



Homer-Center School District Newsletter

August 2010

“Where Everybody Is Somebody”

Important Dates:

- August 15th—High School Dedication Ceremony 2p.m.
- August 16th—High School/Elem. Student Homeroom Lists Posted on Main Doors of Respective Buildings
- August 19th—Pre-K Orientation 1-3 pm, Rm. 703 Elem. School
- August 19th—7th Grade Orientation—7pm High School Auditorium
- August 20th—Teacher In-Service
- August 24th—First Student Day

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Superintendent's Message— Dr. Vincent R. Delconte

Welcome back, **Wildcats!** I hope you enjoyed your summer vacation and time with family and friends. The Homer-Center Board of School Directors has always been committed to going above and beyond to meet the needs of our students and to provide the best educational opportunities possible. In this publication, you will find updates from our administrators and supervisors that present useful information about the various departments in our school district—including technology, curriculum & instruction, budget & finance, food service, and the elementary and high schools.

As we prepare to begin a new school year, I always like to reflect back on some of the memorable moments of the previous year. 2009-2010 will be remembered as one of community service and global awareness for our students. Homer-Center Elementary and High School students, families, and community supported and raised funds for many worthwhile causes in our area and

beyond. It is simply amazing that whenever there is a meaningful purpose, you will not find a more caring and generous community than Homer-Center.

Classes held their annual collections for the **Basket of Love Food Drive**, the **Renda Broadcasting Teddy Bear Fund Drive**, the **Pet Food Drive**, and **Jump Rope for Heart**. All of these causes benefit countless people in our local community. Our students also stepped up to the challenge when they saw a need in the country of Haiti following its devastating earthquake. Elementary and high school students helped plan and operate **Kids 4 a Cause**—a district-wide effort to send

critical supplies to the people of Haiti. High school students held a shoe drive for Haitian children, and **Treats 4 Our Troops** was also organized by one our students—collecting hygiene products, candy, and other supplies to be sent overseas to our troops via special care packages. These are just a few of the countless ways that our students expressed compassion and contributed services for the betterment of our schools, communities, and world neighbors. As superintendent, I could not be more proud of our students' humanitarian efforts, and this is definitely a positive reflection on the strong

Homer-Center Elementary School presents Teddy Bear Fund Drive Check



Homer-Center High School collects for Basket of Love Food Drive



Superintendent's Message - Part 2

values that our families and community impart on our children.



For the second consecutive year, Homer-Center High School was listed among America's Best High Schools by U. S. News and World Report. After evaluating over 21,000 public high schools, Homer-Center High School was once again awarded a Bronze Medal. When I think about this recognition and other awards that our school district has received, there is no doubt in my mind that it reflects on our consistent and increasing student achievement which is directly connected to our excellent teaching and support staffs at the elementary and high schools. I cannot underestimate the significant role that our elementary school plays in developing a firm foundation for the future success of our students and school district. We do have a first-class elementary and secondary school.

Our academic programs are continuing to help our students succeed and excel. Preliminary results indicate that our schools and district, once again, have made Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) on the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA). Our athletic teams also had great seasons, and congratulations to our baseball team for making it to the PIAA Class A Semi-Finals. One of our Wildcat athletes achieved monumental accomplishments in track and field this year. We congratulate Angel Piccirillo on a job well done; she represented our district with class and distinction. It was particularly gratifying to see the support that she received from her school community. The

Homer-Center Academic Heritage Conference Teams made a strong finish this year in overall academic competitions. In addition, our Wildcat Impromptu Speech Team brought home a first place finish. Our students have put forth great effort and earned many accomplishments in so many different areas and in so many different ways that have gone above and beyond expectations. One thing is for certain, our students have represented our school-community so well, and they are the ones who are largely responsible for the accolades that our school district has achieved. We have so much to be proud of in them.

The everyday direction and leadership of our administrators and supervisors add to this overall success. We are very fortunate to have positive and consistent parental/community support and a very committed school board that never leaves a stone unturned in making the critical decisions as to what's best for our students in the Homer-Center School District.

As you know, now that the Homer-Center High School renovation is completely finished, we will be having a brief dedication ceremony on Sunday, August 15, 2010 beginning at 2:00 PM. You may have heard some of the announcements, and we hope to see you there! We are most appreciative of the Homer-Center Community for providing the students with an up-to-date facility that creates an atmosphere conducive to creativity, technology, camaraderie, and learning.

Homer-Center Elementary took an exciting new step in its science curriculum this year with the addition of two new science labs.

The labs were made possible by the Rural Science and Technology Education Project (RSTEP). A full article and photos of the labs appear in this publication.

More than any in previous years, we have six teachers, one instructional assistant, and three ARIN staff members of our Homer-Center family retiring. These individuals have provided many years of dedicated service to our school district, and it is difficult to imagine Homer-Center without their presence. We congratulate and thank: Elementary Teachers: Mrs. Mary Ann Hlusko, Mrs. Mary Jo Seigh, Ms. Terri Tedeschi, and Mrs. Josephine Usko; High School Teachers: Mrs. Bernie Hilliard and Mr. Jim Pettenati; Instructional Assistant: Mrs. Beverly Bence; ARIN/HC Learning Support Teacher: Mrs. Patty Hovanick; ARIN/HC Support Aides: Mrs. Barb Fabin and Mrs. Kathy Garb.

These teachers and support staff have left behind a great legacy. They have been huge contributors in the successes of the Homer-Center School District. We hope the coming years will be filled with much happiness and good health—wishing them all the best, and more, in their well-deserved retirement. They have touched and enriched the lives of countless numbers of students throughout the decades.*See the Tribute Recognizing Our Retirees on pg. 6 of the newsletter.

In addition, our Curriculum Specialist for the past three years, Mrs. Theresa Corle, whose services we shared with ARIN IU28, recently accepted an administrative position in the Southern Fulton School District.

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She assisted us in numerous ways with our curricular and instructional programs. Her support for our students, faculty, staff, administration, and school district, and her sincere and positive contributions will have a lasting impact at Homer-Center. We wish her much success in her new position.

The development of the 2010-2011 budget presented many challenges. Prior to the start of the budget process, the district learned of an unexpected loss in revenue of more than \$300,000 when the Homer City Power Plant prevailed in an assessment appeal. With a number of retirements at the conclusion of the 2009-2010 school year, the district is in the process of replacing only some of its retiring staff. It must be emphasized that the quality of the instructional program provided by the district will be maintained as a result of internal staffing adjustments. As we enter the 2010-2011 school year the district will continue to explore every possible option to control costs below the budgeted level of nearly \$15.5 million.

The more time I spend in the Homer-Center community, the more I have become interested in and fascinated by the rich history of the area. After reading and reviewing the 1991 publication of Our "Old High" 1907-1991, I learned that in the spring of 1946, the Board of Directors of the Community Memorial Association of Homer City adopted a program of outdoor recreation by constructing a field for football and baseball games. In cooperation, the then Homer City School Board provided a five and one-half acre tract of land that was named "**Memorial Field.**"



Over the years, this field has been recognized as a "**living memorial**" to the men and women of this community who served our country in time of war. Our high school football games have been played at "**Memorial Field**" since the

1946-47 season. During the 1955 season, lights were added, and 3,000 people attended the first night football game. I am sure that many of you were there to witness or have heard about this historic and memorable event.

As you may know, our school board has recently made a decision to install new lighting at "**Memorial Field.**" Now—55 years later, the new lighting is scheduled to be turned on at our first home game this year on Friday, September 17, 2010. Their brightness will illuminate the evening sky to further strengthen the cherished "**living memorial**" that will continue to shine as well as symbolize an even brighter future for the Homer-Center School District and Community.

I typically enjoy ending my opening article to you with "HERE WE GO, WILDCATS, HERE WE GO!" This year I will make a respectful and symbolic exception with . . .

**HERE WE, "GLOW,"
WILDCATS, HERE WE "GLOW!"**

*Dr. Vincent R. Delconte
Superintendent of Schools*

Emergency Closings and School Delays

During emergencies, it may be necessary to alter the school day with a delay, cancellation or early dismissal. In such cases, the local radio stations 1160 WCCS AM, 1450 WDAD AM, 106.3 WLCY FM and 92.5 WQMU FM, as well as Pittsburgh's KDKA and WJAC-TV (Channel 6), WTAE-TV (Channel 4), WTAJ-TV (Channel 10), WPXI-TV (Channel 11) and KDKA-TV (Channel 2) will be notified by school district officials.

Also, you may use your home computer to determine Homer-Center's status by accessing the ARIN School cast website at www.iu28.org/Schoolcast.

This site is updated frequently to keep you up-to-date on school closings and delays. It is the responsibility of each student/parent to listen/watch these stations if they feel school may be affected due

to some emergency.

For the safety of our children, parents are strongly encouraged to have a plan in place in the event of an early dismissal, delay, or cancellation.

Residents are requested NOT to call any of these radio/TV stations or the bus company for information. Stations have indicated school closing information will be repeated often.

High School News — Mr. Jody Rainey, Principal

Hello. Summer is always a great opportunity to enjoy time with our family and friends. I hope you have been able to have many safe and memorable experiences during this time off from school. Although as an administrator I do get to enjoy more time with my family during the summer it is also a time that is busy as we prepare for the start of a new school year. I believe communication between the school and parents is the key to a successful school experience. Homer-Center High School continually strives to increase communication efficiency and we pledge to continue to find ways to improve in this area.

You may have noticed a new look to the high school web page during the last part of the 2009-2010 school year. The new look created and maintained by students under the supervision and direction of our staff has been well received. Although very basic, we are committed to continually building upon our website to provide parents information they need to help them be part of the school experience. I am always interested in your input on the high school web page and features that can be added to provide you the information you want and need to keep abreast of high school happenings.

One new feature that will be available on our web page at the start of this school year will be our parent/student handbook. Parent/student handbooks are provided to help parents and students better understand the procedures we follow at the high school and to better navigate through these procedures to assure a safe and successful school experience. The handbook will also be included in the student agenda/assignment

books issued to every student at the start of every school year. We encourage every parent to review the handbook and to contact the high school office if you have any questions regarding the procedures outlined.

In the handbook you will find our policy on tardiness. We will be more aggressive in the enforcement of tardiness this school year. Parents and students are reminded that first bell rings at 7:35 am and homeroom begins at 7:40 am. It is important to be punctual because BUG study period follows homeroom and is a great opportunity for students to receive extra help from their teachers. We also believe that punctuality is an important life skill. Fortunately, a great percentage of our students are punctual, however, we have those that are habitually late and we will address this problem. Please refer to the student handbook for more information regarding tardiness enforcement procedures and consequences.

