## Montoursville Area School District Newsletter





#### MAHS FBLA TO STATES

15 of our MAHS students won awards and will advance to the next level of competition.

In the next round, our students will be competing against students from all over the state in their competitive events. There will be over 5,000 members at the state conference. This conference is the major event in PA FBLA in which qualifying members participate in numerous competitive events, attend leadership development seminars, and campaign for state office; advisers administer the competitive events and participate in professional development sessions.

Congratulations to the following students:

Brady Cohen, Karleigh McKenna, Gabby Shearer, Connor Imbro, Elisabeth Maeulen, Jack Dietrich, Lila Phillips, Jimmy Mussina, Morgan Gower, Noah Hepler, Sidney Boyle, Andrew Zhu, Matt Conklin, Paige Boyle, and Mason Winslow



Turkey Trot Food Drive at Lyter Elementary raised 2,141 items to be donated to the Harvest of Hope Food Pantry and Backpack Program.

## **TURKEY TROT FOOD DRIVE**

Lyter Elementary recently held their annual Turkey Trot Food Drive. This year, the students and staff collected over 2,100 food items that were all donated to the Harvest of Hope Food Pantry and Backpack Program. Our fourth grade class donated the most items this year and will be treated to a Pudgies Pizza Party and treat during their lunch. We are so grateful to our students, our families and our staff for their generous donations to help to support this wonderful program.

## **SECURITY PERSONNEL START**

2023 brought changes to school security in all of our school buildings. 4 full-time armed security personnel began their work at MASD on January 3, 2023. *LaRue* 

**Stelene**(Loyalsock Valley) was hired as captain of the crew and has worked to put everything together including uniforms, training, and qualification. Joining Mr. Stelene

are:

Ed Dammer - High School

Bill Holmes - Middle School

John Whipple - Lyter Elementary School

Jim Wool - Substitute for all buildings



New security logo to help identify security personnel

We welcome all of these gentlemen and thank them for the many years of service as Pennsylvania State Troopers.

## **HEALTH NEWS FROM OUR NURSES**

Cold and flu season is upon us. To prevent widespread illness in our schools, we recommend that your child stay home from school if experiencing flu or cold symptoms.

Keep your child at home for treatment and observation if he or she has any of these symptoms:

- Fever (greater than 100 degrees and your child may return to school only after his or her temperature has been consistently below 100 degrees for a minimum of 24 hours without the use of medication).
- Vomiting (even once)
- Diarrhea
- Chills
- Persistent sore throat and/or headache
- General malaise or feelings of fatigue, discomfort, weakness or muscle aches
- Frequent congested (wet) or croupy cough

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's school nurse. We appreciate your help to keep our students safe and healthy this winter season!



## **ACADEMIC DECATHLON TEAM SHINES AGAIN**

The Academic Decathlon of Central Pennsylvania held its Winter Scrimmage for the 2022-2023 year at Montoursville Area High School on January 10, 2023. Students competed in Music, Math, Economics, and Science. Montoursville tied for 1st Place in the prestigious SuperQuiz Relay event and came in 2nd place out of 8 teams.

Our medal winners are listed below.

#### **Honors Division**

Christian Smith (12th) - Gold in Music, Silver in Economics, Math, and Science,

and the Gold Medal for Overall Score

Addison Confer (10th) – Gold in Science, Silver in Music

Melody Rzeszortarski (11th) – Bronze in Music

## **Scholastic Division**

Zach McGarvey (11th) - Gold in Math

Zach Smith (12th) - Silver in Economics

#### **Varsity Division**

Austin Clees (12th) - Gold in Math and Science,

and the Silver Medal for Overall Score

AJ Smith (12th) – Silver in Economics and Science

Aidan Connor (12th) – Silver in Math, Bronze in Music

Reese Peterson (9th) - Silver in Economics

Also competing from Montoursville were seniors Bec Bradley and Sarah Kline; juniors Caine Copp, Riley Nelson and Gabi Pulizzi: and 9th-Grader Grace Barkauskas.

Congratulations to the team and their coach, Mr. Hart, for an outstanding performance.







## **PBIS REWARD DAY @ MCCALL**

January 20 was the second quarter PBIS Reward Day. The theme was "Choose Your Own Adventure." Our teachers organized various engaging activities for the students that afternoon to enjoy based on academic and behavioral criteria, utilizing our building wide School Wide Information System (SWIS).

