



CHOOSE TO REFUSE!
Mt. Pleasant Junior High School

HIGHLIGHTING YOUTH IN TOBACCO PREVENTION

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High Schools Cover Anti-Spit News Conference at PNC Park

Jack Wilson, Pirates shortstop, joined the Pirates physician and local dentists who are saying loud and clear, "Using spit tobacco is not a safe alternative to smoking."

The school newspaper and video teams pictured below accepted the invitation to cover the press conference launching the six county anti-spit campaign. Burrell and Penn Trafford High Schools also attended. The student task was to share the information within their schools.

At News Conference, Jack Wilson says, "Spit tobacco is not a safe alternative to smoking!"

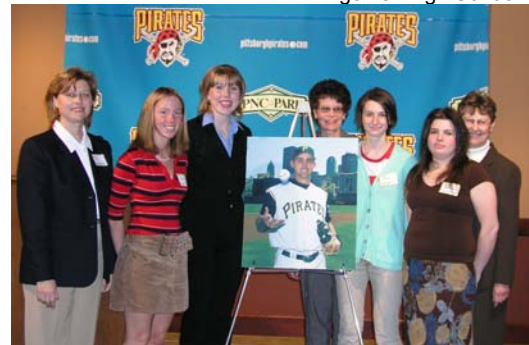
Norwin High School



Hempfield High School



Ligonier High School



Mt. Pleasant High School



Latrobe Area High School



What's coming in June?

June 21 – TATU/BUSTED! meeting to prepare for Idlewild Park "Affair" at 1 PM. Cont'd p.2

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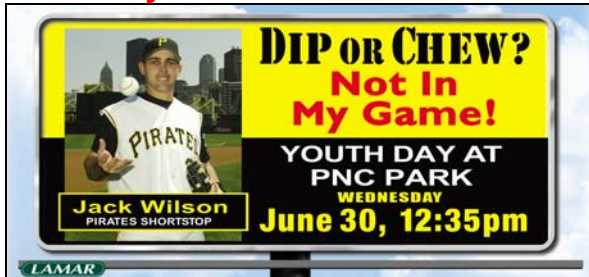
Smoke Free Air Affair at Idlewild Park

On June 25 from noon to 4 PM, TATU and BUSTED! members will be helping and having fun with:

- Line Dancing
- Samantha Skunk Play
- Ricky Raccoon & B. Cool Penguin
- Games and Prizes including Pirates tickets
- Jump Rope Demo by Holy Trinity Tigers
- Jump Rope Contest
- Face Painting
- TATU/BUSTED! Awards

TATU & BUSTED! helpers enter the park free. Call Anne, 724-837-1402, now, to help.

Youth Day at PNC Park



For an order form for discounted seats at \$5 (usually \$9) or \$14 (usually \$20) and the chance to be on the field for pre-game activities, email VAO2@psu.edu by June 15.

Kick Butts Red Day Activities Reach 4,819 Youth!

Central Westmoreland Career & Technology Center created posters and completed the cost of tobacco worksheet.

Covered Bridge 4-H created posters to place through the community.

4-H County Council/TATU held a Kickoff Dance. TATU members signed your dance card when they answered a question on the card about tobacco.

Greater Latrobe Junior High School set up an information booth at the Valentine’s Day Dance.

Jeannette Senior High School conducted lunch time anti-tobacco activities including a pledge wall to support those trying to quit smoking.

Latrobe Girl Scout Troop 304 had a presentation for scouts and parents and wrote tobacco facts and feelings about being tobacco free on a graffiti wall.

Ligonier Valley High School newspaper team wrote a story on the health risks of smoking for the “Issues” page of The Valley Voice.

Monessen Communities That Care Youth Council showed videos, had displays, presentations, and provided literature to all students and faculty. They also created tobacco free pledge posters to sign and a “Keep Your Health – Kick Butts” activity. They were invited to bring this popular activity to Earth Day and the Walk for Clean Air.

Penn Trafford Leo TATU Club spent 6 classes with 4 th graders using demonstrations and skits to teach about the ingredients in cigarettes and the hazards of

tobacco use.

Southmoreland Junior High School created an anti-smoking pep rally, dedicated a day to teaching against tobacco use, and created a newspaper centered on anti-smoking.

TATU/BUSTED! at Earth Day



“Keep Your Health - Kick Butts”
Communities That Care Teen Leaders



“The Earth Is Not An Ashtray”
4-H County Council & BUSTED!TATU

Monessen Leo Club Launches The Great Monessen Smoke Out for Kick Butts Day!

Prior to smoke-out day, students from the Monessen Leo Club working with sponsor, Patty Alcorn, made educational announcements about the dangers of secondhand smoke, cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco. On the day, each Monessen school bus had a sign announcing the smoke-out. Teachers received packs of educational material provided by the American Cancer Society and Monessen Clean Air Coalition. They were asked to talk with their students about both the advantages of never starting and quitting early. Monongahela Valley Hospital conducted a smoking cessation class. Students watched a tobacco issues video and conducted a lively discussion.