

TO: Board of School Directors  
FR: Bernie Kepler, Superintendent  
RE: October Board Report  
DT: October24, 2019

**Student Activities:**

\*Enrollment on October 1<sup>st</sup> included the following by grade level:

Kdg:	240	6 <sup>th</sup> :	288
1 <sup>st</sup> :	253	7 <sup>th</sup> :	276
2 <sup>nd</sup> :	248	8 <sup>th</sup> :	334
3 <sup>rd</sup> :	268	9 <sup>th</sup> :	310
4 <sup>th</sup> :	267	10 <sup>th</sup> :	295
5 <sup>th</sup> :	286	11 <sup>th</sup> :	288
		12 <sup>th</sup> :	281

\*Athletics team have been working hard and have begun or will begin postseason play. Recently the Boys Cross Country team finished second in the Mid-Penn Championships, while the Girls Cross Country team finished in 7<sup>th</sup> place overall. District Soccer, Girls Volleyball and field hockey playoffs are underway as well.

\*PASD completed the Fall Intruder/Active Shooter Drills between October 7<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. This year’s drill focused on identifying classroom doors that are locked but propped open. Various classrooms locked down and barricaded, while other classrooms did evacuate and report to rally points at their respective facilities.

\*On Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, Palmyra Cougar Volunteer Baseball Coach, Geoff Good, was laid to rest. Members of the baseball team, past and present, were well represented to honor a man who made a difference in their lives. Our thoughts are with the Good family.

**Other Activities:**

\*Transportation Operations 2018-2019: The Summary of Transportation report for 2018-19 details the transporting of 2,306 public school students and 131 nonpublic school students, utilizing 51 contracted vehicles.

\*On Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, Lindsay Knepp was named the Pennsylvania School Social Worker of the Year at the social worker state conference held in Hershey, PA.

\*Also on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, the district’s professional staff had an inservice day. Elementary grade levels worked with standards in the areas of mathematics and literacy. Several departments participated in a county-wide staff development session with their department colleagues in the county. Palmyra hosted the county nurses as well as county science and STEM teachers. Middle school staff worked with Webb’s Depth of Knowledge training, while HS teachers worked with Lebanon Valley College for the day.

\*The Cougar Foundation has been active this fall as they have awarded nine teacher grants totaling approximately \$8,000.

\*On October 17<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Kepler had the opportunity to represent the school district at the annual Palmyra Public Library Donor Reception, held at the library.

\*The school district is finalizing a donation from North Londonderry Township. The township has offered the school district the transfer of title for a 2002 Ford Explorer with over 90,000 miles for utilization by our school police officer. We appreciate the generous donation from North Londonderry Township.

**Congratulations:**

- \*PAHS Rotary Student-of-the-Month – October: Daniel Leach
- \*CTC Rotary Student-of-the-Month – October: Jenna Alt, Cosmetology

**Upcoming Events:**

- \*Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>: Turf Project Bid Opening
- \*Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>: Palmyra hosting screening of RESILIENCE at PAMS – 6:30 p.m.
- \*Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>: Teacher in-service day (Trade Day)
- \*Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>: CTC Thanksgiving Luncheon
- \*Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>: CTC's Community Open House 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- \*Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>: Teacher in-service day (Trade Day for Conferences)
- \*Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>-Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>: Thanksgiving Break