Young Einsteins Meet to Compete

On Wednesday, November 30th, there was a gathering of budding young scientists at Harris School. Students from Darby Township, Delcroft, Harris, and Sharon Hill Schools were invited to participate in Southeast Delco’s Annual District Science Fair. Each elementary school in the district held their own Science Fair in the weeks previous to the district’s fair. In total thirty-two students from grades 5th – 8th competed in what was a spectacular display of science knowledge and creativity. Each student presented their projects to a set of judges who decided the top winners for each grade. The topics presented included such concepts as the magnetic properties of currency, the effectiveness of hand sanitizer vs. hand soap, how greasy are potato chips, how sensitive is the human nose, which cheese is the best for making macaroni and cheese, and does fresh chicken contain more bacteria than frozen chicken.

After much deliberation, the judges rendered their decisions on who could be called the top scientists in the district. They are:

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The following students also participated: Christian Busby (Harris), Amanda McCloskey (DTS), Tina Watson (Sharron Hill), Michael Wooten (Delcroft), Emily Vu (Sharon Hill), tommy Jamack (DTS), Halie Figard (Delcroft), Sidney McPherson (Delcroft), Caleb Reese (Harris), Taylor Eiserman (DTS), Caitlin Gray (DTS), Togba Porte (DTS), Abdulai Gassama (Sharon Hill), Jordan Small (Delcroft), Qadir Mason (Delcroft), Billy Bnecke (Sharon Hill), Christy Boch (Delcroft), Brian Sylvestri (DTS), Kerri Burns (Harris), and Anandah Stephens (DTS).

The winners of the District Fair were recognized for their outstanding achievement at the School Board meeting on Thursday, December 15th. The winners from this years and last year’s fair, along with students who participated both years will be traveling to the Franklin Institute on Friday, January 13th to spend the day immersed in scientific wonders. Hopefully, they will be getting inspiration for next year’s fair. Congratulations to all the participants in each school. They all did outstanding jobs!
5th Grade
District – Wide
Science Fair

Marissa Lennox - DTS

Amanda McCloskey - DTS

Michael Wooten - Delcroft

Ethan Sears - Delcroft

Emily Vu – Sharon Hill

Tina Watson – Sharon Hill

Christian Busby – Harris

Josh Peacock – Harris

6th Grade
District – Wide
Science Fair

Sarai Threadgood – Sharon Hill

William Martin – Sharon Hill

Taylor Eiserman - DTS

Tommy Jamack - DTS

Halie Figard – Delcroft
7th Grade
District – Wide
Science Fair

Davina Le – Sharon Hill
Abdulai Gassama – Sharon Hill
Togba Porte - DTS
Qadir Mason – Delcroft
Caitlin Gray - DTS
Jordan Small - Delcroft
Assata King - Harris
Nicole Dimauro - Harris

8th Grade
District – Wide
Science Fair

Billy Bnecke – Sharon Hill
Veronica Bauman – Sharon Hill
At Academy Park, part of the Life Skills Curriculum includes community safety, transit skills, and money skills. The class ventures out into the community a few times a week.

Recently, Mrs. Funk’s class was invited to the Sharon Hill Fire Company. Mr. Chuck Burke, the Fire Chief, graciously took time out of his day to give a tour and teach the students about fire safety and fire prevention. Mr. Burke walked the class through the fire house, explaining the entire layout starting with how the firemen are deployed when a call comes into the control center. The students especially enjoyed looking at the equipment on the fire truck and learning how it is used.

The fire house trip was helpful to students, teaching them fire safety tips and smoke detector maintenance. Students also learned techniques on what to do when confronted with a fire, such as crawling low to the ground if a room is smoky and checking for hot doors. The students were given fire safety literature to take home and share with their families.
**Academy Park Wrestlemania**

The Academy Park wrestling team hosted the Knight Duals wrestling tournament on Saturday, December 10th. The Knights were undefeated going into the tournament with a 4 and 0 record having bested Strath Haven 51-28, Notre Dame of Easton 45-33, Bonner 42-30, and Church Farm School 66-9. The Knights and Interboro have yet to wrestle for the title as they will wait for their big show down on January 25th.

Knights who wrestled well, included:

Stanley Amah was 4 and 0 with 3 pins, Ca-Leeh Jeffrey was 4 and 0 with 2 pins, Jeremiah Lowery was 4 and 0 with 2 pins, Kevin Thomas was 4 and 0 with 4 pins, and Rian Maurer was 4 and 0 with 3 pins. DreVaughn Core collected 3 wins, while Nick D’Augustino, Steve Leidy, Samson Akpouroto, Josh Ruggeri, Lewis Morrison, and Josh Walton recorded 2 wins each.

