



BREAKING NEW GROUND

BRISTOL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT 2014-15 CALENDAR AND ANNUAL REPORT

BREAKING NEW GROUND

Dear Bristol Township School District Community:

The District has just completed an exciting and eventful school year. We are now setting our sights on continuing our success during the 2014-2015 academic year.

We attribute the District's many accomplishments to our students who persevered and put forth their best efforts, parents who assisted in a variety of ways, and teachers, faculty and staff who worked tirelessly to ensure excellence in education.

An exemplary educational experience is influenced by a number of factors including: caring educators, environments that support 21st Century learning, access to technology, and the availability of relevant opportunities.

Districts that expect students to break new ground in their educational and career pursuits must offer them ground-breaking opportunities, including modern facilities and instruction that focuses on creative thinking, problem solving and digital literacy.

During the 2013-2014 school year, the District broke new ground on two state-of-the-art schools designed to provide the tools and resources to equip students for the future. The District is also breaking new ground figuratively by ushering in innovative programs and initiatives. Success is seldom traced to one characteristic or attribute. It is tied to a number of traits. The District strives to offer a curriculum that fosters student success by exciting the intellect, building character, strengthening the body and sensitizing students to the human condition.



The 2014-15 Calendar and Annual Report details programs and initiatives that underscore the District's commitment to fostering academic achievement, physical fitness, creative expression and civic responsibility. Each school has provided several points of pride, which capture student activity over the past year.



The many accomplishments of our schools are evidence that the District is breaking new ground. Share our pride and read about all that our schools have achieved.

2013-2014 has included many noteworthy and positive developments, which have strengthened our foundation. With the support of all of the members of the Bristol Township School District community, we are sure to build on our success during the 2014-2015 school year.

All the Best,
Samuel Lee, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Angela M. Nober
Board President

AUGUST 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
BRISTOL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS Angela M. Nober, President Patricia Koszarek, Vice President Katherine N. Bachman					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 School Board Planning Meeting 7:30 pm (Special Meeting for Personnel)	12	13 Fitch Kindergarten Orientation 10 am Truman Senior Portraits	14 Truman Senior Portraits	15 Truman Senior Portraits	16
17	18 New Teacher Induction in Admin Board Room 8:30 am-3:30 pm School Board Regular Meeting 7:30 pm	19	20 New Teacher Induction in Admin Board Room 8:30 am - 3:30 pm	21 New Teacher Induction in Admin Board Room 8:30am - 3:30pm	22	23
24 31	25 Buchanan Kindergarten Orientation 9 am	26 Lafayette Kindergarten Orientation 10 am	27 Barton Kindergarten Orientation 10 am	28 Devine Kindergarten Orientation 10 am Maple Shade Kindergarten Orientation 10 am Washington Kindergarten Orientation 9 am	29	30 Community Football Day (Truman vs Bensalem)

A NEW BEGINNING

*You cannot always build the future for our youth,
but you can build our youth for the future.*

- Franklin D. Roosevelt

On May 15, 2014, the District broke ground on two state-of-the-art elementary schools.

These two modern facilities, which have been designed to promote 21st Century learning, will house students from six aging elementary schools.

The Emerson site, located at 6501 Mill Creek Road, Levittown, will combine students from Ralph Waldo Emerson, Clara Barton and Abraham Lincoln Elementary Schools.

The Buchanan site, located at 2200 Haines Road, Levittown, will combine students from James Buchanan, George Washington and John Fitch Elementary Schools

The new schools will comply with Americans with Disabilities Act standards and include environmentally sustainable designs, improved building systems and integrated security systems.

The schools' infrastructures will support modern technology and contain features that are essential for improving the classroom experience and advancing learning and skill acquisition.

The buildings will contain both primary and intermediate instructional areas that are served by common areas, which will include the cafeteria, gym, life education, library and media center and student support. Eventually, grade six will be incorporated into the middle school.

This is a win-win situation. Construction for each building is budgeted at \$41 million. However, no additional costs will be passed along to taxpayers because the District is cycling out of old debt, has secured favorable interest rates and will realize significant operating and maintenance savings once its 1950's era elementary schools are closed.



