



STAFF UPDATE

ALTOONA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

WINTER, 2010

Nurses work as a team to successfully immunize students

One of the largest logistical efforts in school district history was a fantastic success due to the untiring efforts of our nurses.

In addition to their regular duties including screenings, administration of medications and dealing with students who are ill, the nurses worked tirelessly and efficiently over a short period of time to prepare for and administer 4,300 H1N1 immunizations to students in November and December.

Assistant Superintendent Frank Meloy and Paula Dibert, an AAHS nurse who serves as the chairperson of the school district nurses, began monitoring student immunization plans of the Pennsylvania Department of Health last summer and applied for the vaccine as soon as the window of opportunity opened.

Padget Burkey, a former Department of Health nurse who is now a nurse at the Curtin Learning Express Preschool, was instrumental in the process. Her expertise and knowledge were invaluable.

As a result, Altoona Area was one of the first school districts in Central PA to receive permission to immunize students.

In late October, packets of infor-

mation, which included an extensive two-page parental permission form, were prepared and sent to the homes of nearly 8,000 elementary and secondary students.

As there was a narrow timeline before the vaccine was due to arrive, the nurses worked together to carefully check each permission form, obtain additional information from parents and begin making plans for the immunizations which began November 9.

"Because of the assistance we received from community agencies, administering the immunizations was the easy part," Paula Dibert said.

"We could not have pulled this off successfully without the tremendous cooperation of all of our nurses. They devoted personal time at night and on weekends and they spent many hours returning phone calls and collaborating with each other."



AAASD nurses include (seated, left to right) Della Wharton, Vickie Lamont, Theresa Picciotti and Tracy Rispoli. Standing - Marie Brenneman, Debra Wade, Paula Dibert, Sandra Lingafelt and Linda Allender. Padget Burkey was absent when this photo was taken.

A short quiz for graduates of Altoona High

*Are you receiving biweekly broadcast e-mail newsletters from the Alumni Office? If not, send an e-mail to tbradley@asdc.com.

*Are you using the AAHS Online Alumni Directory to stay in touch with classmates and other friends?

*Have you checked out www.aasdfoundation.org to view the nice line of Mt. Lion logo gear and Alumni Association items available for purchase online or in the Alumni Office?

*Are you a dues-paying member of our national Alumni Association? If not, call Tom Bradley's office (946-8424) to learn how you can join for only \$7.50.

CARE AWARD NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the 2010 Educator CARE Awards are now being accepted.

The CARE Awards are presented annually to an elementary teacher, a secondary teacher and a specialist/itinerant who have demonstrated commitment, achievement, responsibility and excellence.

Here is the latest news about members of the AASD family

***Scott Pappal** (Elementary Music) recently accepted a position as principal organist/choral accompanist at the Hollidaysburg First United Methodist Church. Last spring, Scott was a featured clinician at the PMEA All-State Music Conference in Hershey.

***Janet Flegal** (Learning Express-SEA), the manager of Blair County Special Olympics, accepted the award for the program of the year, during the Pennsylvania Special Olympics Leadership Conference in September.

***Tom Bradley** (AASD Foundation-Executive Director) was a featured speaker at the Mid-Atlantic Consortium of Education Foundations meetings in Harrisburg and Pittsburgh in October. He will also address attendees at the PA Association of School Business Officials (PASBO) seminar in Hershey in March.

NEW ARRIVALS

*Gianna Jolyn Huber, the granddaughter of **Lisa McClellan** (Juniata-Teacher Aide) and the great granddaughter of **Connie Claycomb** (Payroll Office-Assistant Supervisor), February 5.

*Brooklyn Michelle Krebs, granddaughter of **Michelle Krebs** (Business Manager), May 22.

*Gavin Michael Ciampoli, son of **Michael Ciampoli** (Juniata-MDS Teacher), May 28.

*Natalie Faith Baker, daughter of **Jaime Baker** (Speech Pathologist)

and granddaughter of **Melissa Bantz** (Elementary Office-Confidential Secretary), September 19.

*Bender Gabriel Kopac, the grandson of **Suzi Kough** (Ebner-Secretary), October 29.

*Reagan Elizabeth Schultz, granddaughter of **Kathleen Oakes** (McAuliffe Heights-1) and step-granddaughter of **Leonard Oakes** (Maintenance-Licensed Tradesman), November 2.

*Isabella Grace Foor, granddaughter of **Linda Foor** (Baker 2), November 2. Isabella's aunt is **Jessica Foor** (Juniata-PSSA/Tech Coach).