Another area of focus this summer has been increasing school safety. When I started at Homer-Center I stated that the safety of students and staff was my top priority. With my experiences in emergency services and education I understand the need to have practical plans that help us identify risks and minimize these risks without creating an uninviting campus environment. This year we will be more vigilant in our visitor sign in and sign out procedures. I realize many of you are frequent visitors to our campus and may not understand the need to be issued a visitor identification badge. However, it is important to consistently follow the sign in and sign out procedure to increase safety for students and

staff, as well as, the safety of our visitors. Your patience and cooperation is appreciated.

Another safety procedure we will continue to practice this school year will be the designated student drop off and pick up points. If you transport your children to school please drop off/and pick up your children at the sidewalk located at the bottom parking lot in front of the high school (the first right as you enter the campus). If you enter at the first right and exit at top of the lot no student should need to cross through traffic to exit a vehicle. The bus drivers have commented numerous times that eliminating traffic in the "circle" has created a safer environment during bus student delivery and pick up. Student drivers will be required to register with the office and will be assigned a parking permit. Student parking will again be restricted to the top lot near the track.

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We hope the 2010-2011 school year brings more success for our school and students. Remember we are here to serve you and your children. If we can help make the school experience more positive for you or your child, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Elementary News — Mr. Michael Stofa, Principal

Greetings Homer-Center Families and Friends:

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you and your student(s) to the 2010-2011 school year at Homer-Center Elementary School. I hope that your summer has been filled with fun family activities enjoyed at a leisurely pace under beautiful, blue skies filled with sunshine. How quickly summer concludes and our thoughts turn to eagerly preparing for the commencement of another school year. This is always one of my favorite times of the year! I love the excitement of beginning each new school year. I eagerly await welcoming our new families and students and catching up with the great summer stories and memories of returning families and students. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you. Please feel free to stop by the office and say hello!

At Homer-Center Elementary School, working together toward our common mission makes us a community- students, parents, faculty, staff and community members. What a noble mission it is, fostering the harmonious development of the adolescent's gifts: intellectual, physical, emotional and aesthetic, to create well-rounded students. On a daily basis, we strive to make a school environment where *"Everybody is Somebody"*.

10 Best Ways to Help Your Student Succeed!

1. Encourage reading any way you can.
2. Treat your child as an author.

3. Make math part of everyday life.
4. Teach your child how to listen.
5. Encourage independence.
6. Tell the teacher everything.
7. Make sure your child is ready for school.
8. Support school rules.
9. Encourage responsibility.
10. Ask your child about school everyday.

Our goals during these early weeks of school include:

- * Building a sense of community.
- * Establishing routines and boundaries.
- * Making the children comfortable and knowledgeable about the school environment and faculty.
- * Helping our students feel confident about themselves and their ability to learn.
- * Creating a learning environment that is inviting and invigorating.

The Homer-Center PTA welcomes all parents to become involved by joining. This organization provides many assemblies and funds for our student's school parties throughout the school year, along with other special events. Our students need you! With your help all things are possible!

Just a reminder to parents who are driving students to school: Students are NOT permitted to

enter the building prior to 8:25 a.m. Before that time, no proper supervision is available. If needed, **Indiana Co. Child Day Care** is located in our building, and begins at 6:30 a.m. You may call 724-349-1821 for more information.

As in the past, throughout the school year information will be disseminated by Friday Folders and also the school web page at www.homercenter.org.

Welcome back! We're looking forward to a great new school year!

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Elementary School Guidance Office News: Mrs. Elaine Thurston

As we approach the end of the summer break and begin to prepare for a new school year I would like to extend a welcome to our new Homer-Center families. As the elementary school counselor I am here as a support and resource person to assist the students, and parents/guardians of our school district. My goal has always been to provide a safe and comfortable environment for our children as they advance through the grades.

I am looking forward to seeing our returning students and incoming Kindergarten students. I had the opportunity to meet many of the kindergarten children at this summer's ABCs and Me Program held in July.

In preparing for this year I would like to make parents aware of several important dates. Although it occurs during the second half of the school year, families need to know that the PSSA tests will begin the week of March 14, 2011. Often parents schedule important

appointments for their children or plan family field trips and vacations during this time. It is crucial that you understand these are scheduled by the state; therefore we do not have control over the dates, or in making exceptions for children to take them at a different time. You may also check the Calendar of Events in this newsletter for specific dates, tests and when they are being given.

Kindergarten Registration this year will be held Wednesday, March 2, 2011. Parents along with their child proceed through a series of stations which include registration, nurse, Bus Company, and screening. Parents should also provide at that time: proof of birth which normally includes a birth certificate, the most current immunization records, and proof of residency. Proof of residency can be a Pennsylvania Driver's license, utility bill, tax record, etc.

Kindergarten Orientation will be held Wednesday, May 4, 2011. This

is an opportunity for the incoming Kindergarten students to participate in a mini ridership program, to eat in the cafeteria and to become familiar with the classroom structure. At this time parent presentations are provided from the nurse, food service director, Bus Company, special area teachers and principal. We ask that only the child registering and an adult attend this day.

Homeroom class lists will soon be posted. Parents need to be aware that we do not accept parent requests for specific teachers. It is the administration's responsibility to make placements due to the many factors that are taken into consideration. We ask that you do not call the school or mail letters of request regarding this. Should your child be placed in the homeroom of your preference it would be due to the division and prioritizing of other pertinent data.

Should you need to contact me I can be reached through my email at ethurston@homercenter.org, or by calling the elementary school.



HATS OFF TO OUR 2010 RETIREES



Elementary Teachers:

Mrs. Mary Ann Hlusko - 39 Years Ms. Terri Tedeschi - 33 Years

Mrs. Mary Jo Seigh - 37 Years Mrs. Josephine Usko - 39 Years

High School Teachers:

Mrs. Bernie Hilliard - 39 Years Mr. Jim Pettenati - 37 Years

Instructional Assistant:

Mrs. Beverly Bence - 13 Years

Arin/HC Learning Support Teacher:

Mrs. Patty Hovanik - 35 Years (13 at HC)

ARIN/HC Support Aides:

Mrs. Barb Fabin - 21 Years Mrs. Kathy Garb - 31 Years (10 at HC)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR STUDENTS!

WE WILL MISS YOU!

BEST WISHES FOR GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS!



Jr./Sr. High School Guidance Office News - Mrs. Kristin Curci & Ms. Tammy Buffone, Guidance Counselors

Hello Students, Parents and Guardians! We hope that you have had a safe and restful summer. We're looking forward to seeing you back at school in the near future. Parents: Please be aware that we post all important dates and announcements (such as scholarship deadlines) on the **Guidance Office Website**. Our Guidance Secretary, Ms. Erin Sasala, does an excellent job keeping the site up-to-date. You can access the guidance website at: <http://www.homercenter.org/guidance>

Schedule Change Policy

8th through 12th graders should have received 2010-2011 course schedules in the mail. 7th graders will receive their course schedules at 7th grade orientation.

Schedule Change Process

We believe that at times, it is necessary for a student to make a schedule change after the commencement of the school year. A schedule change may occur once the school year has already begun only if:

- 1) A clerical error has been made on the student's course schedule. For example, the student was erroneously not scheduled to take a required course.
- 2) An 11th or 12th grade student wishes to change their Course of Study based on a change in career goals.

3) Your child has an IEP (Individualized Education Plan) and the IEP team feels it is in the best interest of the student to change the course schedule.

4) The teacher, parent, student, guidance counselor, and school principal decide that it is in the best interest of the student to change a course schedule based on extenuating circumstances.

5) If your child failed a course during the 2009-2010 school year and did not complete the failed course over the summer. If this occurred, your child's 2010-2011 course schedule will be changed to include the failed course.

Attention Seniors & Parents of Seniors:

*We will have many scholarships accessible in the guidance office throughout the school year. To make these available to you:

*We announce all available scholarships on the A.M. announcements. Please listen to the announcements each day!!! ICTC students can read the A.M. announcements which are posted outside the main office daily.

*We list all scholarships on our guidance website.

*We have a designated area in the guidance office where copies of all scholarship applicants are kept.

*We urge all Seniors to make a weekly trip to the guidance office to peruse the scholarship files.

IMPORTANT Dates from the Guidance Office:

August 19, 2010- 7th Grade Orientation, 6:00 p.m. (Auditorium)

September 16, 2010- Financial Aid Night (All seniors and parents) 6:15 p.m. (LGI)

September 16, 2010- Post-Secondary Night (10-12 graders and parents) 7:30 p.m. (Auditorium)

September 17, 2010- Last day for students to sign up for the PSAT

October 5, 2010- IUP College & Career Fair

October 13, 2010- PSAT Testing

November 17, 2010- ASVAB Test (by sign-up only)

May 11, 2011- Awards Night 7:00 p.m. (Auditorium)

*Ongoing- College Admissions Representatives will be visiting Homer-Center. Please listen to the announcements for more information on specific colleges and the dates they will be visiting. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Guidance Office.

We look forward to seeing you soon! We wish you all a very successful and a rewarding 2010-2011 school year!

CAFETERIA UPDATE

M. Susan McLoughlin, MS, RD, LDN

Welcome back to another school year at Homer-Center! My staff and I are looking forward to the upcoming school year! We continually look for ways to improve our services and welcome your suggestions. Please feel free to join us for a meal; we'd love to have you!

We would like to wish a happy retirement to two food service employees who have been with the district for many years. Mrs. Geneva Lazor and Mrs. Sandy Michna have retired after being with the Homer-Center School District for 30 and 35 years, respectively. At the same time, we would like to welcome new food service employees Mrs. Kara Harper, Mrs. Jodi Lapp, Mrs. Leisa Ober, Mrs. DeAndra Perez and Mrs. Roberta Ross.

A few reminders concerning the computerized meal ticket system... deposits are to be in the form of a **check or money order** only, cash will not be accepted. Please put your child(ren)'s name on the memo line for a speedier deposit into their account. You may include more than one child on a check as long as you denote the amount to deposit into each child's account AND the children included are all in the same building, i.e. elementary or high school.

Deposits are made into student accounts once a day at the completion of breakfast.

Low balance reports will continue to be sent home with elementary students as a reminder to place money into their account on Tuesday's and Friday's. The cashier will begin reminding high school students that their account is low when their accounts reach \$2.50. Students may charge up to \$6.00 on their meal account. **Please remember, low balance reports and verbal reminders are a courtesy extended to you and your child. It is your responsibility to have their account kept in good standing. You may access your child's meal account balance on line at www.cafeprepay.com** You will need their PIN to access their account, which you can do at any time, as often as you like. You can view their account balance, make deposits into their accounts, as well as, see what they are eating! If you have questions concerning the system or your child's account please call and I'll be happy to answer them.