SEPTEMBER 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 NO SCHOOL (District Offices Closed) Labor Day	2 Lincoln Kindergarten and New Student Orientation 6 pm Teacher Workshop Day	3 Armstrong/FDR 7th Grade Orientation 9-10 am Emerson Kindergarten Orientation 1 pm Truman 9th Grade Orientation 1-3 pm Teacher Workshop Day	4 First Student Day	5 Fitch Joe Corbi's Fundraiser Begins	6
7 Grandparent's Day	8 Barton/Buchanan PTO Fall Fundraiser Begins Devine Back to School Night Devine Book Fair Truman ID Pictures School Board Planning Meeting 7:30 pm	9 Buchanan PTO Meeting 3:30 pm Devine Book Fair Emerson Picture Day Barton Back to School Night 6 pm	10 Devine Book Fair 12th Grade Assembly (2nd period) 11th Grade Assembly (3rd period) Curriculum Meeting 6:30 pm	11 Devine Book Fair 10th Grade Assembly (2nd period) 9th Grade Assembly (3rd period) Patriot Day	12 Devine Book Fair Devine Grandparents Breakfast Truman ID Pictures	13
14	15 Emerson Back to School Night 6:30 pm School Board Regular Meeting 7:30 pm	16 Buchanan Back to School Night Maple Shade Back to School Night 6:30 pm	17 Armstrong/FDR Back to School Night 6:30 pm Lafayette/Lincoln Back to School Night Buchanan School Store	18 Fitch Back To School Night Barton Market Day	19 Barton/Buchanan PTO Fall Fundraiser Ends Fitch Joe Corbi's Fundraiser Ends	20
21	22 Buchanan/Maple Shade Picture Day Truman Senior Portrait Retakes	23 Emerson PTO Meeting 7pm Truman Senior Portrait Retakes First Day of Autumn	24 Truman Senior Portrait Retakes and Group Photos	25 NO SCHOOL Rosh Hashanah	26 NO SCHOOL Rosh Hashanah	27
28	29 Barton Book Fair Begins	30 Lafayette Picture Day Truman Back to School Night 6:30 pm				

**Online Predators and
Bullying Prevention**

**Wednesday, October 22, 2014
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Bristol Township School District
Administrative Offices
Auditorium
6403 Mill Creek Rd.
Levittown, PA 19057

Bristol Township School District
is pleased to partner with
Representative Tina Davis,
Office of the Attorney General Kathleen Kane, and
Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA)
in presenting to the Parents, Guardians, and Friends of Bristol Township
Free Refreshments

Information: Neil A. Armstrong Middle School 215-945-4940
Representative Tina Davis' Office 215-943-8669

STEM Education is Strong!

We need STEM-related talent to compete globally, and we will need even more in the future.

- John Engler, President, Business Roundtable

Business leaders, politicians and educators have sounded the alarm...the United States must provide training in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) to ensure that students are prepared to compete in the global economy. District administrators and educators have heard the call and are investing in STEM disciplines and training to ensure that students are well equipped for the future.

- Harry S. Truman High School joined forces with Project Lead the Way (PLTW) in 2009 to incorporate the program's engineering-based opportunities into the District's high school curriculum to prepare students for STEM careers. In five years, the number of high school students enrolling in engineering courses increased by 33 percent.
- Truman students constructed medieval siege weapons such as trebuchets and catapults to demonstrate concepts learned in Physics.
- Truman High School Class of 2014 graduates received more than \$1 million in scholarships from engineering colleges and universities.
- In the fall of 2013, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Neil Armstrong Middle Schools implemented PLTW Gateway courses. Seventh and eighth graders are engaged in Design & Modeling and Automation & Robotics. The courses offer a solid foundation to pursue high school STEM opportunities.



- Dow Chemical Company, in conjunction with its Community Advisory Committee, awarded the District \$30,000 to further STEM activities.



- Middle school students participated in the national Hour of Code Initiative which engages middle school girls in computer science.
- The District will partner with Digital Promise to place more than 1,000 computers in FDR and Armstrong Middle Schools. Every student and teacher will receive a tablet device with a wireless data plan. The initiative is funded by the Verizon Foundation.
- The District began discussions with PLTW Launch to eventually integrate STEM opportunities into the K-5th curriculum.
- Two Emerson teachers were selected to attend Arkema Inc.'s annual Science Teacher Program in Bristol Township.

