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From Your President's Pen

Dear Parents,

This is my last letter to you as the PTSA President. It has been my honor to serve the parents, teachers, students and staff of this great school. I have questions for you:

Were you there...

...when Tim Strachan, ranked nationally as one of the top five quarterbacks in the USA with a full ride to Penn State, spoke of breaking his back, becoming a paraplegic, and overcoming his broken dreams to graduate from law school and do sideline commentary for the Terps?

Were you there...

...when two dads wept on stage for the loss of their teenage children in car

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians:

It is hard to believe that in a few days the Class of 2006 will step into Paint Branch history as they graduate on June 1st. In four years they have made their mark and will leave a great legacy to the classes that follow. Jumi Aluko, Charles Collison, Christina Song and Alex Liang have done a great job under the guidance of their sponsor, Mrs. Leslie Greene, in making this a memorable senior year.

Every year we try to think of ways to cut back on the number of activities at PB during the month of May, but I have accepted that it is impossible. This year we added the first annual NJROTC Military Ball which was held on May 13th at the Laurel American Legion Post. Congratulations to Commander DeCavage and Chief Williams on another outstanding first. The ball was enjoyed by all who attended.

Mrs. Murphy, our Career Coordinator, planned the Top Scholars Dinner which was held on May 18th at Indian Spring Country Club. This was our

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Watch your email from paintbranchnet for notification of the summer newsletter deadline !

Jeanette Dixon, Principal

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Principal's Message

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fourth annual dinner where we honor the students who will graduate in the top 5% of their class. The students are: Sukhdeep Aneja, Andrew Bergeris, Rachel Blair, Andrew Brimmer, Wing Chan, David Dadey, Edwin Fernandes, Justin Jacob, Andrea Rose Jimenez, Sarah Kim, Stephanie Lidd, Jennifer Mai, Dominic McDonald, Hector Neira, Palak Patel, Douglas Pickering, Rajib Quabili, Molly Tannen, Wesley Tse, and Rebecca Yu. Congratulations to all of our Top Scholars on a job well done.

Mrs. Johnson, our assistant principal, organized the Academic Awards program which was held on May 22. We honored over 350 students for academic excellence, which is at the heart of our purpose as teachers.

Our parents, led by Connie Ewart and Barbara Turner, arranged this year's After-Prom program. "Midnight Cruise" provided a safe environment, free of drugs and alcohol, where our students could unwind following Prom on May 19th at the Pooks Hill Marriott.

In between all of these activities, students took the High School Assessment exams in English 10, Algebra, NSL Government, and Biology. Scores are reported on the transcript for students in the classes of '08, '07 and '06, and, for the first time, students in the Class of '09 must pass these tests in order to graduate from high school. A complete copy of the exam schedule including senior and final exams was given to each student.

For the last two years, Barbara Turner has done an outstanding job as PTSA President, planning programs for parents and working tirelessly on behalf of our students. I thank her for her friendship and salute her for a job well done!

On behalf of the Paint Branch staff, I want to thank all of you for your support this school year. We look forward to seeing you all at **both** of our Back-To-School Nights which will be held on September 28th, 2006, and February 22nd, 2007.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Dixon
Principal

From Your President's Pen

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crashes?

Were you there...

...when we heard a local 24-year-old Iraq war veteran and former star high school athlete admit to drinking at the age of 13 and what it cost him?

Were you there...

...when Lamont Toliver, PBHS dad and Director of the Meyerhoff Scholars Program at UMBC spoke on "Teaching our Kids How to Fight the Urge to Just Get By?"

Were you there...

...when the MCPS experts spoke on the changes in the Grading and Reporting policy without having any answers about potential impacts on our children's future?

Were you there...

... when Ms. Dixon and her team gave the first "State of the School" address?

Were you there...

...when 9 brave teens dared to educate us on "The Secret Lives of Teens" in the 21st century?

All these programs and many others were designed to help us know what is going on in our children's world. Because I firmly believe that *what we don't know can hurt our children*.

