

Extra Effort Award



Senior Angela Pelehac is standing with KDKA Channel 2 reporter Bob Pompeani.

Allegheny General Hospital Sports Medicine Extra Effort Award Winners are nominated based on GPA, sporting and other achievements, extracurricular activities, community service, and references.

Pennies for Patients

Corey Fortuna

Since 1994, millions of dollars have been raised in pennies and other spare change by more than 10 million elementary, middle and high school students throughout the country. The funds, collected during a three-week period, benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. This year at Brownsville Area High School, we collected a total of \$1,007.63 in pennies. The homeroom teacher who raised the most money was Mr. Brown with a grand total of \$148.15 in pennies.



Stephanie Beregi, Tiffany Ziglear, Christian Seseck, Emily Armel, Bradley Britvich, Katie Rugola, and Ashtyn Gutty.

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Elementary Schools Raising Money for JDRF

Brownsville Area Elementary Students have been raising money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. JDRF is the worldwide leader in funding research to cure Type 1 Diabetes, an autoimmune disease that strikes children and adults suddenly and lasts a lifetime. The children and staff at Cardale Elementary school raised \$2,000 and Central Elementary raised \$960. Cox-Donahy Elementary is currently still collecting. The children and staff worked hard to raise this money, and we had a "Walk to Cure Diabetes" to show our support. Anyone interested in donating to this important cause can send donations to JDRF 26 Broadway, 14th floor New York, NY 10004.

Career Fair

Central Elementary held a career fair on Friday, May 6th that was very successful with the students. We had a variety of professions come in and talk to grades k-5 about what their job entails. We incorporated a reading and writing center for the students to further explore their career interests.



Brownsville Area School District

Summer www.basd.org 2010-2011

End of the Year

Superintendent
Dr. Philip Savini

As the school year ends, I would like to review some of the activities that have gone on in Brownsville Area School District.

First and foremost, I want to commend the students, staff, and administrators for their hard work throughout the school year. You should all be proud in that you are making major improvements for your own personal growth and for the school district and our community.

I have seen positive changes in our academic program and student achievement, as well as in our academic competitions and athletics. I have seen a sense of pride in our students at each level, as well as in our community.

Our Title 1 Parent Advisory Board is also to be commended for its financial support for the Elementary Behavioral Management Program. This has helped bring parents, their child and the school together to help keep the student in school, as well as improve attendance and academics.

The Brownsville Area School Board is to be congratulated for being honored by the University of Pittsburgh as this year's recipient of the Richard Wynn Award for their leadership and support in the academic progress of the Brownsville Area School District.

Also, we must continue to move in a positive direction. I can see

the difference in attitude and the drive of our students and staff. I realize change is at times a difficult thing to accept. But we are not changing for the sake of change; we are making changes for the right reasons.

Finally, I want to commend our SEIU staff. This is a difficult time to continue to maintain the standards that you and we are used to in each of our buildings. With staff cuts frustrations are high. Unfortunately as all of you well know, major cuts at the state and now at the federal level are forcing our hand. I am hoping these are temporary so that we can eventually make the attempt to get the SEIU staff more support.

To all of you in our schools and communities, have a great summer!

What does it take to address Healthy Lifestyles?

Assistant Superintendent Corner
Linda Marcolini

Most Educators have been aware of increasing childhood obesity problems. Recent estimates indicated that approximately 16% of secondary school students, ages 12 to 19 were overweight, and another 18% were obese in the 2009-2010 school year. In other words, approximately one in three secondary students maintains an above normal weight. Elementary students percentages are not any better.

Obesity affects education! Much of the publicity about obesity focuses on physical or medical consequences, but obesity also affects school functioning. Overweight and obese student are 32% more likely to repeat and have lower attendance rates than their peers. Obesity is related to lower GPA'S and a higher risk of dropping out. Obese students are 65%

more likely to be bullied. Educators often describe these students more negative and have lower self image.

Healthful eating and physical activity are essential for students academic success, as well as their health. Education and healthful living are integrated entities. Physical activity can improve memory, learning, attention and cognition. Brownsville Area School District will take a proactive stance in the 2011-2012 and many years to come! Fit is it! Everyone in the school community must be involved. It is our future, and everyone must invest in a healthy lifestyle!

The Brownsville Area School District has already been proactive organizing a Wellness Committee. Administrators, teachers, parents, nurses,

community members and agencies have been involved in the initial planning process. There is much work to do! The main focus of the Wellness Committee is to focus on making all parties involved to be healthier, follow the district wellness policy and have positive results when addressing all aspects of wellness through various activities.

The Wellness Committee will meet for the 2011-2012 school year, on September 7th, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. at the High School. Each first Wednesday of the month, the committee will meet, but the times and school locations will change monthly to accommodate schedules. If you would be interested in becoming a member please contact 724-785-2021 ext 128. Teamwork is the Key for Success!

