



Superintendent's Report

To: Board Members

From: Leah M. Christman

Date: April 13, 2015

- The high school Art department has recently received notice of their student of awards. Three of our students, Alec N., Lexi B. and Jocelyn B. have won awards in the **2015 An Artistic Discovery Congressional High School Competition** and Exhibition. They will attend the awards ceremony on Friday, April 17, 2015 at 9:00am to receive their awards and proclamations. Congressman Charlie Dent will be in attendance as well as a representative from Senator Pat Browne's office to present the awards. Administration, students, faculty, parents and school board members are invited to the presentation. The ceremony will take place at The Baum School of Art at 510 Linden Street in Allentown. Refreshments will be served.
- Congratulations also goes out to Kelly K. Earl and HS art teacher Anne Sikorski-Schneider for the honor of receiving a **National Scholastic Art award in the 2015 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards**. Please see the composite below for this year's region's National winners and Kelly's work!
- Two of our high school teachers, Mrs. Dottery, (math) and Mrs. Wlodek, (social studies) have been selected to **travel to China** and teach for the summer camp with all the expenses paid by the Hebei Provincial Education Department.
- We are pleased to announce that Jake S. is the Southern Lehigh High School recipient for the 20th Annual **Donley Awards for Excellence**. Jake was recognized this morning at DeSales University.
- The high school and middle school hosted over 40 visitors including administrators, school board members, technology staff, and teachers from 14 different school districts during our **Apple Distinguished Program** site visit on April 9. Our administrative team shared the story of our journey to transforming teaching and learning, our guests visited classrooms, and a panel of teachers and students answered a variety of questions regarding our use of technology for learning.
- Mrs. Dougherty, Liberty Bell teacher has advanced to one of 12 finalists for the **Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year** award. We will need to wait until December 2015 to learn the results.

- Kindergarten registration for 15-16 was successful with 149 children registered for next year.
- Mr. Hafner and I conducted the **Spanish Immersion Parent Orientation** on April 8. Parents of 15 children attended, including 2 families with siblings in the program. We also launched the online orientation course and all parents have been sent directions to enroll and complete the orientation activities. There are 12 siblings who have submitted for registration so no sibling lottery is required this year. Mr. Hafner, our Spanish Immersion teachers and interviewees, along with our Media Specialist Mr. Stephen Ohocinski worked hard to create a variety of videos for the orientation course.
- Mr. Ben Becker, with Mr. Matt Wehr as pianist, hosted the elementary **PMEA District X Songfest** in the high school auditorium this Saturday. One hundred forty-four students from 28 schools in 21 school districts were represented including those from Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton, Monroe, Berks, Schuylkill, and Pike counties. JPL/ Southern Lehigh Intermediate School had 6 students participate.
- Southern Lehigh is one of two Lehigh Valley communities to be designated among the nation's best for music education, according to the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation. The NAMM Foundation is a nonprofit organization supported in part by The National Association of Music Merchants and its nearly 9,200 members around the world. Their mission is to advance active participation in music making across the lifespan by supporting scientific research, philanthropic giving and public service programs. Our school district was recently named to the foundation's 2015 list of **Best Communities for Music Education**. Fifty-three other Pennsylvania school districts received the designation, as well. As Mr. Wehr noted, "This is a really big deal for us".
- Our LCTI students recently placed in State Leadership Competitions:

Laura S.	Marketing & Business	DECA	Job Interview	1st
Lance G.	HVAC	SkillsUSA	Job Skill Demo A	2nd
Matt H.	Computer Maint	FBLA	Introduction to Info Tech	1st
Alejandro R.	Prec. Mach.	SkillsUSA	CNC Turning	1st
Daniel W.	Prec. Mach.	SkillsUSA	Precision Machining Technology	2nd
Anthony P.	Electronics	SkillsUSA	Related Technical Math	3rd
Joshua L.	Adv. Design	SkillsUSA	Advertising Design	1st
Alex H.	Web Design	SkillsUSA	Web Design team 1	1st

- Mr. Jeremy Melber, our Director of Business Services will be recognized as one of the 2015 **Lehigh Valley Business Forty Under 40 honorees!** An independent panel of judges has selected Mr. Melber for the outstanding contributions he has made to the Greater Lehigh Valley, both in our industry and community. Mr. Melber will attend the FORTY UNDER 40 AWARDS CEREMONY on June 10 at Hotel Bethlehem.
- The pre-bid meeting for the new elementary school held April 8 was successful with a full cafeteria of interested contractors attending. Each trade area was represented by 8 different firms, with the exception of plumbing at 7.

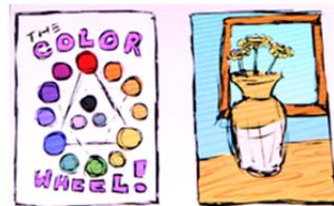


- Photo from the National ITEEA conference - Mr. Rick Colelli receiving the 2015 Warner Professional Practice Award for Region 1, and Distinguished Technology and Engineering Professional (DTE).



LUCILLE ALYSSA TAUBER Mixed Media
SILVER MEDAL
Parkland H S Teacher Ms. Danner

**2015
NATIONAL
SCHOLASTIC
MEDALISTS**



THE COLOR WHEEL ALYSSA TAUBER Animation
AMERICAN VISIONS MEDAL
Parkland H S Teacher Mr. Barrett



DOUBLE EXPOSURE
ALYSSA TAUBER
Painting
SILVER MEDAL
Parkland HS
Teacher Ms. La due



SHE WAITS
ALYSSA TAUBER
Photography
SILVER MEDAL
Parkland H S
Teacher Mr. Barrett



IMPOSING GARDEN KELLY KIRSCH Drawing
SILVER MEDAL
Southern Lehigh H S Teacher Ms. Sikorski Schneider

- Kelly K. – Silver Medal for 2015 National Scholastic Art award.