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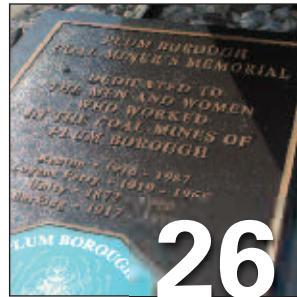
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Welcome to the Fall issue of **IN** Plum magazine.

As the summer winds down, and the kids get ready to go back to school, I sincerely hope that you and your family had some time to get away from it all and relax. It seems that these days, parents driving the family taxi, and kids with their sports/lessons/parties rarely get a chance to enjoy the slow pace of an ever more elusive "lazy summer."

Ask yourself – when was the last time everyone ate together around a family table? When did everyone gather to play a board game? Does anyone remember board games? If your answer was "That one night that the power went out," then you might be trapped in the 21st century jail of hyper-life. (I made that term up, but I can do that – I'm the publisher.) I'm not an old guy, unless you ask my kids, but I think that life should be simpler. Moms, dads, brothers, sisters, should all try to spend some time with each other as a family more than that one night when the power goes out. Family time is an important part of being a community. And every community should value quality time with their families – it's how we teach our children values, etiquette, and more importantly, how to participate in a family structure so they can pass on to their kids what you have worked so hard to build. Recently, I saw a commercial where a father shut off the main power to the house so that the family could enjoy dinner together and blamed the outage on a thunderstorm. The Xboxes were dead. The Facebook was closed. The kids came downstairs in disillusionment to ask what happened. While the commercial was pushing some tasty dinner product, the message was more palatable – you have to make family time. I would take that message one step further – you have to make family time a priority. I hope that it's one of yours.



Have a great fall!

Wayne Dollard
Publisher

While it might not be music to the kids' ears, I love the sound of school buses in the morning. It sounds like – education! I was actually one of those weird kids who loved going to school.

This edition of **IN** Plum Magazine has the information parents and students need to get the school year started off right. The new Miss Pennsylvania Juliann Sheldon takes time out of her busy schedule to talk to us. She's from Plum. We also have a feature on the Plum Senior Community Center and all the wonderful programs it provides. Were you out at Plum's Community Day? Maybe we've got a pic of you in this edition. And we also take a look at Plum's Coal Miner's Memorial and the role of coal in the region.

As always, we want to hear from you. What's going on out there that we should be covering? What's happening in your schools, organizations, churches? What friend or family member deserves a profile? Please, drop me an email at m.haynes@incommunitymagazines.com.

Yes, it's back to school time. So parents, enjoy sending them out the door and onto the path of knowledge, and enjoy this edition of **IN** Plum Magazine!



Monica L. Haynes
Eastern Regional Editor

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PLUM BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

...Leading The Way

news

A Message from Dr. Naccarati

The start of a new school year is an exciting time, not only for students but for parents and district employees, as well. After 37 years in education, I still experience the wondrous anticipation and enthusiasm that always accompanies the beginning of school. We look forward to welcoming your children back to school and extend a special welcome to families new to the Plum Borough School District.

The summer months were filled with work in anticipation of the students' return. Buildings were cleaned, necessary maintenance was completed and the grounds were readied for the start of school.

We welcome Aramark Management Services to the District. Aramark will provide Facilities Department supervision. The New Pivik Elementary School construction project is moving ahead according to schedule. We encourage you to visit our website for weekly construction site photographs. The transportation department has worked diligently maintaining and servicing the fleet that will be in operation at the start of school. Mandated state police inspections for our fleet have been completed.

Our professional staff engaged in numerous summer professional development activities related to technology integration. The trainings will help to improve and advance instruction. We want to make certain that every student is able to maximize their learning experiences. We will continue to plan for exemplary instruction to address the needs of each of our students through our Professional Learning Communities. This focus is critical to the accomplishment of our vision and mission statement. Students First continues to be our maxim and ongoing emphasis will be placed on improving and enhancing student



achievement. While we are experiencing economic challenges, we have done our best to ensure that the District maintains the highest quality academic programs and extracurricular opportunities offered to our students.

Parent-Student Handbooks will be distributed at the beginning of the school year. I encourage you and your child to carefully read through the handbook and return all required signature pages. The notifications that require a parent signature are kept in the student files.

As I write this article, we are making the final adjustments to our new website. Our goal was simply to create a means of communication that would be easy to navigate and offer important

information related to the operation of the District. We hope that you will visit the website often.

Come see our academic plans for this school year at Open House. This year's schedule begins on Thursday, September 22, 2011 with Plum High School, then Thursday, October 6, 2011 at Oblock Junior High School, and finally Thursday, October 13, 2011 at the elementary schools. Students will be dismissed two hours early on the day of their open house. All open house times are 7 to 9pm. I encourage you to visit and hear what's in store for your child's education this year.

Welcome to the 2011-12 school year. Let's make it the best ever! Working together, we can continue our mission of preparing all students to succeed.

Sincerely,
Dr. Lillian Naccarati
Superintendent



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School Bus Safety Guidelines

Pupil Transportation is a vital part of the public school system. Because of the geographic features of Plum Borough, transportation is a major part of our operation. Each year our school buses travel approximately 700,000 miles. The safety of our children is our utmost concern. In addition to the school officials and parents, the children must be a part of this safety consciousness. They must follow certain guidelines to ensure their safety as well as the safety of their fellow students. For this reason, a set of rules and regulations for bus riding has been established.



1. Students are to be at their designated stop five minutes prior to the assigned pick-up time.
2. Students are to remain at the designated stop until the bus arrives. Students should wait at least ten feet from the edge of the highway at the designated stop. Boarding will take place in single file with no pushing, once the bus comes to a full stop.
3. When students must cross the roadway before getting on the bus, these students must wait until the bus stops and the red lights are activated. The students must also look at the bus driver, and check both lanes of traffic before crossing the roadway, during loading and unloading.
4. Assigned seats will be done at the beginning of the school year. Kindergarten students are usually kept in the front of the bus. Seating arrangements can be adjusted when discipline problems arise.

Plum Transportation Rules

SCHOOL OPENS AUGUST 31, 2011 DRIVE CAREFULLY

5. All students must remain in their seats during the bus ride. No student is permitted to hang out the window or to throw anything out of the windows.
6. No student is permitted to open the emergency door, roof hatch, or window escape except upon the direction of the driver or in an emergency in which the driver is incapacitated.
7. Every student who rides a bus must get on and off at the bus stop assigned. Any student who wishes to ride a bus other than his regular school bus must have a written request signed by a parent and the building principal. The same request is required if the student needs to get off at a stop that is not his regular bus stop. The bus driver has the right to refuse such a request if the request results in an overload situation.
8. Smoking is not permitted on the school bus. Screwdrivers and other hand tools, weapons, guns, knives, water guns, bats and balls, hockey sticks, skateboards, matches, or lighters, and other items that can be a hazard or conceived as a weapon are not permitted on the bus.
9. No vulgar language or vulgarity of any kind shall be used on the bus or at the designated bus stop.
10. No eating or drinking is permitted on the bus.
11. Intentional carrying of snow or ice into the bus and the snowballing of buses is not permitted.

12. Any unwarranted conduct not specifically covered in the preceding regulations but which the bus driver, the principal, or the director of transportation determines to be detrimental to the safe operation of the bus is not permitted.

Consequences for students who violate the Bus Safety Guidelines are as follows:

1. Verbal warning by the driver.
2. Conference between the driver and student. Driver informs student of consequences of further discipline problems. Seating arrangement may be altered at this time.
3. First Formal Write-up: The Building Principal notifies the student and the parents that there is a danger of the student losing transportation privileges.
4. Second Formal Write-up: The student and his/her parents are made aware that transportation privileges are suspended for an amount of time as determined by the Building Principal. Future incidents can result in a progression in the disciplinary assessments.
5. Third Formal Write-up: The student and parents are notified that transportation privileges for the remainder of the school year are in jeopardy. Length of suspension will be determined by the Building Principal based on his/her investigation.

It is emphasized that riding a school bus is a privilege. Serious types of misbehavior such as vandalism and the disregard for the safety of the bus driver and the other students may result in immediate and indefinite suspension regardless of the number of times the student has been suspended. This is based on the Building Principal's investigation and assessment.



Plum Borough School District Bus Schedule 2011-2012

The times indicated in the schedule are starting times for the buses at the first stop. Students should be at the bus stop five (5) minutes before pick-up time - no earlier. Students are not permitted to ride buses other than their assigned bus, for it could cause overloading. Overloading creates a hazard and is in violation of state law.

Parents are asked to acquaint their children with all stops, procedures, and safety rules. It might be helpful to take your children to the bus in the morning and meet the bus when it returns in the afternoon until they are familiar with the stop. If you have any questions concerning the bus schedule (stops, times, etc.) please contact the School Transportation Department at 412-795-3600. We need your cooperation to provide a safe and efficient transportation system.

Kindergarten

Kindergarten students should follow the regular scheduled bus routes listed under each elementary school. There is no midday transportation for Kindergarten students attending St. John's School during the 2011-12 school year. If you have any questions concerning Kindergarten transportation, please contact the Transportation Office.

Starting and Dismissal times for this year are as follows:

Plum Senior High7:28 a.m. 2:20 p.m.
Oblock Junior High8:10 a.m. 3:00 p.m.
All Elementary Schools...8:45 a.m. 3:30 p.m.
St. John the Baptist8:40 a.m. 3:00 p.m.



PLUM BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

news

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To Plum High School

Bus #100 - 7:00 a.m.

New Texas Rd. (Rte.#286 to Rte. #380)
Falls Village
Knollview Dr.
Carpenter Dr.
Rockland Manor at New Texas Rd.

Bus #101 - 7:00 a.m.

Milltown Rd.(Shearer Rd. to Repp Rd.)
Repp Rd. (Milltown Rd. to Rte #909)
Carrie Ann Dr. at Repp Rd.
Kelly Wood Plan
Lynn Ann Dr. (Loop)
Kellywood Estates (New Plan)
Emerald Dr. and Kellywood Ct.

Bus #102 - 6:55 a.m.

Boyce Park Village (First Loop)
Regency Park Plan
Regency Dr. and Pikeview
(Upper and Lower)

Bus #104 - 7:00 a.m.

Rustic Ridge Plan
Rustic Ridge Dr. at Autumnwood Ct.
Both Loops in Rustic Ridge Plan

Bus #105 - 6:55 a.m.

Tahoe and Moraine Rd.
Tahoe and Blue Ridge Rd. (Upper)
Blue Ridge and Skyline
Blue Ridge and Gasline
Tahoe and Blue Ridge Rd. (Lower)
Tahoe at Pine Valley
Rte.#380 (New Texas Rd.
to Center New Texas Rd.)