Also picking up Varsity victories were Alex Eskridge and Amir Hassan. Erin Orange and Timmy Hall earned wins for AP’s Junior Varsity.

**Upcoming Academy Park Events**

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**Darby Township School**

*Darby Township Students Showcase Their Talents at Winter Concert*
DTS Winter Holiday Concert
Darby Township School held its Winter Holiday concert on Monday, December 12th and it was a musical wonderland! The talents of DTS students shined through and they not only produced an exceptional concert, but they also had a lot of fun. Mrs. Cubbage & Mrs. Manko-Morgan deserve a round of applause for their hard work, and a standing ovation patience and diligence in bringing the best from our DTS budding musical talents.

Citizens and Students of the Month Honored
On Friday, December 16th, DTS held its monthly Citizen of the Month assembly, where teachers recognize students for their exemplary and model behavior. This month’ Students of the Month were also recognized for attaining the highest academic averages in their classes. Both assemblies are a part of the Positive Behavior program that is in place at DTS.

November Citizens of the Month

1st Grade
Amari Guy - Ms. Martelli
Zakaria Jaoud - Mrs. Muldoon
Conner Neville - Mrs. Rowe
Jenna Flory - Mrs. Mcnamee

2nd Grade
Justin Frisby - Ms. Parker
Bianna Newmiller - Mr. Hochschwender
Ella Parkinson - Mrs. Poole

3rd Grade
La-Tya Robinson - Mrs. Wood
Torri Moffitt - Mrs. McAteer
Myylah Eiserman - Mrs. Aronovitch

4th Grade
Dominic Vozzelli - Mrs. Stephens
Abby Lewis - Mrs. Ford
Vincent Horan - Ms. Bennett
Amanda Qendro - Mrs. Preston

5th Grade
Alanna Harold - Ms. Clapper
Marissa Lennox - Ms. Matteo
Sincere Wessels - Mrs. Jackson

6th Grade
Cinia Mobley - Mrs. Karcher
Sierra Brown - Mrs. Morretta
Damere Whiter - Mrs. Homer

7th Grade
Christian Tomes - Mrs. Deck
Patricia Dawkins - Ms. Cothey
Brittany King - Mr. DeBeer

8th Grade
Aminatu Kanneh - Mr. Campbell
Apryljeane Schwarzman - Mrs. Lewis
Courtney Brown - Mr. Breithaupt

Special Ed
Joshua Leicht - Ms. Wise
Shafiq Staples - Ms. McElwee
Nassan Garrison - Mr. Roth

December Citizens of the Month

1st Grade
Guy Irvis - Ms. Martelli
Autumn Simms - Mrs. Muldoon
Ava Bernard - Mrs. Rowe
Devin Duffy - Mrs. McNamee

2nd Grade
Courtney Brown - Ms. Parker
Bianna Otto - Mr. Hochschwender
Nathan McCabe - Mrs. Poole

3rd Grade
Kalaina Lewis - Mrs. Wood
Kaitlyn Huggins - Mrs. McAteer
Saniyah Guy - Mrs. Aronovitch

4th Grade
Armani Nickerson-Smith - Mrs. Stephens
Eliyah Peace - Mrs. Ford
Jenna Frisch - Ms. Bennett
Reed Rowan - Mrs. Preston

5th Grade
Benet Christian - Ms. Clapper
Kelsey McCormick - Ms. Matteo
Marielis Leon - Mrs. Jackson

6th Grade
Christian Bright - Mrs. Karcher
Siani Brown - Mrs. Morretta
Sarah Grenfell - Mrs. Homer
November Students of the Month

7th Grade
Tamia Williams - Mrs. Deck
Iyjae King - Ms. Cotrher
Noelle Horan - Mr. deBeer

8th Grade
Nick Knowlton - Mr. Campbell
Dylan Dougherty - Mrs. Lewis
Dequan Brant - Mr. Breithaupt

Special Ed
Coral Herpai - Ms. Wise
Garrett Stamp - Ms. McElwee
Chad Cripps - Mr. Roth

1st Grade
Andrew Gines - Mrs. McNamee
Ava Despeaux - Mrs. Rowe
Asari Young - Mrs. Muldoon
Joseph Petrone - Ms. Martelli

2nd Grade
Kaitlin Bright - Ms. Parker
Ava Nguyen - Mrs. Poole
Brianna Newmiller - Mr. Hochschwender

3rd Grade
Gianna Maurer - Mrs. McAteer
Maryen Greenwood - Mrs. Aronovitch
Michaela Badey - Mrs. Wood

4th Grade
Kayla McKay - Ms. Bennett
Jade Frisby - Mrs. Preston
David Stefos - Mrs. Ford
Daniel Joyner - Mrs. Stephens

