Students and Teachers Honored for “Making a Difference”

The Right to Education Task Force was created in 1972 as part of the P.A.R.C. Consent Agreement that provided for a free, appropriate public education for children with mental retardation. In 1975, the Right to Education was extended by State regulations to include learning disabilities, physical handicaps, emotional difficulties and hearing, visual, speech, and language impairment. The purpose of the Local Task is to assist in improving education for all school-age children with special needs.

Membership in the Local Task Force (LTF) is determined at the local level, with a 51% majority of parents / consumers required. Each LTF must have representatives from the IU (Intermediate Unit), the local MH/MR (Mental Health/Mental Retardation Office), the local ARC, school district, and parents/consumers. LTF’s have the same geographical areas as the Intermediate Unit in their area.

LTF's are actively involved with programs and services for students with disabilities in all 501 school districts across the state, and follow procedures outlined in the handbook developed by the State Task Force.

Delaware County local Right to Education Task Force members include:

- Chairperson - Sandy Wadsworth - Parent - Southeast Delco School District
- Vice-Chair - Becca Devine - Parent - Haverford School District
- Secretary - Tyra Virden - Upper Darby School District
- Office of Behavior Health - Laura Weigand
- Office of Intellectual Disabilities - Marsha Kamara
- The ARC of Delaware County - Kelly Connell
- Superintendent or their liaison - Kimberley Brown and Sidni Reinquest
- Delaware County Intermediate Unit Liaison - Becky Millspaugh

The Task force meets monthly at the Delaware County Intermediate Unit 200 Yale Avenue, in Morton. There are general meetings as well as panel discussions and presentations for parents.

This year the Delaware County Right to Education Task Force sponsored the First Annual Making a Difference Awards. The award recognized staff members and students who have gone out of their way through their work, support, or friendship to be accepting, understanding and make sure to include children of all abilities.
Southeast ceremony.

Southeast Special presented the Middle students and the Wise, Academy Biology a people exhibits nominations presented Jamir 25th. event. nominations the and two trip film Slaughter as an impact of modern scientific and medical issues. The highlight of the trip was the students’ participation in the dissection of sheep hearts, where they learned about the anatomy and physiology of the mammalian heart, while deepening understanding of their own hearts and health.

Academy Park High School

Biology Students Take Field Trip to Franklin Institute

Academy Park High School biology students attended an experiential field trip at the Franklin Institute on May 25th. As part of their science curriculum, students explored the biological, environmental, and technological exhibits of the museum, and related new content to their own experiences and knowledge. Students also viewed a 3D film on mummification, its history, and its impact on modern scientific and medical issues. The highlight of the trip was the students’ participation in the dissection of sheep hearts, where they learned about the anatomy and physiology of the mammalian heart, while deepening understanding of their own hearts and health.
At all times, the Academy Park students conducted themselves maturely and appropriately, showing respect to others and their surroundings. Their excellent behavior and participation throughout the excursion is reason to be especially proud of these students, who not only broadened their curricular experience, but also served as outstanding representatives of Academy Park High School.

**Tech Bridge Students Attend Drunk / Distracted Driving Awareness Event at Upper Darby High School**

Students from Academy Park’s Tech Bridge program joined students from Upper Darby High School and attended the Drunk / Distracted Driving Awareness event at Upper Darby High School on May 23rd. The students listened to presentations from a lawyer and a motivational speaker, Fabian Ramirez, who educated the students on the topic of the physical effects of drugs and alcohol. Each student had the opportunity to participate in various simulations of impaired driving.

Tech Bridge is a technology based program from Henkels and McCoy Training Services. This is the third year of the partnership between the Southeast Delco School District and Henkels and McCoy. During the first year of the collaboration, students built their own computers. Last year, Academy Park High School became the first school in the Henkel and McCoy’s Training Services program to use laptop computers, rather than desktop computers, to complete academic activities. The students meet every day to receive instruction in career and college exploration, Math, Reading and information skills, typing tutor, Microsoft Office Suite workshop, resume building, and life and social skills enhancement. If the students successfully meet the requirements of the program they get to keep the laptop computer.

