

# Pemberton Pride

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## JROTC EARNS TROPHY IN NATIONAL COMPETITION

Earlier this spring, the Pemberton Township High School Army JROTC drill team traveled to Louisville, Kentucky to compete in the US Army National Drill Championships. Over 90 JROTC groups from all over the country competed in this prestigious event, and PTHS students did an outstanding job representing Pemberton, earning a 5th place trophy in the Unarmed Regulation Platoon.

“This was their first time competing at the national level,” said JROTC instructor Major John Cook. “They displayed outstanding character,



discipline and Pemberton Pride.”

Pemberton was the only school from New Jersey at the Tournament of Champions competition.

They placed 28th overall in the competition, which was an exceptional accomplishment for their first national competition.

*Pictured above, top row: PTHS acting principal Ashley Walulak, Gavin Sulewski, Tyler Horn, Chris Beutler, Jennifer Landis, Britany Rodgers, Haley Truex, Nicole Shotzberger, Kelly Garrison and superintendent Tony Trongone.*

*Bottom row: Major John Cook, David Doty, Jonathan Cervantes, Branden Rodriguez, Jordan Grover, Ashley Cox, Esther Monroe, Erin Curley, Mykl Bodnar, and 1SG Cedric Gaskin.*

## Congratulations Class of 2016!



You can get there from here!

Pemberton Learning Community: Pursuing Excellence One Child at a Time

# MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS PLACE 3RD IN STATE FIRE BOWL

The Helen Fort/Newcomb Middle School Fire Safety Club took home a third place trophy in the 2016 State FIRE Bowl Competition this past April.

The FIRE (Fire Information Rescue Education) Bowl is a state-wide academic competition that challenges students on fire prevention, fire science, firefighting operations and the history of firefighting.

This is only third year the middle school has participated in the competition, which is sponsored by the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety.

*Pictured right are club members and their advisors: Firefighter and EMT Nick Petrillo, Julie Sweet, Brody Peffley, Jalyn Austin, Science Teacher Kenny Taylor, and sitting, Elaina Hurlburt and Arleigh Cochrane.*



## A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM: BUSANSKY STYLE!



Studying the facts about historical figures is one thing, but actually *becoming* that person is quite another. And for 5th grade students at Busansky, becoming the figure entailed learning everything they could about that person, dressing as the character and sharing the information with parents and guests during *A Night at the Museum*.

The “Wax Museum” lined the hallways, while 3rd and 4th grade projects were displayed in the multi-purpose room. Fourth graders shared information about New Jersey, while third graders created an original Wild Creature and shared information on their creature.

*Above left: Jordan Gant portrays Abe Lincoln, and right, Cami Lyons is Cleopatra at the Busansky Wax Museum exhibits.*

In recognition of Teacher Appreciation Week, New Jersey Commissioner of Education Dr. David Hespe paid a visit to the Pemberton Early Childhood Education Center. He spent the morning touring the facility, observing classes, and interacting with students and staff.

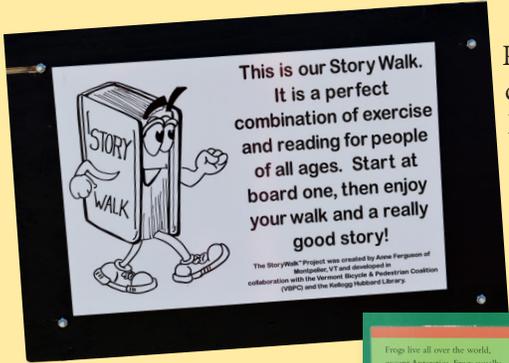


Above, Dr. Hespe gets a hug from preschooler Kierstin Stines and below, Josiah Tejada demonstrates his work on the computer for the commissioner.



# TAKE A STROLL ON THE STORY WALK!

Students at Crichton and Harker-Wylie schools are now able to talk a stroll and read a book at the same time, thanks to the new “Story Walk” outdoors on their school grounds. Harker-Wylie reading specialist Kathy Spence and Crichton teacher Ellen Clark were inspired to create the walks after visiting a friend in New York. “As soon as we saw the Story Walk, we knew it would be perfect for our schools, to encourage the joy of reading in our students,” Spence said.



The StoryWalk™ Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the



*Jeff Havers, director of curriculum and instruction for prek-5, is joined by members of the Book Lovers Club on the Harker-Wylie Story Walk.*

Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition (VBPC) and the Kellogg Hubbard Library. To create one, a picture storybook is cut apart, the pages are heavily laminated, and the double page spreads are placed in order along a well-marked path. Whether the walk leads through a grove of trees (as it does at Crichton) or along a fence (as it does at Harker-Wylie) the result is the same: children actively reading while enjoying the outdoor weather.



