Good News Bulletin
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MASD STAFF BIRTHDAYS

6/4 - Lindsey Reich
6/5 - Debra Klose
6/6 - Matthew Godshall
6/8 - Wendy Warren
Enjoy your special day!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over again with the summer.”

-F. Scott Fitzgerald

A big congratulations and farewell to this year’s retirees from the District! Mrs. Karen Musser, Mrs. Debbie Dauberman and Mr. Harry Hubbert will all be leaving us this summer. We wish them well and are thankful for their service to the Mifflinburg Area School District! Read more about what they plan to do during their retirement later in this issue.
Congratulations to this year’s 2019 Young American Award Winners! Pictured from left to right are the following: Eric Zimmerman, Erin Rute, Emily Kerstetter, Allison Wagner, Cassie Brouse, Molly Kerstetter, Heidi Beiler and Garrett Becker. Winners not pictured are: Emma Zechman, Cole Reish and Riley Wolfgang.

LET’S HEAR IT FOR THE GIRLS!!!

Congratulations to our Wildcat Girls’ Softball Team! They topped Jersey Shore, 4-2, on Friday afternoon to win the District IV AAAA Championship! Tonight at 7:00 p.m., they will play in the PIAA State Championship and will take on Scranton Prep, the District II Champion, at the University of Scranton.

Vanessa Martin was the winning pitcher of the game. Making plays and scoring in the game against Jersey Shore were the following: Delaney Good was 2-for-3 with two doubles and two runs; Brook Karchner was 2-for-4 with a double, a run and one RBI; and Hailey Foresman was 2-for-3 with a double and a run. Great job ladies!
The Mifflinburg Area School District would like to wish everyone a very safe and happy summer vacation! Take this time to refresh and relax so you can come back ready to take on the 2019 - 2020 School Year and make it your best one yet! We encourage you to continue to learn throughout the summer outside of the classroom and explore the world and your horizons!

A Summer Sendoff from Superintendent Lichtel

A thank you to everyone in this educational community, young and old, for making our School District such a wonderful place to live, work and grow. We have excellent staff members in every building and department who are working for the best interests of our young people. We have an amazing student body who, with the support of engaged families, make us all look good through their achievements. Although summertime brings a break from our routines, I encourage everyone to use the next several months for continued growth in preparation for another year ahead.

EVENTS AROUND THE DISTRICT

6/4 – Grade 9-11 Final Exams – High School
6/4 – Track & Field Day – Middle School (Rain Date)
6/4 – Senior Awards Night – 7:00 P.M. – High School Auditorium
6/5 – Grade 9-11 Awards Assembly – 10:00 A.M. – High School Auditorium
6/5 – Field Day – High School
6/5 – Awards Assembly – Intermediate School – 1:30 P.M.
6/6 – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – 3 HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL
6/6 – Awards Assembly – Middle School LGI – Grade 6 – 8:00 A.M., Grade 7 – 9:00 A.M.; Grade 8 – 10:00 A.M.
6/7 – K-12 ACT 80 Day
6/7 – Commencement – 7:30 P.M. – Intermediate School Gym
DON’T FORGET TO CELEBRATE ALL SUMMER FOR OUR STAFF MEMBERS WITH SUMMER BIRTHDAYS!

6/10 - Heather Specht
6/11 - Lori Fridline
6/12 - Alexa Diggan
6/12 - Therese Sprenkle
6/16 - Debra Pollock Dauberman
6/16 - Gordon Defacis
6/17 - Brenda Fogelman
6/17 - Danielle Cromley
6/18 - Betty Reber
6/18 - Wendy Zechman
6/22 - Diane Wright
6/22 - Darlis Hummel
6/22 - Stacy Koch
6/26 - Michelle Shearer
6/27 - Brandyn Vasey
6/28 - Daniel Langford
6/28 - Matthew Wells
6/29 - Leslie Herman
6/30 - Stacy Boop
7/5 - Linda Zimmerman
7/7 - Sharon Brickley
7/7 - Pamela Brouse
7/7 - Victoria Sealy
7/7 - Danielle Lanzer
7/8 - Rhonda Hornberger
7/8 - Sheila Benner
7/10 - Corey Roseth
7/12 - Scott Hummel
7/12 - Myrna Goss
7/14 - Scott Zimmerman
7/16 - Jessica Gallegos
7/17 - Donna Sullivan
7/18 - Heather Heggenstaller
7/18 - Kendra Blair
7/19 - Jerry Styers
7/19 - Kaileigh Crouse
7/27 - Miranda Wallace
7/27 - Jeanne Castagnola
7/29 - Brian Fee
7/29 - Alyssa Coakley
7/30 - Casey Snook
7/31 - Julie Keister
7/31 - Jennifer Anderson
7/31 - Shirley Hewlett
8/3 - Joan Rogers
8/4 - Disneyanna Ledda
8/4 - Lori Hoy
8/4 - Susan Davis-Benfer
8/5 - Debra Dressler
8/5 - Amanda Kerlin
8/6 - Andres Macias
8/13 - Kylee Frits
8/15 - Rosaria Clemens
8/16 - Linda Digan
8/16 - Joseph Veley, Jr.
8/17 - Karen Musser
8/18 - Brenda Eberhart
8/19 - Diane Ramos
8/19 - Mario Tombasco
8/20 - Jason Parker
8/20 - George Boyer
8/20 - Richard Strausburg
Try Some Delicious Watermelon Salad!

