Thanks for taking the time to read through our newsletter. The first marking period officially ended on November 5th. We have had a great first marking period providing some great experiences for our students.

The first one being the “Ryan’s Story” presentation that took place on Friday, September 18th regarding bullying, presented by Ryan’s father. The purpose of this assembly program was to expose the students to the potential impact that bullying can have if we don’t work together to prevent it. If your student is being bullied, please report it so it can be addressed immediately.

On October 5th we had Carli Lloyd, Women’s Soccer World Cup Champion, speak to our students. This presentation was sponsored by the Millville Community Foundation. Carli spoke to the students about the importance of believing in themselves and to follow their dreams aspirations. It was a real honor to have an Olympic Gold Medalist speaking to our students.

Then on October 30th we had “Road Radio” provide a presentation to our students as part of Red Ribbon Week. The presenter of the program spoke about the effects of drugs and alcohol and the impact it has had on his life as a result of poor decisions he made as a young adolescent. Please ask your students for details regarding these events that took place over the course of the first marking period.

I would like to give a shout out to the girls’ and boys’ soccer teams for making it into the playoffs this year. Congratulations to the boys’ soccer team for winning the League Title and the District Title! I would also like to recognize our co-op football team for making it into the playoffs. Our student athletes are representing our school with determination and pride. I’m very proud of them for their accomplishments, carrying forward the Quaker legacy that precedes them.

I would like to remind you that parent teacher conferences are November 12th (1:00 – 4:15 P.M./5:00 – 8:00 P.M.) I hope to see you out at parent teacher conferences to check in on your student’s progress. Thanks again for taking the time to read through the newsletter.

Mr. Eric T. Stair, Principal

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- November 12th
  - 1:00—4:15 & 5:00—8:00 pm
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**PRINCIPAL’S NEWSLETTER**
Important Deadlines:
November 15th - most early decision application deadlines for colleges. Reminder - check the deadlines for all of the schools you are interested in. The FAFSA application can be completed anytime after January 1, 2016.

Please be sure to check the deadlines for the SAT/ACT tests. The new SAT test with option writing portion will begin in March. Check with your schools of interest to see if they will require the writing portion!

FAFSA completion luncheon will take place on February 17th. Please call the guidance office for more information or to sign up! Marla Kane from PHEAA will be here to help you complete your FAFSA and PHEAA applications. Check the next newsletter for all of the information to bring with you.

Resources:
It is important to start early! Check out these resources to learn more about the cost of education, majors, application requirements, and more!

- www.pheaa.org
- www.educationplanner.org
- www.mysmartborrowing.org
- www.youcandealwithit.com
- www.fafsa.ed.gov

...and popular scholarship searches! - It is never too early to start looking and applying for scholarships. Some are available as young as 3rd grade!

Class and Club Officers

Senior Class
President: Kamryn Stitz
Vice-President: Josiah Althouse
Secretary: Ariel Sikalias
Treasurer: Garrett Showers
Historian: Lacey Densberger

Junior Class
President: Sierra Sirota
Vice-President: Sarah Gibson
Secretary: Quinlan Smurkowski
Treasurer: Xavier Walker

Sophomore Class
President: Jaylen Reichner
Vice-President: Briana Lingafelt
Secretary: Breanna Wenner
Treasurer: Britani Lingafelt
Historian: Madeline Martin

Tech Club
President: Steven Suchwala
Vice-President: John Miller
Secretary: Isaac Glidewell
Treasurer: Hunter Suchwala

Senior High Student Council
President: Brooke Kremer
Vice-President: Keegan Bower
Secretary: Arianna Bish
Treasurer: Kelly Holdren
Historian: Morgan Bower

Junior High Student Council
President: Allison Diehl
Vice-President: Madeline Hinkle
Secretary: Emma Swanson
Treasurer: Skye Houseknecht
Publicist: Skyler Shaw

National Honor Society
President: Hayley Reichner
Vice-President: Lacey Densberger
Secretary: Brooke Kremer
Treasurer: Ariana Bish

National JR Honor Society
President: Griffin Bower
Vice-President: Tyler Johnson
Secretary: Zach Kremer
Treasurer: Josh Spangenberg
Historian: Drew Shultz

National Honor Society
The SR High National Honor Society would like to thank everyone who signed up to donate blood at the blood drive they sponsored on October 22nd.

They will be hosting a second blood drive in the high school gymnasium on January 5th from 8am until 3pm.

