APHS Scholar - Athletes Recognized

The National Field Hockey Coaches Association announced their selections for the Optimal Performance Associates High School National Academic Squad, which recognizes junior and senior varsity hockey players who have achieved a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better.

Five members of the Academy Park field hockey team, all seniors, were chosen for this honor. They are Veronica Bauman, Chantal Farmer, Dana Goodyear, Jade Armstrong, and Dakota Street.

Congratulations ladies and continued success!

And the Night Shall Be Filled With Music

Academy Park High School hosted the 6th Annual District Band Concert on March 9th in the Agnes Patterson Auditorium. The district band is comprised of 65 students in grades 5 through 12 and is directed by instrumental music teachers, Mrs. Kristina Cubbage and Ms. Rebecca King.

Students attend early practices before school on the first Friday of each month. The music chosen is especially challenging for students in grades 5 through 8 and they spend many hours practicing at home. Each high school band member is assigned a younger member to mentor throughout the practices.
This year's concert was excellent. After the playing of the National Anthem, the ensemble performed Declarata, Firestorm and March of the Aliens. The concert also included a high school flute soloist, Brittany King playing Dolls' Waltz. The concert finished with the overall favorite of the band, The Best of Queen. This piece had several selections, such as Another One Bites the Dust, We are the Champions and We Will Rock You.

All of the music selections were performed wonderfully and the students' hard work was evident in the amazing, cohesive sound created by the talented young performers.

Academy Park High School

Midnight March Madness Basketball

The Young Men and Women of Academy Park sponsored a basketball event for all high school students on March 11th. Students participated in several different competitions putting their basketball skills to the test. There was a live DJ, food, beverages, and a whole lot of fun.

Frosh Dance

The semi-formal Frosh Dance took place on March 4th. Under the lights of the masquerade ball, students danced the night away. A total of 160 students attended the dance. It was expressed that the Frosh Dance was the best dance that they had ever attended!

Alumni Basketball Game

It has become a tradition for the high school cheerleaders to host an annual alumni basketball game. On February 27th, the gym was filled with alumni and Academy Park families as the odd-numbered graduating classes took on the even-numbered graduating classes. The players were supported by alumni cheerleaders, who not only provided encouragement throughout the game, but also performed an amazing half-time routine.

At the end, the even-numbered team walked away with the win. The event was a tremendous success and a great time was had by all.

Darby Township School

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!

Darby Township School celebrated Read Across America during the 1st week of March. The grand finale of the festivities honoring Dr. Seuss' birthday was held on Friday. Every day of the 1st week of March was marked by a different theme:

- **Monday:** Students wore fun socks for Fox in Socks day
- **Tuesday:** Green shirts were donned for Green Eggs and Ham day
- **Wednesday:** No school for students
- **Thursday:** Hats were the chosen attire for Cat in the Hat day
- **Friday:** Students wore red and white shirts, bow ties, neck ties, and scarfs
Friday's activities included several guest readers who took time from their busy schedules to read to our students. Among them were State Representative Nick Micarelli, Deputy Chief of Police for Darby Township Brian Patterson, Officer Daniel Fynes, and the Sixers Dancers. Several administrators from the Education Service Center also joined in the fun. In the afternoon, Rocky Bluewinkle from the Wilmington Blue Rocks held an assembly for students in grades 1 through 3 to promote reading.

**Kick Butts Campaign**

DTS health teacher, Ms. Koskinas, took several students to the Media Courthouse where they were recognized by Delaware County Council for participating in an art competition as part of the Kick Butts campaign. Students used their artistic talents to illustrate better choices than tobacco. The four winners were Lana Sok, Malaysia Grundy, Trinity Okutoro, and Alexis Surplus.
Delcroft School

Read Across America at Delcroft School

On March 1st, Delcroft School celebrated Read Across America Day, in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday. Various activities took place across all grade levels to commemorate the occasion. The hallways of Delcroft School were decorated, highlighting the importance of reading, and all of the places reading can take you. This year's theme focused on the book *Oh the Places You'll Go* by Dr. Seuss. Students took part in cross-grade level buddy reading, where students in the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades read with students in grades 1, 2, 3 and 4. Each year this activity is enjoyed by both our older and younger students.

