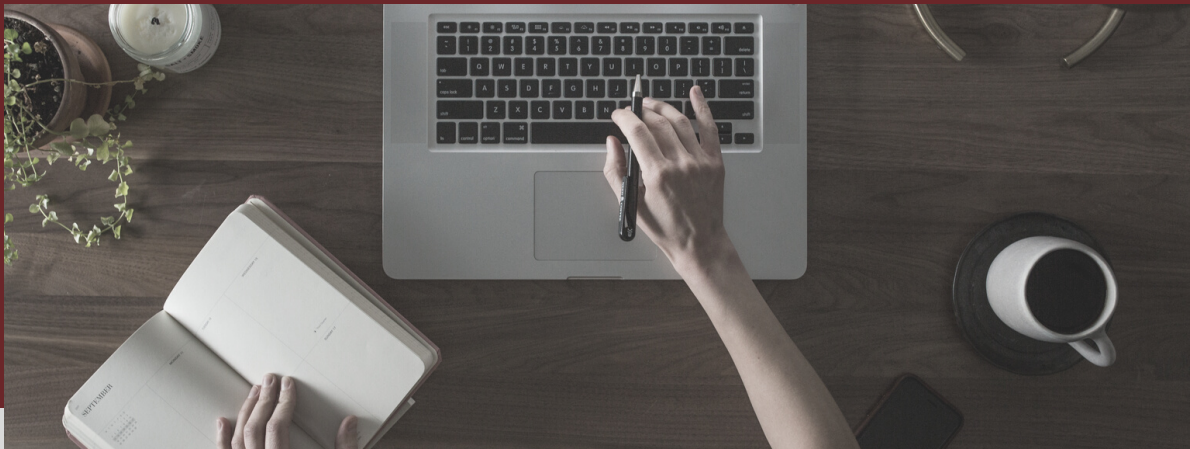


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SUPERINTENDENT'S NEWSLETTER



MUSIC STUDENT OF THE MONTH HONORED AT MAYO PAC

Congratulations to Pakeeza Qadeer a sixth grader at Thomas Jefferson who recently was selected as a Music Student of the Month by the Education Committee at the Mayo Center of Performing Arts in Morristown. She was nominated by Mrs. Helen Love, our district instrumental music teacher and was recognized with other students from around the county on Sunday October 20th at the Sir James Galways performance at the Mayo Pac.

In reviewing her biography, it is obvious why Pakeeza was chosen as one the Music Students of the Month. She is a second year flute player whose first instrument is piano. While she started a year late with the flute, her interest, effort, and commitment have helped her catch up with her peers and made her both a reliable and dedicated player. According to Mrs. Love, Pakeeza is an ambitious, hard-working band student who practices diligently, but also takes full advantage of all her regular lessons and assignments as well as looks for additional opportunities for extra practice, instruction, and performance. In the upcoming year, audience members will see her in numerous ensembles as well as the school talent show and community venues. She also plans on auditioning and hopefully joining the high school pep band at the annual invitational visit this year.

The Music Student of the Month program is now in its seventeenth year and was created to give middle and high school music teachers of Morris County the opportunity to recognize music students who demonstrate a strong commitment to and excellence in the performing arts. This year's program as in the past is sponsored by the Gorham Foundation. For this month, music teachers were asked to nominate outstanding Wind Players.

Congratulations to Pakeeza for representing our district and making us RB Proud. It was a distinct pleasure to accompany her and her mom to this very prestigious event.

