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## Principal's Message

By Dr. Mariellen Scott

Greater Nanticoke Area received wonderful publicity lately when Abigail Gesecki graduated from the United States Naval Academy as an ensign. Abby received a degree in systems engineering and will be one of the first women to deploy on a submarine! Abby attended Kennedy and Lincoln Elementary Schools and graduated from the GNA High School. The students from Kennedy and the Elementary Center wrote letters to Abby to congratulate her. On Thursday, June 3, 2010, Abby visited the students at Kennedy and the Elementary Center. She answered questions from students and told them she would be in training for 15 months before she meets her submarine. She said the food on submarines is good, especially the ice cream! She told the students that you don't get seasick on a submarine because the sub is under the waves. She couldn't tell us how far down the sub goes because that information is top secret! Abby will be stationed either in Georgia or Washington state. We are so proud of Abby and will be cheering her on every step of the way! You go, girl! Refer to the picture on the last page.



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Fifth Grade Field Trip to the Franklin Institute

By Elizabeth Kanjorski

On Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 A.M. the fifth grade was in the gym waiting excitedly to go to the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia! We took Martz buses. Martz buses are large buses that hold about 52 people. It took two whole hours to get there, but we were overly happy when we got there and stretched out. It was very crowded with tons of other schools there. The lobby was very nice with a giant statue of Benjamin Franklin. Many fifth graders went on the bicycle ride that went over a line that cost \$2. In the institute was the much loved sports challenge. The sports challenge had a part where you tested which ball was the easiest to throw. The three balls were a volley ball, a tennis ball, and a softball. Another part of the sports challenge was the computerized wheel chair race. The two racers would sit down in two different wheelchairs. Then they would start spinning the wheels. The one that was red and longer would usually win. There was also a surfing simulator. The surfing simulator would move you like you were surfing. Then there was computerized soccer goal. You tried to block the incoming soccer balls from going in the soccer goal. Then, we went to the planetarium. Almost everybody thought the planetarium was cool. The stars and other things were so realistic. There were a lot of other cool exhibits too, but it would take a half an hour to explain all of them. After we left the institute we went to the Old Country Buffet to eat. We finally got back to the school at 7:45 P.M. Well that's the end of the day. I would like to thank the PTA and teachers for all their donations and chaperoning. Without them, we would not be able to do any of our field trips.



Awards Day  
June 10, 2010

**Do your best and rejoice with those who do better!**

Paparazzi welcome!

**Carriers:** Morgan Bienkowski, Katelyn Butczynski, Carlos Castillo, Ian Dougherty, Kristoffer Rynkiewicz, Kristopher Seiwel.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Savanna Kalinowski, Suzy Wilczynski, Kyle Ciccherchia

The monetary awards were funded by the Elementary Activity Fund. Thanks to Mrs. Pierontoni for the engraving. Thanks to Mrs. Matthews for making the bookplates.

Thanks to Mrs. Meck for getting the certificates signed. Thanks to Mrs. Shelly Jones for lettering the certificates and making certificates.

Greater Nanticoke Area Education  
Association Award  
Mrs. Jacopetti

A \$50 check goes to the student with the highest average in fourth grade and the first semester in fifth grade.

Kayla Aufiero

Roman Award in Memory of Stanley  
Roman  
(Father of Mrs. Elaine Makowski,  
retired head teacher)

This award goes to the fifth grade student with the second highest average in fourth grade and the first semester in fifth grade. The award is a thesaurus, and the student's name is engraved on a plaque which will be hung in the school.

Jessica Eckrote

Pro-Social Check Presentation  
Helping Hands

A check for \$700 was presented to Michael Turlis for the Ronald McDonald House of Danville. This money was collected from the students and staff of Kennedy and the GNA Elementary Center every Friday.

### **Staff Pro-Social Project-Camp for Kids**

Eight (8) students were awarded a scholarship for Kids at King's summer program. The camp themes included such topics as Under the Sea, Dancing, Drama, and Cake Decorating. These scholarships were funded by the staff of Kennedy and the Elementary Center on Dress Down Days. Participating staff members contributed \$3.00 on each day. Approximately \$650 was raised! The following students won the essay contest:

1. Erik Antolik (2)
2. Kaehler Kivler (2)
3. Jilann Baron (3)
4. Katelyn King (3)
5. Sarah Reed (4)
6. Megan Murphy (4)
7. Jessica Eckrote (5)
8. Breanna Koernig (5)

### **Richard Roke Attendance Award**

This award goes to the fifth grade student who has the **least** number of days absent from first grade through the first three marking periods in fifth grade.

