

Smyrna School District's

Smyrna Messenger

The mission of the Smyrna School District is to ensure that the students of the community are prepared, as effectively and as efficiently as possible, to become responsible and productive citizens possessing the knowledge, the problem-solving skills, and the positive attitudes necessary to successfully adapt to and function in an ever-changing environment.

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From the Superintendent's Desk...

Spring Message from Deborah D. Wicks

On Saturday, February 23, 2013 the Smyrna School District and our communities of Clayton, Kenton, Townsend, and Smyrna celebrated our 15th "I Love the Smyrna School District" day. With well over 7,000 people attending, the day was filled with student mini concerts, art shows, curriculum displays, and informational booths from churches, local businesses, and community organizations. See pages 8 & 9 for photos of the day.

At the end of the day, many students received awards for winning our annual values essay contest. This year's community core value was compassion. Agriculture Under Secretary and Alumni Michael Scuse was honored as

our role model of compassion by our Smyrna School District Board of Education and local, county, state, and federal leaders. What a wonderful blessing it is to be a part of this outstanding school family.

More good news about the Smyrna School District can be found on our website:

www.smyrna.k12.de.us

...by clicking on the updated March 2013 "State of the District". This report is published each year and contains "indicators of progress" towards our mission and our goals plus information on numbers of students and staff.

The class of 2013 graduates on Saturday, June 1 at 10 a.m. on the Charles V. Williams Athletic Field.

With 309 members this class is the 129th class to be awarded a Smyrna High School diploma. Events that will point to how outstanding the class of 2013 is include the annual Athletic Awards Ceremony on Thursday, May 23, the Baccalaureate at the First Presbyterian Church of Smyrna, 118 W. Commerce Street, Smyrna on Wednesday, May 29 and the Senior Awards on Thursday, May 30 will all point to how wonderful and outstanding the Class of 2013 is. Congratulations to each member as they begin the next phase of their life.

Thank you, as always, for your support of the Smyrna School District family and our community core values of perseverance, respect, responsibility, integrity, and compassion.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL AWARD



From left to right: Deborah Wicks, Steven Gott, Sue Hufschmidt, Elyse Baerga, Leah Hamilton, David Morrison, Kathleen Castro, Tracie Bruno, Dawn Ashbury, JoAnne Popovich, Lariann Dixon, Kelly Holt, Anita Bullock, Deborah Chadwick, Rachael Rudinoff, Farhad Baqi, Lynne Newlin, Vetra Evans, Christine Malec, & Patrik Williams

The Smyrna School District presented the Educational Support Professional (ESP) Award to a DSEA member whose activities reflect the contributions of educational support professionals to public education. All Smyrna School District (SSD) ESP members (Custodians, Paraprofessionals, Secretaries, and Technicians) that have 3 years of Smyrna SD employment, as well as SEA membership, are eligible for nomination.

The ESP Award Task Force based its selection on the following criteria:

Recipients promote a positive support professional image where a strong involvement in community, district and education are evident in daily practice. They demonstrate tireless effort and exemplary skill in solving problems, as well as delivering kind, expert service.

Each building nominated a candidate, after validation of minimum requirements, all SEA members voted for their favorite candidate. The district committee, including a Board Member, two Smyrna School District administrators, an SEA member, and the ESP award recipient from the previous year, reviewed the documents and presented the selected candidate to the Board.

All nominees were honored during the January Board meeting. Award recipients received a plaque and recognition at the SSD Board Meeting and will be recognized again at SSD's end of the year luncheon, and local media outlets. Furthermore, a \$100 honorarium is presented in addition to submission to the Delaware State Education Association (DSEA) for nomination of the DSEA ESP of the Year Award.

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CLAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



2012-13 School Year Draws to a close!

Mr. Michael Dulin
Principal

Congratulations Mrs. Faith Drobinski:
2013-14 CLAYTON E.S. TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Mrs. Faith Drobinski for being selected as Clayton Elementary School’s Teacher of the Year for the 2013-2014 school year! Mrs. Drobinski graduated from Wilmington University with a Bachelors degree in Elementary Education and then returned to earn two Master’s degrees. Mrs. Drobinski has worked with children in grade 2-6 for the past nine years at Clayton Elementary, Christ Our King Catholic School and Capital School District.

Her enthusiasm for teaching and love of children is evident. She has always wanted to be a teacher and has had many inspirations throughout her life including her mother, who had a love of education and home-schooled Mrs. Drobinski and her 4 brothers during the first 3 years of her elemen-



tary education.

In her spare time Mrs. Drobinski enjoys sewing, teaching beginner level gymnastics, and spending time with her husband Shane and two children, Shane and Nyla.

Faith Drobinski is an outstanding representative of the teachers at Clayton Elementary and we are proud that she has been selected as Teacher of the Year for the 2013-2014 school year.

Water, Water Everywhere!

Sarah Mills

Did you know that water is the only Earth material that occurs naturally in all three states of matter, solid, liquid, and gas? Did you also know that water is probably the most important thing in a human’s life? For the fourth marking period our third graders will become experts in the topic of water. We will be learning all about its mysterious properties. Students will learn that water is

unlike most things because it has no shape of its own, it takes on the shape of the container that holds it. We will also learn about the “skin-like” property of water and surface tension. This unique property gives water the ability to bead.

Students will learn the age old truth that water always flows downhill, a good bit of information to know, I might add.

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Fourth Grade News



On Thursday, May 31, 2013 the fourth grade students at Clayton Elementary took a field trip to the National Zoo in Washington D.C. This trip correlated with our studies in science, “Structures of Life.” The students had an exciting day observing animals in their “natural” habitat. Among the many sites, one of the favorites was watching the orangutans climb across cables above the zoo. Students also enjoyed hearing the growls and roars of lions and tigers. The reptile house was a favorite place to visit and get out of the sun for awhile. The souvenir shop also proved popular as students searched for the perfect memory to take home with them from their exciting adventure.

Science & Civics in a 1st Grade World of Learning

The 1st grade classes at Clayton Elementary are busy this Spring! We just completed our Solids and Liquids Science kit and are looking forward to beginning our final kit, Organisms. We will conclude this Science Kit with a field trip to Killens Pond State Park. We will take part in the “My Life at the Pond” program, where the students will learn what a habitat needs to be a home and the creatures that call Killens Pond their home. They will get to explore the habitats and take a

hike on the Pondside Trail to search for animals that make their homes along the pond’s edge, as well.

Again this year, the Smyrna VFW Post 8801 Ladies Auxiliary joined our 1st grade classes to say the Pledge of Allegiance. We would like to thank those members for taking the time to visit our classes, leading us in the pledge, and donating rulers to each student!



Congratulations
Mrs. Anita Bullock:

2013-2014
EDUCATION SUPPORT
PROFESSIONAL



Congratulations to Mrs. Anita Bullock for being selected as Clayton Elementary School’s Education Support Professional of the Year for the 2013-2014 school year! For the past 26 years, Mrs. Bullock has worked for the Smyrna School District. She first began working in the cafeteria at North Elementary and then in 1989 came to Clayton Elementary as the library paraprofessional.

In her spare time Mrs. Bullock likes to read and spend time with her entire family, especially her three beautiful grandchildren.

We are very lucky to have such a dedicated and genuinely wonderful person representing Clayton Elementary as the Education Support Professional of the Year.

SPCA VISITOR PROMOTES PROPER PET CARE



Clayton Elementary Kindergarten students had a special presentation from Mr. Vogel from the SPCA. He taught the children how to safely approach animals and stressed the importance of caring for pets properly. We will be attending the Middletown High School farm in May to learn more about animals and farming. The children will move through various centers to experience the many aspects of agriculture in Delaware.

Clayton Elementary Schedule

8:15 a.m.	Teacher day begins
8:15 a.m.	First bell/Breakfast
8:20 a.m.	Remaining Students enter building
8:30 a.m.	Homeroom begins
8:35a.m.	Late bell
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Kindergarten lunch
11:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Grade 1 lunch
11:30 - 12:00 a.m.	Grade 2 lunch
12:00 - 12:30 p.m.	Grade 3 lunch
12:30 - 1:00 p.m.	Grade 4 lunch
3:25 p.m.	Classes end
3:30 p.m.	Walkers dismissed
3:35 p.m.	Bus students dismissed
	Buses depart

On half days, walkers will be dismissed at 12:25 p.m., bus students will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m.

Engineering Really
is Elementary!



At Clayton Elementary, children spend ninety-five percent of their time with technology. Pencils, chairs, and toothbrushes are all examples of technology. Students have learned that solutions designed by engineers help fulfill our children’s needs.

The children have learned how to apply the engineering design process. They employed creative and careful thinking to solve real world problems. Ultimately, students designed and built their own bridges and tested their designs. Welcome to the future; we have some budding engineers at Clayton Elementary School.

