

# Pemberton Pride

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## PTHS MEDICAL ARTS ACADEMY INTRODUCES NEW PATIENT SIMULATOR

The Pemberton Township High School Medical Arts Academy has received a patient simulator to provide students with an enormous learning advantage.



*PTHS senior Aleece Black places an oxygen mask on the Susie S2000 patient simulator during Mrs. McCartney's Medical Assistant II class.*

A Carl D. Perkins Foundation grant helped provide the simulator. PTHS received \$92,762, the second highest amount awarded in Burlington County, which allowed it to purchase the \$44,000 simulator.

The Gaumard Susie S2000 is an advanced, wireless simulator that serves as a learning resource for students in the Medical Arts Academy. The capabilities of the simulator allow students to experience the delivery of effective and realistic simulation learning experiences.

PTHS is one of only two schools in New Jersey to have the Susie S2000 patient simulator.

"We're so excited to introduce the Susie S2000 simulator to our Medical Arts Academy students," Health Occupations instructor Elisabeth McCartney said. "The simulator is equipped with various features that enhance hands-on learning for students. This opportunity will tremendously benefit our students looking to pursue a career in the medical field."

The full-body adult patient simulator is powered by an internal rechargeable battery that lasts up to four hours. Susie can also be converted to a male and/or geriatric patient to help students learn how to navigate different human anatomy scenarios in the event of a medical emergency.

The tether-less simulator is completely responsive during transport and also features "realistic joint articulation."

Its neurological features include active blinking eyes, mild or severe seizures



*PTHS senior Jalen Clarke, left, performs chest compressions on the Susie S2000 simulator while Aleece Black, right, holds an oxygen mask in place during the procedure.*

and preprogrammed speech responses in different languages.

The simulator also provides an in-depth cardiac and circulation evaluation experience. Students can monitor normal and abnormal



*PTHS senior Montana Fulmer works a monitor that displays the Susie S2000's vitals as students work on the simulator.*

heart rates, sounds and intensities. The monitoring procedures utilize real devices and sensors that allow chest compressions to be logged. Its advanced technological features also allow students to learn how to use a defibrillator through live energy.

The Susie S2000 also has bilateral IV training arms, an internal pulse that allows for measurable blood pressure examinations, and gynecology examination features.

"The simulator has made learning more interactive," senior Montana Fulmer said. "It's helped us learn different medical procedures at a quicker rate."



Pemberton Learning Community: Pursuing Excellence One Child at a Time



# 2022 THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



Pemberton Township Schools hosted its annual Thanksgiving food collection and distribution event on November 21. The event was sponsored by the PTHS Interact Club, the AVID Program, the We Help You (W.H.Y.) Club and the Pemberton Township Alliance Group (TAG), and provided 20 families with the ingredients for a complete Thanksgiving dinner.

## DENBO-CRICHTON HOSTS HOT-AIR BALLOON ASSEMBLY

Denbo-Crichton recognized its theme “Student Success Rising Up” with a hot-air balloon assembly on November 4.

Joe Pluck from Stellar Hot Air Ballooning pulled onto the playground field of Denbo-Crichton. He brought a female co-pilot and three other family members to help. Pluck laid the balloon out on the field and inflated it for the K-2 and fourth grade classes. He instructed the students on the basics of hot air ballooning, before allowing students to ask questions. The second assembly for grades 3 and 5 were able to see principal Brett Thorp rise approximately 30 feet in the air and come down in the balloon!

Students prepared for the presentation through a discussion that

explained the three main sections of the balloon, the basket’s



*Students pose for a photo while Joe Pluck’s hot-air balloon prepares for a downsized takeoff at Denbo-Crichton.*

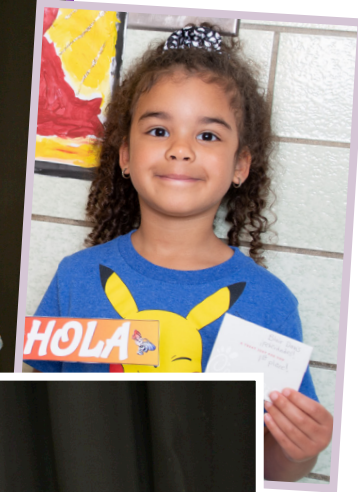
purpose for transporting passengers through its sturdiness, the components of the fuel burner system and the enveloped fabric portion of the balloon that augments its eye-catching appearance.

