



# Southeast Delco School District

## *Knightly News*

Collingdale ★ Darby Township ★ Folcroft ★ Sharon Hill  
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### ***Academy Park High School***

#### ***Go Knights!***

If you happen to be in Collingdale, Darby Township, Folcroft, or Sharon Hill on a Friday night in the fall and notice there are few people on the streets and the community is looking a little like a ghost town, you may need to look no further than Academy Park High School to find the answer to, "Where is everybody?" Many community members are trekking to Knight Park to cheer on the proud football team of the Southeast Delco School District, the Knights of Academy Park.



Just look towards the school and you can see the lights, hear the crowd, and feel the anticipation on game nights. Akin to the movie and TV show, Friday Night Lights is beginning to become the mantra of more than just Texas football.

Teachers, students, alumni, and community members all join in on the fun. The crowd serves as the "12<sup>th</sup> man" working in tandem with the team to cheer them on. When the opposing team has the ball, crowd members keep the noise level high in an attempt to distract the opposing team and cause mayhem. Thus far it has been working.

The team, who has been performing well on the gridiron, has gotten off this year to a great start to the season, winning its first two games. Last year, the team went deep into the playoffs, but was unfortunately knocked off by its cross town rival.

As this season progresses, make your way to Knight Park. Join with the students, staff, and your neighbors to cheer on the Knights!

## Upcoming Academy Park High School Events

### October

10/02	<b>APHS Early Dismissal – 11:00 AM</b>
10/03	Back to School Night – 6:00 PM
10/04	Progress Notices Issued
10/04	College Shirt Day
10/08	Blood Drive – 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
10/10	APHS Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – 5:30 PM
10/12	Rising Scholars Meeting – 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
<b>10/14</b>	<b>Teacher In-service – No School for Students</b>
10/26	Rising Scholars Meeting – 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

### November

11/01	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Marking Period
11/01	College Shirt Day
<b>11/05</b>	<b>Teacher In-service – No School for Students</b>
11/9	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 &amp; 11/29</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Holiday – No School for Students or Staff</b>

## Darby Township School

### DTS Welcomes the New School Year

Darby Township School hosted an Open House on Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> to welcome parents and students back to school for the 2013 / 2014 school year. All DTS teachers gathered in the school gym by grade level and met with parents and several students that are new to the district. The opening of the school year was smooth and full of promise.

Darby Township School kicked off its Claire's Gourmet Food fundraiser on September 4<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds from the fundraiser will go towards improving the building.



## **Fresh Air and Sunshine**

Thanks to the on-going efforts of Patti Poole and Cathy Preston, the inner courtyard at DTS is becoming an inviting place where teachers can take their students for reading time in the fresh air and sunshine.

## **Patriotic Pride**

During the summer, several institutions were contacted to ask for American flags to display in DTS classrooms. Ms. Nancy Taylor, Regent of the Lansdowne Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter donated 40 flags to DTS.



## **Upcoming Darby Township School Events**

### **October**

- 10/02** *DTS Early Dismissal – 12:45 PM*
- 10/04** Progress Notices Issued
- 10/14** *Teacher In-service – No School for Students*

### **November**

- 11/01** End of 1<sup>st</sup> Marking Period
- 11/05** *Teacher In-service – No School for Students*
- 11/28 & 11/29** *Thanksgiving Holiday – No School for Students or Staff*

## **Delcroft School**

### **Back to School Celebrations**

Delcroft started the school year with its annual *Meet and Greet*, which provided students and parents an opportunity to meet their new teachers. Delcroft also held its Back to School Night on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Many parents attended to learn about this year's curriculum and upcoming events. Several sessions were held for parents to receive information regarding their child's classroom. Two lucky families won baskets overflowing with school supplies



### **Summer Reading Rewards**

Students in grades 1 - 4 who completed the summer reading packet were rewarded with an ice cream and book party, while students in grade 5 – 8 received a dress down day coupon. Many Delcroft students were recognized for completing all of their summer reading activities, which fosters continued academic success.

