



Southeast Delco School District

Knighly News

*Collingdale ★ Darby Township ★ Folcroft ★ Sharon Hill
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Southeast Delco Achieves Adequate Yearly Progress

The district is proud to announce that it has made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for the second straight year. This puts Southeast Delco School District in the category of “made AYP” for the 2010-2011 school year. This is the first time we have made AYP as a district two years in a row.

AYP is used to determine the achievement levels of schools in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Each school is tasked with reaching a proficiency target set by the state. This past school year, schools needed to reach 72% proficiency in Reading and 67% in Mathematics. Schools who do not reach those proficiency levels can make AYP by showing significant growth.

The district is also proud to announce that Academy Park High School has made AYP for the first time ever. The students and staff of Academy Park worked hard to improve their Reading and Mathematics scores from the previous year. Not only did Academy Park students reach overall proficiency in Reading and Mathematics, but each eligible subgroup made gains as well. This includes an increase in the overall graduation rate at Academy Park.

Darby Township made AYP for the 2010-2011 school year. Under the first year leadership of both Dr. Jordan the principal and Mrs. Mosakowski the assistant principal Darby Township demonstrated an increase in Reading scores and a significant increase in the scores in Mathematics. Darby Township has now made AYP in two of the last three years. All subgroups reached AYP standards.

Delcroft continues to make AYP, with the 2010-2011 school year being the fourth year in a row. Delcroft will be recognized by the Pennsylvania Department of Education with a Keystone award, which celebrates a school making AYP for two consecutive years. This will be Delcroft’s third Keystone Award in the last four years. Congratulations to Delcroft for their continued success.

Harris has also made AYP for the 2010-2011 school year. Harris continues to have the highest scores in the district in Reading and Mathematics. The staff and students are to be congratulated for their efforts.

Sharon Hill has made AYP in two of the last three years, earning a Keystone award last year. For the 2010-2011 school year, Sharon Hill missed making AYP by one student, in one subgroup. The school and the district are working in partnership to address concerns and help Sharon Hill achieve more Keystone awards in the near future.

If you see any Southeast Delco parents, staff, or students please do not hesitate to congratulate them on their hard work and wish them continued success!

Academy Park High School Renovations

Guiding Vision

Our vision for Academy Park is driven by our goal to graduate all students ready for college and ready to compete in the 21st Century workforce. Academy Park is committed to educational excellence for all our students. We will provide a safe environment that fosters a sense of belonging and shared responsibility for the success of all our students.

History of Building

The existing Academy Park High School is approximately 160,000 square feet with the oldest segment of the school built prior to 1900 as part of the Holy Child Academy of Sharon Hill. This oldest section is the existing auxiliary gym. The most recent additions took place about 30 years ago prior to the opening of Academy Park High School in the early 1980's. Significant changes are needed in the building's electrical, plumbing, heating / ventilation, and fire suppression systems to meet current district needs and safety codes. Many of the renovations will allow Southeast Delco School District to better meet the educational needs of our students through the use of current/future technology and more energy efficient lighting, windows, and heating systems.



Academy Park High School Gymnasium Renovation

Renovation Funding

The Academy Park renovation project has an estimated cost of \$32,000,000. The district has been awarded \$30,958,000 in Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB) and Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB). These bonds have an effective interest rate of under 0.5% and a maximum maturity of 18 years. The district is estimating that less than \$23,000,000 of this amount will need to be paid by local funds after the district receives the state and federal reimbursements through these bond programs. These programs will save the district at least \$7,958,000 in financing costs as compared to a traditional municipal bond. The needed funds for the Academy Park Renovation Project have been included in the current 2011-2012 budget. Little additional budget impact is anticipated due to the receipt of the federal and state bond reimbursement funds.

Status of Renovations

The renovation project started in June 2011 and is expected to be completed by September 2013. The following areas were renovated over the summer: library, main gymnasium, bathrooms nearest the cafeteria, and bathrooms nearest the auditorium. Over the next 8 months, the majority of the work will be on three new additions which are designed to replace the 9 modular classrooms and provide 8 new classroom / office areas to better accommodate our existing programs.