OCTOBER 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				Fitch Picture Day Washington Back to School Night 6-7:30 pm	SCHOOL OPEN Barton Book Fair Ends Yom Kippur	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Barton Skate Night Truman Senior Portrait Retakes		Truman National Honor Society Induction 6 pm Progress Reports Issued Curriculum Meeting 6:30 pm		Truman Homecoming Fair	Truman Homecoming
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
The Foundation's Tiger Classic 5K and Fun Race 8:30-10 am	NO SCHOOL Teacher Workshop Day Columbus Day	Buchanan PTO Meeting 3:30 pm School Board Planning Meeting 7:30 pm	Barton Market Day Buchanan School Store Truman PSAT Testing (11th Grade)			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	School Board Regular Meeting 7:30 pm	Emerson Picture Make-up Day Emerson PTO Meeting 3:45 pm	Online Predator and Bullying Prevention 6-8 pm, Franklin Auditorium Sponsored by: BTSD, Rep. Tina Davis, Office of the AG & NOVA 215-945-4940 or 215-943-8669	Truman Transition Service Fair Armstrong Halloween Dance 6-8 pm	Truman ID Pictures Retakes	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
					Devine Halloween Parade 2 pm Barton/Maple Shade Halloween Parade 2:30 pm Halloween	

HARRY S. TRUMAN HIGH SCHOOL

Our expectations for our students are high in terms of their academics, citizenship and personal responsibility.-

Dr. Sam Lee, Superintendent, BTSD

- Truman High School was again ranked among the top high schools in the United States by U.S. News and World Report. The publication awarded Truman Bronze Medal recognition.
- Truman Roared! Truman students competed in the Good Morning America Contest and created an impressive video, which was voted number one in a local radio contest.
- The March of Dimes Science Club organized fundraisers in the District's schools and throughout the community. Among the club's activities was a visit to a local Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.
- The Reading Olympics team, The Snap Readers, scored a first place ribbon in the senior high competition in New Hope and achieved the highest score in the county.
- The Truman High School theater group performed "An Evening of Shel Silverstein," at the 47th Annual Student Festival at the Bucks County Playhouse. The festival features more than 25 school theater groups in a workshop environment.

- The Truman Marching Band performed at Disney's Magic Kingdom in Florida. Vocal, instrumental and dance ensembles from around the world apply each year to perform at Disney parks.
- Truman High School students took part in the Green Club at Bucks County Community College to learn more about green jobs, meet local green energy employers, explore environmental science, and create green projects that benefit the community.
- The 4.0 Club is one of Truman's most prestigious clubs and inducts students who have achieved a 4.0 GPA in a marking period. The club graduated a group of students who had achieved a 4.0 average every marking period for four years.
- For nine years, Truman students have been participating in the Empty Bowls Service Project. This year, students raised more than \$2,600, which was donated to the Emergency Relief Association, an organization that serves the Bristol Township community and provides food for those in need.
- Truman's Debate Team was recognized as the Southeastern Pennsylvania Debate League's (SPDL) 2013-2014 champion. SPDL is composed of 13 schools from Bucks and Montgomery counties. Truman has won the League sweepstakes for the last six years!



NOVEMBER 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Harry S. Truman High School 215-547-3000						1
	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Daylight Savings Time Ends	Buchanan Barnes & Noble Bookfair	NO SCHOOL <u>Teacher Workshop Day</u> Buchanan PTO Meeting 3:30 pm <u>Election Day</u>	Curriculum Meeting 6:30 pm	Emerson Mother/Son Mini Golf Event 6:30-8:30 pm	8
	9	10	11	12	13	14
		Barton Thanksgiving Food Drive Begins <u>School Board Planning Meeting 7:30 pm</u>	NO SCHOOL (District Offices Closed) Veterans Day	<u>Fitch Artmobile</u> <u>Barton Market Day</u> End of 1st Marking Period	<u>Fitch Artmobile</u> <u>Maple Shade Picture Make-up Day</u> Truman Fall Play 7 pm	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	School Board Regular Meeting 7:30 pm	Buchanan/Fitch/Lafayette <u>Picture Make-up Day</u> Emerson PTO Meeting 7 pm	Buchanan School Store	Barton Thanksgiving Food Drive Ends <u>Buchanan/Maple Shade Evening Conferences</u> Elementary Report Card Conferences	Elementary Report Card Conferences	
23 30	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Elementary Report Card Conferences <u>Devine/Emerson Evening Conferences</u>	Elementary Report Card Conferences <u>Lafayette Evening Conferences</u>	<u>All Students Half Day</u> Elementary Report Card Conferences	NO SCHOOL (District Offices Closed) Thanksgiving Day	NO SCHOOL (District Offices Closed)	

NEIL A. ARMSTRONG and FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Quality education trains students to be competent employees and good citizens. I applaud the District's administration, teachers and support staff on the wonderful job they have been doing with our students.
- Angela Nober, BTSD School Board President

NEIL A. ARMSTRONG MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Armstrong introduced two character-building programs. The Peace Center's Girls Unlimited program was targeted to seventh grade girls and focused on developing healthy conflict resolution skills and promoting empathy and social intelligence. ROCKS, which emphasizes Respectful, Organized, Cooperative, Kind and Safe behavior, was also unveiled.
- The American Association of University Women honored four seventh grade girls for their outstanding achievements in Math and Science.
- The Armstrong Ambassadors played an important role in welcoming new students and easing their adjustment to a new environment.
- 53 students were inducted into Armstrong's National Junior Honor Society.
- All students engaged in a classroom lesson conducted by The Network of Victim Assistance, which highlighted strategies for preventing bullying.

