



These fourth and fifth-grade students at Dallas Elementary School, along with their parents and counselors, celebrated Drug Free Week recently.

## DES fourth and fifth-graders encouraged to seek 'Hugs, Not Drugs'

As part of the celebration of Drug Free Week at Dallas Elementary School, fourth and fifth-grade students took their favorite stuffed animals to school one day last week. The theme of the day was "Hugs, Not Drugs" and students were taught to hug their stuffed animals instead of turning to drugs.



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Cassidy Buda, left, and Rebecca Balara along with their fourth and fifth-grade classmates at Dallas Elementary School, took their favorite stuffed animals to school for "Hugs not Drugs" as part of Drug Free Week at the school.

## Lehman Band wins sixth place in TOB competition

The Lake-Lehman Jr./Sr. High School Marching Band competed in the Tournament of Bands Atlantic Coast Championships on November 1 at Hershey Stadium.

Tournament of Bands (TOB) is one of the largest competitive band organizations in the country. It is divided into 13 chapters that encompass nine states, including Delaware, Maryland, New York, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. Lake-Lehman is a member of Chapter 7 which covers the northeastern part of Pennsylvania and South/Central New York State. The band is ranked under Group I which may consist of up to 30 musicians and a maximum of 30 auxiliary members.

TOB judging involves scoring on Individual and Ensemble Visual Proficiency and Music, General Effect Music (composition/repertoire and performance/showmanship) and General Effect. With 25 outstanding bands competing in the Group I category, Lake-Lehman rose above and received a score of 89.8, achieving recognition at the bronze level.

The theme for Lake-Lehman's show this year was entitled "Tinkering with Time." The band was presented with a Tournament of Bands championship plaque for its sixth-place accomplishment.

The ensemble is under the direction of Kristin Barrick, Jr./Sr. High School marching band/instrumental music teacher. Patrick Stanley, the elementary instrumental music teacher, is assistant director.

Support staff includes Jackie Hettes, color guard tech; Stephanie Ciehoski, marching/music tech; and Brendan "Dexter" Carter, percussion tech.

Senior members of the 2009 ensemble are Jon Anderson, drum major; Eli Boyce, baritone; Jessica Buzink, guard; Robert Gionfriddo, bass drum; Aleena Harvey, pit/accessories.

Junior members are Kaitlyn Martin, guard; Pauline Rose, clarinet; Jake Sedorchuk, tuba; Symone Vaughn, guard; Stephanie Zeiler, piccolo

Sophomore members are Christopher Gerlin, tenors/snare drum; Nina Jones, saxophone; Alison Sankey, guard; Vito Sicurella, trumpet; Zack Titus, clarinet; Paige Vacante, guard.

Freshmen members are Jon Higueta, axophone; Jess Long, pit/marimbas; Deanna Szabo, guard; Dustin Zeiler, trumpet.

Eighth-grade members are Ben Attanasio, bass drum; Jordan Lindley, bass drum; Megan Osiecki, pit/marimba; Jacob Pelton, pit/tympani; Katelyn Pelton, alto sax.

Seventh-grade members are Nicole Lockard, pit/marimba; Matthew Miller, trumpet; Julia Pilch, clarinet; Carolyn Price, piccolo; Lana Sicurella, piccolo; Lila Szabo, guard; and Devin Lindley, Samantha Lindley, Josh Szabo, Sierra Titus, Zack Zaleskas, prop crew.



The Lake-Lehman Junior/Senior High School Marching Band recently competed at the Atlantic Coast Championship. Members of the band are, from left, first row, Lila Szabo, Jessica Buzink, Alison Sankey, Kaitlyn Martin, Jon Anderson, Symone Vaughn, Paige Vacante, Deanna Szabo and Kristin Barrick. Second row, Nicole Lockard, Jacob Pelton, Aleena Harvey, Megan Osiecki, Robert Gionfriddo, Jordan Lindley, Ben Attanasio and Christopher Gerlin. Third row, Jake Sedorchuk, Eli Boyce, Vito Sicurella, Dustin Zeiler, Matthew Miller, Nina Jones, Jon Higueta, Julia Pilch, Zack Titus, Pauline Rose, Stephanie Zeiler, Lana Sicurella and Carolyn Price.

## PSU students support THON

The Penn State Wilkes-Barre THON Committee recently held a Penny Wars competition to raise money for the Penn State Dance Marathon (THON), offering students a chance to sabotage each other and have one of their friends take a pie in the face.

For one week, cans were set up in the Student Commons, one for each campus club's president, and students had the chance to "vote" on the club president they would like to see hit with a pie by placing money in their cans.

In Penny Wars, each penny was worth one point while any other coin or bill is worth negative points, according to the denomination of the coin or bill.

At the end of the week, the points were tallied and, with a score of -85 points, Lazy Artists President Jim Joyce got a chance to throw a pie in the face of Mark Calore, Student Government Association President, who lost the competition with a score of 13093 points.

According to Shelby Murren, Penn State Wilkes-Barre's THON Chair, a total of \$266.50 was raised through the Penny Wars competition.

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