



The newsletter of the
Owen J. Roberts
School District

July 2012

Inspiring Each Student for Success Today and Greatness Tomorrow

Message from Acting Superintendent
Dr. Kathryn Soeder



*Summer is
busy at Owen
J. Roberts!*

Our students finished classes on June 7 and some of them returned just a few days later for summer enrichment sessions. This summer, more than 500 students are participat-

ing in a variety of tuition-based courses. These classes include offerings in music, art, athletics, and cooking as well as academic options. One of the most popular camps this summer is fly fishing. Each morning, students are heading off to nearby streams and enjoying the summer weather and prospects of what they may catch. Other students have been tuning their instruments and preparing short concerts and marching across the campus. “Handmade Style”, a crafting camp, gave students an opportunity to make book covers and pin their finished products on Pinterest.

Many students attend academic classes for science and mathematics so that they can complete prerequisite courses and advance levels for the coming year. In addition, qualifying students began Extended School Year classes and they are settling in to summer tasks with their teachers. It is wonderful to visit our students in our schools during the summer weeks.

Summer is also a time for our support teams to clean and maintain our school facilities. Repairs and routine maintenance occur in the summer to reduce interruption during the school year. Projects have already been completed to reduce energy use and improve technology access. The administrative team has started planning for the new school year and summer activities include hiring necessary staff, preparing student schedules, and planning school events to ensure a successful start to a new school year.

It has been a rewarding experience to represent Owen J. Roberts this year as Acting Superintendent. The students and staff made this an exciting and exhilarating year and I am fortunate to work with a tremendous team for our school community. We are all looking forward to beginning a new school year and welcoming our new Superintendent, Dr. Michael Christian.

57th Annual Turning of the Tassels

A gentle breeze wafted across Wildcat Stadium on one of the happiest and most emotion-filled days of the school year, the commencement celebration, held June 8, 2012. Nearly 400 graduates, robed in bright red and sparkling white, officially transitioned to a new lifetime phase, or what is Bucktown."



“Creating peace in your world is every bit as important as the establishment of world peace.” Collin Gray

School Board President Mr. William Kleinfelter remembered his graduation 30 years earlier and acknowledged his daughter as part of this year's graduating class. He also imparted keys to success, offering, "...have the ability to adapt to change, pick a career you are passionate about, and provide service to your community."

Acting Superintendent Dr. Kathryn Soeder remarked on how “commencement, kindergarten, and graduation are woven and braided together,” reminding students that at various points in their lives they will be “back in kindergarten” facing a variety of new beginnings. “When you are back in kindergarten as an adult, you can count on those same people who supported you in kindergarten. Remember their lessons, retain their values, and stay connected,” she advised.

Also offering remarks were Valedictorian Alec Edgecliffe-Johnson, Class of 2012 President Stephen Dallas, and High School Principal Dr. Richard Marchini.

Whether graduates choose to plant roots near Bucktown or venture to further reaches of the globe, Collin Gray invited them to consider each life and each world as important. “Creating peace in your world is every bit as important as the establishment of world peace,” he advised.

Who is ready to make it through these last few moments

That you never thought would come?

Who is ready to say that alas we have won,

Alas we are one,

Alas we are done!

Who is ready to commemorate, to celebrate, to congratulate,

Who is ready to graduate?

Stephen Dallas, Class of 2012 President



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Character-Building Youth Sports

In the fall of 2011, Owen J. Roberts School District partnered with the Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA), a national non-profit organization whose goal is to transform the culture of youth sports. Since its 1998 launch at Stanford University by Founder and Chief Executive Officer Jim Thompson, PCA has impacted more than four million youth athletes. PCA's motto is, "Transforming youth sports so that sports can transform youth".

Owen J. Roberts has held 10 live workshops for district and community parents, coaches and athletes, and will continue PCA programming in the 2012-13 school year. The workshops contain research-based content from sports psychologists and the best practices of college and professional-level coaches of all sports. These workshops are changing the way sports are played, one school or youth team at a time. OJR is committed to seeing that all school district coaches, as well as community coaches receive the PCA Double Goal Coach Training. The most recent Triple Impact Competitor workshop was presented to 278 High School spring athletes on April 10, 2012.