NORTH SMYRNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Colton, George, and Tiona wait breathlessly to see if their tower will remain standing.



Farrah works hard to clean those dishes in the dry sink.



Jacob and Maurice of Ms. Ferris' class learned how laundry used to be washed before washing machines were invented.



Sidney cannot wait to get to the Hagley Museum assembly line simulation.



Mrs. Mercer's class "Crushed the DCAS" and then enjoyed an ice, cold beverage.



These boys tried on 18th century clothing. Can you tell who the foreman is?



Ms. Ferris' students Nature, Maurice, and Shane used turkey quills and ink to complete a writing practice assignment like students did in the days of the past.

Fourth Grade North Smyrna Elementary



The puppets are back! Joann McMillan, our professional puppeteer from the Flying Hearts Theater in Oklahoma, came back this spring for her annual visit. This was her sixth year challenging our fourth graders to become puppet masters. They enthusiastically investigated and constructed puppets to enrich the Delaware History unit they were studying in Social Studies. Students began by researching their distinguished Delawarean and writing an informational research report. Joann then guided them through the steps to creating life-sized puppets. The 2-week program culminated with a performance to the school introducing them to the magical world puppetry. We cannot wait until next year!

Not So Secret Garden: Donations Teach Math

North Smyrna Elementary was the recipient of a Lowes Home Improvement Grant to plant vegetable/flower gardens. The students at each grade level assisted in prepping the soil, planting, building trellises, mulching and continuing with the watering. While the students were planting they practiced their mathematical skills in multiplication and fractions. The students were amazed how the math skills they are learning really do intertwine out-

side of school! They have lettuce, snap peas, radishes, swiss chard, carrots, turnips, spinach, squash and marigolds planted. Some of the classes are even charting the growth of the plants. We are also planning on planting a garden in the fall.

We would like to give a HUGE thank you to Clark's Seeds and Kevin Patterson for their support with materials and plants.



North Smyrna Elementary School
Daily Schedule 2012-2013

8:15-3:45	Teacher Workday
8:15-8:30	Cafeteria Open for Breakfast
8:15-8:30	Students Enter Building and Go to Homeroom
8:35	Late Bell/Opening Exercises/Morning Announcements
8:30-3:30	Instructional Day for the Students
3:25	Walker/Car Rider Dismissal
3:30	Kindergarten, First, and Second Grades Bus Dismissal
3:32	Third and Fourth Grades Bus Dismissal

Girls on the Run!

North Smyrna Elementary has started their first season of Girls on the Run! Girls on the Run Delaware is an independent council of Girls on the Run International, founded in 1996, by Molly Barker, a visionary, Ironman triathlete. Today, there are nearly 191 locations across the U.S. & Canada, with new locations added each year.

Girls on the Run is a life-changing, character development program and eighteen of our 3rd and 4th grade girls are participating!

The GOTR mission is to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running. The curriculum is taught by certified Girls on the Run coaches who use exercise, positive reinforcement, and encouraging role models to help girls discover the confidence they need in the critical pre-teen years and beyond. Our girls on the run practice twice a week after school for ten weeks and on May 18, our GOTR will be prepared for their 5k (3.1 miles) event on the Wilmington Riverfront!



Kindergarten News

Our Kindergarten students have been working very hard this year.

This spring has been an eventful time for the Kindergarten classes. Our Kite day was held in April. The students were able to relax and enjoy an afternoon of flying kites. We also held our Egg hunt on the front lawn before we left for Spring Break. We will visit the Brandywine Zoo on Earth Day and discover ways we can help the Earth.

During the month of May we will be visiting the DuPont Theatre to see Click Clack Moo. We have a busy month filled with end-of-the-year ice cream parties and a Kindergarten trip to the park. We will entertain our parents with our wonderful class plays and sing-a-longs.

The Kindergarten school year has flown by for all of us! They have learned and grown so much this year and are all set for First Grade! We have made new friends and had some wonderful experiences that we will never forget. Have a great summer and see you next year.

North Smyrna ES
Third Grade Career Fair

The third grade students at North Smyrna Elementary were thoroughly amazed at the Eighth Annual Career Fair on May 1, 2013. Local community workers came together to share information, demonstrate their skills and answer questions about their jobs. The students enjoyed watching and listening to demonstrations from the following community members: A Ship Builder, Wal-Mart Distributor, Nurse, Principal and a State Auditor. Their presentations gave students a quick preview into what could be a possible future career.

Clayton Physical Education

Lauren Shanklin

Now that spring is finally here, we are getting back outside and having a great time exercising! The younger students worked on bowling, jump roping, and parachute this winter. The 3rd and 4th grade students concentrated on volleyball, jump roping, and tinikling. Now the 4th grade students will be completing the Fitness-gram testing that is required by the state. The students will be able to see where they stand on several different areas of fitness to see if they are truly physically fit. The younger students will be outside this spring practicing their throwing and catching skills. In May, all the students will start practicing for Field Day!

Back in February, our 2nd thru 4th grade students participated in our 7th annual Jump Rope for Heart event. Our students raised over \$4,000 for the American Heart Association! Joey McLean was our top

fundraiser raising \$405. All the students did a fabulous job! Thank you to all the community members who contributed and made our event a huge success.

We also had our first Family Fitness Night for 2nd grade in January. The students and parents did a great job participating in a variety of fun fitness stations. Fourth grade is looking forward to the Family Zumba Night we will be having at the end of April. Jennifer Seaward, from Fitness Made Fun, is coming to help teach our parents and students the latest Zumba moves. We can't wait! In health, our 4th grade Anti-Ash Brigade leaders will be hosting their last Stay and Play Tobacco Free Carnival for the rest of the school. The 20 4th grade leaders have done a great job all year educating the other students about the dangers of smoking.

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SMYRNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Happy but Sad News

It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to Crystal Brown, Associate Principal at SES. After 34 years with the Smyrna School District and five years at Smyrna Elementary, Ms. Brown decided to retire and enjoy her life with family and friends outside the school setting. There were many, many sad faces on Ms. Brown’s last day, but faculty, staff, and students wish the very best for such a wonderful administrator and friend. Good luck, Ms. Brown!



Crystal Brown (left) and best buddy Jana Howell (counselor)

Hats On for a Good Cause

Students at SES paid one dollar to wear hats as a benefit for the Autism Program of Delaware. It was a great way for children to show their creativity for an excellent cause.



Edward Walter, fourth grade



Starr Wright, second grade

SMYRNA E.S. DAILY SCHEDULE

8 a.m to 4 p.m.
Main Office Hours

- 7:15 Breakfast Club Opens
- 8:15 Cafeteria Opens
- 8:20 Student Entry
- 8:30 Homeroom Begins & Cafeteria Closes
- 8:35 Homeroom Late Bell / Morning Announcements
- 3:25 Walkers / Car Riders / KN, 1st grade bus dismissal
- 3:30 2nd, 3rd, 4th grade bus dismissal

Parents should only seek early dismissals of their children prior to 3:00 p.m. On half days, walkers will be dismissed at 12:25; bus riders will be dismissed at 12:30.

Boxtops Contest Winners

Students in Mrs. Casterline’s fourth grade class won the latest boxtops contest sponsored by the SES PTO. Guest ‘slugger’ David Morrison (principal) broke open the piñata and all students enjoyed its contents! Congratulations, Mrs. Casterline’s class!



David Morrison breaks piñata...



...the piñata contents

Compassion Week

Compassion was in the air at SES! Students who donated non-perishable food to either the Humane Society or the local food pantry, or who performed a random act of kindness, were awarded a compassion ticket. After all tickets were collected, students were chosen from each class as compassion winners. Thanks, SES students, for being so kind!



food items collected during the week



Nah'Airra Dixon(right) and Ane'ciana Lowman showing compassion



Dylan Robinson, Grace Smeltzer, Trevor Gardner (compassion winners from Miss Ashley Willis' four-year-old classroom)

Humane Society

Smyrna Elementary students were treated to an assembly sponsored by the Humane Society. Children learned about jobs that involve animals, ways to safely approach animals, and proper ways to care for pets.



Humane Society guest speaker and canine pal



Reed Bundeck learns to approach a dog safely



Aaron Castillo learns pet safety

Scientific Fun

Third grade students at SES combined their annual Egg Drop contest with an opportunity to fly kites. Each child’s assignment was to come up with a way to package a raw egg so that it would not break when dropped from the roof of the school. After

many successful ‘drops’ (and a few minor disasters), students enjoyed going to the back fields where they were able to fly kites that they brought from home. It was a great day for learning and exercise!



