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A Day at the Opera

On September 13th, a group of students, including members of the Knight's tech crew and the gifted program, attended the final dress rehearsal of Mozart's *The Magic Flute* at the Academy of Music in Philadelphia. Along with the majestic storyline of an age old classic was the addition of a more modern fixture: a completely animated stage that helped the story come to life like never before.



Unique to the genre, the singers performed among animated projections, making the presentation reminiscent of a 1920s silent movie. This made for a spectacular live performance. The opera's composition complemented the performance fittingly with the Queen of the Night's aria being a highlight.

If you would like to experience this famous aria visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J1xi1PkMuD8>. You won't be disappointed!

Academy Park High School

Celebrity Hi-Q

Academy Park senior, Malcolm Bevens, has been selected to represent Southeast Delco in a special Hi-Q competition commemorating the 70th Anniversary of Delco Hi-Q, the nation's oldest continuous academic quiz competition. Partners in Education and Delaware County Intermediate Unit are sponsoring Celebrity Hi-Q, a for fun contest featuring local celebrities and a team of current Hi-Q All Stars.



As a member of the district's gifted program, Malcom Bevens performs at an All Star level in all aspects of his life, but especially in pursuit of his education. In school, he is the leader of numerous extracurricular activities, including the Hi-Q Team, the Interact Club, and the SeaPerch Robotics Team. He also plays on the boys' varsity tennis team. Outside of school, you can catch him cultivating his interests in technology and programming by updating his website / blog, and his interests in international affairs and economics by reading *The Economist*, one of his many favorite periodicals.

Featured celebrities:

Sue Serio, Fox29 Meteorologist
Rob Ellis, Comcast SportsNet Host
Andie Summers, 92.5 XTU Morning Host
Casey Boy, WMMR Preston & Steve Show
John Brazer, Phillies' Director of Fun & Games
Tom Burgoyne, *Author & "Best Friend" of the Phillie Phanatic*
Frank Olivieri, *Pat's King of Steaks Owner*
Theresa Murtagh, *Upper Providence Lawyer & Civic Leader*
Michael Curran, *Crozer-Chester Medical Center President*
Dr. Chris Domes, *Neumann University President*

The event will be held at Neumann University on November 14th.

B Average or Better Breakfast

Mrs. Manners and the teachers at Academy Park were excited to kick off the 2017 / 2018 school year and celebrated student achievement with the traditional B Average or Better Breakfast.

Students in Mrs. Manner's class, who earn a B average or better during a marking period, are invited to attend a celebratory breakfast where Mrs. Manners cooks up her famous homemade pancakes. The breakfast is held after grades for each marking period are submitted. The September celebration recognizes students' achievements from last school year's final marking period.



Students are engaged and consistently inquiring about their grades in order to maintain eligibility to attend this special celebration. The guidance department supports this effort by consistently checking in with students and generating reports of students who are eligible to attend.

Darby Township School

PBIS Kick Off

Darby Township School presented a Positive Behavior Intervention & Support (PBIS) kickoff assembly on September 8th. Students were treated to a performance by the Academy Park High School cheerleaders, who showcased their athletic and dancing skills. The event was a smashing success!

Rather than listing expectations for students to read, DTS hosted an Honor Among Knights boot camp. In each classroom, teachers assumed the role of boot camp lieutenants and led an interactive lesson on best-behavior strategies. Expectations for behavior were communicated to every student and posted in every setting in the building. Students were provided with a clear picture of how to be successful at Darby Township School!



PBIS Kick-Off



Ice Cream Social

Sweet Rewards

On September 15th, DTS students in grades 1 through 4 attended an ice cream social as a reward for participating in a summer reading program. These students were celebrated for their commitment to keeping their minds sharp and active over the summer. In the months away from school, they completed 30 - 50 Study Island activities, read 8 books (verified with a log signed by a parent), or engaged in 50 calendar activities created by the curriculum office.

The recognized students visited the multi-purpose room during their intervention periods. They enjoyed sundaes with chocolate or strawberry syrup and socialized with one another over their treats. Students in grades 5 through 8 were rewarded with a dress down pass for the same day! Darby Township School again commends these students for their continued commitment to learning, and we hope to see even more students at the social next year!

New Students Welcomed

Darby Township School welcomed 67 new students into our community this school year! New Knights got a delicious start to the year with our annual new student breakfast, which took place on September 21st. Tables in the multi-purpose room were festively adorned with stencil rulers, puzzles and games. Students were given DTS gear to show their Darby Township pride and prizes were given to students who traveled the furthest (from Florida and Ohio) and who celebrated birthdays closest to New Student Breakfast Day. Welcome new students; we're happy you're here!