## ***Guest Readers Welcome***

Delcroft classrooms continue to welcome family guest readers in grades 1 – 5. We are moving into the second year of encouraging guest readers in our classrooms. Parents, grandparents, and other family members are invited to volunteer their time to visit their child’s classroom and read a book with the entire class. Students are always excited to have family members participate in classroom activities.

## ***Students Contribute to Folcroft Time Capsule***

Every student at Delcroft School contributed memorabilia they created with their class for the Folcroft Time Capsule, which was buried on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Classes created special poems, drawings, crafts, collages, or messages. Many students attended the event held at the Folcroft Library to see the time capsule being buried. Many thanks to Folcroft Borough for inviting Delcroft School to participate.

## ***Upcoming Delcroft School Events***

### ***October***

10/01	Picture Day
10/02	Skill of the Month Award Assembly – Grades 1 – 5 – 9:00 AM
<b>10/02</b>	<b><i>Delcroft School Early Dismissal – 12:45 PM</i></b>
10/04	Progress Notices Issued
10/04	Jeans Day
10/09	Fire Safety Assembly – Grades 1 - 5
<b>10/14</b>	<b><i>Teacher In-service – No School for Students</i></b>
10/18	Jeans Day

### ***November***

11/01	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Marking Period
<b>11/05</b>	<b><i>Teacher In-service – No School for Students</i></b>
<b>11/28 &amp; 11/29</b>	<b><i>Thanksgiving Holiday – No School for Students or Staff</i></b>

## ***Harris School***

### ***A New School Year Begins***

Harris opened its doors to students for the start of the 2013 / 2014 school year expecting the usual angst from 1<sup>st</sup> grade students and their parents. To ease the transition from kindergarten and the carefree days of summer to the rigors of the school year Harris School Principal, Mr. Shawn McDougal, went to the 1<sup>st</sup> grade area to welcome the new students and reassure their parents that their chicks would be fine once they got into their classrooms, settled down, and started the day.



Mr. McDougal shared that, “In the past, on the first day I usually spend time assisting the parents and teachers with students who have no interest at all in leaving their homes and coming to school. However, this year a funny thing happened, not one crying student in the whole bunch. Instead, I had the pleasure of welcoming one of the nicest and happiest group of 1<sup>st</sup> graders, who, believe it or not, will make up the class of 2026. If the 1<sup>st</sup> grade is any indication of how well the school year will go, then we are in for a great year. “

## ***Dinner Is Served***

Although Harris School has always has a good turnout for their Back to School Night, over the summer break the Harris leadership team considered ways they could increase their attendance. In the past, one big session was held in the gym where the principal would provide general school information before sending parents to their child's classroom to meet with teachers. This year, it was decided to host a dinner meeting and call the event a "Back to School Night Dinner with Mr. McDougall and Mrs. Alford".



As always, the staff at Harris stepped up in a big way. In addition to teachers, support staff members, Mrs. Ruane, Mr. Boylan, and Mrs. Frederico helped to make the dinner a success. Staff welcomed families, assisted with cooking and serving the food, and cleaned up after the festivities. Two sessions were offered so that as many parents as possible could be accommodated. The night was a total success, with more parents attending than ever before. Teachers estimated that they had a 20% increase in the number of parents that attended from past years.

The event was all the staff hoped it would be and it was decided to continue the new format in the future.

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

### ***October***

<b>10/02</b>	<b><i>Harris School Early Dismissal – 12:45 PM</i></b>
10/04	Progress Notices Issued
10/09	Picture Day
10/10	Fire Prevention Assembly – 10:00 AM
<b>10/14</b>	<b><i>Teacher In-service – No School for Students</i></b>
<b>10/26</b>	<b><i>Apple Bee's Pancake Breakfast - 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM</i></b>
10/28	Red Ribbon Week

### ***November***

11/01	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Marking Period
<b>11/05</b>	<b><i>Teacher In-service – No School for Students</i></b>
<b>11/28 &amp; 11/29</b>	<b><i>Thanksgiving Holiday – No School for Students or Staff</i></b>

## ***Sharon Hill School***

### ***Welcome Back!***

Summer has come and gone and the staff and students of Sharon Hill School are back into the swing of things! Staff was excited to meet their new first graders and students during the first days of school and all of the

students were excited to meet their teachers and to jump start a new school year that will be packed with lots of fun and much success.

