



# Southeast Delco School District

## *Knighly News*

Collingdale ★ Darby Township ★ Folcroft ★ Sharon Hill  
Communities

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### ***District Teacher Appointed to the Philadelphia Zoo Teacher Advisory Council***

Enrichment teacher, Ms. Colleen DiMaggio, has been selected to be part of the Philadelphia Zoo Teacher Advisory Council. Chosen from a highly competitive pool of applicants, Ms. DiMaggio will serve for the 2013 – 2015 term.

Her responsibilities will include assisting with the development of the Zoo's new 21<sup>st</sup> century educational programs and serving as an ambassador by disseminating information about the Zoo to colleagues and sharing teacher feedback with the council. Ms. DiMaggio will also have the opportunity to work with Zoo educators and be an integral part of the Philadelphia Zoo Conservation Education program.

Ms. DiMaggio is just one of the district's many excellent teachers who serve not only our students but the community as well. Congratulations go out to Ms. DiMaggio. We commend her commitment to her profession and her desire to enhance the education of all children.

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

#### ***Is It A Mystery?***

Academy Park's fall play is on the horizon and students are working very hard and practicing each day for the time when they will step "front and center".

This year's rendition of a classic should be exciting and filled with minor twists, making it somewhat different from the typical renditions you may have seen in the past.

The cast of characters is amazing, ranging from students who are mainstays to the program to newcomers to the theatre genre.



As the leaves fall from the trees and ears are bitten by the late autumn frost, we will look to see you in the audience to support our students as they shine.....and in case you did not notice, we didn't share the name of the play. We didn't forget. You'll just have to come out and see!

## Upcoming Academy Park High School Events

### November

11/09	Rising Scholars Meeting – 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
11/12	Picture Retake Day
11/23	Rising Scholars Meeting – 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
<b>11/28 – 11/29</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Holiday – No School for Students or Staff</b>

### December

12/04	College Shirt Day
<b>12/04</b>	<b>Early Dismissal- 11:00 AM</b>
12/06	Progress Notices Issued
12/07	Rising Scholars Meeting – 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
12/12	HiQ Match – 10:30 AM
12/18	APHS Winter Concert – 7:00 PM
<b>12/23 – 12/31</b>	<b>Winter Break – No School for Students or Staff</b>

## Darby Township School

### Red Ribbon Week Activities

One of the main activities at Darby Township School in the month of October is Red Ribbon Week, which is a week-long campaign to increase awareness among the student population on the dangers of drug use. Red Ribbon Week is a nation-wide campaign that encourages students to lead a drug-free life.

To celebrate Darby Township students and staff marked each week day between October 21<sup>st</sup> and October 25<sup>th</sup> with a special theme:



- ★ Monday – **Don't Ruin Your Genes** – Students wore a red shirt and jeans.
- ★ Tuesday – **Put Down Drugs** – Dress down day for students.
- ★ Wednesday – **Don't Sweat Drugs** – Students wore sweat pants and shirts.
- ★ Thursday – **Drug Free Yesterday & Tomorrow** – Students dressed in retro apparel.
- ★ Friday – **Don't Get Tied Up In Drugs** – Students wore ties & bow-ties.

There were also two assemblies for middle school students; *Cruizin Not Boozin* and *Heads Up*. Both programs were geared to reinforce lessons about the dangers of drug use.

### New Playground at DTS

Students and staff at Darby Township School are very happy to see the installation of new playground equipment. Soon, elementary school students will be able to enjoy the fresh air and exercise while they enhance their cooperative learning skills by participating in games and activities on the playground.



## **Upcoming Darby Township School Events**

### **November**

**11/28 – 11/29**      **Thanksgiving Holiday – No School for Students or Staff**

### **December**

**12/04**              **Early Dismissal- 12:45 AM**

**12/06**              Progress Notices Issued

**12/11**              Darby Township School Winter Concert – 7:00 PM

**12/23 – 12/31**      **Winter Break – No School for Students or Staff**

## **Delcroft School**

### **Red Ribbon Week Celebrations**

Delcroft School kicked off Red Ribbon Week with every student and staff member creating a red ribbon that pledges their commitment to live a healthy, drug-free life. These ribbon pledges are proudly displayed in the cafeteria for all to see.

The week-long celebration included a variety of activities for students and staff and each day of the week had a unique theme.