Delcroft School

Students Awarded for Efforts

Delcroft students that completed their summer reading packet celebrated their accomplishment on September 19th. Over the summer break, students were tasked with reading a variety of grade appropriate books and maintaining a reading log that listed each book's title and author. Students also

completed various calendar activities. Calendar activities vary depending on a student's grade level. The activities involve all subject areas, and can be completed individually or as a family activity.



Additionally, students had access to Study Island, which is an internet-based program that students can use to learn or practice academic skills. Each Southeast Delco student up to 8th grade can log on and participate in reading and mathematics games and practice.

As a reward for their diligence, students in grades 1 through 4, were treated to an ice cream party. Participants brought a beach towel or blanket, and their favorite book to read and share with their classmates. Students in grades 5 through 8 were awarded a dress down day pass.

Delcroft Teacher Shares Her Love of Art

Students and staff were treated to a delightful surprise upon returning from summer break. One of Delcroft's 4th grade teachers, Ms. Julie Reagan, painted a whimsical mural on the wall of the 100 wing hallway. This is the second mural Ms. Reagan has crafted at Delcroft. During the summer of 2016, she designed and painted a mural themed *Imagine the Possibilities* that spans a significant portion of the hallway. From design to completion, each mural has taken Ms. Reagan several weeks to create. This year's mural delivers another inspirational design, which focuses on reading.



Ms. Reagan has been painting since she was 10 years old. She attended art classes throughout her childhood and continues to enjoy her artist passion as an adult. The students and staff of Delcroft were extremely excited to see this year's mural.

Those who pass by her work will be able to enjoy her designs for many years to come. Many thanks to Ms. Reagan for sharing her talent and passion for art with the Delcroft School community.

Harris School

Positive Behavior Intervention Support

Tasked with researching multiple school-wide behavior programs to identify the most beneficial for the Harris community, Harris' leadership committee selected Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) as a system that could best meet the diverse needs of the students. After finalizing their choice, the



Harris PBIS committee was formed and work began customizing the program and creating a plan that was uniquely Harris' but driven by evidence-based behavioral interventions. PBIS enhances not only social behavior outcomes but also academic outcomes for all students.

The Harris PBIS plan will focus on three behavioral expectations that are positively stated and easy to remember, Be Safe, Be Responsible and Be Respectful. The expectations carry across the building and have a specific set of expectations for all areas, including the cafeteria, classrooms, hallways, bathrooms, and the playground. An assembly was held to introduce the program to Harris students and posters and visual aides are displayed around the building to help remind students throughout the day of the behavioral expectations.

Sharon Hill School

Opening Day

The 2017 / 2018 school year got off to a great start at Sharon Hill School. Staff and community members greeted students upon their return and welcomed them back from summer break. Students were excited to join with classmates to learn what new experiences the school year will bring. The Sharon Hill School community will work together to nurture student achievement and all concerned anticipate a successful year.



Upcoming events can be viewed on Sharon Hill School's calendar page on the district website at www.sedelco.org.

Back to School Night

Back to School Night at Sharon Hill School was a resounding success. Families took full advantage of the opportunity to meet school administrators and staff, and were eager to speak with the teachers who will be educating their children this year.

Parents are encouraged to keep the lines of communication open throughout the school year and to seek out occasions where they can influence school culture. Membership in the Home and School Association is a valuable conduit for school involvement and parents are urged join.

Kindergarten Center

The School Year Kicks Off at the Kindergarten Center!

The start of the 2017 / 2018 school year at the Kindergarten Center began with an open house on August 31st. Parents and students met the staff and attended an informational session highlighting school procedures. The children were especially excited to "sneak a peek" at their classrooms and meet their new teachers.

On September 21st, over two hundred parents attended Back to School Night at the Kindergarten Center. Parents were given information on a variety of curriculum items that teachers will be implementing throughout the year. Parents also had an opportunity to purchase books at the Scholastic Book Fair. The night concluded in student classrooms where teachers presented classroom expectations for the upcoming school year.



Students attended an assembly on school bus safety presented by The Segal Puppet Theatre & Co on September 22nd. The students sang songs and participated in an interactive puppet show. Each student was presented with a *Bertram Bear's Cool School Bus Safety Award* at the end of the day. Everyone was entertained while learning important bus safety tips!

The kindergarten students are continuing to learn and grow each day. They are adjusting very well to their new environment and making new friends along the way. Everyone is looking forward to a wonderful year and expecting each day to be a new adventure!

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