Hard Work + Determination = Malcolm Bevans

Southeast Delco is proud and excited to announce that our very own 11th grader, Malcolm Bevans, has been selected to participate in the prestigious LEAD program at Wharton Business School.

The Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) program engages youth of diverse backgrounds in the world of business. Founded at Wharton in 1980, the LEAD program hosts 30 bright and accomplished students from across the nation on the University of Pennsylvania campus.

Malcolm will spend three weeks over the summer attending lectures by distinguished Wharton School faculty and visiting corporate executives, engaging in challenging team-based assignments and visiting corporations and institutions in Philadelphia, Washington, DC, and New York City. He will also participate in numerous social activities throughout the program, including concerts, cultural tours, a community service project, and team building programs.

Malcolm has had his sights set on Wharton since elementary school. His hard work and determination has culminated in this distinguished honor and extraordinary opportunity.

STOP THE PRESSES!!

Incredibly, Mr. Bevans has received a second offer to participate in a Wharton Business School summer program. Again, Malcolm earned one of only 60 spots and competed against 800 applicants nation-wide. His acceptance letter stated, “Your selection reflects the caliber of your accomplishments both in and out of the classroom.” Sadly, the programs run concurrently and Malcolm will have to decide which program to attend.

Congratulations, Malcolm! You are an inspiration to the students and staff of Southeast Delco.

APHS Robotics Team Brings Home 2nd Place Trophy

The Academy Park High School robotics team, Neptune's Knights, gave an outstanding performance at the 12th Annual Greater Philadelphia SeaPerch Challenge at Temple University on Saturday, March 18th. The team was awarded a 2nd place trophy. They worked diligently preparing for this challenge and received acknowledgement for their Team Spirit and Sportsmanship.
Throughout the project, students learned engineering concepts, problem-solving, teamwork, and technical applications. The program is designed to provide high school students with the materials and knowledge to construct a simple Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV). The students are then encouraged to build upon that basic knowledge to innovate and create unique ROV designs to meet specific mission scenarios.

In addition, Academy Park students, alongside six other schools, were selected to pilot the new SeaGlide Competition that took place the same day. The SeaGlide Program uses an Autonomous Unmanned Vehicle (AUV) as a platform to provide students with the opportunity to learn about basic electronics, circuit board soldering, and programming with Arduino Pro Mini micro controllers.

The students found this to be an overall rewarding experience. Malcolm Bevans, president of Neptune's Knights, shared, "It was nice to return and defend our reputation."

**The 7th Annual District Band Concert**

Academy Park High School hosted the 7th Annual District Band Concert on March 8th in the Agnes Patterson Auditorium. Comprised of 65 students in grades 6 through 12, the band is directed by instrumental music teachers, Mrs. Kristina Cubbage and Ms. Rebecca King.

A great deal of time and effort is required to perform at this level and students attended early practices before school on the first Friday of each month since October. The music chosen was especially challenging for students in grades 6 through 8, so high school band members were assigned a middle school student to mentor throughout the practices. These dedicated young students spent many hours practicing at home.

After the playing of the National Anthem conducted by senior Brittany King, the ensemble performed *Defender of Time, Celtic Air and Dance* and *What a Wonderful World*. The concert also included a high school flute duet and the high school jazz ensemble. The concert finished with the overall favorite of the band, *Fury*. All 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

Creative Writing Workshop at APHS

Diana Rodriguez Wallach, a young adult author from Philadelphia, conducted a creative writing workshop at Academy Park High School on March 23rd. Hosted by English teachers, Mrs. Sacrenty and Mrs. Kluza, students were selected to participate in the event based on the original creative writing pieces they submitted during a month-long writing contest. Every student who entered a poem, essay or short story was invited to attend the workshop.

While the contest was initially slated to award one winner, there were too many excellent pieces of writing to choose only one. It was decided that the student with the best poem and the student with the best short story would be chosen. Each winner received a $25 Visa gift card, an autographed copy of Diana's newest novel, *Proof of Lies*, and a certificate.

