

Superintendent's Student and Staff Accomplishments

April 18, 2018

Team Kim Fundraiser: I presented Dr. Kim Yarnall, the Team Kim LLS Fundraiser organizer, with a check for \$8,430 yesterday on behalf of our entire district of students, faculty, staff and administrators. We raised the funds through our participation in the Team Kim Dress Down Day competition for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Pocono Mountain SD placed second in the competition based on the per student formula used, but we raised the most money for LLS out of the four county school districts.

PA OOTM State Finals: Two PMSD teams have qualified for the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals at Iowa State University May 23-26. Congratulations to the Pocono Mountain East High School's A Stellar Hangout Division III team on the team's 1st Place finish and the East Junior High's A Stellar Hangout Division II team on its 2nd Place finish in the PA Odyssey of the Mind State Finals.

PM East Mini-THON: Congratulation to the Pocono Mountain East High School Student Government Association on their successful 4th Annual Mini-THON. The East raised \$10,522.53 through the mini-THON for the Four Diamonds Fund to help fight pediatric cancer.

Creativity Contest Awards: Pocono Mountain West High School senior artists Analise Magarelli and Angelina Kimmins earned 1st and 2nd Place awards, respectively, for their acrylic paintings submitted for the Monroe County Bar Association Law Day Creativity Contest.

Art Exhibit: Student artists from our East and West High School have their art on display at the Mount Pocono Branch of the Citizens' Saving Bank as part of the bank's Art in the Office school exhibit. The bank held an art reception for students on April 10, which was well attended by our District Art Teachers, families and friends. East senior Samantha Lopez, and West junior Dorothy Hollingsworth, each won a \$50 Amazon gift card at the reception.

PennDOT Innovations Challenge: East High School juniors Brandon Torres and Zach Racavich were selected to represent District 5 at the PennDOT State Innovations Challenge. The PennDOT Innovations Challenge is a statewide competition that challenges teams of students in ninth through 11th grade to use their problem solving, creative and strategic-thinking abilities to solve real-world transportation challenges. At the State-level competition, Brandon and Zach will present their proposal for a steering wheel with sensors that will beep if both hands are not on the steering wheel for 15 seconds.

FBLA Award: East High School junior Randolph "RJ" Coke-Greene placed 7th at the State-level Future Business Leaders of America conference for his Electronic Career Portfolio. Also, the West High School FBLA chapter was reinstated at the state conference this year after nine years without an active chapter.

2018 Best Communities for Music Education: Dr. Sweeney received notice yesterday that Pocono Mountain School District was selected as one of the 2018 Best Communities for Music

Education for the third consecutive year by the National Association of Music Merchants. This national award puts our District's K to 12 music education program in the top 4 percent of school district music programs across the country.