK

Pioneer Athletic Conference (PAC-10) Championship Individual Results:

 Fatimah Boyd – 3rd Place – 200 Meter Dash; 3rd Place – 400 Meter Run; Qualifies for District Championships

Named to the Pioneer Athletic All Conference Honorable Mention Team

• Fatimah Boyd (200 Meter Dash and 400 Meter Run)

Named to The Mercury All Area Second Team

• Fatimah Boyd

BOYS' TRACK

Results of Viking Invitational Track Meet

- Mason Weber finished 1st in the Discus with a district qualifying throw of 135'1".
- 4x100 Meter Relay Team placed 2nd with Dayon Mohler, Jon Charles, Antonio Moore and anchored by Najee Johnson
- Bryant Quill placed 2nd in the 110 Hurdles
- > James Wood placed 4th in the 110 Hurdles
- > Denzel Harvey placed 4th in the 400 Meter
- > Dayon Mohler placed 4th in the High Jump
- > Antonio Moore placed 4th in the Triple Jump

Results of Great Valley High School Relays:

- 1st Place Hurdle Relay Team of Caleb White, James Wood, Dennis Cannady and Bryant Quill. Malik Smith-King
- > 3rd Place Antonio Moore in the Triple Jump
- > 3rd Place Dayon Mohler and Bryant Quill in the High Jump
- 7th Place 4x100 Meter Relay Team of Najee Johnson, Jon Charles, Antonio Moore and Dayon Mohler
- ➢ 6th Place Mason Weber and Alex Humma in the Discus

Pioneer Athletic Conference (PAC-10) - Track Championships Individual Results:

- Mason Weber 1st Place Discus; Qualifies for District Championships
- Antonio Moore 2nd Place Triple Jump; Qualifies for District Championships
- **Dayon Mohler** 2nd Place High Jump; Qualifies for District Championships
- Bryant Quill 3rd Place Hurdles; Qualifies for District Championships
- James Wood 5th Place Hurdles; Qualifies for District Championships
- Najee Johnson 4th Place Long Jump; Qualifies for District Championships
- Dayon Mohler, Jon Charles, Antonio Moore, and Najee Johnson 5th Place 4x100 Meter Relay; Qualifies for District Championships

District I AAA Championship Results:

• Mason Weber – 6th – Personal best throw of 146', 5" - Discus

Named to the Pioneer Athletic All Conference First Team

Mason Weber (Discus)

Named to the Pioneer Athletic All Conference Second Team

- Dayon Mohler (High Jump)
- Antonio Moore (Triple Jump)

Named to the Pioneer Athletic All Conference Honorable Mention Team

Bryant Quill (110 Meter Hurdles)



Named to The Mercury All Area First Team

Mason Weber

Named to The Mercury All Area Second Team

- Bryant Quill
- Dayon Mohler
- Antonio Moore

Named to the Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team

Najee Johnson

ACADEMIC RECOGNITIONS

PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE ALL ACADEMIC TEAM

- Baseball
- Bailey Brown
- Lacrosse
- Morgan Wambold
- Softball
- Megan O'Donnell
- Boys' Track Nate Smith
- Girls' Track Sydney Swartz

PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CITIZEN ATHLETE AWARD

Kelsey Shumaker

HIGH SCHOOL

ROTC cadets visited the Reading Army National Guard Armory and learned about various aspects of military life and weapons of the past and present.



Business Technology students competing in the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Computer Fair showed off their talents with Gio Maldonado, Tom Viscuso, and Matt Tessier placing First in the Web Design category. Placing First in the Graphic Design category were Josh Metzger and Zach Davis. Emily Overdorf, Andrea Moses, and Nate Flickinger placed Third in Graphic Design. Members of the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America Club participated in the State Competition. Individual results included:

Student Name	Grade	Star Event Competition Categories	Medal
Alyssa Wanish	12	Culinary	Silver
Hannah Irvin	12	Cake Decorating	Silver
Jaime Caballero	11	Culinary	Silver
Matthew Taylor	12	Culinary	Silver
Robert McCoy	11	Baking and Pastry Arts	Bronze
Kim Swanson	12	Food and Beverage Service	Silver
Ryan Krause	11	Hospitality	Bronze
Derek Piechota	11	Hospitality	Bronze
Savanna Seeders	11	Nutrition	Bronze
Jamie Yergey	11	Voting Delegate	Unscored Category/Club representative at governing meetings/events regarding bylaws and changes.

Brett Myers has been named the head coach of the Pioneer Athletic Conference Senior Bowl. He, along with his staff, will coach team "Freedom." Pottstown players named to the teams include: Darrius Bookard, Nate Flickinger, Andrew Gazzillo, Monroe Hampton, Jaloni Hutchinson, Antonio Moore, Sage Reinhart, Julian Teller, Chase Watters, and Mason Weber.

DECA students competed in the 62nd Annual District 8 Career Development Conference. Award winners included:

Tatiana Robinson	Modeling	3 rd Place
Ty Wolfel	Business Services	9 th Place
Megan O'Donnell	Accounting Applications Series	2 nd Place/Highest role play
Lindsey Havyer	Business Law and Ethics	7 th Place
Emily Griffin	Business Law and Ethics	7 th Place
Sierra Lee	Food Marketing Series	8 th Place
Michael Stilwell	Hospitality and Tourism	9 th Place
Ryan McMahon	Retail Merchandising Series	8 th Place
Timmy Renninger	Sports and Entertainment	8 th Place/5 th place in
	Marketing	modeling
Megan Schmidt	Buying and Merchandising	1 st Place/Highest role play
	Management Team	
Miranda Somich	Buying and Merchandising	1 st Place/Highest role play
	Management Team	

DECA students competed in the 62nd Annual State Career Development Conference. <u>Place winners included:</u>

- Megan Schmidt Top 6 in the category of Business Service Marketing; she also received a medallion for the highest role play score.
- Tatiana Robinson Top 6 in the category of Job Interview
- Aaliyah Ford and Jarisma Mauras Placed 2nd in the Banner competition
- Emily Griffin was selected to be the Pennsylvania Voting Delegate to the National Convention

Cadets from the AFJROTC unit competed in the Academic Bowl. The competition is conducted online and consists of SAT type questions in math, science, reading, and writing. The Pottstown team scored better than over 60 other teams to earn a place in the second round of competition. Members of the team included: Nathan Kugler, Alfredo Matias, Trent Kancianic, and Chad Brown.



