Knights Win District 1 AAAAA Championship

Congratulations to the Academy Park football team and coaches for winning the first ever, District One Class AAAAA Championship. The team defeated Springfield 24 to 18. Trailing 9 to 8 at halftime, the Knights made adjustments and came out in the second half and did what they know how to do, WIN.

The offense played extremely well, led by Taylor Moors at quarter back, running backs, Dazhon Miller and Teddy Wright, wide receiver Kareem Burton, and the offensive line led by Chris Thomas. The defense made big play after big play, with Amara Kenneth and Togba Porte leading the way. The team's record is 13 to 1.

The Knights dominated their early opponents and battled through adversity over the past month, with their only loss coming in week 9 to arch-nemesis, Interboro High School. The Knights achieved their third district championship in 4 years and the graduating seniors will be leaving as the most decorated team in the history of Academy Park High School.

Cool Stat: This season, the Knights have scored a total of 436 points and given up only 146 points. They rushed for over 3500 yards on the season and extended their at home winning streak to 22 games. The Knights haven't lost at home since week 9 of 2013.

Academy Park High School

Passion, Respect and Stepping Towards the Future

Accompanied by Principal Mr. Robinson, a group of Academy Park students attended the Delaware Valley Consortium for Excellence and Equity's 11th Annual High School Student Leadership Institute. District students have attended the conference for the past 5 years. This year, the students were able to meet the author of Tearing Down Mountains and Reaching the Summit of Success and CEO of CoolSpeak, Carlos Ojeda.

The students enjoyed the opportunity and participated in a session on finding your passion, respect, and stepping towards success.
Designs on Engineering

Members of the Tech Bridge program, along with seniors from the district alternative education program, accompanied teachers Chris Buckley, Ernest Patrick, and Lance Bogash to the Widener Engineering Mini-Camp for High School Seniors. The mini-camp focused on providing information to seniors on engineering specialties - biomedical, chemical, civil, electrical and mechanical.

Under the direction of Widener engineering professors, the students designed a bridge, explored computer modeling, participated in engineering labs, met with current engineering students and participated in the Great Engineering Challenge. Academy Park student Lauryn Hines participated on a team made up of students from various high schools and won first place in the competition.

Students also enjoyed the lunch experience at Widener's student cafeteria. It was a great day and our students proudly represented Academy Park and Southeast Delco!

Alzheimer's Walk

The students of Academy Park, once again participated in the annual Alzheimer's Walk. Students cheered on the walkers as they followed the route around Citizen's Bank Park. Some students were able to walk in memory or support of family members struggling with Alzheimer's. This is the 3rd year AP students have volunteered and supported this amazing fundraiser.
Darby Township School

Math Night
Darby Township School students and staff participated in the Southeast Delco Family Math Night on November 2nd. The event was hosted at Sharon Hill School and promoted math education among students and their families. Several DTS teachers held sessions that focused on learning math through various games.

Red Ribbon Week
To raise awareness of the negative effects of alcohol and drug use, DTS school counselor, Mrs. Jackson, planned a NOPE assembly for students in grades 7 and 8 on November 7th. The program was a continuation of a series of activities planned to recognize Red Ribbon Week.

Recognizing Personal Growth and Academic Achievement
The Citizen of the Month and Student of the Quarter assembly for students in grades 1-8 for the first marking period was held on November 11th. Teachers notified the parents of the nominated students but did not share the information with their class so the nominees could be surprised at the assembly.

The qualities exhibited by nominees for Citizen of the Month were Routines and Responsibilities for September and Safety and Anti-Bullying for October. For Student of the Quarter, students were selected based on their academic achievement.

To highlight the precepts of Safety and Anti-bullying month, DTS student council, under the leadership of Mrs. Jackson and Ms. Bourque, organized an anti-bullying poster contest. Several students participated and the posters were very telling and insightful. The winners were treated to a pizza party and a dress down day.

Community Involvement
As in years past, November is when Darby Township School holds its annual canned food drive. Led by student council, this year the students exceeded their goal to 2,500 non-perishable food items.

The promise of getting to see the principal, assistant principal and several teachers get a pie gently mushed in their faces proved to be an excellent motivator.

To raise funds for the school, the DTS Home & School Association hosted a Designer Bag Bingo at St. Joseph’s Church in Collingdale on November 12th. This was a fun event that gave DTS families an opportunity to socialize and win beautiful designer bags.
Delcroft School

Operation Gratitude

The National Junior Honor Society students at Delcroft School organized a candy drive to help create care packages to send to our troops. They asked their fellow students to bring in extra Halloween candy for this wonderful cause. The Delcroft staff and students contributed over 100 pounds of candy.

Once all of the candy was collected and weighed, the students boxed it up so that it could be shipped to Operation Gratitude in California. From there, volunteers created care packages that included the candy and other essential personal care items. The care packages were then sent to the troops who are separated from loved ones during the holidays.