Bus #106 - 7:00 a.m.

Edgemede Plan
Belmont and Carriage
Belmont and Cresthaven
Cresthaven and N. Windgap
Shelbourne and S. Windgap
Shelbourne and Cresthaven
Carriage and Cresthaven
Carriage and South Windgap

Bus #107 - 7:00 a.m.

Shearer Rd.
Kerr Rd.
Entrance of Ramparts
Rampart Blvd. and Duquesne
Ligonier and Duquesne
Rampart Blvd. and Ligonier
Rampart Blvd. and Venango Ct.

Bus #108 - 6:55 a.m.

Holiday Park Dr. and Settlers Ct.
Holiday Park Dr. and Sierra (Upper)
Holiday Park Dr. and Black Hills Rd.
Hialeah and Church Driveway
Hialeah Dr. and Mardi Gras
Ozark Dr. and Hialeah Dr.

Bus #176 - 6:55 a.m.

Oblock Rd. and Surfside Dr.
Surfside Dr. and Rainer Dr.
Surfside Dr. and Blue Ridge Rd.
Surfside Dr. and Carnival Dr.
Carnival and Presque Isle Dr.
Charter Heights
Impala Dr. and Cape Cod
Impala Dr. and Catalina
Catalina Dr. and N. Duane

Bus #180 - 6:55 a.m.

South Duane Dr.
Presque Isle Dr. and Timothy
Presque Isle Dr. and Tahoe
Presque Isle Dr. and Conneaut
(Upper and Lower)
New Texas Rd. (Rte 380 to Renton Rd.)

Bus #181 - 6:50 a.m.

Rte.#909 (Kerr Rd. to Hulton Rd.)
Coxcomb Lane
Hulton Rd. (Rte.#909 to Leechburg Rd.)
Pennsylvania Ave.
Lincoln Ave.
Northern Ave.
Jefferson St.
Frankland Ave.
Kirk Dr.
Mary St.
Old Leechburg Rd. (Unity
to Greendale Village)

Bus #182 - 6:50 a.m.

Greensburg Rd. (Crystal Springs
to Drennen Rd.)
Miller's Hill
Renton Rd. (Sardis Rd.
to New Texas Rd.)
Plum St. at Renton Rd.
Renton Ave. and Renton Rd.
Oak and Renton Ave.
Apple and Oak St.
Apple and Pine St.

Bus #183 - 6:55 a.m.

Palmer Rd.
Francis Rd. and Scott Rd.

Scott Rd. and Roberts Rd.
Roberts Rd. and Clements Rd.
Eighmy and Finley Rd.
Beech Rd.
Elm Rd.
Maple and Oak Rd.
Center New Texas Rd. (Palmer Rd.
to New Texas Rd.)

Bus #184 - 6:55 a.m.

Rte. #380 (Ozark Dr. to Sardis Rd.)
Sardis Rd. (Rte. #380 to Webster Rd.)
Walcutt's (Upper Drennen
at Sardis Rd.)
McAllister Dr. at Sardis Rd.
Leechburg Rd. (Webster's Corner
to Elicker Rd.)
Cherry Springs at Leechburg Rd.

Bus #185 - 6:50 a.m.

Pierson Run Rd. (Rte.#380
to Old Frankstown Rd.)
Old Frankstown Rd.
Balkan Dr. at Old Frankstown
(Whispering Pines Plan)
Center Rd. (Old Frankstown Rd.
to Rte. #380)
Mark Haven Plan
Wimbledon and Providence
Wimbledon and Dehaviland

Bus #186 - 6:55 a.m.

Kane Rd. at New Texas Rd.
Logans Ferry and Shangri La
Logans Ferry and Sagamore
Logans Ferry and Teton
Logans Ferry and Shasta
Shasta and Creole
New Texas Rd. (Renton Rd. to Nesbits)

Bus #187 - 7:00 a.m.

Rte.#380 (Center to Millers Lane)
Willow Village and Rte.#380
Miller's Lane and Mower Dr.
Mower and Vale Dr.
Crestview Dr. and Deborah Jane
Deborah Jane and Universal Rd.
Universal Rd.
Franklin Dr.
Elwood Ave.
Leechburg Rd. (Siple St. to Nesbits)

Bus #188 - 7:05 a.m.

Unity Center Rd. (Center to Unity)
Jackson Rd.
Bank St. and Allegheny Ave.
Center and Perry St.
Elicker Rd.

Bus #189 - 6:55 a.m.

Alcan and Ohiopyle
Abers Creek Rd. and Cayuga
Abers Creek Rd. and Chapparral
Chapparral (2240)
Chapparral and Green Haven Ct.
Chapparral and Cayuga Dr.

Bus #190 - 6:55 a.m.

Anderson Ave. at Anderson Lane
Anderson Ave. at Miller's Lane
Miller's Lane and Regency Dr.
Regency Dr. and Kathy Lynn
(Both Ends)
Rte.#380 (Kathy Lynn Dr.
to Crestview Dr.)
Vale and Crestview Dr.
Vale and Deborah Jane Dr.
Vale and Regency Dr.
Regency Park School Driveway
Unity Center Apartments



Plum Borough School District Transportation Department

2011-12 Bus Schedules

To Plum High School

Bus #191 - 7:05 a.m.

Rampart Blvd. and Prince George
Rampart Blvd. and Frontenac
Frontenac and Dinwiddie Dr.
Peppertree

Bus #192 - 6:55 a.m.

Pine Valley Dr. (Middle)
Pine Valley Dr. and Malabar
Oblock Rd. and Malabar
Oblock Rd.
Deer Valley Estates
Oblock Rd. and Great Smokey
Oblock Rd. and Alcan Rd.

Bus #193 - 6:55 a.m.

Ohiopyle and Oblock Rd.
Holiday Park Dr. and Oblock Rd.
Holiday Park Dr. (Middle)
Holiday Park Dr. and Presque Isle Dr.
Presque Isle Dr. and Sun Valley
Fiesta Dr. and Holiday Park Dr.

Bus #194 - 6:50 a.m.

Logans Ferry Heights
Voscamp and Entrance Dr.
Memorial Dr.
Browntown Rd.
Old Leechburg Rd. (Sardis to Ross
Hollow Rd.)
Ross Hollow Rd. (Old Leechburg
to New Texas Rd.)

Bus #195 - 6:55 a.m.

Rte.#380 (New Texas Rd. to Ozark Dr.)
Ozark Dr. and Nassau Dr.
Mardi Gras and Nassau Dr.
Havana Dr. and Patee
(Upper and Lower)
Havana Dr. and Holiday Park Dr.

Bus #197 - 6:55 a.m.

Oblock Rd. and Kinzua
Mt. Hood and Oblock Rd.
Key West and Oblock Rd.
Key West and Shady Hollow
Key West and Sugarloaf
Mt. Hood and Sugarloaf
Woodlawn Estates
Wedgewood and Red Oak
Douglas Fir and Firwood

Bus #198 - 6:55 a.m.

Rainier and Catskill Dr.
Catskill Dr. (Middle)
Surfside and Catskill Dr.
Surfside and Tivoli
Briarwood at New Texas Rd.

Bus #199 - 6:55 a.m.

Old Leechburg Rd. (Ross Hollow Rd.
to New Texas Rd.)
Highlands Plan (Stirling and Aberdeen)
Old Leechburg Rd. (New Texas Rd.
to Greendale Village)
Windy Oaks at Old Leechburg
Greendale Village
Harvest Hill and Grovecrest
Harvest Hill and Greendale
Knollwood Ct.
Valley Fields at Old Leechburg
Meadow Hill Dr. at Old Leechburg

Bus #261 - 6:30 a.m.

Clements Rd. (Rte.#380 to Renton Rd.)
Webster Rd.
Wright Rd.
Logans Ferry Hill (Webster Rd.
to Rte. #909)
Barking Rd.
Rte. #909 (Logans Ferry Hill to Kerr Rd.)

To Oblock Junior High School

Cresthaven and Carriage
(Bus #197 in p.m.)
South Windgap and Carriage
(Bus #197 in p.m.)
Carriage and Belmont
(Bus #197 in p.m.)

Bus #105 - 7:25 a.m.

Leechburg Rd. (Nesbits to Siple St.)
Unity Center Rd. (Leechburg
to Millers Lane)
Unity Center Apartments
Crestview Dr. and Deborah Jane
Regency Dr. and Millers Lane
Regency Dr. and Kathy Lynn
Rte #380 (Millers Lane to Center)
Willow Village
Rte #380 (Unity Center Rd.
to New Texas Rd.)

Bus #176 - 7:25 a.m.

Shearer Rd.
Ramparts Plan
Peppertree and Dinwiddie
Dinwiddie and Frontenac
Rampart Blvd. and Frontenac
Rampart Blvd. and Ligonier
Rampart Blvd. and Venango Ct.
Rampart Blvd. and Duquesne
Duquesne and Ligonier
Rampart Ct.

Bus #183 - 7:25 a.m.

Rte. #909 (Kerr Rd. to Hulton Rd.)
(Bus #184 in p.m.)
Hulton Rd. (Bus #184 in p.m.)
Pennsylvania Ave. (Bus #184 in p.m.)
Northern Ave. (Bus #184 in p.m.)
Frankland Ave. (Bus #184 in p.m.)
Kirk Dr. (Bus #184 in p.m.)
Stearnagle Lane at Hulton Rd.
(Bus #184 in p.m.)
Mary St. (Bus #184 in p.m.)
Allegheny at Bank St. (Bus #108 in p.m.)

Bus #184 - 7:25 a.m.

Repp Rd.
New Kellywood Plan
Kellywood Ct. and Emerald
Kellywood Estates
Lynn Ann Dr. and Kelly Ridge
Lynn Ann Dr. (Middle)
Lynn Ann Dr. and Ridgeview
Carrie Ann Dr. at Repp Rd.
Milltown Rd.
New Texas Rd. (Nesbits to
Rte.#380)(Bus #108 in p.m.)

Bus #186 - 7:25 a.m.

New Texas Rd. (Rte. #380 to Rte. #286)
Kane Rd. at New Texas Rd.
Logans Ferry Rd. and Shangri La
Logans Ferry Rd. and Sagamore
Logans Ferry Rd. and Teton
Logans Ferry Rd. and Shasta
Pine Valley Dr. (Middle)
Pine Valley Dr. and Malabar
Oblock Rd. (1000-1100 Block)

Bus #188 - 7:25 a.m.

Sardis Rd. (Webster's Corner to Old
Leechburg Rd.)
McAllister Dr. at Sardis Rd.
Renton Rd. (Sardis Rd.
to New Texas Rd.)
Apple and Renton Rd.
Apple and Oak Rd.
Oak and Renton Ave.
Renton Ave. and Renton Rd.
Woodlawn Estates (Bus #108 in p.m.)
Havana and Patee (Upper and Lower)
(Bus #108 in p.m.)
Holiday Park Dr. and Havana
(Bus #108 in p.m.)

