

# The Maroon and White

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## Pie for a Cause

by: Makenzie Lane and Natalie Morlang

Pie for a Cause will be set up for students to purchase tickets during lunch. Tickets will cost \$1 for 3 tickets or 50 cents for 1 ticket. The money will be going to a charity of the most voted for teacher's choice. This will be your only chance this year to impress your favorite teacher with your pie-facing skills.

If you purchase a ticket, it will be added to a cup, which we will then pick the winning students raffle style. So the more tickets you purchase, the more likely you are to be chosen. The pie facing will take place on March 13th and air on the news the following day, March 14th, National Pi Day.

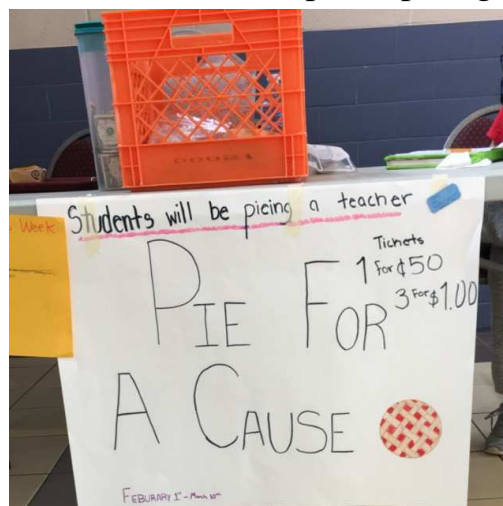
Some of the teachers participating are Mrs. Lasak, Mrs. Rodriguez, Mrs. Wiegner, Mr. Hood, Mrs. Fry, Mrs. Motes, Mrs. Sapp, and 25 more of your teachers. Make sure to ask your teacher or check out the list at the Early Act table in the cafeteria to find out who else is participating in this event.

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### Upcoming Events

- ◆ Pie for a Cause: March 14
- ◆ Dance: March 15



## Interview with Spelling Bee Winner Ashley Reynolds

by: Ryan Owens

A few weeks ago, our school had our annual spelling bee. The winner was Ashley Reynolds, an 8<sup>th</sup> grader. I sat down to interview her and asked a few questions. She seemed excited to be getting asked these questions.

“How does it feel to be the best speller in Penn’s Grove?” I asked.

She responded quickly and truthfully. “Pretty snazzy,” she stated.

I wanted to know how much studying had affected her performance. “How much of the victory came from studying, and how much was from the top of your head?”

Putting in an exact answer, Ashley replied, “About 97% of it was studying, and the rest was luck.” When asked if she ever thought she would lose, she answered, “That happened when he [Mr. Barnas] went off the list.”

The spelling bee went much longer than expected, and Mr. Barnas, who ran the bee, was forced to go past the list of words given to him.

“Who helped you through the studying and encouragement?”

“My mother...was a big help. Oh, and my FATHER!” she said whilst doing her best Darth Vader impression.

Lastly, I asked Ashley if she had any advice for 7<sup>th</sup> graders next year. “Don’t not study!” She exclaimed. By that, she meant that anyone in the spelling bee next year should study. With this, I said goodbye and went on my way. The Chester County Spelling Bee was Wednesday, February 13. Ashley successfully completed several rounds in that event.



## Staff Profile: Mr. Karabin

by: Natalie Meixell and Emma Russell



Hello Penn's Grove, we recently got a new social studies teacher on the Palm team. A few days ago, we interviewed our new teacher and he told us a little bit about himself.

### **What made you want to be a social studies teacher?**

"I would say my 12th grade government teacher inspired me to be a teacher; I really liked history throughout high school, but I really didn't know what I wanted to do with my life. She suggested I go into teaching. Here I am today, this is my first real teaching job, other than being a long term substitute. I'm really happy to be here!"

### **How has your first day of school been so far?**

"It's been good; it's very stressful leading up to this because I really didn't know where the classes were at (with the material)."

### **What is your favorite thing about Penn's Grove?**

"The students are nice and respectful. The staff is also very helpful."

### **What are you looking forward to most this year?**

"Becoming a better teacher and doing the things I learned in college and expanding on that."

A few of his interests consist of golfing, playing, and watching football. Some other facts that we've picked up in the past couple days are that he is from Scranton, PA, he is very organized, he is prepared and brave to take on our classes on the Palm team in the middle of the year. On behalf of the Palm team, we wish him all the best as he starts his new career here at Penn's Grove.

## Staff Profile: Mrs. Steinbaugh

by: Leven Silver and Aleaha Cruz



Meet Mrs. Steinbaugh, the substitute for 7th grade social studies teacher, Mrs. Stalfire. Sadly Mrs. Stalfire has been out for a while, but her students have been having a great time getting to know this amazing substitute. We get to enjoy the company of Mrs. Steinbaugh until sometime in February. Although this is a short period of time we will surely make the most of it. Get ready to learn a little more about this outstanding substitute!

Q: Where are you from?

A: I was born in Maryland. We moved out west to Idaho when I was in elementary school and returned during my middle school years. Later, our family settled in Pennsylvania.

Q: What is your favorite sports team and why?

A: I enjoy watching football and baseball. I am partial to the Ravens and Orioles because I have roots and lots of family in Maryland.

