



INSIDE WEST ALLEGHENY

A publication for West Allegheny School District employees

Fall 2005

*This newsletter brings warmest wishes for a **Happy Halloween***



to all employees of the West Allegheny School District.

Pictured are Wilson students Morgan Lucas and J. J. Gazda, substitute custodian Gary Lowry, and art teacher Debbie Turici with the 70-pound pumpkin grown and donated by Lowry and carved by Turici

Staff Members Accept Senior Day Cross-Country Team Challenge



*Staff members (kneeling) Jim Hamilton, Jeff Marshall, (standing) Kim Dawson, Andrew Peters, Mark Russo, Melissa Taranto, Munaii Franjione, Rich Druga, Tony Castelluci, Larry Majoris, and Jerry Wessel competed against the high school cross-country teams at the September 20 Senior Day meet. Although the students won the meet, Melissa Taranto was recognized as the first adult female finisher. Missing from the picture are math teacher Brian Wilson, alumni Dan Rabe and Matt Kropf, parents Barb Thomson and Danny Dorman, and Coach Dave Bushnell. **Congratulations to the Boys' and Girls' Cross-Country teams on their recent section championship titles!***



West Allegheny 2005 Holiday Concert Schedule



❖ **McKee Band & Chorus**

December 1, 7:00 p.m.

McKee Elementary School

❖ **Donaldson Band & Chorus**

December 6, 7:00 p.m.

Donaldson Elementary School

❖ **Wilson Band & Chorus**

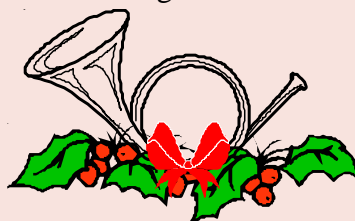
December 8, 7:00 p.m.

Wilson Elementary School

❖ **Grade 6 Band & Chorus**

December 12, 7:00 p.m.

Stewart Morgan Auditorium



❖ **Grade 7 Band & Chorus**

December 13, 7:00 p.m.

Stewart Morgan Auditorium

❖ **High School Chorus**

December 15 & 16, 7:00 p.m.

Stewart Morgan Auditorium

❖ **Grade 8 Band & Chorus**

December 20, 7:00 p.m.

Stewart Morgan Auditorium

District Announces Staff Changes for 2005-2006

Joining the West Allegheny School District staff for the 2005-2006 school year are:

Administration:

•Dr. Christine Assetta, Assistant to the Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction (*While not new to the staff, Dr. Assetta has a new assignment this year, having been promoted from her former position as Wilson Elementary Assistant Principal.*)

•Dr. William Englert, Assistant to the Superintendent for Personnel and Student Support Services

Faculty:

•Adam Angelici, high school health and physical education teacher

•William Britton, middle school learning support teacher

•Karen Chesko, high school math teacher

•Tammy Chiccarello, McKee first grade teacher

•Jessica Conforti, high school English teacher

•Celina Farabaugh, Wilson speech and language teacher

•Kimberly Fredericks, Wilson second grade teacher

•Kelly Gilligan, McKee half-time and Wilson half-time learning support teacher

•Sharon Harn, middle school art teacher

•Mary Beth Hill, McKee nurse

•Jacqueline Londino, middle school learning support teacher

•Deana Mack, middle school English teacher

•Dan Marshall, high school business technology teacher



Following an informational session with administration and mentor teachers, new faculty and staff members took a bus tour of the district as part of the induction program in August.

•Erin McGowan, English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher, all buildings except middle school

•Denise Medwick, McKee librarian

•Eric Palmer, district psychology intern

•Erin Rakoci, Wilson health and physical education teacher

•Jan Schade, McKee fourth grade teacher

•Michael Shaffer, high school videography teacher

•Angie Morrison, Wilson second grade teacher

•Kimberly Will, Donaldson and McKee Horizons/gifted teacher

Support Staff:

•Robin Buck, Wilson lunchroom aide

•Barb Calderone, Donaldson server/dishwasher

•Kim Evans, Wilson lunchroom aide

•Bart Ingram, Wilson lunchroom aide

•Tammy Kandracs, Donaldson lunchroom aide

Winter Coaching Staff:

•Keith Hart, diving coach

Long-Term Substitutes:

•Karen Frech, Wilson fifth grade teacher

•Debbie Klug, McKee first grade teacher

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724-695-5205



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weekly listings

School Closings and Delays

**Tune in to
KDKA Radio 1020 AM**

Donations Aid Cancer Research

On October 7, West Allegheny School District staff members raised a total of \$1,275 by participating in Lee National Denim Day. The event was a fundraising effort to eradicate breast cancer as a life-threatening disease. Employees were encouraged to lend support by wearing denim or the color pink in exchange for a \$5 donation.



