



Robo-student gets a cyber-audition

Students at a couple of District schools have been running across an unusual classmate wandering around their schools lately. It features the face of a student, but has a metal pole for a body, is about four feet high and has a balanced pair of wheels to propel it smoothly around the building. You can talk to it - and the student in the iPad frame will talk back to you. But that student might be in another part of the building - or in another part of the state - anywhere there is Internet access.

The device is called a Double Robot, and is being tested for the purpose of allowing students who cannot attend school for medical or other reasons to participate in their classes, interact with teachers and classmates, and even navigate through the building using virtual controls that can be operated from any standard computer or laptop. Once an internet connection has been established between the unit and a student logging in remotely, that student can operate the controls using the arrow keys on a standard computer keyboard to move forward, back, or tilt up and down.

The controls are similar to those used in video games, and are easily mastered in a few minutes. Using a webcam, the image of the student operating the Double Robot is



A student in another part of Sandburg Middle School operates the Double Robot remotely during a demonstration.

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New procedure enhances kindergarten registration

In an effort to make the school registration process a little easier to navigate for parents and guardians, the District is now enrolling all students through its centralized system. Forms for new students in all grades can be filled out and submitted online through the district web site, www.neshaminy.org. Registration can also be completed in person by visiting the Pupil Services Office located at Maple Point Middle School, 2250 Langhorne-Yardley Road in Middletown Township. Once the forms have been completed, you will need to set up an appointment to complete the registration.

A list of required documents can be found at the Central Registration web site or by calling Pupil Services at 215-809-6547 during normal business hours.

Children who have turned 5 years old on or before September 1, 2016 can now be registered for kindergarten, and students new to the district who have turned 6 years old on or before September 1, 2016 can be registered for the first grade. Registration for grades 2-12 will open on April 1, 2016.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday January 12

Board Public Work Session, 7 pm

Tuesday January 26

Public Board Meeting, 7 pm

Tuesday February 9

Board Public Work Session, 7 pm

All meetings held at the Maple Point District Board Room unless otherwise indicated.

Please consult the Neshaminy district web site for any updates or additions.

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Double Robot

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visible on the iPad face of the unit, and can see what is happening in school through the camera on the iPad.

The battery-operated robot uses a Segway-like balancing system to stay upright. As it navigates through a crowded classroom or hallway, it will keep its balance even if it is bumped or hits an obstacle. The unit maintains a constant internet connection through the new high-speed wireless network that has been installed in each Neshaminy building recently. That new network allows such devices to operate seamlessly throughout the building, including hallways and other common areas.

During a recent demonstration at Carl Sandburg Middle School, the Double Robot glided easily through the building, controlled by a student sitting at a laptop in a nearby office. He made the unit attend his English class, where he was able to hear the teacher read to the class from a novel then turned to collaborate with a classmate who quizzed him on the text.

The Double Robot, which was delivered over the summer, has already been used in actual situations to help students attend classes remotely. Other similar units are also being considered.

Tawanka Update

Construction on the Tawanka Elementary School continues to progress ahead of schedule, according to representatives from Reynolds Construction Management, who are in charge of the project in Lower Southampton Township. Reynolds has been providing the District detailed progress reports since the project started last spring.

The combination of warm weather and little rain during the summer and fall helped the effort. Crews were able to lay the foundation, complete the majority of frame work and enclose much of the building which will help in efforts to keep the interior work on schedule through the cold winter months. As of November 30, approximately \$140,000 of potential changes or claims have been added. This is 16.4% of the contingency fund, which is not an additional cost but rather part of the amount already budgeted for the project.

The target date for completion of construction is August 1, 2016.



Board members sworn in

At the December Board Action / Reorganization meeting, four new Board members and one returning member were sworn in.

Bob Feather, Tina Hollenbach, Robert Sanna and Marty Sullivan were all elected to four year terms as new members. Stephen Pirritano was elected as a returning member. The Board appointed Scott Congdon as President and Irene Boyle as Vice-President.



The new board didn't waste any time getting right down to business, holding an action meeting immediately following the re-organization. During that meeting they approved a Proposed Preliminary 2016-2017 budget, which will be adjusted and finalized during the spring for final approval in June. A copy is posted on the District web site for public inspection.

