

Superintendent's Student and Staff Accomplishments May 15, 2019

Envirothon Results: Congratulations to the Pocono Mountain school teams that competed in the Monroe County Conservation District Envirothon held at Kettle Creek.

Our teams won the following awards:

- The West High School team won the top award in Wildlife and a third place team award.
- The East High School team won the top award in Soils and the fourth place team award.
- The West Junior High teams earned first through fourth awards in the competition. The Fierce Falcons team took the first place trophy and top team certificates in Animals and Ponds. The Teenage Mutant Painted Turtles took the second place trophy.
- The Clear Run Intermediate School teams won first and second place trophies, including the coveted Wise Weasel traveling trophy. They also took the first place certificates in Trees, Wildlife, and Wetlands. This year they won every award offered except the Ponds certificate which they lost on a tie breaker to Swiftwater Intermediate School. Pocono Mountain Teams in grades 5/6 brought home all of the awards in their competition.

Big Cardinal/Little Cardinal Program: Six East High School seniors mentored 6 Swiftwater Intermediate School students throughout the school year. The Big Cardinals made a huge impact on their Littles.

Peer Tutoring at SIS: There were two new peer tutoring initiatives at Swiftwater Intermediate School this year. Five East High School students tutor SIS students every Tuesday and Thursday morning to help them math facts. Also, 30 SIS sixth graders tutored students in math facts, fluency and vocabulary throughout the year.

WJHS Fundraisers: Under the guidance of Dr. Tammy Flannery, Mr. Tom Brogan, and Mr. John Lamoreaux, the West Junior High School ran two exciting events this Spring. First, a Donkey Basketball tournament was held

between the staffs of West Junior High, Tobyhanna Elementary Center, Clear Run Intermediate School and Clear Run Elementary School. Clear Run Elementary School walked away the winner and together they were able to make a donation of \$3,000 to Make-A-Wish. Also, Chikara brought a professional wrestling show to the West Junior High School. A great night of family friendly entertainment allowed the school to raise enough funds to fully stock its clothing closet for next school year.

Special Olympics: Congratulations to our District Special Olympic Track & Field Athlete who competed in Special Olympics at East Stroudsburg on May 9. Our schools gave our teams great send offs to the competition.

EPC Champs: Congratulations to the following Pocono Mountain athletes who earned medals at the Eastern PA Conference Track & Field Championship:

PM West:

- Junior Maurice Whittle – gold medals in the long jump (new school record), triple jump, 100-meter dash and the 400-relay;
- Sophomore Kenson Thomas - gold medals in the 200-meter dash and the 400 relay, bronze in the 100-meter dash;
- Senior Juanita Wiggins - gold medals in the long jump and triple jump, silver in the 200-meter dash;
- Freshman Jaden Bowens & Junior Kaleb Monaco - gold medal in the 400-meter relay (along with Whittle and Thomas);
- Sophomore Tiera Hudson - silver medal in shot put, 4th place in discus.

PM East:

- Senior Drew Altemose - gold medal in the javelin throw;
- Sophomore Isabella Horvath - silver medal in the high jump;
- Senior Triston Hilliman – silver medal in the triple jump; and
- Senior Tahir Thompson – 4th place in the 200-meter dash and high jump.

Upcoming Events:

Urbane Gospel Choir Concert: The District's Gospel Choir, Urbane, will hold a public performance and celebration at the West High School on May 18, at 7 p.m. They will be joined by their special guests, The Restoration Temple Praise Dancers and the West High School Dancers.

EJHS Wreath Laying: East Junior High School students will participate in a Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial Park in Tannersville on Friday, May 24, at 10 a.m.

Video:

Skills USA Video: I have a short video to share with all of you on our Monroe Career & Technical Institute's signing day.