

## Cardale Chronicle

Cardale Elementary is once again pleased to be putting out for publication its own newsletter, the Cardale Chronicle. The Chronicle, which is distributed monthly, outlines and details the happenings of Cardale Elementary. Fifth Grade students write the articles and take the pictures and submit them to Mrs. Frazier and Mrs. Morris, who serve as the newsletter's sponsors. The students really enjoy thinking of new ideas for the newsletter and awaiting the final product. It has also given them an extra opportunity to work on their writing skills as well as team working skills.

## Election Day at Cardale Elementary

Mrs. Ryan's fourth grade literature classes recently read the novel, *Class President*. While enjoying this story about a fifth grader who decides to run for class president, the entire class did a unit on elections. They learned about the election process while holding their own fourth grade class election. Each nominated student and his or her campaign manager came up with catchy slogans, created banners, buttons, and signs, and wrote persuasive speeches to get elected. After the completion of the novel, the election was held. Congratulations to all of the nominees and to the winners: Evan Olesko (President), Catherine Saluga (Vice President), Shaolin Dean (Secretary), and Jacob Sproul (Treasurer). The staff at Cardale would like to wish good luck to all of the winners and thank all of the students who helped them get elected.



## 2010 Homecoming Court

Congratulations to the 2010 Brownsville Area High School Homecoming Court. Sitting: Alexis Tabaj, Olivia Isaac, Chev-elle Stoken. Standing: Bethany Brangard, Summer Stoken, Payton Ferguson, Alexa Mapstone, Gabrielle Mancini, and Julia Shumar. Photograph taken by Digital Photography student Brooke Coddington.

## Private Industry Council

The Brownsville Area High School has collaborated with the Private Industry Council to produce various episodes regarding enhancement programs, community involvement, and employment opportunities. Dr. Philip Savini offered his support with initiation, and direction of the PIC Connection. The PIC has filmed three series beginning in the 2009-2010 school year. The primary anchor and host John Evans (Training and Employment Supervisor of the Fayette County Career Link) continues to encourage support and introduce new concepts into the program both scholastically and professionally. Recently, the BAHS T.V. II class recorded the fall session, which will be completed October 2, 2010. This particular session revolved around the implementation of a summer youth program with co-anchor and interviewee Rachel Saul Youth Supervisor for the PIC. The partnership with outside businesses enables BAHS to correlate text knowledge with direct application. The students are communicating utilizing creativity, professionalism, while developing production-based skills. The current and future broadcasts can be located on the PIC website or [www.basd.org](http://www.basd.org). A direct link is provided labeled BATV. Stay Tuned!



## Local Businesses Donate for Athletic Scoreboard

On Friday, September 10th, Brownsville Area High School unveiled a new scoreboard for Redstone Field. The Board was purchased through ads from area businesses. Sponsors of the new scoreboard were honored at this year's opening football game and were given commemorative plaques made by classes at Brownsville Area High School. Donors for the new Falcon scoreboard were...Grindstone Foodland, National Pike Chiropractic, D.L. Townsend Insurance Agency, Brownsville Bus Lines and White Line Taxi, Braddock Restoration, Shumar's Welding & Machine, and The Medicine Stop Pharmacy.



Picture Taken by Digital Photography student Jennifer Dirck  
Pictured are Matt and Patty Szuch of Foodland, Jessi and Bobbie Gayle Braddock of Braddock Restoration and David Townsend of Townsend Insurance.

## Letter from the Superintendent

Welcome to the first edition of the Brownsville Area School District Newsletter. I would like to thank Mrs. Gulich and her students for taking on this daunting task with this new project.

I would like to tell our community about a few new programs in the district. At the elementary level we are implementing an elementary band. We feel it is important not only to enhance our educational programs but our cultural programs as well. At the Middle School level we have implemented Spanish and French classes. This will allow our students to develop a better

foundation in foreign languages which also allows our students to better understand foreign cultures.

At the High School, the Entrepreneurship Class has become popular with the students. This class allows students to work with people in industry for the Pittsburgh Area. The students also develop a Business Plan to actually purchase materials, produce a product, and sell to the public. This plan is then put into a regional, state and or national competition, based on the success of the students' plan in the competition. This program is taught by Mrs. Nuzzo, who also works with the TV1 and TV 2 classes. The school district has also opened a Television Station Lab operated through the district's

website. The station call number is BATV or BATV External.

The High School also has initiated an Engineering Course and Rotary Course of Study. These programs have been initiated to provide more competitive programs for our students as they graduate from High School and proceed to a post-secondary institution.

An important note to all of this new initiative is that they all follow the appropriate standards in math, language, arts and science.

As the Superintendent of Brownsville Area School District I am very pleased and proud of the progress that our students and teachers have made -- making improvements to our school district.

## School to Careers



Students in Mrs. Morris's School to Careers class recently participated in a 20 question assessment with the use of handheld remotes during the "Your Personality and Your Career Choice" presentation provided by Laurel Business Institute representative Mr. Edward Piwowar (background). Students learned how personality "types" are determined and how they can be helpful when considering a career choice. Students in the foreground from left to right are Lauren Carp and Emily Daniels.