The new Board also approved a new fence to replace the worn fence around the Harry E. Franks Stadium at Neshaminy High School, as well as the installation of new digital signs at Maple Point Middle School donated by their PTO.

Superintendent Survey

The search for a permanent Superintendent of the Neshaminy School District is under way. The Board of School Directors has enlisted the help of the Bucks County Intermediate #22 to help with the search, with the goal of placing a qualified candidate into the position at the beginning of this summer.

The School Board is interested in hearing from the Neshaminy Community regarding the strengths, challenges, goals, and personal attributes that will help determine the candidate who will be the best fit for the district through a Superintendent Search Survey.

All community members are invited to participate until the survey closes on January 23, 2016. To participate, please visit the District web site, www.neshaminy.org.



DISTRICT NEWS

Coding across the District

Over 1,800 Neshaminy students in Business, Computer and Information Technology classes from grades 5 – 12 participated in the Hour of Code December 7th -13th. This was an international effort designed to reach 200 million students all across the globe for the purpose of demystifying computer science and showing that anybody can learn the basics. Code.org, a non-profit, organizes the annual event to expand student participation in computer



science and believes computer science should be part of the core curriculum in education, alongside other science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) courses.

BCIT participation at the middle school level reached 1,014 students, high school activities included 786 students. All BCIT teachers added Hour of Code to classroom instruction. Some of the lessons and activities completed throughout the week are listed below.

- Students viewed short videos as an introduction to the international event; one included a message from President Obama and others had celebrity endorsements.
- 5th grade: Students received their first instruction into coding with the Hour of Code. Classes spent the week programming computer games and using their own creations. Students were able to experiment by changing one line of code in their games and then seeing the changed outcome. Students also learned to create and code mathematical patterns. Students will expand upon their coding knowledge by creating their own apps within the coming weeks.
- 7th grade: Students are using computational skills heavy in critical thinking as they problem solve and work on debugging programming errors in Scratch. The students are also learning to create and code mathematical patterns. As an expansion of the Hour of Code, Poquessing students are currently working on creating their own Maze Games which will be posted on the Poquessing website under Mrs. Moraes's page.
- 8th grade: Students are applying their knowledge of coding

and HTML programming in a project for the Hour of Code where they create a multi-page website. Some students took an adventure with block coding using Minecraft in code.org.

- At the high school students explored the relationship between coding, computer science and the real world. Students also identified resources to access to continue learning about coding applications and language. Students worked with a variety of Hour of Code activities by using visual blocks or Java-script. The cyber forensics students created encrypted messages, shared the coded information with classmates who then tried to decrypt the messages with special techniques taught in class.

The BCIT Department is proud to say Neshaminy students contributed to over 166 million students who participated this year in Hour of Code across the world. The students were excited to be involved in this educational initiative where they experienced the relevance of computer science through basic instruction.

Business classes offer Microsoft certification

A Microsoft Certification is an industry standard recognized worldwide and can help open doors to potential job opportunities. Students taking Information Technology 2 or the Microsoft Certification Prep courses are eligible to test for the Microsoft Office Specialist Certification. By taking these Business, Computer and Information Technology (BCIT) courses, students will have received curriculum designed to prepare them for the Excel, Word or Power Point exams. The BCIT Department at Neshaminy High School is an official Microsoft Certification Testing site and students can make arrangements to test through the BCIT Department. Microsoft does have an exam fee that students are required to pay.

There are many benefits to earning a Microsoft Office Specialist Certification:

- Ninety-one percent of hiring managers consider certification as part of their hiring criteria. (Microsoft, Microsoft Certification Program Satisfaction Study, April 2012)
- In high-growth industries, entry-level employees who hold a Microsoft Certified Solutions Associate (MCSA) certification or Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) certification can earn up to \$16,000 more, annually, than their peers. (IDC/Microsoft, Skills Requirements for Tomorrow's Best Jobs: Helping Educators Provide Students with Skills and Tools They Need, October 2013)
- Certification, training, and experience are three of the top four most important characteristics when selecting a candidate for a cloud-related position. (IDC/Microsoft, Climate Change: Cloud's Impact on IT Organizations and Staffing, November 2012)

Fifth-grade students receive iPads

The second round of iPad deliveries for the 1:1 Technology Program at Neshaminy took place in December as each 5th-grade student was provided with their own iPad to use for school work. This completes the project for this school year, after 6th-grade

students were given their iPads in October.