PCA coaches youth and high school sport leaders, coaches, athletes, parents, and officials through live workshops, online courses, books and articles, and a series of alliances with nationally-recognized coaches, athletes, academicians, businesses and national youth sports organizations.

Three models are central to PCA's work: The Double-Goal Coach®, whose first goal is winning, and whose second, more-important goal is teaching life lessons through sports; The Second-Goal Parent®, who concentrates on life lessons, while letting coaches and athletes focus on competing; The Triple-Impact Competitor®, who strives to impact the sport on three levels by improving oneself, teammates, and the game as a whole.

Owen J. Roberts is looking to expand PCA programming, especially in the area of honoring the game. The Honoring the Game Code is simple, but powerful, and starts with self-control. Find out more at positivecoach.org.

Seat Belt Success

Teen driving safety was encouraged through many strategies this year including: an anti-texting and new driver laws presentation, site checks, and distribution of several types of handouts. Judging from observational surveys, these efforts seemed to make a difference. The percentage of OJR student driver seat belt usage increased over a three-month period.

The Owen J. Roberts security team would like to thank Officer Vic Machese, North Coventry Township Police and Trooper Stefanie Trzaska, Pennsylvania State Police and the many OJR staff members for their assistance in this initiative.

Date of Survey	Total Drivers Surveyed	Total % drivers wearing their seat belts	Total % drivers not wearing their seat belts	Total % passengers wearing their seat belts	Total % passengers not wearing their seat belts
6/5/2012	140	91%	9%	88%	13%
5/21/2012	157	89%	11%	77%	23%
3/27/2012	220	82%	18%	52%	47%
3/2/2012	201	81%	19%	66%	34%

North Coventry Students Get “Fit for Life” through Gardening!

Every year enthusiastic kindergarteners at North Coventry Elementary School plant seeds in some of the school's 24 raised beds. But this spring, health and physical education students, under the direction of teachers Mr. John Sands and Mr. Chris Mitchell, were also energetically pulling weeds, working the soil, and planting.



Mr. Sands came up with the idea of incorporating gardening into the health and physical education curriculum after a conversation with volunteer parent garden coordinators, Anjanette Selvaggio and Deb Savage. “Mr. Mitchell and I explain to students the benefits of gardening and yard work as a form of life-time fitness. Benefits include stretching, weight-bearing activity, cardiovascular activity, burning calories, relieving stress, emotional well-being, and family interaction,” says Sands, an avid gardener.

Most students approached the outdoor work with a positive attitude and did not realize how hard they were working. Sands stated, “I want the students to take away from this experience that weight training and cardiovascular exercise does not have to come from going to a gym or playing a sport. Also, this is a wonderful way to reduce stress in one's life.” Gardening with students was so worthwhile, that next year Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Sands are planning for their students to participate in the “fit for life” activity in the fall and spring.

Note: Working in conjunction with the North Coventry Food Bank, South Coventry Township is lending a hand this summer by managing harvest distribution from several school district gardens. The township is making sure that the produce gets in the hands of those who need it. This collaboration is helping to create food security in our community.

East Coventry Field Day



Kindergarten students in Mrs. Smith-Wentzel and Mrs. Bevan's class enjoy the Field Day activities on Friday, May 11th at East Coventry Elementary School. Students in all grades participated in over 12 activities throughout the course of the day culminating with tug-of-war. The day was organized by PE/Health teachers Ms. Kristy Hepner and Mrs. Heather Schweizer along with East Coventry PTA.

New Resource Promotes Nutrition

Parents and students may now easily find school menus online on the School Meals/Nutrition tab of the district website. Parents can make payments to student meal accounts, access applications for free and reduced lunch, and look at the wellness policy. The robust web tool is comprehensive and interactive, designed to help parents and teachers promote healthy habits that will last a lifetime. Students can increase their knowledge by playing interactive nutrition games on the site.



A Sweet Experience



The owner of Dia Doce Cupcakes and recent winner of The Food Network’s “Cupcake Wars,” Thais Da Silva, did a “sweet” presentation for East Coventry Elementary School’s REACH program. Students sampled her delicious cupcakes and learned about the benefits of using organic ingredients.

