

Southeast Delco School District

Board & Community Update

Where Did the Summer Go?

Classes will resume for students entering grades 1 - 8 at Darby Township School, Delcroft School, Harris School, and Sharon Hill School on Tuesday, August 30th. Students starting 9th grade at Academy Park High School will have their first day on Tuesday, August 30th, as well.

The first day back for Academy Park High School students in grades 10 – 12 will be Wednesday, August 31st. The first day of school for boys attending the Kindergarten Center will be Tuesday, August 30th and girls will begin on Wednesday, August 31st.



Annual Back-To-School Luncheon

The First African Baptist Church has again graciously offered to host a Back to School Luncheon for all district staff and board members on Wednesday, August 24th at 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The luncheon is a welcome respite from the day's activities and provides an opportunity for staff from all district schools, ESC, board members, and the community to come together socially and share a meal. The luncheon will be held at the church, located at 901 Clifton Avenue in Sharon Hill.

Teachers are Life-Long Learners

Students and staff will return soon to begin the 2016 / 2017 school year. Many of the preparations made over the summer break are being finalized, including welcoming of new staff, building student and staff schedules, and ordering materials for the start of school, including new technology for student use.



Administration has developed a complete professional development plan that includes a workshop for staff. Presented by Dr. Tyrone Howard, the program focuses on improving opportunities and achievement for district students. Dr. Howard is on the faculty of UCLA's Graduate School of Education & Information Studies, in the division of Urban Schooling; Faculty Director of Center X; Founder and Director of the Black Male Institute; and an associate faculty member in the Bunche Center for African American studies at UCLA. Dr. Howard is also the Faculty Associate Director for the Academic Advancement Program at UCLA, which is the nation's premier student retention program for underrepresented students.

Dr. Howard will also be presenting to parents during his visit to Southeast Delco School District. The parent presentation will center on how to maximize the school-family relationship to the benefit of students, their families, and all school district stakeholders.

Both the staff and parent presentations will take place on Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at Academy Park High School. The staff presentation will be held as part of the opening activities for professional development for the 2016 / 2017 school year. The parent presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Academy Park High School auditorium. We hope that you will consider attending.

Grant funding was received by Southeast Delco to provide a number of staff and community presentations about the skills and relationships needed to improve opportunities and achievement of our students. Dr. Howard's presentation is made possible through this grant funding.

Special Education

The special education department has exciting things happening in the 2016 / 2017 school year. The district's grades 1 – 8 emotional support program has been reorganized. This year, Darby Township School will have 4 classes: 2 primary classes and 2 intermediate classes, and Sharon Hill School will have 2 middle school classes. In addition, administration is moving a contracted social worker to Darby Township School. The reorganization is designed to provide increased supports for students in the emotional support program.



The district is also transitioning in a new progress monitoring tool. The new program is Skills Navigator by the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA). This progress monitoring tool is standards-based and will identify specific skills where students are making progress and continue to need support to achieve.

Professional Development

During the 2016 / 2017 school year, Southeast Delco School District will offer conference-style professional development sessions for teachers on district in-service days. At the end of the 2015 / 2016 school year, teachers were asked to complete a survey to provide feedback regarding their individual professional development needs. Based on survey results and teacher needs related to specific program trainings, the district developed a differentiated professional development plan that provides teachers an opportunity to select sessions and trainings that address their individual needs.

Just as students have diverse learning needs, so do their teachers. When professional development meets the needs of teachers, the result is improved instructional practice and increased student achievement. This year's professional development sessions and trainings will be delivered by organizations with which we have contracted, trainers from textbook vendors from whom we have purchased resources, district administrators, and many teachers across the district who are willing to share their content area and instructional expertise.

DCCC Board Appreciation Dinner



Delaware County Community College has asked that we provide board members with a “save the date” notice informing them that DCCC will again host school board members from sponsoring county districts at their annual Board Appreciation Dinner on Wednesday, October 26th at the Marple Campus. Formal invitations will be sent by DCCC in September.

Future Board Meetings

Committee of the Whole	Thursday, August 18, 2016	6:00 PM
Board Business Meeting	Thursday, August 25, 2016	7:00 PM

Back to School Nights

All district schools will host Back to School Nights for staff, students and families in September. The dates and times are as follows:

<i>Sharon Hill School</i>	Wednesday, September 7 th	6:00 PM to 7:30 PM
<i>Harris School</i>	Thursday, September 8 th	6:00 PM to 7:30 PM
<i>Darby Township School</i>	Tuesday, September 13 th	6:00 PM to 7:30 PM
<i>Delcroyt School</i>	Wednesday, September 14 th	6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
<i>Academy Park High School</i>	Wednesday, September 21 st	6:00 PM to 7:30 PM
<i>Kindergarten Center</i>	Wednesday, September 21 st	6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

School Events

- New Teacher Induction – Monday, August 22nd & Tuesday, August 23rd
- Teacher In-service – Wednesday, August 24th, Thursday, August 25th & Monday, August 29th
- Darby Township School Open House – Monday, August 29th – 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM
- Delcroyt School Meet & Greet – Monday, August 29th – 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM
- Harris School Sneak a Peek for Incoming 1st Graders – Monday, August 29th – 2:30 PM to 3:00 PM
- Kindergarten Center Open House – Monday, August 29th – 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
- Sharon Hill School Meet & Greet – Monday, August 29th – 1:45 PM to 2:45 PM
- Labor Day Holiday Weekend – Friday, September 2nd through Monday, September 5th – No school for students or staff