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# K-L Flier

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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

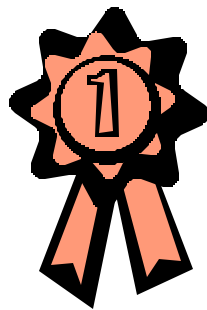
Verchimak, Mitchel  
Vino, Samantha  
Waclawski, Juliana  
Wolfer, Kyle  
Zakarauskas, Ryan  
Zaykoski, Abbey  
Zendarski, Chaquana

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)

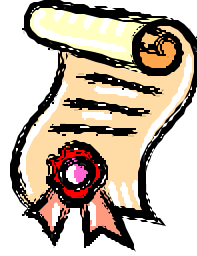
These fifth graders were responsible for escorting approximately 120 second graders from Kennedy School to the Elementary Center daily. They also were involved in training fourth graders, who will job shadow for two weeks in May, to take over this duty next year. They received a certificate and zipper-pull. 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
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4. Zachary Nowak
5. Jack Ostopick

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

### Speech Graduates

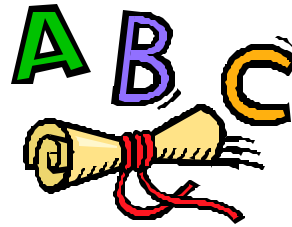
Mrs. Jacopetti, Our Foster Gram in School (Mrs. Eleanore Borofski), and Ms. Sarah Rupert (Misericordia University) presented each graduate with a beach towel and diploma in recognition of Better Speech and Hearing Month.

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)

4<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Jacob Bukofski  
Cole Stoecker  
Morgan Briggs  
Cassandra Novakowski  
Adrianna Roberts

5<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