Results from the Montgomery County Reading Olympics

- The upperclassmen team "Towering Trojans" led by team captain Joe Borders with Imani Graham, Megan Eppler, Crichana Davis, Kelsey Bainbridge, Cyrus Johnson, Jasheel Brown with help from underclassman, Tiffany Cuascut scored 33 points against opposing teams from Upper Merion, Upper Perkiomen and Merion-Mercy Academy, by fielding 20 plus questions in each round, earning green ribbons.
- The underclassmen team "Book Buds" led by team captain, Angelina Schaff with Leah Yeary, Tessa Bridges, Jennifer Remick, Donna Oyella, Briahna Gerloff, Kiara Horsey, Chanita Davis and Leila Atoo scored 30 points in 3 rounds of questioning against opposing teams from Upper Merion, Plymouth Whitemarsh and Spring-Ford, earning green ribbons as well.
- Thanks to Mr. Trostle, Mrs. Wise, Ms. Slotter, Mrs. McCullough, Mrs. Rapp, Mr. Perrone and Mrs. Luzeski for their support to our students; the District, Mrs. Neitz and Diamond Credit Union for funding this academic event and making it possible each school year.



Members of the Interact Club, along with members of Pottstown Rotary, joined hands to help beautify the



pavilion area at Riverfront Park. Interact members included: Kris Horsey, Imani Graham, Annbria Speed, and Bishop Corney.

Lindsey Havyer was named the Daughters' of the American Revolution Good Citizen. She is a member of the DECA Club and Color Guard. She created the Pottstown Cleanup Project and hosted the Miss Pottstown Pageant while helping to raise money for Make a Wish Foundation. She will be attending Kutztown University majoring in business administration.

Business Marketing and Accounting students took a field trip to Citizens Bank Park Stadium and the University of Pennsylvania for a behind the scenes tour.



The Junior Air Force ROTC Unit was recognized for the 15th year in a row by the United States Air Force with their Distinguished Unit Recognition. This award goes to the top 5% of the over 900 ROTC units throughout the world. The 121 cadet unit is led by Col. Jake Porter and Sgt. Alex Bolar.



Members of the Marketing class participated in the YEP Marketing Challenge. Top winners in the 32nd Web Video Commercial Division were Bianca Kelly and Anthony Oglesby.

Pottstown High School was awarded a \$250.00 prize by the Montgomery County Health Department in recognition of winning the "Seat Belt Challenge." Over the course of the year, Pottstown High School

showed the most improved use of seat belts by its students and staff.



Class of 2013 Information

- Number of girls 88
- Number of boys 100
- Number of students who attended Pottstown schools for all 12 years of their education – 94
- Post High School Plans:
 - Continuing Education:
 - 4 year college/university 56
 - 2 year college 32
 - Trade/technical school 13
 - Armed Services 11
 - Work World **16**
 - \circ Other (homemaker, unemployed, unknown, etc.) 11

Valedictorian - Megan Schmidt Salutatorian - Miranda Somich Class President - Johnean Wheatley







MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Jazz Band, under the direction of Ben Hayes, competed at the Arcola Jazz Festival and received a rating of "Excellent." Soaad Elbahwati received the "Outstanding Soloist Award" on alto sax. The trombone section of Kyle Kratzer, Caitlin McLaughlin, Julian Weber, Khalif Jeter, and Ross Mather received recognition as the "Best Trombone Section."

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The Sophisticated Ladies and Distinguished Gentlemen's Club, with sponsors Terry Neimann and Leslie Smoyer, conducted a "Pennies for Patients" drive and raised over \$1,000.00 for the Leukemia

and Lymphoma Society. Members of the club include: Jeremy Adams, Giovany Arroyo, Ashley Daniels, Giuliano Deleo, Brenda Dempsey, James Diamond, Syncere Dyches, Xaria Fatal, Madison Jordan, Kyle Taylor and Anthony Wiggins.



her perseverance in achieving academic success while at the

same time contributing to the school and community.

Eighth grade student Ashley Adams was recognized with the Joan Jarrett Award from the Pennsylvania Association for Middle Level Education. The award recognizes



The 4th Annual Energy Expo was presented by eighth grade students and organized by teachers Jared Leimeister and Jennifer Mitchell-Winterbottom and was supported through a grant from the PECO Energizing Education Program, the National Energy Foundation Project, and The Franklin Institute.





READING OLYMPICS

Book Busters - Red Ribbon	Page T	urners - Green Ribbon	Trojans - Blue Ribbon	
Racheal Levengood	Sara Levengood		Marvin Pearson	
Kyli McKee	Angelique Olvera		Kenil Patel	
Danielle Slody	Alysha Soto		Bryan Perez	
Soaad Elbahwati	Jennifer Weng		Izabelle Shiffler	
Alivia Lopez	Abby Welder		Emma Pargeon	
Ma.Sofia Sosa	Isabella Gillis		Kiersten Heverly	
Tiariss Tinson	Kim Will	kinson	Ashley Adams	
Yuliza Cruz	Audrey	Morton	Megan Mace	
Heather Swanson	Megan \	Veller	Johnesha Salata	
Rebecca Harper	Alaysia		Tiffany Hilbert	
Taylor Mickletz	Courten	ey Parry	Dylan Brandt	
			Ceara Jackson	
Ravenous Readers – Green	Ribbon	Chapter Challengers –	Yellow Ribbon	
Aubrey Miller		Jayla Holloway		
Taylor Sundstrom		Alex Caballero		
Erinn Mayes		Jai Jefferson		
Malika Johnson Mauras		Tyler Carter		
Jesse Moyer		Donyak Skinner		
Destyn Snyder		Kiyah Curtis Cotton		
Julianna Roseo		Dazah Regusters		
Ashley Daniels		Christian Velez		
Lindy Shiffler				
Jiamir Canty Rico				