Bus #189 - 7:25 a.m.

Center New Texas Rd. (Plum Crest
to Palmer Rd.)
Francis and Palmer Rd.
Scott and Roberts Rd.
Roberts and Clements Rd.
Scott and Francis Rd.
McJunkin and Finley
Finley and Eighthmy
Beech and Elm
Maple and Oak
Briarwood at New Texas Rd.
Rockland Manor at New Texas Rd.

Bus #190 - 7:25 a.m.

Leechburg Rd. (Elicker to Sardis Rd.)
Cherry Springs at Leechburg Rd.
Browntown Rd.
Logans Ferry Heights
Memorial Dr.
Voscamp Dr.
Greensburg Rd. (Crystal Springs
to Drennen Rd.)
Hemphill Hollow Rd. at Greensburg Rd.
Abers Creek Rd. (Rte.#380 to Holiday
Park Dr.)

To Oblock Junior High School

Bus #100 - 7:30 a.m.

Mardi Gras and Nassau
Ozark Dr. and Nassau Dr.
Ozark Dr. and Bahama Dr.
Hialeah Dr. and Mardi Gras
Holiday Park Dr. and Settlers Ct.
Holiday Park Dr. and Sierra (Upper)
Holiday Park Dr. and Black Hills
Impala and Cape Cod
Impala and Catalina
South Duane Dr.

Bus #102 - 7:20 a.m.

Universal Rd. (Unity-Center Rd.
to Deborah Jane Dr.)
Vale Dr. and Crestview
Vale Dr. and Arlington
Vale Dr. and Deborah Jane
Vale Dr. and Mower
Rte. #380 (Crestview to Millers Lane)
Edgemeade Plan (Bus #197 in p.m.)
Cresthaven and Shelbourne
(Bus #197 in p.m.)
Shelbourne and South Windgap
(Bus #197 in p.m.)

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To Oblock Junior High School

Bus #192 - 7:25 a.m.

Ross Hollow Rd. (New Texas Rd. to Old Leechburg Rd.)
Rustic Ridge Plan (Both Loops)
Ridgetop and Meadowood
Meadowood and Rustic Ridge Dr.
Rustic Ridge at Ross Hollow Rd.
Old Leechburg Rd. (Ross Hollow Rd. to Sardis Rd.)
Sardis Rd. (Old Leechburg Rd. to Rte. #380)
Rte. #380 (Sardis Rd. to Abers Creek Rd.) (Bus #190 in p.m.)



Bus #193 - 7:25 a.m.

Elicker Rd. (Bus #108 in p.m.)
Anderson Ave. and Millers Lane
Pikeview Dr. (Upper and Lower)
Regency Park School Driveway
Unity Center Rd. (Millers Lane to Rte. #380)
Jackson Rd.
Willow Dr.
Pierson Run Rd.
Old Frankstown Rd. (Pierson Run Rd. to Rte. #286)
Whispering Pines Plan
Balkan Dr. and Foxtail Rd.

Bus #195 - 7:25 a.m.

Old Leechburg Rd. (New Texas Rd. to Unity Center Rd.)
Windy Oaks at Old Leechburg Rd.
Meadow Hill Dr.
Greendale Village
Greendale and Harvest Hill Dr.
Greendale and Knollwood Ct.
Boyce Park Village (First Loop)
Rte.#380 (New Texas Rd. to Abers Creek Rd.)(Bus #108 in p.m.)

Bus #197 - 7:30 a.m.

Center Rd. (Center to Old Frankstown Rd)
Oblock Ave.
Mark Haven Plan
Wimbledon and Justine
Wimbledon and Providence
Wimbledon and Dehaviland
Old Frankstown Rd.

Bus #261 - 7:15 a.m.

Rte. #909 (Kerr Rd. to Logans Ferry Hill)
Barking Rd.
Nichols and Voscamp
Logans Ferry Hill
Edwards Rd.
Webster Rd.
Miller's Hill
Old Leechburg Rd. (Ross Hollow Rd. to New Texas Rd.)
Highlands Plan (Sterling and Aberdeen)
Clements Rd. (Renton to Rte. #380)

To Adlai Stevenson Elementary School

Bus #107 - 8:05 a.m.

Briarwood and Thornwood
Briarwood and Thistle Ct.
Rockland Dr.
Rockland and Stone Haven Ct.
Rockland and Sandstone Ct.
Rockland and Cobblestone Dr.
Cobblestone and Limestone Ct.
Oblock Rd. (Malabar to Key West)
Deer Valley Estates at Oblock Rd.
Oblock Rd. and Kinzua

Bus #261 - 8:10 a.m.

Rte. #380 (New Texas Rd. To County Line)
Clements Rd.
Hallowell Dr.
(Bus #249 in p.m.)

To Center Elementary School

Bus #105 - 8:05 a.m.

Renton Rd. (Sardis Rd. to New Texas Rd.)
Plum St.
Renton Rd. and Renton Ave.
Renton Ave. and Oak St.
Apple and Oak St.
Renton Rd. and Apple St.
McJunkin Rd.
Eighmy and Finley
Beech Rd. (Eighmy to Center New Texas Rd.)
Maple and Oak
Beech and Elm

Bus #176 - 8:10 a.m.

Ross Hollow Rd. (Old Leechburg to New Texas Rd.)
Rustic Ridge Plan
Ridgetop and Rustic Ridge Dr.
Rustic Ridge Dr. and Brookside
Rustic Ridge Dr. and Timberwood Ct.

Bus #182 - 8:05 a.m.

Center Rd. (Center to Old Frankstown Rd.)
Oblock Ave.
Mark Haven Plan
Douglas and Justine
Wimbledon and Justine
Wimbledon and Providence
Wimbledon and Dehaviland

Bus #185 - 8:05 a.m.

Edgemeade Plan
Cresthaven and Carriage
Carriage at #224
Carriage and South Windgap
Carriage and Belmont
Scott and Roberts Rd.
Roberts and Clements Rd.

Bus #188 - 8:10 a.m.

Rustic Ridge Plan
Rustic Ridge Dr. and Autumnwood Ct.

Rustic Ridge Dr. and Stonedge Ct.
Rustic Ridge Dr. and Meadowood
Meadowood and Fieldstone
Meadowood and Overbrook Terrace
Meadowood at Rustic Ridge Dr.
Center New Texas Rd. (Plum Crest to Palmer Rd.)

Bus #189 - 8:10 a.m.

Edgemeade Plan
Belmont and Cresthaven
Cresthaven and North Windgap
Cresthaven and Shelbourne
Shelbourne and South Windgap
Shelbourne and Belmont
Center New Texas Rd. (Rte.#380 to Center School)

Bus #197 - 8:05 a.m.

Rte. #380 (New Texas Rd. to Center New Texas Rd.)
Palmer Rd.
Francis and Palmer
Francis Rd.
Francis and Scott Rd.
Rte.#380 (Unity Center Rd. to New Texas Rd.)
Boyce Park Village (Both Loops)

Bus #244 - 7:50 a.m.

Coxcomb Hill
Barking Rd.
Columbia Rd.
Pine St. Extension (Renton Plan)
1455 Mallisee Rd.

Bus #255 - 8:15 a.m.

Old Frankstown Rd. (Rte.#286 to Pierson Run Rd.)
Pierson Run Rd.
Trestle Rd.
Thomas St. at Pierson Run Rd.
(Bus #251 in p.m.)

To Holiday Park Elementary School

Bus #100 - 8:10 a.m.

Pine Valley Dr. (Rte.#286 to Tahoe Dr.)
Harborview and Arcadia Park
Key West and Shady Hollow
Key West and Sugarloaf
Mt. Hood and Sugarloaf

Bus #101 - 8:10 a.m.

Logans Ferry Rd.
Shangra La Apartments
Pin Oak
Alvin Ct.
Charter Heights
Sandune Ct.
Impala and Cape Cod Dr.
Catalina and N. Duane Dr.

Plum Borough School District Transportation Department

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To Holiday Park Elementary School

Bus #102 - 8:10 a.m.

Blue Ridge and Tahoe (Lower)
Blue Ridge and Gas Line
Blue Ridge and Skyline
Blue Ridge and Tahoe (Upper)
Tahoe and Moraine
Oliver Ct.

Bus #103 - 8:05 a.m.

Whispering Pines Plan
Foxtail Rd. and Lacebark
Foxtail and Balkan Dr.
Kane Rd.
Logans Ferry Rd. and Teton
Logans Ferry Rd. and Shasta
Shasta and Creole
Malabar Dr.
(Bus #198 in p.m.)

Bus #183 - 8:15 a.m.

Hialeah and Church Driveway
Hialeah and Mardi Gras
Hialeah and Monte Carlo
Hialeah and Ozark (Upper)
Ozark Dr. and Bahama
(Bus #106 in p.m.)

Bus #184 - 8:15 a.m.

Presque Isle and Timothy
South Duane Dr.
(Bus #180 in p.m.)

Bus #186 - 8:10 a.m.

Chapparral Dr.
Abers Creek Rd. and Chapparral
Abers Creek Rd. (Middle)
Abers Creek Rd. and Cayuga
Holiday Park Dr. and Settlers Ct.
Holiday Park Dr. and Upper Sierra
Holiday Park Dr. and Black Hills

Bus #194 - 8:05 a.m.

New Texas Rd. (Rte. #380 to Rte. #286)
Carpenter Dr.
Yettman Dr.
Falls Village
East Vue
McKim Dr.
Woodlawn Estates
Douglas Fir and Firwood
Wedgewood and Red Oak

To Pivik Elementary School

Carrie Ann Dr. at Repp Rd.
Kellywood Estates
Lynn Ann and Kelly Ridge
Lynn Ann (Middle)
Lynn Ann and Ridgewood Ct.

Bus #195 - 8:05 a.m.

New Texas Rd. (Rte #380
to Renton Rd.)
Leechburg Rd. (New Texas Rd.
to Ralph St.)
Greendale Village
Harvest Hill and Grovecrest
Harvest Hill and Greendale
Greendale and Brushy Ridge Ct.
Valley Fields at Old Leechburg
Rolling Hills Ct.
Meadow Hill Dr. at Old Leechburg Rd.

Bus #196 - 8:00 a.m.

Greensburg Rd. (Rte. #909
to Drennen Rd.)
Crystal Springs
Drennen Rd.
Millers Hill
McAllister Dr. (First Turn-around)
Old Leechburg Rd. (Sardis Rd.
to New Texas Rd.)

Old Leechburg Rd. (New Texas Rd.
to School Rd.)
Windy Oak Dr. and Pin Oak

Bus #199 - 8:05 a.m.

