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Pennsbury Students Recognized for Showing Respect

(FALLSINGTON, PA –) Congratulations to the Pennsbury-LYFT Character Award winners for the month of October. Parker Klacik, Sophie Ferraira, Jose Tzaquital, and Krishna Thacker were honored at the school board meeting on October 21.

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

Sophie Ferraira is a 4th-grader at Afton Elementary School. She was nominated for the award by Laurie Gougher, Trisha Baehser, Craig Vandermark, Kristin Slota, and Evon Moyle. They describe Sophie as a leader who demonstrates respect for her peers, makes positive contributions in class, demonstrates respectful behaviors in the hallways, and follows the directions of her teachers. She also shows respect for school property by handling her Chromebook, lab equipment, and other tools and supplies with great care.

Parker Klacik is a kindergartner at Fallsington Elementary School. He was nominated by Cherie Lynne Kooker, Kristen Cahill, Vinny DePaola, Stella McKenna, Kelsey Higgins, Debbie Hallmuth, and Karen Mummey. They describe Parker as an incredibly polite, courteous, and considerate young student. He knows all the rules for lunch and recess and never has to be reminded. Parker talks to his peers about sharing and taking turns, and his respect for others has encouraged his peers to interact more respectfully, too. They also said that when looking for a student to model proper classroom etiquette, they can always count on Parker to be doing the right thing.

Jose Tzaquital is an 8th-grader at William Penn Middle School. He was nominated by Blair Greiner. According to Ms. Greiner, Jose is extremely respectful in every way. In class, he leads by example and stays focused on his work. He helps prepare the classroom every day by taking stools down from their desks without being asked to do so. He always takes responsibility to inform his teachers if he isn't going to be in class because of an ESL or music lesson. When asked what his superpower would be if he had one, Jose wrote, "helping people. Ms. Greiner said Jose "respects all people and finds a way to assist when he can."

Krishna Thacker is a senior at Pennsbury High School. She was nominated by Nick Ruggieri. Mr. Ruffieri said that as one of the yearbook club leaders, Krishna shows respect through patience and understanding of other club members. She is respectful of

the advisors and conducts herself in a professional manner daily. In the hallways, Krishna approaches others with a positive attitude, all while respecting the rules. As one of the leaders of the Multi-Cultural Youth Leaders Club, she understands how to foster a safe environment that garners productive conversations and respects the feelings of others.

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 from throughout the community who share a common goal of strengthening and supporting our students.