The plan is to expand the program for the next two years by allowing the students to keep their iPads through middle school, and adding another grade each year as new students move up. By the 2017-2018 school year, every middle school student in the district will have their own iPad under this plan.

Teachers and students have been finding a variety of uses for the iPads in every subject area. Maple Point Middle School sixth-grade teacher Bill Lever reports that his students are collaborating on Google documents in real time and submitting their work for evaluation electronically through the CANVAS app, a Learning Management System used in the District.

Music teacher Wendy Robson has her students using the iPads to complete notebook pages and using the piano app to create music.

The 1:1 Technology program is constantly evolving. New applications and uses for the iPads are constantly being added as teachers, administrators and even students discover new ways to use this technology to connect, create and collaborate.



First 5-8 grade transition report presented

The Buck County Intermediate Unit presented the first of three independent reports to the School Board at their December Public Board meeting. Dr. Mike Masko and Dr. Larry Martin summarized their report at the meeting, a copy of which is available on the District web site, www.neshaminy.org.

According to the report, "During the months of September through November 2015, we have visited each of the middle schools for two school days, and attended after school and evening meetings with staff and parents. Data collection includes classroom observations, review of documents, and individual and group interviews with students, parents, teachers, principals, school counselors, psychologists, and co-curricular moderators."

The first report also examined the planning and transition process, which began in February 2014.

Overall the report found that the fifth-grade students were responding positively both socially and academically, but suggested that consideration be given to more integration of these students into the middle school schedule and activities.

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOLS

Pearl S. Buck Elementary

Giving Tree decorated with holiday donations

During December, Buck families and staff decorated a 'Giving Tree' in the lobby of the school with various items such as winter gloves, hats, scarves and socks. By the time school was dismissed for the holidays, the tree was fully decorated and all of the items were donated to local charities.

Robotics Club builds the future

Under the tutelage of Mad Science staff member "Professor Chaos", eleven Buck students spent 16 days after school during the fall to learn about and build a robot that would respond to clapping. On the last day of class, the group of budding engineers were able to try out other robots provided by Professor Chaos as well.



The program will continue with more robotics classes and projects.

Joseph Ferderbar Elementary

Holiday road trip

On Wednesday, December 23rd, the entire student body of Ferderbar ES boarded school buses for their annual movie trip. The exciting field trip takes the place of traditional holiday parties that typically occur the day before our winter break. The students and staff filled the theater at the AMC Neshaminy Mall Theater to see the exciting movie, 'Alvin and the Chipmunks-Road Trip.' It was a great trip enjoyed by all. Thank you to the Ferderbar Home and School who helped organize and support the trip.

Elf Fund total

The Ferderbar community raised a total of \$3260 this year to help families in need for the holidays.

Oliver Heckman Elementary

Fourth grade class 'pays it forward'

When a group of fourth-grade students at Oliver Heckman Elementary School learned about a community effort at a Philadelphia pizzeria to provide meals for the homeless using sticky note vouchers, without a moment of hesitation they started



to organize a multi-faceted fundraising drive to help out.

Rosa's Pizza in Philadelphia and their sticky note meal voucher campaign was featured on Good Morning America – and the 4th graders in Lauren Miller's class started a 'Pay It Forward' explosion. At first, they thought January would be a good time of year for their own campaign. They planned committees, they wrote speeches for the morning announcements, measured walls for construction of a school-wide sticky note message display, and figured out how many shifts and students would have to 'work' each lunch period to gather donations.

With help from Heckman Library Media Specialist Andrea Piccinetti and the Heckman PTO, the students decided to start their campaign early to take advantage of Book Fair Week the first week in December. They decorated donation boxes for the book fair, collected the donations precisely 9 a.m. every morning, counted the money in their classroom as a whole group, recorded their daily total in a spreadsheet, then figured out how many people they could feed. They signed up for shifts at the Family Book Fair Night on Friday, December 4th to raise more awareness and collect more donations.

Two of the students and their families even took a trip to Rosa's over Thanksgiving break to enjoy some pizza and 'Pay It Forward' themselves so others could enjoy a similar meal.