*Chloe Burdette Watson, granddaughter of **Patty Watson** (AAHS-ESP) and the niece of **Michele Plunket** (McAuliffe Heights-K), November 9.

*Kirk Thomas Keen, grandson of **Marie Suter** (AAHS-English), December 15.

CONGRATULATIONS

*Emily Brown, daughter of **Katrina Brown** (AAHS-English), married Jimmie Wagner on December 27, 2008.

*Baker School students Courtney (11) and Mackenzie Detwiler (9), daughters of **Larry and Kelly Detwiler** (AAHS-Music) competed in the National Baton Twirling Competition at Notre Dame University in July. Their Show Twirler team won the national championship and both girls placed in the top five in several individual events.

***Jacquilyn Stangl** (Wright-K), a Penn State graduate, and Alyssa Stangl, the salutatorian of the AAHS Class of 2009, are the granddaughters of **Bonnie Stangl** (AAHS-SEA).

*Steven Hoover, son of **Beth Hoover** (AAJHS-Math), married Ashley Jaynes, August 15. Steven and Ashley are students at Johnson Bible College in Knoxville, TN.

***Kara DeAntonio** (Ebner-K) married Derek Winterburn, August 15.

*Jim Moschella, son of **Cindie Moschella** (AAHS Attendance Office-Clerk-Typist), graduated from Slippery Rock University. He is employed as the accounting auditor at DelGrosso's Foods in Tipton.

*Brett Schultz, son of **Kathleen Oakes** (McAuliffe Heights-1) and stepson of **Leonard Oakes** (Maintenance-Licensed Tradesman), married Melissa Hesson, October 3. They reside in Marysville, PA.

*Kira Schmoke, daughter of **Julie Schmoke** (AAHS-Physical Education) was selected as an All-American Cheerleader and as a result, performed during the Capital One Bowl halftime show on Jan. 1.

*Jennifer Dambeck, daughter of **Emma Dambeck** (Logan-LS), achieved Dean's List honors and a certificate of merit in research and writing in her third term of study at Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Michigan. Upon graduation, she expects to focus in the area of educational law.

***Amy Slep** (Washington-Jefferson-3) married Patrick Brady, June 20.

***Cristy Halerz** (Public Access TV-Coordinator) is engaged to Clinton Lee Schmidt, Jr.

*Henry "Hank" Martin, an AASD van driver for Student Transportation of America, was named an "STA Hero" for his work as founder and

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Staff Update

Staff Update is published three times during the school year by the AASD Public Relations Office, 1415 Sixth Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602.

All employees are invited to contribute articles or offer suggestions for stories. You can fax the information (946-8565) or e-mail it to tbradley@aasdcat.com.

In Memoriam

The Altoona Area School District mourns the passing of Janet Yon, a second grade teacher at McAuliffe Heights-Irving, on December 24. You can contribute to a scholarship that will be established in her name by sending a donation for this purpose to the AASD Foundation, 1415 Sixth Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602.

AASD United Way staff contributions increase significantly

The results from the 2009 United Way of Blair County staff campaign are headed in the right direction.

As 78 additional employees made payroll deduction or cash donations this year, the school district experienced a nice 17 percent increase as \$12,870 was collected.

Tom Bradley, who has chaired the AASD campaign since 1987, said, "United Way has endured some significant changes in recent years and they're obviously headed in the right direction.

"Our high water mark for donations was \$24,058 in 2003. As more of our employees perceive the value of the United Way's efforts, I'm confident we'll continue to attract additional donors and approach the \$25,000 mark in the near future."

Robin Beck, the CPO of the United Way of Blair County, said, "In these difficult economic times, many Blair County people are in need - some for the first time in their lives.

"To help our community provide for the increased needs of friends and neighbors, it is imperative that the United Way of Blair County raise funds that will be granted to support the programs of local service agen-

cies that provide the building blocks for a good life in all of Blair County.

"Thank you to the staff of the Altoona Area School District for choosing to LIVE UNITED. By reaching out a hand to one, we can improve conditions right here where we live."



United Way
of Blair County

The United Way of Blair County has been playing an important role for

countless years as it provides Community Impact Grants to local organizations - many of which directly impact AASD students and families.

A major focus is to create long-lasting changes that prevent problems from happening in the first place.

The United Way focus areas are: helping children and youth succeed; strengthening and supporting families; responding to crisis; and job related issues.

An impressive 99 percent of all money raised in Blair County stays in Blair County and is granted to agencies and programs that serve your friends, family and neighbors from all walks of life.

