

BERLIN

HIGH SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY, 1994

SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

SENIORS

The recent PTSA Student Showcase spotlighted the creative works of students in the arts and sciences. The BAHS Student Union was transformed into a mini-art gallery displaying the talented renderings of Ron Hosie's art students. Science projects, reports and posters covered walls and tables as the six Science Fair finalists were announced.

7TH GRADE: RENE LINSAY

8TH GRADE: HOLLY STEPHENSON

9TH GRADE: HELEN SA AND

MARIRENE MEDINA-CRUZ

10TH GRADE: TOMOMI KATSU

11TH GRADE: FATMA BASSIOUNI

12TH GRADE: SHANNON NICHOLS

Each of the finalists delivered a five minute presentation of their science project as a panel of three judges tabulated scores. The students were rated in six areas: statement of the question, research design, research process, technique of analysis, statement of conclusion, and delivery of the presentation. Eight-grader Holly Stephenson was declared the win-

ner of the annual all-school Science Fair and was presented with a special "Brain Storm" t-shirt from the PTSA. Congratulations to Holly and all the other finalists who each received a \$20.00 gift certificate from the Stars & Stripes Bookstore.

The next PTSA Student Showcase will be February 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Student Union. The topic will be: "TEENS in TURMOIL" (How the drawdown affects teenagers). Students of the HIV Peer Counseling Team will be joined by the community health nurse, the school psychologist, and a drug and alcohol abuse counselor to address issues of concern to parents and teenagers

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS: Seniors who plan to attend college the fall of 1994, should be completing their applications. Most colleges and universities have application deadlines of February and early March. The counselors at BAHS can provide addresses and information about all colleges in the United States and many in Europe.

SCHOLARSHIPS: The following scholarship applications are currently available: AWC-Berlin, deadline March 1; USO, deadline postmark March 1; ECAPTS, received by Scholarship Committee, March 1; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, received in Heidelberg, February 26. Students may get the applications from the counselors at BAHS and should return them at least 7 days prior to the deadline.

GRADUATION: Graduation is scheduled for Saturday, May 28, 2 p.m. at the Schoneberger Rathaus. The Senior Breakfast for seniors and their parents will be Friday, May 27, 8:30 a.m. Practice for graduation will follow Senior Breakfast. The Class of 1994 needs to raise \$2,500. to cover the cost of graduation. Seniors are bagging at the PX and

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COURAGE
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COURAGE

HOLDING A HOOP higher and higher might train an animal to jump through it, but holding standards beyond the reach for yourself and your teen only produces discouragement. Discouragement often shows up as laziness, sadness, moodiness, or ineptitude. Its oppo-

tion for us to meet. In striving for perfection we become ambitious for superiority over others and feel inadequate when we fail. Damage from an error results from the emphasis on it and the degradation of the person who makes it as much as from the effects of the error itself.

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site, encouragement, is a product of the courage to be imperfect and manifests itself as enthusiasm, cheerfulness, and productivity.

Courage means (according to Webster) the "mental or moral strengthening one to venture, persevere, and withstand danger, fear, or difficulty firmly and resolutely." Because most of us believe that perfection is attainable, it takes great strength to admit that we make mistakes without feeling demeaned. If you have or acquire the courage to be imperfect, you will be able to cope more successfully with the challenges of living. Mistakes then cease to be magnified and become merely incidents in the course of life.

To develop the courage to be imperfect requires the recognition that human imperfection is universal. Because the concepts of democracy and social equality are relatively new, we still live as if there were some authority to set standards of perfec-

If you, the parent, can show by your own example that you are able to make a mistake and learn from it, you will be demonstrating for your teen a healthy way to approach life's problems. To fix something rather than to merely cast blame for the mistake is the healthy way to deal with imperfection. The example you set and the expectations you convey are the most important aspects of the relationships between the generations. We are all worthwhile people, even when we err.

Dr. Allen Davenport

SENIORS

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Shoppette on several weekends-any donation you can make for this service will be appreciated. Commemorative Berlin pins will be available at a cost of \$8.00. If your organization would like to make a donation to the Class of 1994, please contact Ms. South, Class Sponsor, BM-6391.

Gloria South

NURSES' CORNER

All are invited to the February 16th PTSA Student Showcase at 7:00 p.m. The showcase features AIDS information and assistance in dealing with draw down stress from Ms. Wendy Wall, school psychologist. Ms. Gates, Community Nurse, will provide information about the AIDS PEER EDUCATORS group. Members of the group will also be on hand to answer questions.

Health screening is now complete for 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students. Students needing further evaluation will be notified by mail. Second semester health screening includes vision, hearing and blood pressure checks for all 10th & 12th graders.

ANNUAL ASBESOTS NOTIFICATION

In accordance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act and DoDDS policy, we are required to provide annual notification of our plans for asbestos hazard abatement.

On March 28, 1988 an inspection was made of Berlin American High School, and follow-up inspections have been made regularly since that time. Samples of suspected asbestos containing materials were taken and submitted to a laboratory for analysis.

The results have indicated that there is asbestos present in some types of materials in our building. Non-friable

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THE CHALLENGE OF DRAWDOWN

WHY ARE WE LOSING TEACHERS AT SEMESTER?

