Malcolm Bevans Continues to Soar

Fans of Academy Park senior Malcolm Bevans were hardly surprised to learn of his most recent achievement. As regular readers of the newsletter know, Malcolm is a dynamic young man with limitless potential who is not waiting for high school graduation to make his mark. On December 30, Malcom had an article published on Investing.com!

Click on the link below to learn what Malcolm says to watch for in the markets this year. Invest wisely!

https://www.investing.com/analysis/5‐things‐to‐watch‐for‐in‐2018‐200276735

Hour of Code

During Computer Science week in December, Southeast Delco students participated in an online event called an Hour of Code. Along with students from around the world, each student completed one hour of computer coding.

The Hour of Code is a global initiative that first began as a computer coding challenge designed to provide students with an engaging way to introduce computer science skills.
Teachers helped students set up a computer game that let them give a character instructions on how to move. Students were very excited and engaged because they were in charge of the action. They learned how to be creative problem solvers and ways in which computer science is used in every industry throughout the world.

Programs like *Hour of Code*, inspire students to expand their computer knowledge base and maybe even consider a career that uses computer coding.

**Academy Park High School**

*APHS Graduate Addresses Student Athletes*

Academy Park alumnus, Jeffrey Devaughn, Class of 2014, visited his old school on December 19. Devaughn, a University of Maine student and division 1 college football player, came back to have a conversation with current student athletes in the same auditorium where he sat as a student just 4 years ago.

Jeff’s goals are to be a voice for student athletes, to encourage them to use their platform and demonstrate they can do more than their sport. He shared some high school experiences and events in his life that steered him to the University of Maine.

Jeff emphasized to the students in the audience - “wish it, want it, do it,” - encouraging students to set weekly and long-term goals and to keep working until they are achieved.

Jeff works hard to be an inspiration to our young people and will continue to consciously serve as a positive role model for all members of the Southeast Delco community.

**Mahya Woodton Scores 1,000 Career Points**

During a winter tournament hosted by Unionville High School, senior Mahya Woodton scored her 1,000th career point as a varsity basketball player.

The girls’ basketball team played well throughout the tournament winning 2 games and the overall tournament. The team will be celebrating Mahya’s success before the Saturday, January 13 home game vs. Upper Darby High School.

Congratulations, Mahya, on this amazing accomplishment.

**Me and My Guy Dance**

The senior class hosted a *Me and My Guy Dance* for girls in grades K-5 district-wide. The little ladies and their special guys danced the night away. Guests took full advantage of a selfie photo station and enjoyed the refreshments that were donated by the senior class. Senior Dwayne Leslie DJ’d the event and filled the gym with music for all to enjoy. A great time was had by all who attended.
Winter Festival

Academy Park High School hosted its annual Winter Festival on December 8. The Nutcracker themed festival offered a variety of activities for district students to enjoy, including crafts and games. This year, Academy Park students worked with staff and alumni volunteers to organize this amazing event.

After visiting Santa, guests enjoyed cookies and hot chocolate. Students who attended the festival made crafts, sang karaoke, had their faces painted, and received a book from Santa’s collection of books, which were generously donated by the winter festival helpers. Staff and students are looking forward to continuing the winter festival tradition next year.

Click the link below to view pictures of the Philadelphia Eagles Football Team Pep Rally at Academy Park High School on December 15, 2017.

Eagles Pep Rally
Darby Township School

Perfect Attendance

Perfect attendance counts at Darby Township School. Students were anxious to check the board to see if they were part of the NFL or NBA. A board with the NFL (never found late) and NBA (never been absent) students were listed in the cafeteria.

Awards and recognition are given to students who have had perfect attendance weekly, monthly, by marking period, and for the entire year. Keep up the good work!

Hour of Code

Darby Township School participated in the Hour of Code during Computer Science Education Week in December. Students had fun learning how to write code for some of their favorite games. Students in all grade levels participated in this fun introduction to coding.

Cancer Fundraiser

The student council at Darby Township School put a spin on Alex’s Lemonade Stand fundraiser and sold Lemonhead candies rather than lemonade. A total of $353.75 was raised! The money will be donated to help offset the cost of medical expenses associated with childhood cancer.

Spelling Bee

Darby Township School had their annual Spelling Bee on December 8. Middle school students had a spelling bee in their classes and the top 10 spellers from each grade competed in the school-wide spelling bee. Marino Brice (grade 8) won first place, Ai’zurri Church (grade 6) won second place and Shorook Badri (grade 8) came in third.

Marino and Ai’zurri will be representing Darby Township School at the Delaware County Spelling Bee in March of 2018.

Winter Concert

Darby Township School held its annual Winter Concert on December 14. DTS parents were excited to have the concert back at Darby Township School (it was held at Academy Park High School last year) and the concert was standing room only! Mrs. Manko-Morgan and Mrs. Cubbage did a wonderful job leading the band and chorus during this annual tradition.
Delcroft School

Delcroft Spelling Bee

Delcroft School held their annual spelling bee on December 20. This year, 29 spellers qualified to compete for a chance to participate in the Delaware County Spelling Bee. After seven rounds, three contestants remained. Shayla Figueroa (grade 8), Iyabode Ojulari (grade 7) and Kenneth Uduma (grade 8).

The spellers went another six rounds before determining the winner, Kenneth Uduma, who spelled “hermetically” correctly, along with the championship word “incongruous.” Iyabode Ojulari was the runner-up and both spellers move on to the Delaware County Spelling Bee. Shayla Figueroa will serve as the alternate speller, if needed.