Yield: 4 to 6 servings

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
- 1 lime, zested and juiced
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 red onion, thinly sliced
- 4 cups seeded watermelon chunks
- 1 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 1/4 cup mint chopped
- 2 cups baby arugula

Directions

Add the white wine vinegar, lime zest and juice to a small bowl. Whisk in the olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Add the thinly sliced red onion and let marinate for 5 to 10 minutes as you prepare the rest of the salad.

Add the watermelon, feta, mint, and arugula to a large bowl. Toss with the vinaigrette, and serve immediately after dressing.

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Throughout the year, I write many articles to share with you through this District newsletter, the Good News Bulletin. Sometimes, information, pictures and/or articles are submitted by various staff members, and for that, I thank you! If you have a newsworthy event, feel free to let me know as I enjoy hearing about the different things going on throughout the District and being able to prepare the stories in a way to share with our District through this media.

I have my days when the Good News Bulletin is tasking which I’m sure we all have with different aspects of our jobs. With that being said, nothing makes me happier than getting out and interviewing our retirees at the end of the school year! The days that I spend getting to know our staff a little better and learning how each individual employee has affected our students and attributed to the learning experiences of our students here in the Mifflinburg Area School District is truly heartwarming. Not only do I personally get to learn a little more about each one of them, I get to share my experiences of meeting and interacting with these individuals on a more personal level. They allow me to put my spin on their stories and showcase them for time they have dedicated to the students of the Mifflinburg Area School District. I couldn’t think of a better way to finish off the Good News Bulletin and the 2018 – 2019 School Year! So . . . I hope you enjoy the following retiree write-ups, and please join me in wishing them the best in retirement!
Karen Musser, High School Biology Teacher - 28 Years of Service

Mrs. Musser is retiring after spending 28 years teaching biology in the High School. She feels fortunate to have been able to teach all three of her own children here in Mifflinburg and to have been such a big part of their teenage years. After becoming filled with emotion, she goes on to say how much she enjoyed teaching not just her own children, but all of her children’s friends as well. Those were some of the most memorable and wonderful years here in the District. Mrs. Musser indicated that her own mother taught her back when she was in Mifflinburg High School, and her oldest child had both his Grandma and Mom as a teacher in the same year!

Mrs. Musser indicated that she will miss her students dearly, and she will miss the staff who she has been friends with for a long time. She became emotional again while explaining that she truly believes it takes a village to raise a child, and she is thankful that many of her friends who also teach here in the District helped shape her own children into the wonderful individuals that they are today.

Mrs. Musser wanted to thank all of the students and staff that she had the opportunity to work with and teach over the years. She said, “everything has just been so much fun!” She got a little emotional thinking about it all.

What is Mrs. Musser looking forward to most during retirement? She is looking forward to babysitting her granddaughter and can’t wait to do it! She also plans to travel a lot with her husband, Bob. She plans to travel to South Carolina more often, and looks forward to checking off some of the things on her bucket list including hiking the Grand Canyon. Congratulations and best of luck in retirement!
Harry Hubbert, Elementary School Custodian - Approximately 11 Years of Service

Harry Hubbert has been a full-time custodian at the Mifflinburg Elementary School for the last three years. He started with the Mifflinburg Area School District as a substitute custodian for about five years working mainly in the outlying smaller Elementary Schools that the District had before combining them, and prior to working in the Elementary School, he worked as a custodian in the High School. He also acts as a security guard for various sporting events throughout the District including football, basketball, soccer, field hockey and lacrosse. Overall, he’s been with the District for approximately 11 years total.

When Mr. Harry, as he is affectionately called by the Elementary School Students, was asked what he liked best about working in the School District, he pointed to the hallway, and said “the hallway right out there with the little kids in kindergarten and first grade”. Mr. Harry indicated that every afternoon he starts collecting trash and the kids run up to him in the hallway calling for him and some even giving him a hug. It makes him happy and smiling. He indicated that he sees some kids out around town with their families, and they always run up to greet him and hug him. He said he will really miss seeing all the kids when he retires later this week.