WINNERS OF THE EDGEWOOD JELLYBEAN CONTEST

Thank you to Helen Weincek who has organized



and run this program for many years. Winners were:

- 5K Anthony Ahmed in Nicola Pascal's class
- 2nd grader Connor Heller in Tina Ludy's class
- 4th grader Jacob Stiefel in Denise Schleicher's class

<u>Rupert Elementary – Third Marking Period</u> <u>I'MPACT Award Winners</u>

- Kindergarten Austen Kennedy
- 1st Grade Zhon Bell
- > 2nd Grade Taetum Robbins
- > 3rd Grade Jaylah Becker-Aiken
- > 4th Grade Garrett Hartline
- ➢ 5th Grade Carena Williams

Members of the Team in attendance for the visits:

Deb Gratzinger, Ray Golden, Tracy Groff-Camacho, Laurie Gresko, Cindy Bartolucci, Shannon Wagner, Rebecca Wyatt, Jamie Fazekas, Allen Ferster, Debbie Wilson

Edgewood Elem. Voluntary Walking Club

Physical education teacher Jane Thompson has



organized a voluntary walking club and has over 30 students participating in the once a week, 20 minute walking tour of the neighborhood. She is assisted by Kerry Kline and parent volunteer Sandy Mather.

Lincoln Elementary School's Reading Olympics team "The Lightning" earned Blue Ribbon Top Honors at the competition held at Souderton High School. Team members included:



- Team Captain Winni Weng
- Assistant Captain Alix Stewart
- Team Members: Emme Wolfel, Kaile Butterfield, Megan Robie, William Maddox, Melissa Coleman, Donovan Towson, Seth Jones, Somaiya Tate, Dylan Murphy, Christine Martinez, Kylie Boughter, and MiKayla Viers.

State Senator John Rafferty recognized the Bulldog Club and its founder and sponsor Mr. Mike DiDonato for their outstanding achievement and providing opportunities for excellent mentor and leadership training. -13-



Rupert Elementary School supported the Relay For Life with a "Dimes Make A Difference" campaign. Over a four week period, the students raised almost \$750.00. Mrs. Langdon's fifth grade class was the top fundraiser with \$195.00 followed by Mrs. Wyatt's second grade class who raised \$112.00.

Edgewood and Rupert Elementary Schools took part in a friendly competition during the Families and Reading Month. The challenge to see which students could read the most pages at home was



won by Edgewood with a total of 104,363 pages. Their reward was to see Principal Calista Boyer be "slimed" in front of the entire student body. State Representative Mark Painted visited Rupert Elementary School and read to the students during D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read) Day.



Second grade students in Rebecca Wyatt's class visited the DaVinci Science Center in Allentown and participated in hands-on scientific experiments. The highlight of the day was being in a real science lab participating in an experiment where they created their own slime.



The Barth BEES are a leadership club of fifth grade girls coordinated by Jeniffer Burkholder, Mandy Langdon, and Kelli Wolfel. They partner with the Pottstown Chapter of the Soroptimist Club to help provide leadership training.



Rupert Elementary School Winners of the Human Relations Commission Art and Essay Contest were:

- Madison Qualtino
- Nysir Dowling
- Jayden Pray



ELEMENTARY READING OLYMPICS

Barth Read Big or Go Home		Barth Reading Warriors		Edgewood Elites		
Blue Ribbon		Red Ribbon		Blue Ribbon		
Topanga Brooks		Haile Clayton		Nathalie Baten		
Heaven Charriez		Aiden Crowder		Beyonce' Brown		
NiYell Clifford			O	Chey	enne Dickinson	
Sylvahna Craft		Jena Epright		Isabelle Dupon		
Nancy Deschamps Ocam	ро	Anyae Germa	any	Amari Folly		
Kaelyn Draucker		Nathan Harper		Rasherra Jackson		
Zoe Earle		Sherese Marshall		Nathan Lang		
Haley Haas		Jamair McCa	lpine Thomas	Hannah Lewiski		
Alexa Howard		Wesley McCa	alpine	Anthony Lowe		
Justice Mayes		Jada Öliver	-	Diego	Magana	
Pearce Raegler		Briana Quarle	es	Marco	os Maldonado	
Robbie Raegler		Gabriela Rey	es	Josep	h McLoughlin	
Mason Saltzer		Faith Roach		Kishan Patel		
Cheyenne Shirley	Cheyenne Shirley		Lillian Stirk		Jacob Stiefel	
Jaleinda Thompson			Austin Weller		Alexis Taylor	
Taina Virola	Taina Virola		Niana White		Raquel Villegas	
Franklin's Rockin'		n's Ballistic	Lincoln Lighten	ing	Rupert Reading	
Readers	Bookworms		Readers		Racers	
Blue Ribbon		e Ribbon	Blue Ribbon		Blue Ribbon	
Dezmyre Aiken	Shelby (Kylie Boughter		Zachary Beekley	
Tajime Brown	Elijah Davis		Kaile Butterfield		Tyler Bruton	
Christina Butler	Jacob Eames		Melissa Coleman		Kamrin Gatlin	
Brooklyn Colegrove	Andrew Green		Seth Jones		Kameryn Herpich	
Devin Dolla	Paige Jones		William Maddox		David Hicks	
Hannah Feist	Tahkeim Lowe		Cristine Martinez		Isaiah Lamar	
Erin Glass	Cayla McNair		Dylan Murphy		Courtney Maulseed	
Avery Heverly	Riley Mead		Megan Robie		Alexandria Olvera	
Kaylin Lascik	Jonae Oister		Alixander Stewart		Amana Douglas-Quill	
Julian Paskel	Payton Reid		Somaiya Tate		Destri Roye	
Esteban Pineda	Isabel Sharp		Donovan Towson		Emily Russo	
Bryce Redd	Marisa Walker		MiKayla Viers		Arianna Rumley	
Tanner Scott	Emily Weber		Winni Weng		Kito Thompson	
Phillip Shiffler	Harmony Wood		Emme Wolfel		Julius Vargas	
	Cart III	ACT			Hannah Wilson	