The PTSA is NOT about budgets, fundraising, and committee reports. It's about you, our school, our kids and their futures.

High School is NOT a "Do-It-Yourself" project – get involved and stay involved. Your children's futures are too important to leave in the hands of their friends.

Sincerely,

Barbara Turner
Outgoing PTSA President

2006-2007 Paint Branch HS PTSA Officers

At the May PTSA meeting, the following PTSA officers were elected:

President - Don Hauprich
VP- Michelle Patterson
Treasurer - Elaine Hill
Corresponding Secretary - Saba Tesfayohannes
Recording Secretary - M'Liss Dematatis / Jean Slater

Terps Fundraiser Success!

When can working long hours for less than minimum wage be fun and rewarding? Ask any Terps volunteer this year and we're betting they would say...the Maryland Concession Stand PTSA fundraiser! For the second year, a group of parents headed up the major fundraising project, but it was the 15-25 students and parent volunteers at each event that brought home the money. Our groups worked a total of 5 home football games and 2 home basketball games and did an outstanding job each time. Total volunteer hours for the events were 1,217 and those hours raised \$6,356.94 for the PTSA. You wouldn't be reading this newsletter in the quiet of your home if volunteers had not dedicated their time and talents! The parent organizational team of Jan and Brian Markham, Bob McFadden, Kathy Cook and Sue Berger would like to give an extra thank you to all of our volunteers this year.....you're the best!

Plans for next year are in the works. If we continue this effort there will be seven scheduled home football games and a possibility of basketball games as well. We would like to challenge school organizations and sports teams to get a group together and consider signing up for an event when the schedule is posted. It can be an opportunity to give back to the school in a big way. No experience necessary! Watch for updates in the coming months. If you have comment or suggestions in the meantime, please feel free to call Sue Berger 301-890-4111 or Kathy Cook 301-549-0904.

Spiritwear

It's never too late to show your school spirit! Paint Branch apparel makes a great gift for the graduating senior and the incoming freshman. We have many spring items under \$12!



Great t's, shirts and Soffee shorts \$10 and under!

Bags and mesh shorts under \$15!

Hoodies, fleece sweatpants under \$22! Also now in black!

Hoodie jackets under \$30!

You can check out these styles and download an order form from the school website. Just click on the PB Spiritwear link on the main page. All items are on display in the school store and can be purchased during LAP.

Questions? Send your inquiries to PBSpiritwear@comcast.net or call Marguerite Tom-Wigfield at 301-989-0479 for information or to purchase.

Instrumental Music Booster News

We are getting ready for Marching Band Camp! Here are three great reasons to join marching band, either as a musician or with the color guard:

- 1) You get into all the football games for free.
- 2) It looks great on your college applications.
- 3) It's fun!

Summer band camp is August 14-18, 10:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m., and August 21-25, 4:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. If you are interested, please contact Erin Cooper at 301-989-5632 or Erin.Cooper@mcpsmd.org by June 7th.

We would like to recognize the graduating seniors who have contributed their talents to the orchestra, symphonic band and marching band. We wish them well in the future!

Erin Harper, Krishna Bhamidipati, Marc Friedman, Nolan Gordon-Hamm, Katie Kaiser, Saad Manzoor, Jon Shyu, Albert Valencia, Prit Pancholi, Rebecca Pham, Craig Seaton, and Annie Wright.

Apple Scholars

Apple Computer is giving out \$2000 scholarships plus a free MacBook Pro and ipod to students showing creative use of technology. Here is the link for the info:

www.apple.com/education/students/scholars/

Grading & Reporting

There is a wealth of information on grading & reporting at <http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/info/grading/>.

For general questions about the grading policy and procedures, please contact Thomas Jacob (301 388 0846) or Lisa Rager (301-572-9013).

Thank You!