AASD United Way Campaign - By the Numbers

*352 - Number of employees who made a cash or a payroll deduction pledges in 2009, a 28 percent increase over last year.

*\$12,870 - Total donations in 2009, an increase of \$1,874 (17 percent) over last year.

*\$36.56 - The average AASD United Way pledge in the recent campaign.

*57 - AASD retired employees who collectively gave \$2,420

*4 - Number of current and retired employees who gave Leadership Gifts of at least \$250.

News for and about AASD employees continued...

president of Project Winter Warmth. STA presented Hank with a \$1,000 check to continue and expand the program.

Founded in 1992, Project Winter Warmth helps about 100 local children each year who are identified by Blair County Human Services.

Each child receives an allowance to purchase coats, socks, underwear and other clothing needed for winter at the Altoona JC Penney.

*Karin Orenstein, daughter of **Chris Miller** (Logan-Secretary), completed her classroom and performance requirements to receive her doctorate of the arts in music peda-

gogy from the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC.

*Amanda Marin, daughter of **Mary Marin** (AAHS-ESP), is the service coordinator at the Easter Seals Central PA Autism Resource Center.

***Bonnie Barry** (Logan-Teacher Aide) received an associate degree in letters, arts and sciences at Penn State Altoona, December 19.

*Plans are being finalized for the first annual **Coach Bill Smearman Memorial Golf Tournament**. It will be held on Monday, June 28, at the Iron Masters Country Club. It will be a four-person scramble with a 1 p.m. shotgun start.

The cost-per-person will be \$60 which will include the greens fee, golf cart, a light meal, prizes and a donation to create a scholarship that will be given to a graduating Altoona Area High School senior athlete beginning in 2011.

Bill Smearman retired in 2004 after teaching earth science classes at Roosevelt Junior High School for 38 years. He was the chairperson of the Roosevelt science department and coached both wrestling and football. He passed away last summer after a two-year battle with melanoma.

For more information, contact Steve Rhodes (srhodes@altoonasd.com) or Steve Frank (sefrankhol@aol.com).

Players arrive on June 13

Hosting PSFCA all-star football players is a rewarding experience

The tenth annual Pennsylvania Scholastic Football Coaches Association (PSFCA) East West All-Star game will be played at Mansion Park on Friday, June 18.

Once again, 68 of the state's best senior players will showcase their skills before heading off to college. The odds are good that some of them will one day play in the National Football League.



Larry and Kelly Detwiler and their daughters, Courtney and Makenzie (center) made lifetime friendships with East players Jabair Khan (left) and Niklas Hecht.

Over the years, a number of AASD employees have stepped forward to serve as host families.

Nancy Gibney (Baker-Cafeteria) and her husband, Tom, have hosted a total of 19 players over eight years. She said, "This has been a very memorable experience for us. We have met so many nice boys and their families over the years and we still stay in contact with many of them.

"We have photos of all 19 players hanging in our pool room and we add to the display every year," she noted.

Larry and Kelly Detwiler (AAHS-Music) hosted two players in 2008 and stepped forward again last year to house three more players. Larry said, "With the game being on Friday, being a host family is easier than ever. Our daughters have enjoyed making friends with these college-bound athletes."

Players will arrive on Sunday, June 13. Host families provide breakfast and transportation to and from practice daily as well as dinner on two of the evenings. They receive complimentary tickets for all PSFCA events including the game.

Families who sign up before March 1 will be able to choose the players they'd like to host. Contact Tom Bradley for more information.

Altoona Area School Board welcomes three new members

Three new members of the Altoona Area School Board were sworn in on December 7 along with incumbent **Richard Lockard**.

They include:

***Ryan Beers**, a 2002 Altoona Area High School graduate who also earned a degree in rhetoric and communications from the University of Richmond (VA) where he was a member of the football team. He is a pharmaceutical salesman for Boehringer and Ingelheim.

***Elizabeth Elliott**, a 1997 AAHS graduate who currently teaches social studies at Cambria Heights High School. After earning a degree in secondary education at Penn State, she went on to earn a juris doctor degree from the University of Pittsburgh and was admitted to the Pennsylvania bar in 2004.

***Charles "Skip" Dry**, a veteran of the Vietnam War who has been the Altoona Mirror district sales manager

for the past 27 years. Skip has run the Mansion Park summer basketball league for 31 years.

