

Fawn Area Elementary fiftieth anniversary

Rebecca Dunphy
Reporter

Since its opening in 1964, Fawn Area Elementary has changed in a number of ways, but throughout the years, the strength and sense of community in the district has remained.

This idea was the focus of the school’s 50 anniversary celebration on November 22.

Beginning at 1:00 p.m., nearly 375 parents, students, teachers, former faculty members, and alumni gathered at the elementary school.

“The turnout was spectacular. Many people there remembered Fawn when it first opened,” said assistant superintendent Anna Bickford.

Visitors could walk around the school and view yearbooks from the school’s opening year as well as other exhibits highlighting the school’s history.

Many teachers also dressed in authentic clothing from the 60s, 70s, 80s, and 90s, representing the changes in the school from decade to decade.

“My favorite part was definitely the walking tour,” said sophomore Grace Dorsey. “It was really cool to see all of the teachers dressed up and to see the old yearbooks.”

After the walking tour, presentations were given in the auditorium about the school’s history and future plans.

Fawn Elementary principal Jennifer Herman kicked off the assembly by giving a short introduction of the proceeding speakers and welcomed all who attended.

“It’s a tremendous honor to be here for the anniversary,” said Herman. “The community is similar to the one where I grew up. The people are hardworking and humble. We certainly wanted to recognize the accomplishments of the Fawn Community.”

Recognition was then given to former Fawn teacher Betty Hash. After Hash’s speech, 87 third and fourth graders took the stage for a musical presentation.

“The fourth grade chorus is already an established ensemble at our school, but I wanted a bigger group to sing at this event. We decided to invite the third graders to sing along with them,” said music teacher Debra Dougert.

The two choruses sang the number one hit from 1964, Manfred Man’s “Do Wah Diddy Diddy” and the number one song for 2014, Pharrell’s “Happy.”

“We received a lot of positive feedback,” said Dougert. “Everyone was pleased with the students’ performance and all of the work that they put into learning the music.”

Between the two songs, Bickford and elementary school coordinator Joanna Parlett gave their remarks about the school.

The message that Bickford wanted to stress is that “...in this rural district it is our schools that bring us together and form the community bonds.”

“We need to keep establishing relationships with school/family to continue this positive bonding that fosters pride in both school and community.”

Some of the other speakers included Roger Wilson, who spoke about the one-room school house that used to be on the land that Fawn Elementary now occupies.

Also in attendance were Representative Elect Kristin Phillips-Hill, and district director for Senator Scott Wagner, Nadine Hubner.

All attendees who were interviewed said to have enjoyed taking the time to honor the elementary school and the spirit of the community.



Photo by: Wes Carter

One of the displays showing yearbooks and memories and pictures from one of the five decades from elementary schools past.

Drama Club’s trip to the city

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Reporter

On November 22, the Drama Club sponsored a trip to see Cinderella on Broadway in New York City.

This was the tenth year that the drama club has sponsored trips to see Broadway shows.

The trip itself cost \$180 per participant, and was an all day trip, the bus left at 5:45 a.m. and returned to school at 10 p.m.

The show was held at the Broadway Theatre on 45th Street. Seating was in the front Mezzanine, which is located in the front of the second level.

The participants on the trip traveled on a coach bus to and from New York City.

Drama Club Director James Craley said, “For the fall trip we’re trying to think of new ways to make money.”

Craley said, “We have always had a great time exploring the city and seeing the great shows. There are a lot of great things to see and do, you

can go shopping, see the 9/11 memorial, tour NBC studios or go ice skating, to name a few.

Craley and his wife Jean Craley handed out holiday-themed door prizes on the way to and from New York City, such as ovenmits and holiday decorations. They also handed out highlighted maps on where to find bathrooms, memorials and the theatre itself.

The show started out as the classic tale of Cinderella and the evil steps sisters.

However, there was a major plot twist in the middle!

The show consisted of many amazing transformations of objects and dresses that left viewers stunned and curious.

The newest cast member was Keke Palmer, who played Cinderella, other main characters include Nene Leakes who played Madame, the evil step mother, Joe Carroll who played Prince Topher, and lastly Judy Kaye who played the fairy god mother.

The trip ran on a schedule where visitors were able to



Photo by: Kristy Crothers

Members from the trip that were seen visiting Bryant Park shops

tour New York City and see the show on the Sunday matinee.

Palmer has starred in many famous movies such as *Akela* and *the Bee*, *Ice Age: Continental Drift*, *Joyful Noise*, *Shrink*, *The Longshots*, and *The Cleaner*, and has also guest starred in a number of different televised shows.

Member on the trip Stacey Reed said “It was a wonderful and very organized trip from start to finish with a fantastic show in the middle!”

The main purpose of the trip was to raise money to support the drama club which makes it easier them to make it easier to put on the fall play and spring musical every year.

James Craley said, “It helps to pay for our lighting and sound for our shows along with many special effects.”

