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Academy Park High School

APHS Winter Festival

This year's Winter Festival at Academy Park High School was an enormous success. Students in the National Honor Society and Omega Eta Knights transformed the library, auditorium and main hallway into Southeast Delco's very own version of Dr. Seuss' *Whoville*.

The Grinch and Santa Clause welcomed district families to a free, fun filled "Knight" out. Children played *Just Dance* with students from GSA and Mrs. Kim Farr. They made holiday ornaments with APHS students and Mrs. Ball-Carpenter, and necklaces with the Omega Eta Knights and Dr. Lia Scott. The final activity was making snowman soup with Mrs. Karen Manners and students in the SWEEP program.



An added attraction to the event was the appearance of author Aisha Toombs, who read excerpts from her book, *Nerdi Bunny*.



The night ended with a visit with Santa and an opportunity to choose a book from an extensive library donated by several high school staff members.

The success of this year's festival can be directly attributed to team work and the extraordinary efforts of students and staff who donated their time and resources.

Winter Concert and Art Show

The presence of so many families and friends supporting the talented students involved in the music and art programs at Southeast Delco significantly contributed to the success of Academy Park's Winter Concert and Art Show.

Chorus director, Ms. Lori Muller, and band director, Mrs. Kristina Cubbage, led the students through several pieces in their seasonal repertoire and the amazing artwork created by district students was displayed throughout the building.

For the second year in a row, all 4th grade Southeast Delco students visited Academy Park High School for a special matinee performance of this year's spectacular Winter Concert. Mrs. Cabbage informed the youngsters of the exciting opportunities the district's music programs have to offer students who play or want to learn how to play a musical instrument. Current members of the band also shared their experiences in the music program and school band.

Me and My Guy Dance

Academy Park's senior class, sponsored by Mrs. Meg McCoach and Mr. Casey Newcomer, organized the district's 2nd annual *Me and My Guy Dance*. The dance is open to all Southeast Delco girl students in kindergarten through grade 5. The young ladies danced the night away and shared quality, one-on-one time with their special guy. The little ladies were also treated to a special guest appearance from Academy Park's Knight Mascot. A great time was had by all who attended.



Darby Township School

DTS Winter Concert

The DTS Winter Concert kicked off the holiday season on December 13th. Under the direction of chorus teacher, Mrs. Manko Morgan, and orchestra teacher, Mrs. Cabbage, Darby Township students regaled families, teachers and friends with beautiful music reminiscent of the holiday season.

Holiday Fun

Prior to winter break, a select group of students, accompanied by Mrs. Manko Morgan, sang holiday songs at the ShopRite in Glenolden.

In addition, accompanied by their teachers, Mrs. Poole, Ms. Robb and Mrs. Gannon, the entire 2nd grade class hung ornaments on the holiday tree and sang seasonal songs at the Darby Township Municipal Building; to the delight of borough manager, Mr. Jack Ryan, and township employees.



Can You Spell.....

The DTS Spelling Bee took place on December 19th and the 1st place winner was Adam Martinez, 2nd place winner was Justin Phan, and 3rd place went to Savannah Johnston.

Shop With a Cop

The Darby Township Police Department partnered with Walmart and Darby Township School to participate in the *Shop with a Cop* program on December 20th. Five DTS students who could use some extra holiday cheer were selected to pick out gifts for their families. Each child was accompanied by a police officer and after they made their selections, their gifts were wrapped in festive holiday paper. Chief Regina Price and Deputy Chief Brian Patterson also assisted students while they shopped.



Students, their families and the DTS staff are all very grateful for this amazing opportunity.

Cookies and Books

On December 21st, Darby Township School hosted its first *Cookies and Books* night. DTS teachers generously donated cookie dough, sprinkles and their time so students could come to the school cafeteria to bake cookies and choose a book to read with their parents. Ms. Bourque applied for funding for this event through *Donor's Choose* and was able to secure enough books for every student.

There were several families in attendance and students and staff had a very good time baking cookies and reading books. This event will surely become a DTS tradition.



On December 22nd, Ms. Bourque organized a *Shop for a Book* initiative that was funded through a grant she wrote and acquired from Books in Homes. Ms. Bourque created a schedule for every teacher to bring students to her room to pick an appropriate, grade-level book that was of interest to them.

