Knights Win District 1 AAA Championship

Congratulations to the Academy Park football team and coaches for winning the District One Class AAA Championship. The team defeated Upper Moreland, 26 to 14. The Knights were trailing 14-6 at halftime. Making adjustments, they came out and did what they know how to do, WIN. The defense had a stellar second half and #4 Jawan Collins had two huge runs for a total of 110 yards and two TDs. Collins also lent a helping hand on defensive by snagging an interception. Other defensive standouts include Terrel Lee, Teddy Wright, Clarence Buchanan, Jeremy Dembry, Will McQueen, and Anthony Balogh. The team’s record is 13-0.

Cool Stat - This season the Knights have scored a total of 401 points and have only given up 82 points.

The Knights dominated their early opponents and battled through adversity over the past month to remain undefeated. The Knights achieved their third Del-Val Championship in 4 years and their second District Championship in 3 years. The graduating seniors will be leaving as the most decorated team in the history of the school. And the season isn’t over.

The Knights will face Imhotep Institute Charter School this week in the quarter finals of the PIAA Class AAA State Championship. The game will be played at Plymouth Whitemarsh High School on Friday, December 4th at 7:00 PM.
Advance sale tickets are $6.00 for adults and $3.00 for students and will be available in the athletic department office. See Mr. Vosheski or Mr. Hooven. Tickets at the gate will be $6.00 for both adults and students.

**Academy Park High School**

**My Guy Dance**
The Academy Park Class of 2016 was happy to host the first My Guy Dance for all grades K-5 little ladies and their special guy guests. The night started with a walk down the red carpet and a paparazzi pose for the cameras. The young ladies were beautifully dressed, often matching colors with their guy guests.

Over 125 students attended this event. The Academy Park Knight mascot stopped for a special guest appearance and a dance with the crowd. The dance floor was filled as the guests showed off their moves. A great time was had by all.

**Academy Park 2015 Fall Play - CRAZYTOWN**
Academy Park staged its annual fall play and invited district staff, students and community members to join their cast of crazy characters in the play Crazytown by Jonathan Rand. Under the direction of Dewey J. Oriente, Evan Nurse, and Tony Oriente, the play was a huge success and the audiences were extremely supportive.

In addition to the directorial team, two students in the cast also served as directors (Nadah Stephens ’15 and Mark Davies ’15). The development of characters was created and executed flawlessly by the cast of the show. What a tremendous community event of sharing, learning and bonding.
Southeast Delco Celebrates Homecoming

This year's Homecoming was a tremendous success. The festivities kicked off Friday night with the annual parade prior to the football game. Each building in the district participated by decorating a banner and walking with faculty, students and families around the high school over to and around the football field where they were seen by all spectators.

The Academy Park cheerleaders and mascot led the parade and cheered on the schools as they rounded the track at the end of the parade route. Students from several high school clubs and groups enthusiastically represented their organizations; Omega Eta Knights, Omega Phi Knights, Rising Scholars, Young Men and Women of Academy Park, Girls’ Tennis, Gaming Club, Excalibur Yearbook, and representatives from the Class of 2018.

The Knights then kicked off an action packed game against Glen Mills, ending in a 33-0 shutout, adding another win to their amazing season. During half time the Homecoming Court crowned the 2015 Homecoming King, Daquan Brant and Queen, Alayah Maloney.

This year the volleyball and field hockey teams both hosted alumni games as part of the celebration. The field hockey alumni played the following Saturday morning sporting jerseys adorned with the year they graduated from Academy Park. All participants raved about the event and are looking forward to more reunions in future years. Thank you to all schools for participating in the Homecoming festivities.

Alzheimer’s Walk

Several students from Academy Park volunteered their services to support the Walk to End Alzheimer’s in November. Students from the Interact Club, Omega Eta / Phi Knights and the Young Men and Women
of Academy Park worked and walked in the event to support the Alzheimer's Association. The mission of the association is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

This year, volunteers worked the snack stand, organizing and serving fruit, granola bars and water for all participants before and after the walk. This year's walk in Philadelphia raised over 1 million dollars for the Alzheimer's Association. Academy Park students and faculty are proud to support such a worthy cause.

