**Broadway Comes to Southeast Delco**

Music, dance, laughs, and the age-old tale of Boy Meets Girl- no musical puts it on stage better than *ANYTHING GOES*! Hilarious shipboard antics wrapped around one of Cole Porter's most magical scores, *ANYTHING GOES* is Delightful, Delicious, and De-Lovely.

Tickets are now available for the District Musical's 42nd production - Cole Porter's "Anything Goes". The cast, crew and orchestra is comprised of students ranging from grades 5 through 12. Opening weekend attendees left humming and praising a job well done. Join us as they sing and dance to songs like "Anything Goes", "Blow, Gabriel Blow" and "De-Lovely".

Remaining show dates are Friday, May 5th and Saturday, May 6th at 7:30 PM and Sunday, May 7th at 2:00 p.m. Please plan to arrive at least 15 minutes early. Tickets can be purchased on-line at [www.sedelcomusical.com](http://www.sedelcomusical.com). Online sales end 2 hours prior to show time.

Advance tickets are $8 for adults and $6 for students and senior citizens. All tickets purchased at the door for all shows and ages are $10.

Don't miss the boat - see the show before we say "Bon Voyage!"
Academy Park High School

Abdulai Gassama - 2017 All-Delco Hi-Q Team Member

Academy Park’s Abdulai Gassama has added another accolade to his list of high school achievements. Along with his Rotary Club Award, his significant contribution to the 2017 and 2016 SeaPerch Competitions and his designation as Student Representative to the Southeast Delco Board of School Directors - just to name a few - Mr. Gassama was selected to represent APHS on the 2017 All-Delco Hi-Q Team.

Made up of an outstanding member from each of the 21 competing school districts, Abdulai was chosen for this honor by Ms. Colleen DiMaggio, Academy Park’s Hi-Q faculty advisor and enrichment teacher.

Mr. Gassama, along with the other members of the All-Delco Hi-Q team, was recognized at the annual Partners in Education Celebration on April 27th. Congratulations Mr. Gassama, you never fail to amaze.

Junior Issa Fox Makes APHS History at NFL Draft

The 2017 NFL Football Draft was historic for many reasons. The first draft was held in Philadelphia in 1936, and returned this year for its largest platform ever. It was also the first outdoor venue for the event and more than 250,000 people experienced the energy and excitement, and eagerly awaited each pick.

For Academy Park High School, history was made at the draft when English teacher, Mrs. Sacrenty, nominated 11th grade student, Issa Fox, for a once in a lifetime opportunity. Issa was selected as one of twenty students from the Greater Philadelphia area to serve as a student reporter for the second round of the NFL draft. Each student-journalist had the exclusive opportunity to interview an NFL legend, witness a behind the scenes tour of the theater and media pavilion, as well as walk across the stage.

When asked about the experience, Issa said, "To start, this opportunity doesn't come very often so when I got the news from one of my favorite teachers, I had to jump to action. To elaborate, I didn't even have a clue about this program until one day I randomly stopped by Ms. Sacrenty's room and she told me I was in it."
At first, I was overcome with excitement, and then panic just started to engulf my body. I realized I was going to be around sports legends and attending the 2017 NFL Draft. Subsequently, the overall experience of it was everything I hoped it would be. It gave me a chance to indulge in the sports journalism world, while at the same time enjoying the NFL environment as an athlete."

Dressed to impress, Issa worked diligently preparing the perfect questions for the interview, and maintained professionalism for the entire process. He sat down with former Colts linebacker, Robert Mathis, and asked him some thought provoking questions.

Experiencing such a monumental event in such an exclusive fashion was truly a moment never to be forgotten. Maybe we will see Issa's name selected as a pick for the NFL draft in the future. Until then, we will continue to be proud of his accomplishments and hard work.

**Widener Tutoring Program**

Five Academy Park High School students were accompanied by Dr. Ryan, Mr. Hooven, Ms. McDaniel, and Mr. Bogash on a college visit to Widener University during spring break. The students are part of the partnership with Academy Park Alternative Education Program and Widener University. Using lesson plans, the students work with a college tutor once a week for an hour to develop educational opportunities for the students.

