



Superintendent's Report

To: Board Members
From: Dr. Leah M. Christman
Date: May 26, 2015

- Spring **Athletic Teams** have had a very successful season.
 - Baseball- Made it to District XI quarter-finals against Saucon Valley (lost at that level)
 - Boys Lacrosse –Made it to District XI Finals- against Emmaus (lost at that level after multiple overtime play)
 - Girls Softball- is playing in the District XI Final on Tuesday 5/26 @ Pates Park 7:00 pm start
 - Girls Lacrosse is playing in the PIAA First Round of State Championship @ Nazareth HS on Wednesday 5/27- 5:00 start
 - Girls Lacrosse is the first in District XI to have an undefeated season- they are going into the playoffs with a 20-0 record.
- Congrats to our **Spartan Thespians**, Mr. Wehr, and the entire theatre team for another amazing production with “The Drowsy Chaperone” ! And the Freddy Awards go to..... Performance by a Featured Actor: Austin P., and Performance by a Supporting Actor: Chris S.
- One of our LCTI students, Anthony P. will be recognized at the **Elmer Gates Enterprise Awards** for Skills USA involvement, scholastic achievement, a positive work ethic, community service, and an entrepreneurial spirit. The awards breakfast will be held on May 27. The Elmer Gates Enterprise Awards have been given since 1986.
- On April 30th, Liberty Bell was fortunate to have author Michael Patrick O’Neill wildlife photographer, speaker and national author of children’s educational, non-fiction books about sea life for **Author Day**. Mr. O’Neill shared his experiences from underwater with students in a wonderful interactive slide show and presentation.
- On May 1st, Liberty Bell held its first Annual **Science Fair!** It was a huge success as over 50 students participated. PTA organized this great event and we had several members from our community participate in it as well as they helped with the judging.
- Lower Milford students have been going global and producing materials to share with the world!
 - Third grade students in Mr. Bonsall’s room have exchanged videos with their **French partner** about our school community. They are also going to be ending the year with a video on traditions and another Skype session.
 - Third grade students in Ms.Kale’s room are blogging with their partner class in **Alberta Canada** about American Traditions and are also writing about other countries that they have researched. They are illustrating their blogs using the iPads as well.
 - Second grade students in Ms. Downey’s room are blogging weekly and using ipads to illustrate their writing and uploading to the blog. They have also begun to use Kahoot! in multiple ways to review information and to engage students into math lessons.
 - First Grade students in both classes continue to collaborate with partner classes and use iPads daily for Daily 5 reading and math.
 - Kindergarten students have been illustrating with the iPads.

- **Music and Art Hero's Project** finished in May. They are working with the technology facilitator to include wordles and Augmented reality (Aurasma) to showcase student work in lobbies before the show.
 - From the Intermediate School:
 - Students in grade 4 visited The **Franklin Institute** and students in grade 6 visited **Ellis Island** as culminating experiences associated with their study of the curriculum. **Earth Day** (grade 4) and **Immigration Day** (grade 6) are scheduled this week and will bring closure to these fourth and sixth grade instructional units.
 - Grade six students also participated in live **dissection of pig hearts** this month. This terrific experience is made available through a partnerships developed with the office of with Dr. Groeber of LVH with additional supply support provided by Mrs. Fleckstein of St. Lukes Hospital.
 - IS Instrumental concert at the high school was, again, a standing room only event.
 - Choral concert at JPLIS was also well attended. Teachers volunteered to assist our custodial team with chair set-up and take down. All chairs for the concert were set- up in 15 min after school on Friday, 15 May. Just as amazing a gesture were the families that stayed behind after the choral program was complete, and assisted with removal of the chairs. There are about 500 chairs in all. Students really showed a lot of pride in our music program by sticking around and helping out without anyone having to ask.
 - Middle School **DESIGN 21** students under Ms. Ramunni's direction have been working on 4th quarter mini-project digital citizenship topics including the following:
 - Seventh Grade Topics:**
 - Identifying High Quality Sites
 - Privacy (privacy policies, cookies, third parties, etc.)
 - Personal/Private Identity Information (the difference between personal and private information and the importance of not sharing/over-sharing)
 - Netiquette (good manners while using technology and the Internet)
 - Textiquette (proper texting etiquette)
 - Copyright/Fair Use
 - Cyber Bullying/Bullying
 - Internet Safety
 - Digital Communication
 - Eighth Grade Topics:**
 - Digital Footprint
 - Over-sharing
 - Online Identity Theft
 - Acceptable/Safe/Responsible Social Networking
 - Respecting Privacy Online
 - How to Be Smart, Safe and Secure Online
 - Copyright/Fair Use
 - Digital Law
- Students are required to write an essay to accompany their oral presentation.

Final projects embodied current human-interest topics with specific concentration to geography.

- Seventh Grade Topics:**
 - Technology
 - Sports Related Injuries
 - Terrorism
 - Lyme Disease

- Nepal/Earthquake
- Drug Abuse
- Pediatric Cancer
- Invasive Species
- Space Innovation
- Royalty and the Royal Baby
- Sports for the Physically Challenged
- 2015 Film Festival

Eighth Grade Topics:

- Alzheimer's Disease
 - Presidential Election 2016
 - Cancer
 - Nepal/Earthquake
 - Baltimore/Protests
 - M.N.D. / A.L.S.
 - Terrorism
 - 2015 Film Festival
- In 8th grade Applied Technology course, the students researched **Bullying and Cyber-bullying**, created Slide presentations and are creating **Public Service Announcement Videos** on any part of this issue. Students created a survey using Google Forms. All SLMS 8th graders completed a survey and the results were used for the presentations and PSA video. Both assignments were group projects involving collaboration, teamwork, verbal and written communication skills, along with various software technology. The students will assess their class's videos and choose which ones will be aired on the Studio 22 morning announcements either during the Spring of 2015 or next Fall.
 - Students and staff of Southern Lehigh Middle School pledged to take part in **Water for South Sudan's** Iron Giraffe Challenge. The mission – to raise \$1,000 to help WFSS purchase a new drilling rig. SLMS held a t-shirt sale, a spirit/dress down day, and held a dance to help reach that pledge. The goal of the fundraiser was to inspire the Southern Lehigh community to come together in support of a very worthy endeavor: providing clean drinking water to the people of South Sudan. The SLMS family banded together to raise \$1,5000 – exceeding our expectations.
 - The High School had a very successful **PROM** at Bear Creek on Saturday, May 16.
 - Reminder that Wednesday, June 3 is our SLSD/Chamber/SLEF **Film Festival** at 7 PM in the High School. This year's Blue Carpet Event will benefit Betty Lou's Pantry.