- ★ Monday was **Red Ribbon Day**. Students wore red shirts with their uniform pants.
- ★ Tuesday was **Say Peace Out to Drugs!** Students wore tie dye or peace sign shirts with their uniform pants.
- ★ Wednesday was **Switch Gears and Pick a Career**. Students wore an outfit that represented a career of their choice.
- ★ Thursday was **Drugs are Ridiculous!** Students created and wore their most ridiculous outfit such as a silly shirt, an ugly tie, and crazy socks.
- ★ Friday was **I'm a Jean-ius! I'm Drug-Free!** Students wore jeans with a college or university shirts.

Each grade level created a hallway display focusing on making healthy life choices. Hallway contests were judged by Dr. Butz and Mr. Ryan. Students in all grades were randomly selected for Red Ribbon Week drawings every afternoon. The winners of the drawings received Red Ribbon Week items that included water bottles, bracelets,

book bags, pencils, and notebooks. Students also submitted drawings for the Holcombe Behavioral Health Calendar Contest. Every student and staff member received a red bracelet symbolizing Delcrott School's Red Ribbon Week pledge.



Several outside organizations presented programs promoting a healthy, safe, and drug free lifestyle. Students in grades 7 and 8 attended *Cruzin Not Boozin*, presented by Bryn Mawr Rehabilitation Hospital. The program provides students with real life lessons from those who have been affected by drinking and driving.

Holcombe Behavioral Health presented lessons to students in grades 4, 5, and 6 and Delaware County's Highway Traffic Safety Project – *Street Smarts* – presented an assembly addressing pedestrian safety to students in grades 1 through 3.

Many thanks go out to the Delcrott Student Assistance Program team for coordinating all of the Red Ribbon Week activities.

### **Upcoming Delcrott School Events**

#### **November**

**11/28 – 11/29**      **Thanksgiving Holiday – No School for Students or Staff**

#### **December**

**12/04**              **Early Dismissal- 12:45 AM**

12/05              Delcrott School Winter Concert – 7:pm

12/06              Progress Notices Issued

**12/23 – 12/31**      **Winter Break – No School for Students or Staff**

## **Harris School**

### **Fire Prevention Month Assembly**

The month of October is a busy one at Harris School with multiple events taking place. The month begins with the annual Fire Prevention Week assembly. Both of Collingdale's volunteer Fire Company's put on an excellent demonstration on fire safety for students in grades 1 - 5. The students look forward to the assembly every year, and are never disappointed.

The visiting firemen and firewomen demonstrated techniques and equipment used to fight fires. The highlight of the assembly was when the fire fighters, dressed in their full firefighting suits and equipment, crawled around the

gym demonstrating to the students how they get below the smoke in a fire. They also gave the students an opportunity to touch and examine the equipment they use. The assembly was fun and educational, providing the students with valuable safety tips and techniques they can use if they are ever caught in a fire.



### ***Red Ribbon Week at Harris School***

Harris School joined with many schools across the country to celebrate Red Ribbon Week. Students and staff celebrated by adopting a special theme for each day of the week. Monday's theme was ***Say Peace Out to Drugs*** and students wore red clothing to school. Tuesday was ***Sock it to Drugs*** day and students donned crazy socks. Wednesday's theme was ***I'm too Bright for Drugs*** and students were allowed to wear a neon or bright shirt. Thursday was ***Team up Against Drugs*** day and students styled their favorite team jerseys. ***Put Down Drugs*** was Friday's theme and students enjoyed dressing-down for the day.

### ***Words on Parade***

Harris School held its Annual Word Parade on October 26<sup>th</sup>. The Word Parade offers students an opportunity to be creative with their vocabulary words. The students are given a list of curriculum vocabulary words from which they can choose one they would like to dress up as.



Students in grades 1 - 3 and our multiple disability room paraded around the inside of the building with an audience of older students, teachers, and staff members. The students then made their way outside the building where parents, families, and friends were waiting to cheer them on. The students followed a short parade route that took them around the block and back into the school. The event is truly a school-wide celebration that supports our efforts to build an even stronger sense of community at Harris School.

### ***Canned Food Drive***

Harris students and staff kicked off their annual canned food drive on October 28<sup>th</sup> and will continue collecting non-perishable food until the Thanksgiving break. All food collected will be donated to needy families in the community.