After Prom

A special THANK YOU to Connie Ewart and the After Prom Parents for their efforts in making this year's event a memorable one. The "Midnight Cruise" party had several new additions — students, parents and teachers lined up for an "Air Brush" tattoo and the "Money Pit" proved to be a challenge as money and prize tickets swirled through the air. The traditional favorites of the Character Artists, Picture Booth and Casino were busy all night long. We started transforming the hall at noon and left around 5:00 am the following morning. To all those who volunteered— you helped to make a wonderful memory for our kids.

A very special THANK YOU to Ms. Dixon and PBHS teachers and staff who joined us after a long night at the Prom. Your dedication to our kids showed when you joined in the fun of the night. Your support is always appreciated.

The After Prom committee is completing an After Prom survey for the Junior Class. It will go out over PB net within the next two weeks. Please complete as your answers will help us plan next year's event. Please complete and make the After Prom of 2007 the best one yet!

Please patronize local businesses that support our school. The following businesses contributed to the Paint Branch After Prom Party:

All-Sports Boosters
At-Home Care, Inc
Burtonsville Fuel Company, Inc
Calverton Citizens Association
Calverton Swim Club

Church of the Resurrection
Ewing, Hines and Associates Insurance
Facility Logix, LLC
Fractured Prune, Cloverly
Herb Gordon - Mile One
The Knights of Columbus
The Learning Tree
Lions Club - Burtonsville
Long and Foster Real Estate/Burtonsville (t-shirts)
Paint Branch PTSA
Preston Lawn and Landscape
Royal Floors Corp, Burtonsville
(sponsors of a caricature artist)
Sandy Spring Bank
Sanford Lincoln Mercury
Shulman, Rogers, Gandal, Prody and Ecker P.A.
Sport Chevrolet
Tanglewood Home Owners Association
Tony's Garage
Vanguard

Teacher Appreciation Week

We have the BEST parents at Paint Branch.

May 8- 12 was Teacher Appreciation Week. We gave our wonderful staff a beautiful breakfast to begin the week, with food provided by the PTSA and parents. Our parents have again proven that they are the most caring, generous and giving in the county and perhaps the state! Thank you to all that have contributed to not only this event but to the entire school year. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed. Next year will prove to be even better!

Staff Appreciation Committee
Lori Allen and Kathy Cook

Science Teacher Wins Greenblatt Award

Catherine Ulicny, a Paint Branch science teacher, was honored on May 17, 2006 with the Marion Greenblatt Award. Dr. Marshal Greenblatt presented the award and a \$1000.00 check in a ceremony at the School's Media Center. Dr. Jerry Weast, Superintendent of Montgomery County Public Schools also participated in the ceremony. This award was named in honor of Dr. Marian Greenblatt, teacher and Montgomery County Board of Education Member.

Ms. Ulicny was recognized as an outstanding master science teacher. She teaches Advanced Placement (AP)

Biology, Biotechnology and Biology. She inspires her students to take higher-level science courses, necessitating the addition of a third AP Biology section at the school. Ms. Ulicny has taught science at Paint Branch since 1999 and has given presentations at various science conferences and workshops. Ms. Ulicny has also been a high school assessment item writer for the State of Maryland's High School Assessments and was also part of the team who wrote the Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science Program being piloted at Paint Branch this fall. She assisted in developing and implementing a Smaller Learning Communities grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Ms. Ulicny also coaches the varsity swimming and diving team at Paint Branch.

Thank You!

Parent Volunteers

Below is a list of parent volunteers from all the parent organizations within PBHS – Instrumental Boosters, Sports Boosters and PTSA. I realize that this is a very dangerous thing to do - recognizing all our volunteers by name. It's dangerous because I have surely missed many whose names were not reported. To those who have volunteered and remain unnamed, thank you and forgive me for not giving you the public recognition you so greatly deserve. To those whose names are not listed because you didn't volunteer, please note that there are 207 names listed of people who have volunteered 1 hour to over 300! Please remember that high school is not a "Do-It-Yourself" project. You are needed! Get Involved! Stay Involved!