Remember... BREAKFAST IS FREE!! Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity! Second breakfasts will be

charged at the ala carte price. **Free and reduced price meals are available to students who qualify. A meal application will be sent home with your child the first day of school. If you're not sure you qualify or if you have any questions, please call me and I'll be happy to walk you through the process. This is a great program offered by our school district, please take advantage of it! All applications are confidential and there is no student identification by meal status. To ensure our breakfast program remains free, we must have these applications on file to receive state reimbursement for meals served.**

As always, the food service staff and I thank you for supporting our program! We understand the importance of good nutrition and the relationship to a child's learning abilities. A hungry child cannot learn!

Listed on the next page are the menus for the first day of school...welcome back!

Annual Local Tax Return Reminder

School district taxpayers must file an annual local income tax return relating to earned income and net profits with Pennsylvania Municipal Service Company (PAMS). Payroll deductions for school district and other local wage taxes do not relieve the taxpayer from filing annual local tax return(s).

At year end, when accumulating your tax records and forms, contact PA Municipal Services at (724) 463-8724 if you have not received a local tax return. The responsibility rests with the taxpayer!

Please note: If you are self-employed or your employer **does not** withhold your local wage taxes, quarterly payments/forms must be submitted to PAMS.

***** BREAKFAST *****



Students may choose the following: 1 Entree 1 Side Dish 1 Milk

Students **must** choose an entrée and one other different menued item from the side dish or milk to qualify as a meal. **Additional** items chosen above the three item limit will be **charged** ala carte pricing.

Aug. 24th French Toast Boat **or** Asst. Cereal **or** Yogurt **or** Breakfast Bar

SIDE DISH	MILK
Assorted Fruit Juice	Skim 1% White 1% Chocolate



*****ELEMENTARY LUNCH*****

Students may choose the following: 1 Entree 3 Side Dishes 1 Milk

Students **must** choose an entrée and two other different menued items from the side dishes or milk to qualify as a meal. **Additional** items chosen above the five item limit will be **charged** ala carte pricing.

Aug. 24th Hot Dog **or** Cheese Filled Bread Sticks w/wo Sauce **or** Chicken Patty Sandwich **or** PBJ **or** Specialty Salad

SIDE DISHES – VEGETABLE / FRUIT / DESSERT	MILK
Multi Grain Roll / Tossed Salad / Chilled Pineapple / Carnival Cookie	Skim 1% White 1% Chocolate

*****HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH*****



Students may choose the following: 1 Entree 3 Side Dishes 1 Milk

Students **must** choose an entrée and two other different menued items from the side dishes or milk to qualify as a meal. **Additional** items chosen above the five item limit will be **charged** ala carte pricing.

Aug. 24th Stuffed Crust Pizza **or** Hamburger w/wo Cheese **or** Cheese Filled Bread Sticks w/wo Sauce **or** Chicken Patty Sandwich **or** Specialty Salad

SIDE DISHES – VEGETABLE/FRUIT/DESSERT	MILK
Multi Grain Roll / Tossed Salad / Chilled Pineapple / Carnival Cookie	Skim 1% White 1% Chocolate

Homer-Center School District Budget Beverly N. Gardner, Business Manager

On June 24, 2010, the Homer-Center School Board adopted the 2010-2011 district budget. The district budget was adopted pending finalization of the state budget. When the state budget was subsequently adopted, the district's 2% increase in basic educational funding was maintained in spite of an overall reduction in the original proposal made by the governor for educational funding.

Total expenditures for the new fiscal year are estimated to be \$15,449,773. This amount reflects an increase of \$379,576, or 2.52%, over the 2009-2010 budget. Total revenues are projected at \$13,901,876, which is \$110,106, or .8%, more than the 2009-2010 level. The district's fund balance will be used to support the shortfall of funds, which is estimated to be \$1,547,898.

Local revenues are showing an increase of only \$9,358, or .16%. An increase in the real estate tax rate is more than offset by a reduction in the assessed value of the Homer City Generating Station. The 2010-2011 revenue lost through the reassessment of the power plant is approximately \$314,000. The resulting net change in real estate tax revenue is a decrease of approximately \$89,000. Earned income taxes are budgeted to increase by \$25,000 (3%) while delinquent real estate taxes are scheduled to increase by approximately \$40,000. The 2% increase in basic education subsidy amounts to an additional \$107,309 over the 2009-2010 amount. In total, state revenues

are scheduled to increase \$184,738 or 2.39% over the 2009-2010 budget amount. The district's property tax reduction allocation generated by state gaming funds is set at \$393,140. Federal program funding for 2010-2011 excludes Title I ARRA funds received for 2009-2010 in the amount of \$92,799 as the district utilized all available funds in the first year of the two year allocation period.

The 2010-2011 budget shows an overall slight decline in salaries and wages. Medical insurance rate adjustments once again have a significant impact on the budget. The 2010-2011 increase in premiums will average 10.31%. Contracted special education costs are scheduled to increase by \$139,940 or 22%. Approximately \$45,000 of the special education expenditures will be offset by ARRA IDEA-B funds. The PSERS employer retirement contribution rate was set at 8.22% for 2010-2011 prior to finalization of the state budget. With the adoption of the state budget, the rate is now scheduled to be reduced to 5.64%.

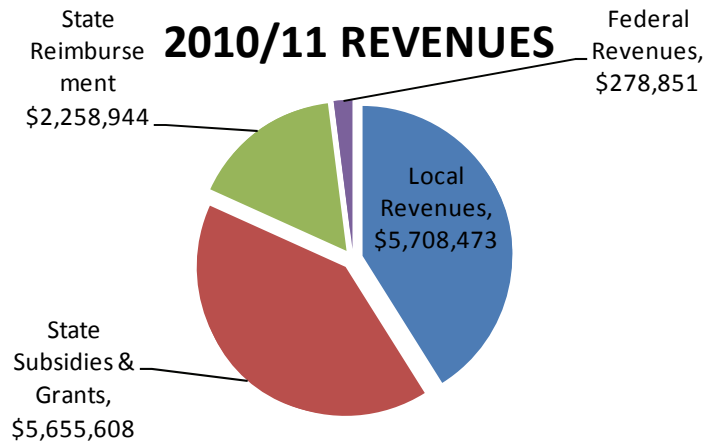
The 2010 real estate tax rate has been established at 113.4 mills, an increase of 4.4 mills over the 2009 rate. This tax increase is within the limits imposed by Act 1 of 2006. Per Act 1, the district cannot increase the real estate tax rate above the amount prescribed by the economic index unless referendum exceptions have been requested and approved. For the district, the economic index translated to an allowable tax

increase of 4.469 mills. The district did not seek any referendum exceptions for 2010-2011. Due to the availability of state gaming funds, homestead/farmstead exclusions will provide tax relief to approved property owners. Based on a maximum exclusion amount of \$1,879, the maximum tax savings generated will be \$213.08. All other district tax rates will remain at 2009 rates.

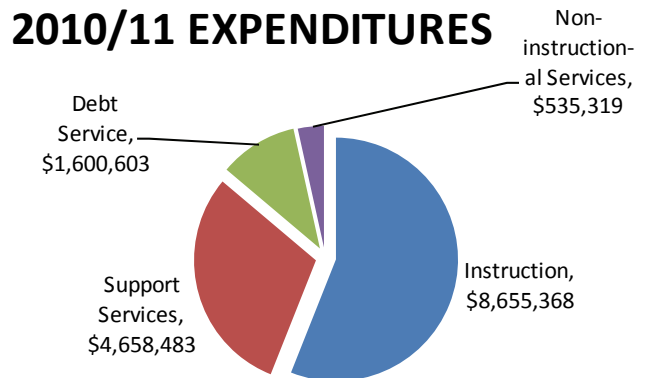
Although the 2010-2011 final budget shows a deficit of \$1,547,898 to be absorbed by the district's fund balance, it is anticipated that the actual deficit will be less than the budgeted amount. Historically, variances for both revenues and expenditures have been favorable ranging from 3% to 4%. These typical variances have been considered in the budget process.

HOMER-CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT 2010-2011 BUDGET

SOURCE OF REVENUE	AMOUNT	% OF BUDGET
Local Revenues	5,708,473	41%
State Subsidies & Grants	5,655,608	41%
State Reimbursements	2,258,944	16%
Federal Revenues	278,851	2%
TOTAL	13,901,876	100%



EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	AMOUNT	% OF BUDGET
Instruction	8,655,368	56%
Support Services	4,658,483	30%
Debt Service	1,600,603	10%
Non-instructional Services	535,319	3%
TOTAL	15,449,773	100%



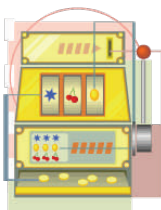
AVERAGE ASSESSED VALUE
\$12,083



**AVERAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
REAL ESTATE TAX INVOICE**
2009 **2010**
\$1,317.05 \$1,370.21



AVERAGE ANNUAL INCREASE = \$53.16
AVERAGE MONTHLY INCREASE = \$4.43

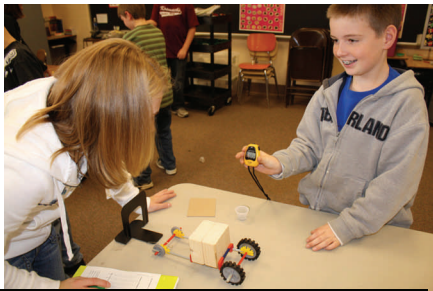


**MAXIMUM HOMESTEAD/
FARMSTEAD EXCLUSION
(REDUCTION IN ASSESSED
VALUE) DUE TO GAMING
FUNDS REC'D FROM STATE**
\$1,879



**MAXIMUM 2010 TAX SAVINGS
ON APPROVED HOMESTEAD/
FARMSTEAD PROPERTIES
DUE TO GAMING FUNDS
RECEIVED FROM STATE**
\$213.08

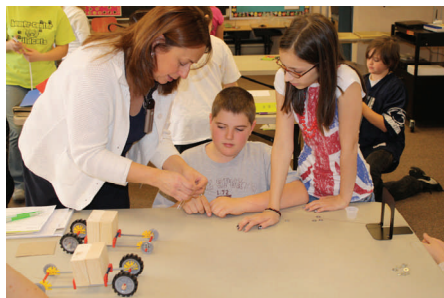
Curriculum and Instruction: Science Labs Enhance Elementary Learning



Students work in new science labs.