There are two forces at work that caused the re-alignment of staff. The population at Berlin High school has dropped in relation to the number of teachers that we have. We are extremely well staffed even after the teachers leave.

The other consideration in allowing teachers to transfer is that several of the teachers who are leaving are dual teaching couples who will have difficulty in being placed in the same location or they are new to the system and have little seniority. We are helping to keep quality teachers in DoDDS. Many of our families may see these teachers again next year.

WHAT IMPACT WILL THE NEW SCHEDULE CAUSE?

The majority of teachers that are leaving are from the middle school: Simone & Merrill Bryner, Ken Burland, and Dennis Osborne. The core classes will remain the same. There will be no consolidation in English, math, social studies or science. To minimize the effect of the change the students will remain with the same schedule and classes. The teachers will change.

Ms. Smith, a teacher at BAHS the past two years, will teach three of Ms. Bryner's history classes and Mr. Brown will pick up the fourth class. Mr. Burland's classes will be taught by Mrs. Mueldener a highly qualified substitute teacher. Mr. Bryner's classes will be taught by

Mr. Ellis, Mr. Mason and Mr. Baum and Mr. Wall. Ms. Nubbemeyer, Ms. Greer, Ms. Norris and Mr. Lyon will teach 7th grade English. The majority of the new teachers have middle school experience and will be able to meet at the regularly scheduled 6th period teaming times. We intend to carry on the successful middle school program. Therefore, there will be a change, but the impact of the change should be as minimal as possible.

WHAT IMPACT WILL THE CHANGES HAVE ON THE HIGH SCHOOL?

The high school will lose Ms. Schiffrers, Mr. Lewandowski, and Ms. Sanchez. Mr. Roach, Mr. Bertot and Mr. Torres are taking over Ms. Schiffrers classes. Mr. Lewandowski's classes are being taken by Mr. Schmoll, Ms. Smith, and Mr. Jacketti. There will be some consolidation of classes in the high school. Drama, Chemistry, World History and Auto will all lose one section.

We are dropping speech and journalism. There was a combined enrollment of three students for second semester in these two classes. We are dropping electronics. There was one student signed up for electronics. Ms. Sanchez reading classes will be taught by other middle school teachers. Her power reading class had one student and will be dropped.

There will be more shifting of student's schedules due to the consolidation, but high school students

normally make semester schedule changes and course changes and teacher changes will not be unexpected to them. *Douglas McEnery*

ASBESTOS: CONTINUED

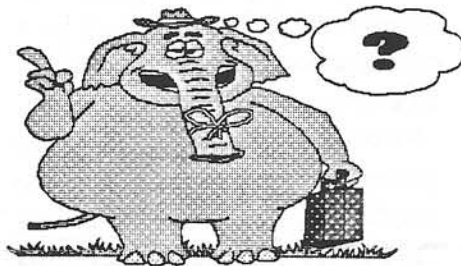
asbestos was found in the vinyl floor tiles, the walls leading from the main building to the gym, the roof, some counter tops, and in much of the exterior panels and weatherstripping. It was noted that each of these materials is in good condition, pose no health hazard and do not require removal at this time. Results also indicated that some materials contained moderate to low level of friable asbestos. These included insulation, heat shields, and gaskets in the boiler room, as well as vents to some overhead hoods. Air samples were taken periodically which indicated that no health hazard existed.

Removal of these friable materials has been completed utilizing methods ensured that no asbestos was released. In conclusion, there is no current asbestos health hazard at Berlin American High School. Copies of the school's Asbestos Management Plan are kept in the school office and are available for review.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the information presented in this letter, please feel free to contact me at 819-6392.

Dr. Davenport
Principal

BAHS DATES



3rd Quarter Ends March 31, 1994

**Spring Break
April 4-8, 1994**

**First Day to PCS & Receive Credit
May 20, 1994**

**Senior Breakfast
May 28, 1994**

**Graduation
May 28, 1994**

Last Day of School June 1, 1994

February 1994

SUNDAY

MONDAY



TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3 AIDS DAY: Community Health Nurse ● LQ	4	5 ACT EXAM
			Wrestling Tournament Brussels	
			Basketball at Home	
French Club Trip				
8 RENAISSANCE ASSEMBLY: Periods 2-3-4	9 William Henry Harrison (1773)	10 ● NM	11 Activity Period	12 Abraham Lincoln (1809)  Lincoln's Birthday
			Wrestling Tournament	
			BB Tournament/ Wrestling Finals	
			RENAISSANCE SKI TRIP	
15	16 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	17	18 ● FQ	19
			Basketball Finals	
22 George Washington (1732)  Washington's Birthday	23	24	25 Activity Period ○ FM	26

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March 1994

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 ● LQ 6:30pm ROTC BALL: HARNACK HOUSE	5
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13	14	15 Andrew Jackson (1767)	16 James Madison (1751)	17 St. Patrick's	18 Grover Cleveland (1837)	19 SOCCER Away
20 ● FQ Spring begins	21	22	23	24	25 Activity Period	26 SOCCER Away
27 ○ FM Palm Sunday	28	29 John Tyler (1790)	30	31 end of 3rd quarter		

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