Abel, Shirley	Foerster, Adele	Logan, Laura	Straub, Daniel & Fay
Alexandre, Marie	Genua, Stuart & Christine	Lopez, Grace & Fernando	Straugham, Eileen
Allen, Ben and Lori	Ginsberg, Geri	Macklin, Effie	Sundstrom, Bux & Joan
Aloi, Brenda	Gordon, Jeanette	Maddox, Carolyn	Sweet, David
Aluko, Remi	Gottlieb, Decker & Cammie	Magid, Brian & Kathy	Tabisz, Charlotte & Mike
Ame-Akonnor, Sonia	Granata, Dale	Magnum, Margaret	Tannen, Jan & Dan
Amenabar, Beth & Juan	Gregoire, Karen	Magnus, Melody	Taylor, Cynthia
Argue, Shari	Griffin-Graves, Janet	Mahari, Mharit	Thoren, Dee
Arrington, Tilorja	Grinberg, Nancy & Rick	Marapaka, Mohan	Tizabi, Mr. & Mrs.
Bass, Sr., Glenn	Grosberg, Cilla	Markham, Jan & Brian	Tom-Wigfield, Marguerite
Bean, Leslie	Hamilton, Henry & Patti	Markle, Lauren	Tse, Shirley
Bergeris, Annice & Stephen	Hannah, Judy	Mason, Mike	Turner, Barbara
Berger, Sue & Milt	Harper, Rene	Mayes, Mrs.	Twigg, Patti
Berhe, Weine	Hart, Robin	McFadden, Bob	Tylka, Corrine
Bernstein, Sheila & Ben	Hauptrich, Anne	McFadden, Ruth	Ulrich, Poppy
Bland, Valerie	Havasy, Mrs.	McGrath, Anne	Uratani, Mr.
Boualam, Silvia	Hill, Elaine	McGrew, Pat & Maureen	Vandegrift, Anne
Brady, Larry	Hines, Doug	McLaughlin, Pam	Vaughn, Marcelle
Brimmer, Joe & Vicki	Hoover, Mary	McLeish, Laurie & Dave	Waldron Patterson, Michelle
Brown, Mr. & Mrs.	Huynh, Holly	Medick, Melissa	Walker, Kimberly
Buitrago, Donna	Ingram, Ketia	Miller, Fran	Ward, Jennifer
Carrol, Brian & Ellen	Jacob, Sicy	Miller, Kenny	Washington, Roz
Carson, Anne	Jacobs, Tom	Mills, Karen	Werner, Dana
Chicherio, Orit	Johnson, Sandra	Moschella, Susan	Wigfield, Allan
Cook, Kathy	Jolles, Shelly	O'Donell, Jean	Wilcher, Denise
Cooper, Tracey	Jolly, Ann & Jerry	Ott, Tish	Williams, Bonnie
Cummings, Wendy	Jones, Teresa	Perret, Colleen	Williams, Karen
Cummings, Patrick	Judge, Deborah	Pickering, Darci	Wolf, Gail
Dang, Sylvia	Kaye, Dennis	Poole, Lorraine	Wray, Ilene
Daucher, Marybeth	Kaiser, Marsha	Posthuma, Viola	Wright, Janie
Davis, Myra	Keane, Jeff	Rager, Lisa	Wright, Cindy
Dean, Sherrie & Chuck	Kenner, Karen	Ragland-Bland, Valerie	Yates Family
Dematatis, M'Liss	Kim, Kay	Sanchez, Alba	Yee, Connie
Devlin, Dan	Kind, Liz	Sanderson, Gina	Yee, Teresa
Devlin, Lisa	King, Jenni	Schell, Bill	Zepp, Toni & Rob
Eakin, June & Mark	Kuhn, Linda	Schmedding, Linda	Zook, Mr. & Mrs.
Edwards, Mary	Kwon, Donghee	Seto, Karen	Zheng, Nancy
Edwards, Mr.	Lambert, Missy	Shinholser, Mr. & Mrs.	
Estrada, Franciesca	Larrabee, Pat	Singh, Jaya	
Ewart, Clarke	Leach, Mrs.	Slater, Jean	
Ewart, Connie	Leung, Ron	Smith, Don	
Ferguson, Mr. & Mrs.	Lewis, Mrs.	Snyder, Doreen & Shep	
Fetner, Bob & Patti	Lidd, Michelle	St. Louis, Roger	
Filemyr, Claire	Lively, Robyn	Stalbaum, Jackie & Dale	
Flechsigt, Mr. & Mrs.	Lobianco, Kisha	Stoudt, Deborah	

