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Academy Park High School

Congressional Youth Leadership Conference

Eight students from Academy Park High School traveled to Marple Newtown High School to attend the 7th Congressional District Youth Leadership Summit hosted by Congressman Patrick Meehan. The Youth Leadership Summit is an annual event that gives students an opportunity to hear from successful leaders in our community with unique stories and insights to share.



Academy Park students in attendance were selected by their teachers for their leadership potential and were accompanied by APHS principal Nate Robinson and guidance counselor Dina Keiser.

The students received lessons of empowerment from Brittany Lewis, Miss Delaware 2014 and domestic violence victims' advocate, Adam Taliaferro, former Penn State football player who recovered from a paralyzing on-field injury, and Villanova Men's Basketball Coach, Jay Wright. Students were able to speak with the presenters and ask questions.

The Youth Leadership Summit is a remarkable opportunity for our students to gain valuable knowledge and we look forward to attending the Summit next year.

More Accolades for Malcolm

Malcolm Bevans recently learned that he was selected to participate in the 2017 / 2018 Junior Achievement - Be Entrepreneurial program. He has been placed in the student company (internship) hosted by Ernst & Young in Philadelphia where he will attend after school sessions.

Junior Achievement - Be Entrepreneurial introduces students to the essential components of a practical business plan, and challenges them to start an entrepreneurial venture while still in high school. Following participation in the program, students will be able to:



- Recognize characteristics and practices of successful entrepreneurs
- Evaluate an entrepreneurial idea based on product, customer and competitive advantage criteria

- Demonstrate business-planning skills for venture start-up, marketing, financing, management, and ethical decision-making

Once again, congratulations Malcolm!

Darby Township School

Pink Out!

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, DTS student council sponsored the 4th annual Pink-Out day on Thursday, October 19th. For a \$1 donation, students and staff were able to wear pink shirts and jeans. Darby Township School raised \$263, which will be donated to the American Cancer Society.



Student Council Elections!

As part of their campaigns, candidates for student council gave speeches in front of the entire 6th, 7th, and 8th grade classes on October 5th. After all votes were tabulated, congratulations were offered to the new office holders: Sionna Collins (president), Keijah Curtis (vice president), S'mya Mapp (secretary), and Samiya Andrews (treasurer). So far, the student council officers have played a significant role in planning our annual breast cancer fundraiser, Haunted Hallway fundraiser, and Red Ribbon Week.

Red Ribbon Week!

Red Ribbon Week was celebrated October 23rd – 27th at DTS. Red Ribbon Week is designed to help provide information and encourage students to make healthy decisions. Students signed a contract to be drug free and theme days were planned to help bring awareness to the program.

The themes of this year's Red Ribbon Week included, Monday – "Don't let drugs ruin your 'genes'" – students were allowed to wear jeans and red shirts; Tuesday – "Don't let drugs throw you out of whack" – students were encouraged to wear mismatched clothes; Wednesday – "Don't sweat drugs" – students wore sweatpants / sweatshirts to school; Thursday, students wore outfits from the past for "Drug free yesterday and tomorrow"; and Friday's theme – "Don't let drugs ruin your character" had students dressed as their favorite character from a book.

Delcroft School

Red Ribbon Week at Delcroft School

Delcroft's students and staff celebrated National Red Ribbon Week. This year's theme was *Your Future is Key, so Stay Drug Free*. Various activities were held signifying the importance of living a healthy lifestyle. Students and staff participated in dress down days which highlighted different themes. On Red Ribbon Day, students and staff wore red to show their support of Red Ribbon Week.



For Dress for a Career day, students dressed in attire that indicated their career interests after high school. Students also wore clothing representing colleges, trade schools and the military, which demonstrated the importance of college and career readiness, and finally a student favorite - Team Up Against Drugs, where students sported their favorite team's or player's jersey. Students also provided special messages and important facts about Red Ribbon Week to their peers during the morning announcements and special grade-level partner activities were planned between different grades.

Special recognition and thanks go out to Delcroft's student assistant program team who plan the events and themes each year for Red Ribbon Week.

