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Student Achievement Recognized

Academy Park Honored at the 10th Annual Partners in Learning Celebration

Exceptional student achievement was recognized at the 10th Annual Partners in Learning Celebration at Drexelbrook on May 1st.

Presented by the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union and the Delaware County Intermediate Unit, the celebration honored all faculty advisers and students from 21 high schools who took part in the 2013-2014 Delco Hi-Q competition. Highlighted at the event were the 21 members of the elite All-Delco Hi-Q Team, including Academy Park senior Byronlyn Mappy.

Ms. Mappy, who plans to study neuroscience in college, named former Academy Park biology teacher Mrs. Shawn Tobin as her biggest life influence and completing advanced placement biology labs and growing E. coli bacteria as her most memorable educational experience.

In addition, Academy Park High School received the year's Most Improved Delco Hi-Q Team with the highest percentage increase in total score (259 percent better than the previous season's score.) The team received a plaque and \$1,000 prize.

On receiving the award for most improved Hi-Q Team, Ms. Mappy stated, "I'm really proud of my team. We all put in an equal amount of effort."

Also honored at the ceremony for Excellence in Teaching was Academy Park Alternative Education Teacher, Diane York. Ms. York was nominated by a colleague who stated, "Diane goes the extra mile for her students and, in doing so, pushes them to achieve and graduate. She is the teacher they remember and ask about years after they graduate."

Student Scholarships

The Taylor Community Foundation awarded scholarships to three Academy Park seniors. Odion Asikhia, Hosoth Sithare, and Vanessa Walsh were recognized along with other student recipients from across the county at a reception at the Springhaven Country Club.

Taylor Community Foundation (TCF) scholarships are awarded to selected individuals who are interested in pursuing an undergraduate degree in an allied health profession and reside in the TCF service area.

Also recognized was Academy Park Principal, Dr. Edward Small, who was presented with the Community Impact Award for his “many devoted hours of service, sacrifice, and commitment to Academy Park High School, particularly to the Rising Scholars program.”

The district is very proud of its exceptional students and staff and wishes them continued success!

Reading Olympics

District students in grades 4 through 8 participated with teams of students throughout the county at the annual Reading Olympics. The goal of the Reading Olympics is to increase the quality and quantity of books students read for enjoyment.

Though primarily a celebration of reading rather than a contest, all students are awarded ribbons recognizing their participation and commitment to reading.



District Students Celebrate Poetry Month



Academy Park High School

Students vs. Faculty Basketball

Academy Park’s senior class sponsored a 3 on 3 basketball tournament on April 9th in the main gym. Twelve student teams played in a double elimination bracket. The championship game consisted of student team members Day-Juan Henson (grade 11), Jawan Collins (grade 10), Dante Ghee (grade 11) and Lashon Mapp (grade 11) vs. faculty team members Mr. Robinson, Mr. Patterson, and Mr. Bright.



The tournament was extremely competitive but all the players showed great sportsmanship throughout the tournament. The faculty team was defeated by the student team with a final score of 15 to 13. All proceeds from the tournament will benefit the 2014 senior class. Congratulations to everyone that participated.

Upcoming Academy Park High School Events

May

05/07	Early Dismissal – APHS – 11:00 AM
05/09	District Musical – Cinderella – The Enchanted Edition – 7:30 PM – APHS
05/10	District Musical – Cinderella – The Enchanted Edition – 2:00 PM and 7:30 PM – APHS
05/15	Blood Drive
05/16	District Musical – Cinderella – The Enchanted Edition – 7:30 PM – APHS
05/17	District Musical – Cinderella – The Enchanted Edition – 7:30 PM – APHS
05/18	District Musical – Cinderella – The Enchanted Edition – 2:00 PM – APHS
05/21	Spring Concert – APHS – 7:00 PM
05/26	Memorial Day Holiday – No School for Students or Staff
05/28	District Family Literacy Night – DTS – 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM

June

06/05	Senior Prom – Citizen’s Bank Park – 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM
06/07	Rising Scholars Meeting – 8:00 Am – Noon
06/12	End of 4 th Marking Period
06/13	Graduation Ceremony – Neumann University – 6:30 PM
06/13	Last Day of School for Students

Darby Township School

DTS Celebrates Poetry Month

April is poetry month and Darby Township School celebrated with “Poem in Your Pocket” day on April 24th. Students in grades 1 & 2 designed paper pockets in their classrooms and placed a poem in it. They carried the pocket on a string around their necks and shared the poem inside with whoever asked them about it.



