



## **BASD E-News from Dr. Roy**

*If you have news or upcoming events you would like to share with the staff in the BASD E-News, please e-mail my administrative assistant, Barbara Clymer at [bclymer@basdschools.org](mailto:bclymer@basdschools.org).*

### **Great Job Governor Wolf**

The Student Council Leaders at Governor Wolf Elementary School recently raised \$250 to donate to the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor. The students held a “cutest pet” contest where students school wide could vote for a faculty member’s pet they liked the best. Students voted using pocket change they brought from home by putting their change in the box showing the pet of their choice. The contest was a huge success and exceeded their expectations. The Student Council Leaders will be going on a trip to the Freemansburg Education Center to present the donation to Mr. Scholl. The leaders will be given a tour of the education center and learn about the history of the canal. The 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade leaders have learned about the towpath using the Tales of the Towpath curriculum. The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade leaders will learn even more about the history of the canal next school year. All of the leaders are very excited to go on the trip. This is a wonderful win-win situation for both the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor and the Student Council Leaders of Governor Wolf.

### **Congrats to BASD Students who made the PMEA District 10 Band**

Congratulations to the following BASD Students who made the PMEA District 10 Band this year: Chris Poczak, Peter Young, and Jordana Schaeffer from Freedom and Addie Mease, Liam McKenna, Jocelyn Snyder, Andrew Kang, and Andrew Reichard from Liberty. Also congratulations to the following BASD students who made the PMEA District 10 Orchestra: Kelsey Ko, Ryan Bailis, Jordana Schaeffer, and Peter Young from Freedom and Andrew Kang and Vivian Wong from Liberty. Great job to these fine Bethlehem musicians!

## Events in the Area

### **Adopt A Donegan Dasher - Give the Gift of Running**

The Donegan Dashers is an after school running program for girls in third, fourth, and fifth grades at Donegan Elementary School. The Donegan Dashers program is designed to foster positive emotional, social, and physical development in at-risk students. One such issue is affording appropriate cold-weather running gear. Most of the Dashers do not have the financial means to purchase clothing for everyday wear, let alone specialized athletic apparel. We have partnered with Aardvark Sports Shop to solve this problem. Our "Adopt a Donegan Dasher" initiative is a way for individuals and community partners to help us meet this urgent need. Starting Friday, November 21, 2014 an "Adopt a Donegan Dasher" Christmas tree will be on display at Aardvark Sport Shop. Each ornament on the tree contains a personalized tag, and an item that a Donegan Dasher needs to continue running throughout the winter. After selecting an ornament, which is yours to keep, please see an Aardvark associate to purchase the specific item listed on the tag. The items available for purchase are high quality and sold to you at cost. The Aardvark sales team will ensure that your student receives her item. Bruce Haines and The Aardvark Sports Shop associates have been instrumental in the creation of the Donegan Dashers program. We express our sincerest thanks in advance to Bruce, his staff, and all of the individuals who help us outfit these runners. For more information email Kathy West at [kathywest1974@yahoo.com](mailto:kathywest1974@yahoo.com)

### **Yankee Candle Fundraiser for the Freedom Forum**

The FREEDOM FORUM, Freedom High School's Award-Winning School Newspaper, has just kicked off their Yankee Candle® Fundraiser. The students are raising funds for special programs and materials for the journalism course and the newspaper club. Our group earns 40% of every dollar you spend. Simply [click here](#) to see the exciting collection of America's Best Loved Candles™, candle accessories, flameless fragrance and assorted gift wrap. Shop online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – everything is shipped directly to you. Yankee Candle makes a great holiday gift. Ordering is easy, and items are shipped directly to your home. If you don't click on the link listed above, you need to enter my Group Number 990060719 and my Seller ID Karla64 in order for the group to receive credit. [Click here for my site](#) If you are having trouble with the above link, you may copy and paste the following link in to your browser: [https://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com/ycfroot/ycfwcgi.exe?\\_V4=Process&Func=enterWebsiteFromEmail&publicKey=p5PcMpYong004ywVsf0cRgpc8VAD1Nqy](https://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com/ycfroot/ycfwcgi.exe?_V4=Process&Func=enterWebsiteFromEmail&publicKey=p5PcMpYong004ywVsf0cRgpc8VAD1Nqy) The fundraiser will be running from NOW through 31-Dec-2014. Please help by placing your order before the end of our sale. You can continue to order all season – my group will receive credit. If you have any questions or are unable to open any of the links contact Karla Erdman at [kerdman@basdschools.org](mailto:kerdman@basdschools.org).