James Walstrom, a superviso-

ry agent for the PA Office of the Attorney General, is the new Board president while **Dr. Tim Lucas** of Altoona Lung Specialists is the new vice-president.



Current members of the Board of School Directors include: Seated - Mary Kimmel; Jim Walstrom, president; Dr. Tim Lucas, vice-president; and Ticky Hendricks. Standing - Skip Dry, Elizabeth Elliott; Dick Lockard; Dr. Dennis Murray, superintendent; David Andrews, solicitor; Ryan Beers; Maryann Joyce Bistline and Maura Jones, the student representative.

Foundation provides \$41,754 for innovative classroom projects

With another round of Educator-in-Residence grants to be approved in late January, the Altoona Area School District Foundation board of directors has already allocated more than \$60,000 for projects that will positively-impact the educational process during the current school year.

Some 21 Venture Grants for Teachers totaling \$18,312 and 12 Educator-in-Residence grants in the amount of \$23,462 were approved in October.

A complete listing of grant winners can be found on the Intranet along with brief summaries of each project.

Another \$20,000 has been earmarked so additional elementary students can attend Family Theatre at the Mishler during the year.

The Foundation provides the resources so AAJHS computer labs can be open extended hours before and after school. It also provides partial funding for The Challenge Program at Altoona Area High School.

Since being established in 1987, the Foundation has raised more than \$2.3 million thanks to donations from alumni, the local business community, including AASD vendors, and school district employees.

Over the past 20 years, some \$708,541 has been allocated for 345 Venture Grants and 271 Educator-in-Residence projects. Only a small percentage of these creative classroom projects could've been funded by the regular AASD budget.



Carnegie Science Center spent a day at Washington-Jefferson School in November presenting "Captain Green's Time Machine," a quest to save the environment. Two assembly programs and a day of hands-on activities were funded by a \$1,0560 Educator-in-Residence grant.

Project SOAR is off to a fantastic start at Altoona Area JHS

The 20 eighth and ninth grade students in the Project SOAR (Study, Overcome, Achieve and Reward) pilot group are off and running.

The purpose of SOAR is to motivate and assist quality students to

explore and pursue post secondary opportunities after high school.

Each of the students has been assigned a mentor from the community as well as an in-school mentor. The students and their parents attended

an orientation in September and signed a "SOAR Promise" that explained the program and listed requirements they were expected to meet.

Beginning in October, the SOAR students began attending one after-school session each month designed to help them develop skills that will assist them after graduation.

In December, all 20 students had a joint session with their community mentors, each of whom attended a training session in September.

To say that the program is off to a superb start would be a vast understatement.

The SOAR students are enthusiastic and meeting expectations at every turn. All 20 students exceeded the minimum grade point average requirement. Sixteen of the 20 achieved honor roll status and half of the participants had perfect attendance.



Nancy Cherry (left) and Linda Davis, a retired Penn-Lincoln teacher who serves on the SOAR Committee, guided one of the after-school activities involving the Project SOAR pilot group.

Staff supports AASD Foundation through payroll deductions

The AASD Foundation's 14th annual Campaign for Excellence was another huge success.

There are now 699 employees, an all-time high, enrolled in the payroll deduction program. Some 59 employees signed on as new contributors. Another 18 staff members increased their bi-monthly donations and four employees are giving more than \$500 per year to qualify as Teacher Grant Partners. Eleven people chose to give cash gifts.

Foundation Executive Director Tom Bradley said,

"I am particularly pleased that an increasing number of non-instructional staffers are signing up for payroll deductions each year. They obviously see the many ways Foundation grants impact the educational process."

Employees not enrolled can sign up by contacting Tom Bradley at 946-8424 or at tbradley@aasdcad.com.

Note: Campaign for Excellence contributors who gave at least \$24 are listed below. Staff members who have made cash gifts for memorials or other purposes are not listed here.

