



Southeast Delco School District

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Flexing our Reading Muscles

The Reading Olympics team is gearing up for training at Darby Township School. Almost 30 fourth and fifth grade students turned out as the program got underway. Many of them are excited about the idea of the super large competition that is held in April for hundreds of Delaware County Schools. "I like to read and I like to win!" stated one 4th grader.

Sharon Hill School is thrilled to be participating in the Reading Olympics once again. The school-wide, district-wide, and of course the county-wide competition has gained an incredible amount of interest from our 4th and 5th graders. Practices are held every Wednesday at our school library.

The Reading Olympics is sponsored by the Delaware County Intermediate Unit (DCIU). This year the competition will be held at Haverford High School on April 30th. Southeast Delco School District is hoping to be able to send two to four teams of 14 children to compete against other students. Each team has to answer questions about 45 different books, through three rounds of questions. It's an exciting event!

Putting teams together from Harris, Delcroft, Darby Township, and Sharon Hill Schools means students from each school need to read one quarter of the books on the list chosen by DCIU. At Darby Township, many children did some math and figured out that they should be able to read all 45 books by April. "Is it OK if we read them all?" Of course! They really like the challenge.

Books range from older books such as The Mixed of Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler, to newer books by authors such as Henry Winkler and Gordon Korman. Award winning books like The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane and the very funny Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg are also of great interest to the students. There is a wide variety of books, styles and reading levels. Students are planning to work together to create their own quiz questions and see if they can stump each other at practice, getting their reading muscles all warmed up.

This is only the second time Southeast Delco has participated in the competition and it is a credit to our students, and the teachers who are supporting and encouraging them, that they are excited about reading and earning a winner's ribbon at the Reading Olympics!

District Fall Sports Teams

Participation in the fall sports programs at district schools was outstanding, with over 300 students competing in football, volleyball, field hockey, soccer, tennis, and cross country.

Girls' tennis player, Courtney Jenkins, won the Del Val League Singles Championship. She and Brita Hickerson came in second in the League. Both qualified for the district championships. Courtney Jenkins became the first player in Academy Park history to win a match at district level.

District field hockey, volleyball, and soccer teams finished second in the league. Outstanding cross country runner, Joey Fitzgerald, finished second in the league championship race and was chosen for the First Team - All Del Val.

The most successful team in the district was varsity football. The Knights qualified for the PIAA AAA District Playoffs for the third straight year. On November 11th, the team defeated Springfield to advance to the semifinals for District One. This is the first time that an Academy Park football team won a district playoff game. Sadly, the Knights were defeated in the semifinal game by Phoenixville High School, 28 to 27.

Academy Park High School

Sharing Their Gifts With The Community

The First African Baptist Church in Darby Township hosted their annual Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon on Wednesday, November 23rd and the Academy Park High School Choir entertained the group with two songs.

APHS music teacher, Lori Muller was happy to bring her choir students to the event. "Miss Delores Ellison asked us to come here and we were more than happy to oblige her and do this," Muller said. "We want to teach the students different areas of service and we are thankful to be here."

The audience was thankful as well, and showed their appreciation with a long round of applause.

"I am really happy they enjoyed it," said Betty Wilson, a senior in the Academy Park choir. "Because if you sing it and enjoy it, you want them to be happy about it, too."

Upcoming Academy Park Events

December

December 9	Progress Reports Issued
December 14	Winter Concert – 7:00 PM
<i>December 23</i>	<i>Professional Education Day – No School for Students</i>
<i>December 24 – January 2</i>	<i>Winter Recess Begins – No School for Students and Staff</i>

January

<i>January 3</i>	<i>School Resumes for Students and Staff</i>
January 6	First Fridays at the Park
January 7	Rising Scholars Meeting
January 9	Senior Cap and Gown Assembly
January 13	Winter Semi-Formal

January 16	<i>Martin Luther King Holiday - No School for Students and Staff</i>
January 18 – 19	<i>Semester Final Exams – Early Dismissal for Students – 1:00 PM</i>
January 20	<i>Semester Final Make-Up Day - Early Dismissal for Students – 1:00 PM</i>
January 20	End of Marking Period 2 – Semester 1
January 21	Rising Scholars Meeting
January 27	Report Cards Issued for Marking Period 2

Darby Township School

Citizens of the Month

The month of November was very eventful at Darby Township School. The Citizen of the Month assembly was held for the month of October on November 4th, and a good number of parents and family members attended the celebratory assembly. For November, Students of the Month will be recognized along with Citizens of the Month. While Citizens of the month are students who display hard work, positive classroom behavior, and are willing to help others at all times, Students of the Month are those students who exhibit academic excellence and improvement.