The Mission
This year, Mr. Bogash invited The Mission to present to a group of Academy Park students. The Mission Project is a nonprofit agency working to support youth and adults, nationwide, through education, intense mentoring, community outreach, conflict resolution, and training to enhance decision making and long-term goal setting. Darren Laws, president of The Mission, accompanied by two guest speakers, presented a powerful message to the students of Academy Park. The group provided a realistic look at how the choices you make not only impact you, but the profound impact they have on your loved ones, family and friends.

Darby Township School

DTS Hosts District Math Night
Darby Township School hosted the Southeast Delco School District Math Night in November. Teachers from all district elementary schools organized games centered on mathematical concepts and skills. Students and families were offered dinner and invited to play the games and participate in raffles to win math-related board games.

Season of Giving
Darby Township School annually collects canned goods around this time of year to donate to local community groups. The DTS student council sponsored by Ms. Nicole Bourque and Mrs. Camile Jackson leads this initiative.

Every year a goal is set and if met, students are selected at random to put a pie in the face of a teacher or administrator. This year's goal of 2,500 cans was exceeded when over 3,000 cans were collected.

We are very grateful for the generosity of DTS staff and students and the dedication of the DTS student council.

Drug Awareness Assembly
To increase awareness regarding the harmful effects of drug and alcohol abuse, students in grades 7 and 8 attended a Narcotics Overdose Prevention & Education (NOPE) assembly. The speakers were personnel from the NOPE task force, parents with personal testimonies and a state trooper who serves as a first responder in cases of emergency. It was a very poignant assembly and was also offered to parents that evening.
Delcroft School

Delcroft Students and Staff Give Back to the Community

During the month of November the Delcroft safety patrol held Delcroft's annual canned food drive. Students were asked to bring in non-perishable items to donate to local food banks. Items collected were also utilized to create Thanksgiving baskets for families in need. Many Delcroft staff members generously donated turkeys to complete the baskets. The Delcroft Safety Patrol also held a contest to encourage students to donate.

The number of cans donated by each homeroom was calculated and the one with the most donated items won a special class prize. This year the students and staff of Delcroft School donated 952 non-perishable items in total. The homeroom contest winners included Mrs. Juisti's grade 1 homeroom with 91 items, Mrs. McDonough's grade 3 homeroom with 112 items and in first place, Mrs. DiDomizio's grade 4 class with 117 items.

Also this month, Delcroft's student council sponsored a collection for Impact Services, Inc. This program provides various services to United States military veterans. Items collected included toiletries, winter clothing, and everyday use items. In total, 11 baskets were created to donate to this extremely generous organization that assists those who have served this country and are now in need of assistance.

The SAP team in conjunction with the Junior National Honor Society sponsored a collection called Operation Gratitude. This program collected unwanted or left over candy from Halloween and donates the items to the troops serving overseas. This year, Delcroft School collected 75 pounds of candy to send to our troops.

Upcoming collections will include a hats, mittens, gloves, and scarf collection to ensure that children keep warm during the winter months. If you would like to make a donation, items will be accepted in the main office through Delcroft's student council during the month of December.
Harris School

The Turkey Bowl Returns

Not to be confused with the Super Bowl, Harris School once again held their semi-annual Turkey Bowl. The game is back after a two year hiatus and it is here to stay. The game pits a group of intrepid 8th graders against the always confident staff members of Harris School. The fans came out in droves to fill the sidelines and cheer on both the teachers and students, making this year's bowl the most attended one ever held at Harris School.

Staff members triumphed with an impressive 46-28 TURKEY BOWL VICTORY over the 8th graders! Congrats and awesome job to the winning "squad": Shawn McDougall, Charles Baxter, Alan Boylan, Danielle Vaccaro, Peggie Schommer, Rachael Kelly, Danny Ruane, Rob Alexander, Ulys Burton, Dave Everett, our "honorary" Harris staff members Dan Cook and Dan McHenry, and Harris alumni Jamar Dembry.