Cyber Learning Comes to Southeast Delco

In an effort to increase programming and reduce costs, Southeast Delco School District is partnering with K12/Aventa to offer cyber programming to its district residents. There are currently a number of district residents who choose to enroll in cyber schools across the commonwealth. Southeast Delco believes that the district can offer a comparable, or possibly superior, product in the realm of cyber schools.

One of the benefits of participating in the Southeast Delco Cyber program is the ability to have a “blended learning” experience. Students can participate in some classes online, in credit recovery, first run course, or

advanced coursework settings. They can also participate in Academy Park courses, clubs, teams, and other extra-curricular activities. Another advantage of participating in the Southeast Delco Cyber program is students will receive a Southeast Delco diploma upon graduation. Students who graduate from cyber programs across the commonwealth do not receive diplomas from their home district.

If you are a district resident who currently has a student in a cyber school, please contact Jeffrey Ryan at the district offices for more information.

Employee Recognition

During the period of July 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011, Southeast Delco School District had twenty-five employees retire. Those twenty-five employees had a combined total of 629 years of service to the District. Eleven of the twenty-five employees had thirty-six years of service or more, and in fact, one employee had forty years of service. The Board of School Directors wants to thank each and every retiree for their service to the students of the Southeast Delco School District.

Academy Park High School	Position	Years
Mary Murphy	Attendance Secretary	30
Donna Pashko	French Teacher	20
Ellin Green	Special Education Teacher	36
Edward Lauginiger	Science Teacher	39
Christine O'Brien	Mathematics Teacher	38
Darby Township School		
Darla Glantz	Principal	2
Delcroft School		
Maryann Roath	Enrichment Teacher	18
Edward Bailey	Guidance Counselor	37
Constance Broderick	Literacy Coach	37
Joseph Hrubovcak	Music Teacher	38
Harris School		
Francine Szedlmayer	Art Teacher	36
Gail McCune	Second Grade Teacher	35
Robert Rudolph	Guidance Counselor	40
William Schultz	Fifth Grade Teacher	36
Kindergarten Center		
Kathleen Duffy	Title I Aide	7
Joanne Lloyd	Title I Aide	3
Catherine Hammer	Guidance Counselor	17
Sharon Hill School		
Madeline McCaughan	Breakfast Cashier	17
Linda D'Ambrosio	Second Grade Teacher	27
Educational Services Center		
Stephanie Hunter	Secretary	39
Dennis Martin	Director, Data / Technology	38
Mary Dunwoody	Director, Curriculum & SAS	12



Retiree Gail McCune, shared her feelings about how last season ended for the Phillies. Sadly, it's doubtful she feels any better this season.

Bus Depot

Illona Fields	Bus Driver	8
James McQuillar	Bus Driver	4
Paul Smith	Bus Driver	17

APHS Fosters Entrepreneurial Skills

Academy Park High School's National Honor Society (NHS) students have a lot IN STORE for their school mates, pun intended! These students are in the midst of planning for Academy Park's new school store. The store, which will be started, run, and maintained by NHS students, will sell school supplies, school oriented clothing, novelties, and a host of other things. It is scheduled to begin operation in early October. When visiting with students, Principal Dr. Small enjoyed watching the students dialogue about price points, customer willingness to purchase, and advertisement ideas. The students and staff can't wait to frequent the store. We invite the entire Southeast Delco community to come see what the Park has "in store". We also invite ideas for the school store name, although NHS students have some great ideas of their own!

Upcoming Academy Park High School Events**October**

October 10	<i>Professional Day – No School for Students</i>
October 11 – 14	Spirit Week
October 14	Pep Rally – 1:30 PM
October 14	Homecoming Game vs. Glen Mills – 7:00 PM
October 15	Saturday School Success Academy – 8:00 AM
October 17	Blood Drive – 7:30 AM
October 18 – 19	Benchmark Testing – Grade 11
October 18 – 20	Star Reading and Math Assessment – Grades 9 & 10
October 20	Ring Ceremony – Grade 11 – 7:00 PM
October 21	Student / Faculty Volleyball Game – 7:00 PM
October 25 – 26	PSSA Retest – Grade 12

