



# PAWPRINTS

*A Newsletter for Residents of the Western Wayne School District*

## PMEA DISTRICT 9 BAND, CHORUS, AND ORCHESTRA

Each year the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) sponsors music festivals for Band, Chorus and Orchestra at the District, Regional, and State level. These music festivals are usually three days in length. The students are selected to participate through an audition process held in the fall and prepare their music in advance of the festival. Once at the festival, they are auditioned again for chair placement and advancement to the next level. For this purpose, the state is divided into twelve districts and six regions.

Western Wayne is one of about forty-five high schools in our five county area defined as PMEA District 9. Western Wayne students compete against students from all schools in this area, regardless of enrollment size.

District Band was held at the Montrose Area High School on February 9-11, 2011. Fifteen students from Western Wayne qualified for the 2010-2011 school year. The participants were Ashley Lindow and Kristin Lopatofsky, flute; Kayla Reed, oboe; Adena Bianchi, clarinet; Timothy Plaza, bass clarinet; Keith Mattern, alto saxophone; Stephen Trygar, trumpet; Elizabeth Curtis, french horn; Thomas Christopher, Charles Rennekamp, and James Berger, trombone; Mark Yamialkowski, baritone; Shannon Croney, and Malcolm Satchell, tuba; and Michael Trygar, percussion.

District Orchestra was held at Crestwood High School on January 26-28, 2011. The participants were Kayla Reed, oboe and Thomas Christopher, trombone.

Region IV band will be held at Southern Columbia High School March 23-26, 2011. The qualifying students are Adena Bianchi, clarinet; Charles Rennekamp and James Berger, trombone; Mark Yamialkowski, baritone; and Shannon Croney, tuba.

In addition, we had five students qualify for and participate in PMEA District 9 Chorus at North Pocono High School: Charles Rennekamp, bass 1; Sara Coons, alto 2; Jeremy Clark, tenor 1; and Brendon Black, tenor 2.

Charles Rennekamp qualified for Region Chorus which was held at Williamson High School on February 24-26, 2011.

“Music is enough for a lifetime, but a lifetime is not enough for music.”

-Sergei Rachmaninov



## WESTERN WAYNE HOSTS AND COMPETES IN ULTIMATE FRISBIE TOURNAMENT



The Western Wayne Ultimate Frisbee team will compete in an invitational tournament at Western Wayne High School sports complex on April 30, 2011. The Wildcats will be one of ten teams on the fields that day. Participating teams from Pennsylvania and New Jersey will be tough competition as most of these teams are colleges from the area such as Wilkes University, East Stroudsburg University, and the University of Scranton. However, some teams like Montclair State University and Ramapo College are making the trip across the border from New Jersey.

Western Wayne has had great success on the road, having defeated both Haverford College and Wilkes University in matches, and they hope to continue the upsets in front of a home crowd. April 30th will be a long day for the Wildcats. The team will compete on various fields from 9:00AM to 5:30PM, but will be on the main football field against the University of Scranton from 10:30AM until 11:45AM. Come support the Cats as they attempt to claim victory over more college teams!



## NUTRITION MONTH 2011



Food and fun paired with just the right amount of education makes for an awesome Nutrition Month 2011 at Robert D. Wilson Elementary. Nutrition education traditionally occurs at this time of year for all grade levels during health and physical education classes. This year Mrs. Jill Butler has prepared interesting events to motivate all members of the school community to apply what they learn about nutrition and eat healthy. Events kicked off with an entertaining nutrition assembly for the student body. Every Friday in March students are scheduled to receive a healthy snack provided by Ray's ShurSave Market and Wegmans. In addition, students will receive informative reading material on nutrition and an incentive (pencil, notepad, tattoo, and bookmark) provided by the Robert D. Wilson PTA.

The first 250 families who attended the Science Fair on March 8, 2011 received a nutrition packet. "Go For The Greens" is scheduled for mid-month with an opportunity for students to try a variety of "green" healthy foods. Join in the fun, strengthen family ties, pass on valued traditions, teach skills, and improve the family diet-cook together as a family this month!

"Our food should be our medicine and our medicine should be our food."  
-Hippocrates

## CURRICULUM INFORMATION ON THE WEB

Although the weather this winter prevented us from holding our annual curriculum night for incoming high school freshmen, parents and students can find all of the information they need on our web site at [www.westernwayne.org/hs/default.aspx](http://www.westernwayne.org/hs/default.aspx). This slide show presentation can be viewed directly from the web and requires no special software to view. The presentation includes information on class offerings, standardized testing, grading, graduation requirements, and so much more! Should you view this presentation and still have questions, please call Western Wayne High School at 570-937-4112.

