District Students Perform with the Southern Delaware County Middle School Band

Several Southeast Delco band members were selected to participate in the Southern Delaware County Middle School Band this year. The band was comprised of approximately 70 students from six nearby school districts. These districts include Chichester, Garnet Valley, Interboro, Penn Delco, Ridley, and Southeast Delco

Students rehearsed three Saturday mornings in January and concluded with a wonderful concert held at Chichester Middle School on January 26th. Each director conducted the band, including Ms. Rebecca King and Mrs. Kristina Cubbage.

The students who participated were (from left to right) Arwen Rowen and Zoie Gatewood on flute, Kyree Jackson on Trumpet, and Cassidy Joner and Sydney Waddell on clarinet. These students proudly represented both Darby Township and Delcroft Schools.

This year’s concert was amazing, once again. The hard work and dedication of these students was truly something to make Southeast Delco proud!
**PHS Junior Flower Show is Coming to Southeast Delco!**

The Junior Flower Show, hosted by the Pennsylvania Horticulture Society (PHS), is a horticultural exhibition by and for school-age children in the greater Philadelphia region. The Junior Flower Show, which started in 1975, fosters an awareness of horticulture and the natural environment among youth and encourages active participation in growing, gardening and sustainable practices.

It is not too late to get started on one of the many artistic activities or classroom projects suggested by PHS. Ideas may be found at [https://phsonline.org/programs/junior-flower-show/lesson-plans/](https://phsonline.org/programs/junior-flower-show/lesson-plans/). Submissions are due on Wednesday, February 14th (Valentine’s Day).

Judges from PHS will come to our schools to judge students’ entries and award ribbons. There is an exciting opportunity for the “Best of Show” entry to be placed on exhibit throughout this year’s PHS Philadelphia Flower Show, where it will proudly represent our school district. The “Best of Show” winner will also receive two Philadelphia Flower Show tickets.

PHS recognizes the dedication of all of the teachers and youth-leaders who encourage students to plant a seed, make a flower arrangement, create a crafty creature, or research a classroom project.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. DiMaggio at cdimaggio@sedelco.org.

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**Academy Park High School**

**Boeing Business Case Competition**

A team of five students will be representing Academy Park High School in the 2nd Annual Boeing Business Case Competition. This is a unique opportunity that encourages the development of the 21st Century skills necessary to succeed professionally, including the abilities to think critically and analytically, collaborate well, be creative, and communicate effectively.

This program provides area high school students with an opportunity to apply their academic skills to everyday business problems. Our students are exploring what it is like to work in the business world as they develop a professional presentation demonstrating their creative solutions to the real-world problem presented in the competition.
The team will visit Boeing on March 21st to present their findings and tour the facility. “We are expecting to mop the floor with the competition,” says Malcolm Bevans, the lead member of the team. “We may be newcomers, but that doesn’t make us any less formidable. Mark my words on that.”

**Malcolm Bevan Recognized as Outstanding Citizen**

The Delaware County Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recognized Malcolm Bevans as one of ten outstanding Good Citizens from local high schools at a reception on January 15th, at the Aston Township Municipal Building. A DAR Good Citizen must possess the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism, to an outstanding degree.

Malcolm’s winning essay focused on ways that America has spread freedom and democracy across the world. Malcolm stated, “It was an honor to win the Good Citizen Award as well as the Essay Contest. It feels good when you are recognized for the things you thought would go unnoticed.”

**Darby Township School**

**Geography Bee**

Shorook Badri, Sionna Collins, Chanclave Nadingam, Steven Occhiolini, Kaisan Oeun, Bianca Shrader, Owen Schimpf, and Micah Wingard competed in Darby Township School’s annual Geography Bee in January. The middle school students put their knowledge to the test and the 8th graders won the day! First place was earned by Shorook Badri, second place went to Steven Occhiolini, and Sionna Collins took third place honors.

Students in the 6th grade now have firsthand experience with the Geography Bee and we look forward to seeing them compete next year!"

**Cookies and Books**

Darby Township School held a Cookies and Books event on December 20. DTS families were invited to come to the school and bake and decorate cookies with their children. While their cookies were in the oven, families enjoyed coloring pages and winter themed activities. Every student who attended the event also received a free book. Over 200 people attended for this free, family friendly event!

**It Takes a Village!**

District parents were invited to meet with teachers and school administrators on January 24 and January 25. Parents were introduced to new staff members, were able to learn about the role of the school's behavior interventionist, participate in breakout sessions, take a tour of the school, and engage in a question and answer segment with DTS principal, Ms. Hudson.

Parents that were interested, were also given an opportunity to complete the state mandated clearances to allow them to volunteer at Darby Township School.
During the breakout sessions, parents and administrators discussed how to improve communication and what events they would like to see at the school. The parent sessions were very helpful to administration and more parent meetings will be scheduled in the future.

**Team Building!**

Darby Township School has been working on team building activities that were initiated at the Thom Stecher professional development for teachers. Students and teachers have been using some of the activities during responsive classroom. Starting in the third marking period, homerooms are using the gym for the team building activities during responsive classroom.

**Delcroft School**

**Student of The Month**

Delcroft School continues to recognize students who have been designated Student of the Month, which focuses on a specific character skill each month. An assembly is held to celebrate the students’ accomplishments and exceptional demonstration of the month’s highlighted skill. Some of the character skills that are highlighted include respect, listening, good manners, self-control, caring, honesty, kindness, cooperation, sportsmanship, and having a positive attitude.

