Laptop program will allow for customized learning

In early October, Lower Dauphin High School freshmen and sophomores received district-purchased laptops as part of an initiative to provide technology directly to students.

The one-to-one initiative purchased 600 laptops which were distributed to students October 1-2. The laptops feature touch-screen technology, Windows 8.1 operating system and a variety of educational and productivity software.

For all students to be successful, Lower Dauphin is committed to provide customized educational opportunities and quality instruction that promote creativity, collaboration and problem-solving, according to Dr. Kevin White, district information technology services director.

PSSA scores will be new baseline

Scores in the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment tests given in the spring of 2015 showed lower levels of proficiency across the entire state of Pennsylvania and Lower Dauphin scores were not immune to that trend.

The tests were given to students in grades 3-8 in English/Language Arts and in Mathematics. Students in grades 4 and 8 also took a Science test. The tests were designed to assess students’ knowledge of new academic benchmarks contained in the Pennsylvania Core Academic Standards.

According to state Secretary of Education Pedro Rivera, the 2015 PSSA was a brand new assessment, aligned for the first time to the new and more rigorous PA Core Standards, adopted by the state Board of Education in 2013. Performance level scores for the new
One-to-One: Student laptops will allow for customized learning

Lower Dauphin High School is preparing our students to live and work in a 21st Century world by providing students and teachers with the technology tools and skills necessary to integrate technology into daily instructional practices and to enhance customized student learning.

What is One-to-One Computing?
One-to-One Computing is a concept where every student has 24/7 access to the same laptop computer for use in every class and at home. The student and his parent/guardian are responsible for the care of computer.

Through this program, teachers are able to work with students in different ways and with different expectations than in the past. Students will expand their sources of research, find meaningful real world assignments, seek out legitimate digital information to solve real world problems, and collaborate with their peers, teachers, and subject area experts in new ways.

“Preliminary educational research shows that when students effectively use computers in the classroom, students are provided with deeper learning experiences and are more effectively able to apply 21st Century learning skills,” Dr. White says.

“To compete in our global economy and equip our students for post-secondary education, the district needs to provide a learning environment that integrates today’s digital tools, accommodates mobile lifestyles, and encourages students to work collaboratively in team environments.

“By providing this learning environment, we will meet these globally competitive demands which will allow students to manage their own learning at any time and any location. This program is designed to enhance current teaching/instructional strategies through the effective use of technology and 21st century teaching methods.”

Lower Dauphin School District’s One-to-One computer initiative will integrate technology in the classroom to:

- promote student engagement and enthusiasm for learning;
- make resources available both in and outside of school for learning;
- expand self-paced student learning opportunities;
- use collaborative platforms and strategies to share ideas and to learn;
- provide students access to information, along with the opportunity to connect it to curriculum in a meaningful manner;
- engage students in authentic real-world activities and projects;
- encourage collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking;
- nurture a sense of responsibility and 21st Century digital citizenship; and
- prepare students for success after graduation.

Prior to the roll-out of the laptops, the district spent the past year providing professional development opportunities for teachers to be able to utilize the new technology. Enhancements were also made to the high school’s wireless network to accommodate the additional load and a help desk area was created in the school library. The help desk is run by students with support from the district’s information technology department and the high school’s technology integration coach.

“We are extremely excited about this initiative,” says Principal Todd Neuhard. We think it’s a great opportunity for the students at Lower Dauphin.”

PSSA scores: Benchmark numbers set for future district growth

2015 PSSAs, adopted by the State Board in July, resulted in significant drops in student performance across the state.

“While it is critically important to hold our schools and educators accountable for student success, we must take care to do so with indicators that are fair and accurate,” said Secretary Rivera. “This year’s PSSA scores establish the new baseline from which we can most effectively measure student progress in future years.”

Lower Dauphin Superintendent Sherri Smith agreed. “This new test is the first time students were assessed on the new standards,” Dr. Smith said. “Because of this, it doesn’t make sense to compare the scores from 2015 to previous scores because they are testing different material.”