The blood drives are in cooperation with the Geisinger Blood Center. The more participants we have, the more scholarships our students are eligible for through this program. Please think about participating in this great cause.

Give Locally
Help Locally
Your donation to the Geisinger Blood Center helps people right here in our community.
A single donation can save up to three lives.
Outstanding Students

HAYLEY REICHNER—EAST LYCOMING SHOPPER STUDENT OF THE MONTH—OCTOBER
Hayley is the daughter of Rick & Michelle Reichner. She is a member of National Honor Society (current President/V.P. for 2014-2015), Student Council (President 2014-2015), the Cheerleading Squad, and served as Class Vice-President her Sophomore year. She is on the Distinguished Honor Roll, participates in the gifted program, is a student tutor, and volunteers as a BUG club tutor at the elementary school. Hayley is a member of the Mill Green Youth Group and Praise Team and has participated in mission trips to Vermont and Nashville. She also participates in and teaches dance at Bloomsburg School of Dance. Hayley is interested in attending NYU, University of Pittsburgh, or Dickinson College to study Psychology.

CAITLIN WAGGONER—EAST LYCOMING SHOPPER STUDENT OF THE MONTH—NOVEMBER
Caitlin is the daughter of John & Dianne Waggoner. She is a member of National Honor Society and Student Council, served as President of National Junior Honor Society, and has performed in our school musicals. Caitlin is on the Distinguished Honor Roll, has been Foreign Language Student of the Marking Period, and History Student of the Marking Period. She is a BUG club tutor volunteer at the elementary school and also volunteers her time at Fabulous Felines Cat Shelter. Caitlin plans to pursue a career as a Civil Engineer.

JACOB MARTIN—ROTARY CLUB STUDENT OF THE MONTH
Jacob is the son of John Martin and April Dirmeitis. He is former Vice-President of Student Council and former Treasurer and active member of the National Honor Society. Jacob was nominated by the faculty as Millville’s Rotary Club Student of the Month based upon his superior academic achievement, service and citizenship. Jacob was honored and presented with a certificate of achievement at a recent banquet dinner. He plans to attend the University of Pittsburgh to double major in Business Information Systems & Information Science. Congratulations Jacob!

NICOLE WHITENIGHT—DAR SCHOLARSHIP PARTICIPANT
Nicole is the daughter of Mike & Jill Whitenight. She is a member of the Field Hockey (captain, MVP-9th, Heartland All-Star-9th, ) & Softball (captain, Rookie of the year-9th, MVP-10th, Heartland All-Star-10th) Team, Basketball Team (9-11), Student Council (Historian-10th), National & Spanish Honor Society, & served as Class Historian (9 &10). She has been awarded History Student of the M.P. (10), School Counts (11) and has been on the Distinguished Honor Roll (9-12). Nicole volunteers with Elementary & JR High Basketball & NHS Blood Drives. She has been chosen by the faculty and her fellow senior classmates to be Millville’s Daughter’s of the American Revolution Scholarship participant. She was chosen based upon the characteristics of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism to an outstanding degree. She plans to attend college for Medical Imaging. Congratulations Nicole!

Upcoming Events!

Nov 11th: Picture re-take day
Nov 12th: 12:30 Early dismissal
  Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:00-4:15 & 5:00-8:00
Nov 13th: Cheerleaders fundraiser Bingo at Jerseytown Community Center. Doors open at 5pm. Games are from 6:30-8:30
Nov 16th: Winter Sports Practice begins
Nov 17th: Music Booster Mtg 7pm
Nov 18th: Foreign Language Trip Meeting at 6pm in the Library.
Nov 21st: Music Boosters Spaghetti Dinner in the H.S. Café from 3-8pm
Nov 25th: 12:30 Early Dismissal
Nov 26th, 27th, & 30th: No School
Dec 10th: JR/SR High Christmas Concert in the auditorium beginning at 7pm

Dec 24th—Jan 1st: No school
Jan 5th: NHS sponsored Blood Drive in the high school gym from 8am-3pm
Jan 18th: No School
Jan 19th: Music Booster Mtg 7pm
Students of the Marking Period

ISABELLE GIRTON—JR HIGH SCIENCE
Isabelle (Belle) Girton is the JR High Student of the Marking Period for Science. She is a responsible and hard working young lady. Belle is maintaining a high A average in science by turning in her assignments on time, studying for her tests and quizzes, and paying attention in class. She also spends time with her horses and competes with them as well. Belle has learned how to multitask and this skill will make her successful in her future. Well Done, Belle!!!