This year's winners had perfect attendance since first grade---no days absent!

### **Riley Klepadlo and Michael Tinney**

### **President's Education Awards**

90 average or higher in Grade 4 and first semester of Grade 5 and who scored Proficient or Advanced in both Reading and Math in the Grade 4 PSSA Tests. Thanks to Mrs. Jones for lettering the certificates. Each received a letter from President Obama, a certificate and a pin.

1. Armstrong, Meghan
2. Aufiero, Kayla
3. Baranowski, Joshua
4. Benscoter, Sarah
5. Birkel, Jonathan
6. Briggs, Morgan
7. Brown, Taylor
8. Buckley, Michaela
9. Bukofski, Nicholas
10. Butczynski, Luke
11. Cann, Lauren
12. Cardone, Zachary

13. Croop, Leonard
14. Daniels, Matthew
15. Divers, Alec
16. Duggins, Eleanor
17. Dunn, Miranda
18. Eckhart, Emily
19. Eckrote, Jessica
20. Fritz, Christian
21. Goss, Taylor
22. Grabowski, Kaci
23. Grey, Andrea
24. Grodzicki, Ryan
25. Hanlon, Dominic
26. Kanjorski, Elizabeth
27. Kinney, Trishia
28. Klepadlo, Riley
29. Knell, Jennifer
30. Knorowski, Brandon
31. Kocher, Megan
32. Koernig, Breanna
33. Kosich, Roselyn
34. Kreitzer, Aaron
35. Labenski, Samantha
36. Markowski, Bradley
37. May, Zechariah
38. Mazonis, Courtney
39. Mislitski, Paige
40. Mulhern, Elizabeth
41. O'Connor, Danielle
42. Panagakos, Samantha
43. Pokrinchak, Kyle
44. Ramos, Leandra
45. Roberts, Adrianna
46. Rockey, Alexis
47. Russell, Kaitlyn
48. Shatley, Jacob
49. Skoniecki, Justin
50. Stegura, Tessa
51. Tinney, Michael
52. Walp, John
53. Whitaker, Antonio
54. Wiaterowski, Lindsay
55. Wiaterowski, Richard
56. Wolfe, Justin

### **Marie Kalinoski Morris Citizenship Award**

#### **Mr. Morris**

Mrs. Morris was a third grade teacher in Lincoln School. She was the wife of Mr. Morris. The award is a \$200 savings bond for a Gr. 5 student who respects others, always plays fair, demonstrates strength of character, and has the courage to do what is right.

#### **Justin Wolfe**

**Mr. Cy Award**

A \$50 bond is awarded to the most helpful boy and girl during the school year.

**Mandy Biehl (Gr. 2)**  
**Jordan Oliver (Gr. 4)**

**Mrs. Dolores Mierzwa Award**

**Mr. Grobelny**

Grade 5 student who has been the most well-rounded reader and demonstrated a love of reading. Name engraved on plaque in library.

**Matthew Daniels**

**PTA Design a T-shirt Contest Winner**

\$25 Walmart gift card was presented earlier in the year.

**Breaunna Koernig**

**Spelling Bee Winners**

A certificate and \$10 was awarded to the winners.

**Grade 2**

1. Brown, Collin
2. Coble, Zoe
3. Dundore, Dylan
4. Jenson, Lance
5. Keene, Carleigh
6. Kozlowski, Andrew
7. Oursler, Justin
8. Pezzella, Adriana

**Grade 3**

1. Greene, Brendan
2. Hernandez, Jasmin
3. King, Fredrique
4. Krupinski, Trahjan
5. Penko, Veronica
6. Peters, Jasmine
7. Przekop, Kelsey
8. Siegel, Colin
9. Tolodzieski, Casandra

**Grade 4**

1. Banas, Megen
2. Butczynski, Katelyn
3. Green, Dylan
4. Guziak, Michelle
5. Moore, Cassidy
6. Noss, Skye
7. Reakes, Brian
8. Scott, Emily

**Grade 5**

1. Aufiero, Kayla
2. Birkel, Jonathan
3. Cardone, Zachary
4. Grabowski, Kaci
5. Piper, Kayuana
6. Rakowski, Hayley
7. Ramos, Leandra

**Grade Level Spelling Bee Winners**

Grade 2-Collin Brown

Grade 3-Brendan Greene

Grade 4-Megen Banas

Grade 5-Kayla Aufiero

**Bus Brigade**

**Mrs. Jacopetti**

These fifth graders were responsible for escorting approximately 120 second graders from Kennedy School to the Elementary Center daily. They also were involved in training fourth graders, who job shadowed for two weeks in May, to take over this duty next year. They received a certificate, zipper-pull, and enjoyed a movie and pizza party. Thanks to Mrs. Matthews for designing their certificates.

