



Principal Kathleen McCarthy leads students at Wycallis Elementary School in the Pledge of Allegiance at a Martin Luther King Jr. commemorative ceremony.

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Students took turns at the microphone to explain King's life. Next, fifth-graders Madalyn Bozinski and Alex Milligan

played "Teaching Peace" together on their saxophones, as the children still on stage sang.

Near the end of the program, 28 students were recognized for winning character awards. The activities ended with the "Wycallis song," words Pike wrote to the "Mickey Mouse March" when the Wycallis

school building was built. "What's the school that's lots of fun and really is the best? W-Y-C-ALLIS!" shouted the spirited students.

Principal McCarthy concluded the assembly by once again reflecting upon Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life. "When we're wondering about change, we use words,

we don't use fists," McCarthy said. "That's the message of Dr. Martin Luther King."

McCarthy says she tries to hold four assemblies a year to bring the school together as a community to learn, providing students with a chance to speak in public, which is part of the state's reading curriculum.

PSSA Writing Tests will be taken during February



The Lake Lehman Junior/Senior High School will offer the PSSA Writing Tests in February. The exact dates will be on the website shortly.

LAKE-LEHMAN HS NEWS

KAMI SAXE

Class officers elected

We are proud to announce the junior and senior class officers. Junior class officers are Rachel Litchman, president; Toni Miller, vice-president; Mike Ryan, secretary; and Andrew Payne, treasurer.

Senior class officers are Mike Caffrey, president; Tom Perry, vice-president; Suzanne Sikora, secretary; and Sam Davidowitz, treasurer.

Guidance Department news

The Guidance Department wants all seniors to be aware of college deadlines for applications.

The SAT test deadline for the March 1 test is January 29, 2008.

Orchestra, band news

The District Orchestra competition will be held January 23-26. Please also note that the District Chorus will be February 7-8. Good luck band and Chorus.

The Lake-Lehman Band has also started practicing for its 2008 indoor percussion season. The theme this year will be along the lines of a cemetery. The percussionists are looking forward to another successful year like they had last year. There will be practice every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. unless changed by the instructor.

Calendar

Make-up school days will be February 15 and 18. They are now full days of school, so mark your calendars. The end of the second marking period is February 15.

Sports news

The Lake-Lehman wrestling team will be at Wyoming Valley West on January 22 and will also participate at the Altoona duels on January 26.

Girls and boys basketball teams and the swim team are experiencing successful seasons.

Several events scheduled to mark Catholic Schools Week



"Catholic Schools - Light the Way" is the theme for Catholic Schools Week from January 27 through February. This theme represents that special role of Catholic schools and teachers in lighting the way through a faith-based education that supports the whole child in learning about and leading a fulfilled life.

GATE OF HEAVEN SCHOOL NEWS

ALLISON BANKS / WILLIAM FULTON



We, the students, in turn, will "light the way" to a brighter future through leadership in our communities, church, businesses and families. We want to take time to express our appreciation to our teachers, staff, administrators, board members, volunteers, parents and everyone else who supports Gate of Heaven School. Through their dedication and commitment, they make our school excellent and truly "light the way" for our future.

- Sunday, Jan. 27**
Open House, 1 to 2:30 p.m.
- Monday, Jan. 28**
Crazy Hat and Crazy Sock Day
"ABC" Bee - Pre school, 8:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 29**
Wear PJ's
First and second grade Talent Show, 10 a.m.
Magic Show, 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 30**
Saints' Liturgy, 9 a.m.
Staff Appreciation Luncheon
Spelling "Bowl" grades three and four, 1 p.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 31**
Sports Shirt Day
Donate \$2.00 to Catholic Social Services
Bingo, 8:15 a.m. Grades pre-5
Make Your Own Sundae
Spelling "Bowl" grades five and six, 1 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 31**
Gate of Heaven School Spirit Day
Prayer Service, 1:45 p.m.

RAFFLE

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ries of three) \$600, all donated by Age of Innocence Salon, Day Spa and Skin Care Clinic, Shavertown; massage package (10 massages) valued at \$650 donated by Massage Therapist Maureen Sprau; "Evening In" Gift Basket (wine, chocolates, DVD, lotion, bubble bath and more) donated by Asera Home Health Care; gift certificates from Shelby Boutique, Kingston, \$200; Big Red Barn Antiques, Beaumont, \$200; Finn's Barber Shop, Dallas, \$110; along with special "Dining in the Valley" gift certificates to Center Street Café, Pittston; JHONS Restaurant, Old Forge; AV, Moosic; Goodfellows, Exe-

ter; Connors Grillroom, Dallas; Ruth Corcoran's Cork Bar and Restaurant and many more restaurants.

Raffle tickets at \$10 each or three for \$25 and dance tickets (\$125 per person) can be purchased by sending check or money order payable to CCK to CCK, 62 Dallas Shopping Center #330, Dallas, PA 18612, or at any of the participating business sponsor locations (Snooty Fox, Physicians' Weight Loss Center, Dallas, Valentine's Jewelry, Age of Innocence Day Spa, UPS Store, Dallas, and more).

The drawing from all the tickets sold will be held during "Carnivale." A raffle ticket purchaser does not need to be present to win.

To learn more about Community Cares for Kids (CCK), log on to www.communitycaresforkids.com on the Web.

CARNIVALE

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scars and deformed hands were reconstructed. Cases of a blood vessel tumor on the face and a cyst on the scalp were also corrected.

The entire trip cost Community Cares for Kids under \$15,000 because all of the staff volunteered and the surgical supplies used were donated. This year's trip to Ecuador will be the third one sponsored by the organization.

"The smiles of the children and the tears of relief of the parents make it all worth it," Dr. Collini said in a press release last summer.

In the next month or so, a girl from the Philippines will be brought to the area for free surgery through the organization. One other girl has also made the trip to the Wyoming Valley for donated surgery in the past.

Over 125 total surgeries have been performed through Community Cares for Kids.

"He's just passionate about being able to help kids," Susan Collini said of her husband. "He loves what he does. If that's your talent, what better thing can you do than give back to your community?"

Within the next month or so, a girl from the Philippines will be brought to the Wyoming Valley for plastic surgery.

The black-tie "Carnivale" event will feature exquisite food, open bar and entertainment with New Orleans and Vienna flair. Guests are encouraged to wear masks and beads for the evening. The popular party band "Uptown," featuring Erich Caswalla, will provide the dance music and "George, Gregory and friends" of Really Cooking Café in Dallas will showcase some of their cabaret numbers during intermission.

Dr. Collini and Zane Taney have produced a video specifically for "Carnivale," featuring an array of footage from the last medical missions to Ecuador. This documentary can be viewed at any time at the guests' discretion in a private area at the event. Dr. Collini and several of his fellow volunteers will be on hand to personally answer questions about their work and experiences on trips to Ecuador and the Community Cares



The first 'Carnivale,' a benefit gala for Back Mountain-based Community Cares for Kids, was held in 2007 and was a great success. Shown at that event are, from left, Buzz Boback, Karen Boback, Susan Collini and Frank J. Collini, M.D.

for Kids organization.

The evening will wrap up with a \$10,000 raffle, including a custom-designed jewelry ensemble worth over \$6500 donated by Valentine's Jewelry in Dallas and Henderson Design, as well as many other items from local merchants and restaurants.

"I think it's going to be a lot of fun," Susan Collini said. "Sometimes people don't like to come out and dress up, but it's a wonderful atmosphere, the food is fantastic, the band is terrific. If we can have a wonderful time and help children, what could be better?"

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