Both Story Walks could not have come to fruition without the amazing generosity of staff and community members: Mrs. Clark provided start-up funding in memory of her parents Elmer and Emily Perantoni; O'Brien's Lumber donated wood backboards; Wayne Mocci and his students sanded and painted the backboards; custodial and maintenance staff cleaned, prepped and hung the backboards; and Gary Kuffer at Signarama provided insight as to how best protect the books.

“We’ve been stockpiling stories so that a variety of books are available for students to view,” said Spence. “The hope is that this project will help in furthering the cause of literacy. Any day is a good day to take a walk and read a book at our Story Walk!”

# MIDDLE SCHOOL PROMOTION CEREMONIES!



# PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL



EMILY GRIMES

**Rank: 1**

**Activities:** National Honor Society, Holiday Smiles, Homecoming Committee

**Awards:** First Honors, Computer Science Excellence Award, ASTEM Engineering Excellence Award

**Future Plans:** Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Aerospace Engineering



MIGUEL GONZALEZ

**Rank: 2**

**Activities:** Student Council President, Interact Club Secretary, National Honor Society, Health Occupations Students of America, Academic Team, We Help You Club, Boy's State, Swim Team

**Awards:** Gold Bar Honors, First Honors, People's Choice Award, Mr. Pemberton, AP Bio Double Helix Award.

**Future Plans:** Rutgers University, New Brunswick, Cell Biology-Neuroscience; Medical School, Surgeon



AMANDA ALLISON

**Rank: 3**

**Activities:** National Honor Society, Holiday Smiles, Habitat for Humanity, Softball, Field Hockey, Swimming

**Awards:** Distinguished Honor Roll, Athlete Scholar, AP Biology Award, Female Athlete of the Year, 1st Team All County

**Future Plans:** Stony Brook University, Neuroscience; Medical School



COLIN ACKERLEY

**Rank: 4**

**Activities:** Student Council, Homecoming Committee, Summer Robotics, Academic Team, Swim Team

**Awards:** First Honors, Excellence in Computer Science, Scholar Athlete

**Future Plans:** Rutgers University, New Brunswick, Computer Science



HANNA SULLIVAN

**Rank: 5**

**Activities:** National Honor Society, Holiday Smiles, Green and White Night Captain, Student Athletic Training, Softball, Tennis

**Awards:** First Honors Gold and Silver Bars, Coach's Award, 1st Team All Conference Softball, 2nd Team All County

**Future Plans:** Stockton University, Health Sciences/Occupational Therapy



AMBER SCELZA

**Rank: 6**

**Activities:** Vice President FFA, Habitat for Humanity Treasurer, Holiday Smiles, Field Hockey, Golf

**Awards:** Gold Bar, Most Valuable Player-Field Hockey, People's Choice Award, Anatomy & Physiology Award, Green House Club Award

**Future Plans:** Pennsylvania State University, Pre-Med; Medical School, Anesthesiologist

# CLASS OF 2016 TOP TWELVE STUDENTS



CHRISTINE MARTIN

**Rank: 7**

**Activities:** National Honor Society, South Jersey Chorus, Girls State, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Pemberton Players, Chorus, Tennis

**Awards:** Gold Bar Honors, Silver Bar Honors, First Honors

**Future Plans:** Rowan University, Biology; Pharmaceutical Law



VICTORIA CONKLIN

**Rank: 8**

**Activities:** Sewing/Tech Club, Anime Club, We Help You Club, Stage Crew, Homecoming Committee

**Awards:** Gold Bar Honors, First Honors, Second Honors, Best of Show Deborah Heart Art Challenge, Teen Arts Award

**Future Plans:** Stockton University, Art and Biology; Illustrator or Career in Science



MELANIA PUGLIESE

**Rank: 9**

**Activities:** National Honor Society, Anime Club Secretary, We Help You Club, Pemberton Players Stage Manager/Crew, Sewing/Tech Design Club, Homecoming Committee

**Awards:** First Place 3D in Deborah Heart Art Challenge, Teen Arts Award, Gold Bar Honors

**Future Plans:** Fairleigh Dickinson University, Biology



MATTHEW DEFOREST

**Rank: 10**

**Activities:** Marching Band, Pemberton's Got Talent, Holiday Smiles, Pemberton Players Pit Band, Science Olympiad, Robotics Club

**Future Plans:** Rowan College at Burlington County; Transfer to a 4-year College, earn multiple PhDs



JOAQUIN DIRECTO

**Rank: 11**

**Activities:** JROTC Academic Team, Student Council, Holiday Smiles, Homecoming Committee, Boys State, PTHS Academic Team, Swimming, Winter Track, Spring Track

