



Southeast Delco School District

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Academy Park High School

The Concerto, APHS Style!

The Academy Park High School Band and Chorus put on an exceptional show just before the winter break at this year's Winter Concert. Unlike some productions you may have seen at other venues, the audience stayed engaged in the music the entire evening. Our band ended their program with a rendition of *Feliz Navidad*, to which attendees could have danced the night away. The choir ended their singing with a rendition of *Total Praise* that would have made some of Sunday's best proud to claim it as their own.



A host of individuals made this event possible, including the stage and lights crew, our guest pianist, and of course, the staff and students. We look forward to many more Winter Concerts and hope that they will be able to match the intensity, talent, and overall showmanship of our current student-members!

Upcoming Academy Park High School Events

January

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| 01/17 | End of 2 nd Marking Period |
| 01/20 | <i>Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday – No School for Students or Staff</i> |
| 01/25 | Rising Scholars Meeting – 8:00 AM – Noon |
| 01/31 | Southern Delaware Band Event – 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM |

February

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| 02/05 | <i>Early Dismissal – 11:00 AM</i> |
| 02/07 | College Shirt Day |
| 02/08 | Rising Scholars Meeting – 8:00 AM - Noon |
| 02/14 | <i>Teacher In-service – No School for Students</i> |
| 02/17 | <i>President's Day Holiday – No School for Students or Staff</i> |
| 02/21 | Progress Notices Issued |
| 02/22 | Rising Scholars Meeting – 8:00 AM - Noon |

Darby Township School

Holiday Celebrations

The month of December may have been snowy and cold but this didn't stop the students and staff at Darby Township School from spreading some holiday cheer.

Many events were held in celebration of the holidays and traditions enjoyed by our students and their families. The Darby Township School Home & School Association held a Holiday Shoppe in December so students could purchase special gifts at reasonable prices for their loved ones.

The DTS Winter Concert was held at Academy Park High School on December 11th. Parents, students, and staff braved the wintery weather to attend this musical event that truly showcased the talents of students and the dedication of music teachers, Mrs. Manko-Morgan and of Mr. Scholl.



Students Share Their Talents with the Community

Students observed a long-standing tradition and on December 18th the 2nd grade class made ornaments to hang on the tree in the Darby Township Building. The students also entertained the Township and Court employees with some holiday songs.



DTS Was Buzzing with Spelling and Geography Bees

Middle School students at Darby Township School participated in the annual Spelling Bee competition hosted and organized by Mrs. Schellinger. This year, the top three winners were from the 6th grade class: 1st place Cheyenne Phillips, 2nd place Kramoh Mansalay, and 3rd place Anna Conrad.

Students in the middle school competed in the Geography Bee held at DTS on Tuesday December 19th. The top three winners were also from the 6th grade class: 1st place Jason Ladley, 2nd place Mekayla Ruffin, and 3rd place Cheyenne Phillips.



Upcoming Darby Township School Events

January

- 01/17 End of 2nd Marking Period
- 01/20 ***Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday – No School for Students or Staff***
- 01/23 Darby Township School Middle School Science Fair – 8:00 AM
- 01/28 District-wide Science Fair – 8:00 AM – Academy Park High School

February

- 02/05 ***Early Dismissal – 12:45 AM***
- 02/14 ***Teacher In-service – No School for Students***
- 02/17 ***President’s Day Holiday – No School for Students or Staff***
- 02/21 Progress Notices Issued

Delcrot School **Sounds of the Holiday**

Delcrot School held its annual Winter Concert on December 5th. The Delcrot instrumental band, comprised of students in grades 3 through 8 performed several pieces. The 4th and 5th grade chorus performed “Carol of the Bells” and “Holly Jolly Santa Claus”. The Middle School Chorus performed “Candles in the Window,” “African Noel,” and “Bring Us Peace”. The concert was enjoyed by the many family and friends who attended. Congratulations to the Delcrot performers on a job well done.

Delcroft Students Compete

Delcroft School held its second annual Geography Bee on December 17th. Fourteen students from grades 6 through 8 participated in the event, answering several rounds of questions. This year's winner of the Delcroft Geography Bee was 8th grader, Clorissa Roark. Clorissa only answered one question incorrectly in ten rounds of competition. The next step for Clorissa will be to take the qualifying exam for the Pennsylvania State Geography Bee. Good luck, Clorissa!



Attendance Counts!

Delcroft School is proud to recognize the 200 students who had perfect attendance in the month of December! Perfect attendance is defined as: *attending school every day, on time, and without dismissing early*. 341 students came to school every day (more than half of the students enrolled at Delcroft School) but only 200 came to school every day, on time, without an early dismissal. Students receive an award every month that they earn perfect attendance!

Upcoming Delcroft School Events

January

- 01/17 End of 2nd Marking Period
- 01/20 Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday – No School for Students or Staff**
- 01/21 Delcroft School Middle School Science Fair – 8:00 AM
- 01/28 District-wide Science Fair – 8:00 AM – Academy Park High School

February

- 02/05 Early Dismissal - 12:45 AM**
- 02/14 Teacher In-service – No School for Students**
- 02/17 President's Day Holiday – No School for Students or Staff**
- 02/21 Progress Notices Issued

Harris School

Music Makers

Harris School held its Winter Concert on December 12th in the main gymnasium. The talent of the students and the quality of the production has made this annual event one of the highlights of the Harris entertainment calendar. As principal, Mr. Shawn MacDougal has the privilege of emceeing the concert and states that each year he believes the event couldn't possibly get any better than the year before, and is always pleasantly surprised to be proven wrong.