ZACH SHULTZ—JR HIGH HEALTH
The JR High Health Student of the Marking Period is Zach Shultz. Throughout the quarter Zach has willingly participated in class and has always remained on-task in group activities. Along with taking in all of the information provided in class, Zach regularly took it a step further by asking great questions that helped the class to further understand our topics. Great job Zach, and congratulations!

AMELIA YORDY—JR HIGH SOCIAL STUDIES
The Social Studies Department is proud to announce that Amelia Yordy has been nominated as the Student of the First Marking Period. Amelia is currently a seventh grader at Millville Junior-Senior High School. She is associated with two traveling soccer teams and plans on playing junior high girls’ soccer in the spring. In her spare time, Amelia enjoys the outdoors and going to the beach. Amelia is a diligent, hard-working, meticulous, funny, and outgoing student who always brings her smile and bright personality to class. After high school, Amelia wants to attend college and become an elementary school teacher. Congratulations Amelia!

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BEN DODGE—JR HIGH ENGLISH
The JR High English department is proud to announce Ben Dodge as the JR High English Student of the Marking Period. Ben is a model student; he works extremely hard in Honors English and strives for perfection. Ben is enthusiastic about writing; he also has written his own plays! Congratulations, Ben, for your achievement this marking period!

MADELINE HINKLE—JR HIGH MATH
The math department is happy to recognize Madeline Hinkle as the JR High Math Student of the First Marking Period. She is currently taking Honors Algebra I and typically has one of the highest scores in the class. Madeline is always pleasant, polite, respectful and responsible. She has strong problem-solving skills and is detailed in completing work to solve math problems. Madeline has good class participation and works well with others. She also volunteered to compete in a national middle school math competition at Bucknell University in November. Congratulations on a great marking period; and good luck with the AMC 8 competition, Madeline!

ALLISON DIEHL—JR HIGH WORLD LANGUAGE
The Junior High World Language Department Student of the Marking Period is Allie Diehl. She has been an outstanding student in the French exploratory program. An enthusiastic learner, she pays attention to detail and demonstrates a real aptitude in speaking, writing, and understanding French. It has been a real pleasure to have Allie in class. I hope she continues her study of French here at Millville.
Students of the Marking Period

EMILEE KLINE—JR HIGH COMPUTERS
The JR High Computers Student for the First Marking Period is Emilee Kline. Throughout the quarter Emilee has worked diligently to complete her assignments. Upon completing her assignments she would assist classmates, helping ensure they are completing their work correctly. She takes pride in her work, uses time effectively and has good class participation. Congratulations, Emilee, on a job well done!

SIERRA SIROTA—SR HIGH SCIENCE
The Science Department is very pleased to announce Sierra Sirota as the Science Student of the First Marking Period. Sierra was selected because of her work ethic and positive attitude. Sierra is talented in many areas. She excels, not only in music, but Sierra has shown a great aptitude in science as well. She was chosen because she always gives 100% in whatever she does. Every effort is her best effort – a practice of which she should be proud. Sierra is a role model for her classmates and shows exceptional leadership qualities that will be an asset to her throughout her life.

LEXUS MORDAN—SR HIGH ART
The Art Student of the Marking Period is Lexus Mordan. Lexus has demonstrated great skills in drawing, painting, and pottery. She selects challenging and meaningful subjects and completes all of her work with care and patience. Lexus not only meets the deadlines she is given but often completes additional work beyond her class assignments. She is dedicated and talented in the arts.

KRISTIN BOYLES—SR HIGH SOCIAL STUDIES
The Social Studies Department is happy to choose Kristin Boyles as the Social Studies Student of the Marking Period. Kristin is a “quiet contributor” to her US Government class. She makes her mark with her outstanding work ethic, quiet observations and strong attendance in school. These are qualities that are often overlooked in our “look at me” world; but will serve her well in her future endeavors in both college and the work world. We are happy to recognize one of the quiet contributors to our school and our classes.

CAITLIN WAGGONER—SR HIGH MATH
Congratulations to Caitlin Waggoner for being selected as the SR High Math Student of the First Marking Period. Caitlin is currently studying Advanced Placement Calculus. She has strong problem-solving skills, uses time effectively, and has great class participation. Caitlin is methodical in her problem-solving and displays determination when faced with challenging topics. Consequently, she typically earns one of the highest scores in her class. Congratulations on a great first marking period; and best wishes with the rest of your senior year, Caitlin!

