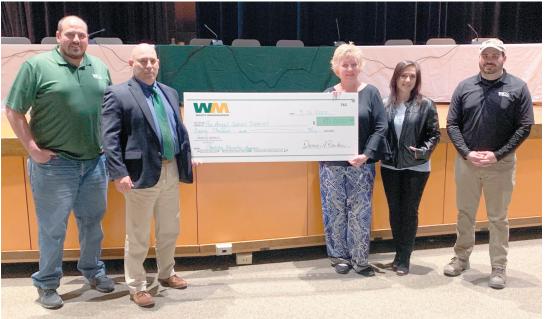


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Grand Central Announces \$80,000 Commitment to Character Education Program



WM District manager joe Statile, PAHS Wally Schlegal superintendent, PAHS Krista Campbell character education director, WM Adrienne Fors and WM Sr district manager Adam DeRebbio

By Adrienne Fors

Pen Argyl, Pa., March 15, 2022 - WM's Grand Central Landfill today made a fouryear, \$80,000 commitment to support Pen Argyl Area High School's pursuit of a National School of Character designation.

The school was recently named one of 69 State Schools of Character - the only school in Pennsylvania to earn the title in 2022 - by Character.org's Schools of Character Pro-

"In a time when division, hatred, name-calling, and bullying seem to be running rampant, it's important to model more positive traits for our students. We need to show them that they can make a difference and a positive impact and that they can do better. And they have," said English Teacher and Character Education Leader Krista Campbell. "Our school has a positive, supportive environment and the students show genuine empathy and compassion and concern. I am so incredibly proud of

our students, and our faculty who have led them here."

"We're proud of what the school's students, faculty and staff have accomplished with their recent state Character.org recognition. We want to help the district build strong citizens and leaders for our future while working toward national recognition," WM Senior Community Relations Specialist Adrienne Fors said of the company's decision to support the program.

"The charter education program is meaningful to us at Grand Central because it aligns with Waste Management's values and commitment to success with integrity in the community," Ms. Fors said.

Character.org each year certifies schools and districts that demonstrate a dedicated focus on character development which has a positive effect on academic achievement, student behavior, and a school's environment. The certification is based on a school's alignment with the organization's 11 Principles Framework.

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Reflections on the Water: a Photographic Portrayal of Minsi Lake

Photos By Photographer Lisa Newberry

By Friends of Minsi Lake

UPPER MT. BETHEL - Friends of Minsi Lake cordially invites the public to an exhibit of local photographer Lisa Newberry's beautiful images of Minsi Lake at Bangor Area High School Performing Arts Theater from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 23. The theater is located next to the baseball field at 123 Five Points Richmond Road, Bangor,

Sixteen photographs of Lisa's choice will be framed and mounted on display panels on the theater balcony, while many more of her photos of scenery at Minsi Lake will be shown on continuous loop inside the theater.

"I started spending many early mornings at Minsi to find peace and connect with nature. In those times, I find such an appreciation for the Continued on page 2





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