Members from the trip where very pleased with the organized it was. Everyone seemed to enjoy the show, and the bus ride back to school was filled of laughter and great reviews of the once-in-a-lifetime-show.

Psychology teacher Jennifer Adams said “It’s an exciting trip! I look forward to going on the fall trip with the drama club every year! I like the fact that I have time to shop and see a world-class show all on the same day!”

Holiday concert

Hannah Snider
Reporter

All of the students in orchestra, band, and chorus have worked since the beginning of the school year for the holiday concert, which was on December 14.

The show included performances from concert band, orchestra, chorus, jazz band, and vocal groups K-Dettes, M3N, and Vocalis.

Band director Matthew Barr said, “[The students] are performing some challenging, yet fun and rewarding, music and they’re playing it very well.”

Barr was especially excited to hear the band perform composer Modest Mussorgsky’s “Coronation Scene” from the opera Boris Godunov.

Concert band also played “A Carol Triptych” by composer Gary P. Gilroy, and the crowd favorite “Toward a Northern Star” by composer Pierre La Plante.

Orchestra played pieces such as “Brandenburg Concerto Number Three” by composer Johann Sebastian Bach, “Highland Holiday” by composer David Giardiniere, and a more difficult piece “Christmas Eve/Sarajevo 12/24” from composers Paul O’Neill and Robert Kinkel.

“Hallelujah Chorus” by composer George Frideric Handel, “One Small Child” composed by Roger Emerson, and “Winter’s Peace” by composer John Purifoy were songs sung by the chorus.

The chorus had soloists for some pieces including Noah Tart and Lily Riale.

Vocalis is an elite vocal group in which all the members had to do an audition in order to get invited in. They sang songs including “Sevenfold Amen” by John Stainer, and “Sussex Carol” by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

The soloist for Vocalis was Lilliana Sandefur.

M3N is an all-male group consisting of Chris Rice, Noah Tart, and Zach Dodson. They sang “Auld Lang Syne” by Robert Burns.

An all-female group called K-Dettes sang a piece called “Gaudete Gaudete.”

Orchestra member Kaitlyn Mackey said it was, “orchestral.” Mackey went on to explain that she thought it sounded so much different from their rehearsals.

Band member Elisa Bickford agreed with her and added, “The holiday concerts never go as planned, but we always end up pulling through in the end.”

However, nothing can ever go perfect. There are always some slight issues in every music concert.

Freshman Jennifer Moran noticed that on occasion, some instruments were a bit out of sync with each other.

To add to the unexpected happenings, the band received a bell as a last-minute instrument in “The Coronation Scene.” Barr gave special thanks at the concert to the Skinner family for generously donating the bell to benefit the music for the concert.

Some audience members would have liked something different from the concert.

They also performed for the school on December 23.

FBLA Regional Competition

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The Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) proved themselves to be tough competitors in their field when they traveled to the Central Penn School of Business on December 8 to take part in the district six FBLA Regional Competition.

The FBLA Competition is an annual event in which students show off their knowledge of business related topics through online tests and verbal presentations.

Out of the estimated 30 categories that students could participate in, students from the school received medals in six of the categories, four of which were gold medals.

First place winners included juniors Olivia Alsamadi, Brittany Wolf, Brady Reuter, and Jacob Whitt, and seniors Tyler Ebaugh and Remington Rowan.

All gold medal winners will advance to

the state competition in Hershey.

There are 33 FBLA students at the school, but since participation was optional, only two thirds of the students signed up back in October.

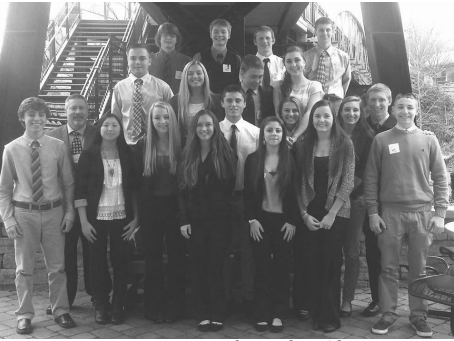


Photo by Alana Eaton

Members from the club gather for pictures

“I let the students sign up early so they would know what category they would compete in,” said Snyder.

Even though the competitive tests were the main reason for attending, other important matters did take place at the

gathering as well.

Members voted on a president and other officers to represent region six.

This year no students from the school ran, but Snyder remains hopeful that there will come a day that one of his students takes on this role.

Even though this is only the second time that this school has gone, Snyder says that one of his favorite things is still seeing kids dressed up in their business attire.

“It’s neat to see guys in their suits and blazers and then girls in their business suits, skirts, and jackets,” said Snyder.

He finds the competition to be very beneficial for students.

“The majority of my students will probably go into business some way or another. By going here they can network with other schools, evaluate themselves, and let their abilities shine, not to mention it looks good on a college application.”

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