WILLIAM A. ENGLE AWARD WINNERS

Barth – Grade 4	Edgewood – Grade 4	Franklin – Grade 4
Pearce Raegler	Nathan Lang	Logan Franey
Nathan Harper	 Kishan Patel 	 Tiana Boekhoudt
Austin Weller	Carson Hewitt	 Naomi Parson
Barth – Grade 5	Edgewood – Grade 5	<u>Franklin – Grade 5</u>
Emily Weber	Beyonce Brown	 Tanner Scott
Phillip Shiffler	Sophia DiCandilo	 Hannah Feist
Nayeli Cruz	 Madison Friedman 	 Jacob Emes
<u>Lincoln – Grade 4</u>	Rupert – Grade 4	
Jordan Go	Kameryn Herpich	
Allison Horne	Destri Roye	
 Samantha Levey 	Hannah Wilson	
<u>Lincoln – Grade 5</u>	Rupert – Grade 5	
Alyssa Rulli	 Jacob Eagle 	
Winni Weng	Zachary Beekley	
Evan DeBlase	 Kito Thompson 	

MCDONALD'S WRITING AWARD WINNERS

The annual McDonald's Writing Award Contest is sponsored by Bruce and Marcia Graham, owners of the local McDonald's restaurants. This year's topic was "...." Award winners included:

Barth Elementary

- Kindergarten Connor Egleston
- Grade 1 Angel Jones
- Grade 2 Yameen Rahim
- Grade 3 Christinna Longenecker
- Grade 4 Hadaysha Rivera

Edgewood Elementary

- Kindergarten Eva McKeever-Gell
- Grade 1 Regina Fleming
- Grade 2 Gabrielle Cassell
- Grade 3 Jack Engleman
- Grade 4 Brea Corbin
- Grade 5 Madison Friedman

Franklin Elementary

- Kindergarten Riley O'Brien
- Grade 1 Denajah Bailey
- Grade 2 Kaela Auman
- Grade 3 Akira Love
- Grade 4 Kaylin Lascik
- Grade 5 Phillip Shiffler

Lincoln Elementary

- Kindergarten Aniah Smith
- Grade 1 Ariana Careme
- Grade 2 Jedi Buting
- Grade 3 Jayniana Williams
- Grade 4 Raymond Long
- Grade 5 Evan DeBlase

Rupert Elementary

- Kindergarten Aniyah Wells
- Grade 1 Ricardo Scott
- Grade 2 Abigail Eagle
- Grade 3 Gabriel Roseo
- Grade 4 Kameryn Herpich
- Grade 5 Zelias Bray

Pottstown Middle School

- Grade 6 Megan Weller
- Grade 7 Emily Jerdon
- Grade 8 Randall Jackson











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STAFF AND SCHOOL BOARD AWARDS

High school teacher Mr. Cal Benfield was recognized as one of the top 23 finalists in the Montgomery

County Intermediate Unit's Voices of Inspiration Award for Teaching Excellence.



TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Named as the Pottstown School District Building Teacher of the Year Recipients:

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- Barth Elementary School
- Edgewood Elementary School
- Franklin Elementary School
- Lincoln Elementary School
- Rupert Elementary School
- Pottstown Middle School
- Pottstown High School

- Jaime Stringer
- Diana Hofmanner
- Lori Freese
- Jennifer Groff
- Natalie Pileggi
- Ginger Angelo
- Mark Agnew



Named Pottstown School District Teacher of the Year - Diana Hofmanner





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HOME GROWN

The Pottstown School District has a 134 year history of preparing young people to play a vital and productive role in their community. Our alumni have distinguished themselves as leaders in many fields of endeavor including: science, math, business, military, industrial, entertainment, writing, and education to name a few. We salute those Trojans who have returned to the Pottstown School District and are helping to form the foundation for the success of future generations.