Teachers also discussed the laws and requirements for becoming a balloon pilot, along with the hot-air balloon’s categorization as a Lighter than Air (LTA) aircraft.

“This was an incredible experience for our students,” Thorp said. “Mr. Pluck’s presentation offered our students the opportunity to incorporate our theme of rising up to success through an exciting lesson about hot-air balloons that grabbed everyone’s attention.”



# Fort Dix and Stackhouse Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month



Fort Dix and Stackhouse recognized Hispanic Heritage Month by hosting a one-hour flamenco performance group assembly. Students also participated in a poster-making contest, and classrooms at both campuses displayed flags of Spanish-speaking countries outside their doors for students and staff to observe.

## 2022 WEEK OF RESPECT



*Pemberton Township Schools celebrated Week of Respect from October 3rd to October 7th. The annual nationwide initiative highlights character education, and incorporates activities and theme days to teach students about safe and respectful learning environments.*

*Our district participated with various theme days such as Respect Your Elders Day, Team Up Against Bullying Day, Career Day, Let Respect Shine Day, and more!*





# Veterans Day Celebrations



Pemberton Township Schools celebrated Veterans Day with a series of events including flag displays, honorary parades, ceremonial speeches and a breakfast for local veterans to thank them for their service.

1. Fort Dix students participate in the school's second annual Veterans Day Parade.
2. Veterans salute the American flag as PTHS' JROTC students present arms.
3. PECEC student Aria Pastor and her father pose for a photo during the school's "Flags for Veterans" event.
4. PECEC student Naomi Brown smiles with her flag in hand.
5. Senior Airman Alberto Lerma, USAF speaks to students at Helen Fort's Veterans Day Observance.
6. Fort Dix student Troy Rudy smiles while holding an American flag.
7. PTHS seniors Katelin Midura and Lucille Hoffman hold a "Thank a Vet" banner at the Veterans Day Breakfast.







# Homecoming 2022



Pemberton Township High School hosted its annual Homecoming festivities on October 8, 2022. Seniors Ameile Jones and Jaleika Hernandez were crowned the Homecoming Court winners. The Hornets football team also earned a resounding 33-0 win over New Egypt High School with five touchdowns. Go Hornets!

## District Welcomes New PTHS Principal and Facilities Director

**Jermaine Blount** of Plainsboro, NJ has been named the new principal of Pemberton Township High School, and began his new role on December 1. Blount joins Pemberton from East Windsor Regional School District in Hightstown, NJ. During his 16-year tenure at East Windsor, he served as vice principal at the elementary, middle, and most recently, high school level.



"As a 26-year veteran in the field of education, I am excited to join the Pemberton family and build strong partnerships with our parents, teachers, and community," he said. "I share in the district's mission of 'Pursuing Excellence, One Child at a Time,' providing multiple pathways that prepare students for college and careers in a supportive and engaging school environment."

New facilities director **Scott Krisanda** joined Pemberton from Camden City School District, where he served as Chief Operating Officer and Senior Director of Facilities prior to that. He has worked in a variety of other supervisory positions in both facilities and operations.



"I couldn't be more excited to work at Pemberton Township Schools," Krisanda said. "Since my very first interaction in the district, with people at all levels, I've been greeted by some of the most genuine and compassionate individuals I've had the opportunity to meet in my career. Here in Pemberton, I know the priority and the passion are for our kids."

*Scott Krisanda*



# SCHOOL VIOLENCE AWARENESS WEEK

Pemberton Township Schools acknowledged School Violence Awareness Week with a variety of activities and theme days from Monday, October 17th through Friday, October 21st. The week unified all students and staff and emphasized the importance of violence prevention and school safety.



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