Academy Park High School

LAX 101

Practice for the upcoming season has begun for the APHS Girls Lacrosse team. While the same thing most likely occurred at every high school that offers the sport, something fairly unusual happened this pre-season for the Knights. At an open tryout, more than 40 girls that have never played the sport or even picked up a lacrosse stick came out to try their hand at the sport.

Head coach, Susan Reutter, was so surprised that she could not wait to share the news with other supporters of the program. Everyone that passed the gym during tryouts was invited to watch the phenomenon. No one has yet been able to determine why the program has generated such sudden interest. Perhaps the returning players have been talking-up the sport or the enthusiasm generated by the success of other Academy Park sport teams is contagious.

Whatever the cause, we are confident that our new Lacrosse players will help to build on the success of previous years and that the possibilities for APHS Lacrosse have expanded exponentially. Go Knights!
Upcoming Academy Park High School Events

March
03/12  District Band and Chorus – 7:00 PM - APHS
03/22  Rising Scholars Meeting – 8:00 AM – Noon
03/26  End of 3rd Marking Period

April
04/02  Early Dismissal – 11:00 AM
04/02  Parent / Teacher Conferences
04/05  Rising Scholars Meeting – 8:00 AM – Noon
04/08  Parent University – Alcohol Abuse Awareness – Sharon Hill School – 6:00 PM
04/14 – 04/20  Spring Break – No School for Students
04/19  Rising Scholars Meeting – 8:00 AM – Noon

Darby Township School
Whole Lot of Learning Going On
Along with the cold and snowy weather, February brought many opportunities to learn and have fun to DTS students.

During the second week of February leading up to Valentine’s Day, the DTS student council members sold Candygrams during lunch periods so students could send a sweet treat and a special message to their friends. The Candygrams were delivered to homerooms every day and reinforced the theme of the month: Friendship.

Our 4th grade students have been participating in Good Nutrition lessons offered by Mrs. Sheila Carter, a representative from Penn State University. Students are learning about healthy eating habits and are being given the opportunity to sample a variety of fruits and vegetables.
**Former Flyer Touches Down at DTS**

On February 18th, former Philadelphia Flyer, Bob “The Hound” Kelly, visited Darby Township School to talk to students about teamwork and the importance of maintaining high educational and behavioral standards. It was an inspiring assembly with important motivational concepts for students and staff.

![Image of Bob Kelly with students]

**Is That a Blue Moose?**

Rocky Bluewinkle from the Wilmington Blue Rocks came to visit DTS on Thursday, February 27th and read to our 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grader students. Rocky, with the help of several DTS students, acted out “Casey at the Bat” and “If You Give a Moose a Muffin.” The visit was part of Rocky’s Reading Challenge, an initiative that Ms. Bourque coordinates every year at DTS. Any DTS student who completes their Rocky’s Reading Challenge bookmark will earn two free tickets to an upcoming Blue Rocks game. Keep reading, DTS!!!

![Image of Rocky Bluewinkle with students]

**Let the Games Begin**

During the month of February, students receiving speech and language support services participated in the Speech Olympics under the guidance of Mrs. Shmuel. Students were encouraged to reflect on their current progress towards their individual speech and language goals and with the help of the speech therapist create a mini goal that they would work towards throughout the month. Activities were all within the theme of the Winter Olympics and incorporated vocabulary with a winter sports theme.

In addition to working on their speech and language goals, children learned a little about the history of the Winter Olympic Games and Russia, this year’s host country. Children who achieved 60% accuracy towards their goals received a bronze medal, 70% accuracy earned a silver medal, and 80% accuracy or greater earned a gold medal.
Medals, made in clay especially for this event by Ms. Shmuel, were awarded on February 27th at a closing ceremony party held in the speech room.

The students were very eager to participate in the Olympics and the majority of the students involved were able to earn a silver or gold medal. Let’s keep the spirit of our Speech Olympics and stay motivated to reach our goals throughout the remainder of the academic year!

Chuck E. Cheese
The DTS Home & School hosted a fundraiser at Chuck E. Cheese for Darby Township students. Chuckie the Mouse visited several classrooms to encourage students to attend the fundraiser. Chuck E. Cheese also gave 25 free prize tickets to every student that attended the event.

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Delcroft School

Sharing a Love of Reading
A new bookcase has been added to the hallway outside of Delcroft School’s main office. Thanks to the generosity of Charlie Sayers, Stephen D’Antonio, David Fosbenner, and Danny Rogers, all 6th graders from St. Dorothy’s
School in Drexel Hill, who purchased the materials and built the bookcase. They were assisted in this act of kindness by Stephen D’Antonio’s father.