- Eighth grade students got a head start on their post-high school plans by participating in the Second Annual College and Career Day.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT (FDR) MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Fifteen FDR students and two teachers completed a "Recycling and the Environment" project. Wheelabrator Technologies Inc. supported the project, making it possible for ten students to travel to Florida and present their project to students, educators and others in the waste management field.
- FDR's Reading Olympics team was awarded a Red Ribbon.
- FDR Cares, a School-Wide Positive Behavior support program, was successfully implemented and focused on creating a positive school environment through behavioral expectations.
- FDR's Student Council played a key role in the creation and implementation of many school-wide activities.
- Clubs such as the Workout Club, Homework Club, Art Club and Yearbook Club are indicative of students' wide variety of interests.



DECEMBER 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Barton/Buchanan Holiday Shop Begins Emerson PTO Holiday Shop School Board Planning Meeting 7:30 pm (Reorganization & Planning)	2 Emerson PTO Holiday Shop Emerson/Lafayette/Washington Winter Choral Concert 6:30 pm	3 Emerson PTO Holiday Shop Devine Winter Choral Concert Devine/Lafayette/Washington Band Rehearsal at Franklin	4 Armstrong Winter Band Concert Maple Shade Winter Choral Concert 7 pm	5 Barton/Buchanan Holiday Shop Ends	6
7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8 Barton/Emerson/Maple Shade Band Rehearsal at Franklin (am) Devine/Lafayette/Washington Band Rehearsal at Franklin (pm)	9 Truman Winter Choral Concert Buchanan PTO Meeting 3:30 pm	10 Barton Market Day Barton/Fitch Winter Choral Concert Devine/Lafayette/Washington Band Concert at Franklin Armstrong Choral Rehearsal at Truman (Night) Curriculum Meeting 6:30 pm	11 Armstrong Winter Choral Concert at Truman	12 Truman Holiday Ball	13 Truman Breakfast with Santa
14	15 Barton/Emerson/Maple Shade Band Rehearsal at Franklin School Board Regular Meeting 7:30 pm	16 Lincoln Winter Choral Concert 2pm FDR Winter Band and Choral Concert at Truman Hanukkah Begins	17 Progress Reports Issued Buchanan School Store Buchanan Winter Choral Concert Barton/Emerson/Maple Shade Winter Band Concert at Franklin	18 Truman Winter Band Concert	19	20
21 First Day of Winter	22	23	24 NO SCHOOL (District Offices Closed) Hanukkah Ends Christmas Eve	25 NO SCHOOL (District Offices Closed) Christmas	26 NO SCHOOL (District Offices Closed)	27
28	29 NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL	31 NO SCHOOL (District Offices Closed) New Year's Eve		Neil A. Armstrong Middle School 215-945-4940 Franklin D. Roosevelt Middle School 215-788-0436	

BRISTOL TOWNSHIP ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

The foundation of every state is the education of its youth.

- Diogenes

JAMES BUCHANAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- James Buchanan's Reading Olympics Team, "The Book Ninjas," read over 40 books to win three Red Ribbons at the 2014 Reading Olympics Competition.



- The school family, along with the Bristol Township community, gathered to remember Javeon Durante and celebrate his life by releasing balloons.

- For Percussion Day, students created their own percussion instrument to perform popular songs for their peers.

- James Buchanan Elementary was adopted by The John Billington VFW Post #6495, Commander Dennis Bicking. The Student Council partnered with the VFW to distribute Thanksgiving baskets to needy families. The VFW also distributed flags and copies of the Constitution to every student.

JOHN FITCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Fitch's PTO sponsored many events throughout the year, including: Scholastic Book Fair, Anti-Bullying Assembly, Coach Bingo, Monthly Spirit Days, Artmobile, and more.



- Fitch's Reading Olympics Team earned a Green Ribbon.

