Southeast Delco Athletics Honored for Sportsmanship

The Del Val League Sportsmanship Luncheon was held on Wednesday, May 27th and several Academy Park athletes were honored for outstanding sportsmanship. Victor Ariyo and Mamaka Kamara were the recipients of the Mag Patterson Award, which recognizes a male and female athlete from each school in the Del Val League. (The award was named after Academy Park’s first principal, Agnes "Mag" Patterson.)

The field hockey, wrestling, and lacrosse teams were this year’s winners of the sportsmanship award, as voted by the coaches. The coaches and captains of those teams attended the luncheon to accept the awards on behalf of their teams. Coach Susan Reutter, along with team captains Brittany MacNeil, Kayla Payne, and Erika Leidy, represented field hockey. Wrestling is coached by John Basile and he attended the luncheon with captains CJ Faustino and Max Fitzgerald. Susan Reutter also coaches lacrosse and captains Daa’iyah Allen and Pam Neill accepted the award for their team.
Middle school students, Brittany England, Taylor Flores, Victoria Natale, James Samura, Jahmir Slaughter, and Walter Wright were also honored for their sportsmanship and were accompanied by coaches Brittany Kristman and Dave Shell.

**Planting Seeds While Planting Trees**
Seven Delcroft School students, along with their families, participated in a tree planting experience on Saturday, May 23rd. They were joined by teachers Ms. Heaney and Mrs. Juisti, and instructional aide Ms. Young.

Led by Mr. William Lighter and with the support of the Philadelphia Horticultural Society, the children were given the opportunity to dig and transplant young trees. Tough ground at the Delcroft site forced a move to Collingdale Park. Participants happily changed venues and quickly got to work digging holes large enough to support the young trees.

Mr. Lighter taught the students the best way to plant trees and then explained the expected growth cycle. Everyone at the event had a wonderful experience and they are looking forward to another exciting event next year.

**Academy Park High School**

**Selma to Montgomery**
The producers of the movie *Selma* recently provided copies of the DVD to schools around the nation to bring exposure to the journey we've traveled and progress we've made as a country. The movie takes viewers through the events leading up to and surrounding the famous march led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. from Selma to Montgomery the state capital of Alabama to raise awareness of the difficulty faced by black voters in the South, and the need for a Voting Rights Act, passed later that year.
Academy Park students will view the movie and teachers will moderate content related discussions about the events depicted in the film. While making plans to show the movie, math teacher Susan Reutter shared that during a trip to Aspen, Colorado for the Bezos Scholars program last summer, she and student Victor Ariyo met Congressman John Lewis, who, along with Dr. King, led the march from Selma. Of the experience, Susan shared, "It was probably the most moving conversation we had while we were there!"

Often called "one of the most courageous persons the civil rights movement ever produced," John Lewis has dedicated his life to protecting human rights and securing civil liberties. His dedication to the highest ethical standards and moral principles has won him the admiration of many of his colleagues on both sides of the aisle in the United States Congress.

Students can benefit greatly from the knowledge of history and connecting it to their own daily practices. We look forward to seeing Selma and the conversations that will follow.

**APHS Awarded Grant**

Academy Park High School was awarded a $6,020 grant from Goldman Sachs Discover Brighter Futures Funds through Pathway to Financial Success. The application was submitted by alternative education teacher, Diane York.

The purpose of the grant is to "bring financial education into high school classrooms, so kids can learn to make smart financial decisions and achieve their goals."

Additional information on the program is available at [http://www.pathwaytofinancialsuccess.org](http://www.pathwaytofinancialsuccess.org). The funds will be used to purchase Dave Ramsey's *Foundation in Personal Finance High School Edition* curriculum for Academy Park High School.

**Darby Township School**

**Spring Concert at DTS**

Darby Township School welcomed the warmer weather in May and held its Spring Concert on May 11th at Academy Park High School. The concert was aptly titled *Lessons Learned* and featured the Darby Township School Orchestra and Choir. Under the direction of Mrs. Cubbage and Mrs. Manko Morgan, students proudly showed off their musical talents.
**Math Mania Night**
Darby Township School hosted the very first Southeast Delco Math Mania night. Families and students came from all over the district to share a light dinner and have fun with math. A raffle was held for all attendees and winners took home family math games. The goal of the event was to promote the teaching and learning of math among parents and students.

**Students Celebrate Memorial Day**
In remembrance of Memorial Day, the student council members of DTS read to 1st grade students and worked with them to create mini-books celebrating the holiday.