The term “hands-on science” took on new meaning in the Homer-Center Elementary School’s Science curriculum during the 2009-2010 school year. Rural Science and Technology Education Project (RSTEP) is a federally funded opportunity provided to students and teachers in the Homer-Center Elementary School. Through the use of federal and local funds, our teachers received training from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in “Resource Materials and Strategies in Science Education.” This coursework was taught by Indiana University of PA Professor, Dr. Mark Twiest.

Two elementary classrooms have been dedicated as Science Laboratory Rooms, each outfitted with a whiteboard, Elmo Document Projector, LCD Projector, Laptop computer, and other technology aids. Students and teachers have access to a variety of scientific supplies and materials to truly learn science “hands-on”. Sixth Grade teacher Mrs. Mateer says, “The new technology and supplies that have become available to our elementary science program have increased the interest of the students in science topics and enhanced learning so that knowledge can be built on when they reach the high



Mrs. Mateer and 6th grade students work in new science labs.

school level.”

Teachers revamped their science lessons to give children the opportunity to experience the nature of science using these new technology resources. “In the past two years, Homer-Center School District fourth graders have scored an average of 98.5% in the advanced and proficient



Science labs are outfitted with sinks and lab equipment.

range on the PSSA Science test. We believe this is a direct result of the increased focus being placed on science education by the Board of Directors, Administration and teachers within the district, including the development of the Elementary Science Labs,” commented Fourth Grade Teacher Mrs. Hays.

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Labs are outfitted with white-board technology.



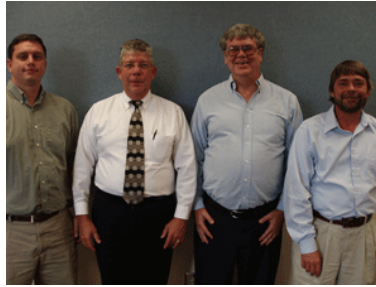
Lab desks are used as student work space.

Technology News– CJAWS Inc., Technology Firm CJAWS, Technology Firm

The Homer Center Board of Directors along with the Administration is continuing their commitment to moving the district forward by advancing the use of technology for the 2010-2011 school year.

The largest project is finalizing the implementation of the new Student Information System at the Elementary and High School buildings that began the last half of the past school year. All of the hardware and software components have been installed, all of the student information has been converted, tested and moved to the new system and the cut-over plan is being completed. The Jr./Sr. High School used this new system to gather student course requests, build the master schedule and send each student home for the summer with their class schedule for the 2010-2011 school year.

This system will include student accounting, transportation, health, guidance, scheduling and a teacher grade book. Students and parents will be able to access progress reports, grades and homework via the internet by using the Community Portal. As the faculty returns for the new school year, training and use of the new teacher grade book will be completed. Through the first marking period the faculty will be using the new system for assignments, grading and attendance. The report cards will be generated by this information entered. Starting with the second marking period the Community Portal will be enabled for parents, students, teachers and



CJAWS Technology Inc.,
Technology Firm
(L to R) Mike Clapper, Charlie Shingle,
Ron Peterson, and Chris Baker

administrators to access student information reported directly from the teachers account via any internet connected computer any time day or night.

The libraries at both the Jr./Sr. High School and the Elementary will be converted and moved to the Destiny product of Follett Software. Destiny is a newer library resource management system that is accessed via any internet connected computer. The library patrons will no longer be required to be physically in the library to search for resources necessary for a project or assignment. The library's inventory can be searched and resources reserved from any computer within the district. The ability to access this information from home will be enabled following testing and securing of this management system.

The computer labs at both the Jr./Sr. High School and the Elementary will have a new software product called SMART Sync installed. This classroom management software permits the teacher to view student screens from the teacher's computer, making it easy to monitor the

student activities and provide guidance and support throughout the lesson. With SMART Sync, the teachers can interact with their students as a group or individually to keep them engaged and focused.

Fifteen data projectors will be installed in the classrooms this school year with others planned over the next few years. These projectors will permit the teachers to display the content from their computer screen in front the entire class. Communication is a key learning skill and a data projector allows the teacher and student a whole new dimension in how they share ideas, information, charts, images, animations, audio or video. A data projector can show a large clear image that is visible from all parts of the classroom.

Replacing some of the oldest computers in the district, addition of laptops and continuing to build a secured wireless network are also part of the technology deployment plan for this school year. The Homer Center Board of Directors and Administration are committed to not only maintaining the existing investment in technology but to advance the district while remaining fiscally responsible. The students and parents along with the entire Homer Center School District can be proud of this district's utilization of technology and the path that has been set for the future.

Charlie Shingle
Technology Planning and

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2010-2011



Aug. 9	School Board Planning Mtg.– 7:00 p.m.	Aug. 20	Teacher In-Service Day
Aug. 15	High School Dedication Ceremony– Auditorium 2pm	Aug. 24	First Student Day
Aug. 19	School Board Meeting– 7:30 p.m.		
Aug. 19	7th Grade Orientation-HS Auditorium– 7 p.m.		
	Pre-K Orientation– Rm. 703 Elem School 1-3 p.m.		
Sept. 3-6	Labor Day -Vacation-No School		
Sept. 3	Var. Football A Penns Manor - 7:00 p.m.	Sept. 17	Var. Football H Langley H.S.-7:00 p.m.
Sept. 7	School Board Planning Mtg.- 7:00 p.m.	Sept. 20	JH Football (7th/8th Gr.) A Ligonier – 4:00 p.m.
	Var. Volleyball A Blairsville– 6:00 p.m.	Sept. 21	Var. Volleyball A Ligonier Valley– 6:00 p.m.
	JH Girls BB A Blairsville– 4:00 p.m.		JH Girls BB A Ligonier Valley– 4:00 p.m.
Sept.8	JH Football A Penns Manor– 6:00 p.m.	Sept. 22	Cross Country H Purchase Line– 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	Var. Volleyball H Marion Center– 6:30 p.m.	Sept. 22-23	6th Gr. Trip Gettysburg
	JH Girls BB H Marion Center– 4:00 p.m.	Sept. 23	Var. Volleyball H Purchase Line– 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 10	Var. Football A Ligonier Valley– 7:00 p.m.	Sept. 24	JH Girls BB H Purchase Line– 4:00 p.m.
Sept. 13	JV Football H Ligonier Valley– 4:00 p.m.		Var. Football H United– 7:00 p.m.
	Elementary School Pictures		Homecoming
Sept.14	Elementary Back to School Night– 7-8:30 p.m.	Sept. 27	Interim Reports
	JH Girls BB A Saltsburg– 4:00 p.m.	Sept. 28	JV Football A United– 4:00 p.m.
Sept. 15	High School Back to School Night– 7-8:30 p.m.		Var. Volleyball H United– 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	Cross Country A United– 4:30 p.m.	Sept. 29	JH Girls BB H United– 4:00 p.m.
	School Board Mtg.—7:00 p.m.	Sept. 30	Cross Country A Marion Center– 4:30 p.m.
	Financial Aid Night/Post-Sec. Night 6:15-8:30 p.m.		JH Football H United– 6:00 p.m.
	Varsity Volleyball H Northern Cambria– 6:30 p.m.		Var. Volleyball A Penns Manor– 6:00 p.m.
	JH Football A Ligonier Valley– 6:00 p.m.		JH Girls BB A Penns Manor– 4:00 p.m.
	JH Girls BB H Northern Cambria– 4:00 p.m.		

Oct. 1	Var. Football A Purchase Line– 7:00 p.m.	Oct. 15	Var. Football H Marion Center– 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 4	School Board Planning Mtg.– 7:00 p.m. JV Football H Blairsville– 4:00 p.m.	Oct. 18	JV Football A Marion Center– 4:00 p.m.
Oct. 5	Var. Volleyball H Blairsville– 6:30 p.m. JH Girls BB H Blairsville– 4:00 p.m.	Oct. 19	JH Girls BB H Ligonier Valley– 4:00 p.m. Var. Volleyball H Ligonier Valley– 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	Cross Country H Northern Cambria– 4:30 p.m.	Oct. 21	Cross Country A Heritage Conf.– 4:15 p.m.
Oct. 7	Act 80 1/2 Day Parent Teacher Conferences 3:00-7:00 p.m. Var. Volleyball A Marion Center– 6:30 p.m. JH Football A Blairsville– 6:00 p.m. JH Girls BB A Marion Center– 4:00 p.m.	Oct.	JH Football H Marion Center– 6:00 p.m. JH Girls BB A Purchase Line– 4:00 p.m. Var. Volleyball A Purchase Line– 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 8	Act 80 Full Day Var. Football A Purchase Line– 7:00 p.m.	Oct. 22	Var. Football H Northern Cambria– 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 11	Teacher In-Service JV Football H Purchase Line– 4:00 p.m. JH Girls BB H Saltsburg– 4:00 p.m.	Oct. 25-29	PSSA 12th Grade Retest
Oct. 12	JH Girls BB A Northern Cambria– 4:00 p.m. Var. Volleyball A Northern Cambria– 6:00 p.m.	Oct. 25	JV Football A Northern Cambria– 4:00 p.m.
Oct. 13	PSAT Testing	Oct. 26	Var. Volleyball A United– 6:00 p.m. JH Girls BB A United– 4:00 p.m.
Oct. 14	Cross Country A Indiana Co. Invitational– TBA JH Football A Purchase Line– 6:00 p.m. School Board Meeting– 7:30 p.m.	Oct. 28	JH Football H Northern Cambria– 6:00 p.m. JH Girls BB H Penns Manor– 4:00 p.m. Var. Volleyball H Penns Manor– 6:30 p.m. School Board Workshop– 6:30 p.m.
Nov. 1-5	PSSA 12th Grade Retest	Oct. 29	End 1st Nine Weeks Var. Football A Saltsburg– 7:00 p.m. Elementary Halloween Parade/Parties 1:30 p.m.
Nov. 2	Gr. 7 & 11 Hearing Screening	Oct. 30	Cross Country A Districts– TBA
Nov. 5	Academic Luncheon		
Nov. 8	School Board Planning Mtg– 7:00 p.m.	Nov. 11	Veteran's Day/Vacation
Nov. 8	Report Cards	Dec. 6	Interim Reports
		Nov. 18	School Board Meeting– 7:30 p.m.
		Nov. 17	ASVAB Testing
		Nov. 25-29	Thanksgiving Vacation
Dec. 6	School Board Planning/REORG Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	Dec. 20	JV/Var. Boys BB A Saltsburg– 6:00 p.m. JH Boys BB A Saltsburg– 4:00 p.m.
Dec. 16	School Board Meeting– 7:30 p.m.	Dec. 21	JV/Var Girls BB H Saltsburg– 6:30 p.m. Elementary Christmas Parties– 2:15 p.m.
Dec. 14	JV/Var. Girls BB H Penns Blairsville– 6:30 p.m.	Dec. 22	JV/Var. Boys BB H N. Cambria– 6:30 p.m. JH Boys BB H N. Cambria– 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 15	JV/Var. Boys BB A Blairsville– 6:00 p.m. JH Boys BB A Blairsville– 4:00 p.m. Sixth Grade Spelling Bee– 1:30 p.m. Cafeteria	Dec.23	JV/Var. Girls BB A N.Cambria– 6:00 p.m.
Dec. 16	JV/Var. Girls BB A Marion Center– 6:30 p.m.	Dec. 22-31	Christmas Vacation
Dec. 17	JV/Var. Boys BB H Marion Center– 6:30 p.m. jH Boys BB H Marion Center– 4:00 p.m.		