- The school's Monthly Award Assemblies reward positive behavior by recognizing: 'Character' of the Month, Safety of the Month, Lunch Group Award, Morning Arrival Award, Higher-Order Questions Award, and 100 Book Challenge Award.

- The John Fitch Choir and Band boasts more than 75 members who are making beautiful music!

GEORGE WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Washington students raised over \$1,300 to fight colon cancer and to support a faculty member who has been diagnosed with the disease. In addition, Pink Day netted \$200 in donations to fight breast cancer.



- The school's Fourth Annual Talent Show shined the spotlight on students who performed for family and friends.

- Third grade students learned the ins and outs of farming through the generosity of Snipe's Farm.

- Grandparents were honored at the annual Grandparent Breakfast, which served over 400 guests.

JANUARY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 NO SCHOOL (District Offices Closed) New Year's Day	2 NO SCHOOL	3
4	5	6	7 Keystone Exams-Algebra Truman Financial Aid Night	8 Keystone Exams-Algebra	9	10
11	12 Keystone Exams-Literature School Board Planning Meeting 7:30 pm	13 Buchanan PTO Meeting 3:30 pm Keystone Exams-Literature	14 Curriculum Meeting 6:30 pm	15 Keystone Exams-Biology	16 Keystone Exams-Biology	17
18	19 NO SCHOOL (District Offices Closed) Martin Luther King Jr. Day	20 Emerson PTO Meeting 3:45 pm Keystone Exams- Make-up School Board Regular Meeting 7:30 pm	21 Barton Market Day Buchanan School Store Keystone Exams- Make-up	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 End of 2nd Marking Period	30	31

BRISTOL TOWNSHIP ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

The end and aim of all education is the development of character.

- Francis W. Parke



MARY DEVINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Mary Devine's math score of 96 on the PSSAs suggests that the school is exceeding state standards for academic growth.
- Through a partnership with the National Elementary School Honor Society, Mary Devine is pleased to recognize significant achievement among students.
- Mary Devine's full slate of afterschool initiatives, which include intramural basketball, spelling bee and talent show, have been well-received by students.
- Popular events hosted by the school this year include: Grandparent Breakfast, Halloween Parade, Bridge Building Competition, Young Authors' Day and others.

LAFAYETTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Lafayette's School-Wide Positive Behavior Initiative sprang into action with a role playing demonstration by staff who employed their acting skills to highlight positive and negative behavior.



- The Lafayette family supported many causes this year including a Thanksgiving Food Drive, a clothing drive, a pajama drive for the Salvation Army and Pennies for Pasta for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.
- The season was spring. It was time for a musical and Lafayette's students were excited to perform the musical Seussical.
- Black History Month was recognized with daily announcements focusing on 'Today in Black History.'

MAPLE SHADE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Students participated in a school-wide fundraiser that raised \$2,100 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.
- "Let's Go Flyers!" was the chant of the day when a representative of the Philadelphia Flyers visited Maple Shade for a school-wide assembly.
- Author Ralph Franklin spoke to students about the Holocaust in a moving presentation that reflected his family's experiences in Germany.



- Learning was enhanced through programs such as Zoo on Wheels and presentations sponsored by the Network of Victim Advocates.

FEBRUARY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6 Emerson Father Daughter Dance 6:30 pm	7
8	9 School Board Planning Meeting 7:30 pm	10 Buchanan PTO Meeting 3:30 pm	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13 Truman Choir Valentine Show 6:30 pm	14 Valentine's Day
15	16 NO SCHOOL President's Day	17 Emerson PTO Meeting 7 pm	18 Barton Market Day Buchanan School Store Curriculum Meeting 6:30 pm	19	20	21
22 Washington's Birthday	23 School Board Regular Meeting 7:30 pm	24	25 Truman Musical Dress Rehearsal 7 pm	26	27 Truman Musical 7:30 pm	28 Truman Musical 7:30 pm

BRISTOL TOWNSHIP ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

*Tell me and I'll forget; show me and I may remember;
involve me and I'll understand.*

- Chinese proverb



CLARA BARTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Congratulations to Barton for receiving a Red Ribbon in the 2013-2014 Reading Olympics.
- The Barton Holiday Shop is an annual favorite. Students shop for gifts while learning the ins and outs of the financial transaction.

• The Holiday Shop Raffle raised money to help families in need. Students provided 12 families with food baskets and gift cards to a local supermarket, ensuring a Happy Holiday!

• 1-2-3-4-Barton declared a Penny War! The collection was used to help purchase beds, food and clean water for the Madam Rhoades' Orphanage in Haiti.