James Abbott	Sharon Berkheimer	Dick Carothers	Paula Dibert	Virginia Foreman	Emilie Harten
David Aboud	Michelle Berkheimer	Sandy Catherman	Sabrina Dickson	Sandra Forlina	Paul Hasson
Bridget Adams	Larry Betar	Nancy Cherry	Heather Diehl	Cathie Forney	Brad Hatch
Henry Adams	Marie Bettwy	Tim Cherry	Judy DiLeo	Thomas Fox	Julie Hatch
Mike Adams	Susan Bettwy	Amy Chesney	Karen Dinardo	Lindsay Francis	Melissa Hatch
Richard Adams	Ann Bickel	John Chesney	Keri Diveglia	Brenda Franco	James Heffelfinger
Bonnie Adler	Rachel Bickel	Joyce Chestney	Michele Diviney	Charlene Frank	Eleanor Herbster
Karly Aiken	Tracey Biesecker	Kathryn Chestney	Robyn Dixon	Stephanie Frost	Jennifer Herncane
Andrew Allender	Linda Bistline	Amanda Chirdon	Virginia Dixon	Heather Gailey	Melissa Hershel
John Allender	Ann Blough	Catherine Chirdon	Kirk Dodson	Chrisanda Galant	Jessica Hescocx
Linda Allender	Tim Boland	Wanda Churchill	Lou Ann Donlan	Julie Gardner	Carol Hewitt
Autumn Amerine	John Bollinger	Jenna Ciambotti	Pamela Donley	Erin Gates	Beth Hicks
Charles Amerine	Brandy Booher	Michael Ciampoli	James Doran	Carol Gaydis	Jennifer Hileman
Chris Amerine	Dave Borst	Melissa Civils	Kathryn Dougherty	Melanie Gearhart	Deborah Himes
Michelle Anderson	Ronald Bowser	Lynette Clapper	Tehia Douglas	Gregory Gebhardt	Linda Himes
Rebecca Anderson	Wendy Boyles	Bron Clouser	Jessica Druzba	Laurie Geiner	Renata Himes
Sandy Anderson	Meghan Bradley	Gregg Coldwell	Karen Duffett	Jason Geis	Shelby Hite
Mary Lou Appleman	Tom Bradley (TGP)	Miriam Colledge	Robert Duffett	Justin Genovese	Robert Hofer
Kimberly Archey	Amy Brady	Kathie Colombo	Donald Dull	Constance George	Jessica Hogan
Justin Arthur	Damian Branas	Denise Condo	Matthew Dumm	Sheila George	Ronna Holliday
Barbara Auker	Lori Branas	Eileen Conlon	Nicole Dunio	Brent Gerwert	Maryanne Hollingsworth
Stephanie Bailey	Kelly Brennan	Jessica Connell	Tara Dunio	Michele Gerycz	Susan Holzer
Breanne Baker	Ben Breneman	Andrea Connolly	Allen Dunlap	Elizabeth Giansante	Lori Homan
Jaime Baker	Marie Breneman	Andrea Conrad	Doris Dunn	Erin Gieg	Beth Hoover
Mike Baker	Amy Brisbin	Deborah Conrad	Robin Dwyer	Joel Gilbert	Cheryl Hoover
Patti Baker	Elizabeth Bronson	Todd Consiglio	Tim Dzurko	Kristen Gill	Heidi Horwitz
Ken Balough	Claudia Brown	Annetta Conway	Emily Eakins	Neil Gioiosa	Jeff Hostler
Amy Banks	Deborah Brown	Brenda Conway	Brian Eberhart	George Gluscic	Eric Hovan
Gloria Banks	Katrina Brown	Bryce Cossitor	Robyn Eckels	Jessica Gouse	Randi Hovan
Melissa Bantz	Lori Brown	Susan Cossitor	Amy Edmiston	Misty Grabill	Maureen Hoyne
Lee Baranik	Lori Brumbaugh	Lori Crawford	Mary Edmiston	Devon Graham	Kristine Hricko
Ryan Baranik	Beth Brunnhuber	Amber Creamer	Barry Eger	Cassie Grassmyer	Melissa Huber
Angela Barnes	Sherry Buck	Nancee Crider	Bonnie Eger	Doris Grassmyer	Kathleen Hughes
Cindy Baronner	David Bufalini	Darlene Crum	Lynn Eisel	Kelly Grassmyer	Dorothy Hunter
Donna Barr	Greg Bunn	Marcia Cumming	Ruth England	Shawn Greaser	Mark Hutchison
Elizabeth Barr	Megan Burchfield	Teresa Cumming	Pam Ergler	Jeremy Green	Janet Ianuzzi
Toni Barr	Susan Burk	William Curran	Allison Estright	Harry Gregg	Jill Isaacson
Autumn Barry-Kyle	Wanda Burk	Melissa Cutshall	Mary Ellen Everhart	Lisa Gregg	James John
David Bartek	Patricia Burke	James D'Angelo	Rodger Fair	Dawn Grimes	Christine Johnston
Debbie Bartley	Padget Burkey	Jill Daloisio	Christine Falger	Jenna Grove	James Johnston
Lisa Bartley	Patricia Burkholder	Emma Dambeck	Joe Falger	Pamela Grozanick	Karen Johnston
Susan Barton	Patty Burlingame	Erik Dambeck	Leanne Fanale	Anna Gutshall	Tina Johnston
Angela Baughman	Rebecca Burns	Andrew Danish	Susan Farabaugh	Jeffrey Guyer II	Bernie Joyce
Jamie Baum	Rebecca Bush	Cindy Danish	Rachel Felix	Leonard Haduck	Kathy Judy
Carol Beard	Wendy Bush	Melissa Daugherty	Jodie Fennessey	Anna Hagans	Cynthia Kanski
Becky Beasom	Maureen Butterbaugh	Gary Davis	Janell Ferrell	Theresa Halbig	Christine Karl
Wendy Becher	Chris Cacciotti	Pam Davis	Jennifer Finegan	Chelsea Hallinan	Susan Karp
Lucinda Beckett	Mike Cacciotti	Ruth Davis	John Fiore	Michele Hallinan	Elisabeth Kauffman
Julie Behe	Suzanne Caldwell	Shannon Davis	Julie Fleck	Patty Hallinan	Cathy Keefe
Tim Behe	Bonnie Calvert	Kara DeAntonio-Winterburn	Marcia Fleck	Becky Hamilton	Dawn Keith
Christine Beiswenger	Adam Camberg	Sonya DeArmitt	Haley Fleege	Lesa Hamilton	Steve Keith
Jodi Beiswenger	Brian Camberg	Lisa Decker	Jaclyn Flick	Valerie Hampton	Caroline Kelly
Emily Bender	Nicholas Caminiti	Kristin delGiudice	Tracy Flynn	Keri Harrington	Jerry Kenawell
Scott Berardinelli	Joe Campbell	Rocco DePiro III	Rachel Fogal	Mark Harrington	Patricia Kenawell
Mary Ellen Berger-Johnson	Pamela Caputo	Robin DeShong	Amy Foor	Nichole Harris	Regina Kieseewetter
Jamie Bergstein	Linda Carland	Jonathan Despot	Jessica Foor	Christy Harrold	Melissa Kifer
Melissa Berish	Mary Jo Carmosino	Darla Detwiler	Linda Foor	Bill Harshberger	Gilda Kilcoyne
Dana Berkheimer	Melissa Carney	Kelly Detwiler	Paula Foreman	Tonya Harshberger	Kathy Killian
Kimberly Berkheimer		Larry Detwiler			

