

Mt. Lebanon School District 2010-2011 Fine Arts Honors:

Teachers Selected into ART21

Jefferson Middle School Art Teacher, **Karen Melvin**, and JMS English teacher, **Sue Carris**, were accepted through an intensive application process as **ART21 educators**. Both teachers will travel to New York City this summer for 10 days of training. For more information please visit

http://beta.art21.org/3622/art21_educators_20112012/

Art Students Win Penguins Banner Contest

Eighth Grade **Art Enrichment** students from **Mellon Middle School** were named the **Overall Middle School winner** of the **Pittsburgh Penguins Stanley Cup Banner Contest**. For more information about the contest and to see the winning banners please visit

<http://penguins.nhl.com/club/news.htm?id=559672>

Polio Video Contest Winners

Two High School Television Production students have won awards in the recent **"Take a Shot at Changing the World"** video contest. **Tyler Anderson's** film **"My Hero"** received the **Grand Prize!** His film will be aired on WQED and presented on the website of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. His video was also the fourth place winner for the popular vote! He has won a \$5000 prize which will be split with the school's Media Arts program. **Olivia Tant** received a **Judges' Honorable Mention**--of the 80 films submitted, Olivia's production **"How One Little Man Saved the World"** was one of 10 that received that honor. The announcement about the winners and links to the videos are available at the Take A Shot at Changing the World website: <http://www.takeashotcontest.org/>.

Tyler was featured on **KDKA's Pittsburgh Today Live** on Thursday, May 5th. To view the interview please visit <http://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/category/watch-listen/pittsburgh-today-live/>. And Tyler's winning video is posted on **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation** blog at

<http://www.gatesfoundation.org/foundationnotes/Pages/carl-kurlander-110503-changing-the-world.aspx>

Art Teacher Authors Children Book About Art

Katie Switzer, one of the art teachers at Mellon Middle School and Howe Elementary School, has written a children's book, **Imagine American Art** which is being sold in the gift store of the Westmoreland Museum of Art. Click [here](#) to read a recent Pittsburgh Post Gazette article about the book. For additional information please visit www.wmuseumaa.org.

Student selected into All-Eastern Orchestra

Junior **Grace Stokan** was selected by audition into **MENC's All-Eastern Orchestra** which will be presented as the MENC Eastern Division Conference March 31 - April 3 in Baltimore, MD. For more information please visit MENC's website at <http://www.menc-eastern.org/>

PMEA Honors

Three high school students have been selected through auditions into the PMEA All-State Ensembles which will be held in conjunction with the PMEA Annual State Conference Wednesday April 13 - Saturday, April 16 in Hershey. **Brigitta Hutchins** will represent Mt. Lebanon in **PMEA All-State Choir** and **Arjun Kar (violin 1)** and **Klara Pinkerton (cello)** will represent Mt. Lebanon at **PMEA All-State Orchestra**.

Seven high school students have been selected through auditions into PMEA Region-State ensembles. **Brigitta Hutchins** will represent Mt. Lebanon in **PMEA Region-State Chorus** to be held at Pine Richland High School February 23 - 25. **Kyle Harris (Flute)**, **Arjun Kar (violin 1)**, **Angela-Maureen Nagem (viola)**, and **Klara Pinkerton (cello)** will represent Mt. Lebanon at **PMEA Western Region-State Orchestra** to be held at Bellefonte Area High School March 9 - 11. **Kyle Harris (flute)** and **Marena Grondziowski (clarinet)** will represent Mt. Lebanon in **PMEA Region-State Band** to be held at Butler Area High School March 23 - 25.

Nine high school students have been selected through auditions into PMEA District ensembles. **Brigitta Hutchins** and **Luke Steinhauer** will represent Mt. Lebanon in **PMEA District 1 Chorus** to be held at Chartiers Valley High School January 13 - 15. **Kyle Harris (Flute)**, **Arjun Kar (violin 1)**, **Angela-Maureen Nagem (viola)**, and **Klara Pinkerton (cello)** will represent Mt. Lebanon at **PMEA District 1 Orchestra** to be held at Fox Chapel High School January 27 - 29. **Kyle Harris (flute)**, **Marena Grondziowski (clarinet)**, and **Kevin Schorr (euphonium)** will represent Mt. Lebanon in **PMEA District 1 Band West** to be held at South Park High School February 9 - 11.

Ten middle school and high school students have been selected into PMEA Junior High Ensembles. **Andrew Vogel (HS, cello)**, **Amanda Vosburgh (JMS, cello)**, **Zach Kosbie (JMS, cello)**, **Jocab Hitt (JMS, viola)**, **Zhaoliang Ma (MMS, violin 1)**, and **Evan Reichenfeld (MMS, bass)** will represent Mt. Lebanon in **PMEA Jr. High District Orchestra** to be held at Shaler Area Middle School February 4 - 5. **Frank Jackson (HS, tenor saxophone)**, **Kassidy Garcia (HS, french horn)**, **Lukas Basse (JMS, bassoon 2)**, and **Kathleen Brown (JMS, alto saxophone 1)** will present Mt. Lebanon at **Jr. High District Band West** to be held at Hampton Middle School March 4 - 5.

Teachers' Participate in National Advisory Council

On November 5, 6, and 7, 2010, elementary music teachers, **Carol Froehlich** (Howe Elementary) and **Lyn Koch** (Markham Elementary), were invited to Nashville, TN to take a behind-the-scenes look at an upcoming music program for 2011, **Quaver's Marvelous World of Music**. "It's an upbeat, high-energy world that teaches elementary-aged kids about the joy of music!" They got a special "sneak-peak" at DVD episodes, teacher's guides and the website, as well as an introduction to Quaver and his cast of

friends. They met the creators behind Quaver and the Quaver Music team and witnessed first-hand their passion for quality educational resources.

Carol and Lyn are now part of the “advisory council” and will have the opportunity to speak into the final version of Quaver’s music materials as Quaver prepares to launch this great new product in 2011.

Percussion Ensemble Selected to Perform at PMEA Conference

The **Mt. Lebanon Senior High School Concert Percussion Ensemble** has been invited through audition to perform at the **2011 Pennsylvania Music Educators association (PMEA) Annual In-Service Conference** Friday, April 15th at 3:00 PM at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center.

PMEA Honors

19 Mt. Lebanon High School students have been selected through auditions into the **Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 1 Honors Ensembles**. **Emily Andrews (Soprano 1), Meredith Andrews (Soprano 1), Susan Hepburn (Soprano 2), Sarah Hill (Soprano 2), Brigitta Hutchins (Alto 2), Hana Berkowitz (Alto 2), Chris Stack (Bass 2), and Alex Reed (Bass 2)** were all selected in **Honors Choir**, which will be held Friday and Saturday, October 29 - 30 at Seton Hill University. **Philip Clippinger (Violin), Alex Draus (Viola), Ryan Fan (Viola), Alexis Trbovich (Viola) and Andrew Vogel (Cello)** were all selected into **Honors Orchestra**, which will be held Friday and Saturday, November 5 - 6 at Plum High School. **Kyle Harris (Flute), Greg Kowhacki (Clarinet), Logan Schardt (Clarinet), Alex Kurland (Clarinet), Eddie George (Tuba), and Kevin Schorr (Tuba)** were all selected into **Honors Band**, which will present its concert Sunday, November 28th at Carnegie Music Hall in Oakland.