

Pre-school readiness to start at Lake-Lehman

Mr. Robert Kunkle and Mr. Dave McLaughlin-Smith, elementary principals in the Lake-Lehman School District announce the pre-school program for parents and pre-school (4-year-olds) children for the 2002-2003 school year. The first installment of Lake-Lehman's Early Childhood/Pre-school Program is scheduled for October 15, 16, and 17, and will feature "Reading Readiness: Activities and Strategies for Parents and Children."

The presentation will include basic reading readiness skills to prepare 4-year-olds for a successful school career. Parents will prepare one activity to use with their child at home. Separate activities include storytime, games, crafts, and snack are scheduled for the children at each elementary school.

The schedule is as follows: Ross Elementary School, Oct. 15, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.; Lake-Noxen Elementary, Oct. 16 from 9 to 10:30 a.m.; and Lehman-Jackson Elementary, Oct. 17, from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

Register for this first installment by calling your neighboring elementary school offices at Ross Elementary, 477-5050; Lake-Noxen Elementary, 639-1129; Lehman-Jackson Elementary, 675-2165.

This program is only for children who will be five before September 1, 2003 and are planning to enter kindergarten for the 2003-2004 school year. It is kindly requested that younger brothers and sisters do not attend.

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can be filed with the state Labor Relations Board.

Coslett said once an agreement is reached, both parties must sign the contract in a "reasonable" amount of time. Failure not to officially authorize an agreement that was made constitutes an unfair labor practice, he said.

"We believe a reasonable amount of time has expired," Coslett said.

Boytin said the teachers are asking for "modifications to the contract," specifically in the area involving the buy-back of sick time. Boytin, however, said the contract clearly follows what is outlined by the fact-finder's report.

Tensions involving the teachers surfaced at the work session when several board members questioned why the board should pay for teachers and coaches to attend various conferences when they have already been given a hefty raise and in several instances, have attended similar symposiums in the past.

"You'd think after so many years they'd know what they're doing," board member Lois Kopcha said.

Joseph Kapitula questioned if it was more prudent to purchase video tapes of the conferences and keep them on file for future use. Superintendent Robert Roberts said organizers know they must alter the content of their conferences annually in order for participants to receive approval. Many involve hands-on participation that would be lost in a video.

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Dallas Middle School Student Council

The Dallas Middle School Student Council recently held its annual election of officers for the 2002-2003 school year. The following officers will serve their classmates and school: Kenslie Kerestes, president; Jackie O'Brien, vice-president; Sarah Marianacci, recording secretary; Amy Scafella, corresponding secretary; and Connor Lenahan, treasurer.

The student council, under the direction of Ms. Norine M. Amesbury, plans many activities which include schoolwide dances, theme days, fund-raising events for numerous community organizations, e.g., Back Mountain Food Bank, SPCA, American Cancer Society and participation in the American Diabetes Association's "Walk for Diabetes." Each year the group also serves as guides for major school functions and attends the Pennsylvania Student Council District IX Conference.

From left: Sarah Marianacci, Kenslie Kerestes, Connor Lenahan, Jackie O'Brien, and Amy Scafella.

Lehman Jackson PTA membership drive

The start of the new school year means the beginning of the Lake-Lehman Elementary School's PTA's busiest season.

The week of October 7 will begin their annual membership drive, and they would like to invite all concerned parents, grandparents, neighbors and friends to help take an active part in their children's education by joining in and making a difference.

Among other things PTA volunteers help to raise money for activities such as field trips, reading programs, and playground equipment.

The success of any organization is highly dependent on its members. Even if you can not volunteer some of your time, become a member to help show support for these dedicated advocates of our children's education. For more information on membership or to serve on a committee, please contact membership chairpersons Anne Cornell 477-5314 or Wendy Scavone at 477-5982.

Officers of the Lehman-Jackson Elementary school's PTA, from left: Johnna Evans, Corresponding Secretary; Sandra Brown, Treasurer; Carla Decker, President; Colleen Kustrin, Second Vice President; Sande Holena, First Vice President; Mary Ann Talacka, Secretary.



