District Honor Band and Chorus Concert

March is "Music in Our Schools Month" and on Wednesday, March 7th, school and community members were given an opportunity to enjoy some of the district's musical talent. Select band and chorus students performed in a district-wide Honor Band and Choir Concert directed by teachers Kristina Cubbage, Rebecca King, and Lori Muller. Teacher Erin Sprague accompanied the choir on the piano. Performing students were represented from all four grades 1-8 buildings and the high school.

The 50-member band performed four pieces that included “Invincible” by Robert W. Smith, “Firestorm” by Rob Grice, “Londonderry Air” arranged by Brad Schoener, and “More Cowbell” by Mark Williams. The 30 member choir sang “The Lion King: The Broadway Musical” medley by Mark Brymer. The concert was well attended and enjoyed by all.

District Honor Band and Chorus

As part of a Music Education Outreach grant, the district is thankful to Sigma Alpha Iota Philanthropies Inc. for their financial support of the district’s music program. Through this grant the music department has purchased music, music stands, chairs, and folders for this concert and future performances.

Students and staff would like to extend a thank you to all those who support the music program at Southeast Delco.
**Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America**

Academy Park junior and Delaware County Technical School (DCTS) Culinary Arts student Dawud Cheatham, took home a gold medal at a recent Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) competition. FCCLA is a nonprofit national career and technical organization for young men and women pursuing an education in Family and Consumer Sciences. Involvement in FCCLA offers students the opportunity to expand their leadership potential and develop valuable life skills – planning, goal setting, problem solving, decision making, and interpersonal communication – needed in families, communities, and the workplace.

Dawud, along with two William Penn students, competed in the category of *Illustrated Talk*. Participants in this category are judged on an oral presentation that explores issues concerning family and consumer sciences and related occupations. Dawud and his team presented on “Childhood Obesity.”

Along with his gold medal, Dawud and his teammates have earned a spot on the national team and will compete this July in Orlando Florida. Congratulations Dawud, and good luck in this summer’s competition.

**Academy Park High School**

**Fostering Achievement**

Great news for future Academy Park graduating classes! Academy Park was informed of a scholarship trust established by the late Anne Burns, a community member who died in 2008. Ms. Burn’s estate will provide funds for students to attend a four year college or university and will contribute to their educational needs on a per year basis. While some of the details for eligibility are yet to be finalized; this is a wonderful opportunity for our students. The scholarship was offered last year for the first time and will be available this year to eligible seniors. We are grateful to have such a caring benefactor, whose generosity will help to enable the future success of our students.

**Upcoming Academy Park High School Events**

**April**

- **April 2 – 9**  
  *Spring Break - No School for Students and Staff*
- **April 17 – 19**  
  *PSSA Writing – Grade 11 – Early Dismissal 11:00 AM*
- **April 24 – 26**  
  *PSSA Science – Grade 11 – Early Dismissal 11:00 AM*
- **April 13**  
  *Report Cards - Marking Period 3*

**Darby Township School**

**RESPECT**

The month of March began with a series of assemblies at all grade levels offered by The RESPECT Program Education grant. The purpose of this program is to encourage and support teachers and educational communities in spreading the message of respect. It is offered to give schools the opportunity to implement educational activities that promote respect for people, property, and environment. Every Darby Township student received a folder containing the Respect Program Activity Book and a pencil case with an eraser, a ruler, and a pencil.
**Dr. Seuss Celebration**

Darby Township School celebrated Dr. Seuss’s birthday on March 2nd. In addition to invited guests reading Dr. Seuss books to different classrooms, there were several activities planned around Seussical stations – Hop on Pop, Jumping Jubilee, One Fish Two Fish, Marvin K. Mooney Will You Please Go Now!, Yertle The Turtle, The Foot Book, Dr. Seuss’s ABCs, The Butter Battle Book, Daisy-Head Mayzie, and The Cat in the Hat.

**PSSA Extravaganza**

Darby Township School students in grades 3 to 8 participated in the annual PSSAs. The kick off to this testing extravaganza was a pep rally on March 12th. Students and faculty competed against each other in a PSSA trivia and students took part in a dance-off competition. It was a fun event for students and teachers that got everyone in the mood to say that “We’re in it to win it”. To further motivate students, raffle tickets were distributed on every testing day to students who were on time and who demonstrated positive behavior. The tickets were then raffled for candy in each classroom and a $10 gift card in each grade level. Students who received a ticket will be able to participate in an upcoming dress down day.