**Delcroft School**

**Spring Concert and Art Show**
Delcroft School held its annual Spring Concert and Art Show on May 14th. The band performed *Frere Jacques, Surprise Symphony, and Trumpet Voluntary* to begin the evening's entertainment. Students in grades 1-3 performed with their classmates and sang several songs they learned during music class, including *The More We Get Together, Acorn Song, Down the Ohio, Joy to the World, and Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious*. Students in 4th and 5th grade then took the stage and performed *Camptown Races, The Drinking Gourd, and Down Calypson Way*.

The concert ended with the middle school students performing and paying tribute to their 8th grade chorus members who will be moving up to high school in the fall. Each student was recognized for their time, hard work, and dedication to the Delcroft Middle School Chorus. Many of the students honored were active participants in the chorus since the 4th grade.
In addition to the musical talent that was showcased by the band and chorus, attendees were able to view the beautiful artwork that lined the school's hallways. The theme for this year's art show was the Caribbean and students used the inspiration to transform the hallways into a tropical paradise. The artwork and music created a truly magical evening!

**Junior Science Fair Winners**
Michelle Huang, Nina Serody, Iyabode Ojulari, and Marissa Gilbert, 4th grade students at Delcroft School, took 1st place honors at the Southeast Delco Junior Science Fair. Fifth grader, Amanda Gore, earned 3rd place. We are very proud of all of our students who participated in this annual event.

**Good Nutrition and Exercise**
Delcroft students attended an assembly on nutrition presented by Rapping About Prevention (RAP), Eat Right Now, Nutrition Education for a Healthier Future. The assembly was entitled *Fun, Food, & Fitness*. Students in all grades enjoyed the message and the entertainment. Students not only learned a great deal about nutrition, they also "got up and got active."

Each student was given a comprehensive student workbook that highlighted the information learned at the assembly and provided applicable tools to help students make good nutritional choices every day.

**Harris School**

**Animal Research Projects**
In the beginning of May, Harris School 2nd graders presented their animal research projects to their teachers and classmates. The projects are a valuable experience and provide students with an opportunity to study in depth a subject of their own choosing.

The students are asked to pick their favorite animal and investigate its habitat, country of origin, life cycle, whether they are prey or predator, what they eat, and any other facts that the student finds interesting and would like to share with their classmates. The students were required to complete an informational writing and have the option of creating a diorama or a poster.
While the students' writing pieces were very good and full of information, the highlight for the students was their dioramas and posters. All of the students turned in projects they were very proud of and each one discussed the process of researching and creating their dioramas and posters. The students did a fantastic job and with the quality of the work presented, we just may have some budding animal biologists.

**Talent on Display at Harris School**

The Harris School Spring Art Show and Concert was held on May 21st. The students never cease to amaze with the quality of the art they produce under the tutelage of art teacher, Mrs. Christine Hall. Mrs. Hall and a group of students took time after school to organize and display the art work around the halls so parents could see their children's work in a gallery style setting.

Students in the 4th and 5th grades, middle school, and select chorus' preformed under the direction of general music teacher Ms. Dulac. Band director, Ms. King had what appeared to be one of her largest concert bands she's ever had at Harris School. The band consisted of students in grades 4 through 8 who play instruments ranging from flutes to bass drums and most everything in between. The highlight of the night was the combination of all of the choral groups and the band playing together. The Harris School Chorus and Band put on a magnificent show that was enjoyed by parents, families, friends and staff. What a great night of art and music at Harris.
Sharon Hill School

Student vs. Staff Basketball Game

Sharon Hill staff put on their sweats and sneakers to take on the students in the annual student vs. staff basketball game. Many of the students showed their athletic abilities but were unable to defeat the staff that skillfully took it to the hoop and came out victorious. The game was high spirited and, as always, great fun!

Sharon Hill School Career Fair

Sharon Hill School held their annual Career Day on May 18th. Students had the opportunity to explore careers from many different areas of expertise. Presenters included individuals from the medical field, entrepreneurs, law enforcement agencies, and many others. Students in primary grades had the option of dressing in clothing that represented their desired careers. It is never too soon to get students thinking about their future.

Therapy Dog Trainer

Harry Dunfee
Mayor of Sharon Hill

Brian Devaney
Juvenile Officer
**Kindergarten Center**

**Kindergarten Field Day**
Students will participate in the annual kindergarten field day on June 5th. This exciting event is designed to allow the children to work together in a variety of special activities. Children are encouraged to cooperate and learn to work in teams. Students in each classroom wear a shirt in their own special color that identifies that class. It is a great day of physical exercise and fun for our students!

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**End-of-Year Celebrations**
Kindergarten end-of-year celebrations will be conducted on June 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th. Celebrations are scheduled by classroom groups to allow for adequate seating and parking for families. The children will be entertaining their families with songs and poems, highlighting their wonderful year and their readiness for first grade. Each child will receive a kindergarten diploma for completing a successful year of kindergarten!

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