Fall open house Saturday at College Misericordia

The first of two fall open house events at College Misericordia will be held Saturday, Oct. 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The College offers students an opportunity to spend a day touring the facilities, meeting Misericordia students and faculty, and talking with admissions counselors and staff. The open house schedule includes registration and refreshments; campus tours, including the newly renovated Administration Building and classrooms; a faculty session; lunch; meetings with representatives of student services, athletics and student govern-

ment; and a session on financial aid.

This open house also falls on homecoming weekend with several unique events, sporting events, and the dedication ceremony for the new Dr. Robert Anderson Outdoor Athletic Complex.

For more information, please contact the College Misericordia Admissions Office at 675-4449, toll free at 866-262-6363, or by e-mail at admiss@misericordia.edu. A second fall Open House is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 16.

Engineering open house at PSU campus

To help increase interest and understanding of engineering and technology, Penn State Wilkes-Barre will feature an entire day of engineering related events on Tuesday, October 15 at the campus Bell Atlantic Center for Technology. At four different information sessions, students will learn about various disciplines of engineering, such as aerospace, architectural, civil, environmental, electrical, mechanical, telecommunication, and surveying.

Highlighting the program is an afternoon visit to a local engineering firm, including Borton-Lawson Engineering, Commonwealth Telephone, Quad Three, The Architectural & Engineering Group, or Martin & Rogers, where they can experience the day-to-day activities of engineers

working in the field. Lunch will be provided.

At Penn State Wilkes-Barre, students can complete baccalaureate degree programs in Electrical Engineering Technology or Surveying. Three associate degree programs, Electrical Engineering Technology, Surveying Technology and Telecommunications Engineering Technology, are also available. Students may complete the first two years of many of Penn State's numerous baccalaureate engineering degrees at the Wilkes-Barre location.

For more information or to make your reservation for the Engineering Open House, call Penn State Wilkes-Barre at 675-9238 or e-mail: wbadmissions@psu.edu. Registration deadline is October 9.

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position after newly-hired assistant principal Mark Gerchman decided to return to teaching. When McGovern became available, the school board gave Griffiths the authority to appoint him as an interim employee. McGovern will be hired formally at

the Dallas School Board work session on October 7.

"He (McGovern) was very good with the students and faculty; he did a lot of positive things," said Griffiths about McGovern's work over the 2000-2001 school year.

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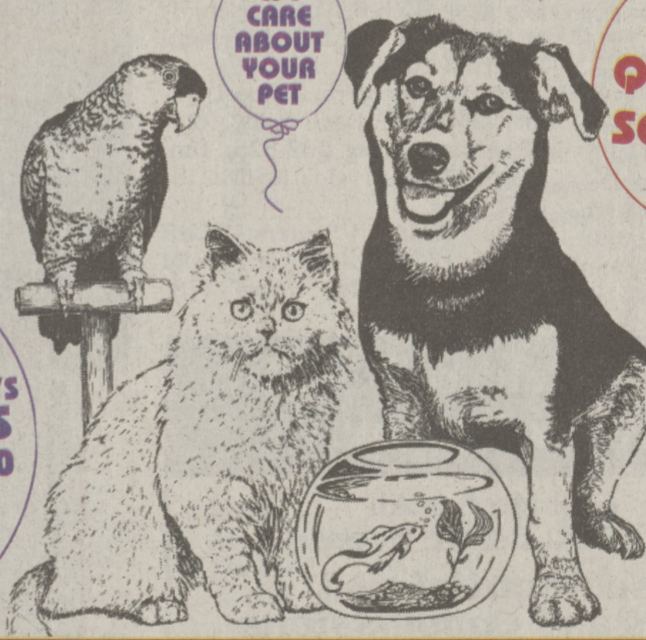
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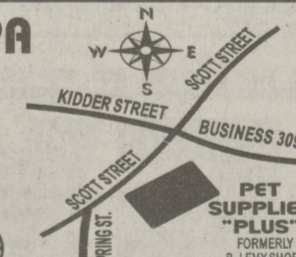
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