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Pennsbury Students Recognized for Responsibility

(Fallsington, PA) – Congratulations to the Pennsbury-LYFT Character Award winners for November. Students Mathew Cadena, Levi Kish, Peyton Marcel,* and Nickolas Milisivana were honored at the Pennsbury School Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, November 16, 2023.

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 November was Responsibility.

Mathew Cadena is a fourth-grade student at Penn Valley Elementary School and was nominated by Kerry Bauerle. She shared that Mathew works diligently in class and at home to improve his reading level, and as a result, advanced two and a half levels in a single year! When asked to share about Dia de Los Muertos and his family's traditions for the holiday, Mathew took it upon himself to create an entire slideshow presentation for his class. Mathew consistently comes to school, is never tardy, and always does his homework. He embodies the Penn Valley motto of Respectful, Responsible, and Safe.

Levi Kish is a fifth-grade student at Fallsington Elementary School and was nominated by Meagan Mauck, Sheila Miley, Carey Stolber, Tim Behe, Kristen Cahill, and Vinny DePaola. They shared that Levi is a responsible student and completes all of his assignments throughout the school day. He is an advocate for himself within the classroom when he needs additional help

with a skill. In reading class, Levi keeps his reading materials neat and organized and helps his classmates do the same. Levi is a bus loop safety, and he always arrives on time and takes his job very seriously. He makes sure students wait until the buses stop to allow students to cross the driveway. Levi works hard and comes to class prepared.

Peyton Marcel is an eighth-grade student at Pennwood Middle School and was nominated by Maureen McVan. She shared that Peyton was chosen to be a member of Pennwood's R squad because she demonstrates Pennwood's character traits of "Responsible, Respectful, and Ready" on a daily basis. As an R squad member, she supports and leads school-wide PBIS activities such as Pennwood's Unity Walk. Peyton also volunteers to help students with math assignments, and she does so in a way that is encouraging and carefully guides them through each step of the problem. Peyton always does what is asked of her the first time, without being prompted or reminded.

Nickolas Milisivana is a junior at The Academy at Pennsbury High School and was nominated by Wayne Demore. He shared that when Nick had a disagreement with a staff member, he realized his mistake and asked if he could meet with the teacher to apologize for his behavior and make an effort to change. While on their positive behavior field trip, Nick was observed in a team leadership role initiating activities, encouraging his peers, and helping students in need. Nick often spends his independent work time helping his peers get caught up in their classes. Nick goes the extra mile and takes the initiative to help others without being prompted by an adult.

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.

*Peyton was unable to attend and will be recognized at the December 21, 2023 meeting.

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