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Lion's M.A.N.E. Newsletter

What is Lion's M.A.N.E.?

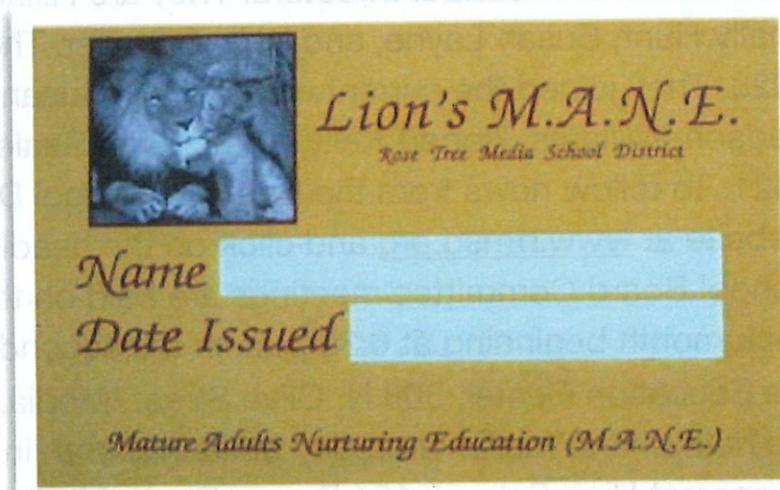
Lion's M.A.N.E. is the senior citizen outreach program of the Rose Tree Media School District. Lion's M.A.N.E. stands for 'Mature Adults Nurturing Education'. The mission statement is **Lion's M.A.N.E. offers opportunities for older generations to interact with younger generations.**

Lion's M.A.N.E. members have Gold Cards that provide free or discounted admission for many cultural and athletic events offered by the schools of the Rose Tree Media School District. To join Lion's M.A.N.E., district residents who are age 65 or older can sign up at the district office at 308 N. Olive Street in Media any workday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. The residents must show proof of age and residency. A Lion's M.A.N.E. Gold Card is issued at that time.

Membership does not need to be renewed and is good for life as long as the senior citizen lives within the district.



Spring 2020



Increased Student Enrollment Update

Several new housing developments are being built in the Rose Tree Media School District. As a result, student enrollment projections show an increase in student enrollment occurring over the next five years, especially at the elementary level. The current four elementary schools of Glenwood, Indian Lane, Media, and Rose Tree do not have the capacity to meet the increase of more than 450 students that are anticipated to enroll in the district. After considering several options, the District Administration is recommending the School Board purchase land and build an elementary school. Open public meetings to discuss the topic will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 7 p.m. in the Penncrest High School library and Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 10 a.m. at the Middletown Free Library, 21 N. Pennell Road. The topic will be discussed further at the RTM Board Committee meetings which start at 6:30 pm. on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 in the second floor conference room in the RTM Education Center, 308 North Olive Street in Media. More information can be found on the district website at www.rtmsd.org.

New School Board Members in Place

In December, 2019, five new members joined the Rose Tree Media School District Board of School Directors. They are Hillary Fletcher, Jackie Gusic, Shelly Hunt, Susan Layne, and Kelly Schaffer. Their terms continue to 2023. They joined the current members of Susan Henderson-Utis, Theresa Nadson-Williams, Robert Kelly, and Kristen Seale whose terms continue to 2021. To follow news from the Board of School Directors, go to the district website at www.rtmsd.org and click on the heading tab 'School Board'. School Board Committee meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room at the Education Center, 308 N. Olive Street, Media, PA. Legislative meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month in the auditorium at Penncrest High School, 134 Barren Road, Media. All meetings are open to the public.

Rose Tree Media School District Educational Rankings

US News and World Report, niche.com and SchoolDigger.com are three websites that provide rankings of districts and individual schools across the United States and within each state. Rose Tree Media School District has consistently ranked in the top 5% of public school districts in the state, earning an A+ rating on niche.com. Individual schools in RTMSD have ranked in the top 10% or higher in the state. Rankings are based upon the number of students taking Advanced Placement exams, the number of students who pass those exams, college readiness, teacher to student ratio, and other factors. Congratulations goes to the students, parents, teachers, and the entire Rose Tree Media Community for making sure the district stays true to *Children First...Always!*

