

COMMENDATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

MARCH, 2016

Boyce

In February, over seventy 6th grade students at Boyce Middle School challenged themselves with the Pennsylvania Math League Contest. This contest consists of 35 questions from different areas of mathematics to be solved in a 30-minute time frame. The goal is to encourage student interest and confidence in mathematics by solving non-routine problems in a competitive setting.

Following are the top scorers in each category:

Grade Five Students studying 6th grade math:

1st Place Keshav Narasimhan
2nd Place Quinton Miller

Grade Five & Six Students studying Pre-Algebra:

1st Place Sophie Chen
2nd Place Daniel Wang
 (tie) Shane Williams
4th Place Alex LeKachman
 (tie) Bear Bottonari

School Wide Sixth Graders Studying 6th Grade Math

1st Place Nitish Sharma
2nd Place Milan Giroux
 (tie) Ethan Neal
4th Place Will Closser
 Kaitlyn Clougherty
 Jane Lahniche
 Nivedha Suresh
 Logan Todd

Team Energy

1st Place Nitish Sharma
2nd Place Ethan Neal
3rd Place Kaitlyn Clougherty

Team Predator

1st Place Jane Lahniche
2nd Place Sasha Quinto
 (tie) Andrew Happ

Team Solar Power

1st Place Will Closser

Team Wind

1st Place Milan Giroux

2nd Place Logan Todd

(tie) Nivedha Suresh

Congratulations to three USC teams who placed at the WPA Odyssey of the Mind Spontaneous Fun Day Competition on Saturday, February 27. These teams, along with twelve other USC teams, have qualified for the WPA Regional Tournament on Saturday, March 12.

1st Place

Chris Jahn

Kristian Karidis

Bryce Keating

Shivani Jajoo

Sara Hess

Natalie Rach

Max Mandler

2nd Place

Isabella Putorti

Yash Jajoo

Jacob Conte

Christina Conte

Vivek Babu

Maggie Lowden

Gracie Lowden

3rd Place

Max Murtough

Joseph Markovitz

Constantine Tripodes

Brianna Lin

Sammie Seewald

Eric Wang

Victoria Cuba

Fort Couch

The Department of Energy (DOE) created the National Science Bowl in 1991 to encourage students to excel in mathematics and science and to pursue careers in these fields. Congratulations are extended to the Fort Couch team of Jason Choi, Nick Kalra, Rohan Mishra, Ryan Sarkett, and Braden Yates, for achieving first place in their division. The team will compete in the Finals at the National Energy and Technology Labs to determine the team that will continue on to the national competition in Washington, D.C.

High School

Stand Up To Cancer and PBS Learning Media, has announced that Kevin Chen, high school sophomore, has been selected as an Emperor Science Award program winner. Kevin is one of 100 students selected to receive this prestigious award, out of nearly 1200 high school students from 48 states. Kevin has won participation in the Emperor Science Award mentorship program, which includes a Google Chromebook, a \$1,500 stipend, and participation in a research project with a mentoring scientist.

Congratulations are extended to Andrew Wheeler, high school senior and member of the Varsity Boys Basketball team, for being named to the Section 4 Quad A All-Section team for Boys Basketball. In addition this honor, Andrew has been named the KDKA Extra Effort Award Winner for his outstanding performance as a student, athlete, and community member. To celebrate, KDKA sports broadcaster Bob Pompeani presented Andrew with his award on Wednesday, March 16 at the high school.

Congratulations to both the Boys and Girls Swim teams that finished 3rd overall in the WPIAL.

The following swimmers won first place in their event:

Girls 200 Medley Relay--1st Place

Maddie Yoos
Ynyra Bohan
Lindsey Choate
Maeve Lersch

Girls 200 Freestyle - 1st Place

Abby Matheny

Boys 200 Medley Relay - 1st Place

Jack Fitzpatrick

Braedon Wong

Kevin Liu

Brandon Novak

Boys 100 Butterfly - 1st Place

Braedon Wong

Boys 100 Backstroke - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place

Kevin Liu (1st)

Braedon Wong (2nd)

Jack Fitzpatrick (3rd)

Also, congratulations are extended to the following students for finishing in the top 8, qualifying them for the PIAA AAA Swim Meet at Bucknell University:

Kevin Liu-200 Individual Relay (2nd)

Lindsay Choate-50 Free (8th)

Hannah Wilding-100 Butterfly (5th)

Ynyra Bohan-100 Butterfly (7th)

Abby Matheny, Maeve Lersch, Hannah Wilding, Lindsay Choate-200 Free Relay (3rd)

Brandon Novak, Kevin Liu, Amatheon Bohan, Ole Minuth-200 Free Relay (3rd)

Abby Matheny-500 Free (2nd)

Olivia Shaffer-500 Free (7th)

Hannah Wilding-100 Back (3rd)

Lindsay Choate-100 Back (6th)

Maeve Lersch-100 Back (8th)

Maddie Yoos-100 Breast (3rd)

Nick Mudry-100 Breast (8th)

Abby Matheny, Olivia Shaffer, Meghan Matheny, Hannah Wilding-400 Free Relay (3rd)

Braedon Wong, Amatheon Bohan, Brandon Novak, Ole Minuth-400 Free (4th)

At the PIAA Meet, Kevin Liu, Braedon Wong and Jack Fitzpatrick place 2nd, 5th, and 10th respectively for the Boys 100 Back, Abby Matheny placed 9th for Girls 500 Free, and Maddie Yoos placed 10th for Girls 100 Breast .

Eli Grape finished as the Runner Up for the 195 lb. weight class at the WPIAL Individual Wrestling Championships. He also qualified for the PIAA Individual Wrestling Championships on March 10th-12th.

Based on auditions held at the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Western Region State Orchestra (WRSO) Festival at State College High School on February 25-27, USC High School string bass player James Boston earned placement in the prestigious PMEA All-State Orchestra, the highest level PA symphonic ensemble. The All-State Orchestra will present a public performance on April 2 at 10:30 a.m. in the Great American Hall at Hershey Lodge.

The Performing Arts Department hosted a PMEA Music Performance Assessment at USC High School. Judges from area music colleges adjudicated bands and orchestras from area schools in prepared performances and sight reading. All three ensembles from USC, the Ft. Couch Band, the High School Symphonic Band, and the High School Wind Ensemble, earned Superior ratings, which is the highest score possible.