Senior Beach Week

Summary of March 29, 2006 Presentation by Corporal Cliff Dempsey of the Dewey Beach Police Department at Walt Whitman High School.

Delaware and Maryland beaches offer wonderful, fun and exciting vacation activities. In addition to enjoying the beautiful stretches of beach and ocean, you can choose from a variety of activities including amusement rides and games on the boardwalks, miniature golf, outlet shopping, movies, go carts, surf fishing and beach volleyball and Frisbee. Students should think about bringing video game equipment, board games and cards.

During senior week, beach towns greatly increase the number of officers on duty. They patrol the street and beaches and are a visible presence. An officer will arrest those engaging in illegal, disruptive or destructive behavior. Rules and Regulations are posted on every street.

Arrests and Fines

Those under 18 and arrested will be held in jail or transported to a juvenile detention center (similar to jail). The family will be contacted. A family member or friend over 21 must come to pick up those arrested.

For those under 18 a family member will need to come to Delaware with you three times:

- Pick up underage child
- Enter a plea
- Attend your trial in a family court

Fines are \$287 for each offense committed: underage consumption of alcohol, driving violations, curfew violations and other infractions of the law. A minimum \$500 fine is handed down for each offense of disorderly or destructive conduct.

Alcohol

Police will break up large parties and check for intoxication. Mere possession of alcohol is a crime if you are under 21 years of age.

Drugs

If illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia are found in your house, you will be charged if your name is on the lease, even though the drugs may not be yours.

If you are at a party and you let go of your drink do not drink from it again. Dangerous drugs may be slipped into your drink.

Disorderly Dwelling

There is a minimum fine of \$500 for disorderly conduct, disturbing other residents, and vandalism.

The person who signed the lease is responsible for fines and damage costs.

Fake ID's

Those under 18 caught with a fake ID will be arrested.

For those 18 or older it is a license/driving offense.

Breaking Curfew and Beach Regulations

At Dewey Beach, curfew (off the streets) for those under 18 is 11 pm weekdays and midnight on weekends. No one is allowed on the beach between 1 and 5 am.

Sexual Assault

Four minors were sexually assaulted last year (Dewey). Intoxication and passing out were the issues. Keep doors locked and never give out keys.

Some parents arrange to stay at a nearby location. Beach areas are 2.5 to 3 hours drive if you are needed in an emergency. If your teen is in a group house with questionable peers, you would be wise to change plans or not allow him/her to go.

The police are here to help keep our children safe. If you get into a difficult situation do not hesitate to call. Contact Dewey Police at (302) 227-1110, Ocean City Police at (410) 723-6600 or dial 911.

Parents, please keep our students safe by not allowing underage drinking at parties. Remember it's the law!



If you suspect there is a problem, call
Party Busters 240-777-1986

(A division of Montgomery County Police)



Maryland Graduation Requirements Class of 2009 & Beyond

Math: 3 Credits

- 1 in algebra / data analysis
- 1 in geometry



**English:
4 credits**



**Technology
Education:
1 credit**



Social Studies: 3 Credits

- 1 in U.S. history
- 1 in world history



Science: 3 Credits

- 1 in biology
- 2 with laboratory experience in earth, life, or physical science



**Health:
1/2 credit**



**Fine
Arts:
1 credit**



**Meet all
requirements of
school district**

**Physical
Education:
1/2 credit**



Other:

- 2 credits in foreign language or
- 2 credits in advanced Technology AND
- 3 credits in electives OR
- 4 credits in a career & technology program AND
- 1 credit elective

Service Learning:

- Complete 75 hours of student service or
- Complete a locally designed program approved by the State.