Even though the district’s test scores were lower, they were still higher than the state-wide average. She also pointed out that the district’s scores have remained proportionally higher than the state-wide average in both mathematics and in English/language arts (ELA).

For example, the state average of elementary students earning proficient or advanced scores on the new math exam was 45.3 percent compared to last year’s average of 73 percent. The Lower Dauphin average elementary students earning proficient or advanced was 62.3 percent compared to last year’s average of 88 percent.

With the scores from the 2015 test, administrators and teachers will be able to review teaching strategies to ensure that all of the material being tested is covered in classes and at the appropriate rigor.

“That’s our next step,” Dr. Smith explains. “Now that we know how our students are doing on this new test, we need to figure out how to adequately prepare them to meet the expectations of the test moving forward.”
Two LDHS students perform in national ensembles

In October, two students from Lower Dauphin High School joined 671 of their peers, “the best of the best,” in the National Association for Music Education’s 2015 All-National Honor Ensembles.

Senior Emily McKissick, a soprano, performed in the all-national mixed chorus with approximately 350 other vocalists. She performed in the all-state choir last year. She is the daughter of Eric and Cate McKissick.

Junior Sam Rothermel, the son of Joseph and Nancy Rothermel, is a violinist and concertmaster in the high school orchestra. He played viola in the all-national symphony orchestra with approximately 150 other instrumentalists. He also performed in the all-state orchestra last year.

McKissick and Rothermel performed on October 28, during the 2015 NAfME National Conference, in a gala concert on the world-famous Grand Ole Opry House stage. They were prepared for their performance by Miss Elizabeth Colpo, high school choral director, and Mrs. Melody Cliff, high school orchestra director.

In Nashville, the students rehearsed their challenging repertoire in preparation for their performance by prominent conductors Ann Howard Jones (mixed choir) and Jung-Ho Pak (orchestra).

“We are very proud of Emily and Sam for achieving this amazing honor,” said Superintendent Sherri Smith. “Their achievements speak volumes about the hard work and dedication to their craft and we wish them future success in their musical endeavors.”

Two LDHS students named National Merit semifinalists

Two Lower Dauphin High School seniors, Logan Buffington and Allison Michalowski, were recently named semifinalists in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Competition this fall.

Buffington is the son of John and Lisa Buffington. He is a four-year member of the band and was trumpet section leader his junior year. He is a four-year member of Class Council, the BIC Club, and Volunteer. He is a three-year member of the National Science Honor Society and the Young Republicans. Buffington is a two-year member of the National Honor Society, the National English Honor Society and the Latin Honor Society. He participates in the Healthcare Career Exploration Program at the Penn State Hershey Medical Center and College of Medicine and hopes to become a doctor after graduation.

Michalowski is the daughter of Patricia Clemens and Ray Michalowski. She is a three-year member of the National Science Honor Society and a two-year member of the National English Honor Society, Math Honor Society and History Honor Society. She is a two-year member of the Science Club, the Envirothon team and volunteers with MathCounts at the middle school. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and participates in the Healthcare Career Exploration Program at the Penn State Hershey Medical Center and College of Medicine.

After graduation she plans to attend a four-year university and major in pharmacy or biomedical engineering.

Four other students were named National Merit Commended Students. They include seniors Ella Breidenstine, David Means, Rachel Orth, and Katherine Spanos.

Of the 1.5 million juniors who took the PSAT in the fall of 2014, about 16,000 were named semifinalists based on their scores. About 8,300 National Merit Scholarships worth more than $34 million will be awarded this spring.

“We congratulate these students for their outstanding academic accomplishment,” said Principal Todd Neuhard. “This recognition is a tribute to their prowess in academics and citizenship in our school community.”

32nd annual baseball craft show set for November 14

The 32nd annual Lower Dauphin Craft Fair will be held Saturday, November 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. inside Lower Dauphin High School.

This year, over 150 vendors will be in the main gym, cafeteria, and auditorium area. Crafts will range from ceramics, folk art, paintings, dried flowers, basketry, stenciling, wood items, seasonal crafts, and much more.

