APHS Freshman Recognized as STEM Scholar
Cheyenne Phillips received the STEM Scholar Recognition Award from the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Eastern Delaware County Branch in collaboration with Delaware County Community College.

This is the inaugural year for the award, which recognizes the achievement of freshman girls from each of the 15 Delaware County public high schools who excel in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and express a strong interest in a STEM-related career. Cheyenne was selected for this recognition by her guidance counselor, Mr. Jeffrey MacNamara.

The award program was held at Delaware County Community College Marple Campus, in the STEM Center Auditorium. Along with the awards, the audience heard remarks from the keynote speaker, Terri Cooper Smith, Civil Engineer for the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, and participated in a tour of the STEM Center.

Academy Park High School
Escape Room Mystery
The Rising Scholars had an amazing time building team leadership and cooperative group learning skills at their end of year trip to Escape Room Mystery. The Scholars were broken into four teams and each placed into one of four themed rooms. The teams were challenged to find the clues necessary to unlock their room by the end of one hour. Even though only one team was able to beat the room, everyone had a great time. The team work between the students in these high stress simulated situations was impressive.
The Rising Scholars are a select group of Academy Park High School students who apply to the college bridge program, which is aimed at closing the achievement gap and improving college readiness.

These students participate in regular Saturday enrichment sessions to improve leadership, SAT math and reading skills, college application, and interview strategies.

**Annual Dodgeball Challenge**

The Class of 2018 hosted Revenge of Dodgeball Mania on Friday, May 19th. Seven teams faced off in a double elimination challenge. Various sports, social groups and clubs fielded teams. The teaching staff was excited to participate in this annual fundraising event. The results of the 12 game bracket were:

- **First Place:** Baseball Team's Thomas the Tank Engine: Matt Thomas, Chris Thomas, Taylor Moors, Bronx Kennedy, Kyle Rogers Jr, Rob Long, Andrew Cahill (Reigning Champions for two years in a row!)
- **Second Place:** Teachers Rule!: K. Rakowski, J. Gutterman, H. Eichelberger, P. Fisher, K. Greto, B. Rosa, M. Fortuna
- **Third Place:** Team Rising Scholars: Kevin Tran, Luke Wright, Emmanuel Ugochukwu, Napoleon Gborplay, Ryan Taylor, Brian Daniels

Everyone had a great time watching the games, dancing to DJ Wayne's tunes, and supporting the class with purchases at the snack bar. Thank you to all who participated and supported this year's event!

**Darby Township School**

**Poem In Your Pocket**

Darby Township School students in grades 1 through 3 celebrated Poem In Your Pocket Day on April 28th. The students designed and decorated paper pockets that they wore like a necklace. Inserted into each pocket was a favorite poem that could be shared with fellow students and staff.
8th Grade Dance Party
With the collaboration of administrators and teachers, DTS parents organized and hosted a dance for 8th grade students on May 12th. The dance was held to celebrate the students' moving on to high school. The dance was very well attended and everyone had a great time.

DTS Wins Big at Science Olympics
DTS students in grades 4 through 8 were well prepared for this year's Science Olympics. First and second place Olympian winners from each of the district grades 1 through 8 schools presented their projects at Academy Park High School on May 25th. Darby Township School students did extremely well, winning 4 of the 5 categories.

End of Year Fun
On May 30th, student council members helped 1st grade students create books celebrating Memorial Day. Also, a picnic was held to bring together, face to face, DTS and Harris School 5th grade students who have corresponded with each other as pen pals during the school year.
Delcroft School

Delcroft Student Honored for Sportsmanship

Delcroft 8th grader, Morgan Joner, was recognized at the annual Del Val League Sportsmanship Luncheon on May 31st at The Heritage Ballroom. The luncheon is held to honor league athletes and coaches for their displayed sportsmanship and athletic dedication.

Morgan was honored for her participation in middle school field hockey and lacrosse. She is an avid swimmer and has competed on the Folcroft and Ridley YMCA swim teams since she was 4 years old. Morgan plans on continuing her athletic career at Academy Park High School; playing field hockey and lacrosse.

Science Olympics

Qualifying Delcroft students in grades 5 through 8 attended the district's Science Olympics held at Academy Park High School on May 25th. Categories for this year's competition were Balloon Powered Race Cars, Paper Airplanes, and Penny Boats.