November

<i>November 2</i>	<i>Early Dismissal – 11:00 AM</i>
November 4 – 5	Fall Play – <i>Almost Maine</i> – 7:00 PM
<i>November 8</i>	<i>Professional Day – No School for Students</i>
November 17	Dodge Ball – 6:00 PM
November 19	Saturday School Success Academy – 8:00 AM
November 21	Parent / Teacher Conferences – 6:00 PM
<i>November 24 & 25</i>	<i>Thanksgiving Recess – No School for Students and Staff</i>

Darby Township School**Success is Everywhere at DTS**

The teachers and support staff of Darby Township were excited to begin the 2011 - 2012 school year. Having made AYP, school administrators were encouraged by the strides the students were making and attributed much of their success to the excellence of the teachers that instruct them every single day. Their efforts to ensure a strong academic foundation for all Darby Township School students will continue this year with the following programs and practices:

- A structured instructional environment so every student receives the appropriate intervention in either Reading or Math or both through the Response to Intervention and instruction process. This research proven process allows us to identify and address academic and behavioral difficulties prior to student failure
- Data from on-going tests are used to determine the level of intervention needed for students
- The DTS curriculum is academically rigorous and aligned to the Pennsylvania State Standards, as well as to the Pennsylvania assessment anchors
- The DTS Positive Behavior System that is in place throughout the school sets the tone for expected student behavior and their ensuing consequences. Students are held to high standards academically and socially
- DTS has also adopted the “FISH” philosophy based on the book by Stephen Lundin, and as an offshoot of this remarkable work DTS has devised the REEL DEAL

FISH Philosophy: “REEL DEAL”

R = Respect for all

E = Everyday safety first

E = Everyday make wise choices

L = Love Learning

The REEL DEAL allows us to recognize and celebrate outstanding staff members and students.

- DTS has a new Home and School Association that is working hand-in-hand with DTS administration and staff to plan events that will bring the community together at DTS

Upcoming Darby Township School Events

October

Reading Champions Month

- October 10 Professional Day – No School for Students*
- October 17 Home & School Meeting – 7:00 PM*
- October 18 Math Benchmark Assessments – Grades 3 – 8*
- October 19 Reading Benchmark Assessments – Grades 3 – 8*
- October 28 Citizen of the Month Assembly*

November

American Education Month

- November 2 Professional Day – ½ Day for Students – Early Dismissal – 12:45 PM*
- November 4 End of 1st Marking Period*
- November 8 Professional Day – No School for Students*
- November 10 Picture Retake Day – 1:00-2:00 PM*
- November 21 Home & School Meeting – 7:00 PM*
- November 21 - 23 Parent / Teacher Conferences – Early Dismissal – 12:45 PM*
- November 21 - 23 Book Fair (Open to Parents to Buy Books in the Library)*
- November 24 - 25 Thanksgiving Recess – No School for Students and Staff*

Delcroft School

Delcroft Students are . . . Respectful, Responsible, and Ready to Learn!

Students and staff were excited to return to Delcroft School for the 2011- 2012 school year and delighted to have their largest turn-out for their annual Meet and Greet and Back-to-School Night. Delcroft's new Assistant Principal, Ms. Lynnette Harris-Scott was welcomed to the Delcroft Family this school year. Students and staff continue to celebrate the achievement of obtaining Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) status and as they celebrate, work continues toward increasing student achievement and developing life- long learners.

Students in grades one through three celebrated the completion of their summer reading with an ice cream social. All students at Delcroft School participated in the September Rewards Activity and various activities were planned to reward students for their positive behavior in the school environment. Students in grades one through five participated in the first Awards Assembly, highlighting the skill of the month for September (Respect), as well as individual classroom's student of the month. Students who received awards along with their parents enjoyed a celebration breakfast following the Awards Assembly.

Throughout the month of October, Delcroft students and staff look forward to celebrating Fire Prevention Week. The Delcroft Fire Company will provide students with important information regarding fire safety during an assembly. Students will also have the opportunity to learn about the various equipment firefighters use to ensure the safety of our community. Students and staff will be celebrating National Red Ribbon Week October 24th through October 28th. Red Ribbon Week is a national campaign to promote living a healthy and drug free lifestyle. This week will include presentations from a variety of community organizations, contests, raffles, and student activities.

Many Delcroft students are participating in the middle school sports program. We look forward to cheering the teams on towards victory. As the school year progresses we look forward to many more activities and celebrations at Delcroft School.

