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Pennsbury Students Recognized for Respect

(Fallsington, PA) – Congratulations to the Pennsbury-LYFT Character Award winners for October. Justin Radcliff, Drew Wiggins, Elise Rubacha, and Addison Blumberg were honored at the Pennsbury School Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, October 20, 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 October was *respectfulness*.

Justin Radcliff attends pre-K at Penn Valley Elementary School and was nominated by Jamie Sulat. Sulat said in her nomination that Justin is extremely respectful and goes out of his way to help others. He respects classroom rules and instructions given by his teacher. Justin tries to make the day better for others by constantly looking out for his pre-k friends in need. Finally, she adds, “He always has a smile on his face, and his pleasant demeanor makes the whole class a better place to be.”

Drew Wiggins is a fifth-grader at Afton Elementary School. Drew was nominated by Trish Baehser, Patrick Bailey, June Capasso, Cheryl Birbeck, Laurie Gougher, Julie Linkhorst, Evon Moyle, Kaitlyn Murphy, Pam Murphy, Jennifer Robbins, Kristin Slota, Jane Smith and Erin Szogi. They said that Drew is a natural leader who demonstrates respectful behavior and quietly inspires others to do the same. Drew helps in the classroom in a respectful manner, is a great

listener, and never puts his classmates down. He includes others because he knows that it is the right thing to do. Drew does not judge others based upon appearance or ability; he truly respects all of his peers.

Elise Rubacha is a sixth-grader at William Penn Middle School and was nominated by Tracy Goldberg. She says that Elise is “one of the most respectful, caring, and polite young ladies I have ever met.” She greets her peers, teachers, and other staff daily with kind and welcoming words along with a friendly, genuine smile. She helps her peers who may be struggling or confused in a quiet and respectful manner, and she respects the classroom by offering to help clean up materials or decorate bulletin boards. She has earned many SOAR tickets from various teachers for her respectful and caring behaviors.

Addison Blumberg is a twelfth-grader at Pennsbury High School and was nominated by Amy DiFazio. According to Ms. DiFazio, Addie goes out of her way to greet her at the beginning of every advisory period. She is polite, compassionate, and genuinely interested in how others are feeling. In her NEST advisory period, she went out of her way to help a peer with special needs who was having trouble following instructions. Addie intervened in a quiet and respectful manner to help this peer pick her activity period. Ms. DiFazio goes on to say that “Addie deserves credit for creating an environment where other students feel comfortable enough to share.”

Each month, students are nominated by teachers, staff, or administration, and 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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