Admission is free and a concession stand is also available.
Six honored by Alumni Association at Homecoming

The Lower Dauphin Alumni Association recently honored six individuals for their contributions to the Lower Dauphin community.

Community Service – Jeff Still, Class of 1979, is recognized for his ongoing commitment to promoting recreation in the area for young people that has spanned 30 years.

Scholarship – Marilyn Heffley, Class of 1977, is an accomplished attorney who was recently appointed to a federal district court judicial position in Philadelphia. Judge Heffley graduated with academic honors from the University of Pittsburgh and received her law degree from Temple University in 1984.

The Arts – Sean Devine, Class of 1994, is an accomplished musician, clinician, adjudicator, and director. He is currently the founder/artistic director of Parkside Harmony, an a cappella chorus in Hershey, and works professionally as an advancement coordinator for the Salvation Army.

Leadership – L. William Fox, Class of 1961, local business leader and philanthropist. Fox and his sister, Jean, took over the Fox’s Markets family business in Middletown and expanded the business.

Athletics – Brian Broadwater, Class of 1996 was an outstanding three-sport athlete at Lower Dauphin following the footsteps of his uncle (Barry, Class of 1961), father (Dale, Class of 1964), cousin (Keith, Class of 1994) and sister (Amy, Class of 1994). Broadwater is currently an active duty Lt. Commander in the Navy stationed at Naval Station Norfolk, Va.

Distinguished Lower Dauphin School Official – Lynne Smith Yost, retired Lower Dauphin High School administrative professional who is active in a wide variety of community affairs and church activities that serve to benefit families with members seeking health care at local hospitals.

District fire companies provide fire prevention lessons to students

Firefighters from Grantville, Hershey, Londonderry Township, and Union Deposit visited Lower Dauphin elementary schools in October to teach students lessons about fire safety and fire prevention. At left are members of Londonderry’s Company 54 and kindergarten students working with a hose. Above are members of Grantville’s Company 39 teaching fifth-graders how to operate a fire extinguisher.
Ellerie Krot was crowned Homecoming Queen at the football game Friday, October 16. King Tanner Geesey was crowned the following night at the Homecoming Dance at the high school.

Krot, is the daughter of Harry and Megan Krot. She is a member of the varsity cheerleading squad, competitive level 10 gymnast, and has qualified for the Junior Olympics twice. Outside of school, Ellerie holds a job as a lifeguard at the Hotel Hershey. Her future plans include attending Shippensburg University to major in broadcast journalism and minor in marketing, with the hope of becoming a Red Raider cheerleader.

Geesey, is the son of Jeff and Vicki Geesey. Tanner enjoys weight-lifting, reading comics, playing video games, and adventuring. Outside of school, he holds a job as a server assistant at the Harrisburg Melting Pot. His future plans include becoming a personal trainer to help people accomplish their health goals.

Their Homecoming Court included queen candidates Jillian Barry, Cammie Fletcher, Rachel Doris Green, Jillian Kolva, Alex Leader, Maddie Lilliock, Rebecca McIlhenny, Kelsea Rehrer, Jordan Schaefer, Kaylee Stoner, and Maya Swims. King candidates were Ian Berry, Logan Buffington, Matt Canis, John Davis, Dominic Farole, George Hatalowich, Colin Marcavage, David Means, Evan Morrill, Garrett Schug, and Antonio Heredia Soto.

Leading up to Homecoming, Student Council planned a lot of fun spirit activities, including Tropical Tuesday, Dress to Impress Wednesday, Throwback Thursday, and Falcon Friday.

The LD Alumni Association also had several fun activities planned. The Alumni Cheerleaders performed during the third quarter of the football game against Mechanicsburg, and the LDAA presented six awards for service to the school and community at halftime (see related story on Page 4).
LD makes changes in administrative team for 2015-16

The resignation of former Assistant Superintendent Rob Schultz in July to assume the superintendency of the Tulpehocken Area School District set off a ripple effect in Lower Dauphin’s administrative team which should be settled by mid-November.

To replace Dr. Schultz, the school board appointed two familiar faces to new roles in the district.

