

Fall 2013

Allentown Rescue Mission

By: Kelly Heinick

Mr. Zeky's 6th Grade and Mrs. Ward's 5th Grade classes recently collected donations for the Allentown Rescue Mission. The Allentown Rescue Mission provides shelter, meals, and clean clothing for people in need. The monies raised at Towamensing helped provide Thanksgiving dinners for local families. Mrs. Calpas, a retired 3rd Grade Teacher, was the first one in our school to collect money for the Mission. The total amount we collected this year was \$1,231.73! Thank you for participating!

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Towa Times

History of Towamensing Elementary School

By: Logan Kresge

Our school first opened in 1955 as the Towamensing Township School. That was 58 years ago! At that time our school only went from the Art Room to the Nurse's Office. Back then, Kindergarten and second grade were together in one classroom and fifth and sixth grades were together. First, third, and fourth grades each had their own classroom.

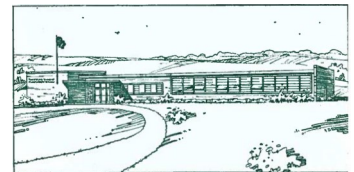
Before Towamensing was built, children went to school at one of the many

one room school houses in the area such as: Lovett's, Eckhart's, Strohl's Valley, Kibler's, Pine Run, Upper Pine Run, Minehart's, Greenzweig's, and Stemlersville.

Times were much different back then. In 1896 the school year only lasted 6 months, and before 1894 the students had to buy their own textbooks! All the teachers who taught in this district before 1896 received \$28 a month, while new teachers only received \$25 a month.

****BONUS**

Do you know what Towamensing really means? Find out in the next issue!



Towamensing Township School



**Top — A drawing of the original Towamensing Township School
Bottom — 5th and 6th Grade students in 1955.**

World News: The Government Shutdown

By: Kelly Heinick

Q: Why a shutdown?

A: The Congress failed to pass a federal funding bill, which meant that the government did not have a plan on how to spend its' money. That led to a conflict between democrats and republicans.

Q: Did all government programs stop?

A: There were three major

programs that didn't stop. Those programs were Social Security, Medicare, and other so-called entitlements. Also, law enforcement, military, intelligence agencies, like the CIA and foreign embassies remained up and running.

Q: What impact did all this have on the economy?

A: It depended on how long the shutdown lasted. Since it lasted a couple of weeks the impact was greater than it

would have been if the shutdown lasted only a couple days. It is estimated that the shutdown cost the Federal government billions of dollars.

Update: On October 16, 2013, the shutdown ended. The government is back to normal. All the programs are open and running. The shutdown lasted for 16 days.



Students parading at the Fall Festival.

“The parade was fun, and we watched Eight Below for a movie.”
- Madison Anthony
Grade 4



Mr. Zeky as SOAR Man

Fall Festival

By: Kelly Heinick

Our school celebrates fall festival. Fall festival is a day when all students dress up in a costume of their choice, and parade around the school’s parking lot. After the parade most students celebrate by watching a movie and having yummy Halloween treats.

Ella Nesfeder, a 3rd grader, says “ The parade was good. We heard the minions singing. The party was also fun. We watched The Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown.”

Alysa Roe, 3rd grader, says “ It was fun to walk around with friends. We saw Spooky Buddies. I liked the party.”

Beth Morgan and Gianna Vartholomeas, 3rd graders, said “It was fun to walk around with friends. We saw Spooky Buddies. We enjoyed it.”

Towamensing Happenings

By: Kelly Heinick

December Events

3rd-11th - Giving Tree Donations

7th - Chorus sings at the Tree Lighting in Palmerton Park @ 12pm

9th-12th - Holiday Shoppe

12th - Chorus Concert at 7pm in the HS Auditorium

19th - Towamensing Band Concert at 7pm in the Towamensing Gymnasium

Staff Birthdays

Dec. 12th Mrs. Long

Dec. 17th Mr. Zeky, Mrs. Heller

Dec. 27th Mrs. Deem

Dec. 31st Ms. Ruddick

Pep Band

On October 11th, a combined district band with 4th-12th graders performed as a pep band at the football field for the Palmerton-Bangor football game. The band was a huge success. Everyone enjoyed listening to the songs. We hope to hear them again in the future!

Staff Spotlight: Mr. Zeky. A.K.A SOAR Man

By: Logan Kresge

L.K.: When is your birthday?
Mr. Z.: December 17, 1986

L.K.: What grade do you teach?
Mr. Z.: 6th Grade

L.K.: What’s your favorite part about teaching?
Mr. Z.: Teaching somebody something new

L.K.: What made you want to

teach?