High School Assessments:

- Take the HSA in English, algebra, biology and government AND
- Pass all four tests OR
- Earn a minimum score on each test and a combined score of at least 1602 OR
- Earn a passing score on approved substitute tests

PBHS Student Wins Journalism Scholarship

For the third year in a row, a Paint Branch senior has been awarded the Washington Post's Young Journalist Development Program Scholarship. Bradley Fischer was awarded the \$2,500.00 college scholarship for his work in the High School Writing Seminar and Scholarship Program. Mr. Fischer was selected for this award on the basis of the story he produced in the seventh annual program, his interest in pursuing a journalism career and his attendance and participation in four seminars.

The four Saturday seminars that Mr. Fischer attended were designed to help high school students who are interested in journalism careers build their writing skills. Washington Post reporters and editors served as instructors and each participant produced a newspaper or magazine story by the end of the seminar. Professional journalists judged the stories and selected the scholarship winner.

Mr. Fischer is the Sports Editor for the Mainstream, the Paint Branch school newspaper. He has been part of the journalism program for the past two years, serving as a staff writer his junior year. This fall, Mr. Fischer will be attending the University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri.

71 Students Win Awards at County Media Festival

Paint Branch students took home thirty-seven first place awards, twenty-nine second place awards and five Third Place Awards at the annual Montgomery County Media Festival on April 28, 2006 at the American Film Institute (AFI) in Silver Spring. The students' works were part of over 500 entries by 1700 students from 77 schools in Montgomery County. The award winners are:

Computer Generated Animation: Simbarashe Marufu – First Place

2D Animation: Avedis Aghguiguan, Tristan Alleyne, Jason Anderson, Bradford Bass, Anjali Boray, Khalil Boyd-Davis, Khellie Braxton, Hellen Guimaraes, Bich-Tram Ha, Jesse Hernandez, Anting Hsiung, Jean Jacob, Dennis Johnson, Jason Lentz, Ingrid Leon, Hector Neira, John Niedermair, Sheena Nyarko, Andrew Paek, Alba Paniagua, Moe Rayemo, Sierra Reynolds, Brian Roberts, Regina Stern, Kent Stewart, Jeremy Williams, Rebecca Yu, and Ever Zavala – First Place
Brendyn Andrew, Wendy Appollos, Matthew Brandon, Julia Regan Fanelli, Nigel Graham, Daniel Gregoir,

Fernando Herrera, Jose Lorenzo Jimenez, Evan Jones, Meri Kitila, Mindy Miller, Sarah Perret, Alfred Peterson, Daniel Pistolessi, Patrick Posthuma, Stephanie Rozario, Hector Tolentino, Ricardo Tolentino, Kyle Werner, and Malcolm Wyche – Second Place

Digital Art: Erika Long – First Place, Natasha Rodriguez – First Place, Jenny Hwang – First Place, Kemeul Chavez – First Place, Mariatu Savage – Second Place, Olesya Webster – Second Place

Film: Steven Kleuver – First Place, Stephanie Buonomo, Molly Queen, Donna Jacob, Annie Wright, and Sara Mayes – Second Place, Duke Banson, Peter McGrath, Andrew Macklin, and Sam Ofori – Third Place, Instructional Film

Photography: Melisa Matthews – Second Place, Tony Ayigah – Third Place

Web Sites: Byung Lee and Khellie Braxton – First Place, Rajib Quabili and Dominic McDonald – Second Place

Seniors Honored at Top Scholars Banquet

Paint Branch High School celebrated academic excellence by honoring twenty seniors who represent the top 5% of the graduating class of 2006 at the Top Scholars Dinner, held at Indian Springs Country Club on Thursday, May 18, 2006. The honored students were being recognized for their academic excellence over four years at Paint Branch and were given plaques to commemorate their achievement.

