



Superintendent's Report

To: Board Members

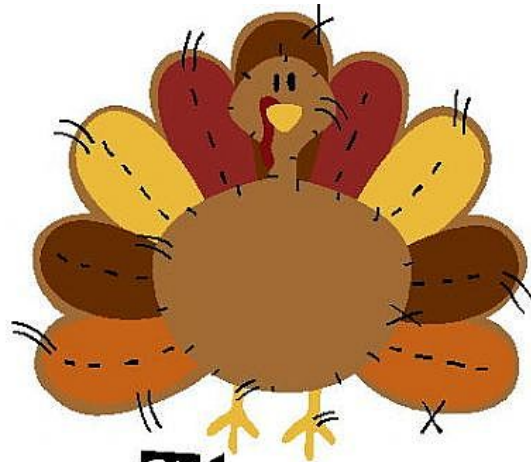
From: Dr. Leah M. Christman

Date: November 24, 2014

- Congratulations to Mrs. Pat Schultheis, the 2014 winner of the Howard L. Klopp Exemplary Teacher Award, presented each year by the Education Department at Cedar Crest College in honor of Dr. Klopp, a former education professor and chair of the Education Department at Cedar Crest. - See more at: http://www.cedarcrest.edu/ca/academics/education/111814_klop.shtm and <http://laconian.org/1723/showcase/howard-klopp-award/#sthash.CdvAoXI8.dpuf>. Mrs. Schultheis was recognized by the college at a special faculty meeting at the middle school.
- The Lehigh Valley Career Pathways committee met to review recent activities related to updating the promotion of career pathways in the region. The current career pathways model was created many years ago and a great deal has changed regarding careers and pathways. The Lehigh Valley Workforce go Investment Board has grant funding available to work with the committee to create an updated model. Work will begin in the spring of 2015 to review the current model and suggest changes that would better serve our students. I currently serve as co-chair, along with the superintendent of the Parkland School District for the committee.
- Eddy Tang, a representative of the Hebei Provincial Education Department in China visited Southern Lehigh this past week. Mr. Tang is responsible for coordinating the Hebei Province summer camp that several of our teachers have participated in over the last three years. Mr. Tang is also responsible for establishing and promoting sisters school partnerships between schools in the US, Canada, and UK with China. Have a Hebei Province encompasses the area surrounding Beijing. Mr. Tang met with me to discuss the summer camp, our partnership with a school in Tangshan and potential future visits for our students, teachers, and administrators. The Board Education Committee also met with Mr. Tang Sunday evening to discuss future possibilities. Professional staff members are encouraged to apply for the summer camp experience in January 2015, and we will continue to discuss a potential trip for our students to the sister school possibly during the summer of 2015.
- An article announcing our new *Successory Program* to recognize staff members who are 'going above and beyond' to help our students be successful appeared in the Laconian at the end of last week. We wanted to make sure our parents are also aware of the program to encourage their children to thank those individuals who

have helped them succeed. We also created an electronic version of the Successory form which is posted online. This weekend, we already received six thank you forms for our teachers. They had been forwarded to the building principals for recognition.

- The *Successory Program* is one of four commitments we have made as part of Public Schools That Work (PSTW), “a North American program endorsed by the National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) to increase support for public schools by providing positive information and inspiring stories that encourage and motivate staff to share the good news with their communities”. The process is designed to engage teachers and other staff in actively supporting all public schools both locally and nationally. Southern Lehigh School District is one of two Pennsylvania schools currently committed to the program. More information about the program can be found at www.NSPRA.org



Happy Thanksgiving