- Jaime Parris Class of 2008 Long-Term Substitute
- Gerauldine Alderfer Class of 2008 Intervention Assistant
- Amanda High Class of 2005 Intervention Assistant
- <u>Dennis Arms</u> Class of 2005 High School Business Education Teacher and Key Club Advisor
- Jacob Bean Class of 2004 Intervention Specialist and Assistant Football and Baseball Coach
- Jennifer Wiand Class of 2003 Mathematics Teacher
- Hayley Mutter Quigley Class of 2001 Speech and Language Pathologist
- Kristin Hoffmaster Lafferty Class of 2000 First Grade Teacher
- William Grim Class of 2000 Head Custodian Barth Elementary
- Michaela Johnson Class of 1999 Health Occupations Instructor
- Robin Huss Anderson Class of 1994 Kindergarten Teacher Lincoln Elementary
- Matthew Moyer Class of 1992 Principal Rupert Elementary
- Dina Rice Class of 1989 Speech and Language Therapist
- EceAnn McCullough Class of 1989 Paraprofessional Substitute in Special Education Department
- Brad Bechtel Class of 1988 Head Wrestling Coach
- Diana Magliocchetti Hofmanner Class of 1988 First Grade Teacher Edgewood Elementary
- Rhonda Lawler Dinnocenti Class of 1988 Administrative Assistant for Student Services
- Theodore Freese Class of 1985 Elementary Librarian
- Wendy Watters Class of 1985 One-on-One Classroom Assistant
- Jan Paolucci Endy Class of 1985 Word Processing Specialist
- Lisa Whitehurst Class of 1984 Spanish Teacher
- Danielle McCoy Class of 1982 Director of Career and Technical Education
- Rhonda Levan Shumaker Class of 1982 Edgewood Elementary Secretary
- Todd Endy Class of 1981 Volunteer Assistant Baseball and Football Coach
- Andrea Hunsberger Class of 1980 Intervention Specialist
- Valerie Pace Reifsneider Class of 1979 Assistant to Director of Technology
- Karen Weary Dilliplane Class of 1978 School Nurse Barth Elementary
- Andrea Poremba Skokowski Class of 1978 Lincoln Elementary Secretary
- Susan Searfoss Davis Class of 1977 Benefits Coordinator
- Kerry Landis Kline Class of 1975 Intervention Assistant
- Aliceclair laeger Faust Class of 1974 Middle School Librarian
- Diane Nash Class of 1973 Franklin Elementary Secretary
- Andrea Plavcan Class of 1972 Secretary to the Superintendent
- Timothy I. Mutter Class of 1968 High School Student Proctor

There is a strong sense of loyalty and commitment to the mission of the Pottstown School District. Read what some of our "home grown" staff have to say about why they are proud to be a part of the Pottstown School District:

- Because I am now able to give back the same life principles that were given to me.
- As a student and as an employee, I have met many people who have inspired and encouraged me to pursue my dream. I could not think of a better place to be.
- I am part of a fantastic group of teachers who do more than is asked, suggested, or required; who provide hope, purpose, and direction for kids who would otherwise be lost.
- > I am able to make a difference in the community that shaped me into the educator and adult I am today.
- > We work together as a team to help our students learn.
- > I am proud to work with a group of dedicated staff members in a district that looks for what is best for the students.

- ▶ I want to serve as a positive role model and assist our youth in achieving their goals.
- I had so many wonderful teachers who inspired me to pursue a career in education. I love being able to give back to my hometown.
- > How everyone in the district works together to give our students the best education.
- My father graduated from Pottstown and always showed pride in his alma mater. That pride flows from generation to generation. All who work in the Pottstown School District strive to give our students an education that includes a balance of academics and the arts.
- Being with the children of Pottstown every day and working with their families to guide them in becoming successful adults is not just my job it is my calling and I am proud to be a part of something so important.
- It is an honor to give the students of Pottstown the same great education I received when I attended school. I hope to be an inspiration to students that they can grow up and do great things.
- I am proud of being a part of the ongoing work to provide an exceptional educational environment that will help our students succeed.
- > I am proud to be back at Pottstown helping to make a difference by supporting our teachers and staff.
- > It makes me proud to know that I played a small but important part in their lives by paying it forward.
- My whole family graduated from Pottstown and all of us have been involved in many school activities. We are Trojans and proud of it!

THANK YOU TO OUR FRIENDS

Thank you to Marie Delvecchio for her donation of children's reading books to the Barth Elementary School



Thank you to The Frances Chapin Foundation for their support of the PEAK Program, Dual Enrollment Program, and elementary libraries.

Thank you to Ed Termyna, owner of Rita's Water Ice on N. Charlotte Street, for his donation of treats which were provided to Franklin Elementary students as a reward for their performance on PSSA testing.







The Pottstown School District is proud of the members of its Trojan family and will honor its deceased alumni by recognizing them and their accomplishments in our "Fallen Trojan" section. Anyone wishing to have alumni recognized should provide appropriate information to: John J. Armato, Director of Community Relations, 230 Beech Street, Pottstown PA 19464 or email jarmato@pottstownsd.org.

- John D. Koenig Jr. Class of 1959 Born in Reading, Pa., Mr. Koenig was the son of Mary (Kuzan) Koenig and the late John D. Koenig Sr. He was a tool and die maker and worked for Doehler Jarvis Co., Pottstown, before establishing J. D. Koenig Jr. Tool and Die Company, Boyertown. He retired in 2005. He was an auto enthusiast and enjoyed his 2008 Corvette.
- Christine M. (Konoza) Morton Class of 1986 She was the wife of John E. Morton. Born in Bridgeport, PA, she was a daughter of the late Edward J. and Annamarie (Zambella) Konoza. She enjoyed visiting flea markets, thrift shops, and yard sales. She was an avid collector and enjoyed antiquing and listening to music. Most of all, she was extremely family oriented and loved spending time with her family.
- Kenneth C. "Whoop" Drumheller Sr. Class of 1944 Widow of Josey (Yeagle) Drumheller. Born in Pottstown on March 27, 1926, he was the son of the late Earl and Verna (Scheidt) Drumheller. Over the years, Whoop was a salesman for Schultz Baking Co., and ARA, Reading. His hobbies were building homes and restoring antiques. He was fifteen when he made the All Suburban Football Team in 1941. He was a veteran serving in France and German with the 100th infantry in World War II as a sergeant.
- John Harley Jensen Class of 2010 He was born in Phoenixville to Gary and Susan (Capoferri) Jensen. John was a devoted son, brother, grandson, cousin and nephew. John was a wrestler and a 2010 graduate of Pottstown High School. An avid hunter and fisherman, John loved the outdoors including going to the Delaware Shore to go fishing. John worked as a machine operator for Auger Fabrication.
- Editha M. (Herbst) Keene Class of 1945 age 85, widow of James R. Keene. Born in Pottstown, PA, she was a daughter of the late George Dewey Herbst and the late Evelyn LaRue (Boorse) Herbst. She graduated from the Pottstown Hospital School of Nursing in 1948. She worked as a nurse for 30 years, was last employed by the New Life Boy's Ranch, Skippack. She was a lifelong member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Pottstown.
- Charles W. Bechtel Class of 1942 He was the husband of the late Maybella V. (Galloway) Bechtel. Born in Pottstown, PA, he was a son of the late John F. and Susan (Whitby) Bechtel. Mr. Bechtel known as "Chas" to his friends and family was the youngest driver ever hired for the Reading Transportation System as a bus driver. He was a realtor in Pottstown from 1959 until 1983. He served in the Merchant Marines during WWII. Mr. Bechtel was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Pottstown and was a member of the church council. He was a member of Stichter Lodge #254 F&AM Pottstown, and was a former member of the Coventry Lions Club; and he served on the advisory board of the Salvation Army for 15 years. Chas loved to play cards, especially Pinochle and he liked to work outdoors.