XAVIER WALKER—SR HIGH WORLD LANGUAGES
The SR High Spanish department is honoring Xavier Walker for excellence in the study of the Spanish language. Xavier pays much attention to detail in his writing and speaking, and his ability to perform in the target language is exemplary for a Spanish III student. He is a pleasure to have in class. Felicidades, Xavier, for being selected the Spanish Student of the Marking Period.
Students of the Marking Period

ZANE ROBBINS—SR HIGH ENGLISH
It is with pleasure that the English department nominates Zane Robbins as the SR High English Student for the First Marking Period. Throughout the marking period, Zane has proven at different times that he truly has a desire to succeed. Although hesitant at volunteering information, it is his perseverance at finding ways to improve his work that reflect his desire to improve. Despite an early setback, it is that perseverance that allowed Zane to overcome early obstacles in class. Because of that, Zane is the SR High English Student for the First Marking Period.

MARY LAUBACH—SR HIGH COMPUTERS
The SR High Computers Student for the First Marking Period is Mary Laubach. During the quarter Mary has worked meticulously to complete her assignments. Upon completing her assignments she would assist classmates, helping to ensure they are completing their assignments correctly. She takes pride in her work, uses time effectively, has shown good class participation, as well as interacting very well alongside peers. Kudos, Miss Laubach, on a job well done and keep up the excellent work!

Student Spotlight!

WVIA Young Artist
Briana Wakefield has been chosen as this year’s representative to WVIA’s young artist spotlight series. She will be recorded for a television segment with her work in January to be aired in the spring of 2016. Briana is shown here with a mural she painted on the superintendent’s wall this past year.

Millville HS Life Skills students enjoying the annual Halloween Party hosted by Central Columbia HS Life Skills Class on October 29th.
October 5th thru 9th, Senior High Student Council held their annual Spirit Week activities in preparation for Homecoming:

“Red, White, & Blue Day”, “Twin Day”, “Pink Day”, “Nerd Day”, “Blue & White Day” as well as the traditional “Rent a Senior/Faculty Member Day”. Thank you to everyone who participated in these fun activities!

The week wrapped up with a school wide pep rally at the elementary school Friday afternoon, followed by the homecoming parade Friday night.

Saturday, the Benton-Millville Field Hockey team played Milton at 2pm, followed by Girls’ Soccer against Lourdes Regional at 4pm, and Boys’ Soccer against Southern at 6pm.

The crowning of the King and Queen took place at half time of the Boys’ Soccer game. Congratulations to this years’ King and Queen, Brittan Kittle and Hayley Reichner! The festivities ended that evening with the homecoming dance in the high school cafeteria.

Meet the Homecoming Court:

**Abigail Belles**, daughter of Mike & Danielle Belles. She is a member of the soccer & basketball team and National Honor Society. She plans to attend Bloomsburg University to become a Nurse Practitioner.

**Trynity Gresh**, daughter of Heath Gresh & Lauren Holmann. She is a member of the soccer team and cheerleading squad. Trynity plans to pursue a career in medical imaging and receive her bachelor’s degree in science.

**Magdalen McCarty**, daughter of Autumn McCarty & Matthew Perakovich. She is a member of SR High Chorus, Spanish Honor Society & National Honor Society. She plans to attend college & travel the U.S. with her close friends in a van.

**Ariel Sikalias**, daughter of John & Jessica Sikalias. She is a member of the soccer team and cheerleading squad. Ariel hopes to attend Bucknell University to study a double major in Biology and Animal Behaviors in hopes to become an Animal Research Scientist.

**Hayley Reichner**, daughter of Richard & Michelle Reichner. She is a member of SR High Student Council, Chorus, President of National Honor Society, & is on the cheerleading squad. Hayley plans to continue dancing in college as well as study Psychology and Neuroscience.

**Jacob Martin**, son of John Walter Martin, III & April Dirmeitis. He is former Vice-President of Student Council and former Treasurer and active member of the National Honor Society. Jacob plans to attend the University of Pittsburgh to double major in Business Information Systems & Information Science.

**Tyler Fisk**, son of Jan & Aaron Fisk. He is a member of the soccer team. Tyler plans to pursue a career in taxidermy and start his own business.

**Garrett Showers**, son of Dan & Diane Showers. He is a member of the soccer team, drama club, & SR High Chorus, and has been class treasurer for four years running. Garrett plans to attend college and earn a degree in mathematics.

**Josiah Althouse**, son of Bruce Wayne & Mary Jeanne Althouse. He is a member of National Honor Society, French Honor Society, and Vice-President of the Senior Class. Josiah plans to attend Newberry College for pre-med and then apply to Medical School.