## Upcoming Harris School Events

### November

11/28 – 11/29 **Thanksgiving Holiday – No School for Students or Staff**

### December

12/04 **Early Dismissal- 12:45 AM**

12/06 Progress Notices Issued

12/12 Harris School Winter Concert – 7:00 PM

12/23 – 12/31 **Winter Break – No School for Students or Staff**

## Sharon Hill School

### Sharon Hill School Celebrates Red Ribbon Week

During the last week of October many schools nationwide celebrate Red Ribbon Week. As part of the celebration, schools focus on activities and lessons that are implemented to influence students to make healthy life choices and prevent drug use. Various activities are planned, including presentations that encourage making good choices and warn of the dangers of drug use.



As part of Sharon Hill School's celebration, students held panel discussions and took an anti-drug use pledge. The festivities also included daily themes such as, **Team up Against Drugs**, in which students wore team jerseys and **Put a Lid on Drugs** where students donned wacky hats.

### Sharon Hill Student Government

Sharon Hill's student government has helped to start the school year on a positive note. Students interested in being a part of student government campaigned during the month of September for the building-wide elections that were held in October.

So far, the newly elected student government members have participated in Back to School Night and Red Ribbon Week. They have also raised a total of \$400 that will go towards the school and its activities. On November 13<sup>th</sup>

they are sponsoring a Sharon Hill Night at Wendy's where you may just see Mrs. Ali-Hawkins serving fries and drinks to the customers!

### **Summer Reading Ice Cream Social**

Every summer we encourage all Southeast Delco students to keep their brains active by flexing their reading muscles and completing a summer reading assignment. Students that complete their summer reading assignment are rewarded with an ice cream social. This year we had a total of 105 students in grades 1 - 3 attend our ice cream social.

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

#### **November**

- 11/12 Minding Your Mind – 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students – 2:15 PM
- 11/12 Home & School Association Meeting – 6:00 PM
- 11/13 Wendy's Family Night – 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- 11/21 – 11/27 Scholastic Book Fair – 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- 11/25 – 11/27 Parent / Teacher Conferences
- 11/28 – 11/29 Thanksgiving Holiday – No School for Students or Staff**

#### **December**

- 12/04 Early Dismissal- 12:45 AM**
- 12/06 Progress Notices Issued
- 12/10 Home & School Association Meeting – 6:00 PM
- 12/17 Sharon Hill School Winter Concert – 6:30 PM
- 12/18 Sharon Hill School Winter Assembly – 9:00 AM
- 12/23 – 12/31 Winter Break – No School for Students or Staff**

## **Kindergarten Center**

### **It is a Wonderful Place to Be!**

Our district Kindergarteners are continuing to learn and grow each day at the Kindergarten Center. They are adjusting very well to their new environment and are making new friends along the way. All of them are learning to respect each other, demonstrate kind acts, and use nice words throughout the day.



### ***Students Visit Highland Orchards***

Students at the Kindergarten Center enjoyed their first field trip to Highland Orchards in West Chester. Students picked apples, made apple cider in a barn, and went on a hayride around the farm. Students also made their own class scarecrows, which they brought back to school. Everyone had a great time on their first class adventure!

### ***Fire Prevention Month Celebration***

Kindergarten students attended a fire safety assembly with “Fire Fighter Andrew” in honor of Fire Prevention Month. Students learned about a fire fighter’s gear and important fire safety procedures they can use in their homes and at school. Each student received a fire prevention training certificate. We appreciated Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Hunger’s husband Andrew’s visit and are grateful to him for providing our students with such important fire safety information.

### ***Hopscotch Comes to the Kindergarten Center***

Harris art teacher, Mrs. Kristine Hall, donated her time to decorate the Kindergarten Center playground by painting a variety of games and educational items, including Hopscotch, Four Square, and the alphabet. The students were delighted and will benefit through increased physical activity and the development of gross motor skills. Thank you to Mrs. Hall for all your hard work!

### ***Red Ribbon Week***

During the week of October 28<sup>th</sup>, the Kindergarten Center celebrated Red Ribbon Week. The school counselor visited each of the classrooms and discussed healthy choices with the children. Students were also given a “Drug Free” sticker and wore red in honor of the event.

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

#### ***November***

***11/28 – 11/29 Thanksgiving Holiday – No School for Students or Staff***

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