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As we advance through the first quarter of the academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize some of the accomplishments within our district and to reaffirm our collective commitment to the success and well-being of our students. Please rest assured that our primary focus continues to be the support and education of every student we serve.

We started the school year on a high note with well-attended Open House events at every school, along with fun and welcoming Back-to-School celebrations at each middle school. The Homecoming Parade was a highlight, bringing together families, students, and staff in a great show of school spirit and community pride. We also celebrated the newest inductees into the McDowell High School Athletic Hall of Fame, a special moment that honored those who made a lasting impact on our school's athletic legacy.

With just over a month into the academic year, we have many reasons to celebrate. Two of our students have been named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists, a significant academic achievement that highlights their dedication and the hard work of our staff. Additionally, this week, two of our educators were announced as Golden Apple Award recipients, reflecting the significant positive impact our teachers have on our students.

Throughout the district, students and families are engaged in a variety of meaningful activities. Chestnut Hill hosted its annual "Fun Run" and Family Bingo Night, Belle Valley began another year of the Watch D.O.G.S. program, and will soon host its annual "Bear Crawl" event. Asbury held a "Back to School Bash", Grandview has scheduled a "Fall Fun Run," and Tracy organized an Outdoor Family Movie Night, with a Fall Bingo Night planned for the near future. Some middle school students participated in the Diggers and Dumpers Field Trip at ECTS, and each middle school will be hosting Jam the Gym events in the upcoming weeks. At McDowell, the AFJROTC program conducted a remembrance ceremony honoring the victims of September 11th. The Center for Performing Arts is diligently preparing for its fall musical production of "Footloose." McDowell is also preparing for College Night next week to support students and families with future planning. These are just some of the many positive activities within our district, and why I am proud to serve as the superintendent of the Millcreek Township School District.

These examples exemplify the vibrant and dedicated community we are privileged to serve. They remind us of the purpose behind our work. We recognize that external challenges may arise at times, but I want to assure everyone that these will not divert us from our shared goals. Our dedication to delivering exceptional educational opportunities through the cultivation of a positive and supportive learning environment continues to be our foremost priority.

Thank you for your continued partnership, trust, and support. Together, we will remain focused, unified, and committed to the success of every student.

Respectfully,

John Cavanagh, Ph.D.

Superintendent

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