

Superintendent's Student & Staff Accomplishments

June 26, 2024

Retiree Appreciation: Tonight, we will be honoring two more educators who are retiring from Pocono Mountain School District. Before I introduce each retiree, I wanted to thank all of our district retirees for their service and dedication to our district and the wonderful care they extended to all of our students. For our retirees joining us tonight, please know that your many years of service have left a lasting and positive impact on our students, our schools and this district. You have been an inspiration to current and future generations. On behalf of the entire school district, thank you for your service and dedicated to the education and wellbeing of our students and the Pocono Mountain School District.

The retirees here tonight are as follows:

Beth Karchner	Special Education Teacher at East High School	25 Years of Service to the District
Shannon Wagner	First Grade Teacher at Tobyhanna Elementary Center	36 Years of Service to the District

Collectively, our retirees here tonight gave 61 years of service to Pocono Mountain School District.

Accomplishments:

Kinsley's Shoprite Amazing Teachers: Congratulations to two Pocono Mountain School District teachers who were recognized as Kinsley's Shoprite Amazing Teachers for the month of June.

Stacey Nalesnik, a 7th Grade Math Teacher at Pocono Mountain East Junior High School, and Amy Martin, an AP Psychology and World History Teacher and Speech and Debate Advisor at Pocono Mountain East High School were both selected as Kinsley's Shoprite Amazing Teachers.

HYPED Magazines: Jeanine Hofbauer, from Hofbauer Strategies LLC VidaWorks, wanted to be here to talk about the HYPED Digital Magazines our HYPED teams from East and West produced this school year, but she had a schedule conflict.

First I wanted to congratulate our East and West High School HYPED teams for the wonderful Digital Magazines they created this school year. East and West HYPED produced a Fall and a Spring issue of the digital magazines with the assistance of Jeanine's team from Hofbauer Strategies LLC Vidaworks and their teachers and advisors Mrs. Heather Baldauff and Dr. Christina Bracey for East, and Mrs. Kim Mancini and Mr. Paul Steinruck for West.

A lot of organization, discipline, and creativity go into each digital magazine. The teams held planning meetings to brainstorm what articles, photos and graphics they needed for each issue of HYPED. Then they did research and conducted interviews, set up photo shoots and created digital graphics. Once they had the drafts of their articles proofed and their photos and graphic ready, they began working on layout and design. The results of all this hard work were fabulous Fall issues and these great Spring digital magazines, which showcase the very best of our two high schools and the talents of the HYPED teams. Congratulations to HYPED East and West on a job well done. Thank you to Jeanine and her team, and our teachers and HYPED advisors. Links to the HYPED digital magazines are available on the PMSD Facebook page, on posters in the high schools and on the PMSD website.