## WESTERN WAYNE STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN PA JUNIOR ACADEMY OF SCIENCE



Twenty-two Western Wayne Middle and High School students have worked diligently for months in preparation for the regional meeting of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS). These 22 students competed amongst almost 600 other science students from throughout the northeast region of the state on Saturday, March 5, 2011 at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, PA. They have used the scientific method to explore everything from the heart rate of water fleas to the energy emissions of various types of wood. The students who have participated and received awards are as follows:

Western Wayne High School: Joshua Gershey, 'Energy Emissions of Various Wood Types', 1st award; Hannah Peifer, 'Did I Make You Yawn?', 1st award; Cameron Karnick, 'The Antibacterial Effects of Common Food Preservatives', 1st award; Isabella Esposito, 'The Effects of Acidic Rain', 1st award; Kristen Lopatofsky, 'The Oxidation of Juices', 2nd award; Kevin Lopatofsky, 'The Effects of Energy Drinks on Plant Growth', 2nd award; Elizabeth Curtis, 'Effects of Plastic on Daphnia', 2nd award; Christie DeVito, 'Bacteria Count on Money', 2nd award; Allison Hess, 'The Antibacterial Effects of Mouthwash', 2nd award.

Western Wayne Middle School: Zachary Hall, 'Plastic "Rap"', 1st award; Brandon Hall, 'Don't Slip!', 1st award; Andrew Theobald, 'Oysters to Eggs', 1st award; Adam Curtis, 'Which Bridge Design is Best?', 1st award; Matthew Witt, 'Sport Cleat Comparison', 1st award; Julie Alvarez, 'Does this Picture Make Me Look Fat?', 1st award; Kellyn Kemmerer, 'The Addition of Invisible Words', 1st award; Zachary Curtis, 'Relating Plant Growth to Different Wavelengths of the Spectrum', 2nd award; Catherine Tuman, 'Color Smarts!', 2nd award; Rebeka Piccolo, 'Fat or Nonfat: That is the Question', 2nd award; Anastasia Skold, 'Posing in Style', 2nd award; Nicholas DeVito, 'Left Brain vs. Right Brain', 2nd award.

Special Awards: Kristen Lopatofsky received a \$2,000.00 scholarship to Wilkes University, renewable for 4 years. Cameron Karnick received a Commonwealth Medical College Research Fellowship. Andrew Theobald received the "Excellence Award for Junior High Zoology" for the best junior high animal science project.

All of our students who received a first award at the regional meeting are eligible to compete at the state competition in May at the Pennsylvania State University in State College, PA. Excellent work Wildcat Scientists!

# FBLA REGION 22 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Western Wayne High School FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) members recently attended the Region 22 Leadership Conference at Keystone College. This annual event brings together more than 400 students from 11 area schools for competition in more than 50 business and business-related events. Presiding at the opening business session was regional president, Raphael Ingaglio. He was assisted by Joseph Ingaglio, vice president, and Shannon Myers, secretary, all Western Wayne students. During the Awards Ceremony, 60 Western Wayne students were recognized. These students are as follows:



**Accounting I:** Kathryn Lescinski placed first and Mallory Minor, fourth. **Accounting II:** Matthew Buehring placed first and Wayne Gilligan second. **Banking & Financial Systems:** The team of Morgan Franc and Anthony Kovaleski captured first place. **Public Speaking I: Won by** Maria Ingaglio. **Public Speaking II:** Shannon Myers placed first. **Emerging Business Issues:** The team of Kaleb Davis and Jamie Thorpe placed first.

Western Wayne swept the awards in four following events. **Business Calculations:** Joseph Ingaglio, first; Wade Henshaw, second; and Travis Toth, third place. **Intro to Technology Concepts:** Kevin Lopatofsky, first; Lucas Karnick, second; and Bridget Quinn, third. **Intro to Parliamentary Procedure:** Samuel Hoch, first; Kaelyn Jacques, second; and Cassandra Reeke, third place. **FBLA Principles & Procedures:** Elizabeth Curtis, first; Cameron Karnick, second; and Samantha Dougherty, third.

