



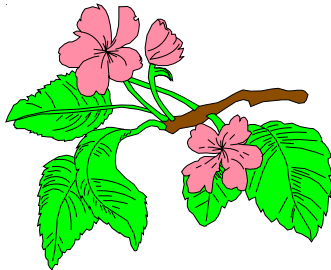
INSIDE WEST ALLEGHENY

A publication for West Allegheny School District employees

April 2005

This newsletter brings warmest wishes for a

Happy Spring Season



to all employees of the West Allegheny School District.

Employees Recognized for Service



West Allegheny School Board Approves 2005-2006 School Calendar

- ❖ Staff reports August 29
- ❖ Classes begin August 31 and end June 7
- ❖ Winter Break - December 23 through January 2
- ❖ Spring Break - April 13 through April 17
 - ❖ Graduation - June 2
 - ❖ Kennywood - June 15

Pictured are some of the attendees at the fourth annual Employee Recognition Dinner at Celebrations & More on March 30, who were honored for their years of service as district employees. (Top) Marjorie Simpson (25 years), Nancy Lane (15 years) and Donna Reda (30 years) with their husbands (seated left to right) Gerry Lane, Robert Simpson, and Tom Hodge. (Bottom, left) Diane Boustead (15 years), her husband Oren Boustead, and Diane Wiechelt (15 years); (Bottom, right) Janet Budd (15 years) Carla Prevade (15 years), and her husband Craig Prevade

Also honored were Nancy Hartman, Gregory Henry, Daniel Hanczar, William Welsh, and Vincent Bianco (30 years); Marilyn Holub, (25 years), Linda

Groznik and Colleen Kinevey (20 years), Janet Budd, Renee Caruso, Tina Cummins, Mary Kaye Kropf, Debra Lutz, Robert Palko, Ellen

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WA Employees Acknowledged at Annual Dinner

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(Bunny) Szyjko, Carol Thomas, and Kathleen VanWinkle (15 years); and Carol Bonnar, Lorraine Burns, Russell Cain, Karen Horwatt, Jacky Hardiman, Michael Kennedy, Suzanne Lambert, Beverly Majocka, Lisa Monzo, Walter Schollaert, Marilyn Swaoger, Constance Tsambis, Art Walker, and Rita Wilson (10 years). Board President John Scott served as the master of ceremonies for the event, which was coordinated by Donaldson Elementary School Principal Patricia Nolan.

Educators Nominated by Former Students for Recognition

Two West Allegheny teachers have recently received repeated nominations from former students for recognition in Who's Who Among America's Teachers for 2005. Middle school science teacher Chris Hamm was nominated for the second time, and McKee fourth grade teacher Robin Gilden for the third time for this honor. Only high school and college students who have been cited for academic excellence themselves may nominate a teacher for inclusion in this publication.

Middle School Staff Participates in "McTeachers' Night" Fundraiser



Working at McDonald's are Karen Fedin and Mark Davis (left photo) and Andrew Oberg and Scott McCracken (right photo).

West Allegheny Middle School staff members participated in McTeachers' Night at McDonald's Restaurant in Imperial on April 11. They served customers from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. to raise money for medical expenses for one of their students, Matthew Kocher. A sixth grader on the Shark Team, Matt was diagnosed with leukemia on March 1, 2005.

Members of the West Allegheny work crew included Tom Burke, Mickey Damratoski, Mary Alice

Desiderio, Karen Fedin, Chris Hamm, Megan Huchko, Sue Macek, Kristen Martin, Katie Scott, Renee Treonze, Bonnie Trucco, Rita Wilson, Greg Henry, Mark Davis, Rick Mason, Mary Lococo, Debbie Elicker, Doug White, Janet Walsh, Andrew Oberg, Linda Thompson, and Barb Martincic.

McDonald's will donate \$610 to the school, which is twenty percent of the total sales generated while the staff was on duty that evening.

