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Pennsbury Students Recognized for Cooperation

(Fallsington, PA) – Congratulations to the Pennsbury-LYFT Character Award winners for February. Students Nolan O’Rourke,* Anna Kilchytska, Aiden Guan, and Matthew Bloomer were honored at the Pennsbury School Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, February 15, 2024.

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.

Nolan O’Rourke is a kindergarten student at Fallsington Elementary School and was nominated by Cherie Lynne Kooker, Kristen Cahill, Vinny DePaola, Terri Sherman, Kellianne Minniti, Kristina Rehill, Carey Stolber, and Sherri Cohoon. They say that Nolan always offers his time to help others, plays fair, and never wants to see anyone sit on the buddy bench alone. Nolan always follows directions and is willing to work with his classmates. He has a wonderful personality that makes everyone feel welcome. If a classmate wants a book he wants, he is always willing to let the classmate check out the book and wait for his turn the following week. Nolan cooperates with teachers and students in his classroom. He follows directions, raises his hand, and participates in the lessons.

Anna Kilch-it-ska is a third-grade student at Eleanor Roosevelt Elementary School and was nominated by Kris Bria. She says that Anna started the school year with a wonderful attitude and an eagerness to participate, cooperate, and learn as much as possible. Anna is a person who can collaborate with anyone. She never complains and she always completes any task with a smile. Just last month, Eleanor Roosevelt welcomed a third Ukrainian-speaking student who speaks little to no English. Anna has become the MVP in the classroom, assisting the teachers as they acclimate their new student. Anna cooperates with both of the school's Ukrainian friends, and is always standing by if they need her.

Aiden Guan is a sixth-grade student at Charles Boehm South Middle School and was nominated by Travis Bloom and Heather Bain. They shared that Aiden consistently demonstrates cooperation by being helpful and supportive toward his peers. As a member of the TV News Crew, Aiden collaborates with his fellow crew members to produce informative and engaging news segments for their school. Aiden goes above and beyond in demonstrating cooperation by volunteering his time to support multiple clubs within his school. In these roles, Aiden actively participates in club meetings, helps organize events, and collaborates with his fellow officers to make a positive impact on the school community.

Matthew Bloomer is a junior at Pennsbury High School and was nominated by Katie Zehner. She shared that in class, Matthew will start the discussion by addressing the question being asked. During group work, Matthew will ensure his group is on task, working together, and that each member is contributing to the answer. Matthew demonstrates cooperation in his English 11 Learning Support Classroom each day by being prepared for class with a Chromebook and charger, completing his work on time, and putting his phone away with no issue. When Matthew finishes his assignments, he will assist his classmates as needed and help them better understand the questions.

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 share the common goal of strengthening and supporting Pennsbury students.

** Nolan was unable to attend and will be recognized at next month's board meeting.*

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