Family Support Committee Offers Needed Assistance

The West Allegheny Family Support Committee was formed to help district families with school-age children. If you are aware of any family with school-age children living in the district, who may be in need of support services, please contact the following: Lynn Birnie, high school, 724-695-5252; Kristen Martin, middle school, 724-695-8979, Ext. 2233; Kristen Newell, Donaldson, 724-213-1014; JoAnn Biscan, McKee, 724-695-5267; Karen Tracy, Wilson, 724-695-3300, Ext. 5063; and Meredith Gillo, District Office, 724-695-5219. Recommendations for help may be anonymous and will remain confidential.



Thinking of You

❖*Best wishes* to the following staff members on their “good news” events...

Michelle Baird (baby girl, Hannah)
Julie Bragg (baby girl, Emily Alexis)
Katherine Brookman (baby boy, Evan Reed)
Lorraine Burns (grandson, Sammy)
Kirsten Davis (baby boy, Connor Robert)
Debbie Elicker (granddaughter, Emily Alexis)
Tania Garofoli (baby boy, Lucas Augustus)
Carrie Graff (baby girl, Emma)
Linda Groznik (granddaughter, Catherine Morgan)
Jacky Hardiman (baby boy, Luke Edward)
Dennis Hughes (granddaughter, Taylor Ann)
Kimberly Jones (granddaughter, Marlee Sophia)
Cheryl Kokoskie (grandson, Jackson Fischer)
Deana Mack (baby boy, Alexander Jude)
Tiffany Mangan (baby girl, Amara Marie)
Darlene Supinski (grandson, Nicholas)
Kathy Van Winkle (grandson, Alexander Robert)

❖*Best wishes* to the following staff members who are recovering or have recovered from illness, injury, surgery, or other hospitalization...Lynn Heubner, Patricia Hoskins, Gloria Lutz, Stan Majocka, Dan Smith, Earl Bradford Smith, and Carla Williams

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

Katherine Brookman on the death of her mother-in-law
Lisa Carter on the death of her grandmother
Mary Ann DeCarlo on the death of her aunt
Susan Dorman on the death of her father
Jacky Hardiman on the death of her brother-in-law
Chris Ann Heron on the death of her father-in-law
Rich Heron on the death of his father
Joan Madalinsky on the death of her father
Bob Palko on the death of his father
Chris Shattuck on the death of his grandfather
Ralph Shattuck on the death of his father-in-law
Catherine Zanella on the death of her father

Based on information provided by employees for the period beginning April 16 through October 20, 2005



It is the policy of the District not to discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religion, color, national origin, age or handicap in its educational programs, services, facilities, activities or employment policies as required by Title IX of the 1972 Educational Amendments, Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Section 504 Regulations of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Section 204 Regulations of the 1984 Carl D. Perkins Act or any applicable federal statute. For information regarding this policy, contact Compliance Officer, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, West Allegheny School District, P. O. Box 55, Imperial, PA 15126, 724-695-3422, or the Director of the Office of Civil Rights, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, DC 20201. The school district shall not discriminate in the operations/functions of the district on the basis of sex, color, national origin, religion, marital status, or handicap.



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Employee Assistance Program Offers Solutions

To meet life's challenges in both the work and home environment, professional help is sometimes needed. Your Employee Assistance Program (EAP) provides this

Trumpet Fanfare Announces Opening Of Fall Book Fair



Beth Schultz, Donaldson librarian/computer facilitator, and Mark Hoffman, McKee/Donaldson music teacher, announce the opening of the Scholastic Book Fair held in September. The crown and trumpet fanfare emphasize this year's theme: Enter the Kingdom of Reading, Where Books Rule.

support through consultation, short-term counseling, and/or referral to resources. EAP professionals are available at no cost to employees as part of the district's employee benefit package.

The program address such issues as juggling work and personal responsibilities, improving family relationships, and learning to be a better parent. To consult with an EAP counselor or to make an appointment, call: 412-647-3698 in the Pittsburgh area or 800-647-3327 outside Pittsburgh. More information is available online at www.eapsolutions.com.



Technology Support Center

Questeq, the district's technology services provider, has the following staff available on site for 2005-2006: Craig Muscato, Thomas Aldrich, Nathan Watt.

❖ Access Methods:

Phone: Ext. 1007

Web: support.questeq.com

E-mail: support@questeq.com

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