Mr. Z.: My mom was a teacher, so I thought it would be a fun and rewarding job.

L.K.: If you weren’t a teacher what would you want to be?

Mr. Z.: A Professional Ultimate Frisbee Player

L.K.: Who is your idol?

Mr. Z.: Besides my mom and dad,

Mrs. Calpas, Mrs. Hard, Mr. Hoffner, and Mr. House.

Favorites:

TV Show: *Pardon the Interruption*

Book: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hollows

Sports Teams: Philadelphia Flyers, San Francisco Giants, and the Green Bay Packers

New Technology

By: Logan Kresge

Phones

iPhone 5c

Includes an 8 Mega Pixel camera. IOS 7. Colored Phone. and a new case made by Apple. Colors available are Green, Blue, Yellow, White, and Red.

iPhone 5s

Weights about a quarter pound. and is about a third of an inch thick. Includes an 8 Mega Pixel camera and IOS 7. Colors available are Bronze, Silver, and there is a rare Gold plated iPhone 5s on eBay for 10,000.

Game Systems

PS4 - Released on November 15, 2013. The PS4 is 9 times faster than the PS3. The Dual Shock 4 controller has a digital touchpad.

Xbox One - Released on November 22, 2013. It is built in 2nd generation Kinect. The features are similar to Sony PS4.



The new iPhone 5c

New Video Games

By: Logan Kresge

NBA 2K 14

Xbox One 11/22/13
PS3 11/15/13

Doodle Jump

DS, 3DS 10/29/13

Bevblade Evolution

DS, 3DS 10/29/13

Angry Birds: Star Wars

PS3, Wii U, Xbox 360, PS Vita, Wii
10/29/13

Pokémon X and Y

3DS 10/12/13

FIFA 14

PC, PS3, PS Vita, Xbox 360
9/24/2013

Skylanders Swap Force

Xbox 360, Wii, Wii U, PS3, 3DS, Xbox One, PS4
10/13/2013

Lego Marvel Super Heroes

Xbox 360, PS3, Wii U, DS, PS4
10/22/2013

Upcoming Books

By: Trent Geist

The House of Hades

Rick Riordan October 8

The 4th book in the Heroes of Olympus series featuring Percy Jackson.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hard Luck

Jeff Kinney November 15

The 8th book in the ever popular Wimpy Kid series.

Bad Kitty:

Drawn to Trouble

Nick Bruel January 7

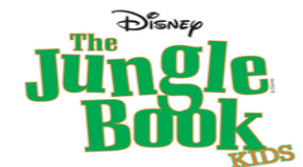
Can Bad Kitty possibly get into any more trouble?

39 Clues:

Unstoppable: Break Away

Jeff Hirsch January 28

This is the 2nd book in the series that follows Cahills vs. Vespers series. It is the 3rd arc in the 39 Clues and will have 4 books.



Presenting Towamensing Elementary's School Play

Coming Spring 2014

"I think Activision has out done itself this time. I love swapping characters. It's a great game."

-Logan Kresge on Skylanders Swap Force



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Volume 2 of Towa Times is coming to
your classroom in the Spring of 2014.
Look for it!

We're on the Web
www.palmerton.org

By: Trent Geist and Logan Kresge

PALMERTON VARSITY SPORTS

Varsity Football: 2W-8L

Golf 1W-14L

Field Hockey 4W-14L

Girls Soccer 6W-12L

Boys Soccer 4W-14L

Boys Cross Country 10W-16L

PROFESSIONAL SPORTS*

MLB: Phillies - 73W - 89L, Pirates - 94W- 68L

NHL: Flyers- 12W- 13L

NFL: Eagles- 7W- 5L, Steelers- 5W-7L, NBA: 76ers- 7W- 12L

***These are the records as of December 4th.**

About the Staff



The Towa Times Staff

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Trent Geist

Trent is a 6th grade student at Towamensing Elementary School. In addition to writing for the Towa Times, Trent likes to play football and chess. His favorite foods are shrimp and crab.

Logan Kresge

Logan is a 6th grade student at Towamensing Elementary School. In addition to writing for the Towa Times, Logan plays baseball and is a Boy Scout. He likes to play video games and eat ribs and wings. His favorite movies are the Fast and Furious movies. He is proud to say that he earned all A+'s on his report card!

Kelly Heinick

Kelly is a 6th grade student at Towamensing Elementary School. In addition to writing for the Towa Times, Kelly plays the trumpet and sings in chorus. She likes to eat pizza and watch Adventure Time with her brother, Billy.