

Superintendent's Student and Staff Accomplishments October 3, 2018

Light Up the District Blue: Pocono Mountain School District received a thank you note from Autism Speaks for our donation of \$5,000 raised through the Light Up the District Blue t-shirt sales fundraiser last school year.

SIS Reading Under the Lights: Swiftwater Intermediate School held its second Reading Under the Lights event on September 27. Students received a free book, participated in a STEM activity and Cardinal Football players were there to read to the students. A therapy dog was also available for students who wanted to read a book to the dog.

Financial Reality Fair: Pocono Mountain East High School organized a Financial Reality Fair with NEPA Credit Union for seniors on September 25. Students selected occupations and were allotted a salary based on their career choice. They were then required to budget for housing, transportation, food and other living expenses. The event concluded with students speaking to a financial adviser. The event was well received by students and staff.

Rotary Club Dictionaries: Tobyhanna Elementary Center welcomed three Blakeslee Rotary Club representatives to the school on September 28, to continue their annual tradition of distributing dictionaries to every third grader. This was also an opportunity for TEC's teachers to discuss the benefits of volunteerism with students and to encourage our students to become active members of the community.

East Cardinal Hall of Fame Induction: The East Athletic Department held its annual Hall of Fame induction ceremony on September 21, where the 1979 Pocono Mountain Baseball team was inducted into the Hall of Fame. In addition, the founding members of the East All Sports Booster Club – John Rinker, June Rinker and Josie Fish – received the first East Cardinal Hall of Fame Service Award for their work in establishing and running the club.

PA Council for Social Studies: Kristy Snider, West Junior High School 7th Grade World Geography Teacher, was re-elected to serve as the secretary on the Board of the Pennsylvania Council for Social Studies.

CRIS PRIDE Celebration: West High School athletes celebrated PRIDE with Clear Run Intermediate School students on September 28, during the school's September monthly incentive. The athletes participated and interacted with our students at various stations involving carnival games and food.

National Merit Scholarship: Five East High School students were recognized as National Merit Scholarship Commended Scholars for their exemplary performance on the SATs. The students recognized by College Board were Shawky Darwish, Alexander Lindenbaum, Paul Nyberg, Michael Olsen, and Rocco Polimeni.

West Junior HS Tab Collection: The West Junior High School is proud to announce that the school has reached its goal of collecting tabs for The Ronald McDonald House of Danville, PA.

The West Junior High is filling out and filing the paperwork on behalf of the District to qualify for the Guinness Book of World Records. The tabs while "Housed" at the West Junior High School represent a total PMSD (East and West) effort, because without the help of all of the schools, this never could have happened. The West Junior High will continue to collect tabs throughout the school year, because the more tabs collected the more money we raise for this worthy cause. A huge thank you to Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robison, West Junior High Principal Dr. Vogt, teachers Dan Marvin, Kevin Kearney and Timerey Bush, and all of PMSD for supporting this can tab drive.

CRIS One School, One Book: Clear Run Intermediate School is continuing to promote the importance of literacy and involving families in reading. Students and staff attended an evening event on September 26 in which the new One School, One Book title was revealed. Each student was provided a copy of the book as well as a reading calendar. Students and their families will be participating in a variety of events centered around the book, Fish in a Tree.

American Red Cross Fundraiser: Pocono Mountain School District raised \$6,151 dollars during our District-wide dress down day for the American Red Cross. Thank you to our teachers, support staff, students and administrators for their generosity and support of this important fund raiser.

Special Presentation: Tonight, as part of my report, I invited Dr. Wade, the Principal of the West High School, and Susanne Fogg Sicignano, a West High School Social Studies Teacher and the Advisor of the West Human Rights Club, to bring some of their students here to talk about the Thirst Project assemblies they hosted and their fundraising efforts to help solve the Global Fresh Water Crisis, one well at a time.