Book Fair



October Citizens of the Month



Canned Food Drive

The following students were recognized at the Citizen of the Month assembly for October, along with the teacher that nominated them:

1st Grade

Nakiya Brinson - Ms. Martelli
 Aiden Sorrentino - Mrs. Muldoon
 Briana Frederick - Mrs. Rowe
 Jason Bentzley - Mrs. McNamee

4th Grade

Devon Harmon - Mrs. Stephens
 Khyonna Liverpool - Mrs. Ford
 Elijah Brown - Ms. Bennett
 Alexys Bedford - Mrs. Preston

7th Grade

Zyah Newsome - Mrs. Deck
 Elisha Hernandez - Ms. Cothery
 Christopher Thomas - Mrs. O'Boyle

2nd Grade

Avery Stewart - Ms. Parker
 Liam Bennett - Mr. Hochschwender
 Marino Brice - Mrs. Poole

5th Grade

Brianna Lane - Ms. Clapper
 Kenneth Fallon - Ms. Matteo
 Shayna Flory - Mrs. Jackson

8th Grade

Nick Knowlton - Mr. Campbell
 Tiana Stokes-Odom - Mrs. Lewis
 Mariah Waller - Mr. Breithaupt

3rd Grade

Justin Williams - Mrs. Wood
 Stephen Emery - Mrs. McAteer
 Shaneen Upchurch - Mrs. Aronovitch

6th Grade

Brooke Wiley - Mrs. Karcher
 Larissa Lomax - Mrs. Morretta
 Taylor Eiserman - Mrs. Homer

Special Ed

Falon Donnelly - Ms. Wise
 Matt Moore - Ms. Mcelwee
 Chad Cripps - Mr. Roth

Canned Food Drive

The Student Council planned and conducted a canned food drive during the month of October and Dr. Michael Jordan, Principal at DTS, promised to get dressed up in a turkey costume if DTS met or exceeded the goal to collect 2000 cans. On November 23rd, Dr. Jordan kept his word and visited every class in DTS dressed as a turkey to talk about the purpose of the can food drive. The students greeted him as either Dr. Gobble or Dr. Turkey. It was indeed a “gobbly” sight!



The students were thrilled, especially when he recited the short poem suggested to him by Mrs. Martelli and Mrs. Poole:

“A turkey is a funny bird, his head goes wobble, wobble. He only knows one word gobble, gobble. I am a funny bird.”

On Friday, December 2nd the homerooms of Mrs. Preston, Ms. Homer and Mrs. O’Boyle will enjoy a dress down day because they collected the highest number of canned food.

Raising Money for Childhood Cancer

The Student Council also supported another great cause: the Alex’s Lemonade Stand. During parent conferences, the student council sold lemonade and soft pretzels. The proceeds went to the Alex Lemonade Stand Foundation for Childhood Cancer.

Upcoming Darby Township School Events

December

<i>December 7</i>	<i>Early Dismissal for Students – 12:45 PM</i>
<i>December 9</i>	<i>Progress Reports Issued</i>
<i>December 10</i>	<i>Winter Wonderland – 12 noon – 4 PM</i>
<i>December 12</i>	<i>Winter Concert – 7:00 PM</i>
<i>December 16</i>	<i>Citizens of the Month Assembly</i>
<i>December 23</i>	<i>Professional Education Day – No School for Students</i>
<i>December 24 – January 2</i>	<i>Winter Recess Begins – No School for Students and Staff</i>

January

<i>January 3</i>	<i>School Resumes for Students and Staff</i>
<i>January 16</i>	<i>Martin Luther King Holiday - No School for Students and Staff</i>
<i>January 20</i>	<i>End of Marking Period 2</i>
<i>January 27</i>	<i>Report Cards Issued for Marking Period 2</i>
<i>January 27</i>	<i>Citizen of the Month Assembly</i>

Delcroft School

Sounds of the Season

Delcroft's winter concert will be held on December 13th at 6:30pm. Family, friends, and members of the community are invited to enjoy the 4th and 5th grade chorus perform musical numbers which include *Kindle by the Flame*, *Santa's Getting Fit for Christmas*, and *Will You Be Here this December?*, along with the 6th, 7th and 8th grade chorus performing *I Hear Those Jingle Bells*, *I Count My Blessings*, and *Glorious*. The instrumental band will also be performing many pieces, as well.

