

## **Superintendent's Student and Staff Accomplishments January 8, 2020**

**East & West Competitive Spirit Squad:** Congratulations to the Pocono Mountain East and West Competitive Spirit Squads on their performance at the District XI Tournament, which qualified both teams to compete at the PIAA State Competitive Spirit Championships on January 10 and 11.

**PPL Empowering Educators STEM Grants:** Tobyhanna Elementary Center Third Grade Teacher Heather Aulisio received a PPL Empowering Educators STEM grant of \$1,000. Ms. Aulisio is using the grant money to purchase self-printing Fuji cameras for students to explore with and use for in school projects. The PPL Empowering Educators program is designed to help K-12 teachers provide hands-on learning opportunities to enhance the classroom experience and spark students' interest in science, technology, engineering and math. Fifty teachers in schools in eastern and central Pennsylvania were selected to receive the grants.

**Julianna V. Bolt Art Contest Winners:** East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania selected the winners for the Julianna V. Bolt Art Contest. The top three contest winners are artists from Pocono Mountain East High School. Senior Kyrah Smith won first place, freshman Maxine Mendia earned second place, and freshman Christina Broadwater was awarded third place. East freshman Hannah Jones also received an honorable mention. There were 52 entries to the Julianna V. Bolt art contest this year. Entries came from East Stroudsburg High School North, Evergreen Community Charter School, Pocono Mountain High School East, Pocono Mountains High School West, and Stroudsburg High School.

**Apple Technology Workshop:** Pocono Mountain West High School AP Art and National Art Honor Society students participated in a multidisciplinary workshop with Apple on December 20. The students composed original tracks using Apple technology that they will later add to digital illustrations, creating an multidisciplinary piece of contemporary art.

## **January is School Board Director Recognition Month:**

In front of each of our Board members is a certificate of appreciation to thank each of you for volunteering your time, talents and dedication to improving, supporting and sustaining our schools and public education for all students.

Each of you is here because you are passionate about strengthening and preserving public education for all students in Pocono Mountain School District.

Our School Board Directors have what is many times a thankless job, but tonight we would like to thank our School Board Directors for being such strong advocates for public education here in our community and across the state

Thank you to our School Board Directors.