**2009-2010 Bus Brigade**

1. Dustin Ambroc
2. Meghan Armstrong
3. Morgan Briggs
4. Nicholas Bukofski
5. Lauren Cann
6. Courtney Day
7. Alec Divers
8. Robert Dziadosz
9. Kaci Grabowski
10. Andrea Grey
11. Riley Klepadlo
12. Bradley Markowski
13. Tyler Mayo
14. Courtney Mazonis
15. Paige Mislitski
16. Carmen Nicholas
17. Yessina Orellana
18. Kyle Pokrinchak
19. Haeley Rakowski
20. Adrianna Roberts
21. Alyssia Stavetski
22. Brady Strassman
23. Selena Striat
24. Justin Wolfe

**Morning Helpers**  
**Mrs. Jacopetti**

These fifth graders were responsible for directing students to the cafeteria to eat breakfast daily and second graders to Kennedy School from the bus area at the Elementary Center. They received a certificate and zipper-pull, and enjoyed a movie and pizza party. Thanks to Mrs. Matthews for designing their certificates.

**2009-2010 Morning Helpers**

1. Courtney Day
2. Emily Eckhert
3. Tatiana DeJesus
4. Elizabeth Kanjorski
5. Riley Klepadlo
6. Tessa Stegura
7. Molly Urbanski

**Safety Patrol**

Certificates and pins were presented to all safety patrol members.

1. Aufiero, Kayla
2. Baranowski, Joshua
3. Briggs, Morgan
4. Buckley, Michaela
5. Cann, Lauren
6. Cardone, Zachary
7. Day, Courtney
8. DeJesus, Tatiana
9. Dunn, Miranda
10. Eckhart, Emily
11. Eckrote, Jessica
12. Grodzicki, Kaylee
13. Kalinowski, Savanna
14. Kanjorski, Elizabeth
15. Klepadlo, Riley
16. Kocher, Megan
17. Koernig, Breanna
18. Mazonis, Courtney
19. Nicholas, Carmen
20. O'Connor, Danielle
21. Piper, Kayauna
22. Ramos, Leandra
23. Smith, Mariah
24. Stegura, Tessa
25. Strassman, Brady
26. Toporcer, Tiffany
27. Urbanski, Molly

28. Wiaterowski, Lindsay
29. Wiaterowski, Richard
30. Wolfe, Justin

**Valley Auto Club Award**

This outstanding safety patrol member was treated to a luncheon at the Wyoming Valley Country Club, received a \$150 bond, engraved plaque, and t-shirt.

**Riley Klepadlo**



**Speech Graduates**

**Mrs. Jacopetti**

Each graduate received a beach towel and diploma signed by Dr. Scott and Mrs. Jacopetti.

Aaron Brooks  
Ian Dougherty  
Allen Fowler  
Daniel Harland  
Brian Kotz  
Michael Magnotta  
Dylan Makavensky  
Joshua Mitkowski  
Calvin Naugle  
Carmen Nicholas  
Mariah Smith  
Anthony Valvano

**K-L Flier Reporter Awards**

**Mrs. Jacopetti**

Certificates and pins were awarded to the following fifth grade students for outstanding service to the school newspaper. They enjoyed a movie and pizza party. Thanks to Mrs. Matthews for designing their certificates.

**2009-2010 K-L Flier Reporters**

1. Savanna Kalinowski
2. Paige Mislitski
3. Michaela Buckley

4. Elizabeth Kanjorski
5. Courtney Mazonis
6. Danielle O'Connor
7. Tatiana DeJesus
8. Aaron Kreitzer
9. Riley Klepadlo
10. Courtney Day
11. Sophie Mayotte

**Perfect Attendance**

These students are eligible for perfect attendance as of June 10, 2010. They received a certificate and a lapel pin.