Jan. 6	JV/Var. Girls BB H Ligonier Valley– 6:30 p.m.	Jan. 20	JV/Var. Girls BB A Blairsville– 6:00 p.m.
Jan. 7	JV/Var. Boys BB A Ligonier Valley– 6:00 p.m. JH Boys BB A Ligonier Valley– 4:00 p.m.	Jan. 21	School Board Mtg.– 7:30 p.m. JV/Var. Boys BB H Blairsville– 6:30 p.m. JH Boys BB H Blairsville– 4:00 p.m.
Jan. 10	School Board Planning Mtg.– 7:00 p.m.	Jan. 24	JV/Var. Girls BB H Richland– 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 11	JV/Var. Girls BB H Purchase Line– 6:30 p.m. JV/Var. Boys BB A Bishop McCourt– 6:00 p.m.	Jan. 25	Report Cards JV/Var. Boys BB A Marion Center– 6:30 p.m. JH Boys BB A Marion Center– 4:00 p.m.
Jan. 12	JV/Var. Boys BB A Purchase Line– 6:30 p.m. JH Boys BB A Purchase Line– 4:00 p.m.	Jan. 26	JV/Var. Girls BB H Marion Center– 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 13	JV/Var. Girls BB A United– 6:00 p.m.	Jan. 27	JV/Var. Boys BB H Saltsburg– 6:30 p.m. JH Boys BB H Saltsburg– 4:00 p.m. School Board Workshop Mtg.– 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 14	JV/Var. Boys BB H United– 6:30 p.m. JH Boys BB H United– 4:00 p.m.	Jan. 28	JV/Var. Girls BB A Saltsburg– 6:00 p.m.
Jan. 17	Act 80 Full Day	Jan. 31	JV/Var. Girls BB A Bishop McCourt– 6:00 p.m.
Jan. 18	JV/Var. Girls BB H Penns Manor– 6:30 p.m. End of 2nd Nine Weeks/1st Semester		
Jan. 19	JH Boys BB A Penns Manor– 4:00 p.m. JV/Var. Boys BB A Penns Manor– 6:30 p.m.		
Feb. 1	JV/Var. Boys BB A N.Cambria– 6:00 p.m. JH Boys BB A N. Cambria– 4:00 p.m.	Feb. 11	Teacher In-Service JV/Var. Girls BB A Purchase Line– 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	JV/Var. Girls BB H N. Cambria– 6:30 p.m..	Feb. 14	Snow Make-Up Day
Feb. 3	JV/Var. Boys BB A Derry– 6:00 p.m.	Feb. 15	Elementary Valentine's Day Parties 2:15 p.m. JV/Var. Boys BB A United– 6:00 p.m. JH Boys BB A United– 4:00 p.m.
Feb. 7	School Board Planning Mtg.– 7:00 p.m.	Feb. 16	JV/Var. Girls BB H United– 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 8	JV/Var. Boys BB H Ligonier Valley– 6:30 p.m., JH Boys BB H Ligonier Valley– 4:00 p.m.	Feb. 17	JV/Var. Boys BB H Penns Manor– 6:30 p.m. JH Boys BB H Penns Manor– 4:00 p.m. School Board Mtg.– 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	JV/Var. Girls BB A Ligonier Valley– 6:00 p.m.	Feb. 18	JV/Var. Boys BB A Penns Manor– 6:30 p.m.
Feb 10	Act 80 1/2 Day-Parent/Teacher Conferences JV/Var. Boys BB H Purchase Line– 6:30 p.m. JH Boys BB H Purchase Line– 4:00 p.m.	Feb. 21	Interim Reports
Mar. 2	Kindergarten Registration	Mar. 28	PSSA Writing High School Baseball A Purchase Line– 4:30 p.m. Softball A N. Cambria– 4:30 p.m.
Mar. 7	School Board Planning Mtg.– 7:00 p.m.	Mar. 29	JH Volleyball H Penns Manor– 4:00 p.m.
Mar. 14-18	PSSA Math & Reading H.S.	Mar. 30	Baseball A Blairsville– 4:30 p.m. Softball A Purchase Line– 4:30 p.m.
Mar. 17	School Board Meeting– 7:30 p.m.	Mar. 31	Report Cards JH Volleyball A United– 4:00 p.m.
Mar. 21– 24	PSSA Math & Reading H.S.		
Mar. 24	End 3rd Nine Weeks		
Mar. 15-25	PSSA Math & Reading Elem.		
March 28-	PSSA Writing Elem.		
April 1			

Apr. 4-5	PSSA Science H.S.	Apr. 14	School Board Mtg.– 7:30 p.m.
Apr. 4-8	PSSA Science Elem.	Apr. 15	Coed Relay Meet @ PM– 4:00 p.m.
Apr. 4	Softball H United– 4:30 p.m.	Apr. 18	Softball H N. Cambria– 4:30 p.m.
	Baseball H Marion Center– 4:30 p.m.		Baseball H Ligonier Valley– 4:30 p.m.
	School Board Planning Mtg.– 7:00 p.m.	Apr. 19	JH Volleyball H Saltsburg– 4:00 p.m.
Apr. 5	JH Volleyball H Purchase Line– 4:00 p.m.	Apr. 20	Softball H Purchase Line– 4:30 p.m.
Apr. 6	Softball A Saltsburg– 4:30 p.m.		Baseball H Purchase Line– 4:30 p.m.
	Baseball H N. Cambria– 4:30 p.m.		Track H PM/United– 4:00 p.m.
	Track A Ligonier Valley– 4:00 p.m.	Apr. 21	Snow Make-Up Day
Apr. 7	JH Volleyball H Ligonier Valley– 4:00 p.m.		JH Volleyball A Marion Center– 4:00 p.m.
Apr. 8	Softball A Penns Manor– 4:30 p.m.	Apr. 22-25	Easter Vacation
Apr. 6-8	PSSA Writing H.S.	Apr. 22	Track A Indiana County Meet– TBA
Apr. 11-14	PSSA All Makeups H.S.	Apr. 26	Snow Make-Up Day
Apr. 11	Baseball A United– 4:30 p.m.		JH Volleyball H Blairsville– 4:00 p.m.
	Softball H Marion Center– 4:30 p.m.	Apr. 27	Baseball H Blairsville– 4:30 p.m.
Apr. 13	Softball A Ligonier Valley– 4:30 p.m.		Track A Purchase Line– 4:00 p.m.
	Baseball A Penns Manor– 4:30 p.m.	Apr. 28	JH Volleyball H United– 4:00 p.m.
Apr. 13	Track H N.Cambria– 4:00 p.m.		Baseball A Ligonier Valley– 4:30 p.m.
Apr. 14	NHS Banquet/Inductions– 6:00 p.m.		Softball A United– 4:30 p.m.
	JH Volleyball A N. Cambria– 4:00 p.m.		School Board Workshop Mtg.– 6:30 p.m.
May 3	Interim Reports	May 12	Softball H Ligonier Valley– 4:30 p.m.
	Softball H Saltsburg– 4:30 p.m.		Baseball H Penns Manor– 4:30 p.m.
	JH Volleyball H Marion Center– 4:00 p.m.	May 13	Act 80– 1/2 Day
	Baseball A N.Cambria– 4:30 p.m.		Prom
	Track A Conference @ United– 2:30 p.m.	May 16	Track A District Meet @ Altoona– TBA
May 4	Kindergarten Orientation		School Board Planning Mtg.– 7:00 p.m.
May 5	Softball H Penns Manor– 4:30 p.m.	May 19	Elementary Field Day
	JH Volleyball A Blairsville– 4:00 p.m.	May 20	Elementary Field Day Rain Date
	Baseball H United– 4:30 p.m.	May 26	School Board Mtg.– 7:30 p.m.
May 10	Softball A Marion Center– 4:30 p.m.	May 26/27	Track A State Meet @ Shippensburg– TBA
	JH Volleyball H N. Cambria– 4:00 p.m.	May 27	Sixth Grade Party 3-5 p.m.
	Baseball A Marion Center– 4:30 p.m.	May 30	Vacation Memorial Day
May 11	High School Awards Night		
June 2	Act 80 - 1/2 Day	June 3	Teacher In-Service
	Last Student Day	June 20	School Board Planning Mtg.– 7:00 p.m.
	2010 Commencement Ceremony	June 30	School Board Mtg.– 7:30 p.m.

