

Superintendent's Student and Staff Accomplishments January 24, 2018

West Cheerleaders: Congratulations to our PM West Panther Cheerleaders on their 5th Place finish in the Co-Ed Division at the PIAA Competitive Spirit Competition in Hershey. The Panther Cheerleaders also won the District XI Cheerleading Championship in the Co-Ed Division for the seventh year in a row.

East Cheerleaders: Congratulations to our PM East Cardinal Cheerleaders on the team's 4th place finish in the Medium Division of the District XI Cheerleading Championship.

PPL Grant: Pocono Mountain East High School Gifted Teacher, Heather Aulisio, received a 2017 PPL Empowering Educators Grant. She was one of 25 teachers in eastern and central Pennsylvania selected to receive the \$1,000 grants from the PPL Foundation. Ms. Aulisio plans to use the grant to establish a school-wide STEM Fair at the East High School, to get more students excited and interested in STEM.

Fit Kids For Fitness Grants: Clear Run Intermediate School and Swiftwater Intermediate School are finalists in the Fit Kids for Fitness Grants sponsored by Project Fit America and Dannon. We need everyone to vote daily for CRIS or SIS to win the grants for \$25,000 for the schools' Physical Education Programs. Voting continues through January 31. There are links on our PMSD website to cast your votes. Let's help our schools win these grants. Seventy-five schools across America are competing for the grants. Four grants will be awarded.

PMEA District 10 Band Festival: Congratulations to West High School students Michael Scardigno, Ayla Canuteson, Marissa Kane and Ivan Plante, who performed at the PMEA District 10 Band Festival at Easton High School. The students auditioned in December and were selected to perform in this prestigious ensemble.

Food Drive: Clear Run Elementary Center students held a very successful pasta drive for the local food pantry. Through the school's "PJ's for Pasta" event, the students and staff at CREC donated more than 400 boxes of pasta to help out the food pantry and local families in need.

Student Ambassadors: East High School senior Nikki Evans and West High School senior Ronald Curry were selected to represent their schools and Pocono Mountain School District as part of Senator John Blake's Student Ambassador Program.

January is School Board Director Recognition Month:

Public education is more than just learning the basic math, science, English and history; it's a platform for students to reach their potential. It inspires hope for a new generation and a successful future. This institution exists in part because individuals volunteer their time to make informed decisions about the issues facing public schools. Every January we celebrate these everyday heroes – the nine elected school board members who serve our students and educational system.

School directors volunteer, on average, 20 hours a month to help run the schools in our community. The school board makes difficult decisions for the betterment of our students. They vote on multi-million dollar budgets, hire staff, select textbooks, review bus schedules and curriculum, to name a few.