Upcoming Delcroft School Events

October

October 10	<i>Professional Education Day – No School for Students</i>
October 18	<i>Reading Benchmark Assessments – Grades 3 – 8</i>
October 19	<i>Red Ribbon Week</i>
October 24 - 28	<i>“Team Up Against Drugs” Assembly – Grades 7 – 8</i>
October 24	<i>“Switch Gears, Choose a Career”</i>
October 25	<i>“I’m a Jean-ius” Day</i>
October 26	<i>“Drugs are Ridiculous”</i>
October 27	<i>“Red Shirt Day”</i>
October 28	<i>“Red Shirt Day”</i>

November

November 2	<i>Professional Day – ½ Day for Students – Early Dismissal – 12:45 PM</i>
November 4	<i>End of 1st Marking Period</i>
November 8	<i>Professional Day – No School for Students</i>
November 9	<i>Delcroft Science Fair</i>
November 11	<i>Awards Assembly – Grades 1 – 5</i>
November 11	<i>Home and School Vendor Night – 7:00 PM</i>
November 21 – 23	<i>Parent – Teacher Conferences</i>
November 24 - 25	<i>Thanksgiving Recess – No School for Students and Staff</i>

Harris School

Growing Trees and Success

Here we are in October and already the beginning of the year seems so far away, but it was just a month or so ago that Harris opened its doors to begin the 2011-2012 school year. The year started on a high note with the knowledge that all of our hard work and effort last year paid off with Harris earning made Adequate Yearly Progress status. Students, parents, teachers, and staff should all be congratulated for the true community effort that helped Harris earn AYP for 2011.

Prior to opening the doors for the first day of school, Harris held its annual “Meet and Greet” and “Sneak a Peek” for parents and students to get a chance to meet their new teachers and catch up with their friends. The “Sneak a Peek” is a chance for parents and students going into first grade to tour the building and meet their teachers to help ease any fears of coming to first grade. During both events Harris’s Home and School held a raffle for book bags full of school supplies. Both events were well attended and a positive way to begin the school year.

Overall, the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year at Harris went very well. Teachers and students are hard at work with a renewed desire to achieve AYP. Interventions are in place for all grade levels in Reading. In addition to the focus on AYP scores, Harris is refocusing its efforts on school climate and positive student behavior. The tree planting last spring was just the beginning of many more positive events that will take place between Harris and the Collingdale community. There is a strong community of students, parents, and staff and all involved need to ensure that they stay in touch and focused on not only the academic, but the social and emotional needs of our students.

Upcoming Harris School Events

October

October 10	<i>Professional Education Day – No School for Students</i>
October 12	Picture Day – Wear Uniforms
October 13	Fire prevention Assembly – Grades 1 – 5
October 18	Math Benchmark Assessments – Grades 3 – 8
October 19	Reading Benchmark Assessments – Grades 3 – 8
October 24 – 28	Red Ribbon Week – Theme of the Week: “ I Have Better Things To Do With My Time”
October 24	Red Ribbon Week Kick Off – Students wear red
October 25	Stay in the Game – “ Be Drug Free” – Students wear sports jerseys
October 26	Harris Bear Day – “These Paws Don’t Touch Drugs” Students wear sweat pants and Harris shirts
October 27	“Turn Our Back on Drugs” Students wear clothing backwards
October 28	“Let’s Put Drugs Down” Student wear blue jeans
October 28	Annual Harris “Word Parade” – 10:00 AM

November

November 2	<i>Professional Day – ½ Day for Students – Early Dismissal – 12:45 PM</i>
November 4	End of 1 st Marking Period
November 8	<i>Professional Day – No School for Students</i>
November 15	Harris Science Fair
November 16	REACH Training – Grade 5
November 17	REACH Training – Grade 2
November 17 - 23	Fall Book Fair
November 18	Picture Retake Day
November 22	Annual Harris “Turkey Bowl” Football Game – Staff vs. 8 th Grade Students
November 30	District Science Fair at Harris School

Sharon Hill School

Positive Behavior Initiative

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) promotes strategies intended to change the focus of our school's disciplinary actions toward positive reinforcement of expected student behaviors at Sharon Hill School. In addition to traditional consequences for inappropriate behaviors, positive behavior will be rewarded. Much like academic growth, social growth must be defined, modeled, practiced, monitored, and acknowledged. We have many students that need to be recognized for their behaviors. Implementing a PBIS program creates a uniform system for behavior management. It also helps us to focus on changing negative behaviors. Students gain increased motivation for positive behavior and a firm understanding of school-wide expectations. As PBIS is implemented every staff member is united together to promote positive change and it shows our community that we are committed to reinforcing positive behavior and fostering academic success.

