



Superintendent's Report

To: Board Members

From: Dr. Leah M. Christman

Date: June 9, 2015

- Graduation was a success last evening at Stabler Arena. The decorations looked great, visibility of the stage throughout the arena was superb, the venue accommodated everyone interested in attending, and the set up allowed for a good flow as graduates received their diplomas on stage. The theme of speeches for the evening revolved around finding and following one's "passion" in life. The student speakers and performances moved the audience through their voices of wisdom, reflection, and dreams for the future.



- Tomorrow is the last student day for the school year. Students will be dismissed early to start their summer vacations. Teachers will have in-service on Thursday, and we will end the year on Friday with an Ice Cream social from 12- 1 PM in the HS Café, followed by a celebration/recognition assembly in the HS Auditorium. Board members are welcome to join us!
- Over 100 *Successory* forms were submitted in the last week by parents and students thanking staff members for the work they did this year. Administrators, teachers, bus drivers, counselors and school psychologists, instructional assistants and secretaries throughout the district were thanked. I think this is a testament to the great work done by our staff on behalf of our students, and the supportive family members who took the time to submit the forms.
- The second annual Digital Film Festival Awards evening on June 3, was a great success. We are waiting for totals raised by our buildings to support Betty Lou's

Pantry- the recipient of this year's fundraising, and from the Chamber for additional donations collected. Twelve student videos were showcased in four categories. Southern Lehigh Chamber of Commerce board members voted prior to the event to select a top winner in each category. Representatives from the Chamber and SLEF judged the finalists to determine the overall winner- the **Spartan's Choice Award**. A high school team from Mr. Hershey's class won the top honors with their silent film sponsored by Embassy Bank.

- **Best Special Effects**- A Thriller film featuring Penn Tele Data by a team of students in Ms. Ramunni and Ms. Kindt classes.
- **Best Use of Sponsor** went to a team of students in Ms. Organski's class for a Documentary on Lili's Hope. The films were used as the Marketing class's final project.
- **Best Story** was awarded to Mrs. Dougherty's 1st grade class for their Mystery film called *Mystery of the Messy Classroom*. Mr. Hafer and Mr. Slay had 'cameo performances'. This film brought down the house as the audience reacted to our youngest participants' work.
- **Most Creative** also went to Mr. Hershey's team for the Silent film featuring Embassy Bank.

It was a fun-filled evening for students, parents, teachers, community members, and business leaders. Plans are already underway for next year's event which should be even better than what we experience this year. Highlights of the evening will be noted in the [Laconian](#). Mr. Dougherty, high school teacher, and the Spartan mascot emceed the event again this year.



SoLi Spartan and Mr. Dougherty on the *Blue Carpet*