

Superintendent's Student and Staff Accomplishments May 1, 2019

Community Service: Mrs. Bryer's Life Skills class in the organized a collection for Camp Papillon Animal Shelter in Stroudsburg, as part of the students' community service project. The class, along with the entire East Junior High School building, collected 268 items to donate to the shelter. A monetary donation of \$140, as a result of a school dress down day, was also given to the shelter.

Backpack Buddies Donation: Swiftwater Elementary Center received a \$100 gift card from the Pocono Irish American Club to purchase food items for the school's Backpack Buddies program. The Backpack Buddies program is a partnership between SEC and Swiftwater Intermediate School and the Second Harvest Foodbank, where they provide backpacks filled with food items for students in need to take home on weekends. I'd like extend my thanks to the Pocono Irish American Club for their generous donation to this important program for our students.

New Eagle Scout: Congratulations to Pocono Mountain East High School junior, Jack Hewlette-Bullard, who earned the Boy Scout's highest rank of Eagle Scout. To achieve this honor, Jack earned 36 merit badges, far above the 21 required. Jack completed a major community service project benefitting the Search and Rescue Dogs of Pennsylvania by designing and constructing multiple pieces of training equipment, and assisting with redesigning the training course for this wonderful, non-profit organization which assists law enforcement and benefits not only Pennsylvanians, but people all over the country. Within his troop, Jack has served in a variety of leadership roles and currently serves as Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. In addition, Jack is a member of The Order of the Arrow, the prestigious National Honor Society of Boy Scouting.

Upcoming Events:

Clothing Drive: Pocono Mountain School District is holding its Spring into Action clothing drive to collect usable, wearable clothing, household items and toys. Community members may drop off items on Monday, May 6, 2019, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Administration Building on the Swiftwater Campus. Donated items must be put into tightly tied heavy duty garbage bags. The District will receive money for every pound collected. All proceeds will benefit the school standardized dress clothing closets for students.

Community Night: The Monroe County Children's Roundtable will host the 2019 Community Night for families on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, from 6 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., at Northampton Community College's Monroe Campus in the Pocono Hall, in Tannersville. Community Night is free and open to all. The event will provide information and resources for families on a variety of topics, including: substance abuse, mental health, healthcare, nutrition, child welfare, our local courts, our schools and school districts, continuing education, youth programs, volunteer opportunities, and support services for students, new mothers, veterans, and the homeless. We hope to see you there.

Special Recognition: The Pocono Mountain East High School Scholastic Scrimmage Team finished 3rd in the PA Regional Competition this year.