Fire Prevention Assembly

On October 11th, members of the Folcroft Fire Company presented their annual Fire Prevention assembly to Delcroft students in grades 1 - 4. This year, the program focused on demonstrating various safety measures that can be utilized to help keep them and their family members safe. Several teachers donned the equipment to demonstrate what a firefighter looks like in full firefighting gear. Students were encouraged to attend the upcoming Folcroft Fire Company Open House on October 13th.

The staff and students greatly appreciate the dedication, hard work and commitment of the Folcroft Fire Company volunteer members for ensuring the safety of our community.

Harris School

New Playground Dedication

On Friday, October 13th Harris held its long awaited dedication ceremony for its new playground. The event signaled the fulfillment of a dream that started 9 years ago with the school's first Walk a Thon fund raiser. The event continued yearly and was supplemented with pancake days, jean days and generous donations from staff, students and community members. As a result of all those efforts, a grand total of \$22,000 was raised.

For the dedication, we were happy to have the superintendent, Dr. Butz, school board member Dorothy Gallagher and the district facilities director, Harry Young. Several Collingdale dignitaries were in attendance, including Collingdale council members Kate Munroe and Joe Ciavarelli, Collingdale borough manager, John Hewlings, and highway manager, John Moors.



The entire school assembled on the playground and tennis courts to hear a message from Dr. Butz and to show their appreciation to him, the Southeast Delco school board, and Collingdale Borough for their help in making the playground dream become a reality.

Following the ceremony, the students were allowed to use the playground for the first time during recess. The reviews for the playground from students were glowing and we are looking forward to many great years of fun on the amazing new playground.

Sharon Hill School

Summer Activities

As a reward for completing their summer academic assignments, Sharon Hill students were treated to water ice and pretzels. The reward and recognition of their accomplishment serves as an incentive for students to practice their reading and writing skills throughout the summer to help prepare them for the upcoming school year. The students were very excited, not only for the treats, but also to enjoy some social time with classmates and staff.

Homecoming

As in past years, Sharon Hill parents, students and staff walked in the homecoming parade to support the Academy Park Knights. Students showed school and community spirit by wearing school logos and district colors, as well as proudly carrying the Sharon Hill School banner. Parents, students and staff remained at the game after the parade to cheer the Knights to victory!



Student Success Tour

Students in grades 7 and 8 attended a motivational assembly where they were educated on how to use school and the knowledge learned to persevere and succeed in life. Presented by author Mike Nelson, the program was based on the motto, *Yes, You Can*. Students also had an opportunity to win Mr. Nelson's book, *The Seven Steps to Student Success*.

Students seemed to enjoy the presentation and have been discussing what success looks like in their future.

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week is a way for individuals and communities to take a stand against substance abuse and Sharon Hill kicked off their week-long celebration on Monday, October 23rd. Activities highlighting the benefits of being drug-free and making healthy life decisions were held daily; including a different theme for each day of the celebration. One of the more popular themes was, "I don't do drugs....I'm a "JEAN"ius". Other activities included, guest speakers, classroom presentations from Holcomb, Red Ribbon Readers, and taking a pledge to live a drug-free lifestyle. In all, a great and rewarding week for students and staff.



Food Drive Collection

Sharon Hill students held a food drive to collect for those affected by Hurricane Maria. National Junior Honor Society students set a goal to collect of 300 items. Students surpassed this goal and were very excited to share their success.

Kindergarten Center

Stop, Drop and Roll!

In recognition of Fire Safety Week, the kindergarten students walked to the Briarcliffe Fire House for a presentation on fire safety. The students relished the opportunity to climb on and explore a fire truck and ambulance. They also practiced safety techniques such as "stop, drop and roll" and how to "stay low" if there is smoke. The children each received a coloring book and crayons when they departed the fire house.

The students and staff are very grateful for the volunteers that gave up a significant amount of time for our students to learn these important safety tips!



"Rapping About Prevention"

On Friday, October 27th, the kindergarten students enjoyed an assembly by Sterlen Perry Barr entitled "Rapping about Prevention". The 45-minute presentation focused on drug prevention, healthy choices and exercise. The students enjoyed singing and dancing with the five performers and learning important information. It was an extremely engaging assembly and we look forward to having them back in the spring!

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