

Southeast Delco School District

Board & Community Update

Scholarships Awarded to Graduating Seniors

The Collingdale High School Alumni Association announced the winners of their 2016 scholarships. Alumni president George H. Rendell expressed, "It was especially difficult this year for the committee to evaluate and choose from among the qualified scholarship applications we received. You and your colleagues on the faculty are again to be congratulated for the work they have done in preparing these students."

The scholarships and award recipients were as follows:

2016 Collingdale High School Alumni Association Scholarship – \$5,000 each

Miss Lattana Sithara

2016 Donna Williams Faix Memorial Scholarship – \$4,000

Miss Amiatu Kanneh

2016 Maryann Rendell Pechin Memorial Scholarship – \$1,000

Miss Dakota Street

2016 Carson Thompson Memorial Scholar Athletic Award – \$500

Miss Kerri Burns

2016 Jean Carnet Schreiber Oberg Memorial Scholarship

Miss Amy Pham

Congratulations and continued success to our scholarship and award winning students.

Proposed Budget

The May 19th Committee of the Whole meeting will include an update / review of the **Proposed** 2016 / 2017 General Fund Budget. The district has not received final budget amounts for federal grants nor for Pennsylvania state subsidies. The 2016 / 2017 Proposed Budget is available on the district website at www.sedelco.org.

The Board of School Directors will be asked to approve the Proposed Budget at the May 26th Board of School Directors' meeting. The Final Budget adoption is scheduled for the June 23rd Board of School Directors' meeting.

The homestead tax reduction amount for the 2016 / 2017 year is \$2,168,876.36. Once the district receives the total amount of approved homestead properties in the district, the homestead deduction that is available to each property will be calculated. The homestead deduction amounts will be reflected on the 2016 tax bills.



Congratulations Ms. Kristman

Delcroft teacher, Ms. Brittany Kristman, was recognized by the Philadelphia Phillies as a Teacher All Star Honorable Mention at the 16th Annual ENGIE Teacher Appreciation Night. Each year, the Phillies select 20 area teachers who are nominated by current and former students, parents and peers, to honor as Teacher All-Stars and Honorable Mentions. The 10 All-Stars and 10 Honorable Mentions were acknowledged at an on-field ceremony and during a pregame tent party at a recent Phillies game against the Cincinnati Reds.



In addition to teaching 5th grade at Delcroft School, Ms. Kristman also coaches the 7th and 8th grades field hockey and lacrosse teams.

Students Compete in County-wide Reading Olympics

Reading Olympics is an annual, county-wide event that encourages students to read for pleasure, learn the value of teamwork, and provides an opportunity for them to compete against their peers in a literary-based contest.

Participating teams receive a list of 45 books from a variety of genres and authors. Team members read several books from the list and compile an accurate summary and analysis for each book. Students share their knowledge with their peers, to ensure that the team is familiar with each of the 45 assigned books. In competition, students are asked a variety of reading comprehension questions on any of the assigned readings. With such a large number of questions possible, the successful team is one who has worked together to increase the knowledge of the whole group through their individual reading efforts! All participating teams are recognized for their successes and additional ribbons are given for high scores.



Last week, Southeast Delco School District sent twelve teams, representing the elementary, middle, and high schools, to Radnor High School to participate in this annual event. All of the participating teams ended their night of competition on a high note. The teams from Delcroft and Sharon Hill earned third place, white ribbons for their strong performances. Both the elementary and middle school teams from Darby Township earned red ribbons, equivalent to second place. The two elementary teams from Harris received third place white ribbons and the middle school team earned a blue ribbon, the Reading Olympics equivalent to first place! Students from Academy Park were strong competitors, finishing the night with third place white ribbon!

Congratulations to all student competitors and their teachers for such a successful event!

Technology

Southeast Delco is working diligently to upgrade and expand the technology that is available to students and staff for the upcoming school year. Currently, each building uses a mix of iPads, laptops, and desktops. The district is researching which types of technology equipment are best suited for particular grade levels. This determination will depend on the products that are being produced by students and how our instructional resources are supported by technology. The district recently added staff to help keep our technology available and accessible to students throughout the year.

Students work on a variety of programs in an effort to both learn skills that they need in a technological age and to learn academic skills by presenting them in a new or different format. Our curricular series each come with an online component to help teachers deliver content and help students master skills.



Software purchases such as Microsoft Office, Lexia, iReady, and Study Island help remediate or enrich academic skills tied to Pennsylvania State standards. Technology can also help keep some of our textbook costs down by providing access at home or through other formats.