DECA Team Helps Wishes Come True

Members of DECA, the international association of marketing students, gave and received during a Make-A-Wish luncheon. Rikki Barto, Brooke Miller, and Mariel Tucker organized “Kick for a Cure” this year, and donated \$5,000 to Make-A-Wish during a Philadelphia and Susquehanna Valley chapter luncheon on May 18. Owen J. Roberts’ DECA members received the Natale Stable Spirit Award for their continued spirit of giving. To date, Owen J. Roberts’ DECA chapter raised nearly \$30,000 through “Kick for a Cure” events that allowed Make-A-Wish to grant the wishes of five children with serious illnesses.

French Creek Girls Win 1st Place in STEM Competition



By Jessica Stone

This year sixth grade Academically Talented Program (ATP) students participated in eCybermission, an online STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) competition run by the U.S. Army as part of the Army Educational Outreach Program. The contest is open to six through nine students throughout the country. Olivia Foden, Leigh Magness, and Jane Minor identified the environment as their eCybermission Challenge, and developed a plan to improve recycling at French Creek Elementary School. Their plan to solve the real-world problem using Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics was awarded first place in Pennsylvania, and each student was given a \$500 prize.

The girls felt the French Creek recycling program was set-up as a great program, but they thought it could be more effective if students were better educated about cafeteria recycling opportunities. The girls designed and conducted a survey assessing what students knew about recycling lunch materials. Next, they created informational posters, table tents and other signs that they displayed in the cafeteria for several weeks. The girls conducted a follow-up survey several weeks later, and they found students were more aware of recycling opportunities at French Creek. The girls hope their efforts will encourage the students to be “more green” in the future.

Space Fair



The North Coventry Second Grade Space Fair was held on May 11, 2012 to celebrate the study of space. Students built skills in research, literacy, technology, and science while studying a unit on space. They were fascinated by the solar system and explored topics that interested them personally, such as conditions on planets. Students engaged in the learning process by working on space fair projects and sharing what they learned with others.

Key Presented to New Superintendent

North Coventry Elementary third grade students crafted a “key” to North Coventry and wished success for superintendent Dr. Michael Christian, who visited all Owen J. schools in May.

The official start date for Dr. Christian is July 9, 2012. He is looking forward to getting started and ushering in a new school year.



Jazz Band Swings!



The Owen J. Roberts High School Jazz Band performed an evening of swing music for dancers at SwingKat in Pottstown on Friday, May 25.

Middle School Art Goes National

The photographs of these students' artwork were recently submitted to a national contest sponsored by the "Middle School Journal". The front cover of "Middle School Journal" features original artwork submitted by young adolescents from around the world. If one of our students' artwork is selected, it will be featured on the cover of Middle School Journal, and he or she will receive international recognition. This endeavor was a collaborative effort among Ms. Alyssa Brown (student teacher), Mrs. Michelle Lamorte (PTA volunteer) and Mrs. Ingrid Fake. Mrs. Fake acknowledged, "the creativity and craftsmanship of all of the submissions bolster our continuing OJR PRIDE at the Middle School."



