Once Upon A Mattress

This year’s 37th musical production is Rogers and Hammerstein’s **ONCE UPON A MATTRESS**. The show debuted the weekend of April 28th with upcoming shows on May 4th, 5th and 6th. Friday and Saturday shows are at 7:30 PM and the Sunday matinee show begins at 2 PM. Beautiful costumes, sets, make-up, and amazing performances from cast and orchestra members make the show an event to remember.

For more information on the Southeast Delco District Musical visit our website at [www.sedelcomusical.com](http://www.sedelcomusical.com) or contact Ms. Christine D’Annibale at 610-522-4330 extension 6214.
37 Years of Tradition

Initiated in 1976, the Southeast Delco District Musical Program was the brain child of Mr. Michael Rayer, Jr., a former teacher at Academy Park High School and Director of the show for 30 years. Over its 37 year history, the District Musical has developed a renowned reputation as being one of the finest musical programs in Delaware County.

The musical was the first activity to be established in Southeast Delco on a district-wide basis. Students in grades 5-12 participate as actors, dancers, chorus, and orchestra members. Students in grades 7-12 participate in stage and technical crews. Over 3,000 students have participated as actors, stage crew, technical crew, and orchestra members since the inception of the program. The District believes the most important skills students develop from participating in the musical are commitment, perseverance, teamwork, and a strong work ethic. These valuable skills can be transferred to any career to ensure future success. We are very proud of all of our students and alumni members! The first line of Fiddler on the Roof in 1976 was “Tradition”. Our goal is to continue to live up to the “Tradition” of excellence that has been established in for the past 37 years.

A Round of Applause for T.O.P.S.

Our parent organization, T.O.P.S., Theatrically Organized Persons of Southeast Delco School District, is a group of parents, alumni, and friends of the musical that was established in 1980. Some of the activities they are involved with include organizing an annual banquet, presenting scholarships to district seniors, providing lunches for Saturday rehearsals, and creating costumes. The success of the musical program would not have been possible without the strong support of the T.O.P.S. organization.

Academy Park High School

Outstanding Seniors Represent The Park at Hero Bowl

Seniors Charles Dorsey and Brianna Macauley took top honors in the recent Hero Bowl for their respective genders. Doubling as the Delco All-Star game, the Hero Bowl has seen its share of talented senior basketball stars. It saw two more this year! Dorsey’s performance in his East team’s 98-86 loss was amazing. The third-team All-Delco honoree made sure to put on a show featuring 11 points (2 of which were reminiscent of Michael Jordan) and 3 blocks. For the girls, Macauley scored 23 of her teams 58 points. The All-Delco honoree and 1,000 point scorer led her team to victory. Both student athletes represented The Park well!

The Hero Bowl games raise money in the form of scholarships for children of police, firefighters, and emergency personnel who perish in the line of duty.

Upcoming Academy Park High School Events

May
May 1 – 25  PASA Science
May 8 – 10  Benchmark 4 – Grade 11, STAR Grades 9 & 10
May 11  Progress Reports Marking Period 4
May 28  Memorial Day Holiday - No School for Students and Staff
Darby Township School

Lots of Activity at DTS

The April Spring Break offered a brief respite from school and students and staff returned refreshed and eager to resume their hard work. Parent / teacher conferences were conducted and Science and Writing PSSAs were administered, ending the month with a flurry of activity.

Darby Township School hosted the Reading Olympics practice session on April 12th and students from Darby Township, Delcroft, Harris, and Sharon Hill Schools reported to the DTS library to hone their skills and enjoy a delicious lunch.

Students gather to practice for upcoming Reading Olympics

Darby Township School’s Home & School hosted a Bingo Night for students, their families, and community members on April 12th. DTS cook, Marie Gilchrist, was kind enough to offer her services as “caller” for the evening and all in attendance had a great time.

Upcoming Darby Township School Events

May
- May 1 – 2   Terra Nova – Grades 1 & 2
- May 1 – 18  DIBELS 3 – Grades 1 & 2
- May 1 – 25  PASA Science
- May 8       Gates – Grades 6 – 8
- May 8 – 10  Benchmark 4 – Grades 1 & 2
- May 11      Progress Reports Marking Period 4
- May 14      Gmade Assessment 3 – Grades 1 & 2
- May 28      Memorial Day Holiday - No School for Students and Staff

Delcroft School

Students Raise Funds for Folcroft K-9

Delcroft School’s Student Council sponsored a dress down day fundraiser to support the Folcroft Police K-9 Fund on April 13th. The Folcroft Police Department is raising funds to replace Officer Eugene Mackey’s beloved K-9
partner, Logan. Logan had to be put down this fall due to chronic spinal disease. Students raised $400 from the dress down day, and along with an additional donation of $100 were able to donate $500 to the fund. The funds were presented at a benefit for the cause on April 14th. Officer Mackey and the Folcroft Police Department were grateful for the support the students and staff have shown for the department and community.

**Phantastic Reader**

Delcroft School has been informed that Nia Stevenson, a fourth grader in Mrs. McDonough’s class was chosen by the Philadelphia Phillies as one of their most improved readers. As a result, she will be honored on the field prior to the “Be a Phanatic About Reading Night” at the June 1st Phillies game.

Nia will receive two complimentary tickets to that night’s game, as well as a special award during the pregame ceremony. Many thanks go to the hard work and dedication of our counselor, Ms. Janine Bristow who was Delcroft’s coordinator for this program.