Tina Kimmel	Stephanie Litzenberger	Betsy Miller	Michele Plunket	Jessica Seidel	Heather Tippett-Wertz
Deborah Kinch	Kelli Livermore	Dawn Miller	Andrea Pollack	Lisa Sendzik	Wendy Tomlinson
Christopher King	Jason Lloyd	Deborah Miller	David Poole	Marian Sension	Natalie Trimmer
John King	Brenda Lochner	Megan Miller	Karan Price	Kelli Servello	Cynthia Trude
Angelique Kirsch	Sally Lockard	Norman Miller	Greg Query	Nora Seville	Christine Trybus
Maureen Kirsch	Craig Long	Rebecca Miller	Tabitha Quinn	Kristen Shaffer	Shawna Tubbs
Sharlene Kirsch	Pamela Long	Susan Miller	Rebecca Ratchford	William Shawley	Julie Turano
Amy Kirwin	Carl Longo	Tara Miller	Mary Louise Ray (TGP)	Kim Shope	Lori Turcovski
James Kiser	Lori Loucks	Jennifer Milliron	Susan Recchia	Jeffery Shultz	Cheryl Tyler
Peter Kishpaugh	Nancy Lourie	Judith Mills	Karrie Reed	Karen Shuman	Jolene Umholtz
Lacey Kittell	Michele Love	Linda Mincin	Jennifer Reffner	Joseph Shuta	Vivian VanDyke
Christie Klausman	James Lowe	Peter Mitchell	Jack Reilly	Meade Simington	Abby Vellone
Carolyn Kline	Jennifer Lowe	Ruth Mitchell	Lisa Reilly	Douglas Simmons	Breanne Venios
Jonathan Klingeman	Tanya Lucas	Tim Mitchell	Jessica Rentler	Doreen Sinai	Maureen Verzella
Becky Knott	Cheryl Luciano	Richard Monahan	Maureen Repko	Paula Singer	Christie Villano
Christine Knott-Hallinan	Damon Luciano	Carol Montgomery	Rebecca Rettig	Jeffie Singo	Amy Jo Vinglish
Jody Koch	Stephanie Lutz	Debbie Montrella	Sharon Rhodes	Amy Sinisi	Debra Wade
Terry Koch	Tara Lutz	Dawn Morden	Stephen Rhodes	George Sinisi	Deborah Wagner
Carolyn Kochka	Julie Lytle	April Morealli	Roseann Rhone	Doug Sipes	Denise Walk
Jerry Koehle	Adam Macak	Kathleen Morgan	Phil Riccio	Janice Sipes-King	Jessica Walker
Dana Kordwitz	Barbara Mackereth	Katie Moyer	Sarah Richard	Lindsey Sissler	Sharon Wall
Carissa Kostan	George Mahon	Jenna Muccitelli	Ashley Richardella	Pam Skelley	Sharon Wallace
Erick Kozak	Brandi Maitland	Dennis Murray (TGP)	Susan Richardella	Kathy Slep	Melissa Wasco
Michelle Krebs	Linda Mallery	Marvin Murray	Tracy Rispoli	Andrew Smearman	Jason Wasovich
Kenneth Krott	Lori Mangan	Donnie Musselman	Stacy Ritchey	Lisa Smith	Kiersten Wasovich
Melissa Krott	Sherry Manley	Linda Nagle	Tonya Rolley	Melissa Smith	Fred Watson
James Krug	Mary Marin	Paul Neatrou	Rebecca Romagnino	Richard Smith	Patricia Watson
Susan Kuhn	Amy Martin	Megan Nedimyer	Meghan Roscia	Thomas A. Smith	Joyce Webster
Karen Kustaborder	Kent Martin	Melissa Nedimyer	Shauna Roscia	Jennifer Snyder	Lisa Weidlich
Jill Kutz	Randy Mastalski	Crystal Nicodemus	Doug Rosenberry	William Socey	Sherry Wells
