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Shrek Comes to CW Stage

Everyone's favorite ogre, Shrek, is coming to CW High School in this year's spring musical. **SHREK The Musical** will be performed on Friday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 16, at 2:00 p.m.; and Saturday, April 16, at 7:30 p.m. This family-friendly show is based on the movie and includes a variety of music, dancing, and lots of fun. Acceptance of everyone, celebration of individual differences, and learning to help one another are just some of the lessons this cast of 60 will bring to life.

Leading the cast are Grayson Ziegler as Shrek, Matt Duong as Donkey, and Morgan Keener as Princess Fiona. Featured performers include Andrew Granus as Lord Farquaad, Gracie Bateman as Dragon, Kevin Gemell as Pinocchio, and Maura Malarkey as the Gingerbread Man. All seats are \$10, and tickets can be reserved by calling 610-693-8599 x 6654, or email the new ticket reservation spot: cwhsmusicaltix@conradweiser.org!

Free Lunch Offered to Senior Citizens

Conrad Weiser residents age 65+ and CWASD retirees are invited to a matinee performance of *Shrek*, with a free lunch provided by the Conrad Weiser Education Foundation.

Saturday, April 16, 2016
12:30 p.m.

Tickets \$10 each
Please leave a message at 610-693-8599, ext. 6654 by April 8. Mention the senior citizen free lunch when calling.
A limited number of lunch tickets is available.

Eighth Grade Science Students Use Physics Principles



Jacklyn Clauss, Hayleigh Monroe, and Briley Cox work on their Rube Goldberg device. Teams of eighth grade science students constructed these complicated devices designed to perform simple tasks during the fall semester. Students used a variety of everyday objects and principles of physics to put together a variety of machines including one that launched a marshmallow into a student's mouth as well as one that involved the twelve days of Christmas with a different movement for each day!

Seventh Grade Student Crowned Spelling Bee Champ



After a grueling 18 rounds, seventh grader Quinn Knepper won the 2016 Spelling Bee with the word "aspirin." Breydan Cone was the first runner-up. Twenty-three students in grades 5-8 also participated. The Berks County Finals have been scheduled for Monday, March 14, at 7:00 p.m. at the Miller Center for the Performing Arts at Reading Area Community College.

Mini-Thon Raises Funds for Four Diamonds



Students display the total raised during the high school's first Mini-Thon held in February. This money, raised by 143 students, far exceeded the goal of \$10,000. Modeled after the Penn State Thon, this event had students dancing, making tutus, singing karaoke, playing dodgeball, and participating in board games, all for a worthwhile cause!

Notices from the Yearbook Staff

Business Ads will be accepted until March 30.

2016 Yearbooks are still for sale and may be purchased online at www.jostens.com

Contact Scott Wert with questions at s_wert@conradweiser.org

Kauffman's BBQ Chicken Fundraiser

hosted by CW Athletic Boosters

Saturday, April 25

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

pick up in the front of the Middle School

\$6.00 includes 1/2 Chicken and a baked potato

Pre-purchase tickets by contacting Brenda Talbot at 610-780-3227.

Some extra chickens

will be available the day of the sale.

Second Graders Meet their Pen Pals



Students from CW West had the opportunity to meet seniors who were their pen pals for the fall semester. The students wrote back and forth for several months before finally meeting in January. The elementary school students were learning about friendly letter writing format, and the seniors were modeling good sentence structure and format, as well as learning about the importance of being a role model to younger students. When they met, the elementary and high school students created Venn diagrams comparing personal traits with one another, discussing their similarities and differences. The diagrams were then hung in the hallway of CW West, along with pictures of the big and little buddies collaborating on them.

Pillowcases Donated to Kids at Reading Hospital



High school students in Mrs. Michelle Strunk's Fashion and Textile Design Class made and donated 49 pillowcases to The Reading Hospital through Ryan's Case for Smiles. This organization was started as ConKerr Cancer for Ryan Kerr who was diagnosed at the age of 12.

Seventh Grade Genetics Unit Culminates with Farm Show Trip



Seventh grade students pose with some farm equipment at the PA Farm Show. After studying genetic traits in science class, students were able to see these traits when observing the many different types of livestock . What better place to observe this than at the Farm Show?

CW East Students Honor Veterans



CW East students took time out of their instructional day to recognize veterans for their service. Over 50 veterans attended this past fall.

Illustrator Brian Biggs Visits CW East



Illustrator Brian Biggs spoke to students at CW East about his career doing drawings for children's books. Some of the books he has illustrated include Frank Einstein and Roscoe Riley Rules. His creations have even been featured on toys, puzzles, games, and even bicycle helmets!

Employees of the Month Named



Lori Moyer and Etta Henry

Mrs. Lori Moyer, Payroll Coordinator and Accounting Specialist, and Mrs. Etta Henry, Child Accounting Coordinator/ PIMS (Pennsylvania Information Management System) Coordinator, were named Employees of the Month for December. Mrs. Moyer took on many additional responsibilities in the central office due to the absence of other employees, as she continued to meet her own responsibilities and deadlines. Mrs. Henry was honored for her professionalism and attention to detail with PIMS submissions to the Department of Education.



Derek Long

Mr. Derek Long, CW East learning support teacher, was recognized as the November Employee of the Month. Mr. Long assumed the role of primary teacher for the autistic support classroom while the District was waiting for a newly hired teacher to be released from her former district. Not only did he fill this role, but he also prepared his own learning support classroom at the same time he was facilitating IEP meetings, coordinating staff assignments, and maintaining communication with parents. All of this made for a positive transition for students.

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Students Place in "Kids Got Talent" Show

Maura Malarkey placed 2nd and Hannah Eaken placed 3rd at the 2016 Berks & Beyond Kids Got Talent show on Saturday night in the 14-18 age group. This event is a fundraiser for The Children's Dyslexia Center of Reading. There were 18 acts in the finals for the 14-18 year old group and they placed second and third overall.

2016-17 Kindergarten Registration

Tuesday, May 10th &
 Wednesday, May 11th, at CW East
 and
 Thursday, May 12th, &
 Friday, May 13th, at CW West
 Check conradweiser.org
 for more information

Prom Ticket Information

The prom will be held on May 14, 2016. All ticket sales will take place on Friday, April 1st after school until 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$60 per person. One person may bring all money for the table (10 per table). Guest forms must be approved in advance—pick them up outside A102 or in the office.

Distinguished Alumni Honored



Corey Gruber, Ellen Rissinger, and Bill Huyett were honored in November for their lifetime achievements. The CW community is proud to recognize them as a source of inspiration for students. All three graduates attended classes during the school day to share their expertise with students.

2011 CW Graduate Earns Leadership Award

Allie Miller, Food Science undergraduate, has received the 2015 Penn State FIG Undergraduate Student Leadership Award! The award recognizes students who have "demonstrated exemplary leadership, scholarship, community involvement, and volunteerism." Allie has spent her undergraduate years volunteering for a series of community events. This hard-working student has recently accepted a 2016 harvest position in New Zealand. With the support of the local wine industry, Allie has successfully found a budding career in winemaking.