

## **Press Release**

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## Pennsbury Students Recognized for Fairness and Sportsmanship

(Fallsington, PA) – Congratulations to the Pennsbury-LYFT Character Award winners for December. Michael Callahan, Isabella Nemeth, and Morgan Lewis\* were honored at the Pennsbury School Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, December 15, 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 December was Fairness and Sportsmanship.

Michael Callahan is a kindergartener at Fallsington Elementary School. He was nominated by Liz Moratti, Jenn Tietz, Sal Ranniello, Kristina Rehill, Debbie Hellmuth, Kristen Cahill, and Vinny DePaola. They shared that Michael stands out at Fallsington for his great character, fairness, and sportsmanship. He is always kind and fair when playing games, and makes sure everyone is included and has a turn. He teaches his peers how to play a game if they are not familiar. He is positive from beginning to end and shows great sportsmanship, win or lose. His nominators say that Michael does his best to follow all of the physical education rules and puts forth great effort by always giving 100%.

Isabella Nemeth is a fifth-grader at Manor Elementary School and was nominated by Sal Ranniello. He says that Isabella constantly displays fairness and sportsmanship in Physical Education class. When forming groups for an activity, she will always pick students who might otherwise be left out. When practicing skills in class, she is a big help to other students who may need a little more assistance to learn a skill. She always plays by the rules and cheers for her teammates and her opponents alike.

Morgan Lewis is a first-grader at Afton Elementary School. She was nominated by Michelle Corbett, Ryan Sodano, Kristin Slota, Evon Moyle, Trish Baehser, Laurie Gougher, and Erin Szogi. They share that Morgan is willing to work with any student in class, and does so with encouragement and positivity. She keeps a smile on her face, win or lose, and is always there to congratulate others on their win. She also cheers up her friends if they feel sad about losing. Morgan always takes turns in class, and often relinquishes her turn so that others can participate.

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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<sup>\*</sup>Morgan Lewis will attend and be formally honored at the January 19, 2023 School Board meeting.