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Principal's Message Dr. Mariellen Scott

I have always had a special place in my heart for the Statue of Liberty. Our friendship began when I was 8 years old. That summer, my parents took me on my very first vacation—a trip to New Jersey to visit my Aunt Louise. It was so exciting! Aunt Louise took my parents, my grandparents, and me to New York City. We took a ferry to the Statue of Liberty. I still have the picture of me with Lady Liberty. She was so big and so green and so beautiful! I went up to the base of the statue on that trip.

Several years later, I visited Lady Liberty while on a high school trip. We climbed the spiral staircase around and around inside her body on our way to her crown. At that time, you could even climb up into her torch. (Later the torch was closed because it became weak.) It was very narrow and very hot in there. People were going up and down on the same staircase. I was a little claustrophobic (look the word up in the dictionary!). I didn't think I could make it all the way, so I turned around and went back down. I was only 2 turns away from the crown. I should have kept on going!

Several years ago, our fifth graders went to New York on their field trip. We went to the Statue of Liberty. Some students climbed to the crown. I did not. I did buy a foam crown and wore it all day.

The crown was closed to the public after September 11, 2001. This summer, the crown will reopen to the public on a limited basis. I shall be cheering for those lucky people who make it to the top to look out from her beautiful crown. Let me know if you get to the top. If you do, take a good look for me, too!

Happy, healthy, and safe summer to our Kennedy and Elementary Center families!
See you on September 2, 2009!

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Awards Day
May 15, 2009

“Do your best and rejoice with those who do better!”

Greater Nanticoke Area Education Association Award

By Mrs. Zaborney, GNAEA President
A \$50 check goes to the student with the highest average in fourth grade and the first semester in fifth grade.

Alexis Selli

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

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

Alexis Seery

Pro-Social Change for Children Check Presentation

A check for \$1200 was presented to Ms. Sherry Clements. This money was collected from the students and staff of Kennedy and the GNA Elementary Center every Friday. The money will benefit the Janet Weis Children’s Hospital associated with Geisinger in Danville, PA.

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 winner was absent only 5 days!

Janan Trotter

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. They received a letter from the President, a certificate and pin.

Briggs, Zachary
Britton, Maia
Cann, Jessica
Cardone, Alexis
Cleary, Austin
Cunningham, Bailey
Declet, Dyani
Dennis, Christopher
Fedkenheuer, Skye
Fields, Lillian
Galli, Anthony
Grabowski, Carly
Grohowski, Amber
Hill, Tonya
Johnson, Billy
Keefe, Johnathan
Kessler, Brandon
Kreitzer, Stephen
Labenski, Matthew
Lawson, Caroline
Lopez, Jennifer
Lukowski, Edward
Lushefski, Keri
Moore, Megan
Norton, Alec
Novak, Kelsey
Osmanski, Kevin
Ostopick, Jack
Petroski, Alyssa
Pickering, Kayla
Piontkowski, Brent
Placek, Nikolas
Radginski, Kari
Reese, Michaela
Rinker, Klarissa
Roberts, Gianna
Roccograndi, Rachel
Roth, Robert
Russin, Samantha
Schinski, Kassandra
Seery, Alexis
Selli, Alexis
Sersen, Benjamin
Shemanski, John Paul
Snarski, Cheyenne
Spencer, Derrick
Stout, Scott
Tocket, Vanessa

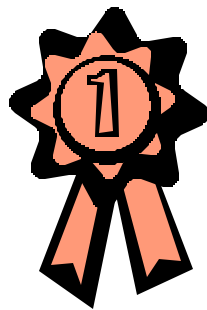
Verchimak, Mitchel
Vino, Samantha
Waclawski, Juliana
Wolfer, Kyle
Zakarauskas, Ryan
Zaykoski, Abbey
Zendarski, Chaquana

Marie Kalinoski Morris Citizenship Award

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.

