

Southeast Delco School District

Board & Community Update

Academy Park Graduation

Academy Park High School held its 32nd Annual Commencement Ceremony on Friday, June 13th at Neumann University. Class Valedictorian Odion Asikhia and Salutatorian Soraya Brown gave speeches offering their wisdom and encouragement, as did Assistant Principal Mr. Jeffrey Esposito, Principal Dr. Edward Small, Superintendent Dr. Stephen Butz, and Board President Mrs. Dorothy Gallagher.



Odion Asikhia, Valedictorian



Soraya Brown, Salutatorian

The entire Southeast Delco community congratulates our 2014 graduates and wishes them great happiness and success as they continue their journey.

District Retirees

The district will host a dinner to celebrate and recognize sixteen retiring employees and their 404 combined years of service to Southeast Delco School District. The dinner will be held at 5:00 PM, prior to the Committee of the Whole meeting on Thursday, June 19th. Board members are invited to join with district administrators to commemorate this milestone event.

Professional Staff

Ms. Barbara Adams
Ms. Phyllis Barsky
Ms. Linda Batory
Mr. Stephen Herd
Ms. Kathy Irons
Ms. Elizabeth Schellinger
Ms. Harriet Stokes
Ms. Christine Wood

Support Staff

Mr. James Asbury
Ms. Karen Kelly-Barlup
Ms. Emma Locke
Ms. Regina Murphy
Mr. Lawrence Oliveri
Mr. Thomas Orlando
Ms. Joyce Payton
Mr. Robert Sutton

Finance

The 2014-2015 General Fund Budget was unanimously approved at the May 22, 2014, Board of School Directors meeting. The budget included a 3% tax increase, which was below Southeast Delco's Act 1 Index rate of 3.1%. The millage rate, as of July 1, 2014, will be 38.4034. Each Homestead approved property will receive a Homestead tax reduction of \$346.52. The reduction will be reflected on the school real estate tax bill.

Tutoring

The 21st Century tutoring program has come to a close for the 2013 / 2104 school year. Students in grades K through 12 finished their school year program with wrap-up events, which concluded their tutoring and recreation experiences. Students will now be eligible for our summer program for which we are finalizing enrollments.

For the upcoming school year, only Cohort 6A that serves students in grades 6 through 12, remains. The focus of that program is STEM- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. The state will release Cohort 7 this fall. The district will be applying for and hopes to be awarded a grant to continue to fund afterschool activities for district students. We will share information on Cohort 7 as it becomes available.



Re-registration for Students Entering Grades 3, 6, and 9 in September 2014

Southeast Delco School District is requiring all parents of students who will be entering grades 3, 6, and 9 to re-register their child before they can attend district schools in September 2014. Parents, community and school board members have requested that the district be vigilant in assuring that only students that reside in the district attend district schools, which is the purpose of this re-registration.

Re-registration will be held from 9:00 AM to 7:30 PM at the Education Services Center at 1560 Delmar Drive in Folcroft on the following days:

Tuesday, June 17th ■ Thursday, June 19th ■ Wednesday, June 25th

Parents are required to provide the following documents:

1. Mortgage or lease
2. Picture ID
3. Two (2) bills with address
4. Student's birth certificate

Students that are not re-registered will be considered "inactive" and will not receive homeroom assignments, school supply lists, or other school communications. Students must be re-registered no later than June 25th. Questions regarding registration can be directed to Mrs. Maggie Contrisciani at (61) 522-4300, extension 5201.

Family Literacy Night's Reading Carnival

Darby Township School hosted *Reading Carnival*, this year's annual Family Literacy Night celebration. In addition to several sessions centered on literacy, guests enjoyed a free dinner and books, and delighted in a magical performance by puppeteer Abby London.



Curriculum News

A committee of grades K through 8 science teachers will review presentations on new Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) resources and select two science textbook / online series to pilot in the coming school year. High school teachers will continue to pilot English Language Arts in the next school year, along with Biology and Chemistry texts. Decisions will be made in April for implementation the following school year.

This summer, teachers will be collaborating in writing the following areas of curriculum:

- Middle School English Language Arts
- High School Genetics
- High School Environmental Science
- High School African American History
- High School Careers
- High School Advanced Placement Biology

Future Board Meetings

Committee of the Whole
 Board Business
 Board Business

Thursday, June 19, 2014
 Thursday, June 26, 2014
 Thursday, July 24, 2014

6:00 PM
 7:00 PM
 7:00 PM

Note: There is no Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for July, 2014.

School Events

- School is out for summer! Classes will resume for grades K – 12 students on September 2nd.
- Extended School Year, Harris School, June 23rd – July 31st
- Summer Tutoring, Darby Township School, June 23rd – July 31st
- APHS Summer School, July 23rd – July 31st