

The Lenagazette

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Contestants Compete for Lenape Idol

by Kieran Cooke

On Wednesday, February 22nd, Lenape Idol contestants took the stage for the eighth year in a row. Talent was soaring! Contestants sang songs such as "Viva la Vida," "All alone in the Universe," and "I Ripped my Pants," A SpongeBob classic. And the winner was.... Tyler Beck! Congratulations, Tyler! Mrs. DePalma called the event, "a fun filled and exciting night of awesome talent" and that all contestants "did an outstanding job performing their songs." 7th grade Yearbook staff member Sophie Poriot said, "I had a good time taking pictures, and Mr. Fitz made it so interesting. I was hoping he would sing at intermission though!"

Judges included teachers and staff members. Mr. Burgess, Lenape Idol Judge says, "I am a very busy and important person, but I do like to take a break from my celebrity life to judge Lenape Idol. I typically arrive by helicopter to beat the infamous Lenape

traffic. Judging Lenape Idol, next to coordination of outfits, is the hardest thing I do all year. The acts are all superb and it is very difficult to agree on the winner. It is great to see students on the stage and see high quality entertainment available in the County." Great Job everybody!

"Mr. Fash and I are so thrilled with the amount of support from teachers, staff, and students that contributed to the success of this annual fundraiser. The contestants did an extraordinary job and it's hard to believe this is the 8th year of Lenape Idol. We look forward to many more years to come." - Mrs. Kikelhan

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Congratulations to CB Cares Boomerang Winners



Upcoming Dates

March 13 - Spring

Sports Begin

March 22 - NJHS

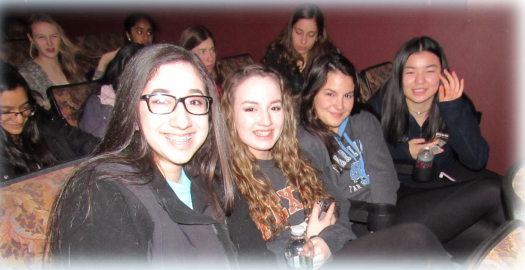
Induction

March 30th- April 1st:
Spring Musical

Popcorn and Soda Soars at Peer Tutor Movie Day

On February 3, 2017 Mrs. Schmon gave her peer tutors (grades 7-9) a movie day at the County Theater in order to commend them for their willingness to apply and be trained to serve others. Peer tutors were invited to fill out a form if interested, and voted on whether to see ET or Inside Out. They chose _____. Mrs. Schmon rented out the whole County Theater so it was like a private showing with free popcorn and soda!

Tommy Butts, current 9th grader and one of the student managers of the program, said of the day: "It was a great experience for me and everyone else that went. It was nice to have a break from the school day. I would definitely sign up for next year! "



Alexa, Can you Hear me? by Lenagazette Staff



If you have an Amazon Echo or Dot at home, all you have to do is say "Alexa" to bring it to life. But when asked, this machine gives you more than just the weather. She can order Amazon items, act as a Bluetooth speaker on demand, and

tell you a knock-knock joke when the room grows dull. A six-year-old girl's conversation with Alexa went viral this month when it ended up with her parents being charged with a \$150 dollhouse and six pounds of cookies.

The thing about the Echo Dot or the Echo is that it must always be listening in order to hear, "Alexa," right? Is it just us, or does this give anyone else the creeps?

The idea that Alexa is always listening is a concern for owners of the Amazon IoT (Internet of Things) devices. If you don't want the device to listen at all, you can push the microphone button on top of the Echo or Echo Dot. Both the ring and the button turn bright red to let you know it is not listening.

Amazon also lets you review and delete things you've said to Alexa. If you go to the settings of the Alexa app, it groups your questions and requests. You can tap an entry to see more detail or replay the audio stored in the cloud so you can hear what Alexa heard. You have an option to delete what you've said to Alexa. Our idea? Unplug her! Nothing is safe!

Mystery person

by Sam Bayless

Below are three unique facts about an anonymous staff member.



- Swam butterfly stroke on their high school swim team
- 2. Has 3 sons, 2 of whom are teachers
- 3. Has lived in 10 different homes since they have been married

Submit your guess to Miss Mooradd!

The mystery person will be announced on Lenape Live.

Life is better when you're laughing.

START YOUR DAY WITH A DANCE PARTY

Precepts submitted by Katie Schulz

Student Council Special Project: Mural Campaign by Ani Nangunoori

You may have noticed the magnificent, large scale portraits hanging in Lenape's hallways. Well, this is thanks to student council and a special project called the mural campaign. Right now, several students and Mrs. Treweek are in the process of painting two new paintings for the 2016-2017 mural campaign. Lena gazette reporter Ani visited the site on January 26th to check it out. He found students hard at work on this particular day, but a total of 7 students on student council have been working together on this project. The mural campaign is meant to influence positive ideas on others. "We want to represent characteristics we hope to see in middle school students," said Mrs. Treweek.