Eleventh grader, Stephen Reif, won the poem award for his submission entitled *What Kind of World It Would Be*. Lyric Smith, 12th grade, won for her short story *Our Illusion of Time*.

Diana spent more than an hour teaching the students how to create a short story using imagery, figurative language, and characterization. All the students involved actively participated and impressed Diana with their enthusiasm. After the workshop concluded, Diana initiated a question and answer session, giving students an opportunity to inquire about the writing and publishing processes. The workshop was an excellent opportunity to expose students to creative writing as a career, and we hope to have more author visits in the future.

To read the winning submissions, click [What Kind of World It Would Be](#) and [Our Illusion of Time](#).

APHS Senior Competes at PA State Wrestling & All Star Classic Tournaments

Academy Park senior Mohamed Kaba competed in the PA State Wrestling Tournament on March 9th. Mohamed wrestled extremely well but lost two tight matches. Each of the matches was tied going into the third period. "Big Mo" ended the season with a 33 and 9 record. He was a league champion, 2nd in districts, 4th in regionals, and only the 4th AP wrestler to make states.
Mohamed also represented Academy Park, as well as the state of Pennsylvania, in the Delaware vs. PA All Star Classic held at A I Dupont High School in Delaware on March 21\textsuperscript{st}. Mo pinned the Delaware state champ form Dover High School at the 4:32 mark of the 3\textsuperscript{rd} period, helping the PA team defeat Delaware 42 to 15. Mr. Kaba has made APHS and the district very proud!

Follow the link to read an article on Philly.com about Mohamed at the PA State Wrestling Tournament. http://www.philly.com/philly/sports/high_school/20170310_Academy_Park_s_Mohamad_Kaba_set_to_wrestle_at_states.html

**APHS Band Members Perform at Palestra**

On Saturday, March 4\textsuperscript{th}, seven Academy Park High School band members spent the day at the University of Pennsylvania rehearsing for a performance at the Penn vs. Harvard basketball game.

Around 60 students from across the Philadelphia area gathered at the Palestra and joined together to form an honor band that helped lead the Quakers to victory in front of 5,000 fans. The students learned a lot about music, leadership and college life from the Penn band members.

**Darby Township School**

**DTS Celebrates Read Across America Day**

Read Across America Day is a nationwide celebration of reading and Dr. Seuss’ birthday. Designed to recognize and promote the importance of reading, the students and staff at Darby Township School participated in several themed days related to Dr. Seuss books.
On March 3rd, Darby Township School invited visitors from the district and community to read to the students in their classrooms. Darby Township Chief of Police, Regina Price; Deputy Chief, Brian Patterson; State Representative, Nick Micarelli; Superintendent, Dr. Butz; Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Ryan; Director of Special Ed, Ms. Brown-Flint; and several retired teachers volunteered as guest readers.

**Dress Down Fundraiser**
To celebrate St. Patrick’s Day and welcome the lucky leprechaun, DTS students took advantage of a one dollar dress down day fundraiser on March 16th to wear their lucky green. The money collected – a total of $380 – went to Book It, which is a reading initiative that provides books to students.

**Delcroft School Reading Olympics**
On March 27th and 29th, students from Delcroft School joined with students from across the county to participate in the 2017 Delaware County Reading Olympics at Springton Lake Middle School in Media.

Delaware County Reading Olympics is a countywide reading event designed to encourage students to read for enjoyment and learn the value of teamwork. Students work as a team to select books from a prepared list and then read them over several months prior to the final event. During the competition, all teams participate in three rounds of questioning. At the conclusion of the event, all students receive a ribbon, determined by the number of points their team earned during the evening.

Delcroft students in grades 4 and 5 participated in the first night of the event and included Breindel Baidoo, Ray’onna Caldwell, Kayla Campbell-Harris, Aicha Coulibaly, Laila Jackson, Theresa Jappah, Kiona Lac, Abbaas Morrison, Makayla Peterson, Seyanni Lee-Rodriguez, Lindsay Tang, and Winetta Williams.