Samantha Russin

The following students were nominated for the award.
Anthony Galli, Carly Grabowski, Brandon Kessler,
Vanessa Tocket, Janan Trotter, Jeremy Yokavonis



Mr. Cy Award

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

Carmelo Pioquinto
Janan Trotter

The following students were nominated for this award.
Kyra Rustay, Amiah Lukowski, Tyler Pokrinchak, Jena Rose Niewinski, Amanda Snyder, Jilann Baron, Andrea Hall, Kendra Ryan, Samera Chamberlain, Lisa Radziak, Courtney Capie, Kristopher Rynkiewicz, Megen Banas, Matthew Daniels, Eric Grodzicki, Brianna Noss, Zachary Cardone, Michaela Buckley, Miranda Dunn, Danika Moore, Mariah Smith, Nicole Schoch, Danielle Green, Kari Radginski, John Paul Shemanski, Gianna Roberts, Joshua Escalante, Megan Moore, Ariyanna Hrivnak

Mrs. Dolores Mierzwa Award

(Mrs. Rutchauskas)

This grade 5 student will have her name engraved on a plaque in the library for being the most well-rounded reader and demonstrated a love of reading.

Maia Britton

Art Award

Ms. Kiwak donated a DVD of Monet to the school in lieu of the Art Award this year.

PTA Design a T-Shirt Contest Winner

The PTA awarded a \$25 Wal-Mart gift card for designing the t-shirt for field trips to:

Gloria Evans

Spelling Bee Winners

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

Grade 2

Jasmine Peters
Noah Krubitzer
Jonathan McDaniels
Veronica Penko
Trahjan Krupinski
Noah Yatsko
Emalie Rowles
Frederique King

Grade 3

Brandon Murtha
Sabrina Holevinski
Madelyn Lewis
Calvin Herring
Dawson Hughes
Michael Skamarakus
Megan Murphy
Cody Collins

Grade 4

Lauren Cann
Kayauna Piper
Cole Stoecker
Zachary Cardone
Morgan Briggs
Justin Skoniecki
Samantha Penko

Grade 5

Gabriel Maxwell
Benjamin Sersen
Keri Lusheski
Mitchel Verchimak
Juliana Waclawski
Jordan Bavitz
Dylan Brooks
Angela Cragle

Bus Brigade 2008-20090
(Mrs. Jacopetti)

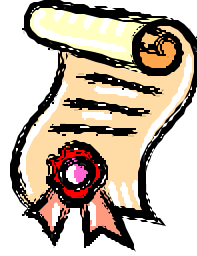
These fifth graders were responsible for escorting approximately 120 second graders from Kennedy School to the Elementary Center daily. They also were involved in training fourth graders, who will job shadow for two weeks in May, to take over this duty next year. They received a certificate and zipper-pull. They will also watch a movie and receive a pizza party from the PTA.

Barry, Johnathan
Briggs, Jessica
Cann, Jessica
Daniele, Krystal
Fedkenheuer, Skye
Grohowski, Amber
Higgins, Kelsey
Keefe, Johnathan
Lopez, Jennifer
Mislitski, Morgan
Morganti, Natalie
Petroskki, Alyssa
Pezzella, Gabriella
Piontkowski, Brent
Radginski, Kari
Reese, Michaela
Schinski, Kassandra
Shemanski, John-Paul
Snarski, Cheyenne
Stedner, Rita
Trotter, Janan
Wood, Janria
Youells, Ashley
Zaykoski, Abby
Zendarski, Chaquana

Morning Helpers 2008-2009
(Mrs. Jacopetti)

These fifth graders were responsible for directing students to the cafeteria to eat breakfast daily and their classrooms. They received a certificate and zipper-pull. They will also watch a movie and receive a pizza party from the PTA.

Green, Danielle
Trotter, Janan



Safety Patrol

Certificates and pins were presented to all safety patrol members. They also went to a Yankees game at Montage.

