

Southeast Delco School District

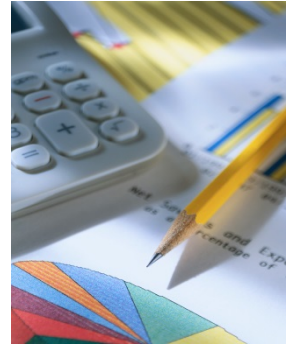
Board & Community Update

2013 – 2014 Proposed Budget Presentation

The Superintendent will present the 2013-2014 budget to the Board of School Directors and district residents on Thursday, May 16th at Academy Park High School. The presentation will be made during the scheduled Committee of the Whole meeting and will begin at 6:00 PM.

The following items are having a significant impact on the 2013-2014 budget:

- Decrease in local tax revenues due to recent reassessments
- Decrease in federal title grants and APHS renovation funding due to sequestration cuts
- Increase in charter school costs
- Increase in PSERS retirement costs
- Increase in medical and prescription benefit program costs
- Uncertainty in salary and benefit costs related to the ongoing teacher negotiations



Excellence in Teaching Award

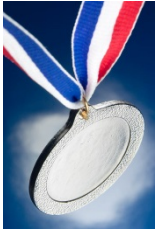
Suzanne Swoyer, 6th grade mathematics teacher at Sharon Hill School received the Delaware County Excellence in Teaching Award from the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union. Created in partnership with DCIU in 2007, the award recognizes outstanding and dedicated teachers who work in Delaware County schools.

Ms. Swoyer was nominated for the award by Asia Ali-Hawkins, Principal of Sharon Hill School. In her recommendation to the award committee, Mrs. Ali-Hawkins lauded Ms. Swoyer's "*superior teaching skills*" and offered that "*her passion and dedication to her students inspires me each time I am in her classroom.*"

Recipients of this award are honored at the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union's Partners in Learning Celebration and recognized in an edition of the Delaware County Daily Times. Honorees receive a commemorative keepsake and their schools receive a \$1,000 award.

Southeast Delco Honors District Athletes

The Academy Park High School 5th Annual All Sports Banquet will be held at 6 PM on Tuesday, May 21st at the Oaks Ballroom in Glenolden.



A buffet dinner will be served and the evening's festivities will include the presentation of awards. Each coach will present a "Knight" Award to a team member who possesses an exemplary work ethic and displays leadership and sportsmanship qualities. The Lady Knights Senior Award and the Male / Female Senior Athlete Award will also be presented.

The banquet is sponsored by the Academy Park Athletic Boosters Club. Complimentary tickets are available for all school board members. Board members should contact Michele at (610) 522-4300 extension 5328 if interested in attending this event.

National Honor Society Inductees

Twenty-nine Academy Park students were inducted into the National Honor Society in April. Membership is based on scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Qualifications include a minimum grade point average of 3.4, involvement in extra-curricular activities, and nomination by a faculty member. APHS math teacher Susan Ruetter serves as the National Honor Society Advisor.



National Honor Society Inductees

11th Graders

Eromon Asikhia
Odion Asikhia
Soraya Brown
Ndobolo Bukasa
Catherine Christopher
Greg Clements
Marisa Comroe
Hawa Conteh
John Conteh
William Daws

Jahvon Dockery
Eric Doe
Nahkera French
Jasil Ivory
Aisha Kanneh
Sabrina Kidd
Byronlyn Mappy
Erin Orange
Samantha Paules
La'India Santos-Phillips
Memuna Sillah

Hosoth Sithara
Cyrie Spencer
Vanessa Walsh
James Williams
Michelle Young

12th Graders

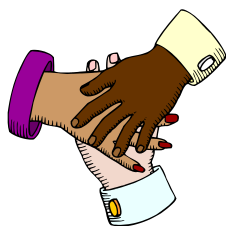
Ola Gbodi
Amaris Reed
Dolapo Satimehin

Academy Park Wrestlers Named to All-Academic Team

Academy Park seniors, Nick D'Agostino and Rian Maurer have been named to the District 1 All-Academic Team for their performance in the classroom and on the wrestling mat. Congratulations and continued success.

Academy Park Welcomes Incoming Freshman

Rising Scholars participants will host district 8th grade students who will be attending Academy Park as freshmen in the 2013 – 2014 school year at an Academy Park field day on Friday, May 24th.



The purpose of this program is to build cohesiveness and solidarity between students from each of the district's grade 1 – 8 buildings before they arrive on the Academy Park campus in the fall. Students will be grouped so that each will be working with students from every school to complete a host of activities. Activities will demand their attention to detail, teamwork, and communication skills.

Federal Programs Reviewed by PDE

The district recently had a monitoring review of its Federal programs. PDE monitor, Mr. Tom Winters, was on site for three days to assess the compliance of the district program with state and federal mandates. Over the three day visit, the monitor visited every building in the district, speaking with administrators, teachers, and parents. Overall, Mr. Winters was pleased with the initiatives the district has supported with Title I and Title II funds. He was especially interested and pleased with the Kindergarten Center.

In an effort to help strengthen our program, the district was provided resources and ideas for increasing the parent partnerships we have and for revising budgeting in future years to comply with new requirements that may be coming in the future. Another upcoming requirement will be for each Title I building to have a parental involvement policy specific to that school. Ms. Young will be working with the school buildings during the handbook review process to ensure this is accomplished.

The next monitoring cycle will be completed during the 2015-2016 school year.

Future Board Meetings

Committee of the Whole	Thursday, May 16, 2013	6:00 PM	APHS
Board Business Meeting	Thursday, May 23, 2013	7:00 PM	ESC
Committee of the Whole	Thursday, June 20, 2013	6:00 PM	ESC
Board Business Meeting	Thursday, June 27, 2013	7:00 PM	ESC

School Events

- *District Family Literacy Night – Delcroft School – May 14th – 6:00 PM*
- *Spring Concert – Darby Township School – Wednesday, May 15th – 7:00 PM*
- *Blood Drive – APHS – Thursday, May 16th – 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM*
- *Spring Concert – Sharon Hill School – Tuesday, May 21st – 6:00 PM*
- *Spring Concert – APHS – Wednesday, May 22nd – 7:00 PM*

- *District-wide 8th Grade Day at Academy Park High School – Friday, May 24th*
- *District Junior Science Fair – Grades 4 & 5 – Thursday, May 30th – 8:00 AM*
- *Senior Prom – Kings Mill – Friday, May 31st – 7:00 PM*
- *Academy Park Underclassmen Awards Assembly – APHS – Wednesday, June 5th – 8:00 AM*
- *Academy Park Senior Awards Assembly – APHS – Wednesday, June 5th – 6:00 PM*
- *Sharon Hill School 8th Grade Promotion and Awards Ceremony – Wednesday, June 12th*
- *Harris School 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony – Wednesday, June 12th*
- *Darby Township School 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony – Thursday, June 13th*
- *Delcroft School 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony – Thursday, June 13th*
- *APHS Graduation – Neumann University – Friday, June 14th*
- *District-wide Extended School Year Begins – June 24th*