Members of the Delcroft National Junior Honor Society are: Andrew Collins, Kayla Macauley, Kenneth Uduma, Allie Thomas, Katielyn Chappell, Anthony Icavone, Sierra Coleman, Kathleen Lac, Jordon McGowan and Maeva Kounga (not pictured with the group). A special shout out to the 7th grade students in room 312 for bringing in the most candy. They topped the school by contributing 14.4 pounds!
**Annual Canned Food Drive**

With the help of the safety patrol, Delcroft held its annual Canned Food Drive during the month of November. Students brought non-perishable food items to school and members of the safety patrol collected them from each class.

As always, a contest was held to determine which homeroom donated the most items. In all, Delcroft students and staff collected 721 canned goods during the food drive. This year, the homeroom with the most items donated was Miss. Reagan's 4th grade homeroom with 106 items. Second place went to Mrs. Ortiz's 5th grade homeroom with 82 items collected, and in third place was Ms. Dupiriak's 6th grade homeroom with 57 items collected.

The donated items were used to create Thanksgiving baskets for families in need within the Delcroft School community. Special thanks go out to the Delcroft safety patrol for organizing this event.

**Harris School**

**The Season of Giving**

The spirit of giving and community is alive and flourishing at Harris School. Each year, the Harris staff comes together to collect cans, nonperishable food items and turkeys to ensure that our families in need can celebrate the holiday with a complete Thanksgiving feast. This year, enough supplies were donated by teachers and staff to assemble 20 Thanksgiving baskets.

There are several good causes that staff and students support throughout the year, but during the holiday season the focus is on families in our community that can use a little help. By helping others, the staff and students demonstrate the values that are promoted on a daily basis at Harris School.

While collecting for Thanksgiving baskets, canned goods and non-perishable food items were also collected to donate to a local organization. The effort was led by Harris teachers Danielle Luciano, Danielle Vaccaro and Harris student council, and again, the items were donated to a local community organization, the First African Baptist Church. Through the efforts of the staff and students, Harris School donated 1,150 canned goods and non-perishable food items. Special recognition should be given to Ms. Aronovitch's, Mrs. Sapienza's and Ms. O'Keefe's classes for contributing over 120 food items.

Special recognition to the following students who helped setup and prepare the bags: Micaiah Malachi-Anderson, Nylah Clack-Nelson, Saffiatu Janga, Symya Mitchell, Collette Hayes-Williams, Drequan Jackson, and Mohammed Sanoe.

**Touchdown**

The day before the Thanksgiving holiday, Harris School hosted its 6th annual Turkey Bowl, a flag football game with the Harris staff taking on the 8th graders who were daring enough to take the challenge. The game is a school and community favorite and a great way to kick off the holiday season. As usual, the contest generated a lot of interest and the gym was filled with spectators eager to see our gridiron warriors put on a display that would be admired by the most ardent of football fans.
In the end, as predicted by odds makers in Collingdale, the teacher / staff team pulled out a squeaker to win 35-12 and maintain their perfect record.

A HUGE thank you goes out to all Harris students and staff that helped make both these events possible.

**Sharon Hill School**

**All Aboard**

Students at Sharon Hill School are encouraged to be productive citizens both in school and in the community. To help students develop and grow the character traits they need to be successful, Sharon Hill School adopted the Six Pillars of Character. Students practice these characteristics in their interactions with teachers and peers throughout the school year.
**Math Night**
Sharon Hill School hosted Southeast Delco's 3rd annual Family Math Night on Wednesday, November 2nd. District families were treated to dinner and participated in math games and activities designed for students in kindergarten through 8th grade. Math Night reinforces the value of family interaction in the learning process and the importance of collaboration between home and school in the development of students' math skills.

**Rewarding Positive Behavior**
Sharon Hill School is committed to building character and encouraging positive behavior in all of our students. The school provides a structure to achieve these goals through their PBIS (Positive Behavior Incentives and Supports) program.

Each month, students that are recognized for exhibiting positive behavior receive a reward. This month's reward was a field trip to Arnold's Funplex, where the students had an amazing time and proudly represented the Sharon Hill community.

**Kindergarten Center**

*The First Thanksgiving*
Kindergarten students celebrated the holiday with a Thanksgiving feast on November 23rd. It is a tradition at the Kindergarten Center that classes come together 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!

**Playground Fundraiser**
The Kindergarten Center held their 4th annual Cherrydale Products fund raiser. Several parents and teachers participated by purchasing various treats and gift wrap. The Kindergarten Center raised over $2,000 towards their playground fund and will continue to do fund raising activities throughout the year to support this important cause.
Learning to Give

One of the goals of the Kindergarten Center for the 2016 / 2017 school year is to organize various community outreach programs. The first endeavor was a canned food drive that ran from November 14th through November 18th. The students and teachers collected over 1,000 canned goods and non-perishable food items. The collection was donated to the First African Baptist Church's food pantry and will assist many Southeast Delco families. We greatly appreciated all the support to help families that are in need!

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