Family members of the awardees are invited to the assembly and a special breakfast in the Delcroft Library following the awards assembly.

Students are recognized for a specific skill each month; however, they are reminded of the importance of practicing all of these skills on a regular basis.

**Southern Delaware County Middle School Band Concert**

Kudos to Delcroft students, Cassidy Joner (grade 8) and Sydney Waddell (grade 8), who performed at the Southern Delaware County Middle School Band Concert on January 26. Both Cassidy and Sydney play the clarinet.

Dedication and many hours of practice are required to play an instrument. Members of this ensemble meet every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to noon for band rehearsals.
This year’s concert was held at the Chichester Middle School.

**Fly Eagles Fly**

In honor of the Philadelphia Eagles winning the National Football Conference and heading to the 52nd Super Bowl in Minneapolis, Minnesota; the Delcroft School held a Philadelphia Eagles Poster Contest. Students designed and constructed Eagles themed posters, which were displayed throughout the building.

Judging for the posters occurred over a three-day period. Poster winners were awarded Eagles gear, including t-shirts, footballs, jerseys, a commemorative Super Bowl coin, Eagle stickers, pencils, and decals. Prizes for the poster contest were donated by various Delcroft staff members. Special thanks to 3rd grade teacher, Mrs. Jessica Gougler, for managing the poster contest.

**Harris School**

**E A G L E S Eagles!!!**

In preparation for the NFC Championship game and to show their support of the Philadelphia Eagles football team, Harris students and staff held an Eagles Pride Day on January 19th.
Eagle gear was the uniform of the day, and students who didn’t have Eagle branded clothing were allowed to wear green and black. Staff reported that it was awesome to see everyone involved and it really made for a positive day at Harris. These special celebrations are a great way to bring the school together as a community. To the delight of everyone, the Eagles won and are headed for the Super Bowl.

Feeling their support was crucial to the Eagles winning the championship and not wanting to jinx the team, superstitious staff and students have asked to repeat Spirit Day for the Super Bowl. Students and staff have practiced the Eagle’s Fight Song and on Friday, February 22nd, will gather together to help root the Eagles to their first ever Super Bowl win.

2018 National Geographic School Bee

On January 19th, Harris students competed in the 2018 National Geographic Bee. The Bee is an annual competition organized by the National Geographic Society and is designed to inspire and reward students' curiosity about the world. Students from 10,000 schools across the United States will compete in the Bee for a chance to win college scholarships and the glory of being the National Geographic Bee Champion.

In all, twenty-one students from Harris in grades 6 through 8 qualified to participate. The Geography Bee went on for multiple rounds and was a hard fought competition. The students took the event very seriously and prepared diligently for the Bee.

Congratulations to runners up Hailey Dunfee and Jordyn McFadden. The overall winner of the 2018 Harris National Geography Bee was 7th grader, Jim Joacinthe. He will now take a test to qualify for the state level competition. Thank you to Ms. Vaccaro for organizing the completion and Ms. King for assisting.

Sharon Hill School

Giving Back to Our Community

Sharon Hill School dedicated the month of January to giving back to the community. Mittens / gloves, hats and scarves were collected by students and donated to The Wesley House. Students are helping to create awareness where ever they go.

Students are also collecting donations to support the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, formerly the Pennies for Patients and Pasta for Pennies Programs. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is the largest voluntary health organization, dedicated to funding research, finding cures and ensuring access to treatment for blood cancer patients.

Sharon Hill School students take pride in accomplishing their school goal to raise $1700.
High School Transition
Sharon Hill 8th graders spent the day at Academy Park High School for the annual transition day on January 18th. Students were able to tour the school, participate in a variety of activities and hear multiple presentations on what Academy Park has to offer for their future success. Students were very enthusiastic about the adventures they will soon face. The excitement to finally be an Academy Park Knight was heightened during this transition.

Geography Bee
All students in grades 4 through 8 participated in this year’s Geography Bee. After preliminary rounds, 13 students advanced to the finals. Questions were based on guidelines set by the National Geographic Society. Students were excited to participate and show their knowledge of the world. After an exhausting 22 question tie breaker, the winner was Fatumata Kaba and the runner up was Adrianna Drones. Fatumata will now have a chance to qualify for the state bee. Congratulations!

PBIS / Spirit Day
Students requested to show their spirit for the Philadelphia Eagles and joined with staff to cheer on their team. Another PBIS incentive the students participated in was a student vs. staff volleyball game. The staff won this time, but the students are practicing for their rematch!
**Pancake Breakfast**

Join Sharon Hill students and staff on Saturday, February 17th for a flapjack breakfast fundraiser at Applebee’s on MacDade Boulevard. The money raised will be used to support PBIS activities for students throughout the school year. We hope to see you all at Applebee’s.

**Kindergarten Center**

**New Clothes and Food Pantry**

The students and teachers at the Kindergarten Center have worked diligently to stock a new clothes and food pantry. Mrs. Trisha Turk, along with other staff members, have volunteered in this endeavor to assist families in our community. The project is in the beginning stages; however, there are already several items that have been donated by staff and students.

Multiple families in need have already benefited from receiving food and clothing. The staff is hopeful that they will have this pantry flourishing over the rest of the school year!

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