Back to School Days
Summer break has ended and students and staff have returned to the district to begin the 2018 / 2019 school year. Prior to welcoming students on August 29th, teachers and instructional aides attended two days of professional development.

Annual Back-To-School Luncheon
The First African Baptist Church celebrated the opening of the 2018 / 2019 school year and welcomed district staff at their annual Back to School Luncheon on Tuesday, August 28th. Many thanks go out to Reverend Dent and the congregation of the First African Baptist Church for their kindness and generosity. Southeast Delco is fortunate to have such a committed and caring community partner.

New Teacher Induction
The school year started early for teachers hired over the summer and new to the district. They attended two full days of induction on August 20th and 21st and were introduced to district administrators, as well as staff members who will be their mentors throughout the year.

The two days of induction were filled with important information that provided new teachers with valuable insights into the district and allowed them to meet the key people with whom they will interact.

The induction program is a year-long process and participants are required to complete four online modules on topics that are current and relevant to our district and to attend four after-school meetings with Dr. Mosakowski. The meetings will allow the new teachers to discuss their successes and challenges within a learning community of peers and to receive professional development on educational topics that are relevant to the students and families we serve.

Teacher Safety Workshop
District administrator, Pat Alford, joined with educators from across Delaware County to attend a free teacher safety seminar sponsored by Delaware County District Attorney Kate Copeland and PA State Senator Tom McGarrigle.

The two-day seminar - Protecting Those Who Protect Our Children – offered workshops on conflict management, self-defense, how to secure a classroom, and how to stop the bleeding for a gunshot victim. Educators received hands-on instruction in how to escape a choke hold and other ways to
disable an attacker. They also learned how to properly barricade a classroom door in the event of an active shooter in the building. Other seminars offered were Your Right to a Safe Workplace, What Self-Defense is From a Legal Perspective and Conflict Management: Initial Contact.

At the end of the training, the attendees were reminded that they are “first responders” not the police; but the training undoubtedly provided educators with more ways to protect themselves and their students.

**Biometric Screenings for Employees**

Southeast Delco School District again participated in an employee wellness program sponsored by the Delaware County Schools Healthcare Trust. The program’s mission is to educate and inspire members to take responsibility for their health by providing a diverse well-being program that meets a range of personal health needs and creates a culture that is focused on improving quality of life and a sense of community for all employees.

Maxim Healthcare administered biometric screenings to all interested Southeast Delco staff. This non-fasting screening included a lipid panel (total cholesterol, HDL, LDL / TC ratio, triglycerides), glucose, blood pressure, and body mass index (BMI). The district provided screenings at two different district locations – Academy Park High School and ESC.

**Don’t Get Bitten by the Flu Bug**

Once again, our local Rite Aid Pharmacy will deliver the flu vaccine to district staff. Flu shots will be administered on-site at all district schools and offices, including the bus depot. Staff members must register in advance to ensure that Rite Aid has the appropriate number of doses available.

**Back to School Nights**

All district schools will host Back to School Nights for staff, students and families in September. The dates and times are as follows:

- APHS – Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> – 6 – 7:30 PM
- Delcroft School – Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> – 6 – 7:30 PM
- Sharon Hill School – Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> – 6 – 7:30 PM
- Harris School – Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> – 6 – 7:30 PM
- Delco Academy – Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> – 6 – 7:30 PM
- Darby Township School – Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> – 6 – 7:30 PM
- Kindergarten Center – Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM

**Future Board Meetings**

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School Events

- **Labor Day Holiday – No School for Students or Staff – August 31st and September 3rd**
- Spirit Week Powder Puff Game – APHS Knight Field – October 3rd – 6 PM
- **Early Dismissal – October 3rd – APHS – 11 AM / Grades K – 8 – 12:45 PM**
- Progress Notices – October 5th
- APHS Homecoming Parade and Game – October 5th – APHS Knight Field
- **Teacher In-service – No School for Students – October 8th**
- 12th Grade Career / College Project Day – October 8th – APHS
- College and Career Fair – October 25th – 9 AM – 10:30 AM – APHS
- End of 1st Marking Period – November 2nd
- **Teacher In-service – No School for Students – November 6th**
- Faculty vs Students Volleyball Tournament – November 7th – 6 PM – APHS
- Parent / Teacher Evening Conferences – Grades 9 – 12 – November 15th
- **Early Dismissal – November 19th – 21st – Grades 1 – 8 – 12:45 PM**
- Parent / Teacher Conferences – Grades K – 8 – November 19th
- Parent / Teacher Evening Conferences – Grades K – 8 – November 20th
- **Thanksgiving Holiday – November 22nd & 23rd – No School for Students or Staff**
- **Early Dismissal – December 5th – APHS – 11 AM / Grades K – 8 – 12:45 PM**
- Progress Notices – December 6th
- **Winter Recess – December 24th – January 1st – No School for Students or Staff**