



Southeast Delco School District

# *Knighly News*

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## *APHS Hi-Q Team Wins Season Kick Off*

Academy Park's Hi-Q team kicked off the season with a win against Cardinal O'Hara and Penn Wood High Schools. Final score: Academy Park 25; Penn Wood 12; and Cardinal O'Hara 18. The team will face Sun Valley and Bonner / Prendie on January 23. Hi-Q team members include Anna Conrad, Adriana Drones, Brianna Ha, Kramoh Mansalay, Jordon McGowan, Cheyenne Phillips, Princess Warley and Amel White.



## *Hour of Code Returns to the District*

This is the second consecutive year that Sharon Hill School students in Mr. Moors' class teamed up with the gifted program to participate in a virtual dance party during the worldwide "Hour of Code" event in December.



The hour of code is an introduction to computer science and provides students with the opportunity to learn the basics, while having a bunch of fun! The foundational skills acquired through this program help students develop problem-solving skills, logic and creativity. The participating students were encouraged to pay it forward by teaching at least three others to learn to code.



Darby Township School gifted students designed and built a robot using code to program it to dance and follow other directions. The students were mesmerized as they watched the robot execute commands according to the code. The students learned quickly and were excited to apply what they learned using the robots. The gifted program obtained the materials needed for this project through Donors Choose.

### *Outdoor Classroom at Philly Zoo*

The Philadelphia Zoo became an outdoor classroom for students in the enrichment program. To prepare for the visit, each student researched an amphibian or reptile that is currently on display at the zoo.



While at the zoo, the students sought out their respective animals and shared their research findings with their peers. Students also participated in follow-up discussions with a zoo expert.

### *Academy Park High School*

#### *Art Students Visit the Brandywine Museum of Art*

Earlier in the semester, Ms. Rakowski's Art 1 class visited the Brandywine Conservancy & Museum of Art. The museum is housed in a converted 19<sup>th</sup>-century grist mill on the banks of the Brandywine in Chadds Ford, PA and is often called the "Wyeth Museum" for its extensive collection of works by the internationally acclaimed Wyeth family.



Students researched the Wyeth family and their realist style of painting prior to visiting the museum. One of the activities the students participated in was to make their own tempera paint - a medium used frequently by Andrew Wyatt - using powdered pigment and the yolk from an egg

The visit also included a guided tour of the art gallery and the docents at the museum were delighted by how engaged the students were during the tour. After the tour, students were able to go outdoors on the museum grounds to sketch or further explore the museum.

### *APHS Winter Concert and Art Show*

Academy Park High School held their annual Winter Concert and Art Show on December 18. Under the direction of AP music teacher Mrs. Kristina Cubbage, the concert opened with the Jazz and Concert Bands. The students played several musical selections, including the favorite *Home for the Holidays* and a concert band version of Trans Siberian Orchestra's *Appalachian Snowfall*.



During intermission the audience was able to view amazing artwork created by talented Academy Park students under the guidance of art teachers Mrs. Mann, Ms. Rakowski, and Mr. Eichelberger.

Two choral groups, the Schola Cantorum and the Concert Choir dazzled the audience with their beautiful voices during the second half of the concert. Under the direction of vocal music teacher Ms. Lori Muller, the concert concluded with an audience favorite, *Mary, Did You Know*. It was a wonderful evening of art and music.

### *Head Start Performance*

For the third year in a row, the Academy Park Concert Band was invited to perform at the Sharon Hill Head Start's Winter Fest! The band kicked off the event playing *A Jingle Bells Fantasy*, by composer James Swearingen.

The AP students loved watching the youngsters sing and dance and even shared some memories from when they attended the school.



The band performed various selections from their winter concert repertoire, to which the audience gave a big round of applause! The students had a great time performing and it was a great way to begin winter break.

## ***Darby Township School***

### ***DTS Winter Concert***

Darby Township School staged their annual Winter Concert on December 11. The concert was amazing and music teachers Mrs. Manko-Morgan and Mrs. Cabbage did a remarkable job preparing the students for the show. Some students had the honor of playing solos during the band presentation and the chorus performed nine songs.

DTS had a wonderful turn out and it was heartwarming to see so many family and community members come out in the cold to support the students.

### ***Glove Drive***

Student council collected hats, gloves and scarves to be given to local families who need a little help staying warm this winter. DTS students and staff collected 427 items! The top three homerooms that collected the greatest number of items were rewarded with a dress down day on December 20! Congratulations to Mrs. Stephens (189 items), Mrs. Gannon (60 items) and Mrs. Juisti (43 items) homerooms.

### ***Spelling Bee***

On December 12, DTS held their annual school spelling bee for students in grades 6-8. The top three winners of the middle school competition were Tavis Wright-Ferreira (1<sup>st</sup> place), Machi Pressley (2<sup>nd</sup> place) and Bryant Peacock (3<sup>rd</sup> place). Tavis and Machi will represent DTS at the county spelling bee in February 2020.

We are very proud of all of our spelling bee participants!



### ***Second Grade Spreads Holiday Joy***



Second grade students at Darby Township School continued a long-standing tradition of spreading winter cheer in the community. Students walked over to the Darby Township Municipal Building to sing winter songs to employees and Darby Township police officers. The employees and officers were very impressed with the choral singing of the second grade students.

The students worked hard during their scheduled responsive classroom morning meetings to practice singing as a group and hometown community relations were strengthened during this process. It was an enjoyable time for all. We are grateful to the municipal employees and police officers for providing a sweet treat for our students.