**Entrepreneurship:** The team of Frank Juhasz, Matthew Poska, and Alfred Thorne captured first place. **Job Interview:** Elizabeth Henry, first. **Networking Concepts:** Mitchell Schmeisser, first.

**Business Math:** Alyssa DeKenipp, second; and Tyler Beck, fourth. **Sports Management:** Kevin Karabin, first. **Health Care Administration:** Ashley Trygar, first. **Hospitality Management:** Jordan Liptak, second. **Business Law:** Kaitlin Hemmler, first; and Katie DeVito, third. **Personal Finance:** Christie DeVito, first; and Andrew Ormiston, fourth. **Business Communication:** Ashley Lindow, first; and Leah Krompasky, third. **Intro to Business Communication:** Ashlyn Anderson, fourth; and Isabella Esposito, fifth.

**Business Procedures:** Alyssa Caucci, third; and Amanda Krenitsky, fifth. **Word Processing I:** Caitlyn Bortree, first; and Alicia White, fourth. **Word Processing II:** Michael Green, first; and Katherine Getz, fifth. **Database Design & Applications:** Allison Hess, first. **Computer Applications:** Shaun Howard, second.

**Desktop Publishing:** The team of Olivia Funk and Abigail Hemmler, second place. **Management Decision Making:** The team of Natalie Ward, Cassie Sommers, and Kelly McConville, second. **Business Ethics:** The team of Cora Orehek and Joshua Gershey, third.

**Mr. Future Business Leader:** Andrew Green, second. **Technology Concepts:** Jonathan Reed, first; and Denny Guo, third. **Client Service:** Jeremy Clark, fourth. **Impromptu Speaking:** James Tinklepaugh, third. **Who's Who in Region 22 FBLA:** Raphael Ingaglio, second.

Western Wayne placed first in the **Outstanding Chapter** event. For the 2011-2012 school year, three Western Wayne students were elected officers of Region 22: Joseph Ingaglio, president; Shannon Myers, secretary; and Maria Ingaglio, treasurer.

The students are looking forward to further competition on the state level in April in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

“For everyone of us that succeeds, it's because there's somebody there to show you the way out. The light doesn't always necessarily have to be in your family; for me it was teachers and school.”

-Oprah Winfrey

# THE WESTERN WAYNE PLAYERS PRESENT

## *ONCE UPON A MATTRESS*



Rehearsals for Western Wayne High School's production of *Once Upon A Mattress* are underway! This year, the dates for the musical are Saturday, April 30, 2011 at 7:00PM and Sunday May 1, 2011 at 2:00PM. Based on the traditional fairy tale *The Princess and the Pea*, *Once Upon A Mattress* tells the story of a lonely prince who wants to get married. He is constantly thwarted by his mother, the queen, who believes that only a true princess is good enough for her son.

The show is full of upbeat music and comical characters that are sure to entertain audiences of all ages. Approximately 30 high school students are involved in multiple aspects of the show including acting, singing, direction, choreography, costuming, and set design. Mark your calendars, and come out to support the talented members of the Western Wayne Players for another amazing musical season!

## HEALTHY LUNCH CAMPAIGN



Western Wayne's Chapter of FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) has launched a new and innovative campaign to encourage a healthy lunch and to get children and the community interested in nutrition. Three members have met with the Wellness Committee to create a district wide nutrition program geared towards students who pack a lunch for school. They have conducted a presentation with some of the elementary students to teach them how to pack a healthy lunch. In addition to their presentation, they have developed a logo that will appear on all elementary school lunch menus and will also provide tips to parents to pack a healthier lunch. Keep an eye out for Western Wayne's Lunch Box Challenge and continue to be Wild about Wellness!

## HIBERNATION DAY



Students of Robert D. Wilson Elementary (RDW) participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual in-school "Snow Day" on January 28, 2011. Hibernation was the theme for the day's activities. Mr. Jim McCarthy of the Pennsylvania Game Commission spoke to the students about animals of Northeastern Pennsylvania and their winter habits. He brought numerous displays that impressed students and prompted many wonderful questions. With the help of community volunteers and the RDW PTA, students created an art project, interacted with nature displays, participated in a fun-filled hibernation race to store food, and enjoyed a story and snack.

One nature display in particular was well received by the students.: a bat cave complete with glow-in-the-dark bats and a hibernating bear. The students cautiously entered the cavern to examine the creatures that made this space their home for the winter. Students enjoyed reading materials outside this exhibit which were selected to enhance their understanding of the animals. A great day was had by all.