**Autism Awareness**

Delcroft School will participate in the *Blowing Bubbles for Autism Awareness* activity on April 26th. Students and staff, along with others from across the country, will simultaneously blow bubbles at precisely 1:15 PM to bring awareness to Autism spectrum disorders.

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**Harris School**

**Student Council Leads The Way**

Harris School’s Student Council was very busy this past month raising awareness and money for several good causes. Their efforts began with an *Alex’s Lemonade Stand* fundraiser, which was held during the parent / teacher conferences half day.
Alex’s Lemonade Stand was started by Alexandra "Alex" Scott who as a young child was diagnosed with cancer. She decided at a very young age to start a lemonade stand because she wanted to raise money and give the money to doctors to allow them to "help other kids, like they helped me." Harris student council is always looking for a good cause to help and this is one that they have supported for the last few years. This year they raised $225 in just a few afternoons. In addition, the student council supported two different Jean Day for a Good Cause. The first jean day was for Multiple Sclerosis and $417.00 was raised.

A second jean day was held on April 20th to support Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) awareness and for that special cause $400 was raised in memory of Sean Patrick Burke. These events and activities are very important to the staff and students at Harris School and they are committed to continuing to do whatever they can to support good causes.

**Harris Has Talent**

In other Student Council news the Harris Idol talent show tryouts are currently underway. This annual event is a spring highlight at Harris School. In the past, student talent included everything from singers and dancers to comedians. Tryouts this year have not disappointed, with new talent coming from across the grades. Both students and staff are looking forward to a fantastic show.

**Harris Has Talent II**

As in years past, Harris School is well represented in this year’s district musical, “Once Upon A Mattress.”

In addition to current Harris students, there are quite a few Harris alumni who now attend Academy Park that are involved with the district musical. Hopefully everyone will be able to attend one of the musical’s performances, support our talented students, and have an evening of entertainment that would rival anything you might see on Broadway.

Current Harris School students playing a role on stage or behind the curtain include:

- Aisha Conteh, Grade 5
- Mark Davies, Grade 8
- Teegan Gross, Grade 6
- Caleb Reese, Grade 6
- Elijah Reese, Grade 5
- Kelsie Thomas, Grade 8

**Literacy Luau**

Harris School will host a district “Literacy Luau” night at 5:45 till 8:15 PM on May 10th. The event will begin with a free dinner with entertainment by story teller Vicky Town. Following dinner the night will continue with workshops, including Readers Theater, Technology Activities (Blogging, Wikki’s), Lyrical Poetry, Word Games, Character Clowns, Student Performances, and Reading Strategies. Two sessions will be held, to allow parents to attend more than one workshop. The night will provide a venue for families to spend quality time together and will reinforce the importance of reading and literacy.
**Upcoming Harris School Events**

**May**
May 1 – 2  Terra Nova – Grades 1 & 2  
May 1 – 18  DIBELS 3 – Grades 1 & 2  
May 1 – 25  PASA Science  
May 8  Gates – Grades 6 – 8  
May 8 – 10  Benchmark 4 – Grades 1 & 2  
May 11  Progress Reports Marking Period 4  
May 14  Gmade Assessment 3 – Grades 1 & 2  
**May 28**  *Memorial Day Holiday - No School for Students and Staff*

**Sharon Hill School**

**Jump Rope for Heart**
Sharon Hill School students held their annual *Jump Rope for Heart* fundraiser to support the National Heart Association on March 29th, raising a total of $932.30. To make the fundraiser more interesting, students that raised the most money for this worthy cause were rewarded by having the opportunity to throw a pie in the face of a staff member.

A very special thank you goes out to Ms. Hunt for being such a good sport and taking four pies to the face.

**Students and Staff Have Fun and Raise Money for the National Heart Association**

**Career Day**
Students in grades 4 – 8 attended Sharon Hill’s 3rd Annual Career Fair on April 20th. Representatives from various professions shared with students the reasons they chose their particular field of endeavor. Presenters described how they prepared for their careers and what their day to day activities consisted of. Students interviewed the presenters and selected one or two careers that they found interesting and were required to write a report about what they learned.

Guest presenters included social workers, chefs, cosmetologists, firefighters, representatives from the Armed Forces, business owners, and a radio personality.
Upcoming Sharon Hill School Events

May
- May 1 – 2: Terra Nova – Grades 1 & 2
- May 1 – 18: DIBELS 3 – Grades 1 & 2
- May 1 – 25: PASA Science
- May 8: Gates – Grades 6 – 8
- May 8 – 10: Benchmark 4 – Grades 1 & 2
- May 11: Progress Reports Marking Period 4
- May 14: Gmade Assessment 3 – Grades 1 & 2
- May 28: Memorial Day Holiday - No School for Students and Staff

Kindergarten Center

Reading is Fun Fair

Families came out for some learning fun at the Kindergarten Center Reading is Fun Fair. The reading fair, held Tuesday, March 27th, was planned by Kindergarten Center teachers to celebrate National Reading Month.
Teachers planned reading games for parents and students as a fun way to practice skills in school and at home. Students played High Frequency Word and Rhyming Word Bingo, made puppets to role play stories, joined in a technology-based Jeopardy game, and participated in other literacy activities. Students who read every day with family members during the month of March turned in their reading logs to receive a free book. Door prizes included new books, Border’s gift certificates, and subscriptions to Children’s Magazine. Children’s Magazine subscriptions were donated by Kindergarten Center teacher, Hollie Citerone.

“Makin’ Music”

March is Music in schools month. Kindergarten Center students were active participants in the visiting assembly program “Makin’ Music.” The assembly program included clapping along to the beat, and singing along to a wonderful mix of developmentally appropriate music.

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