

Superintendent's Student and Staff Accomplishments February 21, 2018

District 10 Orchestra: Pocono Mountain West High School Freshman McKenzie Lum-Chan auditioned in December and was one of only five percussionists selected to perform in the PMEA District 10 Orchestra Festival held at Fleetwood Area High School on February 8th and 9th. McKenzie represented our School District among 32 other schools from 7 different counties. McKenzie place 2nd overall and qualified for the PMEA Region V State Orchestra Festival, but the rules don't allow 9th graders to attend.

Cardinal Swimmers – District Qualifiers: Five Cardinal Swimmers qualified for District competition in Individual events. Congratulations to Coach Cholish and swimmers: Sophomore Ben Gonzalez, Sophomore Neveah Williams, Junior Lauren Fenn, Junior Emma Withey, and Junior Matt Borkowski.

Special Olympics: Pocono Mountain's School to Work students participated in the Basketball Special Olympics today at Freedom high school and won the tournament. The East High School band greeted the champions on their returned from the tournament this afternoon.

PBIS Visit: Quakertown School District teachers and administrators visited the West High School and West Junior High School to learn more about our implementation of the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports framework in our schools. Pocono Mountain School District has been recognized on many occasions at the state and local level for our effective implementation of PBIS. State representatives recommend that other school districts visit our schools, talk with our PBIS Staff and Student Leadership Teams and tour the buildings to observe quality implementation of PBIS. Quakertown was the fifth school district to visit our District in the last three years related to our implementation of PBIS with fidelity.

Kindergarten Registration: Our 2018-2019 Full-Day Kindergarten Registration is underway. Parents of children who will turn five years old on or before September 1st should contact the Student Registration Center to schedule an appointment.

Special Presentation: Tonight, I have the great honor of presenting a high school diploma to Mr. William Edward Warner. Mr. Warner is 84 years old, and he is a lifelong resident of Pocono Lake. Mr. Warned attended school in Tobyhanna. However, he was not able to graduate, because he was taken out of school to work on the family farm and then was drafted into the Army. Years later, he attempted to get his GED, but wasn't able to finish the course due to other responsibilities. Mr. Warner served our nation proudly while in the Army. Mr. Warner, I am so proud to present you with your high school diploma 66 years late. Thank you for your service to our nation and our school district. It is never too late to graduate from school.