

# letter from the editors

Welcome back! Summer is officially over, and fall has begun. Soon the leaves will be changing colors and people will start breaking out their windbreakers, and eventually winter jackets to survive against the bitter coldness of north-eastern Pennsylvania. We hope everyone had a fun summer, but now it's time to hit the books, study hard, and get the good grades. It's time to wake up at 6 a.m., spend eight hours at school, and spend some more time doing homework. We know that school is hard, and keeping up with all the events and activities going on is difficult to do.

So, along with the new school year, the Green Echo is back again and we are hard at work, making a successful paper that will definitely both inform you and entertain you. This issue is the first of many for the 2009-2010 school year and we are looking forward to completing every issue for. In this issue, we have articles on swine flu, Michael Vick, and Families First. We also have some great articles and interviews about fellow students from our high school, Pen Argyl. We also have tons of additional reviews and interviews waiting for you. So sit back, and enjoy the first edition of the Green Echo.

Sincerely,  
Mary Elchert and Morgan Haycock,  
Editors.

# attention all parents!

Your children need you! The Pen Argyl Parent Teacher Association (PTA) invites you to join with us to make a difference in the education and quality of life for our children. We know that you love your children and want to do the best for them. We know that children learn more and have better lives when parents, school staff, students, and the community work together. Pen Argyl PTA brings all these groups together to share thoughts and ideas about programs and activities that benefit children. It only cost \$5.00 per person to join. Parents, relatives, friends are all welcome to join. Remember, becoming a member DOES NOT require you to volunteer your time! Classes with 100% membership will receive a special treat. If you are interested in joining or have any questions whatsoever feel free to contact Liza Abruzzese at 610-863-7812 or jandl@rcn.com or Cheryl Miller at 610-863-6097 or cherylwhip@yahoo.com.



B. Miller, Echo

# card-a-thon

Alex McEvoy, a 2007 graduate of Pen Argyl Area High School is currently defending our country as a U.S. Marine in Iraq. He enlisted in the Marines in 2008 as an engineer. He has been stations at Parris Island, S.C., Camp Le Juene, and Twenty Nine Palms in California.

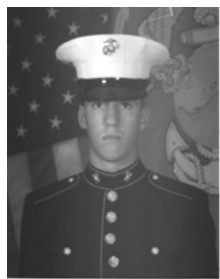
In June of this year, he was deployed to Iraq. He will be returning June 2010. For his birthday this year, we would like to ask anyone interested to send a message wishing him, "Happy Birthday!" Please drop off the card or message in a labeled box in the main office.

We are attempting to mail 500 cards to him. He is the older brother to Madison and MacKenzie McEvoy, who are both freshmen. They will send the cards to Iraq. If you would rather write a personal letter you may send it to:

LCPL McEVoy, ALEXANDER D. CLB-46 ENG. Co.  
UNIT 720 25  
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The deadline for the card-a-thon is October 1st. If you should have any questions, please contact Madison or Mackenzie at 610-863-6468. Alex appreciates all the mail he receives.

Thanks so much for your generosity!

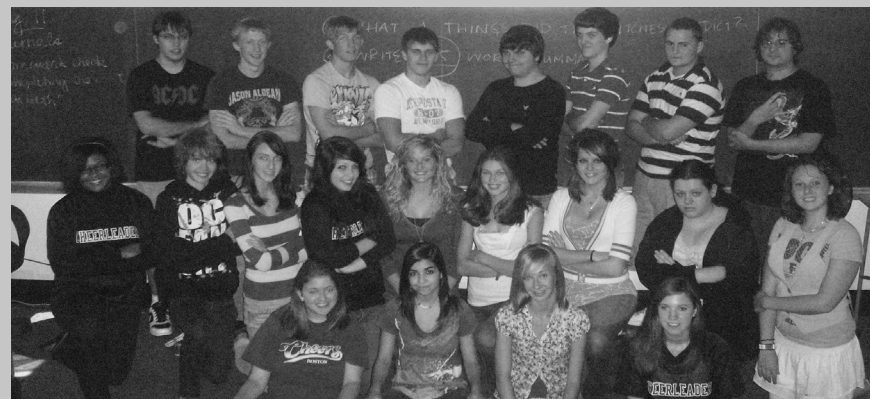


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## Attention Students!

Interested in joining the paper?  
See Mrs. Shank.