

Southern Lehigh School District

K-12 Building Update

October 27, 2014

Hopewell Elementary

10/6 - Upper Saucon Fire Department, and Fire Chief Chuck Castetter, brought over the big tanker truck and shared important fire safety information with students. Mrs. Nicole Castetter, Hopewell's nurse who volunteers with the fire department held grade level demonstrations in the gym. Students were also given the opportunity to walk through the truck and look at the equipment up close.

We appreciate Upper Saucon's partnership with our school!

10/7 - Hopewell School picture day with Christmas City studio

10/21 - Parent visitation day; Hopewell parents were invited to observe in their child's classroom. We had about 185 parents visit with us this day.

10/24 - Hopewell PTA fall social held and students are collecting canned goods for Betty Lou's Pantry.

10/31 - Hopewell Halloween parade 10/31 @ 2PM. Students will parade twice around Hopewell's bus circle. Everyone is invited to come and watch.

Hopewell CARES trait for October is Self-Discipline. Students receive instruction on the student characteristic and students are recognized weekly for displaying this trait in their classroom.

Liberty Bell Elementary

10/10 - Coopersburg Fire Company visited Liberty Bell's students and faculty to talk about fire prevention and safety.

10/13 and 10/14 - During these two inservice days, teachers worked on their SLOs, worked on the new language arts series, and attended various workshops based on interest.

10/16 - All three schools participated in the Earthquake Drill at 10:16 A.M. this day!

10/17 - Liberty Bell's PTA hosted its annual Fall Festival

Lower Milford Elementary

10/3 - Fire Safety with Lower Milford Township Fire Department

10/21 - Parent Visitation

10/23 - *Race for Miler* where students challenged themselves to earn more tokens for the recess miler initiative.

10/31 - Halloween Parade at 2:00 PM

JPLIS

10/23 – Spartan Service Corp met

10/25 - JPLIS PTG held its annual Hallowmania from 5:00-8:00PM

Students in Mrs. Wechtler, and Mrs. Filbert's classes had a chance to Skype with a Yellowstone National Park ranger- (*story posted on Lanconian*)

11/7 - 1st quarter report cards will be sent home

The JPLIS School-wide positive behavior program continues to expand with "Honored Spartans". Students exemplifying the Spartan R's are reinforced with a positive postcard sent home each week.

Middle School

10/22 LINC

10/27-10/31 Red Ribbon Week

10/29 Team/SL Apparel (Team Day) Spirit Day

10/30 End of first quarter

10/31 Wear Read Day

11/4 PTG

11/5 Grades due

11/6 Activity Sign ups

11/7 Report Cards mailed

11/11 New Activities start

11/11 – Veteran's Day

11/18-21 Parent/Teacher Conferences (evening conferences 11/18, 20, afternoon conferences 11/19,21) will run a PM period 5-8 on Tues. and Thurs. and AM schedule on Wed. and Fri.

11/18 Hearing screenings – 7th grade – 8-9:15 am

11/21 – LCTI Presentation in Auditorium during period 4 approx. 10:40

11/26 - CAMFEL assembly – 1:00 pm

11/26 – LINC after CAMFEL Assembly

High School

10/13, 14 - Professional Development In-Service

The focus of the 2 days of professional development was the completion of the SLOs for the state via the PA-EETP online system and the development of the project based assessment component of the final exam.

Final exams now are comprised of 60% a traditional written final exam and 40% projects based assessments. These projects will incorporate problem solving and the application of the content into real life situations. Students are required to also embed technology into the project. Teachers worked collaboratively so that each course has the same expectations regardless of the teacher teaching the section.

Rick Kiker from Google and the Palisades School District presented on how to best utilize Google resources for the project based assessment. A variety of tools were introduced to the teachers and then Rick provided individual assistance to help choose the resources that best fit the project.

High School Homecoming 2014

After a fun and energetic pep rally with the band, dance team, grade level scavenger hunt and human bowling, the high school clubs and organizations hosted the Southern Lehigh Community Tailgate. This event was complete with a pig roast and hot dogs, games and prizes, face painting, cookie decorating and a bounce house. Old and young alike had a great time at the tailgate before the dominating win of the football team over Northwestern Lehigh. The weekend culminated with a very successful semi-formal dance of over 500 students Saturday night.