This year, the paintings include Rosie the Riveter to demonstrate a can-do attitude, and a mouse and lion portrait to demonstrate kindness. Mr. Toan will make frames for the portraits and Mrs. Saullo will decide where to hang them. The project began in December, and will last about two months. Overall, the messages behind the paintings include: no act of kindness is too small, and together we can accomplish anything. This worthwhile project will certainly leave a mark on our school and we cannot wait to see how they turn out!

Community Events

7th Grade Wows Local Families with Gift of Giving

Lenape 7th graders worked in teams with their classmates to fundraise, and use that money to purchase gifts for the Family Services Gift of Giving Project. In all, the students raised nearly \$4,000.00 and bought a wide variety of presents for families in the Bucks County region. The gifts ranged from electric scooters, to Kindle tablets, bicycles, toys and games, clothing, toiletries, arts and craft supplies, stuffed animals, gift cards and athletic equipment. In a culminating celebration the students were able to see the piles of gifts they amassed and experience the joy that come from doing for others.



Up Next: Rally for Relay

What's up next for Community Service? Relay for Life! On May 20th, Central Bucks Middle Schools will host their 14th annual Relay for Life event. Relay is a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. 8th and 9th grade students from all 5 CB Middle Schools are invited to participate by forming teams and raising donations to support the ACS. In the 13 years since its inception, the Middle School Relay event has raised over 3.2 million dollars and we look forward to continuing that amazing tradition this year on May 20th at Tohickon Middle School. Mark your calendar!

This year's Spring Musical, Guys and Dolls, Jr., will be held in the auditorium at Lenape on Thursday, March 30th at 7:00 PM, Friday, March 31st at 7:00 PM, and Saturday, April 1st at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Go to Lenape's Website for ticket sales!

SPOTLIGHT: GRADE 9 submitted by Mr. Robinson

1920's Extravaganza, Watchers of the Sky, and Special Guest Speaker

On December 23rd, 9th graders took part in the 1920s Extravaganza, a first-ever 9th grade event that involved Charleston dancing, celebrities from all walks of life, Jazz and Blues music, & some whacky fun and pre-holiday camaraderie! All students were invited to portray a noteworthy figure from the 1920s, such as Charlie Chaplin or Langston Hughes, and many did a great job dressing in costumes, reciting poetry or speeches, and playing music from the roaring post-WW I era. The Peanut Pushing Race proved to be the "bees knees," with top honors going to Jack Fallon. Nat's Pizza gift certificates were awarded to a number of distinguished participants at the 1920s party, but the good times would not last forever...2017 would usher in an eye-opening documentary about historic atrocities.

January featured the fourth special Social Studies activity, the 2nd annual viewing of the acclaimed film, "Watchers of the Sky." The movie explained the creation of the word "genocide," due mainly to the gritty determination of Raphael Lemkin. The film provided a glimpse into the history of mass killings in Armenia, Darfur, Kosovo, and Rwanda, as well as the creation of the International Criminal Court, part of a United Nations efforts to prevent genocide. Students and teachers alike have varying opinions on the best way to stop or reduce crimes against humanity, but it is safe to say that most people's eyes were opened to the need for justice and resistance to man's inhumanity to man. The stellar movie event may only be outshined by the next anticipated event, guest speaker, David Tuck, who survived the Holocaust.



Comic submitted by Sarah Walters, grade 8

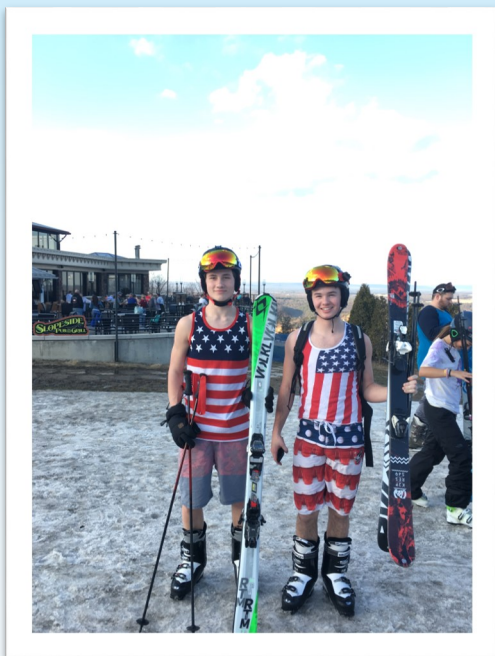
K9 Kitchen edited by Lenagazette Staff

Mrs. Hein in Family and Consumer Science and Mrs. Schmon in guidance decided to create a club that involved both Baking and Giving. The idea to bake dog treats and donate them to the Bucks County SPCA started in the summer right before this school year started. The Pennsylvania SPCA rescues animals from cruelty and neglect, rehabilitates them, and places them with new, loving families. The CB Cares Educational Foundation is funding the supplies for this year's club through a grant.



