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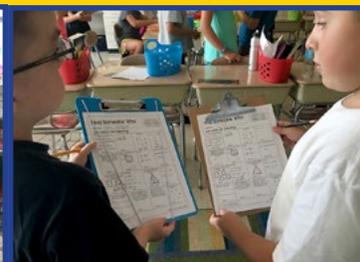
Building for the future.

Launching the 2016 - 2017 School Year

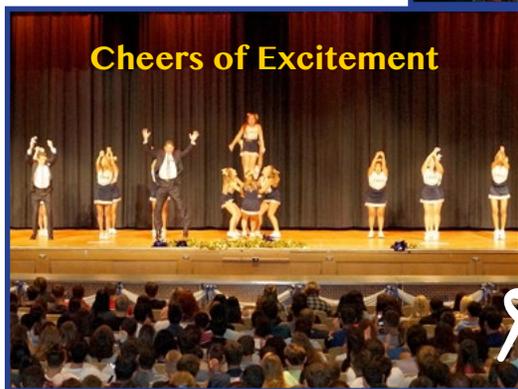


No Place for Hate.

at
Pine Road



at
Murray Ave.



Cheers of Excitement



at the

High School



**Bob Kelly
Fox 29**

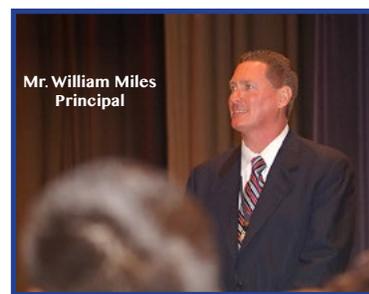
September 6 marked the start of the 2016 - 2017 school year. LMHS students were welcomed back as the cheerleaders showed great spirit and enthusiasm and the school principal, Mr. William J. Mills, showed his excitement by joining in the cheers. Not only was there music, but a very special guest. Fox 29's traffic reporter, Bob Kelly, was at Lower Moreland High School on opening day to do a live

remote broadcast with Mr. Miles. Mr. Kelly highlighted for his viewers the High School's recent ranking of 196 in Newsweek's list of the Best High Schools in America. The High School is ranked #9 in Pennsylvania. To view the live broadcast click on the link:

<http://www.fox29.com/good-day/202601541-video>



Dr. Marykay Feeley
Superintendent
of Schools



Mr. William Miles
Principal

The Superintendent of Schools and the High School principal applauded the students' eagerness and optimism as they rise to the task of what's new: new expectations, new opportunities and new adventures. The school year has officially begun.

Spencer West

Inspires

Lower Moreland Students

The District hosted a guest speaker, Spencer West, on September 9th. He spoke to students from the high school and middle school in the High School Auditorium and then traveled to Pine Road Elementary School to speak to an assembly of 4th and 5th grade students.



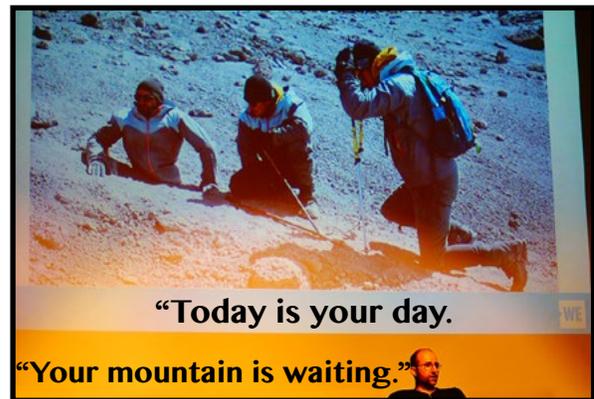
The presentations were part of the District's adoption of the **No Place for Hate** program, an initiative of the Anti-Defamation League. By providing an innovative and powerful model for creating more inclusive environments, the initiative aims to reduce bias and bullying, increase appreciation for diversity and build communities of respect.

His appearance was made possible by contributions from the Lower Moreland PTA.

After losing both legs from the pelvis down at the age of five, Spencer tackled challenge after challenge, learning to navigate in a world set against those with disabilities. He captivated the assembly with his message of "Redefining Possible." He told the LM students that as a student, he hated Math and gym, but he was felt pressure to be a good athlete. He became a cheerleader. The realization that he can meet challenges and be successful changed his thinking. He decided to stop caring about what people thought and chase his own path. He told the students that we have the opportunity to make people feel welcome and that education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty. He traveled to Kenya and affiliated with the WE Organization and began fighting against child labor. WE is an international charity that partners with communities to help lift themselves out of poverty using a holistic, sustainable five-pillar development model focusing on water, health, food, opportunity, and education.

He encouraged students to get involved in something you care about. In June 2012, Spencer and two of his friends climbed Mount Kilimanjaro on his hands and in his wheelchair to bring the world's attention to the devastating drought in Kenya. He did it for all the people who were bullied or told they couldn't do something. And he didn't stop there - he completed an epic 11 day, 187 mile trek by wheelchair and on his hands from Edmonton to Calgary, Canada to

raise awareness and money for Free the Children's clean water projects. He is also the author of the best-selling book, "Standing Tall: My Journey."



His message to the students was to chose your own path. Find something worth fighting for. Find your voice. Find your team and show your scars.

Students at Pine Road School coupled Mr. West's presentation with a school-wide Unity Walk and Peace Graffiti activity. There were lessons in the classrooms that happened first. Then the students all went outside and drew positive messages and images on the sidewalks, playground, and driveway behind the school. The event culminated with a building-wide walk around the school's new track.



When Michelle Levin (rt), a 6th grader at Murray Ave. was asked what she learned from the guest speaker, she stated, "People can change the world."

