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Dr. Butz Bids Farewell to Southeast Delco

An Open Letter from the Superintendent

I would like to thank our students, parents, staff, and the entire Southeast Delco school community for the many wonderful experiences that I have had during my time leading the District.

As many of you know, in November 2019, I was approved by the Delaware County Intermediate Unit's School Board for the position of Director of Career and Technical Education. I am excited to accept this new professional challenge where I can continue to use my skills to make a positive difference for our students.

Prior to my positions at Southeast Delco, I was an administrator at Bucks County Technical High School. I have been involved with Career and Technical Education (CTE) programming for over 25 years and look forward to returning to the CTE settings at the Delaware County Technical Schools. I will start this new position on February 10, 2020.

Again, thank you to our students, parents, staff, and the entire Southeast Delco school community for all the support you have given me during my years in the District.

Sincerely,
Stephen D. Butz, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

We wish Dr. Butz great success in his new position and hope to see him from time to time as he carries out his duties at DCTS.

Southeast Delco Bids Farewell to Dr. Butz

Students enrolled in the district's enrichment program, along with their teacher Colleen DiMaggio, offered a heartfelt thank you to the superintendent at the December school board meeting. As he prepared to



leave the district to pursue a new opportunity, the students wanted to honor Dr. Butz's years of service to the district and his unwavering support of the gifted program.

The students presented Dr. Butz with a Superman t-shirt to symbolize his standing as a "Super"intendent, a framed photo of the students taken at their 1st place win at the SeaPerch Underwater Robotics Competition, and a beautiful flower arrangement.



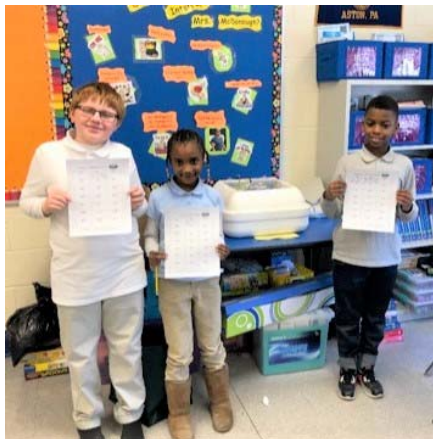
Academy Park senior Kramoh Mansalay, read an ode written by the students and Ms. DiMaggio that expressed their respect and appreciation for Dr. Butz's support and dedication. Entitled *An Ode to the Superintendent*, it stated in part:

*Not only will You be missed,
But, more importantly, You will be remembered
For, You have made an indelible impression in our minds as well as our hearts
We are all better off because of You*

[Click here to read the Ode in its entirety.](#)

Here a Chick, There a Chick

Students at Darby Township, Delcroft, Harris, and Sharon Hill schools are engaged in an exciting embryology program. Embryology is a branch of science that is related to the formation, growth and development of embryo.



The program was made possible by a Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union Foundation Teacher Mini Grant that was awarded to the district's gifted teacher Colleen DiMaggio.

Twelve fertilized chicken eggs were delivered to each building by the 4-H Farm - Penn State Extension. An incubator was provided for the eggs, which require turning three to five times a day. Temperatures in the incubator must remain between 99-101 degrees.



Over the course of 21 days, the fertilized chicken eggs will grow, develop, and change with something new happening each day. After the incubation period, the eggs should hatch and 4-H will return to the schools to transport the baby chicks back to the farm.

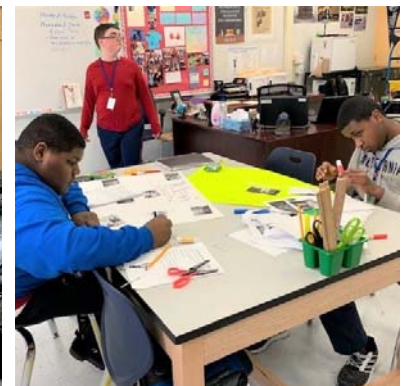
The program provides students with practical, hands-on lessons that teach students about embryonic development, as well as responsibility, respect for life, and the value of living things.

Everyone involved in the program is waiting anxiously for the eggs to hatch and the peeping chicks to emerge.

Academy Park High School

Art Students Visit the Black History Month

Students in Mr. Starken's class at Academy Park created posters depicting notable African Americans in celebration of Black History Month. The students selected an individual to highlight and spent time in the library researching their life and accomplishments. After gathering the information, the students returned to the classroom to construct their posters.



When completed, the students were given an opportunity to present their posters to their classmates before displaying them in the hallway. Once all of the posters were completed and hung for display, the students walked around the hallway to view the posters created by their peers and enjoy the exhibit as a whole.



Mr. Starken hopes to do a similar project each month. March will celebrate Women's History Month, and the plan is to do a heritage project in April, where students will research their family's roots. The kids really enjoyed the project and did a great job.

