



## ***Superintendent's Report***

To: Board Members  
From: Leah M. Christman  
Date: Sept.9, 2013

- On 8/28 we experienced 4.6" of rain in less than an hour. As drainage pipes were unable to handle the extreme conditions, and township storm sewers backed up, the water had nowhere to go. Water began flooding into the Middle School, in particular. We had two leaks under doors that were the worst. Steps are being taken to address those. The other leaks were from roof drain clamps that blew out due to high pressure. All have now been tightened by a roofing contractor, and ceiling tiles are being replaced. Wet areas were dried the same as with routine floor maintenance. Kudos to the custodial and professional staff who jumped into action to contain the water. The team effort saved the new gym floor and kept all students safely in classrooms during cleanup.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Marlo Spritzer and her newspaper staff. The 2012-13 edition of the Spotlight student newspaper has earned a Silver rating from the Pennsylvania School Press Association. Publications can earn a bronze, silver, or gold award, and the silver rating demonstrates that our publication is consistently at or above standard in most areas.
- Our technology team did a great job of high school laptop distribution on Tuesday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>. As of today (Monday, Sept. 9), six hundred seventeen HS students have signed up to take laptops home.
- Mrs. Walter and a team of Middle School students will participate in a Lehigh Valley 8th Grade Video Competition called *"What's So Cool About Manufacturing?"* as a result of the Skill-Up Grant that was awarded to MRC by Governor Corbett. They will be matched with a local manufacturing firm to learn more about careers in this area. An Awards Ceremony will be held at the Da Vinci Center on January 16.
- SLEF is sponsoring the Triabiathlon again this year. The event is on Saturday, October 5, 2013 at 8 am and will begin at the Intermediate School and finish at Southern Lehigh football stadium. More information can be found at <http://www.triabiathlon.com/>
- Our teachers and administrators are working on plans for the implementation of the new educator effectiveness program for teacher evaluation. All Principals are continuing to participate in the pilot for the principal evaluation and Mrs. Farris & our new school nurse, Mrs. Kern at the IS, have volunteered to participate in the pilot for the new specialists evaluation. The new principal and specialist evaluations take affect next year.



Team Effort!

Mr. Davidson,  
Asst. Principal  
and Mr. Strobl,  
Math Teacher...

Flood Response  
Team!

