



# Southeast Delco School District

## *Knightly News*

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### ***APHS Student and Teacher Selected as Bezos Scholars***

Academy Park student Victor Ariyo and mathematics teacher Susan Reutter have been selected as 2014 Bezos Scholars. The Bezos Scholars Program at the Aspen Institute is a year-long leadership development program that will bring together 12 of the nation's top public high school juniors, 12 exceptional educators, and six scholars from the African Leadership Academy in South Africa for an all-expenses-paid week of exploration, dialogue, and debate at the Aspen Ideas Festival in Colorado.



Victor Ariyo is a junior and has been making a positive impression on his teachers, classmates, and the school as a whole throughout his years at Academy Park High School. He is charismatic and has the ability to light up a room with his presence. He has matriculated through three years of high school with a GPA of 3.8, completing a host of high level academic courses. Victor is a member of the National Honor Society, Rising Scholars, varsity track, and is one of two students to hold the distinction of being a 2013-14 Southeast Delco School District Board of School Directors Student Representative / Liaison.

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Susan Reutter teaches Advanced Placement Calculus, Pre-Calculus I, and Pre-Calculus II at Academy Park High School and is the advisor for the school's chapter of the National Honor Society. She is a strong supporter of the students at Academy Park and works tirelessly to ensure their success. Students often choose their senior level math classes based on her being the teacher. Ms. Reutter also coaches varsity field hockey and lacrosse and has contributed to the on field success of many student athletes at Academy Park. Most recently, one of Ms. Reutter's student-athletes cemented her place in AP athletics history as a 100 point scorer in Lacrosse.

The Bezos Scholars will meet with international leaders, innovators, entrepreneurs, and creative artists from diverse disciplines and engage in lectures, presentations, debates, and discussions centered on critical issues. Twitter co-founders Biz Stone and Evan Williams, retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, Admiral Mike Mullen, and *New York Times* columnist David Brooks have participated in past Aspen Ideas Festivals.

The program continues as Scholars return home; bringing with them the inspiration, relationships, and tools needed to create Local Ideas Festivals to address issues that are relevant to their home communities. Since 2005, Bezos Scholars have created over 150 Local Ideas Festivals across the U.S. and in South Africa that have tackled a variety of issues from water scarcity to literacy and STEM education to rural poverty.

We are very proud of Victor and Ms. Reutter and are anxious to learn of their experiences this summer as Bezos Scholars.

## ***School Psychologist Honored as “Hero” at Making a Difference Awards Ceremony***

Ms. Deborah Gibbs-Tapper was recently honored for the exceptional care she provides to the students she serves as school psychologist at Sharon Hill School by the Right To Education Local Task Force of Delaware County at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Making a Difference Awards Ceremony.

Nominated by colleague and school counselor, Ms. Taryn Conroy, the Making a Difference Award recognizes individuals that “have gone out of their way through their work, support, or friendship to be accepting, understanding, and make sure to include children of all abilities.” Out of the 15 professional individuals that were recognized, only three earned the distinction of “Hero.” Ms. Gibbs-Tapper was one of those individuals. Her selection signifies that she has gone above and beyond, way outside of her duties as a school psychologist, to make a difference in a young person’s life.



**Ms. Gibbs-Tapper (third from the left) with family and colleagues.**

Ms. Deb Young, autistic support aide at Delcroft, was also recognized for her service.

Congratulations, Ms. Gibbs-Trapper and Ms. Young, and thank you for all that you do for our students.

## ***Collingdale Alumni Scholarships Awarded***

The Collingdale High School Alumni Association awarded six scholarships to deserving Academy Park seniors who reside in Collingdale. Alumni president Thomas Morse expressed, “It was especially difficult this year for the committee to evaluate and choose from among the qualified scholarship applications we received.” He commended the administrators and faculty, “for the work they have done in preparing these students.”

A small reception was hosted by the Alumni Association to honor the students and their families on May 20<sup>th</sup>. The scholarships and award recipients are as follows:

*2014 Collingdale High School Alumni Association Scholarship - \$5,000 each*  
**Aisha S. Kanneh and Clarise P. McClintock**

*2014 Jean Garner Schreiber Oberg Memorial Scholarship - \$500*  
**Zuu Yealesea**

*2014 Donna Williams Faix Memorial Scholarship - \$4,000*  
**Hosoth A. Sithara**

*2014 Carson Thompson Memorial Scholar Athlete Award*  
**Hawa D. Contech and Zuu Yealesea**

## ***Academy Park High School***

### ***Art Show at APHS***

Each spring, the students of Academy Park High School display some of the art projects they have been working on since they returned to school in the fall. The works exemplify, to a great extent, all of the hard work that is put in over the course of a school year. "Drawing" on their talents, students work hard to produce paintings, portraits, and sketches that show off their ability to illustrate what many others find hard to put into words. One might say that the students tell their personal stories through their art.

It is said that everyone has an artist living inside of them...but only a few of us find a way to bring him or her out. As can be seen by their work, these students have found and are using to the full extent their inner artist!