Students were able to select activities such as:

Just Dance with Mrs. Simpson Fun with Food with Mrs. Gavitt Open Gym with Mrs. Hackenber Gamer's Paradise with Mr. Wright (pictured above)



## **MCCALL MUSICAL**

• What? Moana Jr.

• When? 2/24 and 2/25

• Time? 7:00 PM

• Where? The Commons at McCall

## SCIENCE FAIR @ C.E. MCCALL MIDDLE SCHOOL

This year's Science Fair is scheduled for February 16th. We currently have 52 students entered and 33 projects planned. Watch for results next month!





## MAHS COMPETITIVE SPIRIT/CHEERLEADING

The cheerleaders at MAHS have been busy the entire school year and it has paid off for them. Coming off of a National Qualification to the NCA National Competition in Dallas, TX, the Varsity Cheerleading Squad are now District 4 AA Large Varsity Champions in Competitive Spirit at Shamokin Area High School(pictured above). In addition to their gold medals and district title, the team qualified for the PIAA Championships in Hershey which were held last month. The cheerleaders placed 6th in the state in their division.

It was a busy January. They left at midnight on January 19th to catch their flight to Dallas, where not only did they compete, they won a Go Be Great Award which demonstrates leadership both on and off the cheer mat. Our team is 1 of 3 winners nationwide for this award. They also placed 30th out of 40 and took a 5th in another category.

Time for all of us to cheer our cheerleaders and as always, GO WARRIORS!



## PBIS @ LOYALSOCK VALLEY

The Positive Behavior Interventions and Support program at Loyalsock Valley has been recognized by the state as a very successful program. One of the many reasons is the PRIDE Cart.

- Have your kids come home talking about the PRIDE Cart? They are always so excited when it is open!
- Students shop once a week at the PRIDE Cart (Wednesdays for grades 3 and 4. Fridays for grades K-2.)
- Students use PRIDE points that were earned to purchase items, opportunities, and experiences on the PRIDE Cart.
- Has your child brought home anything from the PRIDE Cart or mentioned earning PRIDE points?

## **NEWS BRIEF**

# KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

2023-2024 Kindergarten Registration will be open on the MASD website under the Parent Tab starting today.

If you already have a child attending Lyter or Loyalsock Valley Elementary School and you have a portal account, you should be able to login to the portal and click the blue register new student tab towards the right side of the screen.

If you are new to the district, you can visit our website: www.montoursville.k12.pa.us, under the parent tab - Kindergarten Registration or scan the QR code below. All current immunizations, two proofs of residency, and the original birth certificate can be brought to the school office on or before Thursday, April 6, 2023.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the office at 570-368-2614 (Lyter) or 570-435-0446 (Loyalsock Valley).









## Life is uncertain, but your child's education doesn't have to be.

Even if you lack a permanent residence, your children can receive help to stay in their home school district.

PENNSYLVANIA'S EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS PROGRAM

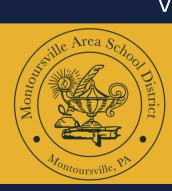
Every child deserves school stability.

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act can help provide school stability for your child if you do not have a permanent home and are:

- Staying with friends or family because you lost housing.
- Living in a shelter, including transitional programs.
- Staying in motels because you cannot get your own home.
- Living on the streets, in a car, van, tent or other nonpermanent structure.



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## **NEWS BRIEF**

## **MASD** is Hiring



Want to become a Warrior?
Montoursville Area School District is currently looking to hire for the following positions:

Part-Time Paraprofessionals
Part-Time Building Security
Part-Time Custodial
Technology Education Teacher
Family and Consumer Science Teacher
Exclusive Substitute Teacher
Cafeteria Workers
Substitute Health Care Aides
Substitute Paraprofessionals
Substitute Custodians

Details and how to apply can be found at our website by scanning the QR Code below. These are updated frequently, so check back often.

The Montoursville Area School District is an equal opportunity education institution and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, and disbaility in its activities or employment practices as required by Title IV, Title IX, Section 504, and the Americans with Disabilities Act.



## **School Calendar**



JANUARY 24
MS/HS MARKING PERIOD 2 ENDS
FEBRUARY 13

First Snow Makeup Day - School Day Day 6 No School **MARCH 7** 

Elementary 2nd Trimester Ends



APRIL 6
ACT 80 DAY - NO SCHOOL
MAY 30
ACT 80 DAY - NO SCHOOL

## **Parent Portal**

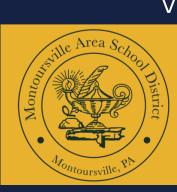


Please check the parent portal for your child's latest grades and attendance.

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