The students honored were:

Sukhdeep Aneja, Andrew Bergeris, Rachel Blair, Andrew Brimmer, Wing Chan, David Dadey, Edwin Fernandes, Justin Jacob, Andrea Rose Jimenez, Sarah Kim, Stephanie Lidd, Jennifer Mai, Dominic McDonald, Hector Neira, Palak Patel, Douglas Pickering, Rajib Quabili, Molly Tannen, Wesley Tse, Rebecca Yu.

Each student was asked to pick their most influential staff member at Paint Branch and those staff members were also honored. The staff members the students chose were:

Dr. Mary Ellen Antiochos, Ms. Randy Blair, Ms. Nancy Hebdon, Ms. Faye Johnson, Mr. Richard Lee, Ms. Pamela Leffler, Ms. Chris Mitchell, Ms. Jamie Paoloni, Ms. Jewel Sanders, Mr. Richard Smith, Mr. Jeff Sullivan, Ms. Nadine Taylor-Tolbert, Ms. Catherine Ulicny, Ms. Barbara Whitney, Mr. David Zaleski.

Senior Wins Community Service Award

Rachel Blair, a Paint Branch senior, won the Leadership Montgomery Youth Community Service Award. This annual award for \$1,000.00 is given to five Montgomery County high school seniors who have exhibited outstanding leadership in developing and/or implementing service learning activities in their communities. The awards are sponsored by the law firm of Shulman, Rogers, Gandal, Pordy and Ecker, PA.

Ms. Blair researched and designed an outreach program using Vending Misers, devices installed on vending machines to conserve energy. She presented her program to Paint Branch Environmental Science classes, EPA representatives, MCPS Principals, Assistant Principals and other administrators. For all her hard work, Ms. Blair was awarded the Green Schools Leadership Award.

Ms. Blair was also recognized for volunteer work as an exhibit guide for the National Aquarium in Baltimore, Holy Cross Hospital through the Medical Careers Program at Paint Branch, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) and the National Honor Society.

Jillian Macklin, another Paint Branch senior, received an Honorable Mention from Leadership Montgomery Youth Community Service. Ms. Macklin was involved in the Rites of Passage program sponsored by the Potomac Valley Section of the National Council of Negro Woman (NCNW). She was a mentor to thirteen to eighteen year old girls. The mentoring included public speaking, speech and writing skills and appearance.

History Students Advance to State

Paint Branch Social Studies students, many in the Gilder Lehrman American History Scholars program, entered projects, papers and documentaries in the Montgomery County History Day at Julius West Middle School on March 25, 2006. The following students and projects won in the Montgomery County competition and move on to the state level of competition in May:

Jared Adkins for Citizen Hearst: Taking a Stand Through the Media, Sarah Chang for Marian Anderson, Daniel Greigore for Great Stands Are Not Made Alone, Alix Patton, Erika Patton and Larissa Irons for Church Bombings in Birmingham.

NJROTC Unit Best in State

The Paint Branch Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) Unit earned the distinction of overall Champions of the Maryland/Northern Virginia Region at the Area Five Northern Region Military Drill and Field

Meet. Twenty-six high schools in the region host NJROTC Programs....thirteen sent highly competitive drill, inspection, color guard and athletic teams to the meet.

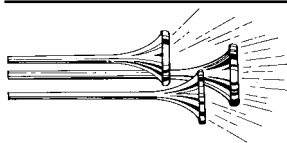
Points were awarded to each NJROTC Unit based upon their performance in Military Drill, Academics and Athletics. Over forty trophies provided by the event sponsor, The American Legion, were presented at the closing Awards Ceremony. Paint Branch took home six trophies in addition to the Overall Champion Trophy. Team Commanders were: Cadet Lieutenant Jordan Washington, Drill Teams; Cadet Lieutenant Commander Daniel Michnewich, Inspection Team; Cadet Lieutenant Junior Grade Brian Yee, Color Guard; Cadet Senior Chief Petty Officer Brian Nguyen, Athletics; and Cadet Chief Petty Officer Danielle Essick, Academic Team.