Leighann Gdowik - 8th



Vicki Arlee-8th



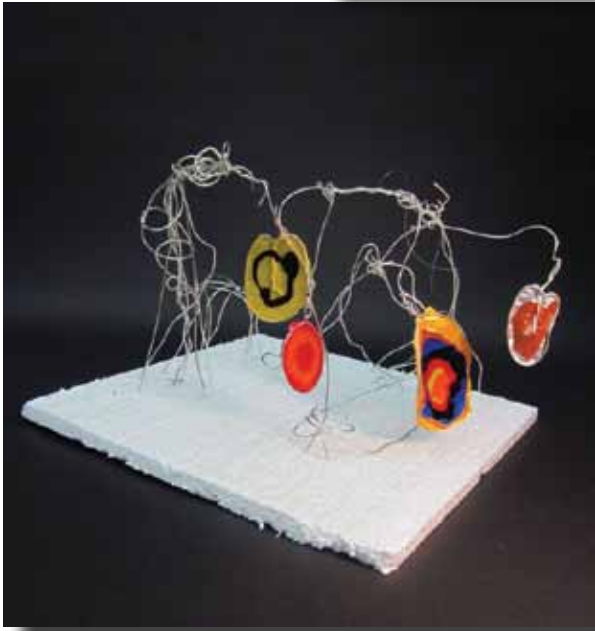
Samantha Garvey- 8th



Charles Haerberlein -7th



Madison Schaeffer -8th



Aubrie Rose King -8th



Taylor Runkle -8th



Dagny Palmer -7th



Lauren Edleman -7th

Hollywood-Style Awards for Student Films

With a focus on nurturing the creativity of high school filmmakers, the Greenfield Foundation and the Upper Dublin School District presented the fourth annual Greenfield Youth Film Festival. After months of work, Owen J. Roberts students submitted 29 films for the contest. The Hollywood-style awards ceremony at the Keswick Theater in Glenside, PA was attended by 1,400 people. OJR student Adam Ardekani won Best Picture Overall and Best Narrative Film for “Slice of Orange.” Industry professionals and university professors chose Adam’s film, out of 297 films submitted by Philadelphia area students, for this prestigious award. “Slice of Orange” also took top honors for Best Original Musical Score by Colin Gray. Beau Dallas wrote the screenplay and Matt Kiesling was the featured actor.

Two other OJR films were nominated in the top eight for Best Narrative Film. “License and Registration” was produced and directed by Ted Keffer, written by Blake Jarvis, filmed and edited by Matt DeSantis and featured the acting of Brett Levensgood, Adam Ardekani and Mark Misciagna. Blake Jarvis took top honors for Best Screenplay for “License and Registration.” “Roomies” was produced and directed by Ted Keffer, and written by Blake Jarvis. Another film nominated in both the narrative and documentary categories was, “Heroes of War,” by Katrina Garthe.



Real World Problem-Solving Floats Their Boats

Students in Mr. Crowl’s High School Computer Aided Drafting and Design 3 (CADD 3) course took on a new challenge this semester. They designed and constructed single-person kayaks. These flat-water kayaks were designed around traditional skin-on-frame kayak construction practices. For the kayak frame, they used PVC pipe in various diameters and lengths, rather than wood. The students covered the frame with canvas and coated it with layers of waterproof roofing paint.

The class planned the project by doing online research and creating a



prototype. For several weeks, everyone worked on the prototype, refining the design and mastering skills needed to build the boat. After the prototype was completed, it was tested in the middle school pool. With a successful test completed, students started working on their own kayaks. After more than a month of students working before school, in class, during study halls, and after school, the kayaks were ready to test in the pool again. After students demonstrated their boats were safe and dry, the class took a field trip to the Schuylkill River for a successful launch into open water.

Haiku Songs

Sixth grade students at West Vincent Elementary School completed an interdisciplinary unit in art and music classes. In art classes, Miss Allison Greet had students write original haiku poems and then illustrate them with tempera paint while listening to traditional Japanese music for inspiration while doing their work. Of the 65 pieces of artwork created, students selected three as inspiration for original student compositions. Using techniques studied in general music classes, students worked with Mrs. Alaena Silva to create songs. The final product, “Haiku Songs”, was made up of three movements: “Winter,” “Spring,” and “Summer.” It premiered as a part of West Vincent’s Fine Arts Night on May 8.



Reading for the Gold



Students can go for the gold without going to London by spending time reading this summer. The Reading Olympics challenge details are on www.ojrsd.com as well as plenty of resources like book suggestions, tips, and even a countdown to the first day of school.

Spotlight on the Class of 2012

When prompted to describe their school, many students agree that Owen J. Roberts High School is a place that supports all students' ambitions, accepts diversity, and encourages each student to experience a wide range of curricular and co-curricular offerings.

Congratulations to the Class of 2012, who collectively demonstrated how students contribute to strengthen their community and each other with support. There were Eagle Scouts, National Merit Scholarship Commended Students and Finalists, volunteer firemen, and members of the National Guard. Although the biographies of the 385 graduates would never fit in this publication, below is a sampling of 2012 graduates who pursued a variety of interests and excelled in unique ways, painting a landscape of what Owen J. Roberts School District has to offer, and a glimpse of what they are ready to offer the world.