Shearer Rd.
Kerr Rd.
Ramparts
Rampart Ct.
Rampart and Duquesne
Rampart Blvd. and Venango Ct.
Rampart Blvd. and Ligonier
Rampart Blvd. and Prince George
Frontenac and Tionesta
Rampart Blvd. and Frontenac
Frontenac (Middle)
New Texas Rd. (Nesbits to Center
New Texas Rd.)

Bus #244 - 8:00 a.m.

Webster Rd. (Greensburg Rd.
to Sardis Rd.)

Bus #245 - 8:20 a.m.

Stearnagle Lane
Barnes Rd.
Elicker Rd.
Rosewood at Elicker Rd.
(Bus #261 in p.m.)

To Pivik Elementary School

Bus #104 - 8:05 a.m.

Peppertree Plan
Dinwiddie and Frontenac
Peppertree Dr and Dinwiddie
Highlands Plan
Stirling and Aberdeen
Glengarry Ct.

Bus #181 - 8:05 a.m.

Rte. #909 (Ramparts to Hulton Rd.)
Coxcomb Lane
Hulton Rd.
Pennsylvania Ave.
Lincoln Ave.
Jefferson Ave.
Frankland Ave.
Eastern Ave.
Morath Lane
Kirk Dr. (Go in Trailer Ct.)
Mary St.
Old Leechburg Rd. (Pinto
to Greendale Village)

Bus #187 - 8:00 a.m.

231 Coxcomb Hill
Kellywood (Phase #2)
Emerald and Kellywood Ct.
Rampart Gardens
219 Ligonier Lane
Duquesne and Ligonier
Lebeouf and Duquesne
198 Coxcomb Hill

Bus #190 - 8:05 a.m.

Sardis Rd. (Rte. #380 to Webster Rd.)
Upper Drennen Rd. at Sardis Rd.
Leechburg Rd. (Sardis Rd.
to Nesbits Lanes)
Cherrywood Dr. and Blossom Ct.
Cherrywood Dr. at Leechburg Rd.
(Bus #183 in p.m.)

Bus #192 - 8:10 a.m.

Milltown Rd. (Shearer Rd.
to Repp Rd.)
Repp Rd. (Milltown to Repp Rd.)

To Regency Park Elementary School

Bus #108 - 8:05 a.m.

Rte. #380 (Crestview to Center)
Willow Village at Rte.#380
Unity Center Rd. (Center
to Anderson Lane)
College Ave.
Jackson Rd.
Anderson Ave.
Universal Rd. (Deborah Jane
to Unity Center Rd.)
Franklin Dr.
Ellwood Ave.
Unity Center Rd. (Millers Lane
to Anderson Ave.)

Bus #191 - 8:00 a.m.

Logans Ferry Hill
Demetrio Lane
Edwards Rd.
Logans Ferry Heights
Memorial Dr.
Browntown Rd.

Bus #193 - 8:15 a.m.

Old Leechburg Rd.
(Unity to Sherrie Dr.)
Sherrie and Chris Ct.
Sherrie and Jane St.
Garlow and Argow
Middle of Garlow
Garlow and Perry
Allegheny and Bank St.
Center St. and Perry
Siple and Leechburg Rd.
Unity Center Apts.



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Plum Borough School District Transportation Department 2011-12 Bus Schedules

To St. John's School

Bus #104 - 8:05 a.m.

Peppertree Plan
Dinwiddie and Peppertree Dr.
Dinwiddie and Frontenac

Bus #106 - 7:40 a.m.

Old Farm Rd.
Oblock Rd. and Ohiopyle
Oblock Rd. and Holiday Park Dr.
Oblock Rd. and Kinzua
Mt. Hood and Sugarloaf
Key West Dr.
Presque Isle and Carnival
Presque Isle and Conneaut
Havana and Parea
Ozark and Nassau
Hialeah and Ozark

Ross Hollow Rd. (Old Leechburg Rd. to New Texas Rd.) (Bus #191 in p.m.)
Rustic Ridge and Stonedge Ct. (Bus #191 in p.m.)
Meadowood and Ridge Top Rd. (Bus #191 in p.m.)
Meadowood and Rustic Ridge Dr. (Bus #191 in p.m.)
Pampena Lane at Ross Hollow Rd. (Bus #191 in p.m.)
3412 Leechburg Rd. (Bus #191 in p.m.)

Bus #108 - 8:10 a.m.

Anderson Avenue (Bus #183 in p.m.)
Regency Park School (Bus #199 in p.m.)

Bus #180 - 7:45 a.m.

Balkan Dr. at Foxtail (Whispering Pines)
Charter Heights
Impala and Cape Cod
Tahoe and Moraine
Blue Ridge Loop
Harborview at Arcadia Park Rd.
Pine Valley Dr.
1099 Oblock Rd.

Bar Harbor and Rainier
344 Holiday Park Dr.
New Texas Rd. (Rte. #380 to Old Leechburg Rd.)

Rockland Manor Loop
Briarwood Hills Loop
Old Leechburg Rd. (New Texas Rd. to Unity)
Windy Oaks at Old Leechburg
Greendale Village
Harvest Hill and Greendale
Harvest Hill and Grovecrest

Bus #181 - 8:10 a.m.

Hulton Rd. (2153)
Hulton Rd. and Pennsylvania Ave. (Bus #247 in p.m.)

Bus #182 - 8:05 a.m.

Center Rd. (Center to Old Frankstown Rd.)
Mark Haven Plan
Wimbledon and Providence (Bus #199 in p.m.)

Bus #185 - 8:05 a.m.

Edgemede Plan
Cresthaven and Carriage Carriage at #224
Carriage and South Windgap
Carriage and Belmont (Bus #199 in p.m.)

Bus #187 - 8:05 a.m.

Kellywood at Repp Rd. (Phase #2)
Emerald Dr. and Kellywood Ct.
Duquesne and Lebeouf (Bus #104 in p.m.)

Bus #189 - 8:10 a.m.

Edgemede Plan
Belmont and Cresthaven
Cresthaven and North Windgap
Cresthaven and Shelbourne
Shelbourne and South Windgap

Shelbourne and Belmont (Bus #199 in p.m.)

Bus #192 - 8:10 a.m.

Repp Rd. (Rte. #909 to Milltown)
Kellywood Estates
Lynn Ann Dr. (Middle)
Lynn Ann and Kelly Ridge
Ridgeview and Kelly Ridge (Bus #104 in p.m.)

Bus #193 - 8:15 a.m.

Sherrie and Chris Ct.
Garlow and Perry St. (Bus #183 in p.m.)

Bus #196 - 8:10 a.m.

McAllister Dr. (Bus #191 in p.m.)

Bus #198 - 7:50 a.m.

Alcan Dr.
Chapparral Dr.
Holiday Park Dr. and Sierra
New Texas Rd. (Rte. #286 to Rte. #380) (Bus #182 in p.m.)
Boyce Park Village (Both Loops)
Maple Rd. and Oak Rd.
McJunkin Rd.
Eighthmy and Finley Rd.
Unity Center Rd. (Francis Rd. to St. John's School)

Bus #199 - 8:05 a.m.

Ramparts
Rampart Blvd. and Ligonier (Bus #104 in p.m.)

Bus #247 - 8:10 a.m.

Highlands Plan
Stirling and Aberdeen
Glengarry Ct.
Renton Ave. and Walnut
Thomas St. at Pierson Run Rd.
Center Hill Rd. at Pierson Run Rd.

Services for Preschool Children with Disabilities

The Early Intervention Services Act (Act 212) entitles all preschool children with disabilities to appropriate early intervention services. The Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare is responsible for providing services to infants and toddlers, defined as children from birth through two years of age. At-risk children are eligible for screening and monitoring through The Alliance for Infants and Toddlers, Inc., 412.885.6000.

The Pennsylvania Department of Education is responsible for providing services to preschool children (ages 3-5). If your child is less than age of beginners and at least 3 years of age, they are considered to have a developmental delay when difficulties exist in the areas of cognitive, communicative, physical, social/emotional and self-help development.

For more information, contact:

Project DART
Allegheny Intermediate Unit
475 E. Waterfront Drive
Homestead, PA 15120
412.394.5816

Special Education Services for School-Age Exceptional Students

Plum Borough School District provides a free, appropriate, public education (FAPE) to exceptional students consistent with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) of 2004 (P.L.108- 446). To qualify as an exceptional student, the child must be of school-age, in need of specially-designed instruction, and meet eligibility criteria for one or more of the following physical or mental disabilities: autism, deaf-blindness, emotional disturbance, hearing impairment including deafness, intellectual disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, specific learning disability, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, visual impairment including blindness, and in the case of a child that is of pre-school age, developmental delay. Identification procedures ensure eligible students receive an appropriate program consisting of individualized special education and related services. At no cost to the parents, these services are provided in compliance with state and federal law and planned to ensure meaningful educational benefit and student progress.

To identify students who may be eligible for special education, various screening activities are conducted on an ongoing basis. These screening activities may include: hearing,

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vision, physical and speech/language screening; a review of group-based data (cumulative academic records, ability and achievement test scores, enrollment records, report cards, and health records); and a review by the building-level team. When screening results suggest that a student may need special education services, PBSO will, with parental consent, conduct an evaluation. Parents who suspect their child may need special education services may also submit a written request for an evaluation to the school principal. Services designed to meet the needs of exceptional students include: a timely evaluation and the annual development of an Individualized Education Program (IEP). Parents are an integral part of the IEP process and should be present at IEP meetings. Plum Borough School District will make every effort to ensure parent participation.

The extent of special education services and the location for the delivery of those services are determined by the IEP team and based on student's identified needs and abilities. Consideration also is given to the student's chronological age and level of intensity of the specified intervention. The district provides supplementary aids and services, such as transportation, physical therapy and occupational therapy, as necessary for the student to benefit from the special education program. Parents may obtain additional information about special education services and programs and parental due process rights by contacting the child's school principal or the Special Education Office at 412.798.6393.

PA Department of Education
<http://www.education.state.pa.us>

PA Training and Technical Assistance Network
<http://pattan.net>

Learning Disabilities OnLine
<http://www.ldonline.org/parents>

Autism Society of America
<http://www.autism-society.org/site/PageServer>

Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
<http://chadd.org>

Cognitive, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
<http://www.thearcpa.org>

Exceptional Students in Non-Public Schools

Plum Borough School District's special education programs and services are accessible to resident students attending nonpublic schools. Special education programs are made accessible to non-public school students through dual-enrollment following evaluation and development of an Individualized Education Program (IEP). Parents of nonpublic school students who suspect that their child has a disability and is in need of special education may request a multidisciplinary team evaluation of their child through a written request to the district's Special Education Office at 412.798.6393.