** **Note: This is a tentative schedule. Dates and times are subject to change. For Updated schedules please check the Homer-Center Elementary webpage event calendar and Homer-Center High School webpage event calendar.**

** **Act 80 1/2 Day- High School Dismissal 11:30 a.m.; Elementary School Dismissal 12:15 p.m.**

Elementary Bus Schedule - Morning

BUS: H1

8:00 Zagursky Rd./Vilcek
 8:05 Route 286 West/Tagliati
 8:09 Bethel Church Rd/Powell
 8:11 Fabin Rd/Juarez/Godinez
 8:13 Nehrig Road/Kovalcik
 8:15 Crownover Rd/Shamberger
 8:19 Crownover Rd/Pisko
 8:30 Elementary

BUS: H2

8:05 King Hill Road/Mumau
 8:06 Kings Hill Road/Veshinsky
 8:10 Old Rt. 56/Potts
 8:11 Allison Road/Bowman
 8:14 Young Road/Fabin
 8:20 Pierce Road/Prebish

BUS: H3

7:59 Aultman Road/Debar
 8:01 Aultman
 8:03 Bethel Church Rd./Henry
 8:08 Goral Rd./Trainor
 8:12 Goral Rd/Gorton
 8:17 Cherry Run/George
 8:19 Cherry Run/Hobart
 8:20 Cherry Run/Skoff
 8:22 Cherry Run/Riverside St.
 8:23 Cherry Run/Judy's Way
 8:25 West Elm
 8:30 Elementary

BUS: H4

7:55 Neal Road/Neal
 8:00 Neal Road/Ober
 8:01 Graceton/Big Oak Village
 8:03 Graceton/Cath.Church
 8:04 Coral/Chestnut St.
 8:06 Coral/Beech Street
 8:14 P.P. Road/Brewer
 8:16 Rugh Road/Rura
 8:20 Rt. 119/Pacific Pride
 8:22 Rt. 119 Hwy. S./Bella's Auto
 8:24 Rt. 119 S/ Palmer
 8:26 Rt. 119 S/ Black
 8:30 Elementary

Bus: H5

7:54 Rt. 286/Sprinkle
 7:55 Rt. 286/Carney
 8:01 Brown Road/Harper
 8:01 Brown Road/White
 8:02 Brown Road/Jaskinski
 8:02 Brown Road/Bernat
 8:07 Warren Road/Hart
 8:12 Rt. 56/Zeiler
 8:13 Rt.56/Buggey
 8:14 Rt.56/Lee
 8:15 Rt. 56/Fabin Road
 8:16 Old Rt. 56 W/Walker
 8:16 Rt. 56/Sexton Road
 8:18 Old Rt. 56 W/Kanouff
 8:24 Jacksonville Rd/Liberty St.
 8:24 Old 119 S/Indiana St.
 8:26 Floodway Pk/BB Court
 8:27 Main St/Drugstore
 8:30 Elementary

BUS: H6

7:55 Old Rt. 119 N/Kalgren
 7:57 Myr Walt Playground
 7:58 Wayne St./Orchard Lane/Gett
 8:00 Old Rt. 119 HWY/Rice
 8:02 Old Rt. 119 N/Lisle Street
 8:04 Old Rt. 119 N/Lazor Apts.
 8:04 Old 119 N/Spring Road
 8:07 Rt. 119/Mlakar
 8:09 Old 119 S/Berezansky
 8:10 Old Rt. 119 S/Broskin
 8:11 Old 119 S/Federinko
 8:11 Old 119/Lockard Avenue
 8:11 Old 119 S/Hobby Auto

8:12 Lucerne Shaft
 8:13 Lucerne/Beck
 8:15 Lucerne Post Office
 8:17 Lucerne II(11th&7th)
 8:18 Lucerne III(11th-Loop)
 8:19 Lucerne IV(9th&7th)
 8:21 Lucerne V(9th & Main)
 8:21 Lucerne VI
 8:24 Greenville Rd/Chuck's Tavern
 8:30 Elementary

BUS: H7

7:59 Luciusboro Rd/Silvis
 8:00 Lucisboro Rd/Bekina
 8:02 Lucisboro Rd/Fess Auto
 8:03 Rhine Rd/Mack
 8:06 Luciusboro/Zack
 8:06 Luciusboro Road/Sharp
 8:08 Luciusboro
 8:10 Luciusboro Rd/Akers Rd.

BUS: H7 (cont.)

8:13 Six Flat Rd/Ursiak
 8:14 Red Barn Road/Leysock
 8:16 Six Flat/Schrack
 8:17 Stay & Play Daycare
 8:17 Pellegrine Drive/Kassel Street
 8:27 Pellegrine Drive
 8:30 Elementary

BUS: H8

7:51 Mazza Street
 7:55 Tide
 8:00 Rt. 56/Kwisnek
 8:01 Rt. 56 Hwy. East/Harper
 8:04 Waterman III
 8:06 Waterman I
 8:00 Route 56 Highway E/Apjok
 8:10 Elizabeth Way/Eastman
 8:12 Rob. Add/Red Maple
 8:14 Rob.Add/3rd/Tennyson

8:15 Rob. Add/3rd/Carlisle
 8:16 Rob. Add/1st/Carlisle
 8:17 Sarah Lawrence
 8:22 Coy Junction
 8:24 Fire Academy Rd/Dolores
 8:27 Fire Academy Rd/Griffen
 8:28 Fire Academy Rd/Warr
 8:28 Rt. 56 E/Liscak
 8:28 Rt. 56 E/Rainey
 8:30 Elementary

BUS: H10

8:00 Cherry Run/Ginter
 8:03 Hillcrest/Taylor
 8:04 Long Road/Jackson
 8:04 Long Road/Deyarmin
 8:07 Long Road/Kishlock
 8:10 Henry Rd/Cunkelman
 8:12 Goral Rd/Schonic Rd/Bekina
 8:14 Smith Rd/Zemlock
 8:23 Church/Greeley
 8:30 Elementary

Bus: H12

7:13 Rt. 217 North/Koontz
 7:22 Stuchell Road/Branan
 7:30 John Georges Road/George
 7:34 Rt. 286/Kamerstone Rd/Findley
 7:38 Nehrig Road/Nehrig
 7:49 Cherry Run Rd/Marshall
 7:50 Railroad Avenue/Diecidue
 7:50 Columbia Avenue/Gold
 7:52 E. Elm Street/McCaulley
 7:56 Lucerne Mines/McNutt
 8:10 Seeds of Faith
 8:30 St. Bernards

***Note-** Due to construction on Smith Rd. and Fire Academy Rd., this listing shows the bus routing changes for the beginning of the school year.

As construction is completed, you will be notified of the new bus routing.

Elementary Bus Schedule - Afternoon

BUS: H1

2:50	Seeds of Faith
3:00	St. Bernards
3:18	Lucerne Mines/McNutt
3:22	E. Elm Street McCaulley
3:25	Elementary
3:26	Columbia Avenue/Gold
3:26	Railroad Avenue/Diecidue
3:27	Cherry Run Road/Marshall
3:36	Crownover Rd/Pisko
3:39	Nehrig Road/Kovalchik
3:41	Nehrig Road/Nehrig
3:44	Fabin Road/Juarez/Godinez
3:46	Bethel Church Rd/Powell
3:49	Route 286 West/Tagliati
3:51	Zagurski Rd/Vilcek

BUS: H2

3:45	Transfer
3:49	Pierce Road/Prebish
3:50	Pierce Rd/Martin
3:56	Young Rd/Fabin
3:59	Allison Road/Bowman
4:01	Old 56 W/Dawson
4:01	Old Rt. 56/Potts
4:04	Kings Hill Rd/Veshinsky
4:06	King Hill Road/Mumau

BUS: H3

3:25	Elementary
3:27	West Elm
3:30	Cherry Run/Judy's Way
3:32	Cherry Run/Riverside St.
3:34	Cherry Run/Skoff
3:35	Cherry Run/George
3:41	Goral Rd/Gorton
3:45	Goral Road/Trainor
3:50	Bethel Church Rd/Henry
3:52	Aultman Road/Debar
3:54	Aultman

BUS: H4

3:25	Elementary
3:27	Neal Road/Neal
3:32	Neal Road/Ober
3:33	Graceton/Big Oak Village
3:35	Graceton/Cath. Church
3:36	Coral/Chestnut St.
3:38	Coral/Beech Street
3:46	P.P. Road/Brewer
3:48	Rugh Road/Rura
3:52	Rt. 119/Pacific Pride
3:54	Rt. 119 Hwy. S./Bella's Auto
3:56	Rt. 119 S/Palmer
3:58	Rt. 119/Black

BUS: H5

3:25	Elementary
3:26	Main St/Drugstore
3:27	Floodway Pk/BB Court
3:27	Old 119 S/Indiana St.
3:30	Jacksonville Rd/Liberty St.
3:36	Old Rt. 56 W/Kanouff
3:37	Rt. 56/Sexton Road
3:38	Old Rt. 56 W/Walker
3:39	Rt. 56/Fabin Road
3:40	Rt. 56/Lee
3:41	Rt. 56/Buggey
3:42	Rt. 56/Zeiler
3:42	Rt. 286/Sprankle
3:43	Rt. 286/Carney
3:49	Brown Road/Harper
3:49	Brown Road/White
3:50	Brown Road/Jaskinski
3:50	Brown Road/Bernat
3:55	Warren Road/Hart

BUS: H6

3:25	Elementary
3:29	Lucerne Shaft
3:30	Lucerne/Beck
3:32	Lucerne Post Office
3:34	Lucerne II(11th&7th)
3:35	Lucerne III(11th-Loop)
3:36	Lucerne IV(9th&7th)
3:38	Lucerne V(9th & Main)
3:38	Lucerne VI
3:41	Greenville Rd/Chuck's Tavern
3:44	Old 119 N/Kalgren
3:46	Myr Walt Playground
3:48	Wayne St/Orchard Lane/Gett
3:49	Old R. 119 Hwy/Rice
3:51	Old 119 N/Lisle Street
3:53	Old 119 N/Lazor Apts.
3:53	Old 119 N/Spring Road
3:56	Rt. 119/Mlakar
3:58	Old 119 S/Berezansky
3:59	Old Rt. 119 S/Broskin
4:00	Old 119 S/Federinko
4:01	Old 119 S/Hobby Auto
4:01	Old Rt. 119 /Lockard Avenue

BUS: H7

3:25	Elementary
3:25	Pellegrene Drive/Kassel Street
3:26	Pellegrene Drive
3:28	Stay & Play Day Care
3:32	Tearing Run/Hagens
3:32	Six Flat Rd/Ursiak
3:33	Red Barn Rd/Leysock
3:35	Six Flat/Schrack
3:38	Tearing Run/Thomas Lane
3:44	Luciusboro

Bus: H7(cont.)