Q: What is was your favorite subject in 7th grade?

A: I liked physical education.

Q: Do you have any pets?

A: We had a dog while growing up who had spots. But that name was too common so my brother named him Freckles.

Q: What is your favorite color?

A: I like pink. I think it's bright and cheerful.

Q: What is your favorite movie?

A: I enjoy watching old movies. I have many favorites. I don't enjoy movies rated R because of their foul language and violence.

Q: Where did you go to college?

A: Millersville University

Q: How many countries have you visited?

A: I went on a trip to England in 2001 with Millersville University. The gardens at Windsor Castle are beautiful. I saw the change of the guard at the Tower of London and the stage production of *Les Miserables* on the round stage. I've also been to Canada to see Niagara Falls. In addition, I've been in almost all 50 states.

Q: What was your favorite vacation you have taken and why?

A: Our family vacationed at Myrtle Beach every summer when I was young and visited family along the way.

Q: What is the best book you have read and why?

A: I enjoy reading various genres. I liked *Twilight* because of the tenderness Edward exhibited towards Bella. He was willing to sacrifice his own selfish wants to protect her.

Q: Did you play any sports in middle school or high school?

A: Yes, I played team sports but not on the school team.

Q: Do you have any hobbies?

A: I play the piano.

## **Sports: Wrestling**

### **Interview with Austin McMillan**

by: Alyssa Preston



Q: What is the hardest thing you have to do in wrestling?

A: Pushing yourself in practice.

Q: What is the easiest thing in wrestling?

A: Celebrating.

Q: Do you guys have to go against girls?

A: Sometimes.

Q: Do you have to fight the girl?

A: Yeah it depends. I have had to when I started. There are leagues for girls that are being made.

Q: Is it easy or hard to fight the girl?

A: An opponent is an opponent, but it is awkward.

Q: Why did you pick wrestling?

A: If I'm good at fighting I'm good at wrestling.

Q: Do you have any goals for wrestling?

A: To wrestle in college.

Q: On the wrestling team does everyone get along there or are there a lot of fights that break down there?

A: We all have a strong bond. We still have our disagreements and arguments. Sometimes we get a little too rough.

## **Super Bowl Opinion: Should the Patriots Have Won the Super Bowl?**

by: Anna Coe

Many of us were very disappointed in this year's Super Bowl between the Los Angeles Rams and New England Patriots. Not only was it the second-lowest scoring first half, lowest score in third quarter, and lowest score in a Super Bowl ever, it was generally an unamusing game. It was just a back and forth between the two teams until the Patriots picked up their game and won. Though, that 65 yard punt was pretty impressive.

This story isn't about that, though. The real question is, should the Patriots have won?

I'll admit, I'm not the biggest sports fan. Football on the television? I'll turn the channel. On the radio? Probably change that too.

But, watching the Patriots play, I'd have to say they deserved it, and here are the reasons why.

First off, the Patriots clearly had a better offense. The Rams could fight with their defense, but the Patriots' offense was just too good. They got a total of 407 yards, nearly twice as much as the Rams with 260 yards. The Rams just couldn't get through the Patriots.

Because of that, the Patriots also had a better defense. The Rams tried to hold their own, but the Patriots wouldn't allow it. They had trouble getting through the wall of New England-ers.

Finally, the Patriots had more experience with Super Bowls than the Rams. The Rams have been in three Super Bowls, which is extraordinarily less than the Patriots' eleven.

To sum it up, while many people in the Boston area were glad about the Patriots' victory, and rightfully should be; hopefully next year we'd get a chance at another team winning the Lombardi Trophy.



## Spring Sports Preview

by: Josh Terry

Spring sports are just around the corner. You could play baseball, softball, or do track and field. Track and field sports include: hurdles, sprints, and distance running, as well as throwing and jumping events. Throwing events are shot put, discus, and javelin. Jumping events are high jump, pole vault, long jump, and triple jump. Running events are 100, 200, and 400 meter sprints, 800, 1600, and 3200 meter distance runs, and 4x100 meter relays. The track coaches are Ms. Meyer, Mrs. Jenkins and Mr. Ciotola. Track will start March 11.

Tryouts for baseball and softball are the week of March 11.



## February Speak Out

by: Katlyn Sedlak and Jessica Lester

Welcome to Speak Out! We want to hear what the kids of the school are thinking. Every article we will ask a question to a handful of randomly selected kids, to hear what they think. For this month our question was: What is your favorite season? Our weather has been crazy lately and we wanted to know what type of weather everyone has been wishing for!

Asher Williston, 8th, Spring  
Michael Stefanosky, 8th, Fall  
Nate Robinson, 8th, Spring  
Kylee Arnold, 8th, Fall  
Julia Kahn, 8th, Spring  
Emily Horton, 8th, Fall  
Connor Gentile, 8th, Fall

Deirdre Reilly, 7th, Fall  
Mackenzie Clark, 8th, Spring  
Sophia Schaefer, 7th, Spring  
Kenzie Lane, 8th, Summer  
Jackson Shover, 7th, Summer  
Thomas Yacka, 8th, Spring  
Erick Rodriguez, 7th, Winter.

In conclusion, we found that a majority of kids like spring the best out of all seasons.



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