Principal David Morrison and staff member Pam Hilliard toss 'packaged' eggs from the roof



Peter Hawkins (left) and Jason Arnao show off their kites

Delmarva Linemen Demonstrate Powerful Safety Message

Smyrna Elementary 4th grade students were able to attend a demonstration that was led by Delmarva Power journeymen linemen. These Delmarva Power linemen shared information in regards to their daily workload, precautionary procedures they take every day, and how electricity can be dangerous. In addition, they shared important information of how we can stay safe from electricity mishaps when outside.



Springtime Fun

Students in Mrs. Shalk’s first grade class wait anxiously for their egg hunt to begin. What an exciting way to celebrate Spring!



Mrs. Shalk's class with baskets ready



Mrs. Fardoulis' class combines egg hunting with paper airplane fun



Bryce Bundeck displays his carton of dyed eggs.

SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Family Fun Night

Students at Sunnyside Elementary and their families had a Title I Family Game Night in February. Families came out to spend time together playing games, relaxing, and eating popcorn. Each student left with a **FREE** game and a list of “100 ways to have fun while learning” (traditional educational games that you can easily find at any store). We hope our game night will encourage families to continue spending quality time together while creating memorable learning opportunities.



Superstars Performing Arts

First graders at Sunnyside Elementary have begun to learn a thing or two about the arts. Last month, they were able to travel to Dover Central Middle School to see the play, “Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day.” They were able to laugh and sing-along to this uproarious play based on the book by Judith Viorst. The play is about a young boy named Alexander who wakes up to a terrible morning. His day progressively gets worse and he is convinced the only thing that could make it any better would be to move to Australia.



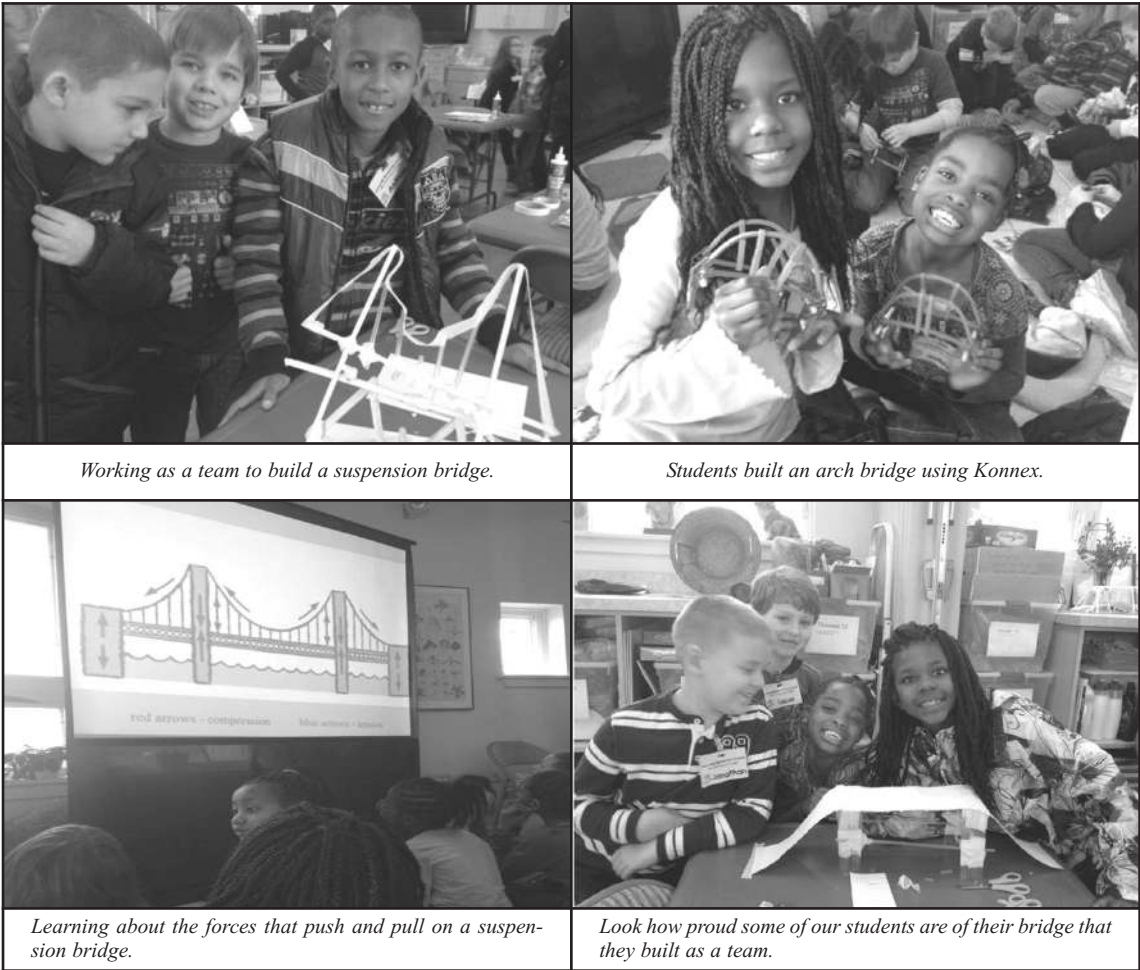
More recently, on April 16, 2013, the first grade students were able to get down and “buggy,” as they opened up Sunnyside Elementary School’s chorus concert. Dressed as bugs, the first graders put on their own hilarious show with singing, dancing and adorable bug phrases. They enjoyed performing like superstars as much as their parents enjoyed moving to the beat.

Sunnyside Second Grade Learns Bridge Design at DASEF

The Sunnyside 2nd grade team is always looking for ways to enhance our curriculum while having fun at the same time. We took the 2nd grade students on a field trip to Delaware Areospace Education Foundation (DASEF) in Smyrna to enhance our new

science curriculum, Building Bridges. On the field trip the students had a chance to explore different types of bridges, and work together in teams to build a bridge with limited supplies. They had to work together to come up with a design and

how they would use their limited supplies to build their bridge. The students built several different types of bridges such as suspension bridges, covered bridges, and arch bridges. They really had a great time.



Kindergartners are Lucky Learners!

The Sunnyside Kindergartners have been busy this spring! After the lucky leprechaun visited kindergarten in March, luck continued to be on their side as they enjoyed an exciting kite demonstration by East Coast Kite Sports. On a windy and cold day, kindergartners bundled up to enjoy the thrill of flying their own kite. They also celebrated spring by having an egg hunt and they were lucky again because it felt cold enough, but did not snow! This event was followed by a festive Luau party to hop into spring! Kindergartners will continue their lucky streak as they make their way to first grade!

Four Pictures of SSE Kindergartners to Right

Introduction to the Working World at JA BizTown

Currently our Sunnyside Superstar fourth graders are studying about economics and the importance of business. This school year our students are taking part in a hand’s on Junior Achievement program called JA BizTown.

Over the last few weeks, students have learned about work readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy preparing them for our recent field trip to JA BizTown in Wilmington on May 1.

During the field trip, the students looked forward to entering into the world of working adults. Students became adults and were assigned a job that they applied for in class; all students were amazed by their first pay check! Everyone was excited to use their skills and knowledge acquired during in class lessons.



2012/13 Sunnyside PTO Officers	
President	Kate King
Vice President	Eileen Taylor
Secretary	Donna Jones
Treasurer	Ann Jansen
Co-Treasurer	Ashley Fletcher
Box Tops Chair	Stacy Deakyne
Yearbook	Donna Jones
SUNNYSIDE PTO MEETS (2nd Wed. @ 7:00 p.m.)	
All are welcome!	

SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHEDULE	
8:15-3:45	Teacher Workday
8:15-8:30.	Cafe Open for Breakfast
8:15 a.m.	Car Riders / Bus Students enter Cafeteria for Breakfast
8:20 a.m.	Students enter School for Home-room
8:30 a.m.	Instructional Day Begins
8:35 a.m.	Late Bell
3:20 p.m.	Dismissal - Car Riders, Kindergarten, Bus Riders
3:30 p.m.	Dismissal Grade 1, Bus Riders
3:35 p.m.	Dismissal Grades 2, 3, 4 & Bus Riders
8am - 4pm	Office Hours

CLAYTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Clayton Intermediate 2013-14 Teacher of the Year



Clayton Intermediate School is proud to announce our first ever Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Lisa Uhey. Mrs. Uhey has been teaching in the Smyrna School District for nine years. She has only ever taught here in Smyrna and this year she moved from JBM to CIS. Mrs. Uhey has taught in all of the core subject areas of Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies. Most recently, Mrs. Uhey has taught in a team with Mrs. Jacqui Yerkes in the 5th grade, TAM setting.