Marilyn Kutz	Adam Mathias	Lisa Niedenthal	Jennifer Rosenberry	Joseph Sohmer	Sally Wenzel
Patrick Labriola	Richard Matt	Nancy Noll	Holly Rosenthal	Patricia Sohmer	Stephen Westrick
Patricia Labriola	Stacy Mattas	Mallory Noonan	David Routh	Heidi Soldner	Della Wharton
Jodi Lambertus	Valerie Mauk	Kathleen Oakes	Dawn Rouch	Sam Solomon	John Wharton
Vickie LaMont	Tammy Mazzocco	James O'Donnell	Lynne Ruggles	Doug Spayd	Bonnie Whitesell
Jill Lane	Carri McCarter	Robert Orner	Kristie Runk	Debbie Stacey	Monique Williams
Maryellen Lang	David McCarter	Sara O'Roark	Annie Rupp	Jacquilyn Stangl	Rob Williams
Sharon Lang	Tina McCloskey	Steve Oswald	Kippy Russo	Eileen Starr	Susan Williamson
Rena Lantz	Jeffrey McClure	Kathy Otto	Rebekah Russo	Pamela Steiner	Jennyfer Wilson
Andrea Larson	Heidi McCorkle	Todd Otto	Jill Rutter	Mike Steininger	Kitty Wilson
Erica Larson	Danielle McDowell	Amy Palfey	Linda Rys	Karen Stevens Matteson	Amy Wineland
Fred Larson	Patrick McDowell	Tom Palfey	Mary Sabatino	Lars Steward	Erin Wisor
Sarah Latchford	Sean McDowell	Stacy Palilla	John Saboe	Julie Stiffler	Lisa Wolf
Virginia Latchford	Christine McGeary	Tara Papp	Anne Saclaro	Paula Stitt	Joy Wolford
Kelly Latten	Jason McGinnis	Scott Pappal	Michele Sanders	Julie Storm	Andrew Woormer
Dillon Lawson	Linda McGinnis	Heather Partsch	Sherrill Sanders	Eric Stoudnour	Scott Woormer
William Lear	Ashley McGraw	Kathie Pastore	Mark Sapita	Kelli Stoudnour	Janet Wray
Jeff Lechner	Carmen McGunigal	Larry Pennington	Karen Sassano	Julia Stover	Nancy Yagodich
Shelby Lenhart	Margaret McMinn (TGP)	Susan Pehinec	Debra Saylor	Bill Stratton	Julie Yahner
Diane Lewis	Sandy McNelis	Kim Persing	Elizabeth Saylor	Chris Strawmier	Michele Yeingst-Dugan
Maggie Lewis	Tricia McNelis	Josie Peterman	Patti Saylor	Lisa Strayer	Emily Yerty
Rebecca Lidwell	Frank Meloy	Paula Peterman	Christine Scheinberg	Marie Suter	Drew Yingling
Dorothy Liller	Roger Menard	Philip Peterman	Julie Schmoke	Claudine Swan	Janet Yon
Mary Lilly	Sandra K. Merritts	Mark Petrarca	Sherry Schorner	Jeannie Swanger	Jon Yon
Dawn Lindner	Lisa Merschiltz	Amy Pheasant	Beth Schrock	Tina Swineford	Kathleen Yon
Sandra Lingafelt	Holly Metzler	Brenda Piacentini	Joseph Scott	Shelly Taylor	Anne Zabinsky
Renee Link	Joyce Mielnik	Troy Pincherri	Erica Seedenburg	Cindy Thompson	Nichole Zemleduck
Debbie Little	Stephanie Mighells	Annette Pirro	Lori Seedenburg	Scott Thompson	Nicole Zernick
Jason Little	Aric Miller	Wanda Pletcher	Debra Sefton	Tamara Thompson	Eric Zolnak
Melinda Little		Mary Ann Pleva		Debra Tini	Linda Zorger