## ***Upcoming Academy Park High School Events***

### ***June***

06/05	Senior Prom – Citizen’s Bank Park – 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM
06/07	Rising Scholars Meeting – 8:00 AM – Noon
06/12	End of 4 <sup>th</sup> Marking Period
06/13	Graduation Ceremony – Neumann University – 6:30 PM
06/13	Last Day of School for Students

## ***Darby Township School***

### ***Career Day at DTS***

The month of May started off on an exciting note at Darby Township School with Career Day on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Representatives from a variety of career disciplines ranging from dog groomer, fire fighter, police officer, FBI agent, and physical therapist to beautician, lawyer, disc jockey and dog trainer offered information on their particular career. The elementary school students were encouraged to dress up to represent their intended career and all students had a chance to ask questions and interact with the guests.



### ***Annual Spring Concert***

Darby Township School Choir and Band performed in the annual spring concert entitled “The Sights and Sounds of Spring.” After the harsh winter the “Sights and Sounds of Spring” was just what was needed to bring a hint of the nicer weather to come. The students preformed wonderfully and the audience enjoyed a beautiful spring evening filled with music and song.



### **Healthy Lifestyles**

Students at Darby Township School participated in the *Good Nutrition* program presented by Mrs. Sheila Carter, a representative from Penn State University. Students attended a Nutrition & Fitness assembly where they not only learned about the benefits of healthy foods but also how to use music and dance to increase awareness about physical exercise.

### **DTS Hosts Family Literacy Night**

Darby Township School hosted the annual Family Literacy Night and this year’s theme was *Reading Carnival*.

In addition to several interesting sessions centered around literacy that were coordinated by district staff, guests were also treated to a free dinner, free books, and an fascinating performance by magician and puppeteer Abby London.



### **Upcoming Darby Township School Events**

#### **June**

- 06/09 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Hero Breakfast – 9:00 AM
- 06/10 Field Day – Grades 1 – 5
- 06/10 Funplex Field Trip – Grades 7 & 8
- 06/11 Spelling Bee – Grade 5
- 06/11 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic – Brandywine Park
- 06/12 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Moving Up Ceremony – 10:30 PM
- 06/13 Report Cards Issued
- 06/13 Last Day of School for Students

## **Delcrot School**

### **Healthy Choices**

Delcrot students participated in a special assembly presented by Penn State Nutrition, which provided students with an exciting interactive program about making healthy choices. Students and staff were entertained by the presenters’ singing and dancing and several teachers and students were invited to participate in the activities. Students were encouraged to exercise on a daily basis and the importance of getting enough rest and eating “junk food” in moderation were highlighted. The students and staff were extremely excited about the program and look forward to future assemblies.

## ***Book Time With Ronald***

Delcrot students in grades 1 through 4 participated in the Ronald McDonald summer reading program assembly on May 6<sup>th</sup>. *It's Book Time With Ronald* is designed to inspire elementary children to read for fun and to respect and value books. The show introduced children to book-time and encouraged them to routinely set aside time to read. All students received a free book, coloring book seeds to plant, a Ronald McDonald toy, and a book about safety. The assembly was extremely interactive and entertaining for the students.



## ***Junior Science Fair***

Students in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade participated in the Southeast Delco School District Junior Science Fair on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Congratulations to Morgan Joner for receiving 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade competition. Her project focused on Geotropism. Her project utilized cases to observe the effects gravity had on radish seed roots.

## ***8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebrations***

Delcrot administration, staff, and Home & School Association continue to finalize arrangements for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade end of year activities. The Delcrot Home & School Association has worked extremely hard to provide students with a variety of activities that will highlight their accomplishments and celebrate the next steps in their educational careers. Students will celebrate the final days of their primary education at the annual 8<sup>th</sup> grade picnic and Superlative Awards Ceremony. They will also attend a special dance on June 6<sup>th</sup>. The dance has always had an elaborately decorated theme, which is kept secret until the unveiling at the beginning of the celebration.

Students and their families will participate in the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony on June 13<sup>th</sup>. This is always an exciting celebration and an opportunity for students and their families to reflect on the memories created over the past years and to look forward to the upcoming changes they will experience as they begin their high school careers.

## ***Upcoming Delcrot School Events***

### ***June***

06/03	Delcrot School Field Day
06/03	Dorney Park – Grades 6 – 8
06/04	Final Exams – Grades 7 & 8
06/06	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Dance – 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM
06/13	Promotion Ceremony – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade – 9:30 AM
06/13	Report Cards Issued
06/13	Last Day of School for Students

## ***Harris School***

### ***Teaching the Teacher***

Students were dismissed early on May 7<sup>th</sup> to allow faculty to engage in professional development activities designed to help strengthen teaching practices and provide strategies that could be used immediately in classrooms. Multiple sessions were available to address our teachers' specific needs. Some of the choices were technology in the classroom, online curriculum for Math and Reading, building climate, and a group study of a book co-authored by former Southeast Delco administrator Mary Dunwoody.