Lion's MANE 15th Anniversary Recognition Continues

The 2019-2020 school year continues the celebration and recognition of the 15th Anniversary of Lion's M.A.N.E. Even before the inception of Lion's M.A.N.E. in 2005, the constant positive energy of senior citizens living in the Rose Tree Media School District was present. The strength of any district is built upon the contributions of the past and the present, interwoven to create a strong community supporting and nurturing the children in its care. Senior citizens serve as informal volunteers in the schools, caregivers for children in the neighborhoods, formal tutors through programs such as RSVP, and mentors for students at all grade levels. Senior citizens attend Special Friends/Grandparents Day at the elementary schools, have been mystery readers and guest readers for Read Across America Day, and have been interviewed as part of Oral History projects. The senior citizens of Lion's M.A.N.E. support the efforts of the schools and district, and strive to uphold the mission statement: "*Lion's M.A.N.E. offers opportunities for older generations to interact with younger generations*". Happy 15th Anniversary, Lion's M.A.N.E.!

2020 Rose Tree Media Calendar of Spring Events

Most events are free and do not require registration. Ticketed events, marked with * symbol may have discounted prices for Lion's M.A.N.E. members. More than 100 athletic events can be found on the district website at www.rtmsd.org. Lion's M.A.N.E. members with questions can call each school, the Lion's M.A.N.E. voice mailbox at 610-627-6263, or email Meg at lionsmane@rtmsd.org.

Events for March 2020

Thursday, March 5	7:00 p.m.	Musical*	Springton Lake
Friday, March 6	7:00 p.m.	Musical*	Springton Lake
Saturday, March 7	3:00 p.m.	Musical*	Springton Lake
Thursday, March 20	6:00 p.m.	Rose Tree Revue	Penncrest H.S.
Thursday, March 26	7:30 p.m.	RTM Board Legislative	Penncrest H.S.
Friday, March 27	7:00 p.m.	Musical*	Penncrest H.S.
Saturday, March 28	2:00 p.m.	Musical*	Penncrest H.S.
Saturday, March 28	7:00 p.m.	Musical*	Penncrest H.S.
Sunday, March 29	2:00 p.m.	Musical*	Penncrest H.S.

Events for April 2020

Thursday, April 2	6:00 p.m.	Art Show	Media Elem.
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Thursday, April 2	7:00 p.m.	Chamber Concert	Penncrest H.S.
Friday, April 17	7 p.m.	Media Elem. Variety Show.	Penncrest H.S.
Thursday, April 23	7:30 p.m.	RTM Board Legislative.	Penncrest H.S.
Friday, April 24	6:30 p.m.	Jazz Festival	Springton Lake
Sunday, April 26	1:30 p.m.	Glenwood Gd. 5 Select Chorus sings at Wilmington Blue Rocks Baseball Game, Wilmington, DE	
Wednesday, April 29	7:00 p.m.	Band Concert	Penncrest H.S.
Thursday, April 30	7:00 p.m.	Gd. 6 Choral Concert	Springton Lake

Events for May 2020

Tuesday, May 5	7:00 p.m.	Gd. 7 Choral Concert	Springton Lake
Wednesday, May 6	6:30 p.m.	Celebration of the Arts	Penncrest H.S.
Thursday, May 7	7:00 p.m.	Choral Events	All four elementary schools
Wednesday, May 8	7:00 p.m.	Gd. 8. Choral Concert	Springton Lake
Monday, May 11	7:00 p.m.	Gds 7 & 8 Orchestra	Springton Lake
Tuesday, May 12	7:00 p.m.	Gd. 6 Band & Orchestra	Springton Lake
Wednesday, May 13	7:00 p.m.	Gds. 7 & 8 Band Concert	Springton
Thursday, May 14	6:00 p.m.	Spring Art Show	Rose Tree Elem.
Saturday, May 16.	3:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Strawberry Festival*	Rose Tree Elem.
Monday, May 18	7:00 p.m.	Gds. 4 & 5 Band Concert.	Springton
Monday, May 18	7:00 p.m.	Gds. 4 & 5 Band Concert	Indian Lane
Tuesday, May 19	7:00 p.m.	Gds. 4 & 5 Strings Concert	Springton
Wednesday, May 20	7:00 p.m.	Children's Theatre	Penncrest H.S.
Wednesday, May 27	6:30 p.m.	Springton Art Show	Springton Lake
Thursday, May 28	7:30 p.m.	RTM Board Legislative	Penncrest H.S.