The Paint Branch High School NJROTC Unit is commanded by Cadet Lieutenant Commander Daniel Michnewich, a Junior in his third year of NJROTC participation. Over 100 students are members of the NJROTC Program, one of the largest organizations at the school. Instructors of the Program are Commander Joe DeCavage, U.S. Navy (Ret) and Quartermaster Chief Petty Officer Scott Williams, U. S. Navy (Ret). Principal Jeanette Dixon brought the program to Paint Branch in September, 2003. The NJROTC Program, designed to enhance student love of country, citizenship, civic involvement, academic performance, character and discipline, is co-sponsored by Montgomery County Public Schools and the U. S. Navy.

Fourth Place in Computer Competition

On Saturday, March 11, 2006, Paint Branch Seniors Rajib Quabili, Matt Graves, and Dominic McDonald competed in the 16th Annual University of Maryland High School Programming Contest. The Paint Branch team was one of 40 to compete. Paint Branch won 4th place in a very competitive environment. The top six teams were: Thomas Jefferson High School (VA), Montgomery Blair High School, Winston Churchill High School, Paint Branch High School, Thomas Wootton High School and Woodrow Wilson High School. The top six schools also won monetary prizes for their schools ranging from \$300.00 to \$2,500.00. The prize for 4th place was \$800.00.

This was the first time that Paint Branch entered the competition. Bethany Petr, the team's coach, is in her second year teaching computer programming at the school.



Paint Branch High School Honor Roll

Third Marking Period 2005-2006

Grade 9

Abbas, Mariya
 Abdallah, George N
 * Abel, Brent S
 Adewusi, Olutoba A
 Adkins, Jared M
 Ahmed, Asif U
 Ali, Syedmuhamm B
 Alleyne, Victoria D
 Andrews, Jr., Robert C
 Asare, Curtis N
 Bandon-Bibum,
 Chrysantus
 * Bechtoldt, Alison M
 Bernstein, Karen M
 Biloa, Stacymurie D
 * Blunt, Endia
 Boualam, Farid
 Bradshaw, Lauren K
 * Brimmer, Charles B
 Burns, Cody
 Campbell, Valerie J
 Cardenas, Daniel M
 Chang, Sarah
 Chi, Naomi M
 Chicherio, Talia A
 * Choppe, Rakesh N
 Choppala, Robert S
 * Chopra, Natasha
 Chung, Scott
 Cox, William
 Dalal, Sonia P
 Dang, Anhquan
 Devkota, Mandisha
 Diallo, Thierno M
 Divakarla, Sneha M
 Do, Andy
 Do, Uyen N
 Dubbaneh, Zeyad K
 Edwards, James K
 Fadeyi, Temi M
 Faustin, Sabrina
 Friedman, Steven J
 Goldberger, Adam S
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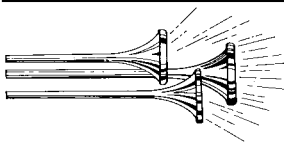
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	3	SAT and Subject Tests Administered at Paint Branch
	7	Exam Review Day
	8 - 14	Semester 2 Exams
	14	Last day for students
	15	Last day for teachers
	19-30	Paint Branch Summer Institute
	19 - Jul 7	Summer Programs For Credit Courses
Aug	21	First day of 2006-2007 year for teachers
	28	First day for students
Sep	4	Holiday - Labor Day
	12	Holiday - Gubernatorial Primary Day
	23	Holiday - Rosh Hashanah
Oct	2	Holiday - Yom Kippur
	20	No School - State Teachers Convention
Nov	1	No School for Students - Professional Day for Teachers
	7	Holiday - General Election Day
	23-24	Holiday - Thanksgiving
Dec	25-	Holidays - Christmas and Winter Break
Jan	2	
	15	Holiday - Martin Luther King Birthday
	22	No School for Students - Professional Day for Teachers