At the end of the day, teachers were asked to fill out an “exit slip” so that administration could assess what was gained from the sessions. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive. The day was ended with a responsive classroom exercise that involved teachers passing a ball to a staff member and saying something positive about them. Every teacher participated and it was such an uplifting way to wrap up a great day of learning.

### ***Loretta Woodson Award for Excellence***

Harris School secretary, Mrs. Doranne Nattress, was presented with the Loretta Woodson Award for Excellence by the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees at a luncheon held at Granite Farms Estates. The award is given each year to a teacher and support staff member in recognition of their exemplary contributions to their school and district.

Mrs. Nattress has worked in the district since 1989 and has been the secretary at Harris for eight years. The work she does on a daily basis is invaluable to both students and staff. She makes sure that the building is running smoothly on a daily basis, and always seems one step ahead of everyone else.



The award was well-deserved and the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees did a wonderful job of honoring Mrs. Nattress.

### ***Upcoming Harris School Events***

#### ***June***

06/03	Walk-a-thon – 9:30 AM
06/09	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic – Ridley State Park
06/10	Harris School Field Day
06/11	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Dance
06/12	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Moving Up Ceremony
06/13	Report Cards Issued
06/13	Last Day of School for Students

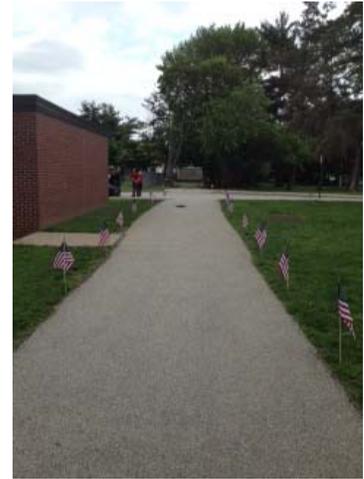
## ***Sharon Hill School***

### ***Rededication of Wahl Walk***

A Memorial Day assembly was held for students in grades 6 and 7 on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at which *Wahl Walk* was rededicated. Wahl Walk was named to honor Philip Raymond Wahl, a Sharon Hill resident that was killed at the age of 20 in the line of duty during the Vietnam War.

Philip Raymond Wahl attended Sharon Hill Elementary before going on to Sharon Hill High, where he was an All-Delco football player, wrestler, and track and field athlete, as well as class officer and student council member in the Class of 1965.

After his death, a number of Wahl’s friends and teammates asked the borough of Sharon Hill to dedicate in his memory a small street that ran behind the schools on the property where Sharon Hill High stood. The area became known as “Wahl Walk.” As a result of an expansion project at Sharon Hill Elementary, a part of Wahl Walk disappeared. Friday’s assembly was held in the part of the building that once was a part of the walk.



Members of the US Marine Corps, U.S. Navy, State Representative Maria Donatucci, representatives from State Senator Anthony Hardy Williams’ office, the Mayor of Sharon Hill, and members of Sharon Hill Borough Council attended the assembly to honor Mr. Wahl and rededicate the walk.



### ***Upcoming Sharon Hill School Events***

#### ***June***

- 06/03 Home and School Meeting
- 06/06 Dorney Park – Grades 6 – 8
- 06/06 Field Day / Fun Day – Grades 1 – 5 – 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- 06/09 Awards Ceremony – Grades 1 & 2 – 9:00 AM
- 06/09 Awards Ceremony – Grades 5 & 6 – 2:00 PM
- 06/09 8<sup>th</sup> Grade BBQ – 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- 06/10 Awards Ceremony – Grades 3 & 4 – 9:00 AM
- 06/10 Awards Ceremony – Grade 7 – 2:00 PM
- 06/11 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony – 11:45AM – 2:30 PM
- 06/12 School-wide Moving Up Day
- 06/13 Report Cards Issued
- 06/13 Last Day of School for Students

## ***Kindergarten Center***

### ***Kindergarten Field Day***

Students at the Kindergarten Center participated in the annual Kindergarten Field Day on May 30<sup>th</sup>. This exciting event is designed to allow the children to work together in a variety of special activities. Children are encouraged to cooperate and learn to work in teams. Students in each classroom wear a shirt in their own special color that identifies that class. It is a great day of physical exercise and fun for our students!



### ***Kindergarten End-of-Year Celebrations***

Kindergarten end-of-year celebrations will be conducted on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup>. Celebrations are scheduled by classroom groups to allow for adequate seating and parking for families. The children will entertain celebration attendees with songs and poems, highlighting their wonderful year and demonstrating their readiness for first grade. Each child will receive a diploma for completing a successful year of Kindergarten!

### ***Upcoming Kindergarten Center Events***

#### ***June***

06/09	End-of-Year Celebration
06/10	End-of-Year Celebration
06/11	End-of-Year Celebration
06/12	End-of-Year Celebration
06/13	Report Cards Issued
06/13	Last Day of School for Students

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