

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

April 18, 2017

As much as I would like to continue reporting out on my recent school visits, I will be postponing my comments until I can do them justice. I would like to thank Principals, Szessterniak, Kitsko, Nelson and McFeeley for the tours; I look forward to sharing what I learned at each school. But we have a jam packed agenda this evening, and a lot of awards to distribute, so my comments will need to wait until May. Stay tuned.

We begin this evening with the Extra Mile Award

I am pleased to announce that Mrs. Cindy Murray, a classroom aide at Foster Elementary School, is our Extra Mile Award winner this month. Cindy was nominated by Foster Principal, Jason Ramsey.

In his nomination, Mr. Ramsey stated:

"Mrs. Murray is true hero to our students and staff . Cindy has been with the District and Foster for over 13 years and has worked in almost every classroom. She is a very humble person who quietly goes above and beyond her duties every day. Cindy is a model for all staff and students as she is dedicated, hard-working and always willing to lend a hand. She can be frequently seen arriving early and always staying late. Foster school's motto is "We are Kind, Courteous and Respectful" and Mrs. Cindy Murray lives that motto each and every day."

On behalf of the School Board and Dr. Steinhauer, I would like to congratulate Mrs. Murray on this special recognition and invite her and Mr. Ramsey to come forward so we can present a certificate of appreciation along with an Extra Mile Award pin.

Mike Melnyk US Marine Corps Semper Fi Coach Award

I am pleased to announce that our head football coach and high school social studies teacher, Mike Melnyk, was awarded the US Marine Corps Semper Fi Coach Award. The intent behind the Semper Fi Coach Award is to recognize a high school coach who

exemplifies the Marine Corps motto: Semper Fidelis-Always Faithful-and who models the Marine Corps leadership values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment. A Semper Fi Coach is not defined by winning records or championship titles, but rather as a man who creates a legacy of intentional leadership. On behalf of the School Board I would like to congratulate Mike and ask him to step forward to receive a certificate of appreciation on this outstanding accomplishment.

WPIAL/PIAA Swimmers

This year was an especially successful season for our girls' swim team. We are very pleased to have with us tonight the students who won state and WPIAL honors. After I read the names, please come forward to receive a certificate of achievement from the Board.

In the 100 Fly, Trinity Ward won both the WPIAL and PIAA championships

In the 400 Free Relay our WPIAL Champions are:

Kathryn Nicholson

Sophia Donati

Emma Graham

Trinity Ward

In the 200 Medley Relay our WPIAL Champions are:

Trinity Ward

Maddie Dorish

Sophia Donati

Emma Graham

The team is coached by Tom Donati.

Forensics Award

I would like to congratulate members of our High School Forensics Team on their outstanding performance at the State tournament this year. Seniors Julie Raiff and

Varsha Venugopal finished 3rd and 5th in the State in the Persuasive Speaking event. Their coach is Betsy Teti. Please come forward to receive a certificate of appreciation from the School Board.

High School Art Show

The arts are alive and thriving in the Mt. Lebanon School District, so plan to attend the High School Art Show on April 28 from 6:30-8:30p.m. in the high school. A unique gallery crawl is planned to showcase student art throughout the building. The Art Show has a long standing tradition of excellence that showcases the most significant pieces of art created by the Advanced Placement Studio Art students. Our students will create and curate their own gallery exhibits. We hope to see you there.

Taste of Lebo

The 3rd Annual MLFE Taste of Lebo: Battle of the Appetizers is set for Saturday, April 22 from 2 - 4:30 p.m. in Clearview Commons, Uptown Mt. Lebanon. Student musical groups will perform throughout the afternoon at Clearview Commons. Plan to spend a fun Saturday afternoon sampling the best of our Uptown restaurants while supporting the Mt. Lebanon Foundation for Education. The MLFE awards teacher mini-grants to support innovation in our classrooms. Tickets may be purchased tickets in advance by going to www.mtlsd.org/taste of lebo.