Jill Yankelitis describes her years at Owen J. Roberts School District as very special. She moved into the district in 3rd grade and immediately

felt welcomed. She explains that as a student with a physical disability, she faced multiple challenges (but learned) to work hard, persevere and never give up. "I have learned that I should not be afraid to ask for help, but also learned to be more independent," Jill offered.

Jill is pursuing a degree in special education and feels that Best Buddies prepared her for her career interest. "I have always felt as though I was part of the Class of 2012. I have been fortunate to have had fellow students who have accepted me for who I am. I hope that I have encouraged my fellow classmates to be accepting of others whatever their differences, just as they have been of me."



Natalie Lorraine David plans to attend Boston University to major in mechanical engineering. Active in many HS organizations, Natalie

felt that National Honor Society and the Gay Straight Alliance organizations most prepared her for leadership positions by teaching how to organize people and resources to achieve a goal. Her work with GSA included educating students, faculty and administration about LGBT issues and decreasing intolerance and bullying.



Katherine Zimmerman was a member of National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, and Student International Ballet Theater. Katie described

the class of 2012 as "peers who continually learn from one another and enjoy what others can teach and share". She added, "I am so grateful for those relationships as they have all helped me learn, mature, and find a sense of self purpose that motivates me in all that I do."

Katie will head to Indiana University (Bloomington, IN) to study ballet, however, she cited that "the rigorous and stimulating math courses at the high school, along with the opportunity to act as a math tutor, have prepared me for, and persuaded me to declare a second major in mathematics".



Adam Ardekani may be most remembered at Owen J. Roberts for his acting or excellent work in video production and film, however,

his guidance counselor noted that he will also be remembered as a kind and considerate person who showed a great deal of maturity. Adam plans to study film and television at the University of Arizona this fall. He credits video production club and Mr. Brian Sponagle for nurturing his interest in film and providing the technical knowledge to express creativity through video production. He also credits DECA for teaching leadership and teamwork skills noting that, "sometimes it is best to listen to others' opinions, even if you don't want to".



Madeline Carr plans to attend the University of Delaware to study engineering. She ran Cross Country, was a captain on the Track & Field team and

played basketball. She was a member of the Junior Classical League, National Honor Society, Student Government, Amnesty International, Model My Watershed, and was an active tutor. She mentioned that Mr. Richardson's environmental science elective sparked her interest in becoming actively involved in improving and protecting the environment while her math courses developed her love for math. Maddie is described as having much concern for others and for being generous by giving of her time to serve others. "I really just tried to enjoy my experiences and have an open mind," Maddie said.



Collin Gray represented the student body as President, was captain of the Cross Country team and president of NHS for the 2011-12 academic year.

"A promising student with limitless academic potential," said his counselor, Collin will attend Yale University. He credits OJR for providing "fantastic experiences from kindergarten through 12th grade". Academically, Collin has excelled in a most rigorous curriculum, electing to take Honors and Advance Placement courses. He is very motivated to learn from teachers and peers through collaboration and discussion. In fact, he is most excited by this prospect as he continues his education. One of his proudest community accomplishments has been his Eagle Scout project; the construction

of a 2,500 square foot stone labyrinth on the property of Shenkel United Church of Christ. Collin is a gifted pianist who has channeled his ability as a composer and performer into a CD of original music that has been sold to raise funds for his church's Mission Fund.



MaryAnn Elko described the Class of 2012 as "adventurous, spontaneous, caring, strong, unique, loving and hard-working". MaryAnn

will attend Ursinus College to study psychology. She participated in a solid college preparatory program throughout high school enhancing her curriculum by enrolling in multiple honors and advance placement courses. Her AP Psychology course ignited an interest in becoming a therapist. MaryAnn was a key organizer of the Day of Silence activities each April making an impact on student body and faculty. MaryAnn mentioned that "school has prepared her to be more understanding of others and know that not everyone is as they seem on the surface".