Chapter 15: Services for Protected Handicapped Students

In compliance with state and federal law, the Plum Borough School District provides services or accommodations to protected handicapped students. These services ensure equal opportunity to participate in and obtain the benefits of the school program and extracurricular activities to the maximum extent appropriate to the student's abilities. They are provided without discrimination or cost to the student or family. To qualify for services as a "Protected Handicapped Student," the child must be of school age and have a physical or mental disability which substantially limits or prohibits participation in or access to an aspect of the school program. Additional information on evaluation procedures and services for protected handicapped students can be obtained from the child's school principal or the Special Education Office at 412.798.6393.

Release of Information Policy

According to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), non-confidential information about students may be included in publications such as sports programs, newspapers, radio and television news reports, newsletters, award and graduation programs, yearbooks, musical and play programs and other school publications. This information may include the student's name, address, study

interests, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weights and heights of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees, awards received and other similar information. Parents who wish to exempt their children from the release of such information should do so in writing to the principal.

Students Records

The District's policy on student records guarantees that parents and eligible students shall have the right to review and obtain a copy of the record; challenge its contents; refuse individual consent where permission is needed for releasing certain information; and file complaints with the:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue S.W.
Washington DC 20202.

This policy is in compliance with the Pennsylvania State Board of Education's regulations and with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. If a child transfers to another school system, the District will forward the record when a parent-initiated written request is sent from the new school.



Homeless Students

The board recognizes its obligations to ensure that homeless students have access to the same educational programs and services provided to other district students. The board shall make reasonable efforts to identify homeless children within the district, encourage their enrollment, and eliminate existing barriers to their attendance and education, in compliance with federal and state laws and regulations.

Plum Borough School District Notifications

Entrance Requirements

According to Pennsylvania State Law, the admission of beginners to the public schools shall be confined to the first two weeks of the annual school term in districts operating on an annual promotion basis.

Children entering first grade must be 6 years of age on or before September 1 of the school year.

Children entering kindergarten must be 5 years of age on or before September 1 of the school year. No early entrance of children to the kindergarten program or the first grade will be permitted.

Drug-Free Workplace

The Federal Drug-Free Workplace Act requires schools to be free of the illegal use of drugs and requires the district to issue the following statement to all: "No one is allowed to use, make, sell, distribute, or have in their possession any illegal drugs."

Unlawful Harassment

The school board strives to provide a safe, positive learning climate for students in the schools. It is the policy of the district to maintain an educational environment in which harassment in any form is not tolerated. The board prohibits all forms of unlawful harassment of students and employees by all district students and staff members, contracted individuals and vendors, and volunteers in the schools. Students and employees should be aware of the policy and adhere to it. Violations of this policy should be immediately reported to the building principal. This policy is available in the guidance office or administrative office.

Non-discrimination in School and Classroom

The board declares it to be the policy of this district to provide an equal opportunity for all students to achieve their maximum potential through the programs offered in the schools regardless of race, color, age, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, ancestry, national origin, or handicap/disability. The board shall provide to all students, without discrimination, course offerings, counseling assistance, employment, athletics, and extracurricular activities. The district shall make reasonable accommodations for students identified with physical and mental impairments that constitute disabilities, consistent with the requirements of federal and state laws and

regulations. This policy is available in the Central Administration Office.

For information regarding civil rights or grievance procedures, contact Dr. Timothy Glasspool, Assistant Superintendent/ Compliance Officer, at Central Administration Offices, 900 Elicker Road, Plum, PA 15239 (412-795-0100 ext. 6362). For information regarding activities and facilities accessible to and usable by physically-challenged persons, contact the building principals or the Special Education office at 412-798-6393.

If any individual requires special accommodations, contact the building principal three days prior to the scheduled event in order that accommodations can be secured.

Board of School Directors

The Plum Borough Board of School Directors is responsible for educational policies of the district and is responsible to the state government and the local community for the education of children from kindergarten through grade twelve.

Board members are elected by residents of Plum Borough for a four-year term of office.

The board, under state guidelines, establishes policies which are executed by the superintendent with the help of the administrative staff.

Members

Kevin Dowdell, President
 Tom McGough, Vice-President
 Andrew Drake, Treasurer
 Sal Colella

Jeff Matthews
 Rose McGuirk
 Shane McMasters
 Jeff Russo
 Loretta White

Non-Members

Cindy Vento, Board Secretary
 Andrews & Price, Solicitor



School Board Meetings

Parents and residents are invited to attend school board meetings on the last Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Visit our website for dates and times of Board Committee Meetings. Because of scheduling conflicts, meeting dates

and locations could change. Please check the district's website, Information Line at 412-795-0100 Ext. 1, or the Mustang Channel for up-to-date information.

Plum Communication

All board meetings (with the exception of personnel and executive sessions) are open to the public. Final decisions are made at the school board level, and those decisions are carried out by administration, faculty, and staff. Prior to a final decision, there are a few steps impacting the vote. Whenever the administration develops a proposal (whether by its own initiative or as directed by the school board), it is presented to the appropriate board committee, e.g. education, athletics, transportation, etc. for discussion and evaluation. Once the proposal has been heard, the board committee then decides whether to pursue more research or recommend the proposal for a board vote.

Communication Venues

- District website www.pbsd.k12.pa.us
- Plum Schools' Information Line 412-795-0100 ext. 1
- Board meetings are advertised and announced in the Tribune Review.
- Board committee minutes are available to the public at the Central Administration Offices during business hours, Monday through Friday, 8am – 4pm or by downloading from the website.
- The Mustang Channel

Use of Buildings

School facilities are available for use by residents and organized groups after school hours.

Persons who wish to use the facilities need to complete a Building Use Application, available at each building, the Facilities Department, 900 Elicker Road, as well as the website,

<http://www.pbsd.k12.pa.us>. Forms are due a minimum of 30 days prior to requested use date. Completed forms are forwarded to the school board for final approval.

Whenever a scheduling conflict arises over building use between community group and a school-sponsored group, the school group will take precedence.

First Day of School 8/31/11
Last Day of School 6/08/12

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July '11							August '11							September '11							October '11						
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Notes

- Clerical Day- 8/30, 1/23, 6/7
- In-service Day - 8/29, 10/10, 11/8, 1/16, 2/13
- No School
- End of Report Card Periods**
- 1st Report Card Period - 11/3, early dismissal
- 2nd Report Card Period - 1/20
- 3rd Report Card Period - 3/28, early dismissal
- 4th Report Card Period - 6/8

Snow Make-up Days

- 2/20
- 4/4
- 4/5
- 4/9

- In-service day 8/29
- Clerical Day 8/30
- Labor Day 9/5
- In-service Day 10/10
- Election Day 11/8 - Parent Teacher Conferences
- Thanksgiving Break 11/24 to 11/28
- Winter Break 12/23 to 1/1
- Dr. Martin Luther King Day 1/16 In-Service Day
- Clerical Day 1/23
- In-service Day 2/13
- Presidents' Day 2/20 (Snow Make-up Day)
- Spring Break 4/4 to 4/9 (4/4, 4/5 & 4/9 Snow Make-up Days)
- Election Day 4/24
- Memorial Day 5/28
- Clerical Day 6/7
- School Picnic 6/12/12

Approved by the School Board on 4/26/11

Option 4 Calendar 11-12 copy

Teachers Learn Even After School's Out

The Plum Borough School District offered three separate days of technology professional development opportunities for staff members this summer.

1. The district has adopted Microsoft's Cloud Computing Solution for students and staff. Teachers and administrators learned how to access live@edu from any internet connection. Email, setting up classroom groups, using online applications such as Word, Excel, and Power Point, uploading files to the cloud and sharing files were some of the topics covered during this training.
2. Moodle has been selected as the online learning tool for the district and was the focus of the second day of training. Even though many of our teachers have been and continue to use Moodle, the district offered a Level 1 and a Level 2 training for all teachers. Teachers learned how to setup and manage a Moodle page, insert pictures and add resources in the Level 1 course. Level 2 consisted of using forums, journals, digital submissions where students will be able to turn in assignments electronically and online testing.
3. The third training provided teachers with knowledge and expertise using Interactive White Boards. Introductory concepts such as setting up the boards, using interactive tools such as the camera and toolbar, as well as more advanced skills including inserting videos, assessments and quizzes were taught.



News from Food Service



Plum Borough School District's Food Service Department believes good nutrition is a building block to learning. The Food Service Department is committed to providing good nutrition for our students. Detailed information regarding lunch menus, NutriKids Frequently Asked Questions, Nutrition Notes, and Free and Reduced Lunch Program can be found on our website under Food Service at www.pbsd.k12.pa.us.

Lunch prices for the 2011-12 school year are:

Elementary	\$1.90
Junior High & High School	\$2.25
Milk	\$.45
Breakfast	\$1.00
Reduced Breakfast	\$.30
Reduced Lunch	\$.40

If you ended the last school year on the Free and Reduced Lunch Program, you **MUST** reapply for the 2011-12 school year. If you do not, your benefits will terminate Friday, September 30, 2011, and you will have to pay full price. Lunch applications will be sent home to each child the first day of school and can also be downloaded from our website. Please complete the form and send it back to school with your child in a sealed envelope or send it directly to the Plum High School Food Service Office at 900 Elicker Road, Plum, PA 15239.

During the time between eligibility stoppage and re-approval by the Food Service Department any lunch charges you incur will not be refunded and must be paid.



Pivik Elementary Construction

Construction on the new Pivik Elementary School has come along way since the ground breaking on April 1, 2011. On April 28, 2011, heavy equipment was brought in to clear the trees and fields. On May 4, 2011, the trees are down and stacked preparing for the next wave. On May 9, 2011 a shovel tears into the fields to level the construction site. The bulldozer is shown leveling the grounds for a new building. It takes plenty of heavy duty machines to move a field of dirt as seen here on May 31, 2011. Heavy duty shovels fill trucks at the end of June. Working towards a level construction site, a dump truck dumps a load of dirt in a low spot on July 5, 2011. Footers were dug and poured on July 12, 2011.



The shovel digs



In the beginning there were trees



The trees are down



The bulldozer clears fields



The grader levels fields



Hauling dirt



Dump truck levels low spots

Registration is now open for 2011-12

Dear Plum Borough School District family,

We are excited to announce that registration is now open to join Plum Borough Virtual Academy for the 2011-12 school year. Contact us today to learn about this new and exciting educational offering and see a demonstration of the engaging lessons that our virtual students experience every day. We will be happy to answer all questions regarding the virtual academy and to talk with you and your student(s) about enrollment for the Fall.

