Academy Park High School

Back to School Dance

The Class of 2018 and The Young Men and Women of Academy Park Club kicked off the school year with a Back to School Dance on September 24. This year, students glowed under black lights as they danced the night away to the DJ stylings of Class of 2016 alumni Byron Johnson.

First grade Harris School student, Miss Noah Jetter-McFee, accompanied her chaperone mom and showed off her dance moves to the high school crowd.

Olympian Visits Alternative Education

Olympian Darrell Hill, who attended Sharon Hill School and Academy Park High School before moving to the William Penn School District, visited Southeast Delco’s alternative education program on September 15. Mr. Hill participated in the shot put competition at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio. Darrell’s path to the Olympics began in 2010, when Penn Wood High School needed a shot putter. Although he grew up playing football, basketball and wrestling, Darrell was up for the challenge.

After high school, Mr. Hill attended Penn State University where he became a member of the track and field team. He graduated from Penn State in the spring of 2015 but remained in State College to continue his training for the Summer Games. All of his hard work paid off when Darrell won a spot on the 2016 U.S. Olympic Track and Field team.

In his speech, Darrell counseled students enrolled in the alternative program to set goals and encouraged them to believe in themselves and to never give up. He answered questions and was more than happy to pose for pictures with the students and staff.
**B or Better Breakfast**

Karen Manners hosted her quarterly *B or Better Breakfast* on September 28. The breakfast recognizes all students from the last report card who earned a B or better in all of their classes, which in this case was the end of last year.

Students look forward to this celebration each marking period. Mrs. Manners mixes the pancake batter from scratch and whips up the most delicious pancake breakfast in town.

**Darby Township School**

**Back to School Happenings at DTS**

Darby Township School hosted a meet and greet on the building's front lawn to celebrate the start of the 2016 / 2017 school year. The DTS Home & School Association provided refreshments to parents and students, who were very excited to meet their teachers.

Prior to the return of students, teachers and administrators participated in three days of professional development activities that focused on instructional best practices. Several DTS teachers planned and moderated the professional development sessions.

Parents had another opportunity to acquaint themselves with their child's school at the DTS Back to School Night on September the 13. The evening kicked off with a greeting from the principal, Dr. Mosakowski, who introduced all DTS staff members.

The Home & School Association also hosted the annual *Bring Your Favorite Dessert* event, where parents are asked to bring in their favorite appetizer or dessert to share with the Back to School Night attendees.
While visiting classrooms, parents were introduced to the curricula of the various content areas that will be taught to students.

Under the direction of the lead reading interventionist, Ms. Nicole Bourque, teachers are planning reward activities on October 6 for students who met the requirements for Summer Reading. Mrs. Jackson, guidance counselor at DTS, will host a New Student Breakfast for students who were enrolled and started their journey at DTS after the start of school in August.

**Delcroft School**

*Welcome Back Delcroft Students*

Delcroft School began the 2016 / 2017 school year with their annual Meet & Greet on August 29. Parents and students were invited to come meet their teacher for the upcoming school year. This event was well attended and enjoyed by students, parents and staff.

Delcroft's Back-to-School Night was held on September 14, and parents and guardians were invited to attend several sessions where information was provided regarding their child's classroom, academic expectations and upcoming events for the school year.

In addition to school-related information, parents were encouraged to attend a "resource fair" that was held in Delcroft’s cafeteria. Various agencies presented information about services and programs available to families that reside in Delaware County. Special thanks to the Girl Scouts of America, Folcroft Library, Sea Cadets, and the Delaware County Community Action Group for attending this important event.

Students in grades 1-8 have been extremely busy working on their classroom routines and learning the academic and behavioral expectations for this school year. Teachers are focusing on using Responsive Classroom as a tool to develop a learning community in their classrooms.
Home and School Association

On October 6, Delcroft School is scheduled to hold a Home and School Association start-up meeting. Interested parents are encouraged to attend this meeting, which is scheduled to start at 6:00 p.m. in Delcroft's cafeteria.

Harris School

Harris School Welcomes Students to New School Year

Students returned to Harris School for the 2016 / 2017 school year on September 30. This year's opening went exceptionally well. The entire Harris staff was outside of the building to welcome and assist students and their parents.

In addition to a great start to the school year, Harris hosted a "Back to School Night" on September 8. The night began in the gym with an assembly for parents and guardians, where information was provided on school expectations, district policies, and Title 1 funding and how it is utilized at Harris School. Parents were also introduced to Harris' new assistant principal, Mr. Daniel Ruane. Mr. Ruane has been a teacher at Harris School for several years and is well known by many of the parents and students.

After the assembly, parents went to their children's classrooms to meet their teachers and to learn about the curriculum and classroom expectations.
The Harris School leadership team met several times over the summer to reflect on the prior year and develop strategies to address concerns and foster student achievement. Harris administrators and staff feel strongly about the importance of being connected to the families and communities they serve. A well-attended Back to School Night is the perfect start to a successful school year.

**Sharon Hill School**

**Opening Day at Sharon Hill School**
Sharon Hill School had a great start to the 2016 / 2017 school year. Community members and staff welcomed and chatted with students while they waited for the school doors to open. Students were bursting with excitement to see what the new school year would bring.

We anticipate a successful year at Sharon Hill School; with community members, parents and staff working together to support student achievement.

Please log on to the district website ([www.sedelco.org](http://www.sedelco.org)) and select Sharon Hill School to visit the calendar and view upcoming events. Again, welcome back!
Kindergarten Center

The School Year Kicks Off at the Kindergarten Center!
The start of the 2016 / 2017 school year at the Kindergarten Center began with an Open House on August 29. Parents and children had the opportunity to meet with staff, attend an informational seminar about school procedures and "sneak a peek" at their classroom.

School Bus Safety
Students attended an assembly on school bus safety presented by The Segal Puppet Theatre & Co on September 15. The students sang songs and participated in an interactive puppet show. Each student was presented with a "Bertram Bear's Cool School Bus Safety Award" at the end of the day. Everyone was entertained while learning important bus safety tips!

Back to School Night
Over two hundred parents attended the Kindergarten Center's Back to School Night on September 15. Parents were given information on a variety of curriculum items that teachers will be implementing throughout the year. Also, the principal shared the upcoming fundraising events that will take place. The night concluded in the students' classrooms with the teachers giving presentations about classroom rules and expectations for the upcoming school year.
Kindergarten students are continuing to learn and grow each day at the Kindergarten Center. They are adjusting very well to their new environments and making new friends along the way. Everyone is looking forward to a wonderful year and expecting each day to be a new adventure!

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