- Leon Gibbs, Jr. Class of 1980 He was the husband of Paula Winters-Gibbs. Born in Pottstown, he was a son of Leon C. Gibbs, Sr. and Patricia A. Faison-Gehris. Leon was baptized at the Second Baptist Church, Pottstown, PA. His family is currently parishioners of Sacred Heart Church. Leon was a coach for Berks Catholic Youth football and basketball and many other youth organizations. He sat on the board for the Berks Catholic Youth Football Program. He was also a coach for the Olivet Boys and Girls Club Baseball Program and was a member of the Blacktop Basketball Association of Reading. Leon was an independent accountant and also worked for Amazon Company in the warehouse and the Wilson School District in the Transportation Department.
- Timothy S. Galloway Class of 1982 Born in Pottstown, he is the son of Paul and Barbara (Dickinson) Galloway Jr. of Pottstown. He was employed as an auditor by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Tim was an avid studier of Trivia and Civil War History. He was a member the Hampton Battery F Civil War Reenactment Co. and the Pottstown Elks Lodge # 814.
- Marion Kunitsky Class of 1945 Marion, the husband of Beverly (Wagner) Kunitsky, just recently celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary. Born and raised in Fagleysville, he was the son of the late Stephen Kunitsky and Agnes (Shatkum) Sawchuk. He was the youngest of seven children. He served in the Navy during World War II. Marion worked for the United States Post Office for 38 years. Over the years, he also worked part time at Town Toy, Pottstown Paper & Supply, and Cole Tobacco. He was the originator of the acronym L.A.M.P. Lights for Athletes & Music at Pottsgrove when the high school put lights on the athletic field in 1989. Marion was a faithful member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, The Pottstown Kiwanis Club and Elks Club #814, Pottstown. Marion enjoyed the Phillies and never missed an opportunity to attend events and activities of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. But probably the thing most everyone will remember about him was his love of making people laugh by sharing his incredible and never ending collection of jokes.
- Theodore G. "Max" Drauschak Class of 1946 Max was the eldest son of the late Michael and Laura (Stubbs) Drauschak. Until his illness became disabling, he was an automobile mechanic who worked in partnership with his father Mike and brother Bill in the family business, Mike's Auto Repair, located on the corner of Rt. 422 and Rupert Rd., Limerick Township. He was an avid fisherman and hunter and enjoyed watching the Phillies and Eagles.
- Verna H. Hadley Class of 1939 Born Veronica Helen Yonkovitch on November 30, 1919, Verna was the oldest daughter of George J. Yonkovitch and Anna Kovach Yonkovitch of Pottstown. She was elected "Miss Popularity" by fellow students and community members to represent her school at a leadership conference for young women in Vermont. In 1941 she married W. Carroll "Pete" Hadley of Coatesville. Verna's bubbly personality and interest in people made her an outstanding salesperson. She worked many years at the specialty Babette Hat Shop, then Kessler's Department Store, where she started in sales and eventually headed the Bridal Salon as buyer and consultant, and later at Marjorie's Fashions. Along with Verna's career as wife, mother, and consultant, she was always a devoted and active participant in St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church, Pottstown, as a choir and sodality member. Verna loved dancing with her husband to the sounds of the big bands that entertained during the 1940s at the Sunnybrook Ballroom in Pottstown and also bowling together on leagues where she excelled and carried home high-scoring trophies.

