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Winners of Westmoreland School's poster contest are, kneeling, Lee Ricchetti, kindergarten, and Amanda Eck, first grade; second row: Amanda Fleig, second grade and Ruth Davis, third grade; back row: Jill Krakosky, fifth grade, superintendent Gerald Wycallis and Janell Hetro, fourth grade.

## Westmoreland

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"Westmoreland Elementary School - it means the world to me."

Amanda Nichols, also in third grade, wrote a beautiful poem about the school, where "my dad and his mom and dad went to school."

"I've seen people wipe tears from their eyes as they read it," said PTO president Susan Baiamonte.

Fifth-graders' posters called Westmoreland "the best school in the world" (Jimmy Larson) and "a good place to be" (Eric Czekalski), while Rae Lynn Walter's poster was dedicated to what she likes best about the school... "lunch ladies, PTO, substitutes and the secretary."

Kindergartners' posters featured smiling stick people, kittens, puppies and a school bus sporting a huge grin.

First-grader Therese Pittcavage drew a galaxy of stars and letters surrounding the school and wrote, "Westmoreland is out of this world," while classmate Nicky Baiamonte drew "my teacher, gym, lunch, art and recess" and Gwynnie Dibble drew "my friends, music and my bus driver" as her favorite things at school.

"Westmoreland is awesome and cool," declared second-grader Tommy Perrego's poster. Classmate Shannon Doan's poster featured drawings of "the swings at recess" and her teacher - "this is my teacher. I like her very much" - as why she loves Westmoreland

School.

Contest judges were superintendent Gerald Wycallis, assistant superintendent Dr. Gil Griffiths, interim principal Edward Brewer and school board members John George and Thomas Russ. Art teacher Debbie Baer was the tie breaker.

"This was a very difficult job," Wycallis said before awarding trophies to the grade level winners, which he described as "just like the Academy Awards - may I have the envelope, please?"

Judged on their creativity, school spirit and enthusiasm, grade level winners were Lee Riccetti, Kindergarten; Amanda Eck, first grade; Amanda Fleig, second grade; Ruth Davis, third grade; Janell Hetro, fourth grade and Jill Krakosky, fifth grade. All students entering posters received ribbons from the PTO.

"We have the wonderful school that all the latest studies are talking about," said reading specialist Rita Mundy, who has extensively researched neighborhood schools for her doctoral work.

PTO president Susan Baiamonte estimated that nearly 100 people attended Thursday's meeting. "This was the first year we had done something like this and it was very well received," she said. "I was impressed by the students' enthusiasm and creativity. We had excellent participation by both the children and their parents."

## Sports

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pensive ceramic sticks and Australian cut sticks."

While board members Samuel Rhodes and Lois Kopcha commended Price on the amount of the cuts, some parents of field hockey players expressed concern. One parent said, "If you're not going to buy the state of the art equipment that these girls need to stay competitive, then don't buy any. We'll get it somehow."

"I'd rather be told we're getting cut by a certain percentage and then I'd decide what items were necessary and what could be cut," field hockey coach Jean Lipski said.

Board member Dave Kaufman summed it up: "The board seems satisfied with the monetary figure of the cuts. If the field hockey team seems unhappy, let them make some changes with the actual equipment being cut, based on safety components."

Kaufman also suggested developing a mechanism whereby students wouldn't have to pay premium prices for athletic shoes without affecting the school district's budget.

Price said the district would try to help. "We will look for a bulk purchasing plan where the school district could purchase the shoes in bulk and the students could reimburse them," he said.

Business manager Ray Bowersox said the athletics cuts primarily affect fall sports bids which have to go out soon. "This

will raise the fund balance for the 1996-97 budget by about \$11,000. It's also fair to assume that we won't be providing \$18,000 to \$20,000 for athletics in the 1996-97 budget, either."

He later explained that usually about \$20,000 is spent on fall sports, and then about \$10,000 for winter and \$10,000 for spring sports. While fall sports is being cut by about \$10,000, the winter and spring sports will probably each be cut by about \$5,000 each.

Hazel Winner suggested cutting retirement incentives for the 1996 retirees, which total almost \$300,000 when combined with unused sick pay, since the 1996-97 budget seems in jeopardy without a 30 mill increase.

Bowersox replied "It will save the district money in the long run," since these teachers would be replaced with younger teachers on the lower end of the salary scale.

Coach Lipski commented on the athletic cuts after the meeting. "As I understand it, the athletic supplies only constitute about one-half of one percent of the whole budget. We have a very active parents' club that will help our team out. But I don't want to end up coaching just the elite. Often low income kids have low self esteem and need athletics the most. I understand we have to cut. But I think we have to do it with discretion and involvement with the coaches."

# Congratulations!

Dallas and Lake-Lehman track teams on your performance at Shippensburg.. ..and good luck the rest of the season



### Dallas boys' track

From left, first row; Mike Hoover, Jeff Nutche, Tony Delgudice, Joel Withers, Brian Tupper, Aaron Martin, Steve Tomasura, Jared Rutt. Second row; Steve Roosa, Chad Newell, Eric George, Nick Waligorski, Chris Kuderka, Dean Evans. Standing; coach Larry Schuler, Mark Morris, captain; Mike Tomasura; Jeff Balara; John Crispell, captain; Mike Lykon Kyle Baker; Fred Maier; Bob Lorah, captain; Cody Freidel, captain; Scott Townsend; head coach Bill Kvashay.



### Lake-Lehman boys' track

From left, kneeling; Chris Caines, Timothy Swire, Harold Cain, Wally Shaver, Bob Bevan, Bill Brehm, John Fielding, Chris Long, Chris Bath. Standing; Tom Williams, coach, John Sobocinski, coach, Mike Phillips, Jason Adamski, Joe Morris, Tony Tereska, Dave Jones, Brad Dieffenbacher, Chris Rishko, Eric Crisman, Mike Caines, head coach Ed Narkiewicz.



### Dallas girls' track

From left, first row; Kelly Seman, Nadalie Timperine, Amber Coolbaugh, Stephanie Werner, Heather Fuller, Bridgette Baines, Kate Weiss, Anna Appel. Second row; Stacey Wagner, Brenda Karavitch, Erin Berry, Heather Wilt, Amanda Eisenhart, Michelle Molecky, Joy Morgan, Stephanie Potisek, Aleah Kvashay, Melody Redmond. Standing, Tanya Butler; Sarah Misson, captain; Stacey Suda, captain; Robin Suda, captain; Anna Arosilta; Amory Fetko; Heather Gryziec; heach coach Bill Kvashay, coach Larry Schuler.



### Lake-Lehman girls' track

From left, kneeling, Sandy Lowery, Amada Blaine, Gillian Nallon, Robin Shaver, Joann White. Standing; Allison Savage, Caryn Clark, Nikki Yoblonski, Marie Manzoni, Jenni Reno, Ed Radzinski, coach.

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