Sharon Hill's first Positive Behavior Incentive and Support (PBIS) tickets were selected and winners collected cool prizes, including Owl Bucks, yearbooks, and ice cream certificates.

Our goals for this year are to provide a safe and positive school climate, to improve student achievement through implementing engaging instruction, and to be a school that focuses on the social and academic growth of our students. We plan to accomplish these goals by effectively and consistently implementing a school-wide positive behavior incentive program, responsive classrooms, effective interventions for all students, and professional development for staff.

We look forward to a wonderful and successful school year!



### **Crush Bullying Campaign**

On September 18<sup>th</sup>, Sharon Hill students had the privilege of meeting Mr. Jim Tracey and his monster *Cool Bus* "Higher Education". Their visit was part of our Project Peace campaign and continued efforts to educate students about the effects of bullying and to reduce the number of bullying incidents that occur each year. In addition to learning about the monster bus, students were able to ask questions about Mr. Tracey's experiences with bullying and strategies to resolve conflict.



## **Upcoming Sharon Hill School Events**

### **October**

<b>10/02</b>	<b>Sharon Hill School Early Dismissal – 12:45 PM</b>
10/04	Progress Notices Issued
10/08	Home & School Association Meeting – 6:00 PM
<b>10/14</b>	<b>Teacher In-service – No School for Students</b>
10/21 - 25	Red Ribbon Week
10/21	<i>The Big Bad Bullysauros</i> Presentation – Walnut Street Theater – Grades 3 – 5
10/21	<i>Minding Your Mind</i> Presentation – Grade 8 – 9:15 AM
10/23	<i>Cruizin Not Boozin</i> Presentation – Grades 7 & 8 – 2:15 PM
10/31	Word Parade

### **November**

11/01	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Marking Period
11/01	Winter Positive Behavior Incentive & Support Social (PBIS)
<b>11/05</b>	<b>Teacher In-service – No School for Students</b>
<b>11/28 &amp; 11/29</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Holiday – No School for Students or Staff</b>
11/12	Home & School Association Meeting – 6:00 PM
11/21 – 27	Scholastic Book Fair – 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM
11/25	Parent / Teacher Conferences

## **Kindergarten Center**

### **The School Year Kicks Off at the Kindergarten Center!**

The start of the 2013 / 2014 school year at the Kindergarten Center began with an open house on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Parents and students were introduced to the Kindergarten Center's new principal, Mrs. Colleen Burke, and attended an informational seminar about school procedures. Students were also able to "sneak a peek" at their classrooms and meet their new teachers.

Over two hundred parents attended the Back to School Night at the Kindergarten Center on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Parents were provided information on a variety of curriculum items that students will be implementing throughout the year. The Journeys Reading and Go Math programs, as well as the Responsive Classroom were discussed. Homework tips were offered and school policies were reviewed by Mrs. Burke. The night concluded in the students' classrooms with teachers giving presentations on classroom rules, curriculum, and expectations for the upcoming school year.



The kindergarteners are continuing to learn and grow each day at the Kindergarten Center. They are adjusting very well to their new environment and making new friends along the way. Everyone is looking forward to the first class trip to Highland Orchards during the week of October 20<sup>th</sup>. The children can't wait for this new adventure!

### ***Bus Safety Presentation***

Students attended an assembly on school bus safety presented by The Segal Puppet Theatre & Co. The students sang songs and participated in an interactive puppet show. Each student was presented with a "Bertram Bear's Cool School Bus Safety Award" at the end of the day. Everyone was entertained while learning important bus safety tips!

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

#### ***October***

**10/02**                      ***Kindergarten Center Early Dismissal – 12:45 PM***

10/04                      Progress Notices Issued

**10/14**                      ***Teacher In-service – No School for Students***

#### ***November***

11/01                      End of 1<sup>st</sup> Marking Period

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

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