Congratulations to all students for their hard work and participation. Special thanks to Mrs. Cynthia Lees and Ms. Mandi Dupiriak for coordinating this event.

Delcroft Winter Concert

Delcroft School’s Band and Chorus held their annual Winter Concert on December 13. Students in the band performed a medley of holiday pieces that included Jolly Old St. Nicholas, A Christmas Kazoo, Christmas on the Farm, and Jingle Bells. Delcroft’s band is comprised of 20 students playing instruments that include clarinet, flute, trumpet, saxophone, percussion, and trombone.

Special recognition goes to Mrs. Kristina Cubbage and select Academy Park High School band members who performed a special presentation for the audience. Many Delcroft School alumni performed and were highlighted soloists during the performance. Students in grades 4 and 5, along with the middle school chorus, performed selections that included Christmas, Don’t Be Late, Carol of the Bells and Santa Claus Is Comin’ to Town.

Many thanks to the staff at Academy Park High School for hosting Delcroft School’s Winter Concert

Harris School

Performing Arts at Harris School

Harris School held its annual Winter Concert on December 7. Each year, the concerts get better and better and this year was no exception. The audience was treated to the sounds of both the grades 4 and 5 and middle school choruses, along with the combined band, featuring students in grades 4 through 8.
Attendance at this year’s concert was very large and the audience was respectful of the students and their hard work preparing for the concert. Both the chorus and band performed holiday classics to the delight of their families and friends and received a well-deserved standing ovation at the end of their performance.

The band was led by Ms. Rebecca King, who has been with the district for many years and is still as enthusiastic about her students’ performances as she was her first day teaching. The chorus is led by Mr. Joe Scholl. He is in his second year at Harris and has proven to be very good at preparing the students for their presentation.

The students and staff would like to thank Dr. Butz for attending Harris’ concert. The support for the arts in our schools is very important and the future for the arts at Harris School is very bright.

**Harris’ Season of Giving**

Through the generosity of staff, family and friends, Harris School was able prepare Thanksgiving baskets that were distributed to 20 Harris families in need. Each family received a tote containing 30 non-perishable items and a large Turkey. The food items were collected through donations and fundraisers and the turkeys were donated by Harris staff.

Collecting the food and donations is just one part of the process. Once everything is collected and organized, the baskets are distributed to the families. Thanks go out to Danny Ruane, Tony Lorine, Doranne Nattress, Chrissy Frederico, Terry Ruane, and the Harris student council for all of their help with collecting and organizing donations, contacting families and delivering the baskets.

In addition to the holiday baskets, and under the direction of Mrs. Vaccaro, Harris student council runs the Harris Food Drive. Food is collected and donated to the food cupboard at First African Baptist Church in Sharon Hill. Their food cupboard helps so many people in this region. The grand total of items collected in just 3 weeks was 920.

Special recognition goes to the following homerooms that accumulated the highest totals: Mrs. Carney’s class - 109, Mrs. Welsh’s class - 71, Ms. Robinson’s, Ms. Holbert’s, Mrs. McNamara’s, Ms. Baumann’s, and Mrs. O’Keefe’s classes - 50 and Mr. Puckett’s room with 30 cans. Overall a great job again this year by all the students and staff at Harris.
Sharon Hill School

Honor Roll

Many Sharon Hill School students earned honor roll and distinguished honor roll status for the first marking. Teachers stated that it was wonderful to hear the pride in their students’ voices as they discussed their goal of getting honors every marking period of the school year.

Students were very excited to have a chance at the red carpet to celebrate their success. Keep up the hard work!

Leadership

Three Sharon Hill School students attended the Delaware Valley Consortium for Excellence and Equity - Middle School Leadership Institute on December 1, 2017. Khasir Kelly, Tafsir Bryant-Lopes and Fatumata Kaba were selected by their teachers for excellence represented within their community and school. Students participated in multiple sessions that focused on leadership, resilience, success, motivation, and purpose. The students expressed that they had an amazing time participating in this informative event.

Spelling Bee

Sharon Hill School students competed in the annual school-wide Spelling Bee on December 8. Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 took a pre-test on the National Spelling Bee word list and qualified based on their score.

Congratulations to Kortimi Dankambary, who took first place after 16 rounds of competition by correctly spelling the word “formaldehyde”. Ariel Hare was the runner-up. Both students qualified to compete in the Delaware County Spelling Bee on March 3.

Winter Concert

On the evening of December 19, Sharon Hill School presented their annual Winter Concert at Academy Park High School. Parents, families, community members, and staff all came out to be a part of the evening’s festivities.
Students were thrilled to perform the music they had been practicing for the last few months. The concert certainly had everyone feeling joyous and excited for the winter break. Congratulations to staff and students for a great performance.

**Kindergarten Center**

**Kindergarten Sing Along**

On December 21, the students and teachers at the Kindergarten Center participated in a “Winter Wonderland Sing Along”! Everyone gathered in the cafeteria and sang several songs in preparation for the upcoming break. The students each received a candy cane treat as they exited the sing along!

**PJ Day at the K Center**

Kindergarten students celebrated a “Winter Pajama Day” on December 22. It’s a tradition at the Kindergarten Center that students have the opportunity to wear their pajamas to school and participate in a variety of winter themed activities. It is a wonderful day that the children truly enjoy and a great way to lead into the winter break!

**Math Centers**

Students at the Kindergarten Center participate in math centers on a daily basis. Since September, the students have grown very independent and are developing key math and problem solving skills.

Also, many of the children have demonstrated how creative they can be. One student from Mrs. Schuman’s class made his name with math cubes! He did this on his own without any prompting or assistance!

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