"It is literally true that you can succeed best and quickest by helping others to succeed."  
-Napoleon Hill



## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY BUSY HELPING OTHERS

The National Honor Society (NHS) conducts a series of service projects throughout each school year. The students have completed various projects this year including volunteering for the Steamtown Marathon, Santa's Workshop, the Kelly Sledzinski basketball tournament and raising money for the Susan G. Komen Foundation through the sale of "pink" Western Wayne clothing. The students have also completed our two largest service projects, collecting food and toys throughout the fall and winter. NHS students collected non-perishable items for the Wayne County Food Pantry and spent a day boxing and distributing food there. They will return to the pantry on April 19, 2011 for another day of volunteer work. Food items were also collected and sent to the Ronald McDonald House in Scranton to assist those families dealing with a medical crisis. NHS collected toys for several months to be distributed to students in our district helping meet the holiday wishes of many of our young students.

The Honor Society is currently working on a "Pennies" campaign that will collect change to be donated to the Leukemia/Lymphoma society.



Ms. Queipo's 3rd Grade Class of Lake Elementary has a reason to be very excited these days. The class decided to submit a group entry to be part of the name-selection process for Western Wayne's new elementary school. Their entry was selected. They wanted a name that was suitable for the eco-friendly nature of the new building. They discussed the fact that the school will forever be a 'green' school and the school's new name, EverGreen Elementary, seemed to fit perfectly.

**"If your actions inspire others to dream more,  
learn more, do more and become more,  
you are a leader."  
-John Quincy Adams**



## WESTERN WAYNE MIDDLE SCHOOL NOMINATED FOR NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON AWARD



Because of the hard work and dedication of its students and staff, the Western Wayne Middle School has been nominated for a National Blue Ribbon School award. According to the United States Department of Education's website "the Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools that are either high performing or have improved student achievement to high levels, especially among disadvantaged students." Over the course of the past several years students and staff of the Western Wayne Middle School have worked diligently to improve student achievement in reading and mathematics. We await the award announcements which will be announced during the summer/fall of 2011. Good luck WWMS!

## TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ASSOCIATION REGION 9 CONFERENCE



Western Wayne's newest extracurricular club, the Technology Student Association (TSA), attended its first Region 9 Conference recently held in Quakertown. The district had the largest number of student representatives participate out of approximately 40 schools and 870 students. Sixteen high school students and 22 middle school students qualified for state competition which will be held April 13-16 in Seven Springs, Pennsylvania. Advisors are Technology Education teachers, Mr. Brian Landry (high school) and Mr. David Rupp (middle school). Some students competed against 40 -50 entries in their category.

High school winners who will compete at the state level:

1<sup>st</sup> place finishes: Biotechnology Design-Shannon Myers, Olivia Funk, Veronica Witt; Fashion Design-Ellen Clauss, Katie DeVito, Samantha Giombetti; Materials Processes-Jacob Saar; Prepared Presentation-Isabella Esposito.

2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes: Structural Engineering-Nicholas Van Leuven, Joshua Serafin; Biomedical Essay-Patricia Slattery; Desktop Publishing-Abigail Hemmler.

3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes: Engineering Design-Joshua Gershey, Logan Wilkins, Ryan Troiano.

4<sup>th</sup> place finish: Safety Illustration-Computer-Sarah Hampton.

Middle school winners who will compete at the state level:

1<sup>st</sup> place finishes: Biomedical Essay-Bethany Giombetti; Go Green Manufacturing-Rachel Carmody, Sabrina DiTucci, Matthew Witt; Agriculture & Biotechnology-Zach Curtis, Kyle Coons, Matthew Witt, Joshua Miller; Medical Technology Issues-Rachel Carmody, Kylea Clark.

2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes: Challenging Technology Issues-Adam Curtis, Nicholas Caucci; Medical Technology Issues-Paige Chapman, Christopher Davis; Environmental Focus-Nora Cowley, Rebecca Telese.

3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes: Website Design-Brett Toth, Sean Batzel; Prepared Speech-Julie Alvarez; Digital Photography-Loren Chapman.

4<sup>th</sup> place finishes: Career Prep-Taber Starnes; Graphic Design-Cassara Wagner.

5<sup>th</sup> place finish: Flight-Timothy Shaffer.

"When I approach a child, he inspires in me two sentiments;  
tenderness for what he is, and respect for what he may become."

-Louis Pasteur

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for excellence...for everyone...in all things...always.**

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