RALPH W. EMERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

• Thanks to a grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield, Emerson's fourth grade participated with the Healthy Futures Program, an initiative that promotes physical activity with the goal of making daily activity a habit among children. Students also participated with PECO/Franklin Institute Energy Program, which teaches students about energy. This

includes: where it comes from, how to use it and how to conserve it.



• Emerson families decorated their cars and opened their trunks for the first Trunk or Treat. Dressed in costumes, children went from car to car and received treats. Afterwards, participants were invited to the cafeteria to take part in arts and crafts projects.

• April's Family Literacy Night was a big success. Parents attended 'make and takes' hosted by teachers and toured the 21st Century's Wax Museum. Students created the exhibits by researching historical figures and portraying them in costume.

• Teachers, students and many parents traveled to the Philadelphia Zoo to see lions, tigers, bears and much more.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

• Lincoln is well-connected! Recently added Twitter and Facebook accounts have been keeping parents informed of the wonderful things happening at Lincoln.

• Lincoln students were proud to take the 'Paws Pledge,' committing to be responsible, safe, respectful and good citizens.

• School administrators decreased student tardiness and the number of students leaving early and improved the safety and efficiency of the arrival and dismissal procedure.

• It was all happening at the zoo when Lincoln students traveled to the Philadelphia Zoo to further their knowledge of science in an exciting and fun environment.



MARCH 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Truman Musical 1 pm	2 Emerson Barnes & Noble Read Across America Night 6:30-7:30 pm	3	4 Progress Reports Issued Curriculum Meeting 6:30 pm	5	6 Emerson Father/Son Event 6:30-8:30 pm Truman Musical 7:30 pm	7 Truman Musical 7:30 pm
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins	9 School Board Planning Meeting 7:30 pm	10 Lafayette Kindergarten Registration Buchanan PTO Meeting 3:30 pm	11 Devine/Lafayette Kindergarten Registration	12 Devine Kindergarten Registration Truman FAFSA Aid Night	13	14
15	16 School Board Regular Meeting 7:30 pm	17 Emerson PTO Meeting 3:45 pm St. Patrick's Day	18 Barton Market Day Buchanan School Store	19	20 First Day of Spring	21
22	23 Truman Spirit Week	24 Truman Spirit Week	25 Truman Spirit Week	26 Truman Spirit Night 6 pm Truman Spirit Week	27 Truman Spirit Week	28
29	30 Barton Book Fair Begins	31		Clara Barton Elementary School 215-945-4177 James Buchanan Elementary School 215-946-5922 Mary W. Devine Elementary School 215-788-7995 Ralph W. Emerson Elementary School 215-945-0222 John Fitch Elementary School 215-946-0232 Lafayette Elementary School 215-788-5400 Abraham Lincoln Elementary School 215-945-7487 Maple Shade Elementary School 215-788-0200 George Washington Elementary School 215-945-9482		

THE MEASURE OF OUR SUCCESS

Success will never be a big step in the future, success is a small step taken just now.

- Jonatan Mårtensson

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW

TRUMAN HIGH SCHOOL

- Advanced Placement Courses: American History, American Government & Politics, Biology, Calculus, English, Psychology, Statistics
- ★ District students performed impressively on AP exams and achieved a pass rate of 77%, which exceeds both the state and global rate!
- Project Lead the Way Courses Offering College Credit: Introduction to Engineering, Principles of Engineering, Civil Engineering & Architecture, Digital Electronics

Pennsylvania Department of Education implemented a new measure of individual school and district performance. Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) has been replaced by School Performance Profile (SPP), which considers PSSAs, indicators of academic growth, progress in closing the achievement gap, promotion rate, attendance record, graduation rate, PSAT participation and Advanced Placement (AP) courses.

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

- Barton and Fitch saw growth in reading for the 2013 school year. All other schools in the District showed growth in both reading and math.
- Devine, Maple Shade and Washington registered growth in writing scores. Emerson added science as an area of growth.
- Maple Shade was designated as a Reward High Progress School.