Spelling Bee Buzz

We are proud to announce this year's spelling bee contestants. Delcroft's third annual spelling bee will be held the week of December 19th. The winners of Delcroft's contests will attend the county-wide spelling bee in the spring. The contestants are: Gilbert Keys, Tyrone Carter, Christy Boch, Aleah Malone, Jamie McArdle, Lauren Perry, Olabanji Ojo, Davante Harris, Dakota Street, and Scott Kay. Good Luck to all of the contestants!!!

Yes, They CAN

Now that the holiday season is upon us, Delcroft students are demonstrating the importance of giving back to the community. During the month of November, Delcroft's Safety Patrol collected 1,597 canned food items for those in need.

Each homeroom participated in the canned goods collection contest to support the cause. The three homerooms with the highest amounts collected received a classroom party. This year the third place homeroom, with 247 items, was Mr. McDonough's 3rd grade homeroom. In second place, with 252 items, was Mrs. Juisti's 1st grade class.

The first place winner, with 286 canned food items, was Ms. Batory's 3rd grade homeroom. During the month of December, students will collect hats, scarves, gloves, and mittens for those in need during the cold winter months.



1st Place Winner
Ms. Batory's 3rd Grade Homeroom

Upcoming Delcroft School Events

December

December 2	Middle School Dance – Luau Theme – 5:30 PM
December 5	NED Assembly – Grades 1 – 5
December 7	Early Dismissal for Students – 12:45 PM
December 9	Progress Reports Issued
December 13	Winter Concert – 6:30 PM
December 23	Professional Education Day – No School for Students
December 24 – January 2	Winter Recess Begins – No School for Students and Staff

January

January 3	School Resumes for Students and Staff
January 4	Awards Assembly – Grades 1 - 5
January 16	Martin Luther King Holiday - No School for Students and Staff
January 20	End of Marking Period 2
January 27	Report Cards Issued for Marking Period 2

Harris School

Academic Achievement

Harris had 53 students of the month for November. In addition, 25 students earned Distinguished Honors and 130 students earned Honors for the first report period.

Fall Clean-up

Harris had a fall clean-up day on November 12th. Under the direction of Mr. William Lighter and with the help of Mrs. Alford's Sea Cadets the morning was spent cleaning up the front of the building. In addition to cleaning, trees were mulched and dead trees were replaced. Mr. Lighter indicated that future plans may include another planting event for the spring so stay tuned.

Science Fair Winners

Harris held its annual Science Fair on November 15th. Historically, the science fair at Harris is a big event and the students always put forth their best efforts and this year didn't disappoint. While it is very hard to judge each board and determine which one is better than the next, we are confident that the winners from Harris represent the best of what is expected. Harris winners are looking forward to the opportunity to represent their school in the district-wide science fair on November 30th, which will be held here at Harris School. A special thank you to Rachael Kelly, an 8th grade science teacher at Harris, who was responsible for directing and organizing the Science Fair.



Harris School Science Fair Winners

5th Grade

1st Place - Christian Busby
2nd Place - Josh Peacock
3rd Place - Angel Nguyen
4th Place - Sha'ra Lighter
5th Place - Nidia Robinson

6th Grade

1st Place - Caleb Reese
2nd Place - Jenaye Johnson
3rd Place - Alejae Johnson
4th Place - Teegan Goss
5th Place - Krysten Brown

7th Grade

1st Place - Nicole Dimauro
2nd Place - Assata King
3rd Place - Kyle Fok
4th Place - Shani Lee
5th Place - Meghan Dougherty

8th Grade

1st Place - India Robinson
2nd Place - Kerri Burns
3rd Place - Lattana Sithara
4th Place - Jenny Vu