Herbert Hoover Elementary

Jumps Rope for Heart goes high-tech

Hoover students helped themselves while helping the American Heart Association by holding a Jump Rope for Heart event during class recently. Students participated at different stations jumping

to improve cardiovascular health. The goal was to teach them how to incorporate fitness into their daily lives and learn how to use their technology devices to improve fitness rather than just promoting inactivity.

The stations included a Jump Rope Skill Challenge where students were able to select a new skill from the 'Rope Works' application on the iPad. The goal was to do this new skill three times in a row. Next they moved to a bouncy ball obstacle course, followed by an interactive iPad game on the NFL Play 60 application. Students collected coins by running and jumping following along with the game, and the game reacts to their motion and only works when they are running and jumping at each task in the game.

The next station was a 'Bosu Ball' station where they continued to jump on top of the ball and even try tricks as they jumped off using a safety landing. Then they jumped using the long rope. The next station was using Pogo Sticks to jump, and finally Stick jumpers.

During the event students raised \$5,360.00 for the American Heart Association by soliciting donations from friends and family. Their efforts earned Hoover \$300 in a US Games gift certificate to purchase new physical education equipment.

Author visits Hoover

Allison Gutknecht, author of the Mandy Berr children's book series, visited Hoover recently. Among her books is the popular 'Don't Wear Polka-Dot Underwear with White Pants (and Other Lessons I've Learned)' and 'Pizza is the Best Breakfast'



Lower Southampton Elementary

Positive Marks on Cards for Veterans

As part of a school-wide theme of 'Make your Mark' at Lower South this year, students created holiday cards for troops serving overseas in an effort to bring a little bit of home to them for the holidays.

Students in all grades created the cards, which were sent out over the Thanksgiving break so they would arrive in time for Hanukkah and Christmas. Third-grade teacher Danielle Rush facilitated delivery of the cards through her brother, who is in the Navy stationed on a ship in Japan. Half went to his shipmates while the other half went to his nephew, who is serving the US Army in Iraq.

According to Ms. Rush, "They were very appreciative and said the kids really made their day. They really got a kick out of what some

of the kids wrote.”

“My brother said some of them are even hanging on the wall in his department now.”

Walter Miller Elementary

Mary's Cupboard thanks Miller community

Students and staff members gathered 641 pounds of items to donate to families in need through Mary's Cupboard in Levittown in during the holidays. They received this letter of thanks in return:

Dear Students and Teachers,

Wow! You did it again with another successful food drive for our pantry. On behalf Mary's Cupboard and our clients, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your school's combined efforts of donating 641 pounds of toiletries and canned goods to us. We were thrilled to receive all the shampoos, soap, tooth-paste/brushes, laundry detergent and other personal items, because people don't normally donate these types of products. Our clients will now be able to enjoy that luxury because of your kindness and generosity. We also appreciate the variety of canned goods because these are the staples of every meal.

As you know, Mary's Cupboard is a food pantry that provides food for individuals and families in emergency situations. The Cupboard helps anyone in need; regardless of their religious affiliation. Our clients include the poor, the elderly, the unemployed, disabled people, abandoned or abused women and their children, the homeless and victims of fire or other emergencies.

Once again, thank you so much for all your help. It so refreshing to see how determined your school was in helping your community and neighbors in need. Seeing this, we know that you will be the future leaders of tomorrow.

Sincerely yours,

Marion Slack, Betty Romett & Ann Hyjurick
Co-coordinators of Mary's Cupboard

Albert Schweitzer Elementary

Loose change makes a big difference



Student ambassadors and officers held a loose change drive and raised over \$1000 to adopt families for the holidays. The students went shopping with advisor Mary Ellen Pulak to purchase gifts for children. They then

wrapped all the gifts.

Coupled with the staff program to adopt families for the holidays, the Schweitzer school community adopted a total of 10 families and 23 students this holiday season.

Holiday fest features some 'celebrity' guests

As students prepared for the holidays, a sing-a-long concert was held for all students to get them in a holiday mood. Over 150 parents joined in the fun, which featured an appearance by some 'celebrities' that looked remarkably like staff members at the school.

Maple Point Middle School

Essay writer wins Patriots Pen award

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6393 in Yardley announced that Kezia Joseph, an 8th-grade student at Maple Point, was the third-place winner in the regional Patriots Pen contest in December. The contest drew 116 entries from throughout Bucks County this year.

