

TO: Board of School Directors
FR: Lisa A. Brown, Superintendent
RE: February Board Report
DT: February 28, 2019

Student Activities:

Mini-THON Events – The MS and HS Mini-THON events were quite successful. The HS committee was led by Kim Grissinger, Amy Mateer, and Sara Robinson. The event donated \$34,197.88 to the 4Diamonds Fund. The MS committee was led by Doug Knepp, and their event donated \$35,744.82 for a grand total from the district of **\$69,942.70!** It is a wonderful experience to see our students, staff, and parents come together for these events. Devin Pulaski, a local 4Diamonds child, won the hearts of so many in our community. Special guests included Representative Frank Ryan and the Nittany Lion.

Literacy Challenge – All of the elementary schools were involved in the “#OneBookOneSchool” challenge during the month of February. Thanks to the generous donation of the elementary PTO, each student received a copy of the book, The Chocolate Touch.

Spelling Bee – Three of our students, Jhayce Hawley (Lingle 5th), Abby Keiner (MS 7th), and Christine Stavropoulos (MS 7th), made it to the WITF Oral Spelling Bee that was held on Saturday, February 23rd, and televised on Sunday the 24th. Out of the 35 students who qualified from across our region, Jhayce made it through about 10 rounds, Abby finished as the #11 speller, and Christine finished as the #7 speller. Congratulations to these spelling winners!

SkillsUSA Achievement – Several of our CTC students who participated in the 2019 PA SkillsUSA District Contest were 1st place gold medalists! Of the 5 CTC students that won gold, 3 of them are Palmyra students! Our congratulations go to Desiree Brown (Nail Care/Cosmetology), Paige Drnevich (Esthetics/Cosmetology), and Katlyn Nissley (Commercial Baking/Pastry Arts). These students have qualified for the state level of competition.

Pine Life Skills – The Pine Life Skills classes organized a flower and Tootsie Pop sale on Valentine’s Day as part of the February Theme at Pine, “Wrap Pine in Kindness”. Students, staff, and parents were able to purchase flowers and Tootsie Pop “bouquets” and have them delivered to someone in the building. The students delivered 485 flowers and 1200 Tootsie Pops! Every student left Pine on Valentine’s Day with a special gift!

Staff Recognition:

Keystone Technology Innovators – Each year principals are able to nominate one staff member for recognition as a Keystone Technology Innovator. These individuals are then granted statewide access to this elite group of individuals who have demonstrated the ability to effectively integrate technology into their classroom instruction. This group is then eligible to apply to be a Keystone STARS (State Technology Advocates Redefining Schools), and 100 are selected from across the state to attend the July STARS Summit. Our nominated teachers are as follows:

HS – Josh Fleming	MS – Louise Leach	Forge – Brenda Wasilewski
Lingle – Amy Becker	NS – Annie Bradley	Pine – Tyler Frantz

Teacher of the Year Award – We would like to congratulate Liz Bell, NS 5th grade teacher, for being selected as the Lebanon Federal Credit Union 2nd Place Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Bell was nominated by one of her colleagues, and she was selected for the award from the 35 nominations from Lebanon County. Mrs. Bell will be receiving a \$250 check, as well as a \$250 check for her school.

STEM Nomination – We are proud to announce that the district has nominated Jeff Remington for recognition as the IU#13 STEM Teacher of the Year Award. Jeff has done so much to advance the STEM instruction throughout our district K-12. We will anxiously await the results of this award nomination.

Athletics:

*The Lingle and Northside Chorus students sang the National Anthem at the girls basketball game on February 8th.

*The Palmyra Ice Hockey team will be playing for the CPIHL Championship on Friday, March 1st, at 8:30 at the Hersheypark Arena. This would be the team's 3rd Bears Cup in 4 years!

*The Girls Basketball team will be playing for the District Championship on Friday, March 1st, at 4:30 at the Santander Arena. The team was the #12 seed in the district playoffs, and were able to beat the #5, #4, and #1 seeds to make it to the finals!

*Olivia Richardson scored her 1,000 point on February 5th. Our congratulations go to Olivia on this accomplishment!

*Nick Carroll qualified for the AAA District 3 Wrestling Tournament after finishing 4th at Sectionals.

*Both the girls and boys swim teams earned Keystone Division Champ status! Districts will be held the weekend of March 1st.

*Based on the ranking from the Niche website, Palmyra HS earned recognition as one of the Top 50 Public High Schools for Sports across PA. PHS was recognized as #32!

Congratulations:

*Rotary Student-of-the-Month – Sarah Sheils

*Inductee into National Technical Honor Society – Trevor Yocum

*CTC Students-of-the-Quarter for 2nd Marking Period –

-Taylor Lowe (Cosmetology)

-Trevor Yocum (Landscape Technology)

-Jennifer Molter (Law Enforcement & Security)

-Montana Loggains (Media Communications)

-Katlyn Nissley (Pastry Arts)

Upcoming Events:

*Final Early Learning Party – March 5th (Math)

*HS Musical (Legally Blonde) – March 7th – 10th

*MS Musical (Mary Poppins) – March 15th-16th

*Forge/MS Dedication Ceremonies – March 21st (Beginning at 6:00 PM)

*Cougar Foundation Daddy Daughter Dance – Saturday, April 13th

*Cougar Foundation Mother Son Dance – Saturday, May 4th