5th Grade
Evan Sorrentino - Mrs. Jackson
Cheyenne Phillips - Mrs. Jackson
Hunter Donahue - Ms. Matteo
Marissa Lennox - Ms. Clapper
Deyonna Davaughn - Ms. Clapper

6th Grade
Mrs. Morretta-Noah Puskas
Craig Sorrentino - Mrs. Homer
Taylor Eiserman - Mrs. Homer
Daniel Copper - Mrs. Karcher
Sara Grenfell - Mrs. Karcher

7th Grade
Caitlin Gray - Mr. Breithaupt
Caitlin Gray - Ms. Cothery
Caitlin Gray - Mrs. Deck
Frank Rey - Mr. debeer

8th Grade
Anandah Stephens - Mrs. Lewis
Jawan Collins - Mr. Breithaupt
Brian Sylvestri - Mrs. Deck

Special Ed
Falon Donnelly - Ms. Wise
Mia Morton - Ms. McElwee

December Students of the Month

1st Grade
Aziz Burrows - Mrs. McNamee
Athena Tana - Mrs. Muldoon

2nd Grade
David Wainwright - Mr. Hochschwender

3rd Grade
Danielle Murriell - Mrs. Wood
Gavin Lewis - Mrs. McAteer
Adam Martinez - Mrs. Aronovitch

4th Grade
Christian Jefferis - Mrs. Preston
Jalen Rowell - Mrs. Stephens
Eugene Williams - Mrs. Ford
Nick Pozzuolo - Ms. Bennett

5th Grade
Christopher Basile - Ms. Matteo
Aaron Benton - Ms. Clapper
Evan Sorrentino - Ms. Clapper
Abdiel Leon - Mrs. Jackson
Taylor Giorgio - Mrs. Jackson

6th Grade
Taylor Eiserman - Mrs. Morretta
Danny Copper - Mrs. Homer
Taylor Eiserman - Mrs. Karcher
Charles Hamm - Mrs. Karcher

7th Grade
Terae Mason - Ms. Cothery
Togba Porte - Mr. deBeer
Patricia Dawkins - Mrs. Deck
Aislinn Beinlich - Mr. Breithaupt

8th Grade
Mrs. Lewis-Victoria Tana
Mr. Breithaupt-Imani Brown
Mrs. Deck-Mariah Waller

Special Ed
Shane Raport - Ms. Wise
Osholay Burnett - Ms. McElwee
Louis Weaver - Mr. Roth
Winter Wonderland at DTS

DTS celebrated the festive season in style on Saturday, December 10th. Several activities were planned for students who were thrilled to decorate stockings, make holiday decorations, and have their pictures taken with Santa. On the menu were meatball sandwiches, hotdogs, and lots of yummy snacks. Parents and children had some special fun-filled times in the spirit of the holidays. Many thanks go out to the Home & School, Mrs. Aimee Fallon, and Mrs. Brown-Carney, who made this event a success.

Upcoming Darby Township School Events

January
January 3  School Resumes for Students and Staff
January 16 Martin Luther King Holiday - No School for Students and Staff
January 20 End of Marking Period 2
January 27 Report Cards Issued for Marking Period 2
January 27 Citizen of the Month Assembly

Delcroft School

Music Fills the Air at Delcroft’s Winter Concert

Delcroft School held its Annual Winter Concert on Tuesday, December 13th. Family and friends enjoyed performances by the school instrumental band, 4th & 5th Grade Chorus, and the Middle School Chorus. Student artwork was displayed throughout cafeteria, which was decorated to create a winter wonderland and students were treated to performances during afternoon and morning assemblies. A special acknowledgement goes to Mrs. Erin Sprague, Ms. Rebecca King, and Ms. Amber Rorabaugh for their dedication to the instrumental, art, and chorus program at Delcroft School.

Busy Spelling Bees

Delcroft held its Annual Spelling Bee on December 20th for students in grades 5 through 8. This year’s winner is John Vona and the championship word was harassment. Salahaldin Taymullah is Delcroft’s runner up. On March 24th, both John and Salahaldin will participate in the county Spelling Bee at Neumann University.

Congratulations to all student participants for their hard work and competitive performance.
Happy Feet at Delcroft
Delcroft held the first of three middle school dances on December 2nd. The theme for the dance was a Hawaiian Luau. Many students attended and enjoyed an evening of dancing and fun with their friends. Delcroft teachers and staff joined in the fun, donning themed inspired attire.