Current high school Principal Todd Neuhard assumed the role of assistant to the superintendent - secondary education. Dr. Douglas Winner, former director of elementary education, assumed the role of assistant to the superintendent- elementary education.

“We are excited to be able to promote two of our own administrators to these positions to help steer our curriculum and educational programs at the elementary and secondary levels,” said Superintendent Sherri Smith. “We had a strong field of candidates but we felt that Doug and Todd will provide us with continuity and leadership moving forward as we prepare our students with the 21st Century skills they need to compete in a global workforce.”

Neuhard came to the district in 2008 as high school principal. Prior to that he was principal at Central Dauphin East High School for five years and served as an assistant principal at C.D. East from July 1998 to June 2003. He holds a bachelor of science degree in secondary education from Bloomsburg University. He earned a master of education degree in educational administration from Shippensburg University in May 1998 and has completed his coursework for his superintendent’s letter of eligibility.

Winner has been with the district since 2004, serving as principal at Nye Elementary School and for the past year, as director of elementary education. Prior to coming to Lower Dauphin, he was a principal at Thomas Holtzman Elementary School in the Susquehanna Township School District and an assistant principal at Susquehanna Township Middle School. He holds a doctorate of education in educational leadership and management from Drexel University. He earned a master’s degree from University of Virginia and a bachelor’s degree from Penn State University.

Then, to replace Neuhard, the district appointed current South Hanover Elementary Principal Justin Hanula as high school principal. Hanula will be replaced by Steven Schoessler, an assistant principal at Elizabethtown Area High School.

“We are excited to welcome Justin and Steve to these new roles,” said Superintendent Sherri Smith. “They are both invested in the Lower Dauphin community and have proved to be excellent leaders.”

Hanula came to the district in 2006 as high school social studies teacher, a role he held for two years. He then served a year as dean of students at the high school and a year as high school assistant principal. He has been principal at South Hanover Elementary School since July 2010. Prior to coming to Lower Dauphin, he was a teacher in Middletown Area School District and Northern Lebanon School district. He holds a bachelor of science degree in psychology from Penn State University and earned his social studies teaching certificate from Penn State in 2003. He received a master’s degree from Penn State in 2011.

Schoessler has been with the Elizabethtown Area School District since 2012, serving as high school assistant principal and briefly as an interim middle school principal. Prior to coming to Elizabethtown, he was a high school social studies teacher at Hempfield High School for seven years. He holds a master’s degree from Millersville University and a bachelor’s degree from Grove City College.

Grubb joins Plouse on LD School Board as student rep

On October 19, the Lower Dauphin Board of School Directors appointed high school junior Logan Grubb to serve as Associate Student School Board Representative.

He will serve beside high school senior Taylor Plouse, who returns for a second year as student school board representative.

Grubb is the son of Amy Clark-Grubb and Steven Grubb. He has participated in band for three years, fall play and spring musical for two years, Drama Club, Chamber Singers, Men’s A Cappella, track & field, National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society and German National Honor Society. In the community, he volunteers with the Hummelstown Historical Society and gives swim lessons at the Hummelstown pool.

Plouse is the daughter of Dave and Carla Plouse. She plays varsity field hockey and is a member of Student Council, Yearbook, National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society and National English Honor Society. She is also involved with MiniTHON and is a youth field hockey coach. She is active with her church youth group and hopes to attend a four-year college and play field hockey with the goal of becoming a physician’s assistant.
**Hillary Amici**  
*Family & Consumer Science  
Middle School*

Mrs. Amici assumes a full-time role at the middle school in family & consumer science after serving last year as a long-term substitute. She has also served as a family & consumer science teacher at Central Dauphin from 2002-08. She holds a bachelor’s degree from Messiah College and has taken graduate coursework at Texas Woman’s University.

**Kristie Bartlebaugh**  
*Grade 1  
South Hanover*

Miss Bartlebaugh is a graduate of Lower Dauphin and earned her bachelor’s degree in elementary education from Penn State in 2015. In addition to her student teaching in first at East Hanover Elementary, she was a kindergarten classroom aide from 2011-2013 and was a Jump Start classroom aide from 2012-2014.

