

Southeast Delco School District

Board & Community Update

Transition Day for 8th Graders

Students from Darby Township, Delcrot, Harris, and Sharon Hill Schools will spend an afternoon visiting Academy Park High School on Wednesday, January 18th or Thursday, January 19th. Students will eat lunch in the cafeteria, take a tour of the building, complete a technology activity in the library, learn Zumba, and play team building games in the gym.

Students from the class of 2018 have volunteered to serve as tour guides for the visiting students as they explore the building. During their senior year, these students will move into the role of mentors for the incoming freshmen. The day will end with AP coaches and class sponsors providing information on the many activities and sports the high school has to offer. Academy Park administrators, students and staff are looking forward to greeting the class of 2021!

Assessment Testing

The district is currently analyzing its latest assessment scores to begin the final push towards state testing. Classroom diagnostic tests will be administered to students in Grades 4 and 8, while other elementary and middle school students will take Benchmark exams. High school students are taking these tests, as well, in the Keystone areas of biology, algebra, and literature.



Teachers and administrators analyze various data points to make sure all students receive the instruction they need to ensure they will do well on state assessments. This data is available through our student information system and helps provide motivation for students to reach personal levels of success.

ACCESS Assessments

Beginning the end of January, 115 English Language Learners (ELLs) in the Southeast Delco School District will be taking the ACCESS test. ACCESS stands for *Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners*. The assessment is a secure large-scale English language proficiency assessment administered to kindergarten through 12th grade students who have been identified as ELLs. It is given annually to monitor students' progress in acquiring academic English in each of the four language domains of listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

Assessment results help teachers, students, and families understand students' current levels of English language proficiency and provide teachers with information they can use to enhance instruction. In addition, school districts can use this assessment information to evaluate the effectiveness of their English as a Second Language programs.

Data Collection and Submission

The district is preparing to submit this year's Civil Rights data, as collected by the federal government. This process asks districts to report academic, discipline and demographic data from the past two years to determine trends in public education. It also asks to report on items such as student participation and achievement in various sub-groups. The data collection and submission process begins in February and continues through the spring. Once all of the data is collected, the federal government prepares a report that is available to the public.

Community Eligibility Program

The committee of the whole meeting on Thursday, January 19th will include an update from the food service department on the district's participation in the Community Eligibility Program (CEP). The district began participation in the CEP program in 2016 / 2017 school year. The program provides free lunch to **all** district students and eliminates the need for families to complete applications. Information will also be provided on trainings that have been held for food service staff.

District Audit

Ms. Pam Baker, partner at Barbacane, Thornton & Company will present the 2015 / 2016 audit at the January 26th board business meeting.



Future Board Meetings

Committee of the Whole	Thursday, January 19, 2017	6:00 PM
Board Business Meeting	Thursday, January 26, 2017	7:00 PM

School Events

- 1st Semester Exams – Wednesday, January 18th – Friday, January 20th
- End of 2nd Marking Period – Friday, January 20th
- Report Cards Issued – Friday, January 27th
- Academy Park Talent Show – Friday, January 27th – 7 PM – APHS
- **Early Dismissal – District-wide – Wednesday, February 1st – APHS – 11 AM / Grades K – 8 – 12:45 PM**
- APHS Winter Dance – Friday, February 10th – 7 PM – APHS
- APHS Back to School Open House – Thursday, February 16th – 6 PM
- **Teacher In-service – District-wide – No School for Students – Friday, February 17th**
- **Presidents' Day Holiday – No School for Students & Staff – Monday, February 20th**
- What's Your Passion Festival – Saturday, February 25th – APHS

- ***Early Dismissal – District-wide – Wednesday, March 1st – APHS – 11 AM / Grades K – 8 – 12:45 PM***
- District Band Concert – Wednesday, March 8th – 7 PM – APHS
- Academy Park Frosh Dance – Thursday, March 16th – 7 PM – APHS
- Delaware County Spelling Bee – Saturday, March 18th – 9 AM – 2 PM – DCIU
- Academy Park Dodgeball Tournament – Friday, March 24th – 6 PM – APHS
- End of 3rd Marking Period – Friday, March 31st