TGP indicates gift of \$500 or more as a Teacher Grant Partner

GOLD AWARD WINNERS (90% or more participation)

Administrative Wing
 Altoona Area Junior High School
 Altoona Area High School
 Baker School
 Ebner School
 Kimmel Alternative School
 Learning Express Preschool at Curtin

Logan School
 McAuliffe Heights at Irving
 Juniata School
 Juniata Gap School
 Pleasant Valley School
 Washington-Jefferson School
 Wright School

SILVER AWARD WINNER (75-89% enrolled) - Penn-Lincoln School

Spotlighting three members of the AASD staff



PAM STONE

Pam Stone was hired as the Director of Special Education last summer.

She graduated from Kutztown State University in elementary and special education and went on to earn her supervisor's certificate from Penn State in special education.

Pam taught kindergarten children in the Bellefonte SD for 25 years before taking supervisory positions at BLAST Intermediate Unit and the Philipsburg-Osceola School District.

After four months in the AASD, she said, "I was very impressed with the professionalism at my interview and in my working experience here. We not only have the professionalism of our staff but also high expectations for our kids. I like our mission statement which addresses both academics and student behavior.

"When I enter a school district, I always like to spend time in the halls of the secondary schools. I am so impressed with our students."

Pam's husband, Michael, is a sixth grade math teacher at Bellefonte Middle School. Their son, Nate, a West Point graduate and an Army Ranger, is currently deployed in the Middle East.



PAULA FOREMAN

On July 1, Paula Foreman assumed the coordinator position for information management as well as Q-SITE and ISO 9001.

With the implementation of Pennsylvania's Right-to-Know law last January, one of Paula's duties is to evaluate and respond within five days when a request for AASD information is submitted by media, vendors or private citizens.

This Lock Haven University graduate also works closely with the Q-SITE school councils. She said, "The programs and initiatives the councils have developed at the school level are very effective. They have started lots of good activities that have become systemic instead of once-and-done efforts."

Paula is a 1984 Altoona High grad. Her husband, Jim, administers the ProCare Health and Fitness Centers in Blair, Bedford and Centre counties. The couple has three children: Amanda, a Penn State-University Park freshman majoring in actuarial science; Scott, a high school junior; and David, a seventh grader.

In her leisure time, Paula enjoys running and spending time with her family.



KATHY KILLIAN

After completing the business education program at Central High in Martinsburg, Kathy Killian worked for Dr. Irwin Boucher and Dr. Richard Capriotti before becoming a secretary in the JTPA Office at the Stevens Community Education Center.

"I was looking for a career change," she said, "and I always wanted to work in the schools."

In 1994, Kathy replaced Laura Welker at Washington-Jefferson and she's been handling countless tasks as the school secretary ever since.

"Being an elementary secretary involves lots of things including assisting children when the nurse is not present and dealing with parents, many of whom are not in a good mood, as they come into the office," she said.

"The W-J staff is the best in the world. Our students need lots of nurturing and our staff does that on a daily basis."

Kathy is married to Bill Killian, a retired Logan Elementary teacher, who is now employed by Home Nursing Agency as a Therapeutic Support Staffer. In her free time, she enjoys counted cross-stitching and spoiling her nieces and nephews.