

Superintendent's Student and Staff Accomplishments February 19, 2020

Student Leadership: Students at the Pocono Mountain West Junior High School were able to purchase crew neck spirit wear sweatshirts for just \$5. They were able to subsidize the cost of the sweatshirts through the school's snack stand that is open at dances, open gyms, and after school for students who stay for tutoring. The snack stand is run by Mr. Brogan, Mr. Lamoreaux, and Dr. Flannery, and the student leadership and SGA students help man it. 300 sweatshirts were purchased and the West Junior High plans on submitting another order shortly.

Chess Champions: It never gets old to say this – congratulations to our East Chess Team on another Mountain Valley Conference/Eastern Conference Chess championship. This is the team's 20th consecutive conference championship. The East Chess team earned this conference title on February 12 with its win against Easton High School.

PMEA District 10 Band: Musicians from Pocono Mountain East and West High Schools auditioned in December and were selected to perform in the PMEA District 10 Band from February 11 to 13 at Exeter Township Senior High School in Reading. West students Ayla Canuteson, Destini Brown-Greene, Marissa Kane, Jeremiah Maldonado, Jace Eisler, and Kassandra Pena, and East students Dean Nyberg, Caleb Grassi and Ezra Sagofsky worked under guest conductor Dr. Patricia Cornett from Temple University.

PMSD Helping Others: I am so proud of the generosity of our staff, students and parents when we hold our District-wide dress down day fund-raising efforts in our schools. Tomorrow, I will have the honor of representing Pocono Mountain School District when we present a check to AWSOM for \$5,782.60. Our District also recently raised \$5,879.42 through a dress down day and t-shirt sales to benefit Coaches vs. Cancer in honor of Stacy Perryman. This school year, our District has raised a grand total of \$44,014.12 for Monroe County charities through our District-wide dress down day efforts.

Upcoming Events: Please mark your calendars for the Northeast PA Regional Odyssey of the Mind Tournament on March 14, hosted by our District at our West High School. All events, except the spontaneous events are open to viewing. Our teams will appreciate your support.

In addition, planning is underway for the 2020 Monroe County Children's Roundtable Community Night to be held on May 5, from 6 to 8:15 p.m., in the Pocono Hall at Northampton Community College's Monroe Campus. The event is designed to connect people and families with services and to connect volunteers with agencies needing help. Our District partners with Judge Mark, Commissioner Christy and other county agencies in support of Community Night for families. The event is free and open to the public. Please reserve this night on your calendars. We will have more information to share as we get closer to the date of the event.