Since the club started in October, hundreds of dog treats were baked and donated to the SPCA. The club started out with one basic recipe, but so much has changed since the beginning based on student input. Club leaders, Allie Evan (9), Emily McCreary (8) and Jessica Donlevie (7), have worked closely with Mrs. Schmon and Mrs. Hein to develop and shape club goals. They have also introduced knot fleece blankets. The owners of the Doylestown Veterinary Hospital and Holiday House Pet Resort donated the funds to buy the mounds of fleece fabric to make the blankets.

Clubs are held in the Family and Consumer Science classroom after school until 3:30. Meetings are held on the first and second Friday of every month. Students sign up in guidance for each club date as their schedule allows.



Spring Skiing for Lenape's Last Snow Sports Club

by Katie Schulz

70 degree weather didn't stop Lenape's Snow Sports Club from going to Blue Mountain on Friday, February 24th for our last trip of the season. Students basked in the sunshine, while skiing and snowboarding on plenty of man made snow. It was like having all the good things from winter— except the brittle cold! We also had the lodge all to ourselves.

One of my favorite memories from the season was this: Some friends and I had just made our way down Lazy Mile to the bottom lodge. It was a busy night and lots of people were in line to get on the six person lift. So as you can imagine, it was a bit chaotic. We waited in the line chatting away about what we wanted to go down next. Finally, we are up next; we checked to make sure we have everyone and then we

start moving. But at the same time, three other people start moving. I guess they didn't realize that we had four people and with them we would have a total of seven – too much for the six person lift! begin to say something but we are already off. I screamed most of the way up... the strangers on the lift probably thought I was crazy (wait, I take that back – they definitely did). Looking back it wasn't anymore scary than it was hilarious.

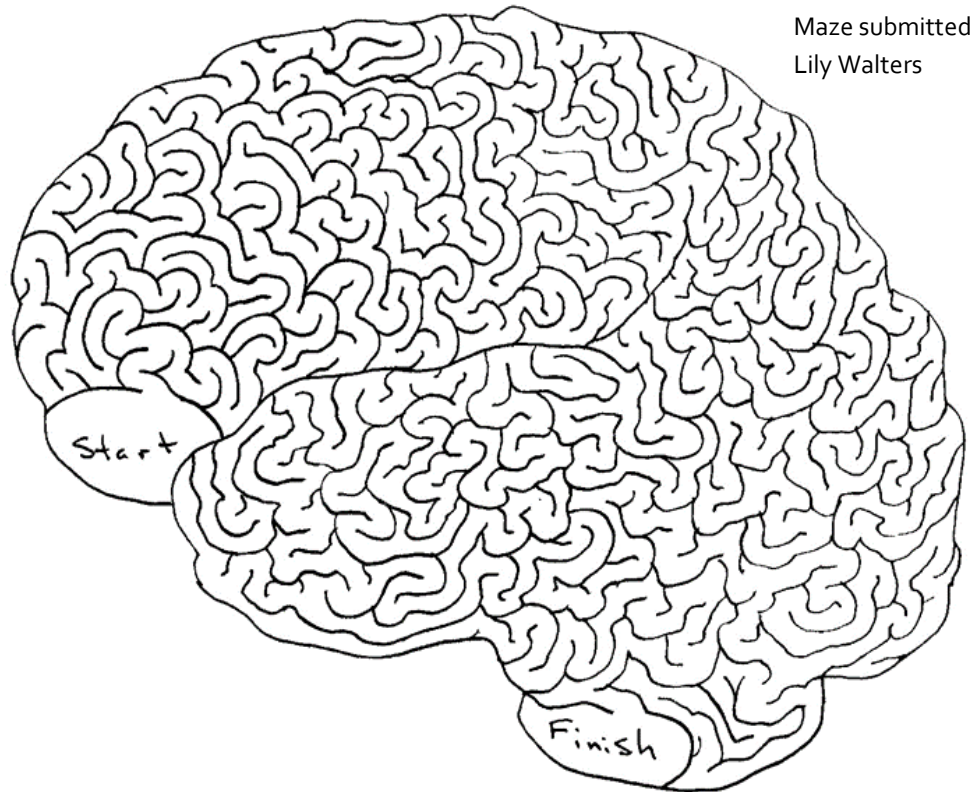


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Celebrity Word Search
 created by Kieran Cooke

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