Dance A Thon

Katie Rugola

On Saturday, March 19th Brownsville Interact Club sponsored a Dance-A-Thon for the American Cancer Society. The dance was organized by Ms. Jane Bock and Amber Lapping. There were 47 people who attended but only 30 danced. Together they raised over 16 hundred dollars by participating in several activities, such as jump roping, hula hooping and even buying 50/50 tickets and food from the bake

sale. Many businesses donated baskets and money for the cause. At the end of the night, Ms. Bock gave out trophies and metals for the teams that raised the most money.

Picture: Amanda Sloan, Cassey Tyrpin, Skylar Wellington, Justina Costello, Annika McDonald, Katie Csonka, Megan Boger, Kayla Bayne, and Meagan Johnson.



National Honor Society New Inductees

The National Honor Society new inductees for the 2010-2011: Megan Csonka, Elizabeth Moon, Kira Wall, Lora Rutherford, Tori Scott, Nicole Matis, Amber Lapping, Emily Armel, Lindsey Clark. Carl Gaddis, Adam Rosneck, Charles Heiser, John DiDominic, David Heckman, and Josh Evans. Sarah Shashura, Kourtney Polvinale, Jennifer Kutek, Ashtyn Guty, and Kelsey Johnson.



Community Service



Front: Tray Mickens. 2nd row: Jade Morrison, Amber Harris, Rebekah Lanko, Terren Calhoun. 3rd row: Serina Huffman, Lucille Walker, Sean Rugola, Mallory Parsons, Jessica Zentkovich, Haleigh Zosky, Amanda Shea, Laura Gray, Nicole Bernot and Corey Quigley. Missing from the photo: Johnna Isaac, Alexa Mapstone, Shemela Williams, Michelle Adamson and Andreaanna Gilchrist.

The following students fulfilled up to 17 community service hours through Mrs. Morris's Adult and Family Roles class. From February to April, students took leadership in the planning, development and implementation of the Children and Youth Services Easter Egg Hunt Party. The fun-filled day included pictures taken with the Easter Bunny, an Easter egg hunt, pin the tail on the bunny, egg races, the decorating of picture frames, storytelling with puppets, the preparing and baking of nutritious snack size pizza's, and the decorating of cupcakes. A special thank you goes out to all the teachers and community members for their donations of treats.

Open Heart Surgery

Alexis Tabaj

On March 23rd 2011, Brownsville Area High School's Anatomy 1 and 2 students, along with Ms. Jane Bock and Mrs. Kelli Delarose, attended an open heart surgery at Allegany General Hospital. We arrived at approximately 8 am. The surgery was already underway upon our arrival. Our guide led the class to the viewing room where we could watch the surgery take place from above. Once there, we were able to see a room full of General Surgeons, Physician

Assistants of Surgery, Anesthesiologist, Medical School Residents, Nurses, and Surgical Technology professionals. This team was able to successfully complete a miraculous aortic valve replacement and also a triple bypass. After the procedure was complete, the class witnessed the closing of the chest, accomplished by inserting wire in the sternum. Throughout the process our guide added commentary, and we had a discussion regarding future plans in the medical field.



Ms. Bock, Mrs. Dellarose, Lara Angelilli, Jessica Zentkovich, Alexis Tabaj, John DiDominic, Derek Jones, Emily Despot, Charhea Strickler, Angela Peleahac, Gabrielle Vaughn, and Zachary Benton Harris.

It's a Jungle Out There



Cox Donahey 2nd Grade

The 2nd grade students at Cox-Donahey put on a play titled, *It's a Jungle Out There*. The performance took place on April 18th and 19th. This heart-warming musical helped the students see that the true meaning of happiness is not money, power, or fame, but treasured friendships and life's simple pleasures. Miss Barno, Mrs. Bloom, and Mrs. Little and the 2nd graders dedication and hard work was shown in their great performance!

Literacy

The students at Brownsville Area High School participated in a literacy fundraising activity in Mrs. Morris's Adult and Family Roles class. Students developed flyers, created posters and decorated boxes for the collection of new and gently used children's books, which were collected between the months of December and January. Approximately 528 books were collected and sorted. The books were donated to West Brownsville Head Start of Brownsville and the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. A

special thank you goes out to Sydney Hovanec and her family for making a special delivery to the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

Front row: Samantha Hall, 2nd row: Gina Majoros, Megan Marucci, Miranda Murray, Amber Jackson, Sarah Boger and Pearl Henschell. 3rd row: Chelsea Akers, Asya Settles, Andrea Stimmell, Serina Tho-



mas, Tre' Hall, Marrassa Tarr, Sydney Hovanec, Megan Dominic, Terri Carr, Andreaanna Gilchrist, Kortnei Varano and Chad Gump. Missing from the photo: Lauren Carp, Tiffany Cox and Payton Ferguson.