Mr. Harry’s plans for retirement include working with his grandson and son-in-law doing some landscaping work part-time and relaxing. He indicated that he is a homebody. He doesn’t like to go too far from home and is looking forward to just being home more in general. One thing that he is definitely looking forward to doing during his retirement and that he is truly passionate about is eating and cooking more chicken! It is his favorite food, and he said he could eat chicken eight days a week. He said he is excited to have more time to cook and eat chicken all the different ways he likes it, such as, baking it, grilling it, roasting it and putting it in soups. He said some teachers have even brought him a bucket of chicken before as a gift.

Mr. Harry had me laughing non-stop during this interview, especially when he shared some of his memorable moments. He told me about how he has a stuffed crow named Fred. When students get 100 on their tests, they are allowed to pet Fred the crow. He also shared a cute story about a little boy who came up to him and told him that he made a mess on his desk with markers during Mrs. Aucker’s first grade class and asked for Mr. Harry’s help to get his desk clean. The next day the little boy was waiting for him in the hallway to thank him for cleaning up the marker mess. And my favorite story of all...is that when he starts to bring his garbage can on wheels around the halls collecting trash from classrooms, the kids ask for rides in the garbage can. As funny as it sounds, the kids want to be “put in the garbage can” and ride around the hallway. This one makes me smile.😊

After all of the good times he’s had while working in the District, Mr. Harry would like to be remembered as “Mr. Harry the Cleanup Man”. And his parting words of advice to the Mifflinburg Area School District is that “they should serve more chicken here”. I think after this interview, to me, Mr. Harry will always be the Bubba Gump of chicken! Best wishes on your retirement!
Debbie Dauberman - 
Elementary School Intervention 
Teacher - 30 Years of Service

Wow! Where do I begin... talk about one of the absolutely sweetest individuals to walk the halls of Mifflinburg Elementary School, and Mrs. Dauberman is it! She is truly a treasure and will be greatly missed here in our District not only by the children she teaches, but by the staff who has worked by her side for the last thirty years and who call her a friend. Mrs. Dauberman’s welcoming demeanor and warm smile can put almost anyone at ease, and my interview with her could have gone on for hours.

Mrs. Dauberman spent thirty years total working for the Mifflinburg Area School District. She started out teaching fifth grade, then taught seventh grade for a year, then went back to fifth grade for a year, then she subbed for a year, then she left the district for approximately four years, and then came back to us in 1990 and has been here ever since. She has been teaching a total of about 35 years. Mrs. Dauberman currently teaches ten classes per day and approximately fifty students daily.

When I asked Mrs. Dauberman what she will miss the most about working in the Mifflinburg Area School District, she responded that she just feels so blessed! That thought made her pause and become emotional for a moment reflecting back on the time she’s spent here. She explained further that she truly feels blessed to have worked with everyone that she did including the administration, all of the principals she has worked for over the years, the faculty, staff and students! They have all been so supportive and have become family to her. She has felt honored to have her students and enlighten and brighten each and every day that she has worked here. She has always enjoyed teaching. She said she knew since she was in first grade that she wanted to be a teacher. The students of Mifflinburg have been a part of her life every day, as well as her being a part of their lives. She says it is heartwarming to teach them to read and to further their education. It makes her so happy to see when a child realizes that they can read. Mrs. Dauberman is just so thankful to the whole District for their support over the years. She wants to thank Mr. Lichtel, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Caruso and all her past principals and staff!

Mrs. Dauberman indicated that she doesn’t have many big retirement plans in place which doesn’t feel normal to her because she is used to being a planner over the last thirty years. She is looking forward to spending more time with her husband, exercising, walking and boating. She looks forward to visiting her brother and his family in Virginia as well. She wants to take each day as it comes, and see what is in store for her.

Ms. Dauberman said it would be too hard to pick just one memorable moment from her time here that she would like to share. She has loved every minute that she has been here! She feels that she has been blessed each and every day that she gets to come to work and be a part of the Mifflinburg Area School District and is very proud to have been employed here.

Our time together was finished up with what I feel is a tough question to answer... “How would you like to be remembered?” That question usually makes people think. She would like to be remembered as someone that has positively influenced her students for their futures. She hopes to have always given them the encouragement that they needed to be the best they can be and start each day in a positive light so they can try to reach their dreams. In her classroom, she has a few sayings that they follow, “If you can dream it, you can achieve it.” and “If you think you can, you can. If you think you can’t, think again.”

The Mifflinburg Area School District is losing a real gem with Mrs. Dauberman. She is so positive and warm and just a joy to be around. And after the brief time we spent together during this interview, I feel that it is truly a detriment to the District to lose her. She is a bright and shining star and will continue to be so in everything she does in retirement. Best of luck Mrs. Dauberman! You will be missed.