

Principal Update

June 12, 2009—The Final Update for the School Year!

Thank you for a generous donation:

The Mountain Lakes High School community would like to honor Mr. Martin Annese for his generous donation of fitness equipment this past year. Mr. Annese, the Chief Operating Officer of New York Sports Clubs, provided 6 spin bikes, 4 elliptical machines, treadmills, 2 bench presses, 1 hamstring machine, and a weight tree to be used by faculty and students. The equipment has been installed in the areas outside both the boys' and girls' locker rooms as well as in the weight room and trainer's room. You have probably heard your children talking about the great new equipment the Physical Education has received. The spin bikes are the first thing the students rush to after warm ups.

Mr. Annese's desire, and the mission of his company, is to "improve lives through exercise." As a coach of multiple sports in town over the years, he has demonstrated a commitment to the physical well-being and development of Mountain Lakes students. He recognizes the importance of physical fitness as a part of a well-rounded education, and he encourages students to stay active for life. Mr. Michael Killingsworth, Mountain Lakes Athletic Director, expressed appreciation for "the very generous offering made to our students." Students and staff have enjoyed the equipment throughout the year, and we extend our thanks to Mr. Annese. The equipment is a wonderful addition to our school.

Grades 9-11 Final Exam Schedule:

Final exams for grades 9-11 will be Tuesday, June 16 – Friday, June 19. Each exam day is a 12:30 pm dismissal. 4th marking period report cards will be mailed home.

Tuesday	8:00 – 10:00 am	Science
	10:30 -12:30pm	English
Wednesday	8:00 -10:00 am	Math
	10:30 -12:30pm	Social Studies
Thursday	8:00 -10:00 am	World Languages
	10:30 -12:30pm	Conflicts/Make ups
Friday	8:00 -12:30	Make up exams

Special Barb B Que for Juniors; the class of 2010:

According to the first cycle reports from the state, our Juniors made significant gains on the HSPA exam. We are very proud of the class' efforts and the percentage of students who scored in the advanced proficient range. All juniors are invited to the front side field for a special barb b que on Tuesday 6/16 beginning at 12:30 pm to celebrate! Typical barb b que fair plus a roast pig prepared by Mr. Sanchez and music provided by Mr. Price and company. Please encourage all junior students to attend.

Special Honors for Athletes on Monday, June 15th at 7:30 pm in MLHS Library:

At the Board of Education meeting this coming Monday, the Board will recognize the outstanding accomplishments of wrestlers Joshua LaClair and Austin DiMarco and Track Tournament of Champion runners Rutger Admirand and Stephen Lewandowski. In addition the Boys Tennis, Boys and Girls Swimming and Girls Lacrosse will be honored. Tim Flynn and his program will be acknowledged for their 500th win. Following the recognition portion of the meeting students in our AP Statistics program will present the results of the Training Rules surveys that were administered to athletes, parents, faculty and coaches. Please come and support our scholar athletes and see the efforts of our young statisticians in action.

Honors for the instrumental musical program:

In addition to or visual artists recognized earlier this spring, many of our instrumental students were honored for their performances in the Teen Arts Festival held on May 19 at County College of Morris. Mr. Bernotas, Mr. Jardim, Ms. Sullivan, and Dr. Sundquist led two jazz bands, a guitar ensemble, a choral ensemble and three vocal soloists in performance. All received critiques from a panel of professional musicians and music educators and received high technical marks. The Festival judges offered special recognition for excellence to the jazz ensemble Backbeat, to the guitar ensemble, and to solo vocalist Isobel Menard. Congratulations to all! We are proud of all your accomplishments.

Congratulations to the Class of 2009:

There is not enough that can be said about the outstanding manner in which our seniors conducted themselves at the prom. They danced all night, shared a lot of laughter and were so gracious all evening, it was a huge success. With Baccalaureate tomorrow, the senior trip to Hershey Park on Wednesday and the Senior-to-Senior Lunch on Thursday we have a very exciting senior week leading up to graduation. This supportive, kind, high achieving class deserve all the best wishes for an exciting week filled with fabulous memories.

Suggestion for summer reading:

Join us as we begin a new project to enhance the sense of community in Mountain Lakes and Boonton Township. Like other communities in the U.S., we've chosen a single book we're encouraging our community to read over the summer. Our 2009 selection is:

Three Cups of Tea

by Greg Mortenson

www.Threecupsoftea.com

We've chosen this book for many reasons, including that it is available in a picture book for small children, a young adult version for older children, and an adult version for adults and teens. It is an inspirational true story, as described by Tom Brokaw:

“One of the most remarkable adventure stories of our time. Greg Mortenson’s dangerous and difficult quest to build schools in the wildest parts of Pakistan and Afghanistan is proof that one ordinary person ... really can change the world.”

Will you help us spread the word? Please share this information with your family and friends and encourage them to read the book this summer. Let them know that there will be family events, discussions, cultural events and community service projects centered on the themes and content of this wonderful book this fall.

We welcome ideas for events that might interest you. If you have some ideas to share or are interested in helping please contact us at ourbigread@gmail.com or call Leslie Shaw at 973-610-8446. Our committee is made up of teachers, school administrators, and citizens from Boonton Township and Mountain Lakes.

*Summer to do list: Sign up for Home and School,
link on our homepage, www.mtlakes.org/hs !*