During the summer of 2011, the students met for a five week program. The students were paid a stipend as they worked on various projects to help refine basic skills. They also opened bank accounts and budgeted how to save and spend their money. Many have shown an increase in Reading and Math skills. They presented PowerPoint presentations to the class and worked together to complete various assignments.
While at the Tech Bridge event, the sponsors of the program informed Lance Bogash, Academy Park High School Teacher, and Joe Soupik, Tech Bridge Instructor, that the students from Academy Park were the most respectful students at the event. They pointed out that our students were the most attentive during the speakers’ presentations, most patient, and generally well behaved as they circulated among the crowd. One of our students won a $25 gift card. Another student from AP won the grand prize- an iPAD2 (worth $500.00). The students and teachers had a great outing. The students also thanked the bus driver for the trip!

**Upcoming Academy Park High School Events**

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**Darby Township School**

**Helping to Keep Our Students Safe When They’re Not at School**

On behalf of the Briarcliff Fire Company, Mr. Larry Olivieri donated smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to 7 randomly selected students at Darby Township School.

Thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness, Fire Chief Olivieri.

**Career Day at Darby Township School**

Darby Township School hosted its first Career Day on May 3rd, and students were exposed to a variety of interesting occupations. A diverse group of individuals shared information from their particular field of expertise, including a dental assistant, florist, EMT, hair stylist, attorney, disc jockey, police officer, and a US Marine. Guidance counselor, Mrs. Camile Jackson, organized the event, which was enjoyed by both students and staff.

**Ladies Night**

DTS Home & School hosted its first Ladies’ Night on May 11th. A variety of vendors set up tables in the gym and parents and teachers spent an enjoyable evening shopping and sampling different foods.
Families enjoy activities at Ladies Night

Fundraiser Reward

Students who reached their sale goals for Darby Township School’s Cherrydale fundraiser were treated to an afternoon of music, dancing, and fun on May 4th.

Celebrate America in Song

Darby Township School held its annual Spring Concert on May 16th. The theme of the concert was entitled “Celebrate America” and as usual it was a joy to appreciate the musical talents of our students.

Upcoming Darby Township School Events

June

June 6  Early Dismissal for Students – 12:45 PM
June 8  End of Marking Period 4
June 13  Final Report Cards
June 13  Last Student Day
June 25  Extended School Year Begins
Delcroft School

Career Day at Delcroft

Delcroft School held the Third Annual 6th, 7th and 8th grade Career Day on May 18th. Students attended a kick-off assembly with guest speaker Mr. Phil Martell, Head Men’s Basket Ball Coach for Saint Joseph’s University. Students were given the opportunity to learn about various careers from nursing, mechanical engineering, law enforcement, education, cosmetology, fashion, graphic artistry, and computer software specialists. The students learned a great deal of information, and the guests who attended and presented at this event were excited to share their knowledge and experience.

Pennies for Patients

During the month of May, Delcroft Student Council collected money for the Pennies for Patients fundraiser. Students attended a kick-off assembly sponsored by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and collected over $1500, which will benefit that organization. Students participated in a contest with their homerooms to collect the most money; the class with the highest amount received a lunch provided by Olive Garden. This year’s winner is Mr. Herd’s 2nd grade class who raised over $360.00. Congratulations to all students and staff for making this year’s collection such a success.

“Moving Up”

Delcroft 8th grade students will participate in many activities to celebrate their accomplishments as they move toward their high school career. Students will attend an 8th grade picnic, a HERO breakfast, 8th grade dance, and participate in a “Moving Up” ceremony. The “Moving Up” ceremony will celebrate and honor the 8th grade students’ accomplishments throughout their 8th grade year. The Delcroft staff wishes our 8th graders the best of luck as they enter into their high school careers.
Upcoming Delcroft School Events

June

June 6  Early Dismissal for Students – 12:45 PM
June 8  End of Marking Period 4
June 13  Final Report Cards
June 13  Last Student Day
June 25  Extended School Year Begins

Harris School

Literacy Luau

Harris school hosted a district-wide “Literacy Luau” on May 10th. Designed to promote literacy and reading in our schools and at home, the night began with a dinner that was cooked and served by the fine cafeteria staff at Harris School. The menu included theme-based items and when everyone had eaten attendees were entertained by renowned story teller, Vicky Town. Parents and students were then offered multiple workshop options they could attend, including literacy games, costumed student readers, technology, and make and take activities. Childcare was provided for children aged 1–5, allowing parents to attend sessions with older children. In addition to the activities and different sessions, librarians from the local libraries were on hand to sign up families for library cards. Parents and guardians were given tickets that could be redeemed for a free book for each of their children at the end of the night.