**Awards:** Superior Cadet Award, Silver Lamp Honor Roll

**Future Plans:** Rutgers University New Brunswick



ALEXANDRIA BURTON

**Rank: 12**

**Activities:** Academic Team

**Awards:** First Honors

**Future Plans:** University of New Haven, Forensic Science

# Happening Around Our Schools



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1. PTHS students Brianna Kear, Morgan Glovacz and Mia Kopala prepare to compete at Green & White Night.
2. Yohanna Bauerdorf portrays Rafiki in the middle school's outstanding production of "The Lion King, Jr."
3. Nathan Gribble, Jordan Clark and Damian Minas participate in 'Month of the Military Child' celebrations at Fort Dix.
4. Hunter Matyi brings jazz artist Louis Armstrong to life at the Busansky Drama Club's African-American History Wax Museum.
5. PTHS student Naiomi Israel serves up popcorn at the Senior Citizen Prom, which had a circus theme this year.
6. Denbo classmates cheer on Jamal Lewis, center, who ran his first ever Broad Street Run this May. His hard work and training with his dad paid off, as he came in 138 out of 549 in his age group!



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# PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

## FIELD TRIP WEEK

Open to students entering grades K-8 in September  
August 15th - 19th: \$165/Residents; \$175/Non-Residents  
(\$15 late fee beginning July 4th)  
Deadline for registration - July 15th  
Trips Include: Clementon Park, Franklin Institute, Pirates  
Adventure of the Jersey Shore, Adventure Aquarium and  
more!

## FIELD HOCKEY CAMP

Open to girls in grades K-12 as of September 2016  
Tuesdays, July 12 - August 16 at PTHS Fields  
Instructor: Jeanine Weber - Former PTHS Field Hockey  
Player/Club Teams Coach

## WATER CARNIVAL AND FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday, July 23rd - Rain Date; Sunday July  
24th  
Mirror Lake Beach, Browns Mills  
3-6pm - Family Fun (Food, Games and  
More)  
6pm - Vendors and Pre-Event  
Entertainment  
8pm - Parade of Floats  
9pm - FIREWORKS!  
Get Involved - Build a float!

## 2016 TAMARA KURTH-HEALY MEMORIAL MIRROR LAKE CHAMPIONSHIP CANOE, KAYAK, PADDLEBOARD & PEDAL BOAT RACES

Saturday, July 30th / Rain Date: July 31st  
Mirror Lake Beach for adults and youth ages 8+  
Please contact recreation for more details and  
registration information!

## MOVIES ON THE BEACH - MIRROR LAKE BEACH - 8:30PM

Presented by : Pemberton Recreation & Pemberton  
Township Alliance Group (TAG)  
Free Admission & Popcorn  
Every Friday Night in July and August  
Please check out complete listing of movies playing on our  
website.

## MAD SCIENCE CAMP

August 22nd - 26th / 9:30am - 12:30pm

Boys and Girls ages 6-12 - \$140/Residents, \$150/Non-  
Residents

## JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM AT MIRROR LAKE BEACH

Open to ages 10-15  
August 1-4 & 8-11 (Mon.-Thurs.) 8am-12pm  
Mandatory Pre-Requisite Test: July 31st at 6pm  
\$30/Residents; \$40/Non-Residents

## TOTAL PLAY MULTI-SPORTS CAMP

August 22nd - 26th open to ages 3-11  
For more information or to register visit:  
[www.USSportsinstitute.com](http://www.USSportsinstitute.com) /1-866-345-BALL  
Various times and packages available

## DISCOUNT TICKETS

Tickets Available: Adventure Aquarium,  
Morey's Pier-Wildwood, Great Adventure,  
Hurricane Harbor, Dorney Park, Hershey  
Park, Philadelphia Zoo, Clementon Park,  
Sahara Sam's Oasis, Diggerland, IPlay  
America, Casino Pier  
\*\*Please Note: Prices and ages limits vary  
at each attraction\*\*

## SWIM LESSONS

Open to Ages 3 and Up  
Times vary for various ages groups  
2 Sessions left of the Season:

I- July 19-21 & 26-28 (2 Weeks/ Tues. Weds. Thurs.)  
Mirror Lake Beach  
II - August 1-4 & 8-11 (2 weeks/ Mon., Tues. Thurs.)  
Presidential Lake Beach

## PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Mail-in forms and online registration is available at [www.pemberton-twp.com](http://www.pemberton-twp.com). Register in-person at the Recreation  
Department located at the Country Lakes Clubhouse (69  
Tensaw Drive, Browns Mills) / Mon.-Fri. 8am-4:30pm.

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## CO-OP END OF YEAR AWARDS



Congratulations to the PTHS Cooperative Education Program end of year award recipients. The PTHS School-to-Career Advisory Board presents awards to co-op students and student interns who exhibit such qualities as outstanding attendance, maturity, behavior and citizenship.

*Pictured above: Jacquelyn Martinez, Co-op Employment Student of the Year; Wyatt Clegg, Two Year Co-op Completer Student of the Year; Brittany Lay, Intern Student of the Year; Alex DiCicco, Co-op Student of the Year; and KeAmber Levatte, Co-op Academic Student of the Year.*