**Brittan Kittle**, son of Matt & Christie Kittle. He is a member of the soccer and baseball team. Brittan plans to attend Penn Tech and major in Civil Engineering.

**Women’s Soccer World Cup Champion visits Millville High School**

In addition to student council’s Red, White, & Blue Day on Monday, October 5th, Carli Lloyd made a special visit to Millville High School.

Carli is a member of the U.S. Women’s Soccer team. She plays Center Midfielder and is from Delran, New Jersey. She is a 2015 World Cup Champion and was awarded the Golden Ball (MVP).

Members of the National Honor Society welcomed her to our school and the entire student body enjoyed an assembly program where she shared her experiences and offered words of encouragement to our students.

Thank you Millville Community Foundation for sponsoring this event!
The fall sports season kicked off with the Adam Rarig Soccer Tournament (boy’s soccer) on Labor Day weekend. Our boys lost to Wyoming Seminary on Friday, but they then defeated Warrior Run on Saturday. This began a long winning streak. The boys’ team has won the Division III PHAC soccer championship. They have also reclaimed the Cider Jug by defeating Benton twice this regular season. The Quakers continued their season with District IV boys’ soccer play-offs. In the first game they defeated Towanda 7 to 0. The second game saw us playing a strong Danville squad. We prevailed by a 2 to 1 score. The game went two overtime periods and it was finally decided in a penalty kick shoot-out which Millville won. This advanced them to the District IV semi-finals. They went on to defeat Benton & East Juniata to claim the District IV championship and will now play in the state tournament!

The Lady Quakers were a very young team this year, but they still qualified for District IV play-offs. They finished the regular season with a 9 win and 9 loss record. In the first round of District IV play-offs, the girls lost 5 to 2 to a very good Loyalsock team. This year and continuing on, the Millville and Benton girl’s soccer teams will be competing for the Old Boot trophy. It is an award just like the Cider Jug trophy. It will be retained on a yearly basis by the team who wins the home and away games in that sports season. This year it will be in Benton, but we hope to win the games next year and bring the Old Boot to Millville.

The Benton-Millville field hockey team finished the season with only one victory. The team was really young, but they improved steadily during the season. They were very competitive in most of their games and have a solid nucleus returning for next season. Twelve of the fifteen team members will be back and with some new freshman coming in next year, Coach Fenstmaker expects to be even more competitive.

As I write this we are also gearing up for winter sports. The JR High Girls’ Basketball team begins play in early November. Boys’ and Girls’ Varsity and JV Basketball will begin practices on November 16th with games starting in early December. JR High Boys’ Basketball will start practice in early December. All athletes must have a sports physical. Forms are available in the high school office or from the athletic director.

Yours in sports!

Dave Outt, A.D.

Cafeteria Happenings

New this year is the MySchoolBucks online payment service which provides a quick and easy way to add money to your student’s account using a credit/debit card or electronic check. You can also view recent purchases, check balances, and set-up low balance alerts for FREE!

Visit the school website, (www.millsd.us) look under the Quick Links for Lunch menus & School Bucks, under the lunch menus you will see a MySchoolBucks box; click on view website and either sign up to create an account or log into your account. You can also visit www.MySchoolBucks.com.

DUE TO THE MILLVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT CAFETERIA NO CHARGE POLICY, ANY STUDENTS WHO HAVE A NEGATIVE BALANCE, IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE DOLLARS ($5.00) OR MORE, WILL BE LIMITED IN THEIR LUNCH CHOICES UNTIL THE NEGATIVE BALANCE IS PAID. AT NO TIME WILL SNACKS/EXTRAS BE CHARGED.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 570-458-5538, ext. 2223.

Thank you,
Kristen Stevenson
Kristen Stevenson
Food Service Director
Nutrition Group
Music Room Notes

Columbia-Montour Sr. High County Chorus Festival
It is with great pleasure that we announce the Millville High School students to participate in the Sr. High County Chorus festival on November 4th and 5th. This year’s festival is hosted by Bloomsburg High School with the guest conductor, Dr. Ryan Beeken, leading our students. The festival culminates in a concert beginning at 7:00pm on Thursday, November 5th. Please come out and support our musicians: Sierra Sirota, Megan Boyles, Brooke Kremer, Jennifer Myers, Hannah Temple, Lacey Densberger, Jacob Martin, Garrett Showers, Isaac Gildewell, and Noah Hartman. Congratulations!

