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Pennsbury Students Recognized for Cooperation

(Fallsington, PA) – Congratulations to the Pennsbury-LYFT Character Award winners for February. Selma Razanica, Dakota Hibshman, Victoria Shchupak, and John Gelgot (January winner) were honored at the Pennsbury School Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, February 17, 2022.

The purpose of the Pennsbury-LYFT Character Award is to recognize and reward students who embody exemplary character traits and behaviors. The character trait for February was *cooperation*.

Selma Razanica is a first-grader at Eleanor Roosevelt Elementary School. She was nominated by Karen Hawk, Terry Boileau, and Karen Mingroni. They shared that Selma works collaboratively with her peers and is kind and empathetic. She is a leader in SPARK, where she takes an active role every week. She demonstrates her skill of cooperation by effectively working with her team to meet their goals, listening to others, and patiently taking turns during joint projects or at recess.

Dakota Hibshman is a fifth-grader at Edgewood Elementary School. Dakota was nominated by Adrian Stoffregen. As student council president at Edgewood, Dakota is considerate, thoughtful and flexible. She facilitates discussion and looks to incorporate others' ideas before her own.

During a class project, she worked cooperatively with her group to include a student that didn't have a team. She is on a travel soccer team outside of school, and is respected by her teammates for how well she cooperates during practice and at games.

Victoria Shchupak, is a seventh-grader at William Penn Middle School. She was nominated by Denise Dugan, Erin Federsel, Sue Golder, and Pam Martino. They shared that Victoria has been an integral part of the TV studio at William Penn. This requires working together smoothly with a team. She cheerfully accepts assignments of new tasks and orients those who are new to the studio. In class, Victoria will ask questions to clarify information. When working with a group, she shares her ideas and input, but does not dominate others.

Pennsbury High School senior, John Gelgot, a January LYFT winner, was also recognized at the February school board meeting. He was unable to attend January's school board meeting. John was recognized for his caring and services to others. He was nominated by Matt Martin, who says that John is a caring role model for other students. He helps out his fellow students on a daily basis by providing insight and assistance whenever it could be helpful to others. He focuses on his classwork and stays on top of all of his assignments, including any make-up work. John demonstrates a strong consideration and respect for all other cultures and the feelings and emotions of others. He is a hard worker and a student of great character.

Each month, students are nominated by teachers, staff, or administration, and then the winners are selected by LYFT and other community partners. LYFT is a group of volunteers, individuals, and organizations throughout the community that shares the common goal of strengthening and supporting Pennsbury students.

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