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Each tutor is an upper-class education major who focuses on building relationships with students, while delivering a rich curriculum. Widener's Coordinator of Special Education, Dr. Staulters, and Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, Dr. Blank, are the project directors.

The day started with the departure from the Collingdale Campus at 10:00 a.m. Upon arrival, the students met with Dr. Blank, Dr. Staulters and the tutors, who presented each of the five students with a certificate of participation, a $25 Wawa gift card, and a Widener bag. Lunch was eaten in the Widener cafeteria, which offered an endless supply of delicious food. After lunch, the students attended an introductory criminal justice class where they participated in the discussion of restorative justice.

The students took full advantage of this opportunity and also enjoyed a great day.
Students Visit Sure Power and Learn About STEM Careers

A group of Academy Park students learned where careers in science, technology, engineering, and math can lead at Sure Power, a company that supplies back up batteries to businesses located in Ridley Park, PA.

The students participated in a STEM career-related discussion with brothers Paul Merrick, CEO, and John Merrick, President, along with Sure Power electrician, Don Grant, before their guided tour of the facility. Sure Power provides Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS), or battery back-up, to businesses.

The Sure Power representatives shared valuable real world advice. They encouraged the students, when they have completed their education, to join a professional organization related to their career so they can connect and network with other likeminded groups and people. APHS 11th grader William McClay stated, "I thought it was great advice and plan to follow it. My experience at Sure Power was of undeniable importance that allowed me to relate the experience to one that I can bring to my future career."

Darby Township School

Annual Career Fair at DTS

Under the direction of guidance counselor, Mrs. Jackson, Darby Township School hosted its annual Career Fair on March 29th. Over 25 career fields were represented, and the gym at DTS was transformed into an educational event and community gathering where students could explore a variety of career opportunities.
Darby Township Manager, Jack Ryan, Police Chief, Regina Price, Deputy Chief, Brian Patterson, and PA State Representative, Nick Micarelli, each hosted a table to inform students about the responsibilities of their positions. A sales representative from Wawa, a postal worker, a mortician, a pet groomer, two barbers, a physical therapist, and a representative from the Delaware County SPCA joined other career representatives to answer students' questions and share the many facets of their career paths and what their jobs entail.

DTS students and staff thoroughly enjoy this event and look forward to it every year.

**Darby Township School PSSAs**

The month of April kicked off with PSSAs, starting with English Language Arts (ELA). Headed by Ms. Nicole Bourque, the PSSA planning committee organized several activities to motivate students to do their best on the assessments. To mark the end of the first week of testing on April 7th, the committee hosted a student vs faculty King Pin game and a Kick Ball game on April 12th. In addition, students earned tickets as rewards for punctuality, attendance and positive behavior during testing. Students can use the tickets to win gift cards, Dorney Park tickets and Beat headphones. Healthy snacks were provided to students to help maintain their focus and energy.

**Recognizing Student Achievement at DTS**

The third marking period Citizens of the Month and Student of the Quarter assemblies were organized by Mrs. Camile Jackson and held on April 21st. Students were recognized for exhibiting character traits highlighted in the months of February (Friendship), March (Achievement) and April (Honesty) and for academic achievement in various content areas.

Mrs. Jackson also recognized students who were "Here on Time" (H.O.T. initiative) throughout the third marking period. The DTS H.O.T. initiative is spearheaded by Mrs. Jackson and is part of a school-wide effort to improve student attendance and punctuality. H.O.T. students received a doughnut delivered to them in class, earned a dress down day, enjoyed a pizza party, and were recognized at the quarterly assembly.

**Delcroft School**

**Delcroft School Celebrates Poetry Month**

As part of National Poetry Month, Poem in Your Pocket Day was celebrated on April 27th at Delcroft School. Students were provided various poems to carry with them throughout the day to share with other students and staff. This annual day promotes a love for poetry, literacy, and language. Students
also participated in activities including reading their poems to grade level buddies, reading poems outside, and completing fun activities to emphasize the power of poetry.