PMEA District 8 Chorus Festival
Following auditions on Sunday, October 18th, Sierra Sirota, Hannah Temple, Lacey Densberger, Brooke Kremer, and Jacob Martin have qualified to participate in the District 8 Chorus festival to be held at Mifflinburg Area High School from February 3-5, 2016. What an awesome accomplishment, Millville singers!

Music Boosters’ Spaghetti Dinner
Please join us for a delicious dinner on November 21st at our own MHS Cafeteria! Dine in or take out from 3 to 8pm. Tickets are $8 a piece (children 5 and under are free). Our music students will be on duty to serve you! We will also have a silent and basket auction, with some really great items, so you don’t want to miss this awesome opportunity to support our students!!!

Spring Musical
MHS has been approved to present the musical, “Grease” on March 11, 12, and 13! Auditions will take place in November and rehearsals will begin in December. Interested students should contact Mrs. Richter or Mrs. Sweeney. Plan to wear your poodle skirts and leather jackets when you come to see our production!!!

JR High County Chorus
Congratulations to the following Jr. High Chorus students who have been chosen to represent Millville at the annual Jr. High Columbia-Montour County Chorus Festival to be held on January 13, 2016 at Berwick Area Middle School: Sydney Baker, Cynthia Bostic, Summer Hewes, Gretchen Hinkle, Skylar Shaw, Allison Diehl, Linsey Fisk, Avery Fox, Emily Hippenstiel, Skye Houseknecht, Hunter Bacon, Ian Comly, Jeff Lyons, Mason Miller, & Zach Shultz. The day culminates in a concert at 7:00pm. Come out and support our young and talented musicians!!!!

NOTEWORTHY DATES:
Nov. 4 & 5: Sr. High County Chorus – Bloomsburg HS
Nov. 7th – Band participating in Veteran’s Day Parade in Bloomsburg
10am & Sr. High Chorus sings at Barbershoppers Concert at Bloomsburg HS–7:30pm
Nov. 11th – Veteran’s Day Assembly – Elementary Gym
Nov. 16th – County Band Auditions
Nov. 21st – Music Boosters’ “Spaghetti Dinner” at MHS Cafeteria; 3-8pm
Nov. 22nd – District Band Auditions – Williamsport HS
Nov. 24th – Music Booster Meeting – MHS Music Room
Dec. 4th – Jr. High Chorus to “Tree Fest” – 5:30pm performance
Dec. 10th – Jr. High Band/Chorus Concert –7:00pm in Auditorium followed by Sr. High Band/Chorus Concert –8:00pm in Auditorium

Millville HS Tech Club

Tech Club is a place where students can come and learn about technology and its uses in today’s ever-evolving world. Meetings are held every Tue & Thurs from 3:00pm to 4:00pm, unless announced otherwise, in room 210.

New members are always welcome! Students should stop in Room 210 to check out what tech club is up to this year. In TC, we have students working on computer game programming/testing, students working with graphics and animation programs including but not limited to Photoshop, Illustrator, Flash, and InDesign, and some of the students are experimenting with robotics using the LEGO NXT MindStorm kits. We are also experimenting and creating Claymation movies! Besides projects and activities, we also enjoy having a movie night where we play tech related movies and documentaries.

Our officers are, Steven Suchwala as President, John Miller as Vice-President, Hunter Suchwala as Treasurer, and Isaac Gildewell as Secretary. Thanks to all those who ran for positions and congratulations to those who took office!

Students are always searching for fund-raising ideas for the club and are looking to find something the rest of the student body would be interested in. If anyone has suggestions, please feel free to letting a member of the tech club or Mr. Showers in room 210 know your idea. We look forward to another fun year of experimenting, creating, and learning all about technology!~Mr. Showers, Advisor
Our students take the photographs for our calendar. The calendar is created by Mr. Ritter and assembled by the students. It will be for sale at a cost of $5.00 per calendar beginning November 15th through Christmas vacation.

Teapot Pottery
Mr. Ritter’s advanced pottery class recently finished a teapot series. Pictured are some of the best examples.

Art Department Fundraiser
The art department is again sponsoring an art field trip to a major museum. This spring, 50 students will go to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. We are selling calendars to help fund this trip. The theme of this year’s calendar is Covered Bridges of Montour and Columbia Counties.

Metal Arts
The Millville metal arts program has once again been invited to participate in a national student metals show. This will mark the 8th time we have been invited. The show is a biannual show put on by the Fine Arts Center of Greenville, NC. Most of the schools participating are magnet art schools around the country. We are one of three public schools with a metal arts program invited to participate.