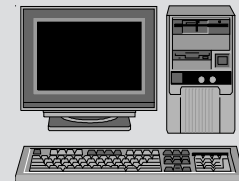
Congratulations

to

all staff members who helped the district win its second consecutive **Award of Honor**

for its website at:

www.westallegheny.k12.pa.us



West Allegheny was one of only seven school websites honored statewide in the 2004 Pennsylvania School Public Relations Association Excellence in Education Communications Competition.

Principal Achieves Finalist Status for National Honor

Dr. James P. Hoover, McKee Elementary School principal, has been selected as one of three finalists in the Pennsylvania Association of Elementary and Secondary School Principals (PAESSP) search for the National Distinguished Principals (NDP) Program for 2005. As school principals, applicants are judged on their contributions to the children, parents, and staff they serve.

The evaluation process included an on-site visit to the district by the NDP Selection Committee on Monday, April 11. During the visit committee members interviewed Dr. Hoover as well as various teachers, parents, and administrators and toured McKee Elementary School. The winner, who will represent Pennsylvania, will be announced by the end of April.

Bianco Wins Award

Donaldson fifth grade teacher Vince Bianco was recently selected as a 2005 Teacher of the Year for his contributions to student success in a contest sponsored by the Wal-Mart/Sam's Club Foundation. Donaldson Elementary students nominated Bianco for the honor, which included a \$1,000 grant payable to the school to be used for an educational program of Bianco's choice.



Thinking of You

❖ **Best wishes** to the following employees on their "good news" events.

Dina (Barlamas) Tsambis (marriage)
Chris Bielecki (baby girl, Reese Alexis)
Bobby Jo Buggey (baby girl, Samantha Jo)
Denise Cartisser (baby boy, Korben)
Erin Clay (baby boy, Hudson Davis)
James Hamilton (baby boy, Maxwell James)
Chris Hamm (grandson, Stephen John)
Pearl Hellman (baby girl, Olivia)
Marilyn Holub (grandchildren, twin boys: Caden Sacco and Cole Wesley)
Tammy Kester (baby girl, Sadie Victoria)
Amy Mackey (baby boy, Logen Michael)
Gerri Schneider (baby boy, Emanuel David)
June Walker (grandson, Conan Enoch)

❖ **Best wishes** to the following staff members who are recovering or have recovered from illness, injury, surgery, or other hospitalization...

Paul Beyerbach, Laurie Cole, Mary Kaye Kropf, Ellen (Bunny) Szyjko, Brandie Wojtaszek, and Darlene Wynn

❖ **Sympathy** is extended to the following staff members on the recent loss of their loved ones...

Carol Bonnar on the death of her aunt
Lisa Carter on the death of her grandfather
Glenn Franceschina on the death of his stepfather
Phyllis Hajos on the death of her mother
Dana Hannah on the death of her uncle
Karen Horwatt on the death of her grandmother
Mary Kelsey on the death of her aunt
Mary Kaye Kropf on the death of her mother-in-law
Cheryl Little on the death of her father
Valerie Prevade on the death of her grandfather
Jan Schade on the death of her father-in-law
Becky Schroeder on the death of her father
Bill Suchar on the death of his father
Tawnya Weidinger on the death of her grandfather
Mariann Winning on the death of her grandfather

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❖ *Sympathy* is extended to the family of Guy Rippole, former athletic promotions coordinator and football coach, on his death.

❖ *Sympathy* is extended to the family of former board member Harry Zirwas on his death.

Based on information provided by employees for the period from November 20, 2004, through April 15, 2005



Voltz Coordinates Writers Institute

High school English teacher Beth Voltz is the Coordinator of The Young Writers Institute, a writing

initiative of the Western Pennsylvania Writing Project and the University of Pittsburgh Department of English.



Mark Your Calendar

Pittsburgh
Concert Choral
Pops Concert

Saturday, May 14,
8:00 p.m., Stewart Morgan
Auditorium

*For Ticket Information
Call Tom Snyder
724-695-5269*

Daffodil Sales Exceed \$2,000

A grand total of \$2,135 was collected for the American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days fundraiser this year from West Allegheny staff members. The American Cancer Society uses the daffodil, the first flower of spring, as the symbol of hope for a cure for cancer. Wilson school nurse Becky Schroeder coordinated the collection.

WAEA

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