

Superintendent's Student and Staff Accomplishments November 15, 2017

Special Honor: Dr. Cathy Sweeney, our Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, was honored on Saturday as the Special Guest at the Marine Corps Ball of the Marine Corps League Pocono Marine Detachment #492 Northeast PA. Dr. Sweeney received an award for Outstanding Citizenship and Support to the U.S Marine Corps and was recognized for her ongoing support of the Detachment's Toys for Tots Foundation fundraising and toy drive efforts.

Gold Standard Personal Finance Course: Pocono Mountain East High School's personal finance program was recognized by the non-profit, Next Gen Personal Finance, as delivering a Gold Standard required personal finance course. Congratulations to teachers Heather Baldauff and Dr. Deborah Kerby, who received posters to recognize their efforts to educate students on personal finance.

Girl Power: Tobyhanna Elementary Center 4th Grader, Madelyn Krisch, was featured on the WBRE\WYOU Eyewitness News segment on Girl Power on November 6. Maddy, is the daughter of TEC 4th Grade Teacher Kristin Krisch. She was featured for her involvement in competitive fencing. Maddy started fencing last year at the Northampton Community College Horizons Program.

EPC Mountain Division in Speech: Congratulations to the East Speech and Debate team who won the EPC Mountain Division title in Speech and Debate.

Eugenia S. Eden Award: Swiftwater Elementary Center Reading Support Teacher, Amy Berman, received the Eugenia S. Eden Award, for her outstanding support of children and families in the community. Pocono Services for Families and Children presented the award to Amy at the organization's annual dinner and celebration at the Mountain Center.

Community Service: Pocono Mountain School District representatives at the Big Brothers Big Sister telethon raised \$5,500 for the organization in one hour at the phones, exceeding the amount PMSD's reps raised during last year's telethon. The money raised helps fund activities for the Bigs and Littles among other supports and services.

Check Presentation:

Think Big Donation: Mike DelGrosso, the Pocono Mountain West Athletic Director, and I have a check for \$3,782 to present to Larissa Monacelli, a teacher at the West High School, as a donation to her Think Big foundation. Our East and West football teams annually dedicate the East and West football game to the Think Big Foundation. The players wear gold socks to bring awareness to pediatric cancer. One dollar from each ticket sold at the game is then donated to Think Big. Larissa created the Think Big Foundation in honor of her son, Carmine, who passed away from cancer at the age of nine. Think Big financially assists families of children diagnosed with cancer while being treated at the Janet Weis Children's Hospital in Danville.

Recognition:

Tonight, Shane Pagnotti, Pennsylvania School Boards Association Member Services Manager, is here to present longevity awards to School Board Directors Michael Stern, John Davis and Ricky Smith.

Michael Stern:

Michael Stern is receiving a longevity award tonight for completing 8 years of service as a School Board Director for Pocono Mountain School District. During his 8 years of service, Mr. Stern has served on the District's Technology Committee and as an Alternate District representative on the Monroe Career and Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee.

John Davis:

John Davis is receiving a longevity award tonight for completing 32 years of service as a School Board Director for Pocono Mountain School District. During the past 32 years, Mr. Davis has served as both the Primary and Alternate District representative on the Monroe Career and Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee. His service has also included appointments as the Legislative Representative to the Pennsylvania School Boards Association and to the District's Finance Committee.

Ricky Smith:

Ricky Smith is receiving a longevity award tonight for completing 23 years of service as a School Board Director for Pocono Mountain School District. Over the past 23 years, Mr. Smith has served as an Alternate District representative on the Monroe Career and Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee and as Vice President of the PMSD Board of Education. Also, Mr. Smith serves on the District's Finance Committee where his expertise on financial matters and keen grasp of the numbers helped steer the Board and the District through very tough financial times to a much more stable financial footing.