DTS Happenings

The top three classes that collected the most *Pennies for Patients* were Mrs. Karcher's, Mrs. Preston's and Mrs. Rowe's. To recognize Earth Day, Mrs. Rowe's 1st grade students did a report on a country of their choice and shared it with the class. The Student Council, sponsored by Mrs. Camile Jackson and Ms. Nicole Bourque, hosted a middle school dance on April 4th.

Upcoming Darby Township School Events

May

05/07	<i>Early Dismissal – Grades K – 8 – 12:45 AM</i>
05/14	Spring Concert – DTS – 7:00 PM
05/14 – 05/16	Keystone Exams – Algebra 1 Students – Grade 8
05/15	Darby Township School Junior Science Fair
05/21	District-wide Junior Science Fair – Harris School
05/26	<i>Memorial Day Holiday – No School for Students or Staff</i>
05/28	District Family Literacy Night – DTS – 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM

June

06/13	Report Cards Issued
06/13	Last Day of School for Students

Delcroft School

TAK for ALT

Ninety Delcroft middle school students had the privilege of going to the National Constitution Center to not only tour the museum, but to meet Holocaust survivor, Judith Meisel, and to learn about her life. After the war, Mrs. Meisel spent several years in Denmark recovering from her ordeal and moved to Canada in 1949, before finally settling with her husband in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Meisel rarely spoke of her experiences before becoming a civil rights activist in 1963, when she committed her life to fighting bigotry and racism. Mrs. Meisel's life and experiences have been memorialized in the documentary, "Tak for Alt: Survival of a Human Spirit. Translated from Danish, "Tak for Alt" means "Thanks for everything."

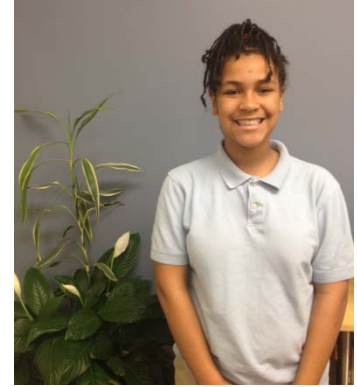
After watching the documentary students were encouraged to ask Mrs. Meisel questions. Ms. Meisel stressed to the students the importance of appreciating what they have, to help those in need, and never take anything for granted. All students were given a bookmark that included a list of "Judy's Lessons." The six lessons are:

- ★ **Each** person is important and should be respected
- ★ Take care of one another
- ★ If you hear a derogatory remark, **speak up** to be part of the solution - not part of the problem
- ★ Make your days count
- ★ One person can make a **positive** difference
- ★ Never give up

This experience was appreciated by all of the students and Delcroft School would like to offer our gratitude to Senator Anthony Williams for sponsoring this enriching opportunity.

Sierra Coleman Takes 2nd Place in County-wide Poster Contest

Delcroft is proud and happy to announce that 5th grader Sierra Coleman is the 2nd place winner in the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Awareness Poster Contest sponsored by the Holcomb Behavioral Health Systems. Sierra's winning poster and photo will be featured in the 2015 Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Awareness Calendar, which will be published in November and distributed throughout Delaware County.



An awards ceremony will be held during the County Council Meeting at the Delaware County Government Center in Media on June 4th. Sierra's family, her teacher, Ms. Eileen Maher, and Delcroft Principal, Mrs. Stacey Ray will attend the event. The Delcroft School community is extremely excited to have one of our students receive such a prestigious honor.

Upcoming Delcroft School Events

May

- 05/07** **Early Dismissal – Grades K – 8 – 12:45 AM**
- 05/13 Delcroft School Junior Science Fair
- 05/14 – 05/16 Keystone Exams – Algebra 1 Students – Grade 8
- 05/15 Art Show and Concert – Delcroft School – 6:30 PM
- 05/21 District-wide Junior Science Fair – Harris School
- 05/26** **Memorial Day Holiday – No School for Students or Staff**
- 05/28 District Family Literacy Night – DTS – 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM

June

- 06/13 Report Cards Issued
- 06/13 Last Day of School for Students

Harris School

BABES Presentation

Harris students who are involved with the district's Student Assistance Program (SAP) participated in a presentation to students in the 2nd grade, which was hosted by the Beginning Awareness Basic Education Studies (BABES) program.