Briggs, Zachary
Cann, Jessica
Cardone, Alexis
Fields, Lillian
Galli, Anthony
Goss, Brinton
Grohowski, Amber
Labenski, Matthew
Lawson, Caroline
Littzi, Nicolas
Lopez, Jennifer
Mislitski, Morgan
Osmanski, Kevin
Pezzella, Gabriella
Piontkowski, Brent
Placek, Nikolas
Roberts, Gianna
Russin, Samantha
Schinski, Kassandra
Seery, Alexis
Selli, Alexis
Stout, Scott
Tocket, Vanessa
Trotter, Janan
Verchimak, Mitchel
Wood, Janria
Yokavonis, Jeremy
Zaykoski, Abbey
Zendarski, Chaquanna

Valley Auto Club Award

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

Brent Piontkowski



Reflections Winners

(Mrs. Buckley)

Winners had lunch with Mr. Perrone, our superintendent, at the high school and received a Target gift card from the PTA. The theme this year was ... Wow!

Musical Composition

Intermediate

1. Michael Skamarakus
2. Elizabeth Kanjorski

Literature

Inermediate

1. Lillian Fields
2. Zachary Nowak
3. Michaela Buckley
4. Lillian Fields
5. Evan Stecco

Photography

Primary

1. Nathan Kreitzer
4. Trevor Grohowski

Intermediate

1. Jack Ostopick
2. Lillian Fields
3. Jack Ostopick
4. Aaron Kreitzer
5. Justin Ostopick

Visual Arts

Primary

4. Trevor Grohowski
5. Allison Williams

Intermediate

1. Zachary Nowak
2. Zachary Nowak
3. Zachary Nowak
4. Zachary Nowak
5. Jack Ostopick

2009-2010 Reflections Theme is "Beauty is..."

Speech Graduates

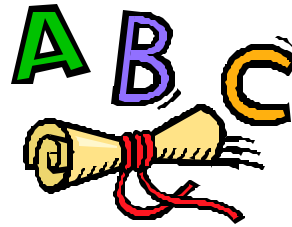
Mrs. Jacopetti, Our Foster Gram in School (Mrs. Eleanore Borofski), and Ms. Sarah Rupert (Misericordia University) presented each graduate with a beach towel and diploma in recognition of Better Speech and Hearing Month.

Carlos Castillo

James Kulp

Caroline Lawson

Johnise Simpson



K-L Flier Reporter Awards

Mrs. Jacopetti, Our Foster Gram in School (Mrs. Eleanore Borofski), and Ms. Sarah Rupert (Misericordia University) presented certificates and lapel pins to the following fifth grade students for outstanding service to the school newspaper. They will also receive a pizza party from the PTA.

Jordan Bavitz

Alexis Cardone

Amber Grohowski

Gloria Evans

Skyla Mayotte

Morgan Mislitski

Alyssa Petroski

Brent Pionkowski

Tori Rozell

Alexis Seery

Alexis Selli

Rita Stedner

Juliana Waclawski

Perfect Attendance

These students are eligible for perfect attendance if they do not miss any days between now and the last day of school. They will receive a pin in their report card.

Banas, Megen

Bavitz, Jordan

Cragle, Angela

Dunn, Miranda

Englehart, Dylan

Englert, Emily

Gall, Jacob

Gleco, Mercedes

Goss, Taylor

Green, Danielle

Grey, Andrea

Hernandez, William

Higgins, Kelsey

Hill, Tonya

Hornlein, Codi

Jones, David
Karavitch, Brandon
Klepadlo, Riley
Kuscavage, Jordan
Labenski, Matthew
Lopez, Jennifer
Madjeski, Makayla
Mash, David
McCluskey, Skye
Miller, Aaron
Moore, Elizabeth
Osmanski, Kevin
Petroski, Alyssa
Proleika, Nathan
Roth, Robert
Scaramastro, Sasha
Sersen, Benjamin
Simpson, Johnise
Snyder, Danielle
Souder, Kendall
Spencer, Emily
Stecco, Evan
Szychowski, Dylan
Tocket, Vanessa
Trotter, Janan
Twyman, Anthony
West, Daniel
Wood, Janria
Wrubel, Dennis
Yaksima, Keith