- Elizabeth M. Haas Class of 1939 She was the widow of Merrill H. Haas. She was a daughter of the late Maurice and Hannah (Mack) Himes. She had been employed in her younger years as a Nurses Aide at Pottstown Hospital, in addition to working at the former Collette Dress Factory.
- Charles E. Bast Class of 1934 Past Master of Stichter Masonic Lodge #254, born October 2. 1916, died Monday June 3, 2013. He was born in Pottsville, PA. He was the son of the late Lewis I. Bast and Anna W. (Evans) Bast. He was married to Betty (Rhoads) Bast for 26 years (deceased), Florence Elliott for 19 years (deceased), and Bettie Pierce (deceased). Mr. Bast graduated from Wyomissing Polytechnic in 1937, and continued his education at Montgomery County Community College, Penn State, and Ursinus College. Mr. Bast was employed as a Tool and Die Maker for Doehler Jarvis Company, Stowe, for 46 years retiring in 1981. He was the owner of the Pottstown Engineer Company, a partner in Triangle Machine and Tool Company, and a broker for A Apple Real Estate, Pottstown. He was an avid reader, enjoyed competitive Bridge, and, when younger, an avid golfer. During his life, he enjoyed photography, Chess, travel, philosophy, and a good discussion. He was a member of the Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship of Pottstown. A 50-year member and Past Master Stichter Lodge No. 254 F and AM, Pottstown, Past High Priest of Pottstown Royal Arch Chapter Reading Consistory 32, Past President of Pottsgrove High Twelve Club, a member of Spring-Ford High Twelve Club and Fellowships High Twelve Club of Reading, Past President of Pennsylvania State Association of High Twelve Clubs, Past Chairman of Expansion Committee High Twelve International. He was instrumental in organizing six High Twelve Clubs in Pennsylvania. Mr. Bast was Charter Member. driver. and initial organizer North End Fire Company, and a Charter Member of the North End Swim Club. He served in the Pennsylvania National Guard during peacetime and made ammunition during WWII and the Korean Conflict. He was Chairman of the Douglass Berks Township Planning Commission for many years.
- Donald Joseph Pogwist, Sr. Class of 1955 Don was born in Nanticoke, PA on January 1, 1937, the son of the late Leo C. and Stella (Skonieczski) Pogwist, Sr. He married his sweetheart, Madalene, on January 25, 1958. Don was the owner of Leodon Brothers and Tiny Toddler Juvenile Furniture Store in Blades DE for many years. He was a past Blades Councilman, a past member of the Blades School Board, a former member of the Nanticoke Lions Club, and a member of the Nanticoke Senior Center. Mr. Pogwist was also an avid collector of many things including antiques.
- Thomas C. Wright Class of 1959 Born in Reading, PA, on February 13, 1941 he was a son of the late George C. Wright and the late Sarah E. (Carl) Wright. Thom was raised in Pottstown and resided in the Pottstown/Stowe area nearly all of his 72 years. He was employed as a machinist for Universal Machine Co., Stowe from 1978-2003. Thom was a talented drummer and a lover of music, as well as an avid reader. Thom was a member of Stichter Lodge #254, Pottstown, Manatawny Association, West End Fire Co. and the Holy Trinity Club.
- Lincoln K.P. Buchanan Class of 1938 Born in Lewes, DE, he moved to Pottstown in 1935 and was a graduate of Pottstown Business School. He operated the family farm and worked in the purchasing department of Bethlehem Steel Fabricating Shop, Pottstown for 38 years. Later he owned and operated an insurance agency for 17 years, retiring in 1989 on the family farm on which he had lived since 1940. During World War II, he served in the Army Medical Corps as a Medical Technician. He was awarded the World War II Victory Medal, American Theater Service Medal and Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars. He was a member of Zion's United Church of Christ where he served on Consistory as a deacon and elder. Other organizations to which he belonged were: Stichter Lodge No. 254, as past master and past

secretary, Nativity Commandery No. 71, Pottstown Royal Arch Chapter No. 271, Red Cross of Constantine, Palestine Council No. 8, Scottish Rite Bodies Valley of Reading-Past Thrice Potent Master, Past Officer and honorary 33rd Degree Rajah Shrine, Amvets Post 231, American legion Post 244, Elks Lodge 814, VFW Post 180, Life member of Upper Pottsgrove Fire Company, Gilbertsville Fire Company, Pike Township Sportsman Club and member of Travelers Protect Assn.

- Millicent "Millie" Mae (Gourley) Knaster Class of 1943 Was the widow of Brower "Jim" Louis Knaster. Born in Philadelphia, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Mamie (Stauffer) Snow. Millie worked for Dr. James Guthrie and then Pottstown Medical Specialists for over 40 years. She was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ in Pottstown where she was an Elder and member of the Women's Guild. Millie volunteered for PMMC, Church Women's United, and Meals on Wheels.
- Jessie B. (Roup) Early Class of 1941- Jessie was the wife of Edward J. Early. Born in Pottstown, she was the daughter of the late William H. and Mable (Haas) Roup. She was employed for 35 years with the Bureau of Employment Security in Reading. Jessie was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Pottstown, a past president of the Doe Club and Century Club of Pottstown, a member of the Pottstown Garden Club and PMMC North Auxiliary.
- Francis Lamar "Bud" Foley, born on South Street in Pottstown, he was the second son of Edna L. (Murray) Richards and Thomas H. Foley. He was twice the husband of Catherine Elizabeth High, late of North Coventry, PA, the two having eloped to Elkton, MD in January 1943 and remarrying in June 1956. After graduating in the "biggest and best" class of Pottstown High School in 1941, Foley served as a radio operator, receiving and transmitting code for the US Fifth Army in Italy during WWII. After the end of the war in Europe he served as company clerk at battalion headquarters for the 991st Ordnance Tank Maintenance Company in Texas. Mr. Foley was predeceased by his older brothers, Ralph Richards and Truman Foley. A printer by trade, Mr. Foley worked 53 years at Smale's Printery, Pottstown, primarily as a Linotype operator. As an enterprising youth he sold potato chips and the Grit newspaper door to door as well as serving a large delivery route for the Pottstown Herald. While in high school he started his own print shop he called Economy Printing. Later his shop in Englesville served the Boyertown area from the 1950s through 1975. He was a part time chicken farmer raising rare breed chickens and providing customers with an egg delivery service for a short time. In his free time there he rose to undisputed table tennis champion. Bud was a lifelong baseball fan, first of the Philadelphia A's then as a most avid and lifelong fan of the Boston Red Sox. A patriotic Democrat and a supporter of Roosevelt, he was not a fan of unrestrained corporate capitalism. Bud appreciated Hollywood movies and spent much of his later years accumulating and enjoying his large collection.
- Iva M. (Copenhafer) Kline Class of 1933 She was the wife of the late Merrill L. Kline, who died in 1987. She was born in 1915 in Pottstown. Iva was the daughter of the late John T. and Andora (Conver) Copenhafer. Iva was a homemaker to her beloved family. As a young woman she worked briefly at the W.T. Grant store in Pottstown as a salesgirl. Iva did volunteer work in Pottstown, serving Meals On Wheels for 35 years. A member of Grace Lutheran Church, Pottstown since five years old, she was their youth choir director, sang in the adult choir and taught children's Sunday School. She enjoyed playing the piano and organ in her home and other venues as a volunteer. She was also a member of Messiah Lutheran Church.

