

TO: Board of School Directors
FR: Lisa A. Brown, Superintendent
RE: November Board Report
DT: November 29, 2018

Student Activities:

HS Play- The HS performed the play, "Our Town", under the direction of Brian Lynch. The play was unique in that there was a lack of a traditional set and all of the props were pantomimed by the performers.

Career Fair – The CTC organized a Career Fair for all of the Lebanon County schools at the EXPO on October 30th. Approximately 25 of our juniors participated.

Mini-THON Activities – Both our MS and HS students are busy with Mini-THON fundraising endeavors. The MS recently organized a poinsettia and wreath sale, while the HS organized a OneCupJoe K-Cup sale. On Saturday, December 1st, they are combining efforts to offer Cookies with Santa and a Lil' Shopper's Shoppe from 10-1:00 in the HS.

MS PBIS & STEM Challenge – The MS administration utilized the half-days before conferences as very effective teaching days. Students worked in teams on Monday to address the concept of "Integrity", which is the "I" in their schoolwide PRIDE PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention & Supports) system that has been implemented this year. On Tuesday, the students continued their teamwork in a STEM challenge to address the concept of "determination", the "D" component. They had previously completed activities to introduce the concepts of "Preparation" and "Respect", and they will be moving on to the concept of "Empathy" to complete their PRIDE focus. Kara Schoessler has worked with a teacher and support staff committee of the following people: Jessica Barnhart, Kelly Brown, Aaron Buckwalter, Rodney Burgess, Cathleen DiCello, Kate Figueroa, Carla Kauffman, Doug Knepp, Jamie Kubicek, Gina Mason, Sean McClintick, and Emily Penberth.

Other Activities:

Published Article – Scott Farmer, HS Technology Education teacher, was recently published in the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association (ITEEA) journal. He highlighted a successful classroom management strategy that he has used in his courses at the HS.

Wellness Committee- The district's Wellness Committee is now being co-chaired by Scott Richardson and KK Knudsen. They are currently planning a wellness focus for a portion of our January 22nd inservice day.

Educator Workplace Partnership Project – Six of our MS staff members have been selected to participate in the IU13 Lebanon-Educator Workplace Partnership Project for the school year. Jesse Eisenbise, Jennifer Garrison, Kerri Litz, Sean McClintick, Emily Penberth, and Michelle Waiter will participate in externship placements at participating businesses to strengthen the school-to-work/career focus emphasis of the district.

Safety Initiatives –

*The state is in the process of launching the "Safe 2 Say Something" program, which will involve a 24/7 hotline for students to report threats, including suicide concerns. A district team will be receiving specific training in the next few weeks, as the program is scheduled to be launched on January 14th.

*I attended the School Safety & Security Conference in Hershey on November 8th & 9th.

*A team of staff members attended training regarding threat assessments. The team is working on a refinement of the district's threat assessment protocol based on this information.

Rotary Contributions – Palmyra Rotary Club members continued their yearly donations of personal dictionary/resource books for each of the district's 3rd grade students. The Rotary Club has donated a total of 4,320 dictionaries over the years.

TNG Booster Sampling – Maria Kreider, Food Services Director, organized a food sampling and information night on November 28th for members of our Booster Clubs in order to show Boosters how TNG could be utilized for sports banquets and other events.

Athletic Updates:

Fall Sports Highlights –

- *Girls Tennis: (9-3) best season ever at the AAA level
- *Girls Volleyball: (17-4) division champions, District 3 runner-up, state qualifier
- *Boys Cross Country: (5-1) 5th at Mid Penns, 10th at Districts, 2 individual state qualifiers
- *Girls Cross Country: (4-2) 8th at Mid Penns, 20th at Districts
- *Field Hockey: (19-5-1) District 3 and PIAA 2A silver medalists
- *Boys Soccer: (12-6-1) qualified and beat #1 seed in 4A District Tournament
- *Football: (8-3) qualified for 5A District 3 playoffs as #12 seed

- *14 individual 1st Team All Mid-Penn Honors

Winter Sports Participation –

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| *HS Boys Basketball – 24 (20) | *MS Boys Basketball – 18 (18) |
| *HS Girls Basketball – 20 (21) | *MS Girls Basketball – 15 (20) |
| *HS Wrestling – 20 (24) | *MS Wrestling – 24 (20) |
| *HS Swimming – 43 (42) | |

Upcoming Events:

- *MS Band Concert (12/4), MS Choral Concert (12/11), MS Orchestra Concert (12/13)
- *HS Choral Concert (12/6), HS Orchestra Concert (12/19), HS Band Concert (12/20)
- *Holiday Musical Cabaret (12/21)
- *HS Concert Choir at Hershey Symphony (12/8)
- *NHS Induction (12/5)
- *MS Career Fair (12/7)
- *CTC High Tea Dinner (12/18)

Congratulations:

- *CTC Students-of-the-Quarter for 1st Quarter – Alana Moro (Medical Communications), Kayla Ortiz (Pastry Arts), Trevor Yocum (Landscape Technology)

- *Rotary Students-of-the-Month – Amelia Baldo (October) & Collin Potter (November)