Very special thanks to physical education teacher Dave Shell for SO many things - our invasion of the gym, his patience and organization with the largest student team in the history of the bowl, the equipment / scoreboard / bleachers; our "cheerleaders" Dannielle Luciano, Deb Rickards, Eleni Xenidis, Christine Soper, Stephanie Ash, Chris Hall, Jen Donnelly, Chrissy Frederico, and Doranne Nattress; our concession-stand manager Cindy Silverthorn; and our fearless referee William Taylor.

Harris Season of Giving

For the 7th year in a row the staff at Harris got together for our "Harris Season of Giving" campaign to donate money and turkeys so our families in need could have a bountiful Thanksgiving. Non-perishable food items and turkeys were provided to 30 families. There are many good causes Harris students and staff support throughout the year, but around the holidays, the focus is on our students and families that could use a little help.

Thank you to the following staff who helped to collect, organize and distribute donations to the families: the 5th graders from Mr. Ruane's class, Tony Lorine, Jen Donnelly, Karen Cook, Stacie Lacava, Eleni Xenidis, Deb Rickards, Rachel Strunk, Rebecca King, Doranne Nattress, Elizabeth McCaffrey, Mrs. Frederico, Mrs. Maxson, Mrs. Kearns, and Shawn McDougall. The biggest thank you has to go to Mr. Ruane who has been the driving force for the Thanksgiving food drive since its start.
Sharon Hill School

What's the Word?

This year, Sharon Hill School held a Word Parade! In order to focus on and build vocabulary, students and staff used their creativity to illustrate the meaning of different words. Each grade level was given a theme and the students chose a word and dressed in a manner that depicted the word. We paraded around the community as parents and community members looked on. It was a very exciting and fun event!

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Rewarding Positive Behavior

Sharon Hill School is committed to building character and encouraging positive behavior in all our students. Positive behavior is encouraged through the Positive Behavior Incentives and Supports (PBIS) program. Each month a different positive character trait is focused on, such as responsibility, which is highlighted during Responsive Classroom. Students that are caught exhibiting that character trait are rewarded with a PBIS ticket and entered into our daily raffle where students are rewarded with prizes.

Students are also given Owl Bucks for positive behavior and effort and can be redeemed each Friday at the Owl Buck Store. Each marking period a PBIS event is held. Any student that has not received any disciplinary consequences is invited to attend. This year students in grades 1-5 had a PBIS field day held in November and our middle school students had their first social on November 13th.
Sharon Hill's Night Out at Chuck E Cheese
Sharon Hill School student council sponsored a night out at Chuck E Cheese. It was a night filled with fun, games, laughter, and of course, Chuck E.

Kindergarten Center
Kindergarten Students Celebrate Thanksgiving
The day before the actual holiday, students at the Kindergarten Center celebrated with a Thanksgiving feast. It is a tradition at the Kindergarten Center that all classes meet in the cafeteria to "reenact" the first Thanksgiving. The students dress up as pilgrims and Native Americans and each of the classes perform a Thanksgiving song or poem. After their performance the classes have Thanksgiving trail mix or Thanksgiving fruit salad. It is a wonderful activity enjoyed by everyone!

Raising Funds for a New Playground
This fall, the Kindergarten Center had their 3rd annual fund raiser with Claire's Gourmet. Several parents and teachers participated in this fund raiser by purchasing some delicious treats and goodies. The Kindergarten Center raised over $3,400 towards their playground fund. The Kindergarten Center will continue to hold fund raising activities throughout the year to support this important cause.
**Community Outreach**

One of the goals of the Kindergarten Center for the 2015 / 2016 school year is to organize various community outreach programs. The first endeavor was a canned food drive that ran from November 9-20. Students and teachers collected over 1,000 canned goods and non-perishable food items. The collection will be donated to a local food bank to support many of our Southeast Delco families. We greatly appreciate all the support to help families that are in need!

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