Rebecca Scott will attend Shippensburg University where she will study English and is considering a career in education. She interned

at East Vincent Elementary School her senior year helping students one-on-one in language arts and writing commenting, "the kids have taught me more than I could ever teach them". She feels that Owen J. High School helped shape her confidence. "I was able to be myself and script what feels like an authentic life, which helps me say and do things I may not otherwise have said or done," she added.



Abby Awe loves the bright lights and will head to New York University to study theatre among some of the world's most promising talent. She has

felt supported by family, students, and school in her aspirations of becoming an actress. "No one has ever shot down my dream," Abby said. Abby attended charter and private schools, but felt she was most able to expand her horizons and tap into her passions at OJRHS. Abby had key roles in many of Owen J.'s musicals, was a member of 7-Ups, Owen J. Roberts High School's Show Choir, Choir President,

National Honor Society Secretary, and Vice President of Student Government. It was student government where she felt she was really able to "dip in her toes" and learn about civic service. She hopes to be part of student government at NYU.



Alec Edgecliffe-Johnson plans to travel the globe for a year before attending the University of Edinburgh in Scotland to study politics,

economics and social history. After reading *How the Scots Invented the Modern World* by Arthur Herman, Alec contemplated Scotland's crucial contributions to science, philosophy, literature, education, medicine, commerce, and politics in modern society crediting Edinburgh as the epicenter. He was drawn to Edinburgh's rich heritage and reputation. He also stands by the reputation of Owen J. Roberts, commenting, "I could not have picked a better school", explaining his consideration of many of the local preparatory high schools. "The coursework is not easy," he offered, "but I feel as though it has been a good preparation." Alec will most remember Robotics and DECA conferences as "being surrounded by young people who are dedicated to success." He describes the class of 2012 as "diverse in interests, talented musically, academically successful, linguistically strong, and ready to serve".



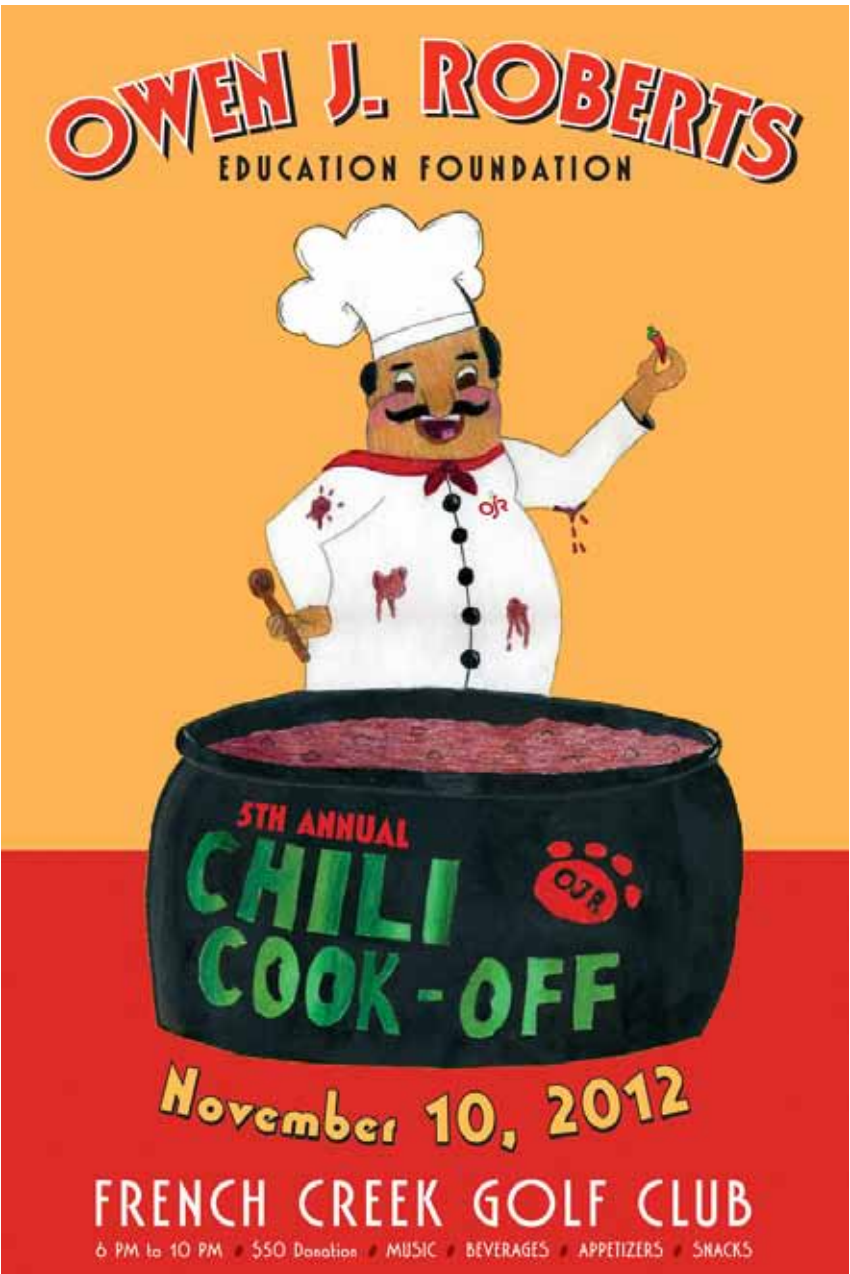
Lindsay Holleran was homecoming Queen, a cheer captain, and member of various clubs including Teens Against Tobacco Use (TATU). She