**Shannon Bradley**  
*Grade 4  
South Hanover*

Miss Bradley served as a long-term substitute last year at South Hanover Elementary School in third grade and was also a student-teacher at South Hanover. She earned her bachelor’s degree in early childhood education from Ohio University in 2003. She hopes “to learn and grow as an educator while enriching the lives of the students I teach.”

**Shannon Engle**  
*Reading Specialist  
Middle School*

Mrs. Engle earned a bachelor’s degree in music education from Penn State and her master’s in teaching and curriculum with a reading specialist certificate in 2003. She earned a certificate in special education from St. Joseph’s University in 2013. Prior to coming to Lower Dauphin she taught music and reading for 10 years in Elizabethtown. She also taught reading and special education for five years in Cornwall-Lebanon.

**Luke Gawron**  
*Art  
Middle School*

Mr. Gawron graduated from Kutztown University in 2013 with a bachelor’s degree in art education. Prior to coming to Lower Dauphin, he taught for a year in the Steelton-Highspire School District. He hopes “to continue the great art program already in place and introduce some new teaching methods.”

**Meghan Gerberich**  
*Learning Support  
East Hanover*

Miss Gerberich earned bachelor’s degrees in early childhood education and special education from Lebanon Valley College in 2014. She served as a year-long substitute in first grade at East Hanover Elementary School in the 2014-15 school year before earning a full-time position. She hopes “to continue to grow as an educator and help each child reach their fullest potential.”

**Jason Grimes**  
*Grade 5  
East Hanover*

Mr. Grimes is serving as a long-term substitute in fifth-grade this year and earned his bachelor’s degree in elementary education from Penn State in 2010. Prior to coming to Lower Dauphin as a long-term substitute, he served as a substitute teacher in several local school districts. He hopes to gain “the full experience of becoming a member of the Lower Dauphin team and be a role model to my students.”

**Jessica Guntz**  
*Grade 2  
Conewago*

Miss Guntz is serving as a long-term substitute in second grade at Conewago Elementary School. She earned her degrees in elementary education and special education from Millersville University in 2009. Prior to coming to Lower Dauphin she taught sixth-grade learning support for two years and was a first-grade assistant for a year at the Sylvan Heights Science Charter School.

**Brian Keating**  
*Therapeutic Autistic Support  
Middle School*

Mr. Keating received his bachelor’s degree in behavioral and social sciences from the University of Maryland in 1999 and his master’s in exceptional education from the University of Central Florida in 2010. Prior to coming to Lower Dauphin he was a teacher at Celebration High School in Celebration, Fla. He hopes to “achieve the full potential for myself, my students and my team.”
Alyssa Kline
Chemistry
High School

Miss Kline earned bachelor’s degrees in chemistry and Spanish from the University of Pittsburgh in 2014 and a master’s degree in education in 2015 along with certifications in special education and chemistry education. She has worked in learning support and emotional support classrooms teaching biology, life skills and chemistry. She hopes “to inspire students to have the desire to learn more about science by making chemistry interesting and exciting!”

Joanna Lennox
Nurse
South Hanover

Mrs. Lennox earned her bachelor’s degree in nursing from Messiah College and a school nurse certification from Millersville University. She was a staff nurse at Harrisburg Hospital in a cardiac unit and was a part-time school nurse for Derry Township School District. She hopes “to be a good advocate and resource for the students and families at South Hanover concerning their healthcare needs.”

Catherine Lutzkanin
Science
Middle School

Miss Lutzkanin has served as a long-term substitute at the middle school in physical science and also as a kindergarten long-term substitute at Nye Elementary School. She earned her bachelor’s degree from Penn State and certifications in middle school science and middle school English. She is pursuing a master’s degree in science education from Lebanon Valley College.

Debora Miller
Reading Specialist
Middle School

Mrs. Miller served as a long-term substitute in Lower Dauphin and East Pennsboro and taught for a year in the School District of Lancaster. Prior to that she taught for 11 years in Illinois. She earned her bachelor’s degree from Valparaiso University, and a reading recovery teaching certificate and a master’s degree in school social work from the University of Illinois. She hopes “to share my love of books and reading with my students.”