But what good is a bookcase without any books? So they organized a book drive at their school and collected gently used books to fill the shelves and created a new “Lending Library” for the enjoyment of Delcroft students. The boys then visited the school to set up the books and bookcase.

The concept of the Lending Library is simple. When a Delcroft student wishes to borrow a book they may visit the bookcase and select one to read in their free time. The boys hope that by donating books that they themselves have enjoyed, the students at this school will get to enjoy them too!

It seems as though their wish has come true! If the bare shelves are any indication, the children of Delcroft really appreciate the books. Now that the books have been borrowed, it is up to the children to bring them back for others to enjoy. As an incentive to keep the Lending Library stocked, Delcroft Dollars will be utilized and any student who brings in a gently used book (or returns a book that was borrowed) will be given a Delcroft Dollar. Let’s keep the shelves full!

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Harris School

“Green Eggs and Ham” Anyone?
“Read Across America” was celebrated the first week in March at Harris School. Created as a national celebration of Dr. Seuss’ birthday, Read Across America honors his life’s work of writing books and promoting the importance of reading. Dr. Seuss books are classics that have endured the test of time and are beloved by children all over the world.

Each year at Harris School we try to celebrate in a unique way, so this year’s festivities were spread out over the course of a week. Under the direction of reading interventionist Cindy Silverthorn, the 1st and 2nd graders were treated to many different activities throughout the week. Monday was Fox in Socks day and students wore their craziest socks. If I Ran a Zoo was Tuesday’s theme and students donned animal prints. Dress Whacky Wednesday was following by a book swap on Thursday entitled I Can Read with My Eyes Shut. Friday’s theme, Oh, The Places You’ll Go, had students dress as their future selves, in the clothes of what they want to be when they grow up. While the activities were fun, they were also purposeful and supported the lessons being taught in the classroom.

A new activity added this year was “Mystery Readers” where each day at 2:45 PM a parent, grandparent, or guardian arrived unannounced to read a Dr. Seuss book to the class. This was a huge hit with the students and will probably be continued throughout the year.

The highlight of Read Across America week was Celebrity Reader Day. We were lucky enough to have “celebrities” the likes of Superintendent Dr. Butz, Board President Dorothy Gallagher, Board member Cynthia Mason, Dallas Cowboy’s Center Phil Costa, Dr. Ambler, Jen Peterson, and Kim Brown. The students loved having such an important person in their room reading to them and showed their appreciation by being on their best behavior. We want to say thank you to all our visiting readers who volunteered their time to make the day special for Harris students.
**Upcoming Harris School Events**

**March**
- 03/12: District Band and Chorus – 7:00 PM – APHS
- 03/24 – 03/28: PSSA Reading & Mathematics Testing – Grades 3 – 8
- **03/24 – 03/28**: Early Dismissal – 1:30 PM
- 03/26: End of 3rd Marking Period

**April**
- 04/02: Early Dismissal – 12:45 AM
- 04/02: Parent / Teacher Conferences
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**Sharon Hill School**

**Sharon Hill Celebrates Black History Month**

Sharon Hill School and community are celebrating Black History Month by highlighting and recognizing African Americans that have made their mark in American history. Teachers throughout the building have decorated their classroom doors in recognition of famous African Americans and their many contributions and accomplishments.
Pennies for Patients
Sharon Hill School student council just wrapped up our Pennies for Patients drive to support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. This year’s kick off was held in January and a goal was set to raise $1200. Our students and staff worked really hard to reach the goal and we are happy to announce that we did it! Mrs. Harvey’s class led the way and raised a total of $121.81 to support this worthy cause.

Upcoming Sharon Hill School Events

March
03/12 District Band and Chorus – 7:00 PM – APHS
03/21 PSSA Pep Rally
03/22 Positive Behavior Social
03/24 – 03/28 PSSA Reading & Mathematics Testing – Grades 3 – 8
03/24 – 03/28 Early Dismissal – 1:30 PM
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Kindergarten Center
100th Day
On Wednesday, February 12th, the Kindergarten students celebrated the long awaited 100th day of school! Students worked at home on special “100 Things” projects that are now displayed throughout the Kindergarten
Center. The Kindergarten teachers implemented several fun activities throughout the day and it was a great time for everyone!

**Dr. Seuss’s Birthday Celebration**

On Tuesday, March 4th, Kindergarten students and staff celebrated Dr. Seuss’s Birthday. The day was filled with fun activities that celebrated the books written by Dr. Seuss. Students made “Cat in The Hat” hats and guest reader shared many Dr. Seuss books with students. A special appearance was made by the Superintendent, Dr. Stephen Butz, as a guest reader. It was a wonderful day that centered on the joy of reading and the delightful work of a very special author!

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