1. Banas, Megen
2. Baranowski, Joshua
3. Baron, Jilann
4. Cabonilas, Christopher
5. Dzugan, Garrett
6. Evans, Cassandra
7. Karavitch, Brandon
8. Kivler, Kaehler
9. Klepadlo, Richard
10. Klepadlo, Riley
11. Piontkowski, Matthew
12. Proleika, Nathan
13. Reed, Sarah
14. Rivera, Jose
15. Scortichini, Kyle
16. Siegel, Colin
17. Souder, Kendall
18. Spencer, Jordan
19. Stecco, Evan
20. Tinney, Michael
21. Turner, Erik
22. Zatorski, Kaeley

**Music Awards**  
**(Mr. Potoeski)**

"Note"worthy performance in band:

Tessa Stegura  
Riley Klepadlo  
Leandra Ramos  
Brittany McGraw  
Adrianna Roberts  
Brandon Knorowski  
Andrea Grey

Star Music Student:

Leonard Croop  
Kerry Gruber

**Outstanding Contribution in Chorus:**

Kasey Radginski  
Lisa Radziak  
Emily Eckhart  
Samantha Penko

**Mother's Day Essay Contest-Newport Lions**

First place-Zack Cardone  
Second place-Elizabeth Mulhern  
Third place-Sarah Benscoter

**Chess Club**

**Mr. Borofski**

The following fifth grade students have regularly attended the after-school chess club. They will receive a chess medal.

Jonathan Birkel  
Elizabeth Kanjorski  
Aaron Kreitzer  
Leandra Ramos  
Kaitlyn Russell  
Antonio Whitaker  
Josh Baranowski  
Brady Strassman  
Raven Robins

**Wellness Walk Winners**

**Ms. Krupinski**

The 1<sup>st</sup> place winners will have their class name engraved on the John Albanese Wellness Walk Plaque. 410 people walked with us! They will have the honor of housing the "Traveling Trophy" in their classroom until the next competition in the fall of 2010. They will also receive a pizza party.

**First Place----- Mrs. Wanchisen**

Second Place--- Mr. Bruza

Third Place----Mrs. View



**Reflections Winners**  
**Mrs. Waichulis**

**Region 15 Reflection Council**

2009-2010 "BEAUTY IS" Local Reflection  
Winners are in! They received a certificate  
and Target gift card.  
Thank you to everyone who participated.  
You all did a great job.

**MUSIC COMPOSITION**

Primary  
1st William Kanjorski  
Intermediate  
1st Michael Skamarakus  
2nd Elizabeth Kanjorski

**VISUAL ARTS**

Primary  
1st Lily Kratz  
2nd Braden Zaremba  
3rd Andrew Stratton  
4th Jordan Nowak  
5th Cameron Valaitis  
Intermediate  
1st Zachary Nowak  
2nd Eleanor Duggins  
3rd Tyler Zaremba  
4th Meghan Armstrong  
5th Kyle Stratton

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

Primary  
1st Braden Zaremba  
2nd Braden Zaremba  
3rd Mathew Dunbar  
4th Rielly Miller  
5th Rachel Polifka  
Intermediate  
1st Justin Ostopick  
2nd Justin Ostopick  
3rd Taylor Zabrenski  
4th Justin Ostopick  
5th Aaron Miller

**LITERATURE**

Primary  
1st Bradon Zaremba  
2nd Braden Zaremba  
3rd Jordan Nowak  
Intermediate  
1st Samantha Waichulis  
2nd Dawson Hughes  
3rd Emily Ehrensperger  
4th Elizabeth Kanjorski  
5th Tyler Zaremba

**Region 15 Non Council Winners**

**Photography**

Primary  
1st Mathew Dunbar

**Music**

Primary  
1st William Kanjorski  
Intermediate  
1st Michael Skamarakus  
3rd Elizabeth Kanjorski

**Literature**

Intermediate  
2nd Tyler Zaremba

**\*\*\*\*\*Regional Winners\*\*\*\*\***

**Music**

Primary  
William Kanjorski  
Intermediate  
Michael Skamarakus

**Literature**

Tyler Zaremba

2010-2011 Reflections Theme is.....  
Together We Can.

Winners had lunch at the high school with  
Mr. Perrone, our superintendent. Each  
winner received a trophy.





Abigail Gesecki pictured with Mrs. Lach and her third grade class and Dr. Scott, principal.

Best Wishes to our elementary teachers who are retiring this year. Thank you for your devotion to the education of our children.

We will miss you!

Mrs. Johnson  
Mrs. Kalie  
Mrs. Malia  
Mrs. Rodski  
Mr. Sokolowski