



Jumping to fight MS

Second graders at Dallas Elementary School participated in a Jump-a-Thon Nov. 1 to raise funds to fight Muscular Sclerosis. Above, Mike Bendick, Shavertown, helps coordinate a group of children in the Jump-a-Thon. At left, Zhenya Wood, Robert Reichold, and Omar Nijmeh jumped for the cause.

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OUTSIDE

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a student from another school on one of our teams and they got hurt, I'm not certain who would be responsible."

Another factor is fairness to the Dallas student body. "Parents believe that they should have certain rights based on the fact they are paying taxes in a given school district," said Wolensky. "I can understand that, but my primary responsibility as athletic director is to the kids from Dallas. If we have a student from another school on our teams, they could potentially take a spot from a kid from Dallas. I don't think that is fair."

Perhaps the biggest concern surrounds PIAA classification where even one student from another school could dramatically alter Dallas' competition level.

"If we have a girl from another school compete at Dallas, we would have to count all of the girls from that school in our enrollment figures," explained Wolensky. "We would have to use those statistics for all sports in that gender for two years. It has the potential to change the entire

landscape of an athletic program."

According to Wolensky, there are instances when the program is beneficial. "I think it can be a good idea at some of the smaller schools, especially if it makes a difference in fielding a team," said Wolensky. "It also can work for larger schools where they don't have to worry about affecting their classification size."

Wolensky noted that the Benton and Northwest school districts utilize the program. "Since Northwest doesn't offer wrestling, their kids are allowed to compete at Benton," he explained. "As far as I know, it has worked well there."

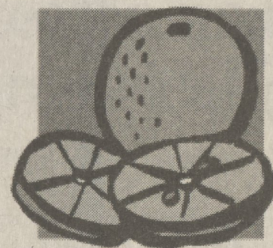
Northwest Athletic Director Bobby Latorra said the program has been a boon to his school, but wouldn't recommend it for a larger school.

"I think it's great for smaller schools and it has been very beneficial for us and Benton," said Latorra. "Our kids can go to Benton for wrestling and golf and their kids can run track and cross country at our school. Some of our best runners in the past have been from

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ROUNDUP

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Crestwood 3, Lehman 1

Oct. 28 — Hannah Sorber posted 12 kills, 14 service points and 32 assists and Marissa Harrison added 23 kills in the effort against Crestwood. The scores were 26-24, 21-25, 25-16, 25-19. Jessica Turak had nine kills and six points for the Black Knights and Sheree Horvath posted nine points, six kills and six digs.

Dallas 3, Pittston Area 0

Oct. 28 — Erica Kelleher led the Mountaineers with 10 kills, six blocks, five service points and three aces in the victory over Pittston Area. The scores

were 25-19, 25-12, 25-15. Caity Green also had a good game, posting six kills, 11 service points and seven aces. Brittany Allen had three kills, eight points and three aces and Amanda Sczuzcki added 10 points and five aces.

Tunkhannock 3, Wyoming Valley West 1

Oct. 28 — Holly Holdredge led the way for the Tigers with 28 points, five aces and 24 assists. The scores were 22-25, 25-14, 25-17, 25-10. Amy Engelman had 12 kills, Kirsten Cavany had 11 kills and nine digs and Carrie Olson had 16 points in the winning effort.

Jessica Shaw tacked on 17 points and 10 kills in the win.

SOCCER

Valley View 2, Dallas 1 (6-5 penalty kicks)

Oct. 29 — Dave Luksh scored for the Mountaineers in their loss to Valley View. The game went to penalty kicks to decide the District 2 Class 2A quarter-final.

FIELD HOCKEY

Wyoming Seminary 3, Lehman 2 (OT)

Oct. 29 — Julia Covert

scored both goals for the Black Knights in their overtime loss to Wyoming Seminary. Shannon Prescott made six saves in goal.

JUNIOR HIGH CROSS COUNTRY

Dallas' boys' junior high team finished third with a total of 123 points in Class 2A competition. Chris Box finished seventh for the Mountaineers with a time of 10:54.3. Marina Orrson of Lehman took eighth in the girls' competition with a time of 12:13.8.



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