On the second night of competition, Delcroft middle school students who participated were Alexander Thomas, Pasquale DiCamillo, Taylor Franklin, Mas’ud Jamal, Kate Phanthavong, Danielle Lamptey, Sierra Coleman, Baiyinah Gough, and Maeva Kounga.
Maeva, Kathleen, Sierra, Kate, and Baiynah received special recognition for participating in every Reading Olympics program since they were in the 4th grade.

Reading interventionist, Maria Toner, and school librarian, Amanda Rogers, served as staff facilitators preparing students for the competition and escorting them to the event.

Great job to all of Delcroft's Reading Olympians!

**Box Tops for Education**

Delcroft wrapped up the third marking period Box Tops for Education collection contest. This marking period's 1st place winner was Mrs. McDonough's 3rd grade class with 552 box tops, in 2nd place was Ms. Kristman's 5th grade class with 303 box tops, and 3rd place went to Ms. Reagan's 4th grade class with 180 box tops.

**Harris School**

**NOPE Assembly at Harris School**

Harris middle school students attended a presentation by the Narcotics Overdose Prevention and Education Task Force (NOPE). Dedicated to reducing the number of overdose deaths through community education, family support and advocacy, the taskforce delivers a multimedia presentation that is deliberately blunt and hard-hitting. The true life stories of local students that lost their lives to drugs and alcohol are shared; exposing the sad reality and consequences of drug and alcohol abuse.

The program is a non-profit and is funded by grants and donations. To help the program reach more students Harris School held a jean day and raised almost $300 for the NOPE program. Thank you to Harris guidance counselor, Mr. Lorine, for scheduling the presentation.

**Reading Olympics**

Harris students in grades 4 and 5 participated in the countywide Reading Olympics at Springton Lake Middle School on April 27th. Participating students were given a list of books to read over the course of the school year and were tested on their knowledge of those books. According to the teachers present, their preparation paid off.

The students were well behaved and proudly represented Harris School and the Southeast Delco School District. A special thank you goes out to teachers, Kathie Amadeo-D’Amico and Toni Benson, for coaching and organizing the students throughout year. During the competition, Mrs. Amadeo-D’Amico served as a moderator, while Mrs. Benson accompanied the students throughout the competition. Listed below are the students that made up the Harris Reading Olympics team.

Makayla Ruley (4th)  Ethan Tran (5th)
Sharon Hill School
Read Across America

Sharon Hill School celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday by participating in Read Across America Day. Students across the country joined in this event, including thousands of schools, libraries and community centers.

The school hosted several volunteers who visited classrooms and read to students; an activity enjoyed by both students and staff. Students were also very excited by a visit to their classrooms by The Cat in the Hat, Thing 1 and Thing 2.

Middle School PBIS Incentive

By exhibiting the behaviors defined in the school's Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) policy, middle school students were able to qualify for the second behavior incentive trip on March 3rd. Eligible Sharon Hill School students visited the Rolling Thunder Skating Rink. The students had a great time skating and respectfully represented the school and community with their positive attitudes!


**Kindergarten Center**

**Read Across America**

During the week of February 27\textsuperscript{th}, the Kindergarten Center celebrated Read Across America Week in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2\textsuperscript{nd}. A committee of teachers planned daily activities that focused on literature. There were guest readers throughout the week - the students especially enjoyed *Pete the Cat!* by author James Dean - and each of the classrooms decorated their door with a specific book theme.

**Makin Music Performance**

Two performers from the Makin Music Company came to entertain the students on March 10\textsuperscript{th}. 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.

**Book Bingo**

On the evening of March 22\textsuperscript{nd}, the Kindergarten Center proudly hosted Family Book Bingo Night. Community families joined teachers and staff as we celebrated the love of literacy in our school. Each parent and child played several rounds of bingo to win new books and other prizes. Baked goods, snacks and drinks were available for family members to enjoy during the games.

At the close of the evening's festivities, each child went home with a brand new book to add to their home library.

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