Academics are not the only area where technology aids the district. With the recent renovation of Academy Park High School, cameras were installed to better monitor the safety and security of the students and staff. The district will be looking to replicate this setup in each of the district schools. This safety and security also extends to the entrances of all schools in the district where an access card is needed to gain entrance. Visitors are granted entrance only by being let in by a staff member.

The district is excited to bring new and expanded technology to all district stakeholders.

Afterschool Professionals Appreciation Week

The Pennsylvania Department of Education issued the following statement in recognition of *Afterschool Professionals Appreciation Week*.

“In recognition of Afterschool Professionals Appreciation Week, the Department of Education applauds the commonwealth’s afterschool education professionals. Thank you for the difference you make every day in the lives of Pennsylvania’s children. Afterschool programs have transformed from what many viewed as childcare programs to become incubators for extended learning, where students can explore the arts, engage in science, improve literacy, and develop strong wellness and social skills. The professionals who dedicate themselves to fostering a friendly and focused environment are truly having an impact on Pennsylvania’s students and their families.”

Southeast Delco’s Afterschool program is held Monday through Friday and provides a variety of activities to enrich learning and quality of life for district students. A supplemental reading program is available, as is homework help. Students may also take part in STEM pursuits and have enjoyed Robotics, a CSI Investigation, and programs exploring magic, music and global warming. Recreational activities, including board games, movies, computer time, arts & crafts, as well as physical outdoor games are also part of activities offered through the afterschool program. Students are provided refreshments to maintain their energy levels.



Open Enrollment for Health Insurance

It is open enrollment time for all Southeast Delco staff eligible to receive district paid health insurance benefits. Human resources has been working in collaboration with providers and bargaining units to ensure another successful enrollment season. Although there are no benefit changes this year, effective July 1, 2016, the district’s new prescription carrier will be CVS/Caremark.

Recruitment

The district currently has 8 to 10 projected / confirmed professional positions to fill for the 2016 / 2017 school year. A few additional vacancies are anticipated resulting from early to mid-summer resignations.

Southeast Delco has participated in multiple job fair and recruiting events sponsored by the University of Penn, Temple University, West Chester University, Delaware County Intermediate Unit, PDE, and others. Participation in these events has already resulted in one professional hire, as well as a list of potential candidates. The district has reached out to multiple east coast Historically Black Universities and Colleges (HBCU), in an attempt to form relationships that might support our commitment to increasing the diversity of our professional team.



HR System Upgrade

The district's primary Human Resources Information System (HRIS), is currently undergoing an upgrade to version 10 of the HR Perfect Software. Version 10 is internet-based, which should improve both speed and access to information, allowing for greater interoperability across systems. The process is about 75% complete, with an estimated time in completion (ETIC) of August 31st.

Future Board Meetings

Committee of the Whole	Thursday, May 19, 2016	6:00 PM
Board Business Meeting	Thursday, May 26, 2016	7:00 PM

Upcoming School Events

Mark your calendars! Students and staff have been working hard to prepare for the following upcoming events:

Junior Science Fair – Grades 4 & 5

- District-wide Junior Science Fair – Thursday, May 19th at Darby Township School – 10 AM

Spring Concerts

- Sharon Hill School Spring Concert – Monday, May 16th – 6:30 PM – APHS
- Harris School Spring Concert – Thursday, May 19th – 7 PM – Harris School
- APHS Spring Concert and Art Show – Wednesday, May 24th – 7 PM – APHS
- Darby Township School Spring Concert – Wednesday, May 25th – 7 PM – DTS
- Delcroft School Spring Concert – Thursday, June 2nd – 6:30 PM – APHS

School Events

- Keystone Exams – Monday, May 16th – Wednesday, May 18th – APHS
- APHS Senior Prom – Friday, May 20th – Arts Ballroom – Philadelphia

- All Sports Banquet – Wednesday, May 25th – 6 PM – The Oaks Ballroom
- ***Memorial Day Holiday – District-wide – No School for Students and Staff – Monday, May 30th***
- Senior Final Exams – Wednesday, June 1st – Friday, June 3rd
- APHS Talent Show – Friday, June 3rd – 7 PM – APHS
- Senior Luncheon – Tuesday, June 7th – 1 PM – APHS Cafeteria
- APHS Senior Awards Night – Tuesday, June 7th – 6 PM – APHS
- Underclassman Final Exams – Wednesday, June 8th – Friday, June 10th
- ***Graduation – Thursday, June 9th – 6:30 PM – Neumann University***
- End of 4th Marking Period – Friday, June 10th
- Last Day of School for Students – Friday, June 10th
- Teacher In-service – Monday, June 13th
- Last Day of School for Teachers – Monday, June 13th