Mrs. Uhey believes all children can learn given the environment to learn that best suits them. She feels it's necessary to know and understand each student's backgrounds and what motivates them to be able to craft that environment in which they will most be successful. Mrs. Uhey always has a warm smile, words of encouragement and an embrace to let each student know she cares. She makes a personal investment in each of her students. Each day she deposits lessons in academia and life into these young individuals.

Next month, Mrs. Uhey will graduate with her Masters degree in Gifted and Talented Education from Wilmington University. She looks forward to continuing to nurture her students with the skills in differentiation she has learned in her course of study. Mrs. Uhey continues to strive to do her best to meet the needs of her most needy students at both ends of the spectrum of ability.

In her journey to Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Uhey notes her husband and family as having been an inspiration. She feels their support in her pursuit of her dreams have made her the successful teacher she is today. Mrs. Uhey would also like to thank the amazing group of administrators she has had the pleasure to work with in the Smyrna School District. She feels a part of a very special team that has the best for the students of the district in mind at all times.

CIS would like to wish Mrs. Uhey our best as she pursues the title of Smyrna School District Teacher of the Year. We know you can do it!

S.T.E.P. STORIES

The Crime Museum

Our S.T.E.P. students have been working hard on our unit in Forensic Science. As part of our Forensic Science unit, the 5th and 6th grade groups visited the Crime Museum in Washington D.C. on February 25.

At the Crime Museum, we learned about crime, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, criminals from the past like Bonnie and Clyde, we got to explore and participate in the process of how to solve a crime, and we got to visit the set of where John Walsh films his national show, *America's Most Wanted*, which is located inside the Crime Museum.



Mr. Hegman's Visit

Last month, as part of our S.T.E.P. curriculum, we decided to have a guest speaker come in to enhance our unit and to provide the kids with hands on knowledge about forensic science. Officer Graham, our building SRO, was able to contact and arrange for Mr. Hegman to come in and speak to us. We wanted the students to gain insights from our speaker, Mr. Hegman and his profession. Mr. Hegman works in Dover and is an expert when it comes to fingerprinting and solving crimes.

Mr. Hegman's expertise was extraordinary and the students were so excited to hear about his career and his professional experiences. Mr. Hegman talked about fingerprinting and how and why it is done. He shared some past cases in which he helped solve,

See CIS STEP pg. 15

Daily Schedule 2012-13	
7:00 am	**Breakfast Club Begins
8:20-8:35	Students Enter Building/Home-room
8:35	Late Bell & Announcements
3:27 pm	Walkers/Car Riders Dismissed
3:29	5th Grade Bus Dismissal
3:31	6th Grade Bus Dismissal
3:35	Buses depart
**Breakfast club services will not be available during a two-hour delay	

Kayla's Cause - Learning, Compassion, & Perseverance in Fight Against ALS

Clayton Intermediate School would like to recognize a very special young lady amongst our fantastic student body. Kayla Wilson has already received much regional and state recognition but it is the people of the Smyrna/Clayton area that may help her reach yet another goal.

It was as a student at Clayton Elementary School that Kayla first learned about the plight of Lou Gehring and the motor neuron disease that progressive took his independence and then his life while reading with her teacher and classmates. It was after this story touched her that her parents let her know that her dear Aunt Pam was suffering from the same plight. Kayla joined a team whom walked for ALS in the Rehoboth Beach area just last spring and with a goal of raising \$50. She was so diligent and committed that she was able to raise \$1,100! In total, Kayla's team was able to raise \$32,000. Kayla was awarded the first annual Top Youth Fundraiser Award.

Since then, Kayla has been invited to meet with the General Assembly, where she read her Compassion essay and received a standing ovation, as well as, Governor Markell. She is truly a spokesperson and pioneer for the cause and cure for ALS. More is to come in her fight against this terrible disease. Kayla has committed to a larger team, full of friends, the presentation of her own awards for top donation receipt and a birthday party with ALS donations in lieu of gifts.

Clayton Intermediate School couldn't be more proud of Kayla and her accomplishments. We look forward to supporting her as she continues the fight!



Teens For Jeans... CIS Practicing Compassion



Did you know that 1.7 million teenagers are homeless in the United States? Did you know that the number one request in homeless shelters by teens is for a pair of jeans?

This is why Clayton Intermediate School partnered with Aeropostale and DoSomething.org for the "Teens for Jeans" campaign. The student driven project was a huge success. Students, staff, and community members collected 230 pairs of jeans this past February. The donated jeans were distributed to local homeless shelters in Kent County.

Nationally, there were 9,000 schools participating and 902,500 pairs of jeans were collected. That's enough jeans to clothe ½ of the homeless teens in the U.S. Every one worked hard, and it really added up.

Because of the effort, all of the CIS 5th grade students were given a 25 percent discount from Aeropostale at Dover Mall. More important, they were able to put into practice our core value of compassion.

CIS Community Craft Show

On Saturday, March 16, 2013, Clayton Intermediate PTO sponsored its first annual Craft Show at CIS. It began at 9 am and ran until 2 pm. Various vendors from the Smyrna/Clayton community were able to showcase their products and offer them to the many visitors who came that day. In total, there were 21 vendors whose products ranged from leather goods to jewelry to jams and jellies. A great time was had by all. Additionally, there was a raffle for several beautiful baskets created by the 5th and 6th grade classes at CIS. This was a great day and a great way to raise money for our students at CIS. Hope to see you next year!

CIS Guidance News

Marcy Gomez

The end of the school year is approaching quickly! It's time to get our 6th grade students ready for middle school next year! Classroom guidance lessons for 6th graders will start in the middle of April. We will focus on organization, study skills, and time management. We will also be visiting Smyrna Middle School toward the end of the year so the students can tour the building.

Financial Aid available for Del Tech Summer Camp Program

Del Tech Terry Campus in Dover has numerous Summer Camp programs available for school aged children. The various camps run from June 10 - August 16. If you are interested in having your children attend any of these camps, financial aid is available. Please contact me for more information or for a form if you are interested. You can check out the camps offered online at:

<http://go.dtcc.edu/TerryCamps>

CIS Student Council News



CIS Student Council: Lauren Iglio, Kenley Cook, Hayley DiCarlantonio, Heather Moyer, Aaron Lewis, Drew Whitlock, Anthony Buscemi, and Jacqui Yerkes

The Student Council at CIS has worked extremely hard the past couple of months. In addition to school spirit activities, the student council has also hosted several events. Before Spring Break the student council held an Easter Egg Hunt and played "Minute To Win It" games giving out many prizes. Also, the Student Council held a St. Patty's Day Dance where almost 200 students attended. The dance gave opportunities for students to win many prizes including gift cards and cash. Students participated in a sing-off revealing the many talented singers at Clayton Intermediate School.

The Student Council at Clayton Intermediate School also belongs to the Delaware Association of Student Councils. We submitted an application to be

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JOHN BASSETT MOORE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

JBM Raises Money for Special Olympics, Students Excel at Basketball Skills Competition

The student council raised money by hosting a dance. They proudly donated \$1,200 for Special Olympics.

JBM's Special Olympics team traveled to Middletown High School on Friday,



Fun With Student Council

The year started off with campaigns and elections for student council officers. After spirited campaign speeches by the candidates the following officers were elected: President – Autumn Wilson; Vice-President – Jordan Baerga; Secretary – Jack Flairty; Treasurer – Sierra Vance; and Historian – Haley Ryan. Representatives were also elected from each home room.

During the 2012-2013 school year the JBM Student Council participated in helping both our school and our community. The following is a comprehensive listing of activities undertaken by the student council.

- Open House for new fifth-graders to familiarize them with their new school.
- Officers attended Delaware State Legislative Day and then gave a presentation to the School Board.
- Participated in the Homecoming Day Parade to support students

from all the different grades in Smyrna School District.

- Participated in Spirit Week which consisted of Pajama Day, Hat Day, Nerd Day, Twin Day and Wear Your School Colors Day.
- “Please the Paws” fundraiser in which a class would “adopt” a pet from a local shelter and donate food, toys, treats and blankets for their adopted pet.
- “Pennies For Pasta” in which we raised and donated \$800 for Lukemia.
- Each class adopted a needy family for Thanksgiving and provided them with Thanksgiving Dinner.
- Each class adopted a needy family for Christmas and provided them with Christmas toys and presents.
- Held a drive to encourage JBM students to donate toiletries, clothing, and games to the State Hospital for the Chronically Ill here in Smyrna.
- Sponsor an on-going event to collect soda can tabs for the Ron-

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March 22, 2013 for their 1st Basketball Skills competition. The team, directed by Mrs. Laura Collins and coached by Ms. Stephanie Zamudio and assistant coach Mr. Derrick Christiano, was comprised of 14 athletes and 20 unified partners.

