



Academy Park High School

Teaching With Technology!

Students at Academy Park High School are learning and productively working using a tool with which we have all had different levels of experience. For some, the tool conjures up feelings of anxiety and fear because it was not used when they were in grade school. For others, who use this tool on their jobs or in their day to day life there is still a level of intimidation present.

What dreaded tool are we referencing? Technology, of course! And the students of Academy Park High School are unafraid and embracing the future. Whether it is iPads, laptop computers, smart phones, digital cameras, or desktop computers, the age of technology, nanotechnology, Bluetooth interconnectivity and quick turn-around technological advances is here to stay. "We must embrace it because no matter our desire to control it, it's a strong force in education today", said one educator on the use of iPads in classes.

"Embracing it" is just what the AP Knights are doing. Most classes offered at Academy Park have a

significant technology component and some are built solely on its use. Every day, students are finding new and inventive ways to use technology in the classroom. In a world where virtually everyone has some smart device (tablet, phone, E-reader), schools must do their best to stay ahead of the curve. The administration, staff and students of Academy Park are doing just that. Kudos to our fearless Knights!



Upcoming Academy Park High School Events

February

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| 02/01 | Report Cards Marking Period 2 |
| 02/06 | <i>Professional Development for Staff – Early Dismissal for Students – 11:00 AM</i> |
| 02/15 | <i>Professional Development for Staff – No School for Students</i> |
| 02/18 | <i>Presidents' Day Holiday – No School for Students or Staff</i> |

March

03/06

Early Dismissal – 11:00 AM

03/06

District Honor Band and Chorus Concert – APHS – 7:00 PM

03/08

Frosh Dance – 7:00 PM

03/08

Progress Report 3

03/12 – 03/14

PSSA Writing – Grade 11

03/25 – 04/01

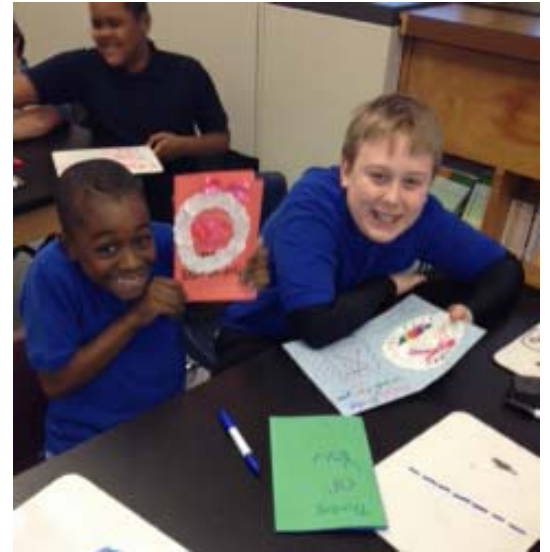
Spring Break – No School for Students

Darby Township School

Spirit of Service Honors Dr. Martin Luther King Day

January's cold weather did little to deter students from planning some valuable and interesting activities related to the spirit of service that is associated with the Dr. Martin Luther King holiday.

As a school-wide initiative, DTS students designed and created beautiful greeting cards for donation to Little Flower Manor, a nursing home located in Darby, PA. The inside of each card was left blank so that the elderly residents could use the cards to send personalized messages to their loved ones honoring birthdays, anniversaries, or special occasions.



Members of Student Council Share the Joy of Reading

Under the guidance of Mrs. Camile Jackson and Mrs. Nicole Bourque, members of student council took time from their busy day to read to students at the Kindergarten Center and 1st graders at Darby Township School. The students were warmly welcomed by the Kindergarten Center's Interim Principal, Mrs. Margaret Thomas, where they were given the opportunity to share the gift of reading with younger students.



APHS Comes to DTS

Students from Academy Park High School visited with current 8th grade students to provide a glimpse of what their journey may look like at high school and encourage their enthusiasm for attending Academy Park. The students were also invited to Curriculum Night at Academy Park so they can familiarize themselves with the educational opportunities available to them and tour the newly renovated facility.