- <u>Agnes C. Cotton</u> Class of 1928 Principal Cotton, Miss Cotton or Aunt as many of us called her, was 101 years old. Agnes was born November 21, 1911 to the late George and Miriam (Nichols) Cotton. She went on to pursue her dream, graduating from West Chester University where she received a teaching degree. She was a loved and caring elementary teacher in the South Coventry School District. She was also a teacher and principal for many years in the Upper Merion School District. She was a wonderful aunt and gave from the heart.
- Luther L. Rife Class of 1957- Luther was born in Pottstown, PA, he was the son of the late Luther A. and Marion L. Rife (nee Law). Luther was a 1961 of graduate of Muhlenberg College where he received his B.A. in Economics. He served in the U.S. Army during the Cuban Missile Crisis and was honorably discharged. He was a self-employed Real Estate appraiser and a real estate broker. His memberships included the National Association of Realtors, the National Association of Environmental Risk Auditors, Senior Member of Independent Fee Appraisers and the National Association of Real Estate Appraisers. He was a council member and Chairman of the Finance Committee for 12 years. He taught Sunday School for several years. He participated with his sons in Indian Guides through the local YMCA. He was the Boy Scout Troop #222 Committee Chairman, where his two sons, Geoffrey and Christian, each achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Luke was extremely proud of their accomplishment. Luther was also a member of the West Chester Masonic Lodge F&AM #0332 of Pennsylvania. He was a former board member of the West Chester Salvation Army.
- Mary Ann (Rubert) Raymond Radel Class of 1952 She was the wife of Richard J. Radel and the late Julius J. Raymond. Born in Bridgeport, she was the daughter of the late John and Jennie (Santoro) Rubert. She worked for Dr. Nathan Estreicher in Pottstown as a dental assistant. She later worked at the Pottstown YMCA in their nursery as a teaching assistant. Mary was a people person. She loved spending time with her friends especially playing tennis until shortly before her illness. She was a member of St. Aloysius RC Church in Pottstown, where she was active for many years. Over the years, Mary and her husband did a lot of traveling and enjoyed the seashore. Mary took great pride in her family and enjoyed being a homemaker.
- J. Howard Yerger Class of 1941 He was the widower of Helen S. (Bieleski) Yerger who passed away on March 26, 2004. He was the son of the late J. Lee and Katie (Wagner) Yerger. He was a member of New Hanover Lutheran Church, Gilbertsville. Howard worked for Paul and Kenny Moyer home builders and Freed's Supermarket. He was a WWII Army Veteran.



Linwood A. "Bus" Brown, 89, of Pottstown, husband of Hazel J. (Davis) Brown. Born in Douglassville, he was the son of the late Edward Brown Sr. and Minnie (Williams) Brown. Bus was a lifelong member of Second Baptist Church in Pottstown. He was a proud World War II Army veteran who earned 5 bronze stars. He worked for the Pottstown School District as a crossing guard and truancy officer.

<u>ALUMNI</u>

- Lauren Raugh is a junior at Millersville University and a member of the women's lacrosse team.
- Malorie Sassaman is a junior at Franklin and Marshall College and is one of the leading hitters on the women's softball team. She was also named to the dean's list.
- Danae Perrymond is a freshman at Gwynedd-Mercy College and is a member of the women's lacrosse team. She was recently named to the Colonial States Athletic Conference Honorable Mention Team. She enjoyed an impressive rookie season scoring 39 goals. She also added 47 draw controls, 42 ground balls, and 14 caused turnovers.
- Gina Oliver and Shannon Witzel, head coach and assistant coach respectively, led the Cincinnati University women's lacrosse team to the best ever overall team record.
- John Carberry Class of 2003 is a member of Team USA which will represent our country at the World Ball Hockey Championships played in Canada.
- Tom Shuman was named to the 2013 Pennsylvania State Sports Hall of Fame. In high school, he helped lead the Trojans' football team to a Ches-Mont League Championship and was also the leading rebounder on the boys' basketball team. He attended Penn State University where he became the starting quarterback during his junior and senior years. He led the Nittany Lions to a perfect 12-0 season, capped by a victory in the Orange Bowl where he was named MVP. Also as a senior, he led Penn State to a 10-2 mark and a Cotton Bowl Championship. After graduation from Penn State, he played for several years in the Canadian Football League with the Hamilton Tiger Cats.
- Aaron Beasley was named to the 2013 Pennsylvania State Sports Hall of Fame. He helped Pottstown to a Pioneer Athletic Conference Cross Country Championship while at the same time being a standout running back and quarterback for the Trojans. He played four years of basketball and helped the Trojans gain championships in the Pioneer Athletic Conference and District I titles. During his senior year, the basketball team placed 2nd in the State Championships. He attended West Virginia University and was a three year starter in the defensive backfield. He led the WVU football team in season interceptions and was named to the All Big East Conference Team along with several All American teams. He had a nine year career in the NFL playing for the Jacksonville Jaguars, the New York Jets, and the Atlanta Falcons.
- Seth Lawrence, Class of 2009, recently graduated from Kutztown University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy.
- Jason Maldonado, Class of 2010, was named to Dean's List at Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology.
- Ashley Lightcap, Class of 2006, is a graduate of Lock Haven University with a Bachelor of Science degree in sports administration and a 2011 graduate of Alvernia University with a Masters of Business Administration degree.
- > Zachary Ambruch, Class of 2006, is employed with Walsh Construction.

- Anthony Smith, Class of 2005, is a member of the Kansas City "Wild" Arena Football team. He is one of their leading defensive players and has helped them to a 9 and 1 record. Anthony is a graduate of Bloomsburg University, where he was an outstanding member of the highly regarded Division II football team. As a Pottstown High School Trojan, he was a standout football player and District champion wrestler.
- Nora Claire Buck, Class of 2009, graduated magna cum laude from Temple University with a bachelor's degree in social work. She is currently a graduate student at Bryn Mawr College School of Social Work and Social Research where she is pursuing a master's degree in social service.

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