The basketball skills competition consisted of three events, Spot Shot, 50 meter dribble, and passing. The team brought home 17 gold medals, 11 silver medals, and four bronze medals. Everyone had a wonderful and exciting time! Volunteers: Missy Anspach, Phillip Vaughn, Adriana Ignudo, Gerritt Wetherall, Kertrina Green-Hite, and Michelle Porter. Photo by: Czetli-Porter Photography

JBM Office Staff Member Wins Award



Leah Hamilton receives Education Support Professional Award (ESP) for outstanding performance above and beyond expectations.

JBM Teacher of the Year Announcement

John Bassett Moore Intermediate School is proud to announce Mr. Gerritt Wetherall as the winner of the Teacher of the Year Award for the 2012-13 school year. Mr.



Wetherall has taught at JBM for 6 years. He has taught the entire core subjects of Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies. Most recently, Mr. Wetherall has taught the Level 3 Special Education class. Mr. Wetherall promotes a respectful and positive classroom where children feel safe to take chances and explore. He believes that mistakes provide an opportunity to grow and learn academically and socially. The “whole” child is his focus and he stresses that achievement and success comes in a variety of ways for his students. Mr. Wetherall is motivated by the staff and administration that supports him. He feels a special gratitude to his principal, Elyse Baerga who has high expectations and helps him through her guidance and leadership to do his personal best each and every day.

The JBM family wishes Mr. Wetherall our best as he pursues the title of Smyrna School District Teacher of the Year. We know you can do it!

JBM Celebrates Early Earth Day



Students at JBM, both Go Green members as well as many other 5th graders, celebrated Earth Day early this year. The Go Green Club learned about the process of recycling when a guest speaker from DSWA came to visit. Then on April 12, many of our 5th graders celebrated Earth Day about a week early. Our 5th grade teachers each led activities relating to Earth Day, and students rotated to visit them and participate in fun and educational lessons. To cap it all off, JBM's stu-

dent council donated flowers and a tree to help beautify our school grounds. The Go Green Club planted the flowers in the outdoor classroom and the tree in front of the school. Years from now, when students come back to visit JBM, hopefully there will be a beautiful majestic maple tree growing. Next month, the Go Greeners will be cleaning up trash with Adopt-a-Highway. Thank you, students and teachers, for all of your support and help in making JBM a greener place to be.

Daily Schedule 2012-2013

7:00 am	Breakfast Club Begins**
8:20 - 8:35	Students Enter Building/Home-room
8:35	Late Bell and Announcements
3:27 pm	Walkers/Car Riders Dismissed
3:29	Grade 5 Bus Dismissal
3:31	Grade 6 Bus Dismissal
3:35	Buses depart

**Breakfast club services will not be available during a two-hour delay

JBM PTO

Officers for the 2012-2013 School Year:

President

Pam Denny-Griffiths

Vice President

Lindsy Powell

Secretary

Virginia Hoye

Treasurer

Sandy Thorstenson

The first PTO meeting will be October 8, 2012 at 5 pm in our library.

Season of Compassion Marks PBS Focus

In most schools, negative behaviors get all of the attention. It seems as though the whole school community is focused on responding to and dealing with drama. Not at JBM. Here at our school, PBS tries to honor all of those students and faculty members that strive to do the right thing, no matter who is watching. This year the focus has been on showing compassion; the act of caring about other's needs without expectation of reward or recognition. In fact, JBM participated in “Compassion Week” that started on April 22 through the 26. It was a week devoted to the cele-

bration of this core value. Students nominated classmates that best exemplify this trait and each class spent time learning how to be compassionate in a world that is often times not. Also, during the spring is the “Sportsaplooza” where students who have put in the work and show growth on the DCAS are rewarded with a day full of activities. Finally, as always there are monthly raffles and the school store where students can spend their hard earned PBS tickets on a multitude of prizes. Keep up the good work and stay classy JBM!

JBM Students Visit DC Forensics Lab

Would you enjoy a future as a forensic expert? Our S.T.E.P. students are figuring out the answer to that question. Our focus for the second half of the school year has been in the area of forensic science. The various lessons have included finger print analysis, tool and dental impressions, as well as check forgery. We even went on a field trip to Washington D.C. to the Crime and Punishment Museum. While there, we participated in a forensic lab and analyzed the evidence to determine the culprit of a crime. Overall,

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SMYRNA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Science Field Day at Smyrna Middle School

One hundred and twenty students were selected to participate in the Science Field Day, which was held on March 28. It was a fun day filled with activities and experiments. Thirty students from each team participated. They were part of a four-person group. Their group included one student from each of the four teams at SMS. Each group participated in a friendly competition that involved seven different activities, trying to earn the most points. The event and the awards assembly was held in the gymnasium.



Author Visits SMS

Author **Priscilla Cummings** visited our school on March 15, 2013. She held three informative sessions during our school day for about 350 students who came to hear her advice on writing and her insights into her books. To earn their way to one of the sessions, students read at least one of five books she has written and scored a 70 or

better on the AR quiz. Ms. Cummings was very impressed with our students' questions, feedback, comments about her books, and great behavior during the sessions. Her tips for writing well included the following advice: read as much as you can, use all of your senses to be a good

observer, pay attention to life going on around you, and remember – a first draft is supposed to have mistakes!



SMS Spread the Word!

During the week of March 4, SMS students signed a pledge that is displayed in the school to "Spread the Word to end the Word." SMS worked in cooperation with SHS to educate our students about kids with disabilities and use the districts core values to be kind to each other. The banner has over 800 student names on it along with the 80+ staff members. Way to go SMS!



PBS Awards at Clayton Intermediate School

Clayton Intermediate School's PBS program has been very busy this year. Each month students can use their PBS tickets on a chance to win a themed basket filled with goodies. There have also been several raffles to have lunch with the principal. To celebrate positive behavior at the end of the 2nd

marking period, all students who had met their AR goals and did not have any write-ups were invited to the gym for an hour of fun activities. The PBS committee sponsored an academic social at the end of the 3rd marking period. Students who met their AR goals and were on honor roll enjoyed an hour

of electronic and board games on March 28. A fun time was had by all on the day before spring break. Students and teachers nominated individuals for Clayton Character Champ award for perseverance at the end of March. The following students and teachers were recognized after we returned from spring break:

SMS Band performs at the Blue Rocks Game

On April 17th, over 400 students from SMS attended a Wilmington Blue Rocks game in support of the SMS band who performed "America the Beautiful" on the field. The students had a wonderful time and represented the middle school and the Smyrna community so well. Two of our students had the opportunity to participate in some stadium fun and our band director, Mrs. McCutchen, threw out the first pitch.



5th Grade teacher champ: **Mrs. Webb**
6th Grade teacher champ: **Mrs. Moyer**
5th Grade student champs: **Haley Stewart and Kayla Wilson**
6th Grade student champs: **Denis Torres and Muham-**

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PBS will sponsor one last reward at the end of the school year. The students have done a great job this year of making good behavior choices and demonstrating our core values.

SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL

Winning SHS Personal Finance Team

The Smyrna High School Personal Finance team took 1st place at the Delaware Personal Finance Challenge held at the University of Delaware on April 15, 2013. They are scheduled to compete at the National Personal Finance Challenge tournament in St. Louis, Missouri on May 2, 2013. The team consists of Smyrna High sophomores Leandra Gantzer, Andrew Morrison, Cole Newport, and Hunter Pritt. The team is led by Mr. Mario Tiberi.

Also finishing among the top 5 place winners at the state competition was the Smyrna High School group made up of Josh Rutledge, Kyle Smith, Alexandria Hoke, and Matt McGuigan. This team was led by Mr. Brian Nabb.



Math League Grows Exponentially

This year, 22 students from Smyrna High School competed at four Delaware Secondary School Mathematics League regional competitions. The 9th grade team comprised of Gabby DiRusso, Isaac Gaston, Danger Morrisiey, Alison Sayers, Caleb Septer, Jason Stypinski, Kelly Talmud, and Allison Wheatley placed 2nd in their region. There were 3 teams that represented Smyrna HS at the 10th-12th grade level. The Smyrna Eagles team comprised of Chris Beams, Amy Fitzcharles, Leandra Gantzer, & Andrew Morrison placed 5th. The Smyrna Red team comprised of Landon Goff, Elizabeth Lewis, Heather Tolliver and Gabby Trettel placed 11th. The Smyrna White team comprised of Akiea Bessix, Todriana Jackson, Samantha Kitzig, and Kris Woolsen placed 13th. There were four students that qualified to compete at the state math league competition by placing in the top eight individually. 9th graders Alison Sayers and Allison Wheatley tied for 5th place individually and Caleb Septer placed 8th out of 22 competitors. Senior Amy Fitzcharles placed 8th out of 81 competitors. This was Amy's second year in a row qualifying for the math league state competition. All four students qualified to compete at the Delaware Math League Invitational on April 9th at the Modern Maturity Center. These students competed against students from across the state and did very well. The coaches, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Rogers & Dr. Cox, are very proud of all the students that participated in math league this year. We hope to have even more students participate next school year!



