

COMMENDATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS  
DECEMBER, 2016

**Elementary**

Natalie Barefoot, a second grade student at Streams, has a piece of artwork on display at A.I.R. Gallery, located in Brooklyn, NY now through Dec. 18, 2016. Natalie submitted a picture that she had made in art class last year when she was in first grade and it was accepted to the show.

The exhibit, titled "It's Elementary," features artwork created by students in kindergarten through grade 5 from schools throughout the country.

Natalie's artwork is a colorful piece that features a hand and forearm along with a border of multicolored hearts.

**Boyce**

Boyce Middle School swept the third - fifth grade category of 2016 National Chemistry Week illustrated poem contest, sponsored by the Pittsburgh Section of the American Chemical Society. Fifth grade poets Eva Chrousis and Asha Segall won first and second place, respectively.

Entries were judged on relevance to and incorporation of the theme, word choice and imagery, colorful artwork, adherence to poem style, originality, creativity and overall presentation.

The four first place winners received \$50 and advanced to the ACS National Illustrated Poem Contest. Students who earned second place received \$25.

**High School**

High School junior, Isabelle Walsh earned all-state honors for volleyball. Isabelle gained first-team laurels from the Pennsylvania Volleyball Coaches Association and garnered first-team all-district and all-section acclaim.

Two of Isabelle's teammates also received post-season awards after achieving a section championship and a quarterfinal appearance in the WPIAL playoffs. Junior Alex Amos and senior, Kindler Norman merited all-section recognition and second-team honors on the all-district squad.

Congratulations are extended to senior, Carly DeCock for being accepted into the National Association for Music Education's Treble Honors Choir that will perform at the All-Eastern Division Conference in April in Atlantic City.

Congratulations to the following students for being named to PMEA District Band and PMEA District Orchestra.

**District Band:**

Alexa Drecnik  
Dan Geffrey  
Matt Higgs  
Meghan Johnson  
Abbie Wagner

**District Orchestra:**

James Boston  
Alexa Drecnik  
Matt Higgs  
Meghan Johnson  
Mallika Matharu