

TO: Board of School Directors
FR: Bernie Kepler, Superintendent
RE: January 2021 Board Report
DT: January 28, 2021

Student Activities:

- Congratulations to Genieva Martin for being selected as the Palmyra Area High School January Rotary Student of the Month.
- Congratulations to Tia Eberly; Health Careers Technology and Jackson Feaser; Law Enforcement for being selected as the Lebanon County Career and Technology Center January Rotary Students of the Month.
- This year's One School, One Book will entail the reading of The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein. The book focuses on gratitude. This year we will be doing the One School, One Book reading as classrooms at the elementary level. Included in the project, each student will write to our community heroes throughout the month of February. Additionally, various students, families and staff will record short video clips and a video will be put together entitled, "Thank You Palmyra."
- Four champion Palmyra spellers participated in the recent WITF Written Spelling Bee. Of the 135 student participants from Central PA, the top 33 spellers are advancing to the Grand Championship Oral Spelling Bee on February 27, 2021. Congratulations to Jhayce Hawley for advancing and representing Palmyra in the upcoming WITF Spelling Bee. Congratulations also goes out to Isaac Krupko, Alex Lee and Logan Sprunk for participating in the written spelling bee.

Other:

- The Cougar Foundation recently received donations through the EITC program. Fulton Bank donated \$9,000 toward Outdoor Education and Riverview Wealth Management donated \$3,000; \$1,500 toward Outdoor Education and \$1,500 toward STEM programming.
- Frank Potter provided the Cougar Foundation with an update on January 19, 2021 regarding the status of fundraising for Outdoor Education. At this time, the Foundation's balance is \$28,656. Including approximately \$20,000 from the GoFund Me page, as well as other recent/pending donations, the goal of \$55,000 is within a few thousand dollars of being met. Kudos to Mr. Potter and all involved.
- High School course selection for current 8th graders is underway. The high school guidance department presented to the 8th graders during the day on January 6th and conducted a parent session on the evening of January 6, 2021. Scheduling for high school students for the 2021-22 school-year ran from January 4th through January 20th.

Upcoming Events:

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| • January 26, 27, 28, 2021 | HS Keystone Testing |
| • February 5, 2021 | Early Dismissal |
| • February 12, 2021 | Make-Up Day |
| • February 15, 2021 | No School for Students |
| • February 26, 2021 | Early Dismissal |
| • March 12, 2021 | In-service Day |
| • March 15, 2021 | In-service Day |