Darby Township School

PBIS PRIDE

On Thursday, January 2 and Friday, January 3, DTS welcomed students back from winter break with a PBIS PRIDE assembly to remind the students of school expectations. Included in the assembly, middle school students who haven't earned a discipline referral all year were entered to win a PRIDE shirt and elementary students who haven't earned a discipline referral all year were entered to win a \$20 Knight note. Students were chosen from the audience to demonstrate appropriate school behavior in all areas of the building.



The Caring Project

Students in the emotional support program at Darby Township School packed some love on January 13! After collecting donations, students helped pack lunches for the homeless. The Caring Project is a way for our students to give back to the community. The shelter was appreciative of the support and our students loved lending a hand.

Delcrot School

Delcrot Spelling Bee

Delcrot held their annual Spelling Bee on January 8. To participate in the Bee, students in grades 6-8 were administered a qualifying exam from which the students with the highest scores qualified to compete. At this year's competition, 21 students qualified to participate. The Spelling Bee was organized and directed by our 6th grade science teacher Mrs. Lees and 6th grade ELA teacher Ms. Dupiriak.

After 8 hard fought rounds, the 1st place finisher was Chase Panthavong (grade 6). Coming in 2nd was Jair Patterson (grade 7), and 3rd place went to Nevaeh Hart (grade 8). Chase and Jair qualified to compete in the Delaware County Spelling Bee that was held on February 1 at the Delaware County Intermediate Unit. Unfortunately, Jair was unable to make the county spelling bee, but Delcrot was well represented by Chase and Nevaeh. While neither of them placed at the county-level competition, they made it through a few tough rounds.



Both Chase and Nevaeh were fantastic representatives for their families, Delcrot and Southeast Delco School District.

Skill of the Month Awards

On January 15, Delcrot held their Skill of the Month bi-monthly awards assembly for students in grades 1 through 4. Students are chosen for recognition by their teachers based on how well they have demonstrated, through their actions, the designated skill of the month. November's skill was *Good Manners* and December highlighted *Self-Control*.



Parents and guardians of students being honored were invited, which made the event even more special for the award recipients. The awards ceremony was followed by a breakfast reception and photo ops for students and their families.

The students who earned awards are an excellent representation of the great things that are happening at Delcroft. The skills for the January and February are Caring and Honesty.

Harris School

Shooting Hoops for Good Behavior

On January 15, Harris' Parent Connection Committee hosted a basketball fun night entitled: *Shooting Hoops for Good Behavior*. Parents and guardians attended a presentation on positive behavior interventions and supports, which highlighted strategies that are used in school that could easily be implemented by families at home. Helpful hints for homework completion and assisting with reading and math were shared with families, as well as positive discipline techniques.



Following the presentation parents and students were invited to participate in a basketball skills clinic where parents were encouraged to utilize positive messages to cheer on their children. Harris students and their families enjoyed this fun-filled evening, complete with a soft pretzel and juice snack.

Sharon Hill School

Pennies for Patients

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society fundraiser had an exciting kick off assembly on January 30, at Sharon Hill School. The theme of the Pennies for Patients campaign is the Hero Squad, highlighting how every patient fighting a blood cancer needs a squad of people in their lives to help support them.



By participating in Pennies for Patients we all can become the heroes a patient needs and part of the Hero Squad. This year's goal is to raise \$500 and the winning class will be rewarded with an Olive Garden Spaghetti Party. The campaign will run from February 2 - February 28.

January PBIS Incentive

The PBIS team held a PBIS reward event on January 31. The PBIS incentive was a grade-level, 90-minute movie and game room opportunity. To participate, students were required to meet the PBIS SOAR expectations. Students were treated to light snacks as part of the event.

Leukemia Walk

Sharon Hill Student Council held a Lymphoblastic Leukemia Walk on January 29. To be eligible to participate, students donated \$1.00. The walk was held in honor of the late Aasiyah Bey, a former Sharon Hill and Academy Park High School student. The students wore orange shirts and walked around the Sharon Hill School neighborhood to bring awareness about this devastating disease and honor our former student.



Honor Roll

Several Sharon Hill School students earned honor roll and distinguished honor roll status for the second marking period. Teachers stated that it was wonderful to hear the pride in their students' voices as they discussed their goal of getting honors every marking period of the school year. Keep up the hard work!

Kindergarten Center

Bob the Bully Buster

The kindergarten students enjoyed an assembly by The Walnut Street Theatre on January 24. The 45-minute presentation was entitled "Bob the Bully Buster" and the production focused on the latest research regarding bullying prevention. The students laughed and joined in the fun as they learned how to stop bullying.



Assessments

During the weeks of January 20, the students were given a variety of assessments that will assist teachers in designing differentiated instruction over the next few months. The information gathered from these assessments will be provided to parents on each students' report cards.

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