The night was truly a success with over 325 people from all 4 district elementary schools attending. Many people contributed to the evening’s success, including Monica Watson, Gerry Gannon, district literacy coaches, Terry Ruane and the Harris cafeteria staff, the Sea Cadets, and teachers from around the district who volunteered their time and energy.

Harris Has Talent

Harris School held its annual Spring Art Show and Concert on May 17th. Attendees began the evening by viewing the wonderful student artwork that adorned the hallways throughout the school. Family and friends were given the opportunity to get a close look at some of the fine art that our students have created under the direction of art teacher Christine Hall. The art ranged from drawings to pottery and everything in between.

Once the concert goers made it to the gym they were treated to a concert filled with the sounds of instruments and voices raised in song. Under the direction of music teacher Rebecca King, the band played several songs, with each one sounding better as the concert went on. It was clear that the student’s hard work and practice had paid off; the students gave a fabulous performance.

The chorus, under the direction of music teacher Rebecca Dulac, followed the band. The chorus has also made the most of their practice time and sounded great. A highlight from the middle school chorus performance was a solo from Harris’ own Assistant Principal Pat Alford, who stepped in for a missing chorus member. At the end of the night it was clear that the arts are alive and very important at Harris School.
**Upcoming Harris School Events**

June

- June 6: Early Dismissal for Students – 12:45 PM
- June 8: End of Marking Period 4
- June 13: Final Report Cards
- June 13: Last Student Day
- June 25: Extended School Year Begins

**Sharon Hill School**

**Meteorologist Sue Serrio Visits 1st Graders**

This year, Sharon Hill’s 1st grade students learned a lot about weather. As a follow up to the weather unit the students had the pleasure of meeting a real life meteorologist to learn more about what it is like to study and predict weather. Sue Serrio from Fox 29 visited Sharon Hill School and the students were very excited to meet her and to ask questions.

**No “Bull-ying”**

As if preparing to take on the Chicago Bulls in the NBA play-offs wasn’t enough, the Philadelphia 76er’s also launched an anti-bullying campaign. As part of the campaign, representatives from the 76ers visited several area schools to educate students about bullying. Sharon Hill School was lucky to have the 76ers Flight Team visit with their students. The students participated in skits and activities that demonstrated how they should react if and when they are bullied or witness any form of bullying.

**8th Grade Luncheon Cruise**

Sharon Hill 8th Grade students cruised the Delaware on the Spirit of Philadelphia on March 25th. This trip offered educational narrations of historic Philadelphia sights and fantastic views from the water. The students dressed in their best to take part in this fun-filled trip as they begin to close out their year at Sharon Hill and prepare for a new adventure at Academy Park High School.
Sharon Hill 8th Graders Wear Their Finest for Spirit of Philadelphia Luncheon Cruise

Upcoming Sharon Hill School Events

June
June 6  Early Dismissal for Students – 12:45 PM
June 8  End of Marking Period 4
June 8  Field Day, Fun Day
June 8  Dorney Park Trip
June 11 – June 13  Early Dismissal for Students – 12:45 PM
June 13  Final Report Cards
June 13  Last Student Day
June 25  Extended School Year Begins

Kindergarten Center

Arbor Day Celebration

Kindergarten Center students learned about Arbor Day on May 27th by planting a tree. Students participated in an outdoor lesson where they reviewed Kindergarten Science and Health content about recycling and the needs of plants and animals. Following the review, students assisted by preparing the soil and planting the tree. Classrooms will take turns watering the tree each day until the end of the year. The tree is part of a growing arboretum at the Kindergarten Center.

Field Trip to the Zoo

Students at the Kindergarten Center participated in a field trip to the Philadelphia Zoo on May 4th. A whole school field experience, the zoo trip provided a “hands on” opportunity to see in person the animals students have been

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learning about in Reading and Science. In preparation for the trip, students learned in Science about animal needs and habitats and read many non-fiction books about animals in reading workshop. Students had an opportunity to observe the animals they had been reading and learning about in school.

**Upcoming Kindergarten Center Events**

**June**

- June 8  End of Marking Period 4
- June 13  Final Report Cards
- June 13  Last Student Day
- June 25  Extended School Year Begins

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