Kelly Milsteen
Mathematics
Middle School

Mrs. Milsteen comes to Lower Dauphin after teaching eighth-grade math in the Susquehanna School District. She earned her bachelor’s degree from Millersville University. She hopes “to make a positive influence in my students’ lives through my enthusiasm for math.”

Jessica O’Donnell
Music
Conewago/Londonderry

Mrs. O’Donnell earned her bachelor’s degree from Mansfield University in 2011. She was a music teacher in a preschool and daycare program at the McLean County YWCA. She hopes “to create a fun and exciting environment to learn about music and life where children can explore sounds from other cultures to better understand their own, where children can learn from their mistakes, and where they can work with others for a common goal and experience success.”

Julie Prutznal
Learning Support
High School

Mrs. Prutznal comes to Lower Dauphin after five years teaching at Cameron County Junior/Senior High School. She also served as an AmeriCorps teacher in Punxsutawney Middle School and as an English teacher at Punxsutawney Christian School. She earned her bachelor’s degree from University of Pittsburgh Johnstown and a master’s degree from Slippery Rock University. She hopes “to make a positive impact on not only my students, but any others that cross my path.”

Alycia Randall
Grade 3
Nye

Mrs. Randall served last year as a long-term substitute at Conewago Elementary School. She holds degrees from Portland State University and York College. She hopes “to form professional relationships with my students and their families and to have a positive impact on the students’ learning.”

Andrew Snyder
Music
Nye

Mr. Snyder is a Lower Dauphin graduate and earned his bachelor’s degree in music education from West Chester University. He worked last year as a long-term substitute at Lower Dauphin Middle School in general music. He hopes “to instill a love of learning and inspire a passion for music in my students. I also hope to give every student an opportunity to have a broad appreciation for all things music.”
Mrs. Spayd returns to Lower Dauphin Middle School after taking some time off to raise her children. She earned her bachelor’s degree from Susquehanna University and her master’s from Oregon State University. She hopes “to help my students become independent and responsible young adults in preparation for future ‘real world’ experiences.”

Mrs. Waters served last year as a long-term substitute in fifth grade at East Hanover Elementary School and has also been a day-to-day substitute and taught in Manheim Central School District. She is a Lower Dauphin graduate with a bachelor’s degree from Northwestern University and a master’s degree from Millersville University. She hopes “to share the excitement of learning with my students on a daily basis.”

Miss Spitler earned her bachelor’s degree from Temple University in early childhood education and served as a day-to-day substitute before coming to Lower Dauphin. She says she hopes to “bring a creative and fresh outlook on teaching to my team and school. I hope to leave an impact on my students and create life-long learners.”

Miss Willey earned her bachelor’s degree from Florida Southern College and served for three years as a K-2 autistic support teacher in Florida after graduation. She also spent two years as a high school cyber school teacher and was a long-term substitute last year at South Hanover Elementary School. She hopes “to empower my students to be motivated, curious and enthusiastic learners.”

At the start of the school year, Superintendent Sherri Smith honored 59 district employees for reaching years of service milestones.

“IT says a lot about our district that we’re able to retain quality employees for years and years,” she said.

30 Years
Regina Brenneman, middle school, and Sharon Hagy, district office.

25 Years
Suzan Decker, Conewago Elementary School; Deborah Eisenhour, middle school; Diane Giuliano, middle school; Janice Pence, middle school; Patti Jo Schan-Bigler, middle school; and James Corsnitz, East Hanover Elementary School.

20 Years
Teresa Coller, middle school; Carmen Dickerson, middle school; Matthew Dickinson, middle school; Darby Fischl, high school; Natalie McCorkel, middle school; Tamara McElwee, middle school; Susan Morefield, high school; and Martha Umberger; Price School.