Upcoming Harris School Events

December

December 7	Early Dismissal for Students – 12:45 PM
December 9	Progress Reports Issued

December 15 Winter Concert – 6:30 PM
 December 19 Spelling Bee
 December 23 Professional Education Day – No School for Students
 December 24 – January 2 Winter Recess Begins – No School for Students and Staff

January

January 3 School Resumes for Students and Staff
 January 16 Martin Luther King Holiday - No School for Students and Staff
 January 20 End of Marking Period 2
 January 27 Report Cards Issued for Marking Period 2

Sharon Hill School

Science Fair at Sharon Hill

Students in grades 4 – 8 completed science fair research projects from which the top boards from each grade level were selected to be entered into the school’s science fair on November 17th. The top two winners from each grade competed at the district-wide science fair held at Harris School on Wednesday, November 30th.



“Holy Moley” Science Project



Mrs. Schellinger and Mrs. Hunt



Ms. Guest

American Education Week

During the week of November 14th, students and staff at Sharon Hill School observed American Education Week. Students and staff wore college and university apparel to increase student exposure to the choices of higher education.



Amanda Palmer and Jamilah Bey



Sarai Threaddgill and Bill Martin



Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Conroy

Peer Mediation Program Revitalized

Sharon Hill School will be revitalizing its Peer Mediation Program, which was part of the school's culture more than six years ago. The program is being led by the school's site coordinator, Ms. Natale, and guidance counselor, Mrs. Conroy. The program is being implemented to help develop leaders among the students and to help the students find effective ways to resolve conflict. Fifteen students will be selected and trained as peer mediators.

Upcoming Sharon Hill School Events

December

<i>December 7</i>	<i>Early Dismissal for Students – 12:45 PM</i>
<i>December 9</i>	<i>Progress Reports Issued</i>
<i>December 9</i>	<i>Omega Eta Knights Student Forum: <i>Helping to Bridge the Gap Between Middle School and High School</i></i>
<i>December 20</i>	<i>Sharon Hill School Spelling Bee</i>
<i>December 20</i>	<i>Winter Concert – 6:00 PM</i>
<i>December 21</i>	<i>Winter Assembly</i>
<i>December 22</i>	<i>Positive Behavior Social</i>
<i>December 23</i>	<i>Professional Education Day – No School for Students</i>
<i>December 24 – January 2</i>	<i>Winter Recess Begins – No School for Students and Staff</i>

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<i>January 27</i>	<i>Report Cards Issued for Marking Period 2</i>
<i>January 30</i>	<i>Awards Assembly for Marking Period 2</i>

Kindergarten Center

Cultural Heritage Celebration

In addition to studying the arrival of the Pilgrims, Kindergarteners will learn this month about their ancestors and the cultural contributions that have come from every part of the globe. A family night will include the fifth annual Cultural Heritage Celebration. This family involvement event, scheduled for December 6th, will include participating in the games, music, and art projects from many cultures. The event will conclude in the cafeteria with an international food court where families will share favorite dishes from their ancestors.

Thanksgiving Reenactment

Students at the Kindergarten Center participated in a Thanksgiving reenactment as part of a study about American history. On Wednesday, November 24th students dressed as Pilgrims or Native Americans and participated in a Thanksgiving feast. In addition to sharing food, each classroom prepared a song or poem about Thanksgiving and performed for the other classrooms. Kindergarten students learn all year about American holidays as part of the Pennsylvania Kindergarten standards for Social Studies.



Kindergarten Students and Staff Celebrate Thanksgiving

Upcoming Kindergarten Center Events

December

- December 6 Family Night – 6:30 PM
- December 7 *Early Dismissal for Students – 12:45 PM*
- December 9 Progress Reports Issued
- December 22 Festival of Lights
- December 23 *Professional Education Day – No School for Students*
- December 24 – January 2 *Winter Recess Begins – No School for Students and Staff*

January

- January 3 *School Resumes for Students and Staff*
- January 10 Parent Council – Dad’s Matter – 8:20 AM
- January 16 *Martin Luther King Holiday - No School for Students and Staff*
- January 20 End of Marking Period 2
- January 25 – 27 *Parent / Teacher Conferences – Early Dismissal – 12:45 PM*
- January 27 Report Cards Issued for Marking Period 2

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