Students in 1st through 5th grade welcomed special guest readers from throughout the district and community. The students and staff of Delcroft School were extremely grateful, sending special thanks to Dr. Butz, Southeast Delco's Superintendent, Dr. Ryan, Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Marucci, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Ms. Brown-Flint, Director of Special Education, and Mr. Harry Young, Director of Facilities. Several members of the Folcroft community were also guest readers, including Folcroft's Mayor Bob Frey, Folcroft Police Sergeant William Bair, Juvenile Officer Dan White, and Mrs. Cindy Frey, Folcroft's crossing guard.
Some familiar Delcroft faces took time from their relaxing retirements to read to the students. Many thanks go out to Mr. Brian McDonough, Mrs. Harriet Stokes, and Dr. Monica Watson. The staff and students at Delcroft School are extremely grateful for the overwhelming support received from our local community and district level-staff.

**Skill of the Month Celebration**

Students in grades 1 through 4 attended the Delcroft Skill of the Month awards assembly. Students in each homeroom were recognized for displaying March’s skills of the month—caring, honesty, and kindness. Students who were recognized were rewarded with a celebratory breakfast with their family members in the Delcroft library. Students enjoyed sharing their accomplishments with their families.

**Harris School**

**Pennsylvania System School Assessment**

Along with all other district grades 1 through 8 schools, Harris School will participate in the annual state-wide Pennsylvania System School Assessment (PSSA) testing for students in grades 3 through 8. Testing will be held over a three week period with English Language Arts being administered during the first week on April 11th through April 15th. Math assessments will be held during the second week on April 18th through April 22nd, and during the third and final week, students in grades 4 and 8 will receive science assessments beginning April 27th.

It is extremely important that students remain energetic and focused during the rigorous testing process. Harris administrators and staff have developed several incentives to help keep students motivated, including appointments as principal, teacher, and secretary for the day, free yearbooks and snack table passes, and a day of celebration will be held.

This year, a new and unique incentive has been created by our 7th and 8th grade teachers. Most people have heard of "carb loading" for a big physical event, so we decided to host "PSSA Pasta Night" for the 7th and 8th graders to help prepare and motivate them. Judging from the number of permission slips already returned, the students are excited and the cafeteria will be full.

Organizing and managing the materials and schedules for PSSA is complex. The two people responsible for those tasks at Harris are guidance counselor, Mr. Anthony Lorine and instrumental music teacher, Ms. Rebecca King. Their work is invaluable and because of their efforts the testing is expected to run as smoothly as it typically does at Harris School.

**Sharon Hill School**

"Do You Like Green Eggs and Ham?"

Sharon Hill School and community celebrated Read Across America on March 1st. The students and staff had the pleasure of visiting guest readers from SAG / AFTRA members and ESC administrators. It was a great day promoting literacy to kids and adults!
Celebrating Black History Month
In honor of Black History Month, Sharon Hill School recognized the achievements of famous African Americans. Each day, students were given a Black History trivia question that was researched and created by the district’s gifted students.

Grade 6 students created Black History projects that are displayed throughout the building. Students in grade 5 conducted a Black History Fair in which all students were given the opportunity to learn about various famous African Americans and their contributions.

Kindergarten Center
Read Across America
The Kindergarten Center celebrated Read Across America week in honor of the March 2nd birthday of Dr. Seuss. A committee of teachers planned daily activities that focused on literature. The students especially enjoyed the book Pete the Cat. There were guest readers throughout the week and each of the classrooms decorated their door with theme inspired by a specific book.
Makin Music Performance
Two performers from the Makin Music Company came to entertain the students on March 11th. Students and staff danced and sang along with Miss Jennie and Miss Debbie. This yearly event is a staff favorite and every new kindergarten class enjoys this special assembly.

Pennies for Patients
The Kindergarten Center concluded their Pennies for Patients campaign. Students raised over $1,200 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The funds will go directly to the pediatric care of children. Teachers and students were very excited that they greatly exceeded their goal of $1,000. Ms. McAnulty’s class was the top collector with 156 pounds of pennies. The students were rewarded for their generosity with a pizza party!

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