15 Years
Nicholas Amici, middle school; Teresa Buser, district office; Tammy Cogan, high school; Eileen Despot, middle school; Tom Hanninen, high school; Cathleen Klassen, Conewago Elementary School; Stacy Kreitzer, high school; Michelle McGinnis, high school; Lee Ann Miller, South Hanover Elementary School; Lynne Ravas, middle school; Sherri Smith, district office; Judith Solensky, high school; and Valerie Stricker, high school.

10 Years
Lindsay Adams, Nye Elementary School; Ann Cessna, Price School; Kevin Deibler, Price School; Jill Friedman, high school; Stacy Gallick, Londonderry Elementary School; Maryellen Kabay, high school; Jennifer Kopinetz, middle school; Lynn Patton, Conewago Elementary School; Mary Smith, high school; Stephanie Zahora, Conewago Elementary School; Richard Landis, South Hanover Elementary School; David Ruhl, Price School; Carol Ware, Londonderry Elementary School; and Traci Watts, high school.

5 Years
Marcy Baker, South Hanover Elementary School; Cassandra Berry, Londonderry Elementary School; Jody Cassel, South Hanover Elementary School; Sarah Conley, East Hanover Elementary School; Thomas Eberly, middle school; Amy Falk, high school; Emily Fehrenbach, high school; Vickie Feinstein, high school; Michael Fuhrman, middle school; Diamanta Havelos, high school; Yvonne Jackson, high school; Jennifer Karcesky, Nye Elementary School; Michelle Kullman, Nye Elementary School; Renee McMinn, high school; Kathryn Ringso, Londonderry Elementary School; Laura Shutt, South Hanover Elementary School; Michelle Sloan, Conewago Elementary School; Janine Strickland, Londonderry Elementary School; Kimberly Weber, Londonderry Elementary School; Jenna Wise, South Hanover Elementary School; Richard Bryant, high school; Martin Kulp, district office; Crystal Shifflett, Conewago Elementary School; Scott Simonetti, middle school; and Adam Wise, high school.
LD Falcon Fest raises close to $20,000 to support district

Hundreds of Falcon fans and friends attended the second annual Falcon Fest in August at the Historic Hersheypark Arena. The event, co-sponsored by Lower Dauphin’s booster clubs, is a fundraiser to pay for the boosters’ sponsorship of the concession stand in the field house at the turf field complex.

A combination of live and silent auction items helped generate about $20,000. Among the 10 live auction items were a year’s VIP parking at the Falcon Fields Sports Complex and the use of a suite for a select Hershey Bears’ home game. There were also more than 140 silent auction items including golf passes, gift certificates to local businesses and restaurants and one-of-a-kind LD items like a chance to be a water boy for a Falcons’ football game.


Sponsors included: Thrivent Financial ($1,000); Affinity LTC, Sweet Dawgs, and Boro Bar & Grill ($500); and Bill & Sue Breidenstine, John & Jonette Lawn, Jonathan & Camilla Rosenburger, Dr. Sherri Smith, and George & Beth Spanos.

Second Annual Falcon Family Fun Day hailed as a ‘success’

A few hundred Lower Dauphin parents and children attended the LD Falcon Foundation’s second annual Falcon Family Fun Day in August in Hummelstown.

The event, which is described as a chance for one last “hurrah” before the start of school, is sponsored by the Lower Dauphin Falcon Foundation.

The free event featured face-painting, door prizes, games, a magician and lots of fun.

“After the success of last year, we wanted to provide another opportunity for our students and their family to come together to celebrate,” said Superintendent Sherri Smith. “We’re thrilled the Falcon Foundation is able to provide a day of fun to end the summer!”

Sponsors included Hummelstown Community Foundation; East Hanover Elementary PTO; FFO; Lower Dauphin Communities That Care; Lower Dauphin High School National Art Honor Society; Lower Dauphin physical education teachers; Kathy Weber; William H. and Marion C. Alexander; Lower Dauphin High School’s Science Honor Society; Costco; and Weis Markets.
Lower Dauphin High School’s 55th Commencement Ceremony was held on June 4, 2015 at the Giant Center in Hershey. Valedictorian was Maggie Tamburro. Salutatorian was Dan Davis.
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