## *Delcroft School*

### *Wear Your PJs to School and Eat Breakfast in the Hallway Day*

To begin celebrating the winter holidays at Delcroft School, students in Ms. Heaney's, Mrs. Chestnut's, Mrs. Schock's, Mrs. Warner's, Mrs. Livingston's, and Mrs. Condon's classes attended the annual Hallway Breakfast on December 20. The entire breakfast was generously prepared by classroom aide Mrs. Curci, with help from her husband, Mr. Curci.



Holiday treats were donated by students and staff and added to the day's excitement. Students were encouraged to wear their pajamas and all of the students delighted in eating pancakes and drinking hot chocolate during the hallway breakfast. Both students and staff had a great time at this annual event.

### *Delcroft Winter Concert*

Delcroft School presented its annual Winter Concert on December 17. This year, the Delcroft band and the Sharon Hill band performed 5 holiday songs together in the auditorium at Academy Park High School. The band is comprised of students in grades 4–8 and is led by music teacher Ms. Rebecca King.

The students spent a lot of time practicing and preparing for their performance. During the day of the concert, the students held a dress rehearsal in the cafeteria at Delcroft and they sounded fantastic. When it was time to perform that night for their family and friends, the hard work and dedication the students put into their preparation for the concert was on full display. Many of the parents commented that they were very happy and excited about how well the kids performed and were looking forward to the spring concert.



Members of the Delcroft band included Dami Ajiboye, David Akanbong, Evan Alexander, Jordan Angah, Tyler Bendell, Donovan Broxton, Alan Cao, Alvin Cao, Malik Coulibaly, Xavier Creighton, Cairo Fisher, Isabelle Krautheim, Kiona Lac, Ashyr Little, Lexi Lynch, Emmanuel Mahoner, Ebunoluwa Ojulari, Olaoluwa Ojulari, Chase Phanthavong, Vincent Pugh, Darian Ravenell, Michael Tholley, Kiera Wilcox, and Frank Zampitella.

## ***Harris School***

### ***The Great Cookie Bake***

Harris School's annual Cookie Bake took place on December 5. Over 60 families attended the event where they baked and decorated cookies and completed an arts and craft project.



The students and their families had a wonderful time and each family was able to take their freshly baked cookies home to enjoy.

### ***Harris Winter Concert***

Harris School presented their annual Winter Concert on December 12. Students in grades 4-8 participated in the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and middle school choirs and in both the beginner and advanced bands. The performance included *Joyful Rock*, *There's No Place Like Home for the Holidays*, *We Need a Little Christmas*, and a joint chorus presentation of *Christmas Vacation*. The guitar club, which is comprised of 9 students who meet weekly, participated in the concert and performed *Blue Christmas*.

The event was well attended by families and friends who celebrated the hard work and performances of the 165 students who participated in this year's concert.

### ***Harris Spelling Bee***

On December 5, qualifying students in grades 6-8 participated in the annual Harris School Spelling Bee. Thirty students participated in 27 rounds of competition. Congratulations to Nathan Frazier (Grade 8) who won this year's competition with the championship word "haughty" and Morgan Murray (Grade 7) who finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Both students will go on to represent Harris School at the DCIU County Spelling Bee on Saturday, February 1.



A special thanks to the following staff members who assisted with this event; Amy Headley, Cindy Silverthorn, Lauren Trachy, and Rebecca King.

## ***Sharon Hill School***

### ***SHS Spelling Bee***

On December 13, after 12 rounds and approximately 2 hours of competition the Sharon Hill School Spelling Bee finalists were named. All of the participants did well during the competition, but in the end only three students remained.



- 1st Place – Evan Chukwunonye (Grade 7)  
Round – 12, Championship Word: HERITAGE
- 2nd Place – Haja Bangura (Grade 6)  
Round – 12 (out), Word: PRESTIGIOUS
- 3rd Place – Joshua Jones (Grade 8)  
Round – 8 (out), Word: CONTAMINATED

### ***SHS Winter Concert***

Under the direction of music teacher Ms. Rebecca King, students from Sharon Hill and Delcroft School bands performed together at the winter concert on December 17.

In addition, Mr. Jim Angelucci set the holiday mood for Sharon Hill families with a magical winter choral presentation by the Sharon Hill School student chorus. Students in grades 1–8 participated in the chorus, while students in grades 4–8 played in the band.



## *PBIS Reward Volleyball Game*

Students who demonstrated appropriate behaviors during November and December were invited to play multiple rounds of Volleyball on December 18.



Teachers joined in the fun in an effort to establish positive relationships with students outside of the traditional classroom. Students and staff encouraged players with cheers and chants and supported the principles of teamwork and positive motivation.

## *Kindergarten Center*

### *Winter Pajama Day*

Kindergarten students celebrated a “Winter Pajama Day” on December 20. It is a tradition at the Kindergarten Center that students can choose to wear their pajamas to school and participate in a variety of activities and centers that focus on a “winter theme”. It is a wonderful day that the children truly enjoy and a great way to lead into the winter break!





## *Holiday Shopping*

During the week of December 12, the Kindergarten Center opened a Holiday Shop. The students and staff were able to browse through the store and shop for family members. The staff was very thankful to have multiple volunteers assisting the students with shopping. Also, the students were able to learn important math skills along with learning how to budget money.

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