How PBIS will be implemented at Sharon Hill:

- Students will recite the daily pledge
- Caught being good weekly drawing
- Owl Bucks
- Monthly Character Traits
- Owl Hoot's will be distributed to recognize consistent and recurring positive behavior

How this will help our students:

- Students will be motivated to earn stars through a rewards-based system
- Learn and practice the behaviors outlined in the Owl's Hoot
- Strive for a more positive and enjoyable learning environment
- Develop appreciation when others in their learning community practice the behaviors outlined in the Owl's Salute

Monthly Character Themes

- September - Citizenship
- October - Respect
- November - Responsibility
- December - Trustworthiness
- January - Forgiveness
- February - Honesty
- March - Perseverance
- April - Conflict Resolution
- May - Fairness
- June - Caring

Upcoming Sharon Hill School Events

October

October 10	Professional Education Day – No School for Students
October 18	Math Benchmark Assessments – Grades 3 – 8
October 19	Reading Benchmark Assessments – Grades 3 – 8
October 24 - 28	Red Ribbon Week
October 28	Fall Positive Behavior Social

November

November 2	Professional Day – ½ Day for Students – Early Dismissal – 12:45 PM
November 4	End of 1 st Marking Period
November 8	Professional Day – No School for Students
November 17 - 23	Scholastic Book Fair
November 21 - 23	Parent – Teacher Conferences
November 24 & 25	Thanksgiving Recess – No School for Students and Staff
November 29	Marking Period I Awards Ceremony – Grades 1 - 4
November 30	Marking Period I Awards Ceremony – Grades 5 - 8

Kindergarten Center

Kindergarten Center Literacy Open House

The Kindergarten Center will hold a Literacy Open House on Tuesday, October 11, 2011. Parents are invited to come out and see what happens in Reading and Writing workshops at the Kindergarten Center! On October 11th we will open classrooms for parents to visit *Kidwriting* and Reading Workshop. Specific times for workshops will be included in the classroom invitations. Reading and Writing Workshops are fun yet essential instructional times when children have an opportunity to practice using what they have learned to be readers and writers. Information sessions will be offered before and after the workshop times so parents can drop in and learn about our teaching methods and strategies for helping their child at home. Information sessions will be held in the Kindergarten Center library

Kindergarten Center Parent Council

All Kindergarten Center parents are encouraged to be active members of the Kindergarten Center Parent Council. Parent Council meetings are planned to offer parents information they will need to help their child have a successful experience in Kindergarten and beyond.

The first Parent Council meeting will be Tuesday, October 12th at 6:30 PM, and will include a *Kidwriting* demonstration. Parents are encouraged to bring their child to the demonstration and to participate in the meeting, which will provide information about how to *Kidwrite* with children at home.



Kindergarten students perform for family, staff, and classmates.

Be a Kidwriting Volunteer!

The Kindergarten Center needs volunteers during *Kidwriting* times each day! Please contact us if you would like to volunteer one morning a week in a classroom or two. Trainings will be offered on the following dates for volunteers who would like to help out:

- Tuesday, October 18th at 2:00 PM
- Thursday, October 20th at 9:30AM

Upcoming Kindergarten Center Events

October

October 10	Professional Education Day – No School for Students
October 11	Literacy Open House Parent Council – Kid Writing – 6:30 PM
October 26	Field Trip to Highland Orchards
October 27	Field Trip to Highland Orchards
October 28	Harvest Festival

November

November 7 Safe Touch Presentation
November 8 *Professional Day – No School for Students*
November 10 Picture Retakes – 9:30 AM
November 11 Safe Touch Presentation
November 11 Progress Notices Issued
November 23 Thanksgiving Feast
November 24 & 25 Thanksgiving Recess – No School for Students and Staff

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