Chess Challenge at SHS

The Chess Strategies class received a challenge from Thomas Edison Charter School. They are a private K-8 school in Wilmington. The principals (who were also the chess coaches) were preparing their students to attend the National Scholastic Tournament in Tennessee, and they wanted some tough challengers to help prepare them. The Smyrna Eagles accepted the challenge and the games were on! The event took place after school on Tuesday, March 19. The Thomas Edison bus arrived with 14 students ready to play. Students were paired up, the clocks set, and games began. The Eagles were surprised that such young players could hold their own against more mature players. Chess is actually a game where age is often not a factor. Thinking ahead, defensive play and strategic attacks are all it takes. Play was casual, so total wins and



losses were not tallied, but rumor has it that there were several wins on both sides. A good time was had by all, and the Smyrna Eagles wished Thomas Edison Charter good luck on their venture to Nationals. Chess Instructors in Delaware are looking to develop a Scholastic Chess League with regular interscholastic competitions and tournaments.

Wellness Center News

The Bayhealth Wellness Center at Smyrna High School has been in operation for over 15 years. Our goal is to provide Delaware teens with health services in cooperation with each teen's family physician. We strive to not only meet the physical needs of adolescents attending Smyrna High School, but to also assist in meeting their mental and emotional needs. We provide health education and nutrition counseling as well. Students, in grades 9-12, must be registered members in order to utilize our services. Membership forms are available in the wellness center and are distributed to students at the beginning of the school year. Parents must sign consent for students to access services. Wellness Centers are funded through state funds and reimbursement from insurance, for those students who have coverage. Students without insurance can receive services regardless of their ability to pay.

Appointments for fall sports physicals are now available. Call (302-653-2399) or stop in the Wellness Center today for information. Remember, fall sports for High School students starts August 15, a current physical dated on or after April 1, is required for participation in any sport. The physical must be on a DIAA form and completed prior to participation. The Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association (DIAA) mandates that every student must have all papers completed with all signatures, in order to be eligible to try-out, practice, scrimmage or play in any school sponsored game. Physicals must be performed yearly. Each student is encouraged to get their physical early to determine their athletic eligibility.

During the 2012-2013 school year, the Wellness Center, in partnership with the school district, received a grant from the Delaware Health Fund and the American Lung Association to provide students throughout the district with tobacco prevention and cessation education. Our goal is to prevent children from ever using tobacco products.

Smyrna High School Schedule

Odd Day= periods 1, 3, 5 and 7	
Even Day= periods 2, 4, 6 and 8	
Period 1(Odd day) Period 2 (Even day)	
7:30-9:05 (95 min)	
Period 3 (Odd day) Period 4 (Even day)	
9:10-10:45 (95 min)	
Period 5 (Odd day) Period 6 (Even day)	
A lunch	10:45-11:15 (30 min)
Class	11:20-12:55 (95 min)
Class	10:50-11:20 (30 min)
B lunch	11:20-11:50 (30 min)
Class	11:55-12:55 (60 min)
Class	10:50-11:50 (60 min)
C lunch	11:50-12:20 (30 min)
Class	12:25-12:55 (30 min)
Class	10:50-12:25 (95 min)
D lunch	12:25-12:55 (30 min)
Period 7 (Odd day) Period 8 (Even day)	
1:00 - 2:35 (95 min)	
One Hour Delay of school: Periods 1 and 3 Odd days and periods 2 and 4 Even days will be reduced in time.	
Two hour Delay of school: Students will report to period 1 on Odd days and period 2 on Even days for attendance with that day's schedule to be announced.	

Smyrna High School
Final Examination Schedule 2013

Senior Final Examinations

Monday, May 20	Per 5 & 7 Exams
Tuesday, May 21	Per 6 & 8 Exams
Wednesday, May 22	Per 1 & 3 Exams
Thursday, May 23	Per 2 & 4 Exams

Seniors are expected to take their exam during their **REGULARLY SCHEDULED TIME PERIOD OF THE DAY**. Attendance is mandatory on all exam days

Underclassmen Final Examinations

Monday
June 3

Pd. 2 – 7:30-8:45 (75)
Pd. 4 – 8:50-10:05 (75)
Pd. 6 – 10:10-11:25 (75)
Dismissal: 11:30 AM

Tuesday
June 4

Pd. 1 – 7:30-8:45 (75)
Pd. 3 – 8:50-10:05 (75)
Pd. 5 – 10:10-11:25 (75)
Dismissal: 11:30 AM

Wednesday
June 5

Pd. 7 - 7:30-8:45 (75)
Pd. 8 - 8:50-10:05 (75)
PBS Carnival 10:10-1120 (70)
Dismissal: 11:30 AM

- Should inclement weather cause school to be cancelled prior to the exams, the dates may be changed.
- Should inclement weather interrupt the examination schedule, the originally scheduled examination(s) will be administered upon return to school.
- **Students must remain in their assigned areas during the entire exam period.** Students scheduled for SSR, student aide, library aide or anyone not scheduled for an exam must remain in their assigned areas with the teacher to whom they are assigned during the exam period.
- Attendance will be taken during each exam period.

Makeup Exams

Students must make arrangements with their teachers for makeup examinations. An **excused** absence with an **admit slip** is required for a student to make up an exam.

SHS Athletes Raise Thousands to Stop Cancer

The 2nd Annual Smyrna/Clayton Relay for Life will be held on Friday, May 17, and the SHS Athletics Team will be there ready to participate.



The SHS Athletics Team is comprised of 40 student athletes and coaches from the district. They have currently raised over \$6,800, well on their way to achieve their goal of \$7,000 and hold onto the top team award under the

leadership of team captains, Jennifer Lindell and Andrew Gilbert. This year, the students have held Cancer Awareness games during the fall, winter, and spring sports seasons, bake sales, 31 Bag Fundraisers, Pie Your Teacher/Administrator in the Face Day, Hat Day, and a Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night. The students and coaches have worked very hard to raise awareness and help bring more birthdays. Student Athletes – Jenna Scuse, Jason Burns, Andrew Gilbert, Stacey Staley, Jen Gray, Amanda Hennen, Alison Sayers, Shannon Strosser, Allison Wheatley, Katelynn Fuhr, Jacob Stoner, Chelsea Fuhr, Dylan Huff, Kelsey Carney, Morgan Jewell, Kristin Fuhr, Farhad Baqi, Dylan Kel-

SMYRNA HIGH VOCATIONAL NEWS

SMYRNA FFA CELEBRATES 38th ANNUAL BANQUET

The Smyrna Chapter held its 38th Annual Parent & Member Awards Banquet at Smyrna High School on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 to recognize the accomplishments and achievements of students enrolled in the AgriScience program and FFA Chapter. Over 250 members and guests attending the function, which kicked off with the posting of colors by the ROTC. Officers of the Delaware FFA Association were also on hand to deliver greetings and a keynote message to members of the Smyrna FFA program.

Several sets of awards were presented to deserving students of the AgriScience program. Twenty-five members of the Smyrna received their Chapter Degree, which is designed to recognize second year members who have been active, and have invested \$150 or spent 45 hours involved with their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) project. Those members included: Elizabeth Blake, Mary Budd, Kyle Coburn, Brianna Davis,



Leandra Gantzer, Samantha Greim, Jordan Harrington, Ryan Harris, Tyler Hartsock, Liza Holford, Amanda Hotaling, Madison Lewis, Kristen Long, Sarah McHale, Sha-

yne McKee, Katie Norvell, Zachary Parker, Dustin Payes, Emily Sakalauskas, Jameya Scott, Jenna Scuse, Ryan Stypinski, Ashley Taylor, Heather Tolliver, and Gabby Virdin.

Six special appreciation awards were presented to members of the Smyrna High School community. Mrs. Susan Jacobs, District Therapist and Mr. Clarence Davis, Dean of Discipline received the Honorary Chapter FFA Degree for their support of FFA student activities. Ms. Rebecca Sheahan, student teacher from the University of Delaware was presented a special token of appreciation for her role in the classroom. Mr. Dean Brooks and Mrs. Linda Voshell from special services were thanked for their daily support of students and facilities. Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Hurd were also thanked for their grant nomination to Smyrna High School.

The highlight of the evening was the recognition of Star Awards. Gabby DiRusso was named the 2012-13 Star Chapter Greenhand., Gabby was recognized as the outstanding first year FFA member for her participation in coursework, academics and FFA involvement. Ms. DiRusso was instrumental in forming the 1st Place State Invitational Parliamentary Procedure team for Smyrna High School.