Why families choose the Plum Borough Virtual Academy:

- Online lessons customized to match the Plum Borough School District curriculum
- Your student earns a Plum Borough School District diploma
- Full access to extra-curricular activities and district resources
- Daily instruction from highly qualified, certified teachers
- Your student is provided with a Cyber School in a Box™ bundle – includes a notebook computer, printer/scanner/copier, software and technical support needed to attend the Plum Borough Virtual Academy

Contact your district to learn more:

District administrators will be happy to answer all questions regarding the virtual academy

Contact:
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 Principal
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 kocielar@pbsd.k12.pa.us

Contact your district for more information today

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CROSS COUNTRY

Boys Varsity			Place	Time
Sat.	09/03	Gateway Invitational	Away	9:00a.m.
Sat.	09/10	Red White and Blue Invitational	Away	8:00a.m.
Tues.	09/20	Woodland Hills H.S.	Away	3:30p.m.
Tues.	09/20	Highlands High School	Away	3:30p.m.
Tues.	09/27	Central Catholic	Away	3:30p.m.
Tues.	09/27	Penn Hills High School	Away	3:30p.m.
Sat.	10/01	Grove City Invitational	Away	9:00a.m.
Tues.	10/04	Gateway High School	Home	3:30p.m.
Tues.	10/04	McKeesport High School	Home	3:30p.m.
Tues.	10/11	Kiski Area Sr. High School	Away	4:00p.m.
Tues.	10/11	Fox Chapel High School	Away	4:00p.m.
Thurs.	10/27	WPIAL Championships	Away	2:30p.m.

Girls Varsity			Place	Time
Sat.	09/03	Gateway Invitational	Away	9:00a.m.
Sat.	09/10	Red White and Blue Invitational	Away	8:00a.m.
Tues.	09/20	Woodland Hills H.S.	Away	3:30p.m.
Tues.	09/20	Highlands High School	Away	3:30p.m.
Tues.	09/27	Oakland Catholic H.S.	Away	3:30p.m.
Tues.	09/27	Penn Hills High School	Away	3:30p.m.
Sat.	10/01	Grove City Invitational	Away	9:00a.m.
Tues.	10/04	Gateway High School	Home	3:30p.m.
Tues.	10/04	McKeesport High School	Home	3:30p.m.
Tues.	10/11	Kiski Area Sr. High School	Away	4:00p.m.
Tues.	10/11	Fox Chapel High School	Away	4:00p.m.
Thurs.	10/27	WPIAL Championships	Away	2:30p.m.

FOOTBALL

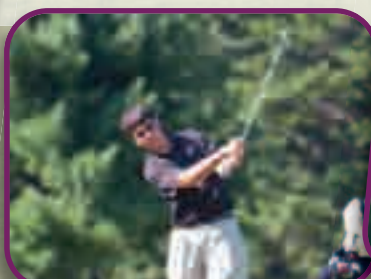
Boys Varsity			Place	Time
Fri.	09/02	Franklin Regional H.S.	Home	7:00p.m.
Fri.	09/09	Kittanning High School	Home	7:00p.m.
Fri.	09/16	Woodland Hills H.S.	Home	7:00p.m.
Fri.	09/23	Penn Hills High School	Away	7:30p.m.
Fri.	09/30	Highlands High School	Away	7:30p.m.
Fri.	10/07	Central Catholic	Home	7:00p.m.
Fri.	10/14	Altoona High School	Away	7:00p.m.
Fri.	10/21	Fox Chapel High School	Home	7:00p.m.
Fri.	10/28	Kiski Area Sr. High School	Away	7:30p.m.

GOLF

Boys Varsity			Place	Time
Thurs.	08/18	Deer Lakes High School	Home	3:30p.m.
Tues.	08/23	Central Catholic	Away	3:30p.m.
Thurs.	08/25	Riverview Jr/Sr High School	Home	3:30p.m.
Fri.	08/26	Gateway High School	Home	3:30p.m.
Mon.	08/29	Woodland Hills H.S.	Away	3:30p.m.
Wed.	08/31	Hampton High School	Away	3:30p.m.
Thurs.	09/01	Penn Hills High School	Home	3:30p.m.
Tues.	09/06	Franklin Regional H.S.	Away	2:25p.m.
Thurs.	09/08	Fox Chapel High School	Home	3:30p.m.
Mon.	09/12	Penn Trafford High School	Home	3:30p.m.
Tues.	09/13	Central Catholic	Home	3:30p.m.
Wed.	09/14	Kiski Area Sr. High School	Away	3:15p.m.
Mon.	09/19	WPIAL Individual Sectional Qualifiers CC hosting	Away	TBA
Tues.	09/20	Section 4 Tournament	Away	TBA
Tues.	09/20	Gateway High School	Away	3:30p.m.
Thurs.	09/22	Woodland Hills H.S.	Home	3:30p.m.
Tues.	09/27	WPIAL Div I Individual Semi-Finals	Away	TBA
Wed.	09/28	Penn Hills High School	Away	3:30p.m.
Thurs.	09/29	Franklin Regional H.S.	Home	3:30p.m.
Mon.	10/03	Fox Chapel High School	Home	3:30p.m.
Wed.	10/05	WPIAL Div I Individual Finals	Away	TBA

VOLLEYBALL

Girls Varsity			Place	Time
Sat.	09/03	Franklin Regional Tournament	Away	8:30a.m.
Tues.	09/06	Gateway High School	Home	7:00p.m.
Thurs.	09/08	Penn Hills High School	Away	7:30p.m.
Sat.	09/10	Shaler Varsity Tournament	Away	8:30a.m.
Mon.	09/12	Knoch High School	Away	7:30p.m.
Tues.	09/13	Woodland Hills H.S.	Home	7:00p.m.
Thurs.	09/15	McKeesport High School	Away	6:30p.m.
Sat.	09/17	Plum Girls Volleyball Tournament	Home	8:30a.m.
Thurs.	09/22	Shaler Area High School	Away	7:30p.m.
Mon.	09/26	Fox Chapel High School	Away	7:30p.m.
Thurs.	09/29	Gateway High School	Away	7:00p.m.
Tues.	10/04	Penn Hills High School	Home	7:00p.m.
Thurs.	10/06	Woodland Hills H.S.	Away	7:30p.m.
Tues.	10/11	McKeesport High School	Home	7:00p.m.
Thurs.	10/13	Connellsville Area High School	Home	7:00p.m.
Tues.	10/18	Shaler Area High School	Home	7:00p.m.
Thurs.	10/20	Fox Chapel High School	Home	7:00p.m.
Sat.	10/22	North Allegheny Tournament	Away	8:30a.m.



Varsity TEAM SCHEDULE

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Boys Varsity			Place	Time
Fri.	09/02	Shaler Tournament vs. Penn Trafford	Away	6:00p.m.
Sat.	09/03	Shaler Tournament vs. TBD	Away	TBA
Tues.	09/06	Penn Hills High School	Home	7:30p.m.
Thurs.	09/08	Woodland Hills H.S.	Away	3:30p.m.
Fri.	09/09	North Allegheny H.S.	Away	3:30p.m.
Thurs.	09/15	Fox Chapel High School	Home	7:30p.m.
Tues.	09/20	Franklin Regional H.S.	Away	7:30p.m.
Thurs.	09/22	Central Catholic	Away	7:30p.m.
Sat.	09/24	Gateway High School	Away	7:30p.m.
Tues.	09/27	Penn Hills High School	Away	7:30p.m.
Fri.	09/30	Woodland Hills H.S.	Home	3:30p.m.
Thurs.	10/06	Fox Chapel High School	Away	7:00p.m.
Tues.	10/11	Franklin Regional H.S.	Home	7:30p.m.
Thurs.	10/13	Central Catholic	Home	7:30p.m.
Sat.	10/15	McKeesport High School	Home	1:00p.m.
Tues.	10/18	Gateway High School	Home	7:30p.m.
Wed.	10/19	Montour High School	Away	7:30p.m.

Girls Varsity			Place	Time
Fri.	09/02	Indiana Tournament vs. Indiana	Away	6:00p.m.
Sat.	09/03	Indiana Tournament vs. TBA	Away	12:00p.m.
Wed.	09/07	Kiski Area Sr. High School	Home	6:00p.m.
Mon.	09/12	Woodland Hills H.S.	Away	3:30p.m.
Wed.	09/14	Penn Hills High School	Home	7:30p.m.
Sat.	09/17	Shaler Area High School	Home	TBA
Mon.	09/19	Franklin Regional H.S.	Away	7:30p.m.
Wed.	09/21	Butler Area High School	Away	6:00p.m.
Fri.	09/23	Fox Chapel High School	Home	3:30p.m.
Mon.	09/26	Gateway High School	Away	7:45p.m.
Wed.	09/28	Kiski Area Sr. High School	Away	7:30p.m.
Sat.	10/01	Woodland Hills H.S.	Home	2:30p.m.
Mon.	10/03	Penn Hills High School	Away	7:30p.m.
Wed.	10/05	Franklin Regional H.S.	Home	7:30p.m.
Wed.	10/12	Fox Chapel High School	Away	6:30p.m.
Mon.	10/17	Gateway High School	Home	7:30p.m.
Wed.	10/19	Knoch High School	Home	7:30p.m.

TENNIS

Girls Varsity			Place	Time
Mon.	08/22	Franklin Regional H.S.	Home	10:00a.m.
Wed.	08/24	Penn Hills High School	Home	3:30p.m.
Fri.	08/26	Shady Side Academy	Away	10:00a.m.
Tues.	08/30	Shaler Area High School	Home	3:30p.m.
Thurs.	09/01	Woodland Hills H.S.	Away	3:30p.m.
Tues.	09/06	Gateway High School	Home	3:30p.m.
Thurs.	09/08	Fox Chapel High School	Away	3:30p.m.
Mon.	09/12	McKeesport High School	Home	3:30p.m.
Wed.	09/14	Penn Hills High School	Away	3:30p.m.
Thurs.	09/15	Girls Section Singles @ Fox Chapel H.S.	Away	11:30a.m.
Fri.	09/16	Girls Section Singles @ Fox Chapel H.S.	Away	3:30p.m.
Mon.	09/19	Shady Side Academy	Home	3:30p.m.
Wed.	09/21	Shaler Area High School	Away	3:00p.m.
Thurs.	09/22	WPIAL Singles Championship @ TBA	Away	12:30p.m.
Fri.	09/23	WPIAL Singles Championship @ Pine Richland	Away	2:30p.m.
Mon.	09/26	Woodland Hills H.S.	Home	3:30p.m.
Wed.	09/28	Gateway High School	Away	3:30p.m.
Fri.	09/30	Girls Section Doubles @ Fox Chapel	Away	11:00a.m.
Sat.	10/01	Girls Section Doubles @ Fox Chapel	Away	TBA
Mon.	10/03	Fox Chapel High School	Home	3:30p.m.
Tues.	10/04	Hampton High School	Home	3:30p.m.
Wed.	10/05	McKeesport High School	Away	3:00p.m.
Fri.	10/28	PIAA Singles and Doubles Championships @ Hershey	Away	TBA
Sat.	10/29	PIAA Singles and Doubles Championships @ Hershey	Away	TBA

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Title I Services

Title I is a federally funded supplemental reading and math program. Supplemental reading instruction is available to all students in grades K through 6 who demonstrate a need for this instruction. Supplemental

math instruction is also available to students demonstrating a need in grades 5 and 6. Candidates for the program are identified through assessments and teacher observations. The Title I teachers are certified reading specialists who work closely with classroom teachers to develop appropriate interventions.



