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"Staying in touch..."



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*"Building a foundation of excellence.....
.... one student at a time."*

*"Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day."
~Sally Koch*

Go Scarlet Dragons!!

Everyone in our community has become "Dragon-crazy" and rightly so. The Scarlet Dragons will meet the Red Devils of Central Cambria on Friday, November 21, at 7:00 PM at Mansion Park. Although we have experienced winning the District 6 AAA championship game, this is our first trip to the District 6 AA Championship game. You will be able to purchase tickets in advance, with adult tickets costing \$6.00 and student tickets at \$3.00 each. Advance ticket sales directly benefit our district, and so far, we have been doing a great job in purchasing tickets. It has been an amazing sight to travel to a playoff game and see your fans attend in greater numbers than the home opponent. It says a lot about our community and traditions. We are so happy for these kids and the success they have already achieved. We are also proud of the community support that has been given to the athletes and coaches. We wish our kids continued success!



Way To Go Jenna!

Success comes to our students in many arenas. In case you haven't heard, Jenna Farkus, a senior at Central High School, has been selected for MENC - All Eastern Choir. This is a BIG deal, and Jenna will be traveling to Providence, RI for the concert in March of 2009. This is a great tribute to her talent and effort and also great recognition for our district music educators. Congratulations Jenna and SCSD Music Educators.

Thanks (For) Giving Of Yourselfes



With the Thanksgiving holiday just around the corner, it is a time when we give thanks for the many blessings we enjoy. In today's tough economic times, I have heard of many acts of kindness that you have given to our students and less fortunate families. It is truly a privilege to work with kind and thoughtful people!

“Sometimes when we are generous in small barely detectable ways it can change someone else’s life forever.”

-Margaret Cho



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Losing Our Friends, But Not Their Lessons

Maybe it is my age, or just a series of not so happy coincidences, but lately, I have spent time reflecting on the passing of many long-time friends of education. Some of these friends are people you know, and others are people I wish you would have known. One you may not have known was Dr. William Boyd, a professor at Penn State. Dr. Boyd was my advisor and friend in the Educational Leadership program. He died of pancreatic cancer on September 21, 2008. His guidance helped me to study and aspire to become a superintendent, and he influenced countless others to take on school leadership. Dr. Boyd’s favorite phrase still rings true, “You know, Rodney, sometimes complicated things really are complicated.” It was his way of reminding me that we were put here to accept challenges, and sometimes the solution is not going to be quick or easy.

We also recently lost two other friends of education, Mr. Lloyd Quarry and Mr. Larry Blattenberger. Both served this district for extended periods of time as school directors, and they provided leadership and support for public education. Serving on a public school board is a non-compensated position. Yet, I feel certain that both Lloyd and Larry felt they were highly compensated every time they saw our students graduate with a CHS diploma and the ability to move on to life’s next challenge. They truly understood that public education was something that was life changing, and they altered their own life goals in order to serve their community.

Finally, I had the honor to attend the recent memorial service for Mrs. Janie Groff. Mr. and Mrs. Groff were two educators that came into my life at a very early age. Both had significant influences on my educational development, which also included my character development. It was a different time. It was a time when your teachers could give you a shot of encouragement or just a shot of reality. Sometimes it was one and the same. You just didn’t realize it at the time. Mrs. Groff affected so many lives, and her legacy lives on with many of her students now working in education. Her entire career was spent at Spring Cove, and we were lucky to have her and her husband call the Cove their home. We mourn the loss of all of these fine individuals. Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.



Christmas Open House – December 23rd

Once again, we would like to give all staff the opportunity to meet and greet with one another before they head off for a well-deserved holiday break. A Christmas Open House is being held at the Administration Building from 1:00 – 3:00 PM on December 23rd. We hope you will take the time to stop by to spread Christmas cheer and to enjoy some light refreshments. Many of us never get the chance to see our co-workers across the district. Please plan to join us for this Spring Cove tradition.