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APHS Band to Perform for Philly Soul Home Opener

The Academy Park High School Band will perform at the Philadelphia Soul home opener on Sunday, April 12th. Under the direction of music teacher, Kristina Cubbage, the band will perform for 40 minutes prior to the game in the Broad Street Atrium as fans enter the Wells Fargo Center.

Their performance will begin at 3:00 PM. Tickets for the game are \$15 per person and a low level section of seating has been reserved exclusively for Southeast Delco students, staff, and community members. Tickets can be ordered by contacting Ms. Cubbage at kcubbage@sedelco.org.



The Philadelphia Soul is part of the Arena Football League (AFL) and was founded by Jon Bon Jovi and Craig Spencer. The team's current ownership group includes Philadelphia Eagles Hall of Famer Ron Jaworski and New Orleans Saints and Super Bowl champion, wide receiver Marques Colston. The team is celebrating its 10th Anniversary season this year.

2015 Afterschool Champions

The US Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Pennsylvania Division, and their commanding officer, Southeast Delco's 21st Century Community Learning Center grant coordinator, Mrs. Patricia Alford, have been recognized for their *leadership support of afterschool programs in the commonwealth* and designated 2015 Afterschool Champions by the Pennsylvania Statewide Afterschool Youth Development Network.

The Sea Cadets program instills a sense of pride, patriotism, courage, self-reliance, discipline, and confidence in young men and women between the ages of 11 - 17. The program fosters a sense of kinship and a desire to provide support wherever it is needed in the community.

In the past, the cadets have volunteered for the district's Toy for Tots campaign, provided traffic control and assistance at various district events, participated in the St. Jude's Children Walk at the Philadelphia Zoo, and raised funds for the American Red Cross and victims of hurricanes Katrina and Sandy.

In addition, each year the cadets go to the Veterans Comfort Home for sick and homeless veterans where they clean the home from top to bottom and deliver boxes of toiletries and cash donations they have collected to give to the residents.

Academy Park High School

Rising Scholars Tour Penn State, Brandywine Campus

The Rising Scholars program attended their first campus tour of the school year, visiting Penn State, Brandywine Campus. For some of the freshman students, this was their first visit to a college campus. The visit opened their minds; giving them a taste of college at a much lower cost than a two or four year stint on a college campus.



Students currently enrolled at Penn State, Brandywine Campus served as tour guides and provided program participants with information on prerequisites and requirements for acceptance into many of the courses of study available at the college. One Academy Park senior shared that the visit put Penn State, Brandywine Campus on her top 3 list of schools she will consider attending. Another was able to rule out attending a college that does not offer residence halls because of conversations she had with student tour guides.

Overall, the visit was informative for many, groundbreaking for some younger participants, and enjoyable for all who attended

Darby Township School

Read Across America

The month of March began with a celebration of reading. Darby Township School joined with the schools across the country to commemorate Read Across America, an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for children everywhere to celebrate reading on March 2nd, the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss.

At Darby Township School, several activities centered on reading were planned and organized by a committee of dedicated teachers: Ms. Fogel, Ms. Kaskiw, Mrs. Hawkins, and Mrs. Poole.



In addition, students dressed in clothing inspired by characters and books created by Dr. Seuss. On Monday students donned red and white shirts, scarfs, bow ties, and hats. Tuesday was fun socks day for *Fox in Socks*. Mismatched clothing - stripes, plaids, polka dots, and different shoes honored Wacky Wednesday and green shirts on Thursday gave a nod to *Green Eggs and Ham*. Friday concluded the festivities with wear a hat for *Cat in the Hat* day.

Darby Township School also welcomed several guest readers including the Superintendent, Dr. Butz, Board member, Lucy Lopez, Darby Township Chief of Police, Leonard McDevitt, and many other school and community members.

Darby Township Career Fair



On March 12th, under the direction of guidance counselor Mrs. Camile Jackson, DTS hosted their annual Career Fair. Many of the identified career paths were represented by several members of the community and students had the opportunity to ask questions and spend time with each career representative.

This event is very popular with our students and staff, as well as community members who welcome the opportunity to interact with our students.

Community Police Connect with District Students

The Police Departments of Collingdale, Folcroft, and Sharon Hill Boroughs, and Darby Township held the first in a series of classes on a variety of topics on March 11th at the Folcroft Fire House. The classes are geared towards building trust between juveniles and community police officers by educating students on various aspects of law enforcement. This program is presented exclusively to students in the 5th grade.