appreciated the guidance she received in high school, and credits Mrs. Teri Mahoney and the guidance team for her interest in pursuing a study of Social Work at Shippensburg. "I learned how to become a better person and how to deal with drama," Lindsay mentioned.



Emily Grablutz loves language. She was Chief Editor of the high school newspaper, *The Gavel*, and did an amazing amount of work organiz-

ing the other writers and the publication. Emily credits the opportunity to enroll in AP language classes for giving her "a leg up on getting into Penn". She will attend the University of Pennsylvania where she will continue her study of linguistics with hopes of becoming a translator and interpreter.



Dr. Ferster Wins Citadel Heart of Learning



Congratulations to Dr. Delbert Ferster for the distinguished county-wide honor of being chosen the High School Citadel Heart of Learning Winner! Dr. Ferster is pictured with the county award winners for elementary and middle level.

The Citadel Heart of Learning Award is a nationally-recognized program through Citadel Banking and the Chester County Intermediate Unit designed to honor and thank Chester County's teachers while raising awareness of the impact on students, families and the entire community. Fifteen finalists were chosen from well over 2,000 nominees. Dr. Ferster is known as a passionate and nurturing teacher who has touched the lives of hundreds of students in his 35 years of service at Owen J. Roberts School District. Although he retired from his position as a high school math teacher on December 31, 2011, his impact on students and fellow teachers remains.

Education for a Changing World

When we talk about 21st Century Education, many people immediately think about the powerful digital technologies available today. But 21st Century Teaching and Learning surpasses Web 2.0 tools, smart boards, and tablets. 21st Century Teaching and Learning is about preparing students to succeed in the world in which they will live, and this means students must practice and master many skills. 21st Century skills include the ability to access and analyze information, communicate effectively, and collaborate. Some ways that Owen J. Roberts students are practicing 21st Century skills are demonstrated on www.ojrsd.com



under "21st Century Exemplars" in the Technology Department. Students are no longer media consumers, they are media creators. They are using media creation tools such as Movie Maker, Audacity, and AudioBoo. They may utilize Google, Wall Wisher, or Voice Thread to collaborate in real time. PowerPoint has become basic; students now create animated presentations on Prezi, comics on Toon Do, pod casts, and customized websites on a variety of platforms. Beyond mastering the tools, students are learning to exchange ideas, solve problems, and work together.

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Owen J. Roberts Middle School

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District Calendar Highlights

Note: The approved 2012-2013 school year calendar is available online. The first day of school is September 4, 2012.


To view a full, printable calendar, visit www.ojrsd.com.