This year, Delcroft team members Isa Knightner, Nasiem Green, and Kiera Wilcox came in 3rd in the Penny Boat competition. The Paper Airplane team of Nicholas Conaway, Tyrell Davis, Christopher Malone, and David Bayko took 3rd place and Kaheem Ali, Pasquale DiCamillo, Vistor Ledonne, and Jayden Alexander received 1st place honors in the Balloon Powered Race Car event.

All competitors worked extremely hard and learned the importance of working as a team. Winning teams received designated medals to honor their accomplishments. Congratulations to all of the teams participating in this year's event and many thanks to Mrs. Lees and Mrs. Carberry for preparing our students for this event.

Harris School

A Celebration of the Arts at Harris School

The annual Harris Spring Arts Festival was held on May 11th. The festival is a celebration of visual, instrumental and vocal arts. The visual component of the festival showcased the amazing artwork created by students under the direction of Harris art teacher, Mrs. Christine Hall.
Mrs. Hall has developed an art program at Harris School that is second to none. With the help of her students, Mrs. Hall organized and displayed the students’ artwork in vignettes throughout the school. Festival attendees were able to walk the hallways and view the art displays prior to the concert.

The concert started with an instrumental presentation by the school band. Under the direction of Ms. Rebecca King, the band is a combination of students in grades 4 through 8, with beginner to experienced skill levels. The instruments played by students range from flute and trumpet to percussion, and include most everything in between. This year, attendees were treated to solo performances by 8th graders Kayla Hayes on flute and Ajanie Hires on trumpet. For the band, the theme from Star Wars was a crowd favorite and the highlight of their play list.

In addition to the band, the 4th and 5th grade, middle school and select choruses performed under the direction of general music teacher, Mr. Joseph Scholl. For this year's concert, Mr. Scholl went with a Beatles theme, with the different choral groups singing selections chosen from the Beatles abundant song catalog.
The choice to have the students sing Beatles songs was daunting, but the students were up to the challenge. The 5th grade chorus opened with *Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da* and finished with a version of *Imagine* that was stunning. The middle school chorus preformed *Yesterday* and *With A little Help From My Friends* and the 4th grade chorus preformed *Yellow Submarine* and crowd favorite *Twist and Shout*. The concert ended on a high note, with the three chorus' combining to sing *Let it Be* with solos by 5th graders Camir Jones and Justin Bissoondath.

The chorus and band put on a magnificent show that was enjoyed by parents, families, friends and staff. Overall, it was a great night of art and music at Harris School.

**Sharon Hill School**

**Jump Rope for Heart**

Sharon Hill students participated in a Jump Rope for Heart event on May 11th. Sponsored by the American Heart Association and the Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE), the program teaches school aged children how to keep fit and healthy, all while having fun and raising funds for heart disease research and education. Students participated in a variety of physical activities throughout the school day and were excited to be involved in another outreach program.
**Career Day**
Sharon Hill hosted a career day for students on May 12th. Individuals from various professions presented to students throughout the morning. Students were excited to learn about different career path. They asked questions, took notes, and contemplated the opportunities they will have in the future.

**Spring Concert at Sharon Hill School**
Middle school students performed in both the band and chorus at Sharon Hill School’s spring concert at Academy Park High School. Students sang their hearts out and played their instruments for their families and friends and were thrilled to show the progress they have made throughout the school year.

**Kindergarten Center**
**What Do You Want To Be When You Grow Up?**
One of the career goals from Southeast Delco’s Chapter 339 plan is that students identify their spark or passion. Believing that it is never too soon to expose students to what is possible in their lives; the Kindergarten Center hosted its first mobile career fair on May 18th.
Firefighters from Goodwill and Briarcliffe fire stations brought their fire trucks and EMTs from Fitzgerald Mercy Hospital arrived with their ambulance. Collingdale, Darby Township and Sharon Hill police departments sent officers and their vehicles. Students were thrilled when kindergarten aide, Mrs. Marie Soriano's husband Joe, showed up to show off his race car! The children were given an opportunity to ask questions and view the vehicles up close. It was a great experience for everyone involved.

**Welcome Home and Thank You for Your Service**

A kindergarten student was surprised in her classroom by her father, who was returning home from military duty on May 17th. The emotional homecoming was captured by a NBC 10 news crew and broadcast on the evening news. It was a memorable moment shared by the entire class!