Delcroft School

Read Across America

Delcroft School celebrated Read Across America on Monday, March 2nd and Tuesday, March 3rd. Students in grades 1-5 enjoyed guest readers: Superintendent, Dr. Stephen Butz, district staff members, Michele Fetterolf, Marianne French, Eileen Young, Harry Young, Kim Brown-Flint, Thomas Hauptert, Connie Broderick, Brian McDonough, Folcroft police officers Billy Blair and Danny White, Folcroft Mayor and Mrs. Frey, State Representative Nick Miccarelli, School Board member Sharon Wilson, and several Delcroft staff members.



Students in grades 6-8 participated in Read Across America by reading to students in the lower grades. The students were very excited to have some of their favorite Dr. Seuss stories read to them!



PSSA Excitement!

During the month of April, students in grades 3-8 will take PSSA tests. The week leading up to testing will be filled with "Spirit Week" activities designed to build confidence and motivate students to do their best. The themes of the week include:

- ★ **Tuesday:** Red shirts showing "We are RED-y for the PSSA"
- ★ **Wednesday:** Favorite team jersey or shirt because "Making AYP is a team effort"
- ★ **Thursday:** Dress up day, because students are "Dressed for Success"
- ★ **Friday:** Students may wear their grade level team color shirt and sweatpants because "We are taking the PSSA....NO SWEAT"

On Friday, April 10th Delcroft students will also enjoy a PSSA pep rally! Students and staff are very excited to show their school spirit as they get ready for the PSSA!

Harris School

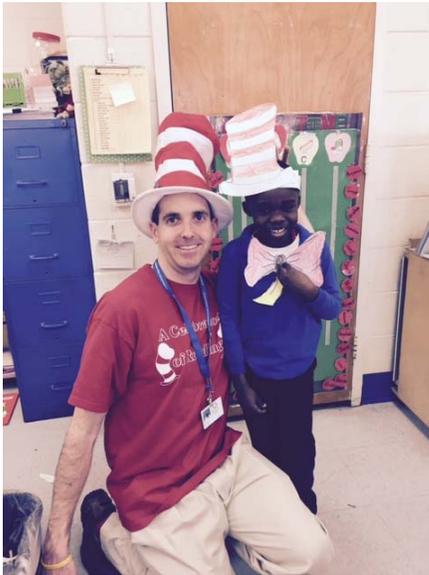
Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss

On Monday, March 2nd, Harris School celebrated Read Across America day. While the day started with a delayed opening due to snow, the weather didn't dampen our spirits. The schedule of events was modified to accommodate the late start and plans to honor Dr. Seuss were carried out.

While the day is primarily focused on younger students, the whole school was involved in the festivities. Under the direction of reading interventionist Cindy Silverthorn and 5th grade teacher Danny Ruane, the 1st and 2nd graders at Harris were treated to a variety of activities throughout the day. While the activities for the day were fun, they were very purposeful and supported the lessons being taught in the classroom.



The highlight of Read Across America day every year is the special appearances by guest reader's. This year, even with the schedule change, we were still lucky to be visited by Superintendent Dr. Butz, School Board President Dorothy Gallagher, School Board member Robert MacGuire, Human Resources Director Tom Hauptert, and Curriculum Director Monica Watson, and Harris staff members. Each reader did a fantastic job and the students truly enjoy having the celebrities read to them in their classrooms.



The big activity of the day was the partner read. Students in the upper grades read one on one with younger students. This event took place at the end of the day and involved the entire school. The activity was a huge success for Harris. One 8th grader commented that he was truly surprised by how well his first grade partner could read. While promoting reading the activity also supported a sense of community, which is supported daily at Harris.

Sharon Hill School

"Do you Like Green Eggs and Ham?"

Sharon Hill School and community celebrated Read Across America on March 2nd. Guest readers from the Philadelphia Flyers and Mr. Hauptert from ESC visited the school and read to the students. It was a great day, in spite of the weather, promoting literacy to kids and adults!



76ers Reading Assembly

Members of the Philadelphia 76er's Flight Team and mascot, Franklin the Dog, visited Sharon Hill School on March 23rd to let students know that you can be an athlete and love reading, too! They really encouraged the students to get excited about reading and to do their best in school. It was an exciting, fun filled assembly and each student in attendance received a "Sixer's" book bag and book!



Kindergarten Center

Dr. Seuss's Birthday

On Monday March 2nd, the Kindergarten students and staff celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday. It was a day filled with fun activities that focused on reading, especially books written by Dr. Seuss. The students crafted "Cat in The Hat" hats and enjoyed having some of Dr. Seuss' stories read to them. It was a wonderful day that centered on the joy of reading!



Pennies for Patients

On Friday March 13th, the Kindergarten Center concluded their "Pennies for Patients" campaign. The students raised over \$1500 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The funds raised will go directly to the pediatric care of children. The teachers and students were very excited that they greatly exceeded their goal of \$1000. Mrs. Stabilo's class was the top collector and will receive a pizza party!

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