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## EDUCATION

### Students become teachers

Ross sixth-graders teaching computers to kindergarten students

For the Post

The students from the classrooms of Ross Elementary School teachers Jaime Hallowich and Melissa Sorber recently combined on a special project.

The sixth grade students in Sorber's class participated in an activity with the kindergarten students in Hallowich's class by using the school's mobile computer lab. The lab features wireless laptop computers. The sixth grade students help the younger students navigate through many interactive and child-friendly Web sites on the Internet.

"This year is the first year the sixth grade has been using laptops and its unbelievable how well they can utilize the technology, especially to teach someone who can't even read yet," said Sorber. "This program really focuses on one on one instruction and the students learn so much from one another."

The first activity for the special project - which took place on President's Day - involved sixth grade students helping register their "Kinder-Buddies" to be "President for a Day" on the Web site [www.pbskids.org](http://www.pbskids.org).

Students were given a job application to complete and a daily planner with all of the activities and events a president encounters during an average work day. Students learned the president starts his day at 6 a.m. with a few physical fitness activities, meets with members of his staff, attends conferences, makes several phone calls, attends dinners, reads, and eventually goes to sleep at approximately 10 p.m.

There were many photos of the events and activities to give students a better understanding of what really takes place at the White House.

For the second President's Day activity, students visited the Web site [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov) and learned many interesting facts about President George W. Bush. The students learned about the president's birthday, hometown, siblings, childhood activities,

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Sixth grade students at Ross Elementary School recently assisted kindergarten students with the school's mobile computer lab that features wireless laptops. Sixth-graders Zach Seprish, far left, and Emily O'Neill, far right, help kindergartners Keara Gallagher, second from left, and Angela Lockavitch.

Dallas High School student Andy Judge gives his hand-made bi-plane a send off while partner Brian Mullen keeps record of the flight time.



## Winning the battle of brains

### Dallas students earn berth at state Science Olympiad

By GENELLE HOBAN  
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DALLAS TWP. - Placing in the top four in 12 of 22 events at the Northeast Regional Science Olympiad at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus in Lehman Township landed the Dallas Middle School Science Olympiad team a spot in the state competition.

The team of sixth through ninth grade students finished in second place overall in the middle school division. The team will test its science skills at the state competition, which takes place in April at Juniata College.

"I wasn't really expecting to get that many medals," said Monica Esopi, 14, who took home three medals at the competition. "I am kind of nervous about states. Last year our team didn't get any medals so I hope we win a couple at states this year."

The top two teams from the state competition will advance to a national competition, which will take place in May at Indiana University.

"We knew we had a strong team," said Dan Flynn, teacher and co-coach. "We felt pretty confident we could make it to states. The kids definitely kicked some butt. It was a real big accomplishment."

The purpose of Science Olympiad is to stimulate interest in science through the excitement of competition, with individual and team awards. There were more than 20 events in middle school and high school divisions. Some event examples include rockets built from soda bottles that fly up into the air, deploying a parachute to see how long a team can keep their missile in flight, and insect identification.

"Our boys did well, but not as good as our girls," said Flynn, a Dallas resident.

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Josh Lubin of Lake-Lehman Junior High School, fills the sand bucket underneath the bridge built for the competition.



Lake-Lehman's Kelsey Amy puts the finishing touch on her project. Kallie Root is her partner.

## Man of many talents leading Trinity Presbyterian Church

Pastor Roger Griffith has been a well-known musician and business owner

By DAVE KONOPKI  
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DALLAS TWP. - Roger Griffith remembers looking out of the window in his classroom at the former Dallas Township School, watching construction of the Trinity Presbyterian Church.

He wondered about the people who would be attending the church. He wondered about the

Presbyterian faith. And he wondered what it might be like to be inside the church.

He doesn't wonder any longer.

The 1965 Dallas High School graduate was recently named pastor of the church on Irem Road. The Rev. Griffith conducted his first service during a recent Ash Wednesday service.

"I guess I've come full circle," he said. "I grew up in the Shavertown United Methodist Church, so I didn't know anything about the Presbyterian church. I was in junior high when they were building the church. I'd just stare out the win-

dow and wonder about the church and the people."

Griffith certainly took a unique road to the ministry.

After earning a degree in business administration and accounting from the former Wilkes-Barre Business College, he left the Back Mountain in 1976 to start his own business, R.J. Griffith Co., Inc. in Montrose.

Griffith joined a Presbyterian church in Montrose and in 1986 became its first commissioned lay pastor, serving a small rural congrega-

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Roger Griffith is the new pastor at Trinity Presbyterian Church.

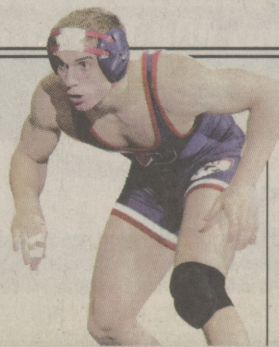
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