3:50	Luciusboro Rd./Jones
3:53	Luciusboro Rd/Akers Rd.
3:55	Luciusboro Road/Sharp
3:56	Luciusboro/Zack
3:56	Rhine Rd/Mack
3:59	Luciusboro/Fess Auto
4:01	Luciusboro Rd/Bekina
4:02	Luciusboro Rd/Silvis

BUS: H8

3:26	Elementary
3:28	Rt. 56 E/Rainey
3:29	Rt. 56 E/Liscsak
3:29	Fire Academy Rd/Warr
3:29	Fire Academy Rd/Griffen
3:31	Fire Academy Rd/Dolores
3:34	Coy Junction
3:35	Rob.Add/Red Maple
3:36	Rob.Add/3rd/Tennyson
3:38	Rob.Add/3rd/Carlisle
3:39	Rob.Add/1st/Carlisle
3:40	Sarah/Lawrence
3:45	Elizabeth Way/Eastman
3:47	Rt. 56 Highway/Apjok
3:49	Waterman I
3:52	Waterman III
3:55	Route 56 Hwy. East/Harper
3:56	Rt. 56/Kwinsek
4:01	Tide
4:05	Mazza Street

BUS: H10

3:25	Elementary
3:27	Church/Greeley
3:34	Cherry Run/Ginter
3:37	Goral Rd/Circle Drive
3:38	Hillcrest/Taylor
3:38	Long Road/Jackson
3:39	Long Road/Deyarmin
3:41	Long Road/Kishlock
3:45	Transfer
3:49	Henry Rd/Cunkelman
3:51	Goral Rd/Schonic Rd/Bekina
3:53	Smith Rd/Zemlock
2:50	BUS: H12
2:50	Seeds of Faith
3:00	St. Bernards
3:19	Rt. 286/Kamerstone Rd/Findley
3:23	Stuchell Road/Branan
3:33	Rt. 217 North/Koontz

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High School Bus Schedule—Morning

BUS: H1

6:59 Allison Rd./Grozanick
 7:10 Pierce Rd/Nehrig
 7:12 Pierce Rd/Martin
 7:13 Pierce Rd/Prebish
 7:14 Pierce Road/Metz
 7:21 Cherry Run/Hobart
 7:22 Cherry Run/Skoff
 7:23 Cherry Run/McMillen
 7:30 High School

BUS: H2

6:55 Old 56/Stewart
 6:56 Old 56 W/Dawson
 6:56 Old Rt. 56/Potts
 7:02 Zagurski Rd/Vilcek
 7:10 Turkey Lane/Potts
 7:13 Nehrig Road/Nehrig
 7:15 Nehrig Road/Kovalcik
 7:18 Crownover Rd/Shamberger
 7:19 Crownover Rd/Pisko
 7:30 High School

BUS: H3

7:15 Lucerne Shaft
 7:17 Lucerne Post Office
 7:21 Lucerne II(11th&7th)
 7:23 Lucerne Loop
 7:24 Lucerne III
 7:30 High School

BUS: H4

7:00 Aultman Road/Debar
 7:00 Aultman Rd/Pollack
 7:02 Aultman
 7:04 Overman
 7:04 Bethel Church Rd/Marsh
 7:21 Goral Rd/Gorton
 7:23 Goral Rd/Caruso
 7:30 High School

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Bus: H5

7:05 Johnson Rd/Thompson
 7:09 Old Rt. 119S/Lazor Apts.
 7:12 Myr Walt I/See World
 7:13 Myr Walt/Playground
 7:17 Old Rt. 119S/Berezansky
 7:18 Old 119N/Palmer
 7:20 Rt. 119S/Hobby Auto
 7:20 Yankeetown/Styers
 7:21 Greenville Rd/Chuck's Tavern
 7:25 Old 119 S/Indiana St.
 7:27 Floodway Pk/BB Court
 7:30 High School

BUS: H6

7:00 Luciusboro Rd/Colgan
 7:04 Luciusboro Rd/Bost
 7:05 Luciusboro Rd/Perrato
 7:07 Luciusboro Rd/Fess
 7:08 Rhind Rd/Mack
 7:13 Luciusboro
 7:15 Luciusboro Rd/Akers Rd.
 7:19 Luciusboro Rd/Szalkowski
 7:17 Luciusboro Rd/Jones
 7:19 Luciusboro Rd/Barna
 7:30 High School

BUS: H7

7:01 Rugh Road/Rura
 7:04 Graceton/1st St.
 7:05 Neal Road/Shaffer
 7:07 Graceton/Big Oak Village
 7:09 Coral/Chestnut St.
 7:10 Coral/Ash Street
 7:13 Rt. 119 Hwy. S./Shaw
 7:14 Rt. 119N/Patterson
 7:16 Rt. 119/Black
 7:18 Tearing Run
 7:19 Six Flat Rd/Leysock
 7:21 Six Flat Rd/Turcheck
 7:23 Six Flat Rd/Ursiak
 7:24 Stay & Play Daycare
 7:25 Old 119N/Sheetz
 7:27 Old Rt. 119/Red Barn Rd.
 7:30 High School

BUS: H8

6:52 Mazza Street
 6:58 Ondo Road/Rt.954
 7:01 Rt. 56/Kwisnek
 7:05 Waterman III
 7:06 Waterman I
 7:10 Elizabeth Way

BUS: H8/Cont.

7:11 Red Maple/Black Oak
 7:13 Rob.Add/3rd & Ellsworth
 7:14 Rob.Add/3rd/Edith
 7:15 Rob. Add/3rd Tennyson
 7:17 Rob.Add/1st/Carlisle
 7:18 Sarah/Lawrence
 7:23 Coy
 7:26 Fire Academy Rd/Rauso
 7:26 Fire Academy Rd/Shannon
 7:28 Fire Academy Rd/Warr
 7:28 Rt. 56 E/Liscak
 7:30 High School

BUS: H9

6:50 Rt. 286/Sprankle
 6:51 Rt. 286/King
 6:52 Rt. 286/Carney
 6:52 Rt. 286/Strittmatter
 6:55 Brown Road/Jaskinski
 6:56 Brown Road/Bernat
 7:00 Warren Rd/Gibbons
 7:00 Warren Road/Martin
 7:01 Warren Road/Novak
 7:02 Warren Road/Ryan
 7:03 Kings Hill Rd/Capitosti
 7:08 Rt. 56/Henigin
 7:10 Rt. 56/Buggey
 7:11 Rt. 56/Lee
 7:12 Rt.56/Walker Drive
 7:12 Rt.56/Fabin Road
 7:15 Rt.56/Long
 7:18 Jacksonville Rd/Nealey
 7:20 Jacksonville Rd/Valyo
 7:21 Jacksonville Rd/Liberty St.
 7:30 High School

BUS: H10

7:04 Goral Rd/Circle Drive
 7:04 Hillcrest/Taylor
 7:05 Long Road/Wardo
 7:05 Long Road/Deyarmin
 7:09 Henry Rd/Henry
 7:15 Smith Rd/Piper
 7:17 Smith Rd/Mauk
 7:21 Cherry Run/Zerbini
 7:21 Cherry Run/Judy's Way
 7:27 Cherry Run/Riverside St
 7:30 High School

BUS: H11

6:55 Rt. 286/Markel
 7:03 Goral Rd/Circle Drive
 7:17 Graceton/Big Oak Village/Miller
 7:18 Chestnut St./McQuiston
 7:29 Rob.Add/1st/Carlisle/Duncan
 7:31 E. Church Street/Anderson
 7:45 Adelphoi Villiage
 7:45 Guidance Center

High School Bus Schedule - Afternoon

BUS: H2

2:45	High School
3:04	Pierce Rd/Nehrig
3:06	Pierce Road/Martin
3:07	Pierce Road/Prebish
3:08	Pierce Road/Metz
3:09	Crownover Rd/Pisko
3:10	Crownover Rd/Shamberger
3:13	Nehrig Road/Kovalcik
3:16	Nehrig Road/Nehrig
3:18	Turkey Lane/Potts
3:21	Zagurski Rd/Vilcek
3:31	Allison Rd./Grozanick
3:45	Transfer

BUS: H3

2:45	High School
2:52	Lucerne Shaft
2:55	Lucerne Post Office
2:58	Lucerne II(11th&7th)
3:00	Lucerne Loop
3:01	Lucerne III

BUS: H4

2:45	High School
2:49	Cherry Run/McMillen
2:50	Cherry Run/Skoff
2:52	Cherry Run/Hobart
2:58	Goral Rd/Caruso
3:00	Goral Rd/Gorton
3:07	Bethel Church Rd/Marsh
3:08	Overman
3:09	Aultman Road/Debar
3:10	Aultman Rd/Pollack
3:11	Aultman
	<u>BUS: H11</u>
2:30	Guidance Center
2:30	Adelphoi Village
2:40	E.Church Street/Anderson
2:46	Rob.Add/1st/Carlisle/Duncan
2:56	Chestnut St./McQuiston
2:57	Graceton/Big Oak
3:06	Goral Rd/Circle Drive
3:19	Rt. 286/Markel

BUS: H5

2:45	High School
2:49	Floodway Pk/BB Court
2:49	Old 119 S/Indiana St.
2:52	Yankeetown/Styers
2:53	Greenville Rd/Chuck's Tavern
2:57	Rt. 119S/Hobby Auto
2:58	Old 119 N/Palmer
2:59	Old 119 S/Berezansky
3:01	Myr Walt/Playground
3:05	Myr Walt I/See World
3:07	Old Rt. 119 S/Lazor Apts.
3:09	Johnson Rd/Thompson

BUS: H6

2:45	High School
2:56	Luciusboro
2:58	Luciusboro Rd/Akers Rd.
3:02	Simon Rd/Szalkowski
3:02	Luciusboro Rd/Jones
3:04	Luciusboro Rd/Barna
3:10	Rhine Rd/Mack
3:13	Luciusboro/Colgan
3:14	Luciusboro Rd/Fess
3:15	Luciusboro Rd/Perrato
3:15	Luciusboro Rd/Bost

BUS: H7

2:45	High School
2:46	Old Rt. 119/Red Barn Rd.
2:49	Old 119N/Sheetz
2:53	Graceton/1st Street
2:55	Neal Road/Shaffer
2:56	Graceton/Big Oak Village
2:58	Coral/Chestnut St.
3:00	Coral/Ash Street
3:00	Rugh Road/Rura
3:03	Rt. 119 Hwy. S./Shaw
3:05	Rt. 119 N./Patterson
3:07	Rt. 119/Black
3:07	Stay & Play Day Care
3:10	Tearing Run
3:10	Six Flat Rd/Leysock
3:12	Six Flat Rd/ Turcheck
3:15	Six Flat Rd/Ursiak

BUS: H8

2:45	High School
2:47	Rt. 56 E/Liscsak
2:47	Fire Academy Rd/Warr
2:48	Fire Academy Rd/Shannon
2:49	Fire Academy Rd/Rauso
2:52	Coy

BUS: H8 Cont.