The purpose of the program is to provide additional instruction and practice in all facets of the reading process. Students in grades K – 4 are taught in educational environments that best meet their needs. Supplementary instruction may occur in small flexible groups that meet three to five times per week, one-on-one sessions, or in the whole class setting. Students in grades 5 – 6 receive instruction through the Academy of Reading and Academy of Math computer programs with teacher intervention as needed. Parents are kept informed of their children's progress through progress reports, assessment reports, and parent conferences. Parents are also informed about the Title I Program through parent workshops, take-home information, the district website, and planning meetings.

All parents of Title I students have the opportunity to be involved in federal programs planning. At the spring meeting plans for the upcoming school year are discussed and parents can provide input into how federal funds will be used in the district's Title I and Title II projects. Parents are asked to review and assist in designing strategies for increasing parental involvement. Parents are also encouraged to partner with teachers by volunteering in their child's school and practicing reading with their children at home. Parents are



also invited to attend workshops with their children to learn techniques to support their children in reading at home.

Regency Park Elementary School is in the process of qualifying as a *Schoolwide Title I* building. This means that all students are considered Title I students and all teachers are Title I teachers. This allows more flexibility in use of teachers' instructional time to meet the needs of students and in the use of federal funds. This status is being considered based on the percentage of low income students and the building's year long planning process on how best to improve student achievement, even though Regency Park has achieved adequate yearly progress every year.

The school wide project functions as part of the building's Response to Instruction and Intervention Model. Instruction is part of the regular education program and may take place in the regular classroom or in the Title I classroom. Title I instruction may be with the reading specialist or the classroom teacher working in partnership. Since all students are now eligible for Title I services, it is no longer necessary to identify individual students as receiving Title I services. However, parents are informed of their children's progress through the electronic parent portal to monitor their children's grades in real time. This will continue to be available to all parents. Those who do not have internet access can request

hard copies of the information on a regular basis. The Title I



reading specialist and the school-based intervention teacher will participate with classroom teachers in individual parent conferences for Tier II students in the fall and spring. Parents will be provided with the results of Tier II assessments electronically and/or in written form once each grading period. Parents will also have access to their children's teacher's Moodle pages for classroom

assignments, rubrics, expectations, and communication. This is available on a daily basis. Communication of individual progress will also be evaluated through parent surveys.

If you would like more information about Title I programs or would like to add parent input to our program, please contact Jason Knisely, Federal Programs Coordinator at 412-798-6334 or kniselyj@pbsd.k12.pa.us.

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Sep 17	Sat	7PM	Freedom Baptist Church Gospel Extravaganza
Sep 23/24/25	Fri/Sat/Sun		Stage Right presents Willy Wonka/Chocolate Factory
Sep 30	Fri	8PM	Westmoreland Cultural Trust & LCCOM present Tommy Tune Steps in Time - A Broadway Biography in Song and Dance featuring the Manhattan Rhythm Kings
Oct 1	Sat	10:30AM	Lake Erie College/Osteopathic Medicine's White Coat Ceremony
Oct 6	Thu	8PM	Latshaw Pops Orchestra and The Crooners & Their Music
Oct 7	Fri	8PM	Latshaw Productions presents Randy Travis
Oct 8	Sat	7:30PM	River City Brass presents Octubafest
Oct 9	Sun	7PM	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Laurel Region: The Clarks
Oct 14	Fri	2&8PM	Latshaw Productions presents Frankie Avalon
Oct 15	Sat	8PM	WCT presents Paul Taylor Dance Company's Taylor 2
Oct 17	Mon	7:30PM	WCT: US Army Field Band & Soldiers' Chorus Free Concert!
Oct 21	Fri	8PM	Elko: Kathleen Madigan's Gone Madigan Tour
Oct 27	Thu	8PM	Latshaw: Gary Puckett/Union Gap w/guests Chuck Blasko/Vogues
Oct 28	Fri	8PM	WCT presents Spencers: Theatre Of Illusion
Oct 29	Sat	8PM	Westmoreland Symphony Orchestra presents Opening Night
Nov 4	Fri	8PM	Lebanon: Bo Wagner's Rat Pack w/guests Johnny Angel/The Helos
Nov 5	Sat	7:30PM	River City Brass presents Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy
Nov 12	Sat	8PM	Elko Concerts presents Phil Vassar
Nov 13	Sun	5PM	Westmoreland Cultural Trust presents Bill Cosby
Nov 18/19/20	Fri/Sat/Sun		Stage Right presents White Christmas
Nov 25	Fri	7:30PM	WCT: Ricky Nelson Remembered with Matthew & Gunnar Nelson
Nov 26	Sat	8PM	WCT & Mindfox Productions presents Beyond Celtic
Dec 1	Thu	8PM	Latshaw Productions presents The Beach Boys
Dec 2	Fri	2&8PM	Latshaw presents The Oak Ridge Boys Christmas Show
Dec 3	Sat	7:30PM	River City Brass presents Christmas Brasstacular
Dec 4	Sun	2&5PM	WCT: Theatre IV's 'Twas the Night Before Christmas
Dec 5	Mon	7PM	Elko Concerts: Kyuss Lives! with opener The Sword
Dec 10/11	Sat/Sun		Westmoreland Symphony Orchestra presents Nutcracker



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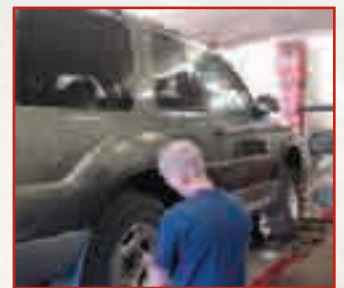
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PLUM SENIOR Community Center



While the focus of the Plum Senior Community Center is senior citizens, the center is developing programming aimed at including residents of all ages.

Melanie Pfeiffer-Parente, program coordinator for the center, cites an outing to a Pirates game as an example

of the center's goal. About 90 senior citizen members of the center, volunteers and family members boarded two school buses from the center and traveled to PNC Park. For some it was their first time there. "We had young volunteers from the age of 10 all the way up to members in their 90s," Parente said. "It was just a wonderful evening. Many of them had never been in PNC Park and they talked about how different it was to go to a baseball game today versus 40 years ago."

In June, the center held a Pet Parade, an intergenerational event that brought together members of the community, members of the center and local animal shelters and businesses. "We had a whole activity room full of people with wonderful sponsors from the community providing prizes,"

Parente said. "We're just working to bring the community together, to make it a center not just for seniors but for all of Plum."

Around Mother's Day, the center held a Teddy Bears Tea for children, parents and grandparents, which included each generation but was really geared toward children, Parente said. "The children enjoyed dressing up and having tea. There was a dressing area staffed by high school volunteers. There was also a story area with one of the center's senior readers. "So we are providing activities that are geared toward different ages in the community and we're going to continue to do that as the center continues to grow and develop," Parente said.

And the center is growing. On August 10, ground was broken for a new expansion that will include a Wi-Fi cafe, a fitness center and a new kitchen. Phase I of the renovations is expected to begin in the next few weeks, Parente said. The Wi-Fi cafe will be open to the public and should change the whole look of the center's dining area, she added.

"[The center] is a place for socialization, but we find that when you bring people together it keeps the mind active and when you bring different generations together I think there is a lot that they can learn from each other, and that is a goal that we're striving for," Parente said.

On September 17, the center will sponsor a Mystery Theater Dinner performed by a professional theater group at Pugliano's Italian Grill on Route 286 as a fundraiser for the center. Attendees are encouraged to wear 1920s style clothing. The event begins at 6 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the center or at Pugliano's, 1808 Route 286, Plum.

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BY PAMELA
PALONGUE

Chances are, if you're over the age of 40 and have trouble sleeping, one of your sage friends has informed you that after a certain age, you don't need as much sleep. Not true, says the National Sleep Foundation. Our body's need for sleep remains pretty much constant throughout the life cycle. Sleep is the way our bodies repair themselves. When our respiratory, cardiovascular, mental and physical systems shut down for the night with minimal activity, our bodies are busy at work repairing the damage done by stress, inflammation and toxins that have invaded during daylight hours. If the heart rate or mental functions are still engaged in activity, the body cannot wholly devote itself to repair. Over time this can contribute to heart disease, diabetes and other ailments.

What does change as we age are our sleep patterns. It may take longer to fall asleep or you may have noticed that you have trouble staying asleep.

About 44% of older Americans have some form of insomnia. Much of the time it can be attributed to medications which either interrupt sleep or prevent deep sleep known as REM. If insomnia is caused by medication, it is well worth a trip to the doctor to discuss other alternative medications.

Another contributor to loss of sleep as we age is snoring. Snoring is more prevalent in those who are overweight and unfortunately aging is often accompanied by weight gain. Losing weight may help alleviate some of the interruption of snoring. Loud snoring should be evaluated by a doctor since it may be a sign of a condition called sleep apnea. This is where the individual actually stops breathing for brief intervals, (usually a few seconds). In addition to preventing deep, healthy sleep it can also be potentially fatal.

Acid reflux may also be the cause of sleepless nights. The strong digestive acid from the stomach flows back into the throat causing a burning sensation and awakening. This condition also warrants a trip to the doctor to rule out more serious conditions. While there are medications available to neutralize the stomach acid, the condition is also helped by eating earlier in the evening, giving the body more time to digest the food. Also, drinking more water will aid in digestion as well.

If none of these problems seem to be the cause of sleeplessness, exercise or other physical activity may help you to enjoy a more sound sleep. Also avoiding caffeine and alcohol in the later evening hours will allow your body to relax before bedtime. More sedentary activities for an hour or so before bedtime such as reading a book, will also calm you down prior to sleep. Watching suspenseful action pictures or sporting events may raise your level of alertness so that more time is required to fall asleep.

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The school was founded in 1986 at The Factory in Point Breeze, and has relocated to a much more expansive space in the Parkway Building in Monroeville. The school will celebrate its 21st anniversary this September. In addition to teaching a variety of dance styles, the school offers musical theater education and private instruction in voice, and acting.