This marks the third year in a row that Maple Point has had a winner in this contest, which covers schools from throughout Bucks County.

Clubs, PTO helps food drive

Maple Point had some help during their recent Thanksgiving Food Drive, including:

Maple Point PTO coordinated the turkey donations

The School Store donated the turkey pans

The Craft & Sewing Club provided crafts to decorate food baskets
Girl Scout Troop 2978 baked pies and other baked goods

Maple Point students also collected items to benefit Aid for Friends during their Student Council Holiday Dance Friday December 18.

Poquessing Middle School

Select Choir wins \$2000 prize

The Select Choir at Poquessing continues to make headlines this year, this time by placing second in the annual More101 FM Christmas Choir Competition in December, earning the group a \$2000 prize for their rendition of 'Riu Riu Chiu'. The contest, which was open to all K-8 schools in the Philadelphia region, involved several rounds of public voting through the radio station's web site. The Select Choir is directed by Neshaminy High School teacher Jason Leigh.

Neshaminy is no stranger to this contest; the High School Select Choir won first place for the high school division in 2012 with a rendition of 'I want is a Hippopotamus for Christmas.'

Carl Sandburg Middle School

Military homecoming a holiday surprise



On December 9, student Allison Benjamin, received a very special early holiday surprise. Allison has not seen her sister, Erika Susko (a former Sandburg student herself), for over a year and was not expecting her to come home until later in the month from her service as a Navy Corpsman who has been serving our country for the past 3 years. Instead, Erika came to Sandburg with their father and surprised Allison with a tearful, joyous reunion.

Sandburg celebrates their SPIRIT



On December 23, Sandburg held their annual SPIRIT (School-Wide Positive Behavior) Pep Rally in the gymnasium, run by our SPIRIT Committee. The highly-anticipated event included trivia and 'minute to win it' games for students who received a SPIRIT card for positive behavior this year. The highlight was a staff musical chairs game that ended with students giving a pie in the face to staff members, including the principals! Colored ribbons were also sold with all proceeds donated to Face Off Against Cancer in memory of a parent that passed away from cancer last month.

Neshaminy High School

No Shave November kicks off MiniTHON

Twenty Neshaminy High School teachers gave their razors a rest during November to help kick off the MiniTHON. Students at the high school are holding a local version of the popular Penn State University THON on April 16, 2016 at 6 PM, but have already

starting raising money that will help efforts to fight childhood cancer by assisting children treated at the Penn State Hershey's Children's Hospital and their families.

During 'No Shave November', several teachers went without shaving and allowed students and staff to vote on the results with their donations to the MiniTHON.

The Overall Winner was Mr. Ferrara with a great beard and \$304.14 raised. The biggest beard award went to Mr. McPeake. The most original beard award goes to Mr. Devine, and the best effort goes to Mr. Calderbank. Runners up for the most money raised were Mr. Petrucci, and Mr. Deal.

In December MiniTHON volunteers set up a community gift wrapping station at the high school to raise money by charging a small fee for their decorative skills and donating the proceeds.

Business Club wins regional awards



On December 18, 2015 Neshaminy High School's FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) Club competed in the Region 12 FBLA Competition at Delaware Valley University. Neshaminy High School's FBLA Club is proud to announce the names of 36 students who won or placed in various business and computer application events. This competition was attended by numerous Bucks County high schools. This year Neshaminy High School has 79 students participating as FBLA club members.

A majority of the Regional winners, 23 students, are now eligible to attend the FBLA State Competition at the Hershey Lodge, in Hershey, Pennsylvania in mid- April. The Business, Computer & Information Technology Department wishes them success as they compete at the next level. State winners will have the opportunity to compete at the national level, this summer in Atlanta. FBLA is a nationally recognized organization that promotes business and technology leadership in high schools across the United States.

First Place Regional Winners: Rachel Lewandowski & Payal Patel – EMERGING BUSINESS ISSUES; Peter Strippoli – Introduction To Financial Math; Jerry Broll & Daniel Fink - Marketing; David Fiel – Network Concepts.