Gifted Class
National Science Olympiad
(Mrs. Mancuso)

**National Science Olympiad-
5th and 6th Grade Contest**

Klarissa Rinker
Alexis Seery
Morgan Briggs
Justin Wolfe

3rd and 4th grade Contest

Taylor Zabrenski
Tyler Zaremba
Emily Ehrensperger
Sarah Adkins
Ryan Whittaker
Klye Stratton
Michael Skamarakus

Pennsylvania Math League

6th Grade Contest

Klarissa Rinker
Alexis Seery

5th Grade Contest

Mogan Briggs
Justin Wolfe

4th Grade Contest

Taylor Zabrenski
Tyler Zaremba
Emily Ehrensperger
Sarah Adkins
Ryan Whittaker
Kyle Stratton
Michael Skamarakus

Thinking Cap Bowl Quiz

Klarissa Rinker
Alexis Seery
Morgan Briggs
Justin Wolfe
Taylor Zabrenski
Tyler Zaremba
Emily Ehrensperger
Sarah Adkins
Ryan Whittaker
Kyle Stratton
Michael Skamarakus

**Reading Rainbow Young Writers &
Illustrators Contest**

Tyler Zaremba--Regional Finalist
Ryan Whittaker
Klye Stratton
Michael Skamarakus
Taylor Zabrenski
Sarah Adkins
Emily Ehrensperger

Music Awards

(Mrs. Bunnell)

**Dedication and Leadership in the
Elementary Chorus:**

(great showmanship and dedication,
example to others)

4th Grade:

Jacob Bukofski
Cole Stoecker
Morgan Briggs
Cassandra Novakowski
Adrianna Roberts

5th Grade:
Chaquana Zendarski
Kelsey Novak
Alexis Cardone
Caroline Lawson
Sarah Rinehamer
Alexis Selli
Alex Moore

For “Note”worthy achievement in Band:

(practiced at home, on task in lessons, demonstrates good tone and skill on instrument)

Flute – Sarina Kinlaw, Danielle Snyder
Clarinet – Paul Sherlinski
Trombone – Vanessa Tocket
Percussion – Juliana Waclawski

Most improved – Janan Trotter, Joanna Tushinski

Outstanding Contribution in Music:

(Shows interest in music, always on task, always polite and respectful)

Ryan Bobis
Juliana Waclawski

Mother’s Day Essay Contest

Newport Lions

First place-Kevin Osmanski \$50
There is a tie for second place.
Second place-Michael Halliday \$25
Second place-Kelsey Novak \$25



Chess Club

(Mr. Borofski)

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

Vanessa Tocket
Kelsey Novak
Mitchel Verchimak
Dakota Miller

Isiah Stebbins
Jessica Emerick
Megan Moore
Bailey Cunningham
Lillian Fields
John Paul Shemanski

Wellness Walk Winners

(Ms. Krupinski)

Will not be held until May 27-June 2, 2009.

The 1st place winners will have their class name engraved on the John Albanese Wellness Walk Plaque. They will have the honor of housing the “Traveling Trophy” in their classroom until the next competition in the fall of 2009. They will also receive a pizza party from the PTA.

Good Morning GNA Television Studio

Awards

Mrs. Cormier and Ms. Danko

They received a certificate and enjoyed a trip to WNEP TV Channel 16 with Joe Snedeker.

Naja Alicea
Christopher Dennis
Jacob Havey
Danielle Green
Chaquana Zendarski

Fine Arts Fiesta Poetry Winners

Megan Murphy
Alex Russin
Kyle Stratton

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. Rutchauskas

Mr. Timko

