Southeast Delco School District

Board & Community Update

**PAsmart Initiative**

The district is partnering with Delaware County Intermediate Unit to expand computer science principles to the students of Southeast Delco through a new grant opportunity.

The PAsmart Initiative aims to bring “Computer Science, or CS, for All” through resources for students and professional development sessions for teachers and administrators.

The district has been awarded $35,000 to look at implementing coding models, such as Code.org or Apple’s Swift, for its elementary students. It is also looking at introducing a programming course such as AP Computer Science at the high school level. We will be sure to keep you updated as the grant opportunity progresses.

**Pennsylvania Alternate System of Assessment (PASA)**

Southeast Delco School District has begun administering the Pennsylvania Alternate System of Assessment (PASA) testing. This statewide alternate assessment is designed for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities who are unable to participate meaningfully in the Pennsylvania State Assessment System, even with accommodations. By administering the PASA to students with severe disabilities, schools achieve compliance with federal laws and the Pennsylvania School Code that require all students participate in the statewide accountability system.

The PASA is a series of individually administered tests given by a certified assessor who knows the student well. The administration of the assessment can be adapted so that all students may participate and receive a score. The PASA is designed to provide information of a student’s typical performance on a small sample of academic skills.

All teachers utilizing PASA with students have completed test administrator training. The PASA testing window extends from February 25th through April 12th. Student score reports will be mailed by August 19th.

**PA System of School Assessment (PSSA)**

Southeast Delco is also gearing up for the upcoming PSSA testing in April. Students in grades 3 through 8 will soon be participating in state testing in the areas of English / Language Arts and Mathematics. Students in grades 4 and 8 will also participate in Science testing. Testing commences when the students return from spring break in mid-April.
Soon after PSSA testing is completed, the high school will begin their Keystone testing in Literature, Biology and Algebra starting in May. Students in 8th grade who are enrolled in Algebra will also take the Keystone exam in that subject area. Parents will receive information from their child’s school in reference to the upcoming state assessments.

Students’ Bloom at the Philadelphia Flower Show

Congratulations to all of the students who displayed their award winning orchids at the 2019 Philadelphia Flower Show!

Brianna Ha (Grade 9)  
Cheyenne Phillips (Grade 11)  
Kramoh Mansalay (Grade 11)  
Deborah Abiola (Grade 12)  
Jeremer McLeish (Grade 12)

2019 / 2020 Tentative Budget Timeframe

January 24, 2019  Adopted Resolution to Not Exceed Index
February 21, 2019  Committee of the Whole – Budget Work Session
March 21, 2019  Committee of the Whole – Budget Work Session
April 11, 2019  Committee of the Whole – Budget Work Session
April 25, 2019  Board Meeting – Adopt Proposed Final Budget
May 16, 2019  Committee of the Whole – Budget Work Session
May 23, 2019  Board Meeting – Adopt Final Budget

Future Board Meetings

Board Business Meeting  Thursday, March 28, 2019  7:00 PM
Committee of the Whole  Thursday, April 11, 2019  6:00 PM
Board Business Meeting  Thursday, April 25, 2019  7:00 PM

School Events

- End of 3rd Marking Period – March 29th
- Grades K – 8 Parent Teacher Conferences – Wednesday, April 10th
- APHS Parent Teacher Conferences – Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>
- **Spring Break – Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> – No School for Students or Staff**
- APHS Junior Prom – Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> – Lazzaretto Ballroom
- **Early Dismissal – Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – APHS – 11 AM / Grades K – 8 – 12:45 PM**
- Progress Notices – Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>
- District Literacy Night – Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 - 7:30 PM – Sharon Hill School
- National Junior Honor Society – Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> – 6 PM – APHS
- **Teacher In-service – Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> – No School for Students**
- Senior Awards Night – Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> – 7 PM – APHS
- **Memorial Day Holiday – Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> – No School for Students or Staff**
- Senior Final Exams – Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> – APHS
- Spring Blood Drive – Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> – APHS
- APHS Senior Prom – Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> – Lincoln Financial Field
- APHS Graduation – Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> – Neumann University
- Underclassman Final Exams – Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> – APHS
- End of the 4<sup>th</sup> Marking Period – Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>
- Last Day of School for Students – Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>
- Report Cards – Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>
- Teacher In-service / Last Day – Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>

**Spring Concerts**

- APHS Spring Concert and Art Show – Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>
- Darby Township School Spring Concert – Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM
- Harris School Spring Concert – Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM
- Sharon Hill Spring Concert – Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> – 6:15 PM @APHS
- Delcroft School Spring Concert – Wednesday, May 29 – 6:00 PM