

Superintendent's Student and Staff Accomplishments March 22, 2018

NEPA Odyssey of the Mind: Pocono Mountain School District hosted the Northeast PA Odyssey of the Mind Competition on Saturday, March 17. More than 700 students across the region competed in this problem-solving competition. The competition brought in approximately 2,500 people our West High School where we held the competition.

I am pleased to announce that 9 of our Pocono Mountain teams won first through third place awards at the regional competition and will be competing at the State Odyssey of the Mind Competition. Pocono Mountain School District will be the host of the State competition on April 7 here on our Swiftwater Campus. Congratulations to the following Pocono Mountain Odyssey of the Mind teams on qualifying to compete at the State competition:

- East High School, 1st Place in Triathlon Travels, Division 3
- East High School, 1st Place in A Stellar Hangout, Division 3
- East High School, 2nd Place in Classics... Mockumentary! Seriously? Division 3
- West High School, 2nd Place in Animal House, Division 3
- East Junior High, 2nd Place in A Stellar Hangout, Division 2
- West Junior High, 2nd Place in Animal House, Division 2
- Tobyhanna Elementary Center, 2nd Place in Animal House, Division 1
- West Junior High, 3rd Place in Emoji, Speak for Yourself, Division 2
- Swiftwater Intermediate School, 3rd Place in Classics... Mockumentary! Seriously? Division 1

State Bronze Medalist: Congratulations to Pocono Mountain West Senior Greg Bensley, who won a Bronze Medal at 220-pounds in the PIAA Wrestling Championships and earned his 97th career win.

PIAA Basketball Win: Congratulations to the West Boys Varsity Basketball team on their First Round overtime win in the PIAA Boys Basketball Tournament.

Regional PA Computer Fair Results: The East High School had three students earn awards at the Regional PA Computer Fair held on March 16, at Northampton Community College.

- Senior Patrick Ramsdale earned 1st Place in Digital Movie
- Senior Jehdiah Graham earned 2nd Place in Digital Movie
- Sophomore Brianna Cook earned 3rd Place in Animation

Patrick will be advancing to the state level competition held at Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA, on May 22.

AWSOM Change Drive: The Pocono Mountain Education Association held a change drive at the East High School to raise funds for the Animal Welfare Society of Monroe. The school community raised \$1,581 to help AWSOM provide care for animals at the shelter. Mrs.

Robbins' class raised the highest dollar amount of \$225.76 and Ms. Osbourne's six students had the highest amount raised per student of \$78.98.

Regional PJAS: Our students from the East High School, West High School, and East Junior High recently competed at the Regional PA Junior Academy of Science competition. Our students earned 21 First Awards and 14 Second Awards. East student Michael Olsen earned a Perfect Score on his research project at the competition. First place winners along with selected technology students qualified for States at Penn State in May. At our next School Board meeting we will recognize our PJAS winners.

Upcoming Event:

Title 1 Parent Meeting: Pocono Mountain School District will host a meeting for parents to learn more about the District's Title 1 program on Wednesday, March 28, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. in the Administration Building. All District parents are invited to attend this important annual meeting.

Special Presentation: Mr. Stern would like to make a presentation.