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Back Mountain students perform well in state testing

Dallas High School scores best in county

By ELIZABETH ANDERSON
Post Correspondent

BACK MOUNTAIN - The scores are in and Dallas and Lake-Lehman school districts scored favorably on the 2000-2001 Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) tests. Area educators

credit the results to "teaching to the standards" set by the state of Pennsylvania and local school districts.

"We credit a very excellent teaching staff and very hard work in terms of curriculum alignment to Pennsylvania standards," said Dr. Michael Speziale, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction for Dallas School District. "Our faculty worked very closely with administration in working and carrying out that curriculum."

Kathleen McCarthy, principal of Wycallis Elementary School, said the results were not achieved by accident.

"Our district made a conscious decision to align what is taught in the classroom to what children are expected to know," she said. "What we did make sure the time we spent in the classroom allows kids to have the opportunity to learn the variety of things that national and state standards require."

The annual PSSA is a standards-based test used to measure a student's and a school's attainment of the academic standards. Every Pennsylvania student in 5th, 8th and 11th grade is assessed in reading and math, and students in grades 6, 9 and 11 are assessed in writing. In 1999, Pennsylvania adopted academic standards for reading, writing, speaking and listening, and mathematics. Science and technology standards are expected to be released

soon. These standards identify what a student should know and be able to do at varying grade levels. Local school districts have the freedom to design their curriculum and instruction to ensure that students meet or exceed the standards' expectations. "We look at each years PSSA results and we sit down in committee and try to address the needs, said Dave

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POST PHOTO/HEATHER B. JONES

Kelsie Sincavage, second from left, sat with her new friends after the Kindergarten program put on by the kindergarten class at Dallas Elementary School. From left: Kelly Jacobs, Kelsie, Vanessa Parsons, Erin Muldoon and Elizabeth Dillon.

Kids show new poise, skills in Thanksgiving play

Editor's Note: This is the second in an occasional series of features that will follow a kindergarten student at Dallas Elementary School through the school year.

By HEATHER B. JONES
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DALLAS - Two rows of squirmy little bodies sat on the risers in Mrs. Carol Harding's kindergarten class waiting to entertain a packed room.

Harding's morning kindergarten class spent the last few weeks practicing for this moment. They made American Indi-

"She's maturing a little bit. And she's always writing or drawing."

Deneen Sincavage
About her daughter, Kelsie

an brave's headdresses from construction paper and learned songs like "Five Fat Turkeys." On Wednesday, November 14, moms, dads and grandparents packed into the Dallas Elementary classroom to enjoy the children's hard work.

Five-year-old Kelsie Sincavage smiled and waved at her mother, Deneen, and her grandmother,

Dee Gattuso, who came to see the performance. In her two and a half months of kindergarten, Kelsie learned her ABC's, counting and is beginning to recognize words in her favorite books.

"I like recess and library," Kelsie said. And for an active little girl who likes to do cartwheels and show off her book collection, it's no surprise those

are her favorites.

Her new friend Elizabeth Dillon said she also likes music class, and Kelsie agreed. "We sing in music class. That's where we learned the (Thanksgiving) songs," said Dillon.

As the two girls joined their class in songs like "The Alphabet Song" and "The Hippopotamus Song," the audience saw what the children learned over the past few months. In "The Hippopotamus Song" students not only sang but also spelled a number of words including hippopotamus. It all reflects how

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Accident calls attention to dangerous intersection

By HEATHER B. JONES
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KINGSTON TWP. - A one-car accident involving three teenagers has raised concerns of residents from the Bunker Hill Road and Dug Road section of Kingston Township.

Suzanne Kravitsky of Dug Road spoke on behalf of her neighbors at the board of supervisors' meeting November 14. "I have myself been trying to get something done over the past several years," she said.

Kravitsky called Kingston Township and was informed the

road is a state road. She also called Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT). PennDOT is currently doing a survey of the road, she said, and has been unable to give her any advice on the matter.

"I have suggested guard rails, perhaps stop signs or some kind of flashing lights," Kravitsky said. She and three neighbors came to the meeting to see what the board of supervisors could do about the problem.

The accident involving three teenagers happened on Monday,

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BMT Food Bank drop points

The Back Mountain Food Bank has established drop-off points throughout the area.

The food bank plans to assemble Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for 120 local families, 38 more than last year. Non-perishable items may be dropped off at any of these locations. Cash donations may be sent to the Back Mountain Food Bank, c/o Trucksville United Methodist Church, 40 Knob Hill Rd., Trucksville PA 18708. For information, call the church office at 696-3897.

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Rd., Dallas

Mama & Papa's Ice Cream Parlor, Country Club Shopping Center, Dallas.

The Dallas Post, 607 Main Rd., Dallas.

Dallas Photo Shop, 447 Memorial Hwy., Dallas

Century 21, Ruth K. Smith Real Estate, Inc. 358 S. Memorial Highway, Shavertown.

The Treasure Chest, Main Rd., Dallas.

St. Francis Cabrini Church, 585 Mt. Olivet Rd., Wyoming.

Trucksville United Methodist Church, Church Rd., Trucksville.

Sign of the times Thanksgiving show has patriotic theme

By M.B. GILLIGAN
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DALLAS - The pre-show excitement was evident as the second grade students at Dallas Elementary School lined up for the start of their Thanksgiving program. Cub Scout Donnie Behm and Brownie Girl Scout Chelsea English led the students into a school gymnasium filled with parents and loved ones. A patriotically vested principal, Sam Barbose, met the students and the scouts presented the colors for the salute to the flag.

"We've done over 20 practices," said Amelia Pietraccini, whose mother made red, white and blue hair bows for all of the girls. The rest of the outfit each student wore included navy blue slacks or skirts, white shirts, flag patterned bandan-

Dana Carey sang at the Dallas Elementary show.

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PHOTO BY FRED ADAMS/FOR THE DALLAS POST

Proud to be No. 2

The Lake-Lehman field hockey team came up two goals short of the state championship Saturday, falling to Wyoming Seminary. This was the Lady Knights' first trip to the state final since 1996, when they won the championship. Lake-Lehman seniors held the runner-up trophy. From left, Joelle Lussi, Gina Coombs and Lindsay Boris. More photos on sports page.

Next-gen business barons meet at Dallas

By M.B. GILLIGAN
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DALLAS - Dallas High School was the scene for the annual Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) workshop last week. More than 360 students and advisors from 11 area schools participated in the program.

"The schools take turns hosting these events and this was our first time," said Linda Shradler, Dallas club advisor and business teacher. Several of the 50 club members helped out with the arrangements.

"Helene Jayne and I have been working on this for a few weeks," said Kristie Kovalick. "We helped organize the paperwork, name tags, school maps and with setting up the food." Many club members and officers were on hand to assist and to welcome guests to their school.

The evening started with a formal program in which Joey Kupstas, Dallas club president, welcomed the members, their advisors and honored guests. Dr. Gil Griffiths, Dallas superintendent, and Frank Galicki, principal,

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