Announcements for the 12.8.15 Committee of the Whole Meeting

High School

1. Congratulations to our Student Council members for receiving *the Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils Distinguished Keystone Council Award.* This award is given for excellence in leadership development, council organization, activities, evaluation, financial procedures, community outreach and communication.
2. Each quarter, BCTC instructors select a student from their program whose attitude, skills, and knowledge gained during that particular quarter is above and beyond the standard. The student shows initiative and integrity in performing their tasks and is, overall, the best student for that quarter. Congratulations to the Fleetwood students that were selected for the 1st quarter in the following shops:

   Comp. Machining Technology
   Dental Occupations
   Diesel Technology
   Electrical Occupations
   Health Occupations II
   HVAC/Refrigeration
   Protective Services
   Recreational and Power Equipment Tech.

3. The High School Winter concert will be held on Thursday, December 10th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. There will be a reception in the cafeteria immediately following the concert.
4.

Fleetwood FBLA thanks Chamber for Partnership with Business Project

Fleetwood FBLA students presented the Northeast Berks Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Lori Donofrio-Galley with an award for the Chamber's outstanding partnership through the course of the FBLA Partnership With Business Project.

"You have been very helpful," they said during the presentation. "Your advice has been very crucial to our project."

The FBLA used fundraised money to purchase a plaque to present to the chamber.

Graciously accepting the plaque, Donofrio-Galley thanked them for their recognition.

"They're professional, courteous and organized," Donofrio-Galley said about the FBLA members.

A student told The Patriot that the project began in May when he, and two other students decided they wanted to take on the project. They partnered with the Chamber and used businesses within the Chamber to host a Career Day at Fleetwood High School on Friday, Oct. 2. The day began at 8 a.m. with an hour-long free breakfast for the 25 participating businesses, followed by Career Day at 9 a.m.

"Fifteen businesses were placed in the English hallway classrooms to give presentations to students who had previously filled out a survey to help us distinguish where we should send each student based on their interests," said the student. "The 10 other businesses were stationed in the auxiliary gym and held stands to promote their business and give students a more one-on-one experience with them. The two other stations consisted of a refreshment period and a resume builder in the auditorium run by another group of students."

Each rotation lasted 20 minutes with five minutes of moving time in between. The day concluded at 10:50 a.m. Fleetwood had a half day of school.

“The Chamber greatly helped us with providing the businesses and being an outstanding partner at every turn of the project. They were just as excited about the project as we were in that it fit perfectly into their October Business Education Month,” said the student. “We returned the favor on Friday, Nov. 7, by sending eight FBLA members to the Chamber office and the Kutztown Community Library, so 16 in total, to help with various activities.”

At the Library, members assisted in checking off donations, creating mailings, mapping out the foundation of the building, moving holiday themed books in and putting them on display, and other various activities. At the Chamber, members assisted in cleaning out the vault, organizing the contact list, and other various organizational activities, he said.

“Presenting the award to Lori was the last part of our project where we partnered with the Chamber,” he said. “We do expect to join the chamber in the upcoming weeks as a non-profit organization as Fleetwood FBLA.”

Middle School

1. On November 24th Special Agent David Shallcross, from the PA Attorney General’s Office, came in to speak to the middle school students regarding social media misuses and the law for minors as well as cyber-bullying and the use of cell phones.
2. The week of November 23rd the middle school completed teacher/parent conferences.
3. November 12th the 6th grade students went to the Camden Waterfront for their field trip.
4. November 19th the middle school conducted a bus driver breakfast to introduce them to our PRIDE program.
5. December 7th will be the school finals for the Geography Bee.

Andrew Maier Elementary

1. December 4th – Report Card Distribution
2. December 22nd – Talent Show
3. December 23rd – Holiday Spirit Day
4.

Students make special thank-you cards at Andrew Maier Elementary School in Blandon

Reading Eagle ~ Thursday November 19, 2015 12:01 AM **By David Mekeel**

Vinecnzo Cardell knows sometimes he forgets to say thank you.

But that doesn't mean he isn't thankful.

That's why he was so excited when he found out last week about a special project at Andrew Maier Elementary School in Blandon.

The Fleetwood School District school's parent-teacher committee was encouraging students to make thank-you cards, offering words of gratitude to anyone who has helped them with their education.

For a 9-year-old fourth-grader, it was a chance to give a little encouragement. "It might give them the courage to keep being a teacher," he said.

Melissa Gomm, a PTC member who helped organize the project, said the cards were a way for students to let people in their lives know how much they mean to them. "The whole idea was to honor these individuals that make public education possible for our students, and make it wonderful," she said.

Students were allowed to make them for any adult, and their choices ranged from teachers to principals to bus drivers to parents.

A kindergartner made one for each of her teachers. "I made them because I really like them because they are really nice to me and they teach a lot to me," she said.

A second-grader said he enjoyed getting to say thank you to his teacher. "I like it because you get to tell your teacher how much you like them and what you like about them," he said.

A third-grader agreed. "I like it because you get to tell your teacher how much fun they are, and they probably like it, too," he said.

A first-grader wrote her card for the school's principal, Chris Redding. "I wrote 'Thank you Mr. Redding for taking care of the school so much,' " she said.

The card project was done to celebrate American Education Week. They were collected in boxes in the school library, which by Wednesday were overflowing.

5. Mrs. Berkey's 2nd grade class purchased books to send to a kindergarten class in the Reading Area School District. This prompted a discussion on how good it feels to give to others!

6.