2:56	Red Maple/Black Oak
2:58	Rob.Add/3rd & Ellsworth
2:59	Rob.Add/3rd/Edith
3:00	Rob.Add/3rd/Tennyson
3:02	Rob.Add/1st/Carlisle
3:03	Sarah/Lawrence
3:06	Elizabeth Way
3:09	Waterman I
3:11	Waterman III
3:15	Rt. 56/Kwisnek
3:23	Mazza Street

BUS: H9

2:45	High School
2:50	Jacksonville Rd./Liberty St.
2:51	Jacksonville Rd/Valyo
2:53	Jacksonville Rd/Nealey
2:56	Rt. 56/Long
3:00	Rt. 56/Fabin Road
3:00	Rt. 56/Lee
3:01	Rt. 56/Walker Drive
3:02	Rt. 56/Buggey
3:03	Rt. 56/Henigin
3:04	Rt. 56/Sprankle
3:05	Rt. 286/ King
3:07	Rt. 286/Carney
3:07	Rt. 286/Strittmatter
3:09	Brown Road/Jaskinski
3:10	Brown Road/Bernat
3:13	Warren Road/Ryan
3:16	Warren Road/Gibbons
3:16	Warren Road/Martin
3:17	Warren Road/Novak
3:18	Kings Hill Rd./Capitosti
3:20	Old 56/Stewart
3:21	Old 56/Dawson
3:23	Old 56/Potts

BUS: H10

2:45	High School
2:48	Cherry Run/Riverside St
2:48	Cherry Run/Judy's Way
2:49	Cherry Run/Zerbini
2:55	Goral Rd/Circle Drive
2:56	Hillcrest/Taylor
2:57	Long Road/Wardo
2:57	Long Road/Deyarmin
3:01	Henry Rd/Henry
3:07	Smith Rd/Piper
3:09	Smith Road/Mauk

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Annual Public Notice of Special Education Services and Programs Services for School Age Children with Disabilities

It is the responsibility of the Pennsylvania Department of Education to insure that all children with disabilities residing in the Commonwealth (including children with disabilities attending private schools, regardless of the severity of their disabilities), who are in need of special education or related services, are identified, located, and evaluated. This responsibility is required by a federal law called the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997 (IDEA '97).

Homer-Center School District provides a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) to children with disabilities who need special education and related services. Pennsylvania has adopted state laws, which conform to IDEA and which school districts must follow. FAPE is provided to students who need specially designed instruction and have one or more of the following physical or mental disabilities:

- . Autism/Pervasive Developmental Disorder
- . Blindness/Visual Impairment
- . Deafness/Hearing Impairment
- . Emotional Disturbance
- . Mental Retardation
- . Multiple Disabilities
- . Neurological Impairment
- . Other Health Impairment
- . Physical Disability
- . Specific Learning Disability
- . Speech and Language Impaired

Early Intervention

The IDEA '97 also requires the provision of a Free Appropriate Public Education to children with disabilities between three years of age and the school district's age of beginners. In Pennsylvania, a child between three years of age and the school district's age of beginners who has a developmental delay or one or more of the physical or mental disabilities listed above may be identified as an "eligible young child."

Eligible young children are afforded the rights of school-age children with disabilities, including screening, evaluation, individualized education program planning, and provision of appropriate programs and services. The Pennsylvania Department of Education is responsible for providing programs and services to eligible young children under Act 212 of 1990, The Early Intervention Services System Act. The ARIN Intermediate Unit provides programs and services to eligible young children on behalf of the Pennsylvania Department of Education. For more information, contact Colleen McGinnis at (724-463-5300, ext. 216).

Screening

Homer-Center School District has established and implemented procedures to locate, identify, and evaluate children suspected of having disabilities. These procedures involve screening activities which include but are not limited to: yearly review of group-based data (cumulative records, enrollment records, health records, and report cards); hearing screening [*in kindergarten, first, second, third, seventh, and eleventh grades and in (e.g., life skills support)*]; vision screening (every grade level); motor screening; and, speech and language screening in kindergarten, second grade, and individually as referred.

Except as indicated above or otherwise announced publicly, screening activities take place in an on-going fashion throughout the school year. Screening is conducted in the child's home school unless other arrangements are necessary.

Evaluation

When screening indicates that a child may be a child with disabilities, Homer-Center School District will seek parental consent to conduct an evaluation. "Evaluation" means procedures used in the determination of whether a child has a disability and the nature and extent of the special education and related services that the child needs. The term means procedures used selectively with an individual child and does not mean basic tests administered to or procedures used with all children.

In Pennsylvania, this evaluation is conducted by a group of qualified professionals and the parent. The group of qualified professionals shall include a certified school psychologist when evaluating a child for autism, emotional disturbance, mental retardation, multiple disabilities, other health impairments, specific learning disability, or traumatic brain injury. The evaluation process must be completed no later than 60 school days after the district receives written parental consent and must include protection-in-evaluation procedures. For example, tests and procedures used as part of the multidisciplinary evaluation process may not be racially or culturally biased. Upon completion of the administration of tests and other evaluation materials, a group of qualified professionals and the parent of the child will determine whether the child is a child with a disability and what the educational needs are of the child. Information obtained from a variety of sources, including aptitude and achievement tests, parent input, teacher recommendations, physical condition, social or cultural background, and adaptive behavior will be documented and considered carefully. If a determination is made that a child has a disability and needs special education and related services, an individualized education program (IEP) must be developed for the child.

Identification Activities

Parents who think their child has a disability may request, at any time, that the school district conduct a multidisciplinary evaluation. This request should be made in writing to Ms. Tammy Buffone at Homer-Center High School, and Mrs. Elaine Thurston at Homer-Center Elementary School. If a parent makes an oral request for a multidisciplinary evaluation, the school district shall provide the parent with a form for that purpose.

ended to prevent discrimination. The school district must insure that protected handicapped students have equal opportunity to participate in the school program and extracurricular activities to the maximum extent appropriate for each individual student.

In compliance with state and federal law, the school district will provide to each protected handicapped student without discrimination or cost to the student or family, those related aids, services or accommodations which are needed to provide equal opportunity to participate in and obtain the benefits of the school program and extracurricular activities to the maximum extent appropriate to the student's abilities. In order to qualify as a protected handicapped student, the child must be of school-age with a physical or mental disability which substantially limits or prohibits participation in or access to an aspect of the school program. These services and protections for "protected handicapped students" may be distinct from those applicable to exceptional or thought to be exceptional students. The school district or the parent may initiate an evaluation if they believe a student is a protected handicapped student.

For further information on the evaluation procedures and provision of services for protected handicapped students, parents should call Ms. Buffone or Mrs. Thurston (724-479-2525 and 724-479-9077). (Please note that this is a regular education service and not one required by IDEA or Chapter 14).

Services for Students Who are Gifted

Homer-Center School District utilizes a system to locate and identify all students within the district who are thought to be gifted and in need of specially designed instruction. For more information, please contact Ms. Buffone or Mrs. Thurston (724-479-2525 and 724-479-9077).

Confidentiality

Each school district protects the confidentiality of personally identifiable information regarding children with disabilities, children thought to be disabled, protected handicapped students (if not protected by IDEA '97 or Pennsylvania's Special Education Regulations) and children who are gifted in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) and other applicable federal and state laws, policies, and regulations.

"Education records" means those records that are directly related to the student, including on computer, through media, and on videotape, which are maintained by an educational agency or a party acting for the agency. "Educational Agency," for purposes of this notice means the local school district, and/or the ARIN Intermediate Unit. For all students, the educational agency maintains education records which include but are not limited to:

- . Personally Identifiable Information – Confidential information that includes, but is not limited to the student's name, name of parents and other family members, the address of the student or student's family, and personal information or personal characteristics which would make the student's identity easily traceable.

- . Directory Information – Information contained in an education record of a student which would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy, if disclosed. It includes, but is **not limited to**, the student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially- recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and the most previous educational agency or institution attended.

- . The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age, certain rights with respect to the students education records. They are:

- . Parents have the right to inspect and review a child's education record. The school district will comply with the request to inspect and review education records without unnecessary delay and before any meeting regarding an IEP or due process hearing, but in no case more than 45 days after the request has been made. Requests should be submitted in writing (indicating the records the parents wish to inspect) to the school principal or other appropriate school official. Parents have the right to a response from the school district to a reasonable request for explanations and interpretations of the records. Parents have the right to request copies of the records. While the district cannot charge a fee to search for or to retrieve information, it may charge a copying fee as long as it does not effectively prevent the parents from exercising their right to inspect and review the records. Parents have the right to appoint a representative to inspect and review their child's records. If any education record contains information on more than one child, parents have the right only to inspect and review the information relating to their child. If parents think information in an education record is inaccurate, misleading, or violates the privacy or other rights of their child, they may request amendment of the record. Requests should be made in writing and clearly identify the part of the record they want to have changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. The school district will decide whether or not to amend the record and will notify the parents in writing of its decision. If the school district refuses to amend a record, it will notify the parents of their right to a hearing to challenge the disputed information. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parents or student (if 18 or older) when notified of the right to a hearing.

The school district will inform parents when personally identifiable information is no longer needed to provide educational services to a child. Such information must be destroyed at the request of the parents. Parents have a right to receive a copy of the material to be destroyed. However, a permanent record of the student's name, address, and telephone number, his or her grades, attendance record, classes attended, grade level completed, and year completed may be maintained without time limitation. "Destruction" of records means physical destruction or removal of personal identifiers from information, so that the information is no longer personally identifiable. The school district will provide, upon request, a listing of the types and locations of education records maintained, the school officials responsible for these records, and the school personnel authorized to see personally identifiable information. Such personnel receive training and instruction regarding confidentiality. The school district keeps a record of parties obtaining access to education records, including the name of the party, the date access was given, and the purpose for which the party is authorized to use the records.

Parents have the right to consent to disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. "Consent" means: the parent(s) have been fully informed regarding the activity requiring consent, in their native language or other mode of communication; they understand and agree in writing to the activities; and, they understand that the consent is voluntary and may be revoked at any time. Information may be disclosed without consent to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the district as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); person or company with whom the district has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or, a parent or student serving on an official committee; such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Directory information may be released without parental consent. Parents have the right to refuse to let an agency designate any or all of the above information as directory information.

Upon request, the district discloses educational records to officials of another school district, in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

Parent(s) have a right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the district to comply with the requirements of FERPA.

Complaints may be filed with the Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20202-4605.

Student Insurance-Beverly N. Gardner

Student safety is always a concern at Homer-Center. Even though we take every precaution to ensure the safety of your child, accidents do happen! For this reason, parents should keep in mind that the district does not carry student accident insurance of a non-athletic nature. However, the district can assist you in obtaining this type of coverage through the United States Fire Insurance Company.

When your child carries home that mound of papers the first few days of school, please review the student accident insurance pamphlet for detailed information on the student accident policy. The insurance is available at a relatively low cost and is very important if your child is not covered by any other medical insurance. If your child is currently covered by a group medical plan, this policy would be considered secondary insurance.

However, the first \$100 in benefits are payable without consideration of other insurance. Dental accident insurance is also available through the company, and may be purchased separately or in conjunction with the regular policy.

Senior Citizens (age 65 and older) are eligible for the "Gold Pass" through the ARIN IU and the Homer-Center School District for free admission to local sporting events. If you have not picked up your Gold Pass as of yet, please see the Superintendent's Secretary to receive your free pass!

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