Philadelphia Eagles Visit Delcroft Bearing Gifts of Free Books
Once again, Delcroft second graders were treated to free books from the Eagles Book Mobile. The Book Mobile arrived on December 19th and was greeted by an enthusiastic group of second grade students. After the free books were distributed each class was read a story by the book mobile staff. Many thanks go out to the Eagles for stressing the importance of reading.

Upcoming Delcroft School Events

January

| January 3 | School Resumes for Students and Staff |
| January 4 | Awards Assembly – Grades 1 - 5 |
| January 16 | Martin Luther King Holiday - No School for Students and Staff |
| January 20 | End of Marking Period 2 |
| January 27 | Report Cards Issued for Marking Period 2 |
Harris School

Harris School Winter Concert

Students, staff, families, friends and community members attended the Harris Winter Concert on December 15th.

The night began with a debut performance by the beginners band under the direction of Ms. Rebecca King. The band played very well considering it was the first public performance for most of the members. Next to take the stage was the Advanced band. This band is comprised of veteran performers that have been playing for more than a year and have performed in front of an audience before. Their performance was outstanding and their hard work and practice was evident to everyone in the audience.

The festival of music continued with the chorus preforming under the direction of music teacher Ms. Rebecca Dulac. Three different choral groups performed, beginning with the 4th grade and followed by the 5th grade choir. Both choirs preformed wonderfully and they should be proud of their performances. After hearing from the 4th and 5th graders, the Middle School Select Choir took to the stage and brought the house down with Mariah Carey’s version of “All I Want For Christmas”. During the song we were graced with outstanding solos from many of the choir members. All of the students that performed in both the band and the chorus should be proud of their collective efforts. The audience was treated to a wonderful night of music and it was a great way to get into the spirit of the holidays. We are all looking forward to the spring concert, which will be here before you know it.

Upcoming Harris School Events

January
January 3       School Resumes for Students and Staff
January 16      Martin Luther King Holiday - No School for Students and Staff
January 20      End of Marking Period 2
January 27      Report Cards Issued for Marking Period 2

Sharon Hill School

Eagle’s Book Mobile Visits Sharon Hill’s 3rd Grade

The Philadelphia Eagle’s Book Mobile visited Sharon Hill 3rd graders on Monday December 19th. Representatives from the Eagle’s came out to stress the importance of reading and to promote literacy. Valerie, the Reading Coach, spoke with the students about why it is important to read and Storybook Man conducted an interactive read aloud with the kids. The students were so excited! Valerie and Storybook Man gave each third grade student a new book to take home.
Omega Eta Knights Student Forum
“Bridging the Gap between Middle School and High School”

On Friday December 9th, the 8th grade girls at Sharon Hill had the privilege of taking part in a student forum hosted by the Omega Eta Knights of Academy Park High School. The purpose of the forum was to have an open dialogue about the challenges of transitioning from middle to high school. The ETAs discussed the positive influences being part of the organization had on their high school experience. They also related how membership in the group fostered their leadership skills, goal setting, and college readiness. The Sharon Hill students were given opportunities to ask questions about life at APHS. The ETAs cleared up many misconceptions about high school and were able to ease some of the anxiety that the students are feeling about the transition.

Upcoming Sharon Hill School Events

January
January 3  School Resumes for Students and Staff
January 16  Martin Luther King Holiday - No School for Students and Staff
January 20  End of Marking Period 2
January 27  Report Cards Issued for Marking Period 2
January 30  Awards Assembly for Marking Period 2

Kindergarten Center
Cultural Traditions and Origins Explored

As part of the Pennsylvania Social Studies Standards, Kindergarten students learn about their cultural origins and ancestors. They also learn about the United States and familiar American holidays. We teach these concepts together, highlighting the cultural contributions that have created our uniquely American culture. Teachers begin by teaching about Pilgrims as early ancestors, complete with a Thanksgiving reenactment. The month of December includes a full unit about the many places from which people have come to be citizens of the United States.

The unit includes having students collect information from their families about their heritage and family traditions. A family night is held, including a Cultural Heritage Celebration, and in Social Studies students participate in activities involving the cultural traditions of people from other lands. Examples include students creating a Rangoli rug, a Diwali tradition celebrating the new year; participating in the Hanukkah tradition of playing with a dreidel; learning about the origins of the Christmas tree, and other familiar holiday traditions; reading holiday poetry in their poetry books; and many other cultural activities.
Upcoming Kindergarten Center Events

January
January 3  School Resumes for Students and Staff
January 10 Parent Council – Dad’s Matter – 8:20 AM
January 16 Martin Luther King Holiday - No School for Students and Staff
January 20 End of Marking Period 2
January 25 – 27 Parent / Teacher Conferences – Early Dismissal – 12:45 PM
January 27 Report Cards Issued for Marking Period 2

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