## Academic League

Congratulations to the Gateway Academic League on their successful first meet of the school year. The high school varsity team demonstrated their skills as they defeated Jefferson Morgan 18-12. Their next meet is scheduled for October 20, 2010. The Academic League has also been invited to attend Penn State's "Penn State for a Day" on October 21, 2010 for a tour and special presentation from Dr. Cyril Wecht, Forensic Pathologist.

Watch for Brownsville Area student works in the Herarld Standard's NIE, Student Body section of the newspaper. Student essays, based on predetermined themes are published one day each month.

## Brownsville Area School District AYP/PSSA Report

The Brownsville Area School District is beginning to see progress in meeting No Child Left Behind's Annual Yearly Progress.

The school district has met AYP for the past two years. This has not been done in quite some time. The district is making progress in curriculum and development. This is part of why we are seeing progress.

The High School met 13 of 13 Target areas on the PSSA. The High School is still in Corrective Action but under the "Making Progress"

status.

The Middle School met 21/21 Targets on the PSSA. The Middle School is in School Improvement but under the "Making Progress" status.

The three elementary schools met 13 of 13 Targets and made AYP full status.

There is still a lot of work to do; however, the students, staff, administrators and board are working hard for improvement.

For the 2010/2011 school year, the State has increased the goals for the PSSA's. At the same time, they are now changing the State Standards nationwide. It is unclear why they are changing the assessments and standards in the next few years since

## Lets Go Bucs

The Brownsville Middle School attended a Pittsburgh Pirate game on Tuesday, September 21, 2010, against the St. Louis Cardinals. Mrs. Stiner, Mrs. Batovsky, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Pom-pura, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Herre, Mr. Angelone, Mr. and Mrs. Bohatch, and Mr. Bizik chaperoned the event. The tickets were donated to the school by Chaz Kellem from the Pirates. Approximately 70 students attended the game.

consistency in education was the goal.

At this time 82% of the schools in the State of Pennsylvania are meeting AYP. Why would changes occur after schools are now becoming successful? Our community has worked very hard to make a difference. We will strive to continue this tradition. It makes this challenge more difficult when the State makes changes in their educational plan that was to be complete in 2014.

We hope that the parents of our children continue with their support in working with their children. Ultimately, if it were not for the parents, the students would not succeed.

## Peaceful School

At Cox Donahey Elementary, we take great pride in being a Peaceful School. Our Peaceful School program is an extension of our Bullying Awareness and Prevention program, which was implemented in 2007. The focus of our Peaceful School is recognizing and rewarding the positive behavior of our students at school as well as on the school bus.

To encourage peace, at the conclusion of each nine week period, at least one grade level and one school bus are recognized and rewarded. Typical rewards are an afternoon spent outside (weather permitting) or an afternoon at the movies, refreshments, and a small treat. To earn the honor, the grade level and school bus must have the least number of discipline referrals as compared to the rest of the school. If there is a tie, then each group receives the reward. After the rewards are

given, the slate is wiped clean and each grade level and school bus starts the new nine weeks at the same point.

An important aspect of our incentives program is that the students are rewarded as a team on the grade level as well as on the bus. We feel that life is a team sport, and we encourage the students to work together towards the team goal. This also promotes a positive peer pressure where students are encouraged by their classmates/bus mates to make good choices.

The individual students who make it through the entire school year without accumulating any discipline reports are rewarded at the end of the school year. This encourages students to make wise decisions regarding their behavior even when those around them are not. Last year's reward was a morning of fun in the sun where the students enjoyed games of baseball

and kickball, played on the swing sets, and celebrated their achievement. The students then attended a dance in the afternoon where they enjoyed music, refreshments, and dancing.

We have a host of activities planned to celebrate our Peaceful School in this new school year. Our kickoff ceremony and activity are planned for the third week of October. The students, staff, and bus drivers will wear our new "We Are the Peaceful Falcons" T-shirts. Our first rewards day will be an event of the final week of October, and we have a Peace Dance scheduled for November 10, 2010.

To raise money for our T-shirts and rewards, we have a Peace Store where students can purchase Peace bracelets, necklaces, and other things that promote our program. We also raise money at our dance by selling refreshments and having a photo booth. Another fun fund raising activity is our Pajama Day where students and staff can pay a dollar for the privilege of wearing pajamas to school.

Cox Donahey invites all of you to visit our Peaceful School where you can see our peace chain representing all of our peaceful students. You may also take a peek at our Peaceful Bus which is located on our playground and available for all classes to utilize. We are looking forward to seeing you, and we also hope for another year of continued success and peacefulness.



Cox Donahey Bullying Committee: These members of the Bullying Committee are standing in front of some of the students' peace signs that hang from the ceiling in the main hallway of the school. Back row from left: Brian Abbey, Amy Ferguson, Natalie Doman, Alea Weber, Cheryl Barno, and Adriana Logan. Front row from left: Joni Rankin, Kellie Polivinale