CLASS OF 2014 HARRY S TRUMAN HIGH SCHOOL

Number of graduates: 334

POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANS BY PERCENT

4-year college and community college	77%
Employment	16%
Military	6%
Undecided	1%

SCHOLARSHIPS EARNED BY CLASS OF 2014: \$2.78 MILLION

CLASS OF 2014:

A SAMPLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION DESTINATIONS

Albright College	New York Institute of Technology
American University	NW Florida University
Arcadia University	Penn State University
Bloomsburg University	Philadelphia University
Bucks County CC	Rosemont College
Cabrini College	St. John's University
California University of Pa	Shippensburg University
Cedar Crest College	Susquehanna University
Cheyney University	Temple University
Drexel University	The Restaurant School of Walnut
Duquesne University	Hill College
East Stroudsburg University	Three Rivers CC
Elizabethtown College	University of Pittsburgh
Holy Family University	Villanova University
Indiana University of PA	West Chester University
Johnson and Wales University	Widener University
Kutztown University	
LaSalle University	
Lebanon Valley College	
Lock Haven University	
Lycoming College	
Mansfield University	
Moravian College	
Neumann University	



APRIL 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				NO SCHOOL SPRING RECESS	NO SCHOOL (District Offices Closed) Good Friday	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Easter	NO SCHOOL SPRING RECESS (District Offices Closed)	Barton Book Fair Ends	End of 3rd Marking Period Fitch Kindergarten Registration	Fitch Kindergarten Registration		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	PSSA English Language Arts School Board Planning Meeting 7:30 pm	Buchanan PTO Meeting 3:30 pm Emerson Kindergarten Registration PSSA English Language Arts	Buchanan School Store Emerson Kindergarten Registration PSSA English Language Arts	PSSA English Language Arts	Truman Freshman Semi-Formal PSSA English Language Arts	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	PSSA Math School Board Regular Meeting 7:30 pm	PSSA Math Emerson PTO Meeting 7 pm	Barton Market Day PSSA Math Earth Day	PSSA Math	Truman Multicultural Extravaganza 6:30-9:30 pm PSSA Math	
26	27	28	29	30		
	Elementary Report Card Conferences Buchanan/Devine/Emerson Evening Conferences Emerson PTO Scholastic Book Fair PSSA Science	Elementary Report Card Conferences Lafayette Evening Conferences Emerson PTO Scholastic Book Fair Emerson Spring Choral Concert 6:30 pm PSSA Science	Elementary Report Card Conferences Emerson PTO Scholastic Book Fair Maple Shade Evening Conferences 6:30 pm Truman Spring Band Concert PSSA Science Curriculum Meeting 6:30 pm	Elementary Report Card Conferences Truman Just One Life Program Emerson PTO Scholastic Book Fair Maple Shade Spring Choral Concert 7pm PSSA Science		

ATHLETICS

If we want our children to have sound and agile minds, we need to help them achieve sound and agile bodies.

- Partnership for 21st Century Skills



GO TIGERS!

- Got spirit? Truman does! Univest Corporation awarded Truman \$1,000 as the winner of the Caring for Sports Facebook Contest.
- Truman High School Wrestling Team had a historic season. The team recorded 22 wins--- a school record. Delaware Valley Referee's Association voted Truman its 2014 Team of the Year.
- Truman Football finished with a .500 record for the first time since 2001.
- Boys Track & Field athletes participated in the District One Championships in the following events: triple jump, long jump, 4 x100 relay and 100, 200 and 400 meter dashes.
- Boys Soccer improved their record in 2013.
- Truman bowlers competed in the Eastern State Regional Bowling Championships.
- Lady Tigers were proud to have a 1,000-point scorer on the basketball team.
- A round of applause for all Truman teams and athletes who demonstrated grit, determination and sportsmanship.
- Congratulations to Truman athletes who were awarded academic and athletic scholarships to play intercollegiate sports.
- FDR Middle School Wrestling Team was undefeated. Football, soccer, volleyball, cheerleading, boy's and girls' basketball, track and field, baseball and softball had successful seasons.
- District elementary schools hosted field days, which were great fun and encouraged students to be active and to improve their overall fitness levels and health.