Congratulations Ms. Cashin
Delcroft is pleased to announce the special recognition of Ms. Elizabeth Cashin, who was selected by Kelly Education Services as their Employee of the Month of March. Ms. Cashin has been a building substitute at Delcroft School since September 2015. Ms. Cashin also works at the American Swedish Historical Museum in Philadelphia and is a home care provider for senior citizens. Ms. Cashin has been a resident of Folcroft for over 10 years. She frequently attends special activities in the district in support of our students. We are extremely proud of the recognition Ms. Cashin has received and are grateful for her dedication to the students and staff of our school community.

Harris School

Harris Presents to School Board at Monthly Meeting
Harris School presented to the School Board at the monthly board business meeting on April 27th. Assistant principal, Mr. Ruane, and teacher, Ms. Silverthorn, created a presentation to demonstrate how important reading is at Harris School. They were assisted with the presentation by two exceptional 7th grade Harris students, Ashante Walker and Chamara Whitney. The girls presented alongside Mrs. Silverthorn on the reading activities they have been involved with, including the Harris Book Club, the 7th grade March Madness of Reading and the Word Parade.

Harris School PSSAs
Harris students began taking the Pennsylvania System of School Assessments (PSSA) on Monday April 3rd. The testing included English Language Arts and mathematics for students in grades 3 through 8 and science for students in grades 4 and 8.

The administration of all of the PSSAs involves the entire school for the duration of testing. To ensure the integrity of the assessments, all staff in the building during testing are required to take an online PSSA proctor course. Meetings were held with staff to review procedures and student assemblies were held to go over test expectations and encourage student achievement.
The students being tested showed enthusiasm and optimism throughout the process. Students in grades or programs that were not being tested did a great job of keeping the noise level down and not disturbing the students who were testing.

Organizing and managing PSSA materials and scheduling is a monumental task and those responsibilities were skillfully accomplished by Harris teachers, Ms. Cindy Silverthorn and Ms. Rebecca King.

**Sharon Hill School**

**Reading Olympics**

Sharon Hill School participated in countywide Reading Olympics at Springer Lake Middle School. Sharon Hill was represented by two teams - elementary and middle school - that worked diligently throughout the school year to prepare for the contest. Each team read 45 books to prepare for the event. Students participated in 3 rounds of competition and were asked 40 questions per round.

Sharon Hill's elementary team won all three rounds, bringing home blue ribbons and the middle school team proudly wore the red ribbons they earned. The students enjoyed the experience and are already discussing competing next school year! Congratulations to both teams; their hard work paid off.

**Sharon Hill School PSSAs**

In April, students in grades 3 through 8 sat for the Pennsylvania System of School Assessments (PSSA) for English Language Arts and mathematics. Students worked diligently throughout the school year to prepare for the assessments and put forth considerable effort each day during testing. Raffles were held and students were able to win prizes daily based on their attendance. Science assessments will be administered the first week of May for students in grades 4 and 8.

Parents and staff worked together to help motivate students by writing letter of encouragement for them to read right before testing.

**Book Fair**

A book fair was hosted by the Sharon Hill School library and students were excited to have an opportunity to purchase a new book. Students were able to select a book to read that they found interesting. Several students discussed how many books they planned to read over the summer.
Reading is extremely important for academic achievement and it is a wonderful thing to see the excitement in a student's eyes when they are looking at a new book.

**Kindergarten Center**

**Fun and Games at Educational Fair**

The Kindergarten Center hosted their first Educational Fair on Thursday, April 20th. Over 200 parents and students enjoyed a fun-filled evening that consisted of the children rotating through five educational games facilitated by the kindergarten teachers. Each child that participated received a Kindergarten Center passport that was stamped each time they completed an activity. Once the students received all five stamps, they were able to enjoy time on a moon bounce!

Families completed their evening by visiting a Scholastic Book Fair, completing a parent survey and sampling a variety of foods. The Kindergarten Center staff received several positive statements about the event and many of the parents expressed their gratitude. The staff is looking forward to making this an annual event for the community to enjoy!

**Earth Day Celebration**

On Monday, April 24th, several Kindergarten Center students that attend Today's Child planted a tree to recognize Earth Day. This is a special day to celebrate the planet and promote keeping our communities "green". A special thank you to the Today's Child staff for recognizing this day with our students!