Events for June 2020

Wednesday, June 3.	2:00 p.m.	Aladdin Kids musical	Rose Tree Elem.
Friday, June 5	10:30 a.m.	Penncrest Graduation	
Saturday, June 6	5:15 p.m.	Media Mustang Chorale sings at	
		Wilmington Blue Rocks Baseball Game, Wilmington, DE	
Thursday, June 18	7:30 p.m.	RTM Board Legislative	Penncrest H.S.

School Locations: (all are within the Media post office address)

GW - Glenwood Elementary	122 S. Pennell Road	610-627-6902
IL - Indian Lane Elementary	309 S. Old Middletown Rd.	610-627-7102
M - Media Elementary	120 E. Front Street	610-627-6802
RT - Rose Tree Elementary	1101 First Avenue	610-627-7202
SL - Springton Lake Middle School	1900 N. Providence Rd.	610-627-6502
PC - Penncrest High School	134 Barren Road	610-627-6202
ED - Education Center	308 North Olive Street	610-627-6002

Schools Offer Spring Musicals

Senior citizens are invited to attend performances in several of the schools over the next several months. Ticket prices vary from school to school, yet are often reduced when showing a Lion's M.A.N.E. Gold Card membership.

Springton Lake Middle School auditorium, 1900 N. Providence Road

High School Musical Jr.

Thursday, March 5th at 7 p.m. and Friday, March 6th at 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 7th at 3 p.m.

Penncrest High School auditorium, 134 Barren Road

Catch Me If You Can

Friday, March 27 at 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 28 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 29 at 2:00 p.m.

Indian Lane Elementary

309 S. Old Middletown Road

Seussical Kids

Thursday, May 7th at 7 p.m.

Media Elementary

120 E. Front Street. Media

Willy Wonka Kids

Thursday, May 7th at 7 p.m.



Rose Tree Elementary, 1101 First Avenue

Aladdin Kids

Wednesday, June 3rd at 2 p.m.

Exclusive Matinee Performance for senior citizens and the final celebration event of the 15th Anniversary of Lion's M.A.N.E.!

Penncrest High School Changes Graduation Requirements

In response to parent and student requests for more flexibility in scheduling and in recognition of the changing requirements of colleges and work environments, the RTM Board of School Directors approved changes for high school graduation requirements. Students are still required to earn 28 credits which includes 2 credits of Community Service. The other 26 credits must be earned in the following subject areas: 4 credits of English; 3 credits of Mathematics (Alg. I required); 3 credits of Science (Biology or AP Biology required); 3.5 credits of Social Studies; 1 credit through 2nd year required of World Language; 1.5 credits of Health & Phys. Ed., and 10 credits of Electives.

2020-2021 Calendar Starts School Before Labor Day

Because Labor Day will fall later in September than usual (September 7), current parents have supported the decision to start the 2020-2021 school year on Monday, August 31 for students in grades K-9, and have all students in grades K-12 attend on Tuesday, September 1. Teachers will start working during the prior week. The school year is scheduled to finish for students on June 17, 2021.



Athletic Events

For a full listing of Athletic Events, go to the district website at www.rtmsd.org. In the Schools drop down menu, click on either *Penncrest High School* for high school sports, or *Springton Lake Middle School* for middle school sports. Then, on the school website below the large photo, click on the heading *Athletics*. Click on the topics on each page to find specific sports teams and schedules.

Lion's M.A.N.E. Encourages Summer Reading and Healthy Summer Eating for Everyone

Lion's M.A.N.E. members enjoy good books and good food. The summer months provide opportunities to read about new topics and try new recipes. Readers and eaters of all ages benefit from learning new information from reading, and from cooking with ingredients and techniques not tried before. Lion's M.A.N.E. encourages everyone to seek out safe, new adventures in reading and eating this summer. RTM community members can ask each other this summer, "What are you

reading,?" or "What great food did you recently cook or eat?" In the autumn, when the school calendar starts up again, Lion's M.A.N.E. will gather together some of the responses to share in the Fall Newsletter. What a rich harvest it will be!



"Survey Says" - Lion's M.A.N.E. Members are Encouraged to Respond

Lion's M.A.N.E. members are encouraged to reply to the question below and send the answer to Meg by one of three ways: mail it, or bring it to the Education Center at 308 North Olive Street, or send emails to Meg at lionsmane@rtmsd.org. Due date is June 1, 2020.

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*What do you like **best** about the Rose Tree Media School District?*