The professional training students receive is due to the excellent credentials of the faculty. Mr. Cervi received his B.A. in Education and M.A. in Theater from the University of Pittsburgh. He taught Speech and Drama at Churchill Area High School for 21 years, where he directed their theater productions. Since retirement, he has continued to direct and garner numerous Gene Kelly Award nominations. Most recently, he directed Gateway High School's musicals "Les Miserables", "Guys and Dolls" and this year's production of "Seussical".

Ms. Merge graduated summa cum laude from Point Park University, performed on Broadway and with touring companies across the country. She has danced with the Pittsburgh CLO, the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre and the Pittsburgh Opera. Her energies are

now directed toward teaching, and choreographing the musicals at Gateway and Franklin Regional Middle and Senior high schools.

Ms. Probola received her B.A. in dance from Point Park University, and has performed with American Entertainment, Osbourne Productions, and Latshaw Productions. She began her teaching career in New York at the Nazareth Academy. She continues to teach, as well as choreograph area musicals, show choirs and dance teams, including Franklin Regional's Pantherettes. Five other professional arts educators complement the staff.

The Cervi School is also home to the East End Kids, a teen song and dance ensemble, which was founded in an effort to provide young local talent with more professional performance opportunities. The group performs in and around the Pittsburgh area, along with one resort destination show each summer. For more information about the East End Kids, go to www.EastEndKids.org.

Many, who train at the Larry Cervi School, go on to have leads in their high school musicals and major in musical theater and dance at universities such as Point Park, Penn State and NYU. In preparation for college auditions, the Cervi School provides intensive dance and vocal training, as well as help with acting and monologue development. Many of these students have found work in the industry and perform on Broadway.

The school's contribution to performing arts in Monroeville and surrounding communities has been deep and lasting. While public schools are cutting funds for arts education, the Larry Cervi School is fueling a passion in our children to be educated and pursue careers in the performing arts. This institution has established a legacy that will be part of the fabric of our communities, and beyond, for many years to come. For more information regarding the Larry Cervi School of Performing Arts, go to www.cervi-school.com.



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From this perspective a ranch-style house on one floor is a good choice. Seniors with mobility problems will not have to deal with steps, but also parents will not have the added worry of their young children falling down stairs. Another important feature of multi-generational homes is the 'mother-in-law suite,' which could just as easily be called the 'father-in-law suite.' This is generally an area of the house that is designed for an aging parent, giving them a degree of privacy and independence while

still being a part of the nuclear family household. They are sometimes located in a basement for easier access for those with mobility issues and often times will have a separate entrance, giving it the appearance of a mini-apartment. They usually always include a bedroom and private bath, however they may also come with kitchenettes and a small living area as well.

When accessibility becomes an issue with an older adult, there are many options for making the home more accessible without giving it the industrial-style, nursing home appearance. This is an important consideration when it comes to the re-sale of the house. First of all, if an individual is wheel-chair bound, doorways must be made larger to accommodate the chair. With a modern contemporary home,

this may be accomplished by removing walls for a more open floor plan which appeals to buyers or widening doorways with attractive archways. This will make the change look more intentional and less like a temporary fix for a mobility problem.

Many times it becomes necessary to install grab bars in baths and showers for the safety of senior family members. Although there are many industrial style models from which to choose, there are a few companies on the web that are sensitive to the attractiveness of the grab bars and offer styles in decorative brass and silver. Walk-in showers and baths can be constructed with attractive glass enclosures that fit everyone's style and are still accessible for seniors.


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Plum Coal Miner's Memorial

Plum has a very rich coal mining history.

One would be hard-pressed to find someone in the borough who is not connected to the mines in some way, if not directly through having worked in one, then certainly indirectly through a relative who worked in one. There were four coal mines in Plum – Unity, which operated from 1872 to 1920; Logan's Ferry, which operated from 1919 to 1968; Barking, which operated from 1917 to 1979;



And those folks are recognized in a memorial in front of the borough building that will do until a final memorial is constructed. The current memorial is a stone foundation with a coal car and plaque commemorating the major mines that operated in Plum. Hrivnak said his grandfather, uncles and neighbors worked in the mines. The committee has an artist

rendering for a different memorial which was designed by Plum residents Paul Bell, a draftsman, and Dan Schultz, a graphic designer, to resemble a mine shaft. "We were thinking about how in the old mines they used a lot of beams to support the walls when they were down there. That was the inspiration for it," Schultz said in explaining the design.

Schultz's father, Ronald, was a miner. "My whole family was in the coal mine," said Ronald Schultz, who worked in Renton. His father worked in Renton also, while his grandfather worked in the Logan's Ferry mine. Schultz, 72, said he liked working in the mines because it was never too hot or cold. "It was always the same temperature," he said. "I just liked it."

When Renton shut down, Schultz went into construction. He said a memorial for coal miners is a good thing. "I'd like to see it get done," he said. Asked if he thinks the current generation knows enough about the mining heritage, Schultz replied, "Well, not really, not enough. It was a hard way to make a living. I don't think other people really understood what you had to go through to make a living in a coal mine."

For more information on the Plum Coal Miners Memorial, visit www.plumboro.com.

1979; and Renton, the last mine in Plum, which operated from 1916 to 1987.

Mining was such an important part of the fabric of the community that some felt that heritage and those who were directly a part of it needed to be honored. So six years ago, a committee was formed to raise money and create a fitting memorial to the coal miners of Plum. Through State Rep. Tony DeLuca, the project obtained a grant. Mayor Richard Hrivnak is one of the people on the committee. "I grew up in a coal mining town (Renton), so I have a special place in my heart for the men and women that worked in the mines," Hrivnak said. "Everyone is very appreciative and said it was long overdue we recognized these folks."

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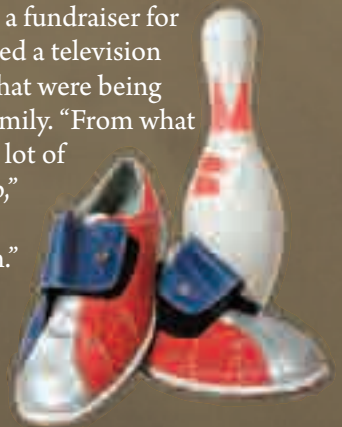
The fundraising event will be held 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, August 28 at Nesbit's Lanes, 3501 Leechburg Road, Plum. The cost is \$5 for children, \$10 for adults and includes: bowling, shoe rental, pizza and pop. There will also be outdoor activities with Plum Police, Plum EMS and the Unity Volunteer Fire Department. All money raised at the event will go directly to the 48-year-old officer and his family. Hahn has worked 30 years as a police officer, 22 of them on the Cranberry police force.

"We're just trying to help him with some of the miscellaneous expenses," said Nesbit, who has corresponded with Hahn by phone and email. "We've gotten a lot of

positive response." Among the organizations pitching in are the Knights of Columbus; the Plum Chamber, which is getting the word out by distributing fliers and sending email notices; and Nesbit's church, Plum Creek Presbyterian, which is putting information about the event in its bulletin.

Nesbit said he got the idea for a fundraiser for Hahn after he and his wife watched a television news report about other events that were being held to help the officer and his family. "From what I've seen on the news, there are a lot of organizations stepping up to help," Nesbit said. "We just want to be part of the good will towards him."

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Plum's Juliann Sheldon *takes* MISS PENNSYLVANIA CROWN

Juliann Sheldon may have entered the Miss Pennsylvania contest with the attitude of just wanting to have fun and learn, but she came out with the crown.

"I think that outlook on the experience paid off," said the 21-year-old, who was crowned Miss Pennsylvania June 17 at the Syria Shrine in Cheswick, Pa. The Plum native will now go on to represent her home state in the Miss America Pageant in January. Some women go for years without winning the state crown; however Sheldon, who entered her first pageant in December 2010, won it on her first try. She said she had never considered entering pageants before. "I saw what the program had to offer and what the women got out of the experience, and I knew I wanted that for myself," Sheldon explained.

Along with her Miss Pennsylvania title, Sheldon received a \$7,000 scholarship to continue her education at Point Park University where she is majoring in advertising and public relations. She is also traveling throughout the state, making public appearances and speaking on her personal platform "Mental Health Awareness."

"As a child, I struggled a lot with an anxiety problem, which hindered me with going for my goals," Sheldon said. "I want to teach others to seek help if they're having mental health issues so it doesn't hinder them." She said the difference between the anxiety she suffered as a child and what may be considered regular jitters or nerves is that her anxiety affected her everyday life. Her parents noticed that and sought help for her. She never went on medication, she said. Instead, she underwent therapy, learning to communicate and she began doing yoga. "I try and practice it as much as I possibly can." Asked if there is still a stigma associated with mental illness, she



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replied, "Absolutely, and that's one of my goals to help break that stigma by sharing my story and encouraging others to be educated as well."

To become eligible for Miss Pennsylvania, a young woman must first win a qualifying local pageant. Sheldon went through her first pageant and the second, finally winning her third, Miss Jewel of the West. That win qualified her for the Miss Pennsylvania Scholarship Pageant. She said her parents, Jeff and Jayne Sheldon, didn't know too much about the world of pageants, but once they looked into everything and attended a couple of pageants, they were extremely supportive. They just wanted to make sure she would be okay, she explained. She has one sibling, an 18-year-old brother named Drew, who will be attending the University of Pittsburgh in the fall.

Now, in between public appearances and interviews, Sheldon is preparing for Miss America. "A lot really goes into it and the board of directors really guides me through my training for Miss America." That preparation includes physical training to be ready for the swimsuit portion of the pageant.

When speaking about the swimsuit portion of the contest, the inevitable question arises about why a swimsuit needs to be part of what is called a scholarship pageant. Sheldon said that being able to wear a bikini gives a contestant confidence because of the physical training needed to look attractive in one. "I know most girls appreciate [that portion of] the competition. It's just something else that they've worked so hard for," she said. Also, there is an evening gown that she will be designing with well-known New York-based wedding and evening gown designer Stephen Yearick. Her gown will be sponsored by Regalia Magnificent Apparel and Finery, an Orlando-based company which specializes in pageant wear.

Sheldon is taking a break from college right now to focus on her reign as Miss Pennsylvania and preparation for Miss America. She said she will be going back to school in the fall of 2012. "Afterward, I'd like to attend graduate school and study communications, aiming for a career in public relations or broadcast journalism." She knows that her pageant experience will open many doors for her.

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Plum Community Days

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Tina Opina and Kara Berringer, Plum High School Lady Mustang Boosters Volunteers

The sun was shining and the weather was sweet for the return of Plum Community Days.

Held July 29 and 30 in Larry Mills Park, the event included all the traditional things that make a community day so much fun – food, face painting, games, music. There was also a classic car cruise as part of the festivities. The community welcomed Plum Community Days back after a two-year hiatus. A Zambelli fireworks display topped off the two day event, perfectly.



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