**DTS Home and School Events**

The Darby Township School Home & School has been busy. They hosted a Zumba fundraiser on March 19th and on the 23rd, a Family Fun Luau Night and Scholastic Book Fair. Students participated in several fun activities, including hula hoop and limbo competitions. That same evening the DTS Student Council hosted a middle school dance that was chaperoned by no less than 20 teachers. Teachers and students enjoyed a night filled with fun and dance.

Upcoming events at Darby Township School include the Student of the Month and Citizen of the Month assemblies on March 30th and Home & School Bingo Night on April 13th.

**Upcoming Darby Township School Events**

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**Delcroft School**

**Students Reap Rewards for Effort**

Delcroft students worked extremely hard during PSSA testing. In an effort to keep student’s motivation, effort, and attendance high, students were able to earn up to three tickets per day to in a raffle for various prizes. An especially coveted prize was the role of “Principal for the Day”. Two students are selected each year for this popular reward, one from grades 3-5 and one from grades 6-8.

This year’s winning tickets belonged to Miss Madison Wheaton, a third grader in Ms. Batory’s class and Mr. Tyrone Carter, an eighth grade student in Ms. Smith’s class. On Friday, March 23rd, both Madison and Tyrone took over the position of Principal at Delcroft School. Both students made the morning and afternoon announcements, visited classrooms, supervised the cafeteria, met with various students, supervised arrival and dismissal, attended to student and staff concerns, and were treated to a special lunch. Tyrone and Madison did a wonderful job and took their duties seriously; they will grow to be outstanding citizens and leaders.

Many other students became teachers for the day; completing daily tasks in the classroom and presenting lessons to their classmates. All students participating in the Teacher or Principal for the Day activities dressed the part, wearing professional attire. The students did a great job and increased their understanding of what it takes to be an educator.

![Miss Madison Wheaton, 3rd Grade Principal for the Day](image)

![Superintendent Stephen Butz presents certificates to Delcroft’s Principal for the Day winners.](image)

![Mr. Tyrone Carter 8th Grade Principal for the Day](image)

**Delcroft Students and Staff Raise Money to Support Charity**

Delcroft students and staff collected $4,466.17 during their annual *Jump Rope* and *Hoops for Heart* charity event. Having raised $535, Alyssa Palumbo earned the title as top fundraiser and the opportunity to put a pie in Principal Stacey Ray’s face during the April Student of the Month Assembly on April 11th.
Upcoming Delcroft School Events

April
April 2 – 9  Spring Break - No School for Students and Staff
April 11 – 13  Parent Conferences Grades 1 – 8 – Early Dismissal 12:45 PM
April 11  Student of the Month Assembly – 9 AM
April 11 – 13  Report Cards – Marking Period 3
April 17 – 19  PSSA Writing – Grades 5 and 8
April 24 – 26  PSSA Science – Grades 4 and 8

Harris School

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss

On March 2nd, Harris held its annual “Read Across America Day” celebration in honor of Dr. Seuss’s birthday. The day began with the “Cat in the Hat” himself, along with 2nd graders Madison Myers and Sabree Alford reciting a reading pledge over the intercom. Following their reading, 1st graders from Mrs. Donnelly’s room, under the direction of Mrs. Maisano sang “The Tools of Good Readers” for the school. What a great way to kick off a day dedicated to the celebration of reading. The day continued with activities and events that were centered on the promotion and love of reading and how important reading is for the future of our students.

By far, the most exciting activity for Harris students is the arrival of celebrity readers in their classrooms. This year, students were fortunate to have many celebrity readers who were able to fit this event into their busy schedules. As well as district administrators, this year Harris School was lucky to have Mr. Phil Costa a truly “BIG” celebrity reader come to Harris to read for the students. Mr. Costa is the starting center for the NFL’s Dallas Cowboys and a good friend of Harris guidance counselor, Mr. Lorine. Even though Mr. Costa plays for our Eagles archrival the Dallas Cowboys, he was welcomed with open arms (he did grow up an Eagles fan so no one was too rough on him).