Morgan Jewell was named the 2012-13 Star Chapter FFA Member. Morgan served as chapter President and received many top honors last month at the Delaware FFA Association Convention.

FFA Chapter News

Congratulations to the Smyrna FFA Chapter for its participation at the 83rd Annual Delaware FFA State Convention held at the University of Delaware in Newark. The chapter had great success, as 37 members attended the two day event on March 19 and 20.

Smyrna FFA had eight State Degree recipients, the most for any school in Delaware. Those receiving their third level of membership included: *Taylor Dixon, Morgan Jewell, Laura McClements, Cassidy Middleton, Jennifer Savin, Lee Severson, Tommy Smith and Jared Zolper.*

Chapter President *Morgan Jewell* received the Star State Farmer Degree along with \$300 and *Jennifer Savin* received the Star AgriBusiness Placement Award along with \$300. Both have earned the right to compete this Fall in Springfield, Massachusetts.

The chapter had three State Proficiency Award winners each receiving a check for \$250 for their S.A.E. Projects. Those members included:

Lee Severson; Ag Mechanics Repair & Maintenance

Morgan Jewell; Beef Production

Amanda Hotaling; Specialty Crop Production

Smyrna FFA had members com-

pete in eight areas that consisted of: Ag Sales, Public Speaking, Creed Speaking, Job Interview, Meat Evaluation, Parliamentary Procedure, Floriculture, and Dairy Products Evaluation. Award highlights include:

1st Place Novice Parliamentary Procedure Team (Members: *Allison Wheatley, Alison Sayers, Annalyse Stillwell, Gabby DiRusso, Payton Zolper, John Barkley* and *Hunter Melson*.) This team earned the right to represent Delaware this Fall at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

Amanda Jones, Amanda Scotton and *Lauren Voss*, three graduates of Smyrna High School also qualified to receive their American FFA Degree at the National level.

The chapter membership also received five other forms of recognition that included: a blue ribbon for its chapter scrapbook; a certificate for its contribution of 1,749 canned goods to the Food Bank of Delaware; a monetary check from the Delaware State Grange for State Fair support, a new MIG welding machine from Lincoln Welding ; and sixth place in the chapter banner contest.

The Smyrna FFA Chapter is advised by *Mr. Keith Shane, Mr. Jay Davis, Mrs. Sarah Bell* and *Mrs. Kellie Michaud.*



Chapter Secretary *Danielle Lubbers*, received the DeKalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award. This honor has been presented since 1947 to outstanding highschool seniors with a superior record of scholarship, leadership and agricultural work experience. Smyrna FFA is pleased to continue this tradition of recognizing an outstanding senior student.

The Smyrna FFA Chapter also had 15 members seek office for the 2013-2014 school year and they included: *John Barkley, Gabby DiRusso, Taylor Dixon, Kaitlyn Garrison, Brooke Heverin, Madison Lewis, Sarah McHale, Alison Sayers, Jameya Scott, Annalise Stillwell, Jenna Scuse, Heather Tolliver, Gabrielle Virdin, Allison Wheatley, and Jared Zolper.*

The Smyrna FFA chapter was chartered in 1976 and operates under the direction of Agricultural teachers *Keith Shane, Jay Davis, Sarah Bell* and *Kellie Michaud.* The Smyrna AgriScience program is the largest high school program in the State of Delaware and provides instruction to over 392 students.

SMYRNA BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS SHINEAT STATE CONFERENCE

Smyrna High's Business Professionals of America Chapter received 33 awards at the Delaware State Leadership Conference Awards Brunch on March 1, 2013. Forty Smyrna students attended the 36th Annual Conference in Dover with BPA Advisors *Mrs. Alexandra Ulrich, Mr. Kevin Rudolph, Mrs. Lori Holford, Ms. Jessica Scott, Mrs. Angie Hewes* and chaperone *Mr. Russell Yeager.*

The Smyrna Chapter received Special Recognition Awards for Community Action, Environmental Action/Awareness and Special Olympics. *Tina Mujica, Kayla Kennedy, Andrew Morrison, and Christopher Deslongchamp* were also honored with Diplomat and Statesman Torch Awards during the conference.

Christopher Deslongchamp was elected at the State Vice President and *Andrew Morrison* was elected as State Treasurer for the 2013 – 2014 school year.

While attending the conference Smyrna High School students competed against students from other Delaware high schools for state honors. Those students who are now eligible for National Leadership Conference are:

Andrew Morrison - Fundamental Accounting 4th place, Parliamentary Procedure Team 1st place, and Parliamentary Procedure Concepts 1st place.

Cheyenne Figgs - Computerized Accounting 3rd place.

Jacqueline Holford - Payroll Accounting 4th place, Administrative Support Concepts 5th place, Advanced Word

Jobs for Delaware Graduates

Jobs for Delaware Graduates students have had a busy spring as they learned about and put their job skills knowledge into practice. Many of them traveled to the Baltimore Harbor and were hosted by *Ann Taylor Loft* in a career attire workshop. Various students modeled career separates and accessories from the store while sales associates gave informative advice on professional wear.



Our state Competitive Events Conference was held on Friday, April 19, at the Dover Sheraton. Congratulations go out to JDG seniors *Kiarah Asberry, Amir Brooks-Coleman, Taevon Jackson,*



and *Mehgan Niddrie* who earned a spot in the Team Challenge Quiz Bowl semi-finals. *Kenya Asberry* progressed to the finals competition in Job Survival and *Jaquille Pierce* was a finalist in The Employment Interview event. All finalized results will be announced at the state awards luncheon May 9, at the Modern Maturity Center, Dover.

Classroom activities included job research which was compiled into junior career manuals. Seniors developed portfolios to present in interviews and sophomores created their own businesses as they explored the world of entrepreneurship.

In addition to the classroom, state competitions, and career attire workshops, students also toured Dover Air Force Base. In giving back to the community, they participated in civic projects at Pinnacle Nursing Home.



Processing 3rd place, and *Financial Math and Analysis* 3rd place.

Kayla Kennedy - Prepared Speech 3rd place and Advanced Interview Skills 3rd place.

Lauren McMahon - Advanced Spreadsheet Applications 2nd place.

Allison Wheatley - Administrative Support Concepts 2nd place and Basic

Tina Mujica - Database Applications 1st place.

Keyarah Watson - Fundamental Desktop Publishing 2nd place.

Edil Suarez - PC Servicing and Troubleshooting 4th place.

Danger Morrisiey - Small Business Management Team 2nd place.



Office Systems and Procedures 1st place.

Allison Sayers - Advanced Office Systems and Procedures 2nd place.

Haley Lloyd - Advanced Office Systems and Procedures 3rd place.

John Barkley - Medical Office Procedures 4th place.

Ashley Morris - Integrated Office Applications 4th place

Shelby Caballero - Basic office Systems and Procedures 3rd place.

Alana Boyd - Computer Network Technology 5th place.

Edwin Ortiz - Computer Network Technology 4th place.

Matthew Cooke - Database Applications 4th place.

Alyssa Mears - Database Applications 2nd place.

Jordan Yeomans - Small Business Management Team 2nd place.

Stefan Burgoyne - Small Business Management Team 2nd place and Computer Programming Concepts 1st place.

Jacob Stoner - Interview Skills 2nd place.

Christopher Deslongchamp - Human Resource Management 1st place, Parliamentary Procedure Team 1st place and Parliamentary Procedure Concepts 2nd place.

Raymond Hennen - Parliamentary Procedure Team 1st place and Parliamentary Procedure Concepts 3rd place.

Gretchen Farrow - Parliamentary Procedure Team 1st place and Parliamentary Procedure Concepts 4th place.

Diana Wilson - Parliamentary Procedure Team 1st place and Parliamentary Procedure Concepts 5th place.

A PARENT’S RIGHT TO KNOW

Under the **No Child Left Behind Act** a parent has the right to know the following information:

- » The qualifications of the school staff providing instruction to their child.
- » Their child's level of achievement in each state academic assessment.
- » Whether their child has been assigned to or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher of a core academic subject who is not highly qualified.

Upon the parents request the school is to provide the following information:

- » Whether the teacher has met state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade level and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
- » Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
- » The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any graduate certification or degree held by the teacher and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
- » Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and if so their qualifications.

The following letter will provide details on how parents may easily access information regarding their child's teacher(s).