In the past, Millville students have placed in the top three places, four different times. The show will be entered in December and judged in January. Images of entrants will be in the next principal’s newsletter.

Parents with students who are in grade 7, mandated dental examinations are required by the Pennsylvania Department of Health. Letters were mailed home in June. If I have not received a completed dental form, I will be sending out another notice within the next several weeks. The notice will have both a dental exam form and an election form to have the exam completed at the school. If your student has had a dental exam within the past year, please return the completed exam form or have your dentist office fax the form to the school at 570-458-4715. If your child has an exam scheduled, please indicate the appointment date on the election form next to the private exam choice.

Letters were mailed out in May to parents with students who are in the grade 11 for physical examinations. These are also mandated by the Pennsylvania Department of Health. I will be sending a reminder notice out in the next several weeks if I have not already received a physical form for your child. Completed physical forms can be sent in with your child or faxed to the school at 570-458-4715. Please be sure to send a completed health history in along with the physical exam paperwork.

The school dental and physical exams have not been scheduled yet. In past years, the physicals are typically scheduled in January and the dental exams are scheduled in February or March. Please watch for more information on these dates in future newsletters.

The mandated health screenings are in progress. These are completed for students based on the requirements set forth by the Department of Health. The screenings include growth, vision, scoliosis and hearing. When a student does not meet the criteria to pass the screening, a referral is sent home to seek treatment with your primary care physician or a specialist. Your child’s academic performance can be greatly affected by difficulties with hearing and vision. It is very important to follow up with your provider after receiving a referral to assist your child in their academic success. Completed referrals should be returned to the school nurse for notation in the health record.

If your child requires medications to be taken during the school day, the medications will need to be in the original container, accompanied by a physician’s order. This includes over the counter medications. Medications cannot be given during the school day without a doctor’s order!

Please be sure to send in completed health forms as soon as possible. Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Tracy Golder, RN, MSN
Certified School Nurse
Parents and the Millville Area School District are partners to guarantee an appropriate education for students needing special education support in the following areas:

- **Academic:** Services for students whose primary need is assistance in classroom learning.
- **Speech and Language:** Services for students with speech and language impairment.
- **Life Skills Support:** Services for students whose needs support independent living skills.
- **Autistic Support:** Services for children with autism.
- **Sensory and Physical:** Physical and occupational therapy are provided to enable students to benefit from educational programs. Services are also available for students with vision or hearing loss affecting educational performance.

In addition, the Millville Area School District works with the CSIU and neighboring school districts to provide services for students who need:

- **Emotional Support:** Services for students whose primary need is emotional and behavior support.
- **Multiple Disabilities Support:** Services for students with multiple disabilities.

**PRE-REFERRAL**

Screening procedures are in place to meet student needs prior to referral for special education services. Students may be referred to the Child Study Team (elementary & secondary). Parents are informed of any referral and are encouraged to be involved in the process.

**REFERRAL**

Before a child is considered for any special education services, parents must grant permission in writing for the evaluation. Teachers, other school personnel, or parents may refer a child for evaluation. The Permission to Evaluate tells a parent:

- Who referred the child for the evaluation?
- How parents can review their child’s school records.
- What procedures and types of evaluation will be used?
- That parental involvement in any evaluation process is encouraged.
- The schedule for the evaluation procedure.
- Parents’ rights regarding consent for evaluation.

**EVALUATION**

A multidisciplinary team evaluates a child to determine whether or not he/she has a disability that affects the educational process, behavioral patterns, physical condition and communication skills.

The team may include teachers, the guidance counselor, school psychologist, speech therapist, occupational or physical therapist, school nurse and administrators. The child’s parents are also important team members. The team reviews the results of the evaluation and determines if special education services are needed. Results of the evaluation will be explained in an Evaluation Report. If special education services are recommended, parents will be part of the team that develops an Individualized Education Program (IEP).

**IEP/NOREP**

IEP: Every student receiving special education services must have an IEP, a written individual educational plan. An IEP is developed during a planning conference attended by the educational team members and parents. Students who are 14 years or older may also attend to discuss transition services.

The IEP must be reviewed annually, but it may also be reviewed if major changes must be made (if goals are met more quickly or slowly than expected or if a child’s needs change).

NOREP: The district must have written parental approval before an initial IEP can be implemented. A Notice of Recommended Educational Placement is a legal document that identifies the type of program recommended for a student.

The NOREP is reissued whenever programming is changed to a major degree.

**DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

If parents disagree with the school district’s special education proposal, they may select the following remedies: Mediation: Mediation is a voluntary process. An impartial mediator will attempt to help resolve issues so a mutually agreeable settlement can be reached. Pre-Hearing Conference: This is an opportunity for parents and the district to resolve issues before a formal due process is initiated. Impartial Due Process Hearing: This is a formal process in which parties may be represented by legal counsel. A hearing officer conducts the procedure in a local school district facility. The decision of the hearing officer may be appealed by either party.

**STUDENT RECORDS**

The school district is required by law to keep records of all special education students. Included are:

- Birth dates, addresses, telephone numbers and other general information.
- Achievement test results.
- Psychological test results.
- Teacher progress reports.
- Routine medical records.

According to school district policy, you can review your child’s file and challenge the validity of any record or report or challenge the maintenance of information on file.

For further information, contact any of the following people at 570-458-5538:

- **Eric Stair, High School Principal**
- **Edward Sanders, Elementary School Principal**
- **Dee Davis, Supervisor of Special Education**
- **Tarah Kishbach, Elementary Guidance Counselor**
- **Jenna Dyszel, High School Guidance Counselor**
- **Sue LaBar Yohey, Psychologist**

**Gifted Services**

If you believe your school age child may qualify for gifted education services, you may request determination of eligibility information from Dee Davis, Special Education Supervisor, at 570-458-5538, extension 1007.

**Special Education Services**

If you have questions regarding your child’s special needs, or if you want to inquire as to whether your child qualifies for Special Education services, please contact Dee Davis, Special Education Supervisor, at 570-458-5538, extension 1007.
Community Web Portal: Parents, have you signed up to access your student’s grades and assignments on Sapphire? To create your account, log onto our District website (www.millsd.us), click on the Sapphire link in the upper right hand corner. When you are redirected to Sapphire, click the Community Portal option then click on “Don’t have an account?”.

In the keyword box enter the word “Quakers” and press the continue button. This will take you to the Sapphire Community Web Portal User Agreement page. Please read over the agreement carefully and if you agree to the policies, select “Yes” and click “Continue” at the bottom of the page. Complete the required info on the next page, click “Save form and Continue”. Once you submit the form you will get a message thanking you for submitting your form.

You will need to print, sign, and return the form to the school. Your student may drop it off in the high school office. Within a few days of returning the form to the school, you will receive an email from Sapphire that your account has been approved. You can then log onto our District website (www.millsd.us), click on the Sapphire link in the upper right hand corner and access your student’s grades and assignments.

Student Absences & Dismissals: Parents please remember to call the high school office at 570-458-5538, option 2 to report your student will be absent and/or late to school. Also, please remember to send a written absence excuse to school with your student when they come in late or the day they return from being absent. Excuses should be turned into the high school office within three days from the absence.

If your student is going to be excused early for an appointment, please send a note to school with your student that morning to be turned into the office. If we have a note or phone call from you for the dismissal, the student may sign themselves out. Otherwise, please come into the office to sign out your student.

Procedure if your student becomes ill or is not feeling well while at school: Students should report to the school nurse, or to the main office if the nurse is not in, if they become ill and are not feeling well during the school day. The nurse will evaluate their symptoms and decide if they should try to remain in school or if they should be sent home.

Lost & Found: There is a lost & found box outside the main office. Have your student stop by and check it out if they are missing anything. Small items, books, and things of value are kept in the main office.

After School Arrangements: We understand that plans change and emergencies arise that are unforeseen, but if you know ahead of time that your student will have different after school plans for the day, please try to let them know before they arrive to school for the day.

If they will be riding a different bus or getting off at a different stop, they need a note from you to be approved by the principal to hand to the bus driver.

If they normally ride the bus, but you will be picking them up at the end of the day, let them know where you will be parked so they can meet you at dismissal time.

Planning ahead helps keep classroom disruptions to a minimum and ensures that your student knows what to do at dismissal time.

Forms available on our school’s website: For your convenience, many frequently used school forms are available on the school website at www.millsd.us, under “Quick Links”, then “Forms”.

Including:
- Educational Journey Form
- Medication Request Form
- Dental & Physical Forms
- Contest Travel Release Form for athletes

TITLE IX: In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Law – ACT 82 Article XVI-C, the 2015-2016 Title IX Interscholastic Athletic Opportunities Disclosure form for Millville Area School District is available for public inspection in the administrative offices at 330 East Main Street, Millville, PA. The form can also be accessed on the district website at www.millsd.us under “News and Information”.

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