Attendees that came out to hear the 4 through 8 grade chorus and band, though large in numbers, were supportive and respectful. The concert was led by instrumental music teacher, Ms. Rebecca King, and general music teacher, Ms. Rebecca Dulac. Students practiced long and hard to prepare for this performance and their efforts were apparent. In preparation for the big nighttime show for friends and family, dress rehearsals for their fellow students were held during the day. It was apparent from the enthusiasm shown by students attending the dress rehearsals that the evening performance was going to be a very special treat. Needless to say their performance was incredible and it was a great example of the fantastic musical program at Harris School. One of the best parts of the concert was seeing students who are quiet and reserved get up in front of hundreds of people and sing or play an instrument. Staff members were very impressed by the courage of a number of their students who either played or sang a solo during the concert.



The students performed beautifully and the concert was a major success that ended with a standing ovation. The students and staff are already preparing for their next performance at the Spring Concert on May 8th.

Upcoming Harris School Events

January

- 01/14 Harris School Middle School Science Fair – 8:00 AM
- 01/17 End of 2nd Marking Period
- 01/20 *Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday – No School for Students or Staff***
- 01/28 District-wide Science Fair – 8:00 AM – Academy Park High School

February

- 02/05 *Early Dismissal – 12:45 AM***
- 02/14 *Teacher In-service – No School for Students***
- 02/17 *President’s Day Holiday – No School for Students or Staff***
- 02/21 Progress Notices Issued

Sharon Hill School

Spelling Bee

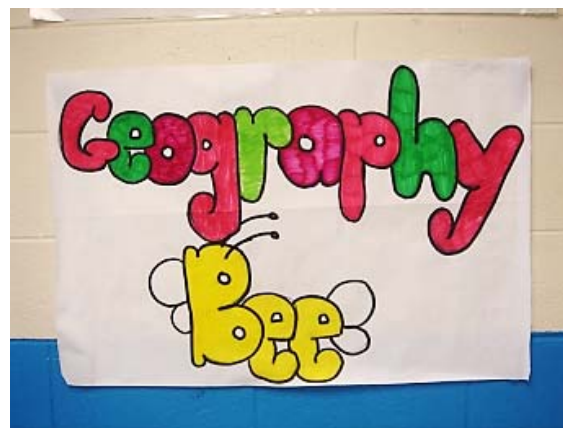
The Sharon Hill School annual Spelling Bee was held on December 19th. As part of the competition, students in grades 6 through 8 were given a spelling test. The top spellers from each grade level were given the opportunity to take part in the Bee.

Janiyah Carter, 7th grade, was the first place winner and 8th grader Cheyenne Lauber was the runner up. Both students will participate in the County Spelling Bee held at Neumann College.



Geography Bee

This year students in grades 6 through 8 participated in the 2nd annual Geography Bee. Teachers, Ms. Garnett and Ms. Compton, worked with student to help prepare them for the Geography Bee, and prepared they were! During the week of the competition students practiced during every free moment and even during their lunch period. The students impressively participated and 8th grade student Malcolm Bevans came out on top for the second year in a row, answering all of his questions correctly.



'Twas the Season

The Sharon Hill School and community geared up for the holiday season by taking part in some fun and exciting activities. Students had the opportunity to visit a Holiday Shoppe where they were able to purchase gifts for their family and friends. Students also participated in the annual door decorating contest, in which classes decorated their doors for the holiday season. Student Council hosted the first ever holiday sweater contest. Students were very creative and excited to participate. We held our winter assembly this year in our school gymnasium and our Winter Concert at Academy Park High School.



Upcoming Sharon Hill School Events

January

- 01/17 End of 2nd Marking Period
- 01/20 **Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday – No School for Students or Staff**
- 01/23 “Pennies For Patients” Kick-off Assembly – 9:45 AM
- 01/28 District-wide Science Fair – 8:00 AM – Academy Park High School

February

- 02/05 **Early Dismissal –12:45 AM**
- 02/11 Home & School Association Meeting – 4:00 PM
- 02/14 **Teacher In-service – No School for Students**
- 02/17 **President’s Day Holiday – No School for Students or Staff**
- 02/21 Positive Behavior Social
- 02/21 Progress Notices Issued

Kindergarten Center

Jammies in School!

In December, students celebrated what has become a tradition at the Kindergarten Center: “Polar Express Day.” This is a much anticipated event at the Kindergarten Center, where students get to wear their pajamas to school and participate in a variety of activities that focus on the book, *The Polar Express*. It is a wonderful day that the children truly enjoy and a great way to lead into the winter break!



A Bright New Shiny Year

The students returned from their break excited to share their many adventures, trips, and family gatherings that took place over the two weeks, but eager to get back to learning the many new skills and concepts that will be taught to them in 2014.

During the week of January 13th, students will be given a variety of assessments that will assist teachers in designing differentiated instruction over the next few months. Parents will be receiving their child’s first report card on Friday, January 24th and the information gathered from these assessments will be reflected on their report cards.

Upcoming Kindergarten Center Events

January

01/17 End of 2nd Marking Period

01/20 ***Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday – No School for Students or Staff***

February

02/05 ***Early Dismissal – 12:45 AM***

02/14 ***Teacher In-service – No School for Students***

02/17 ***President’s Day Holiday – No School for Students or Staff***

02/21 Progress Notices Issued

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