Second Place Regional Winners : Erica Burns – FBLA Principles And Procedures; Rachel Prizer & Taylor Regensburger – Network Design; Bobby Buchys, Isabella Capecci, Greg Drapkin & Joe Kaleck – Parliamentary Procedure; Ben Dunn – Public Speaking 1.

Third Place Regional Winners : Athena Strippoli - Agribusiness; Ian Campbell - Business Calculations; Julianna Zamorno – Cyber Security; Rebecca Bertel – Intro To Info Tech; Dylan McDonald – Personal Finance; Tim Odgers – Spreadsheet Applications.

Fourth Place Regional Winners: Fred Polis & Matt Smeck – Global Business; Sean Sanko – Impromptu Speaking; Kelly Payton – Intro. To Parliamentary Procedure; Brianna Cunningham - Spreadsheet Applications

Fifth Place Regional Winners: Joe Verrecchio - Accounting 2; Anusha Khan, Leanne Khov & Julianna Mathew – Banking and Financial Systems; Momina Khan, Paloma Mohanty & Nora Okwara – Business Ethics; Shannan Forman – Fbla Principles And Procedures; Thomas Farrell & Moazzam Moaz – Hospitality Management; Andrew Sanko – Personal Finance.

Students visit Neonatology ICU at Jefferson

Interact Club members visited the Neonatology Intensive Care Unit of Jefferson University Hospital during November in honor of Prematurity Awareness Month. In the United States, 1 in every 10 babies is born too soon - 380,000 babies a year. The state of Pennsylvania received a C on the U.S. Premature Birth Report Card, which translates to 9.4% of babies born in our state our born too early and may face many difficulties.

Students were lead on a tour of the NICU by Dr. Kolawole Solarin and Dr. Margaret Lafferty where they learned about complications that pre-term babies may face and the incredible challenges the dedicated nurses and doctors face to provide the babies the best possible outcome.

Interact members would like to thank Mr. Robert Smoose from the March of Dimes and Dr. Jay Greenspan from Jefferson University Hospital for arranging this tour. Interact members also encourage everyone to Pledge Purple for Premies by wearing purple on November 17th, World Prematurity Day.

World Language Club spreads holiday cheer

Students in the World Language Club visited the Attleboro Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Langhorne to sing Christmas carols and spent some time talking with the residents there.

Approximately a dozen club members sang under the enthusiastic leadership of club advisor Maria Perez. They also gave the residents holiday cards and crafts they had created.

Astronaut Skypes NSD science students

Students in Jim Gosser's Earth Science class at Neshaminy High School met Space Shuttle astronaut John Bartoe Tuesday morning via a Skype call. John is an accomplished astrophysicist, and the retired Research Manager for the International Space Station at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston. He flew on STS-51F aboard the Challenger in July, 1985 as a payload specialist involved with Spacelab 2, conducting investigations to study the sun's outer layers. The Skype visit was arranged through one of the students in the class, who is related to Bartoe.

Choir wins Impractical Jokers contest

The Neshaminy HS Select Choir was named the winner of the WMMR / Impractical Jokers High School Choir Contest in mid-December. Their entry was a clever rendition of 'Linus and Lucy' from the Peanuts TV specials, which you can view on the Neshaminy web site. As winners, they will be performing on stage at the BB&T Pavillion (formerly the Susquehanna Bank Center) in Camden during the Impractical Jokers show Saturday December

19. The NHS Select Choir is directed by Kristin Nichols.



Senior Tax Assistance Program

The 2015 Neshaminy School District Property Tax Assistance Program began in January. The purpose of the program is to provide property tax relief to our senior citizens. The program is available to homeowners who will reach the age of 65 by December 31, 2015. The program will provide tax rebates of up to \$650 for senior citizens whose household income is less than \$20,000. This includes reporting half of Social Security or Railroad Retirement Benefits, and 100% of any other income. If you have received a rebate in the past, the district makes every effort to send a rebate application for you to complete each year. If you have not received a rebate in the past, rebate application forms will be available beginning in January 2016. They will be available on the Neshaminy School District website, www.neshaminy.org, at your local tax collector's office or by U.S. mail by calling the Business Office directly at 215-809-6522.

This program is entering its Thirty-Eighth year. Since 1977, rebates totaling over \$2.5 million have been paid by the school district, with over 245 senior citizens participating last year.

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