In addition to reading to a few classes, Mr. Costa stayed for most of the day and spent time talking to many of our students. He spoke about the amount of reading that he has to do to be prepared each week for the games. Phil stressed the importance of reading and staying focused in school because no matter what you want to do in your future you will need a good education to be successful.

Overall the day was a huge success with students and staff both enjoying the celebration of reading.

Harris Students and Staff Raise Money for Local Charities

During the month of February and into March, Harris participated in the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society’s fundraiser, Pennies for Patients. Boxes were provided to each classroom and students collected pennies and other change to donate for this great cause. The Harris School Student Council was responsible for organizing and
running the fundraiser. A friendly competition among the homerooms was created and the top fundraisers were: 1st place - Mr. Ruane’s class (2nd grade), 2nd place - Mrs. Cook’s class (2nd grade), 3rd place - Mrs. Kelly’s class (8th grade). Honorable mentions go out to Mrs. Kedra’s 2nd grade class and Mrs. DiChiacchio’s 4th grade class. Overall the students and staff at Harris raised $1,059.62, which was above their goal of $1,000.

The next good cause Harris Student Council will be taking up is Alex’s Lemonade Stand, which benefits children with cancer. Principal Shawn McDougall is confident that, as always, the students and staff will go beyond their goal.

**Upcoming Harris School Events**

April
- April 2 – 9: Spring Break - No School for Students and Staff
- April 11 – 13: Parent Conferences Grades 1 – 8 – Early Dismissal 12:45 PM
- April 11 – 13: Report Cards – Marking Period 3
- April 17 – 19: PSSA Writing – Grades 5 and 8
- April 24 – 26: PSSA Science – Grades 4 and 8

**Sharon Hill School**

**Read Across America**

Sharon Hill School celebrated Dr. Seuss’ birthday with their Annual Read Across America Day. Sharon Hill students were privileged to have guest readers from APHS, ESC, the Screen Actors Guild (SAG), the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (AFTRA), as well as the voice of Dora the Explorer!

![Sharon Hill students, staff, and special guests celebrate Dr. Seuss’ birthday during Read Across America Day](image)

**Supporting Worthy Causes**

So far, Sharon Hill students have collected a total of $950 for Pennies for Patients, which supports the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. In addition, Sharon Hill students are gearing up for the Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart charity events to raise money to support the National Heart Association.
Recognizing Achievement
During a recent awards assembly, Sharon Hill students were recognized for their second marking period achievements. Awards were presented for citizenship, attendance, effort, improvement, and academic achievement. Students were also recognized for their positive behavior by being invited to the PBIS social that was held on March 23rd.

Upcoming Sharon Hill School Events
April
April 2 – 9       Spring Break - No School for Students and Staff
April 11 – 13    Parent Conferences Grades 1 – 8 – Early Dismissal 12:45 PM
April 11 – 13    Report Cards – Marking Period 3
April 17 – 19    PSSA Writing – Grades 5 and 8
April 24 – 26    PSSA Science – Grades 4 and 8

Kindergarten Center
Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss
A week of reading activities marked Read Across America at the Kindergarten Center, including a week long author study of Dr. Seuss books and special activities. Classrooms decorated their doors as Dr. Seuss book covers, teachers read books by Dr. Seuss, and students participated in activities such as wearing mismatched clothing and making foods like green eggs and ham.

Guest readers were invited, including special guest Superintendent Stephen Butz. Parent and grandparent volunteers, along with school principal, Mrs. Susan Vaites dressed as the Cat in the Hat, read Dr. Seuss favorites to students.

Kindergarten students celebrate Dr. Seuss’ birthday during Read Across America Week
Parent Council Highlights “Everyday Math”
The Kindergarten Center Parent Council meeting on February 28th included a math night. Classroom teacher, Kathy McCloskey, demonstrated Everyday Math games for parents on a Smart Board and explained the skills practiced when games are assigned in the classroom. Parents then had a chance to play the games with their children. Each family received a packet of game materials to play at home.

Parent Council Night at the Kindergarten Center

Upcoming Kindergarten Center Events

April
April 2 – 9  Spring Break - No School for Students and Staff
April 10 – 13  Career Week
April 11  Progress Reports Issued
April 17  Parent Council – 1st Grade Transition – 6:30 PM
April 27  Arbor Day

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