December Reading Challenge

The December's S'more Reading Challenge is to complete four reading activities from the READ chart. Color each block that you completed. Then, on the back of this paper write the title and the author of the books you read. A parent/guardian will need to sign to verify you completed this activity. You will need to return this reading challenge by Monday, December 21st. Happy Reading, Dr. Zuchowski, Intervention Specialist

R	E	A	D
Read a book from the library	Read a book because you like the cover	Read a book you saw someone else reading	Read a book with an animal on the cover
Read a book your teacher recommends	Read a book that a friend recommends	Read a book with your favorite character	Read a book to your favorite stuffed animal
Read a book about a holiday	Read a book by flashlight	Read a book at bedtime	Read a book about your favorite sport
Read a book to a family member	Read a book after school	Read a book to your pet.	Read your favorite book again

Richmond Elementary

1. PTA Book Fair will take place the week of December 1st.
2. December 2nd – Ornament Workshop
3. December 3rd and December 4th – Santa's Secret Shop from 9:30 – 3:30
4. December 3rd – Ornament Assembly
5. December 4th – Report Card day!
6. December 4th – 4th grade field trip to Harrisburg
7. December 23rd – Talent Show
8. December 23rd – School Spirit Day – wear red and green
9. December 23rd – early dismissal at 1:30 p.m.

Willow Creek Elementary

1. December 3rd – PTA Santa Shoppe from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
2. December 4th – School Spirit Day – wear Willow Creek or Fleetwood gear
3. December 4th – Report Card day!
4. December 4th – PTA Santa Shoppe from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
5. December 5th – PTA Santa Shoppe from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

6. December 9th – PTA meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m.
7. December 18th – Holi-Day – wear your best holiday colors!
8. December 23rd – PJ day
9. December 23rd – early dismissal at 1:30 p.m.

Athletic Office

1. This year the Fleetwood Activity Booster Club and FASD will be honoring all winter senior athletes. Recognition Nights will be as follows:

Wrestling	Wednesday	1/20/16	6:25 PM (at Oley Valley HS)
Girls' Basketball	Tuesday	2/2/16	5:30 PM
Boys' Basketball	Tuesday	2/2/16	7:00 PM

   Cheerleading will be recognized at the Boys' Basketball game

2. Congratulations to one of our students for his performance in the PIAA State Championship held in Hershey on Saturday, November 6th. Out of over 220 contestants, he placed 19th in the Class AA race. The course at Hershey is a challenging one and he ran a 16:51. Congratulations to him and thank you to all the athletes that came out to support him during the race!

Fleetwood senior earns All-State cross country honor

A Fleetwood senior finished 19th at the PIAA AA State Cross Country Championships recently held in Hershey, earning a selection to the PA All-State Team. This honor is in addition to him placing third at the Berks County Championships held at Kutztown University, as well as a sixth place finish at the PA District III Championships held at Big Spring High School in Newville. He is one of only three male Fleetwood cross country runners in the past 40 years to be named to the All-Berks County Team. He placed first in five separate races during the fall cross country season, including winning the 30th annual Harrier Invitational in Pottstown. He placed fifth at the Northampton Invitational in a personal record time of 16:17 against runners from 18 schools in Pennsylvania and Maryland. He recently placed 59th at the Foot Locker Northeast Cross Country Championship held in the Bronx, New York against top runners from 11 states and Washington, D.C. The young man plans to continue running cross country as well as track and field in college.

From the desk of Dr. Eaken

Fleetwood Area School District Report
by Dr. Paul Eaken

During this time of year, I have a renewed appreciation for the importance of the arts in my life. I enjoy the holiday music, receiving beautiful greeting cards, and seeing all of the decorations throughout our community. As the superintendent of schools, I have even more opportunities to enjoy the arts during the holidays thanks to the work of our students and teachers. I would like to call your attention to a number of opportunities for you to join us in the school district to see and enjoy the beauty of the season.

Our music department works hard to prepare their winter concerts. All of the performances are free of charge. The first is our high school Winter Concert that will be held on December 10th at 7:00 p.m. This concert features our high school band, chorus, and orchestra. In addition, both the band and chorus have a number of smaller ensembles that help to make the evening one of great variety. The final piece is a performance by the band, chorus, and orchestra that will make the evening memorable.

The high school band will also perform in two community events. The marching band will perform in Fleetwood's Santa Parade on December 12th beginning at 9:00 a.m. Part of the band will also play at the Fleetwood Tree Lighting on December 6th at 6:00 p.m.

Our middle and elementary school students are also highlighted in performances this month. In our middle school 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students will present a winter concert on December 14th. The middle school band, chorus, and orchestra will perform. At the elementary schools, the 4th grade band will be performing at each elementary building this month to provide music for staff and students.

On December 17th, volunteer students in the middle school advanced band will be visiting families who are in need of holiday cheer to sing some carols. This activity is one that truly brings the joy of helping others to all who participate. One of our families is also donating a gift basket for each family.

Each year, the district selects a greeting card designed by one of our students as our district card. You may enjoy the card by visiting our web site at www.fleetwoodasd.org. Upcoming events in our fine arts department include the Writing Blurb on December 16th. High school students are invited to write poems and other creative works for possible inclusion in Artifact. Artifact is a student publication that features both student writing and art. The 2015 version received the Silver Award from the Pennsylvania School Press Association.

The middle school student council will also be decorating the main office of Fleetwood Bank for the holiday.

The school district's continued support of the arts make these wonderful events possible. I hope that you have an opportunity to enjoy one or more of them. Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season.

Upcoming Events in the Fleetwood Area School District
December 10 – HS Winter Concert, 7:00 p.m.
December 14 – MS Winter Concert, 7:00 p.m.
December 23 – Early Dismissal, HS 12:00; MS 12:45; Elementary 1:30 p.m.
December 24 through January 1 – No School Holiday
The Board of School Directors will meet on December 8th at 7:00 p.m. There is NO meeting on December 15th.