### **BASD Child Care Collection Drive was a Huge Success**

The items from the collection drive were delivered to the LVH/Muhlenberg Pediatric Specialty practice this week. Mittens, gloves, socks, hats, scarves, books, and craft items will be shared with children under LVH medical care.

A big THANK YOU to the BASD Child Care families, children, and staff for a successful event. The response was amazing. Children helping children warms the heart.

### **Saturday, December 13, 2014 – Breakfast with Santa Fundraiser**

The Freedom High School Softball Team and Applebee's present Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 13 from 8-10 am. The cost is \$7 per person. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, orange juice, coffee and tea. Bring your camera for pictures with Santa. Buy tickets to win an IPAD Mini. For tickets contact Carmen at 610-762-4888 or buy them at the door.

### **Thursday, December 18, 2014 – FHS Holiday Pops Orchestra Concert**

The Freedom instrumental music department will present it's annual Holiday Pops Concert on Thursday December 18th at 7:30pm in the Freedom auditorium. This concert will feature the Freedom orchestra, wind ensemble, and string orchestra performing many holiday favorites including Leroy Anderson's Sleigh Ride, Let it Go from Disney's Frozen, Silent Night, A Child is Born, In the Bleak Midwinter, Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas, several Hanukah selections, the music from the movie Polar Express, and many more wonderful pieces to celebrate the season. We hope you can join us. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$5 and, as always, senior citizens are free. In the event we have a snow day on the 18th, the concert will be on Friday December 19th at the same time. Happy Holidays from the Freedom Family!

### **Saturday, December 27, 2014 – BASD mini-Thon Night at the PPL Center**

The Lehigh Valley Phantoms are hosting a BASD mini-Thon event. A portion of ticket sales will go to our club. BASD mini-Thon Night at the PPL Center is scheduled for December 27th @ 7:05 pm when the Lehigh Valley Phantoms VS. Norfolk Admirals. For more info contact Mr. Safranek at Freedom at ext. 53014 or e-mail at [bsafranek@basdschools.org](mailto:bsafranek@basdschools.org).

### **Sunday, January 18, 2015 – Coach/Vera Bradley Purse Bingo Fundraiser**

Liberty High School Softball team is having a Coach/Vera Bradley Purse Bingo fundraiser on Sunday, January 18 starting at 1 pm (doors open at 12 noon). Cost is \$20 for 20 games. The event will be held in the LHS cafeteria. A Chinese auction, 50/50 raffle, food and drinks will also be available.

**Sunday, January 18, 2015 – BASD mini-Thon Hosts Princess/Superhero Party**

BASD Mini-Thon will host a Princess/Superhero Party for elementary students at Liberty High School on Sunday, January 18 from 1-3 pm. Come out and celebrate and help with this great mini-Thon event!

**Friday, January 23, 2015 – FHS Basket and Handbag Bingo**

Freedom High School Band and Orchestra will hold a basket and handbag bingo on Friday, January 23, 2015. (Snow date is January 30) Event will be held in the FHS cafeteria. Doors open at 6 pm. Games start at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$20 for 20 games in advance and \$25 at the door. All proceeds go towards transportation for the Spring trip. For more info go to [FHSBingo@gmail.com](mailto:FHSBingo@gmail.com) or call 610-762-3363.

**Saturday, April 11, 2015 – BASD mini-Thon**

This year's BASD mini-Thon will take place on Saturday, April 11, 2015 from 10 am – 10 pm at Liberty High School. Come and join the fun while supporting a great fundraiser. There will be something for everyone!

**Saturday, April 18, 2015–2015 Cops 'n' Kids Celebration of Reading . . . and the Arts and Sciences**

With the help of our entire community, the award-winning Cops 'n' Kids Children's Literacy Program has reached a remarkable milestone, distributing more than 625,000 free books thus far. To celebrate this accomplishment, and the children of our community, we invite you to join us (rain or shine) on Saturday, April 18, 2014 from 11 am-3 pm for a day of food, fun, family, crafts, entertainment, laughter--and, of course, literacy! The event will take place at 511 East Third Street. There will be an indoor and outdoor stage. This year we will also be saying "Happy Tenth Birthday" to the Northampton Community College Fowler Family Southside Center--the home of Cops 'n' Kids. If you want to join the planning committee for this special event, or if you are interested in having your students perform, please contact Tammy Giampapa at [tgiampapa@basdschools.org](mailto:tgiampapa@basdschools.org) for more information. Please mark your calendars--and thank you for helping us to "connect kids and community through literacy."