Mark your calendars for these popular annual events:

Veteran's Day ceremonies, various schools	November 12
Senior Citizen Holiday Tea, HS	December 10
High School Spring Musical	March 15-17
High School Spring Play	April 26-27

OJR Back to School Nights

East Coventry.....	September 12
East Vincent.....	September 6 (Kindergarten)
East Vincent.....	September 13 (Grades 1-6)
French Creek.....	September 25
North Coventry.....	August 29 (Kindergarten)
North Coventry.....	September 11 (Grades 1-6)
West Vincent.....	September 18
Middle School.....	September 20
High School.....	September 19



High Five!

Congratulations to sophomore, Holly Sullivan, the PAC-10 champion for Track & Field in 200 and 400 hurdle events, and the long jump. Holly holds, or is part of, five school records. At district competition, she placed 6th in the long jump and 5th in the 800-meter run.

Congratulations to Katrina Garthe, who received the Comcast Foundation Leaders and Achievers Scholarship. She attended an award ceremony with Comcast officials, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett, and state legislators at the State Museum of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg.

Junior Classical League members brought home honors from the Pennsylvania Junior Classical League State Convention. OJR Students competed against more than 500 students from 17 schools (public, private, and charter) at the main campus of Penn State University. The OJR chapter placed 4th overall in the Large School Division, and many students achieved individually in the areas of spirit, academics, arts, and athletics.

Congratulations to the DECA International Career Development Conference (ICDC) in Salt Lake City, Utah April 28-May 1 award winners: Jarvis Stack, TOP 10 in the Stock Market Game; Zach Matarazzo and Michaela Shaw, TOP 10 in Entrepreneurship and Alec Edgecliffe-Johnson and Collin Gray, TOP 16 in the role-play event of Hospitality Services Team and recognition for highest test scores. Cassidy Hart also received recognition for placing second in the female division of DECA's Dash with the Diamonds 5k run.

Congratulations to "The Wildcats" robotics team who received the regional 3rd Place Champion's Award, and 1st place for teamwork at the state competition. Congratulations to the "Wiredcats" for receiving the gracious professionalism and 2nd overall awards at the regional competition and for earning the 2nd overall State Champion's Award, earning them a place to compete at the World Invitational in Florida.

Congratulations to Christopher Bove, an 11th grade student who received the U.S. FIRST Robotics Youth Mentor Award at both the University of Penn Competition and the World Invitational in Florida.

2012-13 Owen J. Roberts School District Calendar

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES AND HOLIDAYS

August 2012
28-30 Professional Development - No School
September 2012
4 First Day of School
October 2012
8 Professional Development - No School
November 2012
5-6 Professional Development - No School
8 Secondary 1st Quarter Ends
19-20 Parent Conferences - Half Day Students
21-23 No School for Students/Teachers
December 2012
4 Elementary 1st Trimester Ends
24-31 No School for Students/Teachers
January 2013
1 No School for Students/Teachers
21 District Closed
25 Secondary 2nd Quarter Ends
February 2013
15 Professional Development - No School
18 No School for Students/Staff
March 2013
6-7 Parent Conferences - Half Day Students
12 Elementary 2nd Trimester Ends
27-29 No School Students/Teachers
April 2013
1 No School Students/Teachers
8 Secondary 3rd Quarter Ends
May 2013
24 Professional Development - No School
27 District Closed
June 2013
13-14 Half Days
14 Last Day of School
14 Graduation
14 Elementary 3rd Trimester Ends
14 Secondary 4th Quarter Ends
17 Professional Development

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17	18	19	20	21	22	23	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
24	25	26	27	28			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28	29	30				
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May 2013							June 2013						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4							1
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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First Day of School

No School For Students/Teachers

Professional Development - No School

Quarter Ends

No School/Local Holiday

Half Days for Students


Graduation

PSSA Test Window

Elementary Trimester Ends

PSSA Testing:
Grade 12 Retest 10/22-11/2/12
Grade 3-8 & 11: 4/8-19/2013
Grade 5,8,11: 3/11-15/2013
Grade 4,8,11: 4/22-26/2013

Snow Make-up Guidelines
June 13 and June 14 are snow days;
if not needed, then the last day
of school will be June 12.



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