

# Southern Lehigh School District

## K-12 Building Update

### September 28, 2015

#### Liberty Bell Elementary

- We have hit our stride and are into our full routine now that we have had a FULL week of school. Beginning of the year assessments are completed and intervention groups are currently being formed.
- Students from Penn State Lehigh Valley visited Liberty Bell last Thursday for Constitution Day. The students taught mini-lessons and provided activities for our 3rd Graders as they learned about the importance and history of the U.S. Constitution.
- World Bully Prevention Day is Monday, October 5th. Schools and students are encouraged to wear BLUE to support student citizenship and kind acts toward one another. Liberty Bell will be partaking in this event.

#### Lower Milford Elementary

- October 1st is Picture Day at LM
- October 8th is Fire Safety day and the LM fire department will be coming to talk about Fire Safety to our students.
- In-service is on October 9 and 12

#### Middle School

- 1 Students and staff of Southern Lehigh Middle School will take part in "Yellow Day" Challenge. The mission - to raise \$1,200 to help the cause of Pediatric Cancer. To help reach that pledge, Dr. Donahue and Mr. Davidson have agreed to "bean-boozed" if the full is raised or exceeded.
- Mr. John McDonald, STEM teacher has been awarded *Middle School TEEAP/ITEEA Teacher of the Year Award*.
- Ms. Tara McGinniss, our Health and Wellness Teacher, and the Southern Lehigh Middle School H.P.E.D. program for being recognized by Penn State Hershey Pro Wellness Center as a "Health Champion" program.

#### High School

- The high school had a very eventful and successful opening of school. In addition to class meetings for all students, freshmen were welcomed to an updated Freshman Orientation program. This included a busy Club Rush where students were encouraged to sign up for extra-curricular activities so they become involved in the school community right from the start. The Teen Counselors also served an important part of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade transition process by explaining the social aspects of high school. The Teen Counselors also created a scavenger hunt throughout the school to help the freshmen find their way around the building.
  - A team of teachers worked throughout the summer to improve the offerings for the Freshman Academy Spartan. A Google Classroom and a Remind account have been set up for the Class of 2019. Using their laptops, the students will be able to access important information, academic support links and community service information throughout their 4 years at Southern Lehigh High School on these sites. A class project has been voted on and students have decided to support the creation of a library in Africa through "The African Library Project". Also on the Class of 2019 Google Classroom are Student Recognition Forms for students to thank each other, a Spartan Success Booklet and Online Academic Resources for students. All of this is to help 9<sup>th</sup> graders be more successful as they enter high school.