Delcrot School

Spelling and Geography Bees

Delcrot School held their annual Spelling Bee on December 8th. This year, 30 students were eligible to participate in the contest. After ten grueling rounds of competition, the thirty students were whittled down to the final two contestants. Gabriella Jackson and Kiara Kidd went head-to-head for another eight exciting rounds. Gabriella correctly spelled "Patagonia" and the championship word "interminableness" to win Delcrot's Spelling Bee.



Gabriella Jackson and Kiara Kidd
Spelling Bee Winners

A special thank you to our esteemed judges, Ms. Bristow and Mrs. Santangelo, as well as Mrs. Cynthia Lees, coordinator of this year's Bee. Delcroft's students did a wonderful job and represented the school in a positive manner

Aleycia Bundy was the winner of Delcroft's Geography Bee, which was held on December 15th. Sydney Waddell was runner-up. Congratulations to all twenty participants in this school year's Bee and special thanks to Mrs. MaryBeth Compton for coordinating the event and to Mrs. Lees for keeping score.



Aleycia Bundy
Geography Bee Winner



Winter Concert

Delcroft's talented students performed in the annual Winter Chorus and Band Concert on December 14 at Academy Park High School. Students in both the grades 4 and 5 and the grades 6 through 8 choruses presented several seasonal pieces. The Delcroft Band, which is comprised of students in grades 4 through 8, performed as well.

Many families were able to attend and enjoyed the performances, which were choreographed by band director, Ms. Rebecca King and chorus director, Mrs. Erin Sprague.

Harris School

A Musical Night at Harris School

Harris School held their annual Winter Concert on December 15th and the students filled the gymnasium with seasonal music and song. The concert was held on one of the coldest nights of the school year but that did not deter families and friends of the student performers from attending the show.

Consisting of students in grades 4 through 8 and led by the district's instrumental teacher, Ms. Rebecca King, the Harris band performed a variety of seasonal selections. The band is comprised of students with varying degrees of experience, from beginners to students with at least four years of lessons that have played in seven spring and winter concerts at Harris School.

In addition to the band, the concert featured the 4th and 5th grade, and middle school choruses, which were led by Harris' new general music teacher, Mr. Joseph Scholl. Several brave students performed both instrumental and vocal solos. Prior to the night time performance for families and friends, a dress rehearsal was held during the day for their fellow students.

The concert was a resounding success, bringing the audience to their feet for a standing ovation.

Students and staff will now begin working on the Spring Concert and Art Show that will be held on May 11th, setting the stage for another exciting celebration of the arts at Harris School.

Sharon Hill School

Leadership

Three Sharon Hill School students attended the Delaware Valley Consortium for Excellence and Equity's Middle School Leadership Institute on December 2nd. The students were selected by their teachers for their commitment to achievement, in school and the community. Students participated in multiple sessions throughout the day that focused on leadership, resilience and success.



Imaobong Eka, Amel White and Tafsir Bryant
Leadership Conference Attendees



Tyler Oliver, Kortimi Dankambary and Adraiana Drones
Sharon Hill School Spelling Bee Winners

Spelling Bee

Sharon Hill School students competed in the annual school-wide Spelling Bee on December 12th. To qualify to participate in the Bee, students in grades 6, 7 and 8 took a pretest based on words from the National Spelling Bee word list. Once qualified, students then competed in the school Spelling Bee, and after 11 rounds a first place winner was announced! The winning word was *silhouetted*. A job well done by students!



Winter Concert

Sharon Hill School presented their annual Winter Concert on December 12th at Academy Park High School. Parents, families, community members, and staff all came out to be a part of the evening's festivities. Students were thrilled to finally perform the music they had been practicing for the last few months.



Kindergarten Center

The Kindergarten Center Celebrates Winter

Kindergarten students and staff participated in their first "Winter Wonderland Sing Along" on December 22nd. Everyone gathered in the cafeteria and sang several songs in celebration of the upcoming break. To add to the fun and excitement, the students had a special visit from the Elsa, the beloved character from the movie Frozen and class photographs were taken.



On the last day of school before the winter break, kindergarten students celebrated *Winter Pajama Day*. It is a tradition at the Kindergarten Center that students have the opportunity to wear their pajamas and participate in a variety of activities that focused on a "winter theme". It is a wonderful day that the children truly enjoy and a great way to lead into winter break!

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