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Our Mission: To Prepare All Students for Tomorrow's Challenges and Opportunities

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Staying Informed

Cyber Learning Meeting

PMSD has its own cyber learning program for grades 6-12 where students earn PMSD diplomas, can walk in graduation, etc. To learn more about the program, join us at a meeting on July 27, 2016, at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building, on the Swiftwater Campus.

PMSD Open House Dates

Monday, August 22, 2016:

- EJHS: 1 p.m. & 6 p.m.
- WJHS: 1 p.m. & 6 p.m.

Tuesday, August 23, 2016:

- EHS: 6:30 p.m.
- WHS: 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 24, 2016:

- CREC: 4-6 p.m. (Grades 1-2)
- CRIS: 5-7 p.m.
- SEC: 4-6 p.m. (Kindergarten only)
- TEC: 4-6 p.m. (Grades 4-6);
5-7 p.m. (Grades 1-3)

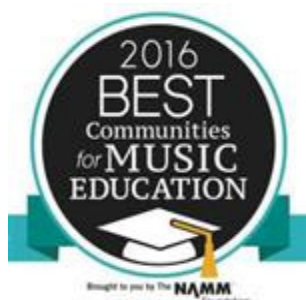
Thursday, August 25, 2016:

- CREC: 4-6 p.m. (Kindergarten only)
- TEC: 4-6 p.m. (Kindergarten only)
- SEC: 4-6 p.m. (Grades 1-3)
- SIS: 5-7 p.m.

Kindergarten Registration

Contact the Student Registration Center at (570) 839-7121 ext. 40400 to schedule an appointment to register your child for the 2016-2017 PMSD Full-Day Kindergarten Program. Children must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2016.

PMSD recognized as one of the



Senior Expo: Ann Marie Ohmnacht, Controller/Board Treasurer, and Brenda VanBuskirk, Accountant, provide community members with information and applications for the PMSD Senior Citizen Tax Rebate Program at Senator Scavello's Annual Senior Expo on July 18, 2016 at Swiftwater Elementary Center.

Board works to provide tax relief

Pocono Mountain School District residents who are eligible for the PA Property Tax Rebate Program can expect to see the rebate they receive from the school district increased thanks to a resolution passed by the Board of Education on April 20, 2016.

With this resolution, qualifying property owners will now receive their state rebate and an additional amount equal to 200 percent of the state rebate from the school district.

For more information on the Pocono Mountain SD Property Tax Rebate Program visit the District website at www.pmsd.org, under

Property Tax Update

The Pocono Mountain SD Board of Education has approved tax reductions for district property owners totalling 10 mills over the last four years.

Tax Millage at a Glance

- 2016-2017 – 2 Mill Tax Reduction
- 2015-2016 – 2 Mill Tax Reduction
- 2014-2015 – 4 Mill Tax Reduction
- 2013-2014 – 2 Mill Tax Reduction
- 2012-2013 – Flat – No Tax Increase

the Business Department Section, or call the Pocono Mountain business office at (570) 839-7121, extension 10158 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Great things happening in PMSD

First in Math (States): Gianina Money, Clear Run Intermediate School grade 6, finished 4th in the state earning a top 4 gold medal; Daniel Martinez, CRIS grade 4, earned a table winner bronze medal; Christian Johnson, CRIS grade 5; and Andrew Ritchie, Tobyhanna Elementary Center grade 6, earned a top 16 silver medal.

Certificate of Achievement: PMSD received its second consecutive Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association.

This certificate is the highest form of recognition in government accounting and financial reporting. Congratulations to the Business Office and everyone who assisted with the District's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Snapshot of the Class of 2016:

- 771 graduates (335-East HS, 405-West HS, 31- PM Academy and PM Cyber program)
- 71% of East HS graduates to attend college
- 79% of West HS graduates to attend college
- 3% of East HS graduates to attend a trade/technical school
- 5% of West HS graduates to attend a trade/technical school
- 5% of East HS graduates to serve in the military
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East HS graduates received scholarships and grants totaling \$852,915. West HS graduates received scholarships and grants totaling \$1,865,207.