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Delcrott School

“Pennies for Patients”

Delcrott School Student Council continues to collect *Pennies for Patients* to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Students will be collecting change to benefit children with cancer through February 4th. At the mid-point of the current campaign, \$1,052.36 has been collected. Last year, students donated \$2,002.00 and Delcrott students are well on their way to surpassing that total. The classroom with the highest collection will receive a pasta party courtesy of The Olive Garden. The second place classroom will receive a pizza party and the third place classroom will receive an Italian ice party.

The Halls are Alive with the Sound of Music

Delcrott School held its annual Delcrott Winter Concert in January. Students in grades 4 through 8 participated in the school band. Students in the 4th and 5th grade chorus preformed *A Medley of Disney Movie Ballads*. The 6th, 7th, and 8th grade chorus preformed *The Water is Wide, A Wink, and A Smile*. A special thanks to Mrs. Sprague and Ms. King for their hard work and dedication to the growth of our music program.



Upcoming Delcroft School Events

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Harris School

Pancakes for a Playground

Once again, the Harris community has answered the call to action and is focusing its efforts on raising funds to construct a new playground at Harris School. Though fundraising has been ongoing for some time with donations from students, families, and friends, and activities such as a “Walk-a-thon” and “Elf for the Day” competitions, efforts were kicked up a notch with the recent “Pancakes for a Playground” event.

Applebee’s Restaurant on MacDade Boulevard in Folsom partnered with Harris School and sponsored a pancake breakfast. The concept was unique; Applebee provided staff that did all of the cooking and Harris volunteers served and cleaned up after the many students, families, staff, and friends who came out to support the fundraiser. An astounding \$2300 was raised for the playground fund on that one Saturday morning.



Special thanks go out to the awesome Harris staff and family members who helped to make the day such a big success:

Kathie, Gina, and Dave Zizza, Chrissy Frederico, Tony Lorine, Danny, Jimmy, and Terry Ruane, Shawn and Dylan McDougall, Elani Exinidis, Jen Carney, Toni Benson, Jen Donnelly, Rebecca King, Sherry Bauman, Maureen Kedra, and Rachael Kelly.

Everyone involved had so much fun and the day was such a huge success that plans are underway to schedule another "Pancakes for a Playground" in October 2013. We hope to see you there!

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Sharon Hill School

Send in the Clowns

The circus is coming to town and Sharon Hill's 1st graders will be going! In preparation for the visit to the big show, first grade students had some very special guests. Clowns from the Barnum and Bailey Circus came to entertain our students at a special pre-circus event. The students were so excited to see the clowns and they cannot wait to go to the circus.



B.A.B.E.S

B.A.B.E.S. is an acronym that stands for Beginning Awareness Basic Education Studies. BABES is a fun interactive program that features puppets to communicate factual, non-judgmental information about drugs and alcohol. The program also introduces coping and decision-making skills and works to increase each student's self-awareness while building their self-esteem. The BABES program is being presented to 2nd grade students as part of their Responsive Classroom every Thursday for 7 weeks.



The PBIS Experience

As part of Sharon Hill's Positive Behavior Incentives and Supports programs students can earn Owl Bucks for exhibiting appropriate behavior and demonstrating good character.

With earned Owl Bucks students can buy items from the school store or they can play the *Michael Jackson Experience* on Wii on Friday's during lunch.

It's great fun to see the students battle it out by showing off their best dance moves as they compete to become the number one dancer.



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Kindergarten Center

Dads Matter Breakfast

The Kindergarten Center staff was delighted to welcome approximately 240 students and male family members to a special morning Parent Council - Dad's Matter Breakfast. Accompanied by their fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, and uncles, the students shared a light breakfast of muffins and juice and celebrated the role of men as supporters of the importance of reading.

The Kindergarten Center's Literacy Coach, Ms. Nicole Barrella, shared ideas to encourage children to read and provided a handout of suggestions for age appropriate reading materials. Everyone enjoyed this special time together and the staff was excited to receive such overwhelming interest and support.

Upcoming Kindergarten Center Events

February

02/01	Report Cards – Conferences – Early Dismissal – 12:45 PM
02/06	Professional Development for Staff – Early Dismissal for Students – 12:45 PM
02/13	100 th Day of School
02/15	Professional Development for Staff – No School for Students
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02/28	Parent Council – Math Night

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