BABES provides drug and alcohol awareness to younger students and the program used puppets, stories, and discussion to teach students how to make positive decisions.



Eighth graders Jade Kayyarah, Cianni Carter, Amirah Stewart, Rebecca Suarez, Jalia Kombe, Jada Kent, Laniqua Gould, and Melissa Hamilton all participated under the leadership of Joyce Malamut, Harris’ SAP representative from Holcomb services.

The program benefited both the 8th grade girls who staged the puppet show and the 2nd grade students who attended the presentation. The young students loved the show and were very appreciative of the time and attention given to them by their older school mates.

Upcoming Harris School Events

May

- 05/07** **Early Dismissal – Grades K – 8 – 12:45 AM**
- 05/14 – 05/16 Keystone Exams – Algebra 1 Students – Grade 8
- 05/21 District-wide Junior Science Fair – Harris School
- 05/26** **Memorial Day Holiday – No School for Students or Staff**
- 05/28 District Family Literacy Night – DTS – 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM
- 5/29 Art Show and Spring Concert – Harris School – 6:30 PM

June

- 06/10 Harris School Field Day
- 06/12 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony
- 06/13 Report Cards Issued
- 06/13 Last Day of School for Students

Sharon Hill School

Poem in Your Pocket

Sharon Hill students also celebrated National Poetry Month by participating in “Put a Poem in Your Pocket” day on April 24th. Students selected or were given poems that they then shared with others throughout the day. What a great way to make friends.



Career Day at Sharon Hill School

Sharon Hill School held its annual Career Day on April 25th. Students in grades 5 through 8 had the opportunity to meet and greet individuals from various professions. Presenters included a trauma nurse, a fitness trainer, a research scientist, and a fire chief, to name just a few. Presenters described how they prepared for their careers and their job requirements. This year, students in grades 1 through 4 participated by coming to school dressed in clothing that depicts their desired career.



Fire Chief



Fitness Trainer



Research Scientist



Trauma Nurse

Upcoming Sharon Hill School Events

May

- 05/07** ***Early Dismissal – Grades K – 8 – 12:45 AM***
- 05/08 Sharon Hill School Junior Science Fair
- 05/09 Students vs Staff Basketball Game – 11:00 AM
- 05/14 – 05/16 Keystone Exams – Algebra 1 Students – Grade 8
- 05/20 Spring Concert – At Academy Park High School – 9:00 AM
- 05/21 District-wide Junior Science Fair – Harris School
- 05/26** ***Memorial Day Holiday – No School for Students or Staff***
- 05/28 District Family Literacy Night – DTS – 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM
- 05/30 8th Grade Class Trip – Spirit of Philadelphia – 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

June

- 06/03 Home and School Meeting
- 06/06 Dorney Park – Grades 6 – 8
- 06/06 Field Day / Fun Day – Grades 1 – 5 – 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- 06/09 8th Grade BBQ – 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- 06/11 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony – 11:45AM – 2:30 PM
- 06/12 School-wide Moving Up Day
- 06/13 Report Cards Issued
- 06/13 Last Day of School for Students

Kindergarten Center

Makin Music Performance

Two performers from the *Makin Music Company* visited the Kindergarten Center to entertain the students, who along with staff, danced and sang with Miss Jennie and Miss Debbie. This activity was enjoyed by all and is held every year on the Friday before Spring Break.

Camden Aquarium Field Trip

The Kindergarten students and teachers traveled to Camden Aquarium in April. Students enjoyed their up-close encounters with various exotic sea creatures and were able to actually touch starfish, sting rays, and baby sharks. They had the opportunity to walk through a shark tunnel and experience a shark cage simulation. The students had a wonderful time and continue to discuss marine life in their science lessons throughout the week.

Ronald McDonald Visit

Ronald McDonald visited the Kindergarten Center and presented an assembly to students on being active and staying healthy. The students sang and danced with Ronald as they learned how important it is to exercise!



Upcoming Kindergarten Center Events

May

- 05/07** **Early Dismissal – Grades K – 8 – 12:45 AM**
- 05/26** **Memorial Day Holiday – No School for Students or Staff**
- 05/28** District Family Literacy Night – DTS – 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM

June

- 06/13** Report Cards Issued
- 06/13** Last Day of School for Students

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