MAY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Elementary Report Card Conferences Truman Just One Life Program Truman Soph/Jr Prom 6:30 pm Emerson PTO Scholastic Book Fair PSSA Science	2
3	4 Barton/Emerson/Maple Shade Band Rehearsal at Franklin (am) Devine/Lafayette/Washington Band Rehearsal at Franklin (pm) PSSA Make-up AP Chemistry (am) AP Psychology (pm)	5 Truman Spring Choral Concert 7 pm PSSA Make-up AP Calculus (am)	6 Armstrong Spring Choral Concert PSSA Make-up AP English (am)	7 Armstrong Spring Band Concert FDR Spring Choral Concert at Franklin PSSA Make-up AP Spanish (am)	8 Truman Senior Prom 7 pm PSSA Make-up AP US History (am)	9
10 Mother's Day	11 Devine/Lafayette/Washington Band Rehearsal at Franklin Progress Reports Issued School Board Planning Meeting 7:30 pm	12 Buchanan/Lafayette/Washington Spring Choral Concert Lincoln Spring Choral Concert 2 pm Buchanan PTO Meeting 3:30 pm	13 Keystone Exams-Algebra AP Stat (pm) Barton Spring Choral Concert Devine/Lafayette/Washington Spring Band Concert at Franklin Barton/Emerson/Maple Shade Band Rehearsal at Franklin	14 Barton/Emerson/Maple Shade Spring Band Concert at Franklin Keystone Exams-Algebra Fitch Spring Choral Concert	15 Barton Field Day	16 Armed Forces Day
17	18 Devine Field Day Primary Camp Adahy School Board Regular Meeting 7:30 pm	19 NO SCHOOL Teacher Workshop Day Camp Adahy Election Day	20 Keystone Exams-Lit Barton Market Day Buchanan School Store Devine Field Day Int. Emerson PTO Meeting and Volunteer Tea 3:45 pm District Art Show 6-8 pm Camp Adahy	21 Buchanan Primary Field Day Keystone Exams-Literature District Art Show 6-8 pm Camp Adahy	22 Barton Field Day Rain Date Buchanan Intermediate Field Day Camp Adahy	23
24 31	25 NO SCHOOL (District Offices Closed) Memorial Day	26 Keystone Exams-Biology	27 Devine Spring Choral Concert Keystone Exams-Biology Curriculum Meeting 6:30 pm	28 FDR Spring Band Concert Lafayette Primary Field Day Truman Night of Theatre 7 pm	29 Lafayette Intermediate Field Day Emerson Mother/Daughter Event 6:30-8:30 pm Truman Transition Work Program Banquet 6 pm	30

Arts in the District

This world is but a canvas for our own imagination.

- Henry David Thoreau

- The BTSD visual arts curriculum is a sequential program that engages all students from grades K-12. It has spawned graduation projects and Truman's National Art Honor Society, which have enhanced the school environment with ceramic and painted wall and locker murals and raised funds to support the local food pantry.
- All District schools are represented in the Art Show, which celebrates the creative and expressive works created by students at all grade levels.
- The District Art Show has been a beloved tradition for more than 30 years.
- More than 5,000 works are exhibited each year at the Art Show. The pieces are created from a variety of media ranging from stained glass, painting on paper, canvas and furniture, up-cycled materials, paper, drawing, printmaking and more.



10 Lessons the ARTS Teach

by Elliot Eisner



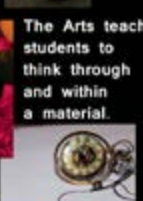
The Arts teach children to make good judgments about qualitative relationships.



The Arts teach students that small differences can have large effects.



The Arts help children learn to say what cannot be said.



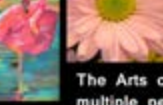
The Arts teach students to think through and within a material.



The Arts enable us to have experiences we can have from no other source and through such experiences discover the range and variety of what we are capable of feeling.



The Arts teach children that problems can have more than one solution.



The Arts celebrate multiple perspectives.



The Arts' position in the school curriculum symbolizes to the young what adults believe is important.



The Arts make vivid the fact that neither words in their literary form nor numbers exhaust what we can know. The limits of our language do not define the limits of our cognition.



The Arts teach children that in complex forms of problem solving purposes are seldom fixed, but change with circumstances and opportunity.



Bristol Township School District
Every Student. Every Day

JUNE 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <u>Fitch Field Day</u> Maple Shade Field Day (K-3) 9:30 am	2 Maple Shade Field Day (4-6) 9:30 am	3	4 Armstrong/FDR Promotion Night 6-8 pm	5 Emerson Field Day 9:30 am-2:30 pm	6
7	8 <u>Fitch Picnic Day</u> School Board Planning Meeting 7:30 pm	9 Devine Kindergarten Step Up 10 am	10 Devine 6th Grade Promotion 10 am	11 <u>Half Day for Students</u> Fitch 6th Grade Promotion	12 Last Student Day Half Day	13
14 Flag Day	15 <u>Teacher Workshop Day</u> School Board Regular Meeting 7:30 pm	16 Teacher Workshop Day	17 <u>Barton Market Day</u> <u>Last Teacher Day</u> Teacher Workshop Day	18	19	20
21 First Day of Summer Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				



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JULY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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27	28	29	30	31		