Dear Parent:

As a parent of a student in the Smyrna School District you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct

your child. Federal law allows you to ask for certain information about your child’s classroom teachers, and requires us to give you the information in a timely manner if you ask for it. Specifically, you have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers:

- » Whether the Delaware Department of Education has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
- » Whether the Delaware Department of Education has decided that the teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of special circumstances.
- » The teacher’s college major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees.
- » Whether any teachers’ aides or similar paraprofessionals provide Title I services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

A website has been setup for you to obtain this information at <http://deeds.doe.k12.de.us/>. You may access this information by going to this website and click “Parents/General Public” on the left-hand side of your computer screen. Click “Search” for an employed Delaware public / charter school educator.” Enter the last name of your child’s teacher and click “search.” Click the “profile” link after your child’s teacher’s name. You will find the teacher’s certification under “credentials” and college major under “qualification.”

If you are unable to obtain the necessary information, you may call you child’s principal for this information, or our Personnel Office at (302) 653-8585.

TITLE I NOTIFICATIONS

The “Parents Right to Know” and “Complaint Procedure” documents are published on this page. There is also a “Parent Involvement” document available on the Smyrna School District Website (along with those published here) at the following link:

http://www.smyrna.k12.de.us/specialservices/title_1.html

Dr. Rachael S. Rudinoff
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ler, Morgan Newport, Ryan Shilling, Cole Newport, Brooke Moore, Kayla Kennedy, Alivia Scuse, Andrea Davis, Colleen Donahue, Megan Reed, Emily Hodgeman, Brenham Menard, Abigail Bilbrough, Morgan Brady, Tyler Cox, and Rolanda Smith Coaches – Kim Wheatley, Whitney Reed-Pierson, Fran Strosser, Morgan Scuse, and Courtney Markiewicz.



200 Administration and Operations
258 Federal Programs General Complaint Procedures*

1.0 Programs Covered by the Complaint Process

This complaint process shall apply to the following programs: Title I Part A Improving Basic Programs Operated by Local Education Agencies; Title I Part B-1 Reading First; Title I Part B-2 Early Reading First; Title I Part B-3 William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program; Title I Part C Education of Migratory Children; Title I Part D Prevention and Intervention Programs for Children and Youth Who are Neglected, Delinquent, or at Risk; Title I Part F Comprehensive School Reform; Title I Part G Advanced Placement; Title II Part A Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Fund, Grants to States; Title II Part A-5-2151(B) School Leadership; Title II Part D 1 and 2 Enhancing Education Through Technology; Title III Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students; Title IV Part A Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities; Title IV Part B 21st Century Community Learning Centers; Title V Part A Innovative Programs and Title V Part B-1 Public Charter Schools.

2 DE Reg. 217 (8/1/98)
7 De Reg. 161 (8/1/03)

2.0 Right to File a Complaint

An organization or an individual may file a complaint regarding an alleged violation of Federal Program Statutes or regulations by the Delaware Department of Education or the Local Education Agency. For purposes of this regulation, a Local Education Agency shall also include charter schools. A written and signed complaint shall be filed with the Delaware Department of Education.

- 2.1 The complaint shall include a statement specifying the alleged violation by the State Education Agency or a Local Education Agency. Such statement shall include facts and documentation of the alleged violation.
- 2.2 The Delaware Department of Education shall investigate the complaint and issue a written report including findings of fact and a decision to the parties included in the complaint within sixty (60) working days of the receipt of the complaint. An extension of the time limit may be made by the Delaware Department of Education only if exceptional circumstances exist with respect to a particular complaint.
- 2.3 The Delaware Department of Education may conduct an independent onsite investigation of the complaint, if it is determined that an on site investigation is necessary.
- 2.4 The complaint shall allege a violation that occurred not more than one (1) year prior to the date that the complaint is received.
2 DE Reg. 217 (8/1/98)
7 De Reg. 161 (8/1/03)
12 DE Reg. 208 (08/01/08)

3.0 Complaint Made to the Local Education Agency

An organization or an individual is encouraged to file a written, signed complaint with the Local Education Agency, prior to submission of the complaint to the Delaware Department of Education, concerning an alleged violation by the Local Education Agency of a Federal statute or regulation that applies to the Local Education Agency’s program.

- 3.1 The complaint shall include a statement specifying the alleged violation by the Local Education Agency. Such statement shall include facts and documentation of the alleged violation.
- 3.2 The superintendent or the agency head of the Local Education Agency shall investigate the complaint and issue a written report including findings of fact and a decision to the parties involved in the complaint within sixty (60) working days of the receipt of the complaint,

- 3.3 An appeal of the Local Education Agency decision may be made by the complainant to the Delaware Department of Education. The appeal shall be in writing and signed by the individual or by an individual representative of the organization making the appeal. The Delaware Department of Education shall resolve the appeal in the same manner as a complaint, as indicated in 2.0.
2 DE Reg. 217 (8/1/98)
7 De Reg. 161 (8/1/03)
12 DE Reg. 208 (08/01/08)

4.0 Review of Final Decision by the U.S. Department of Education

Any party to the complaint has the right to request that the Secretary, U. S. Department of Education, review the final decision of the Delaware Department of Education. The request for an appeal of the decision to the Secretary, U. S. Department of Education, shall be made in writing to the Delaware Department of Education within sixty days of the receipt of the decision.
2 DE Reg. 217 (8/1/98)

5.0 Complaints and appeals to the Delaware Department of Education shall be mailed to the following address:

Secretary of Education
Delaware Department of Education
401 Federal Street Suite 2
Dover, Delaware 19901-3639

*IDEA Part B, as amended, has other specific remedies and procedural safeguards specified under Section 615 of the Act to protect students with disabilities. See 14 DE Admin. Code 923 Children with Disabilities Subpart B General Duties and Eligibility of Agencies.
2 DE Reg. 217 (8/1/98)
7 De Reg. 161 (8/1/03)
12 DE Reg. 208 (08/01/08)

from Alumni back page

tucky while on the Dean’s List and a class officer. Her teaching career began in Ohio, then North Carolina, West Virginia, and in 1962-65 Ocean View, Delaware. She came to teach business classes at JBM in 1965 and served as the Department Chairperson starting in 1966 until she retired. Her first principal was Charles V. Williams. From Superintendent David K. Fauser to Superintendent Wayne Barton, Carol received exceptional evaluations and letters of praise. She married Jack Allen in 1965. Carol has a daughter and three grandchildren . In 1996, she married Ron Noronowicz who died in 2011. Carol remains very active in Asbury Methodist Church life.

DISTRICT DIRECTORY

CLAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 653-8587

Mr. Michael Dulin, Principal
Mrs. Deborah Chadwick, Associate Principal
Nurse 653-3147

NORTH SMYRNA ELEMENTARY 653-8589

Mrs. Kelly Holt, Principal
Mrs. Stephanie McGuire, Associate Principal
Nurse 653-3145

SMYRNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 653-8588

Mr. David H. Morrison, Principal
Mrs. Tracie Bruno, Associate Principal
Nurse 659-6286

SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY 653-8580

Mrs. Kathleen Castro, Principal
Mr. Patrick Grant, Associate Principal
Nurse 653-2762

CLAYTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 653-4512

Mr. David Paltrineri, Principal
Mrs. Deborah Judy, Associate Principal
Nurse 653-3271

JBM INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 659-6297

Mrs. Elyse Baerga, Principal
Mrs. Deborah Judy, Associate Principal
Nurse 659-6280

SMYRNA MIDDLE SCHOOL 653-8584

Mr. Steven Gott, Principal
Dr. John Jingeleski, Associate Prinicipal
Mrs. Aerin Donovan, Associate Prinicipal
Guidance 653-8308
Nurse 653-8823

SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL 653-8581

Mrs. Stacy Cook, Principal
Mr. Mikel Reed, Associate Principal
Mr. John Camponelli, Associate Principal
Mr. Marc Deisem, Associate Principal
Mr. Clarence Davis, Dean of Discipline
Nurse 653-3137

CENTRAL OFFICES 653-8585

Mrs. Deborah Wicks, Superintendent
Mr. Patrik Williams, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Alexander Shalk, Director of Curriculum
Mrs. June Wicks, Supervisor, Reading & Instruction
Mr. Jerry Gallagher, Director of Finance
Mr. Todd Seelhorst, Supervisor Human Resources

CHILD NUTRITION OFFICE 653-3134

Mrs. Melissa Sayers, Supervisor

MAINTENANCE OFFICE 653-3132

Mr. Scott Holmes, Supervisor Systems & HVAC
Mr. George, Wicks III, Supervisor Facilities & Operations

SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICE 653-3135

Dr. Rachael Rudinoff, Supervisor

TECHNOLOGY OFFICE 653-2754

Mr. David M. Brown, Supervisor

TRANSPORTATION OFFICE 653-3142

Ms. Sharon Almondo, Supervisor

SMRYNA SCHOOL DISTRICT’S NOTICE OF RIGHTS UNDER THE PROTECTION OF PUPIL RIGHTS AMENDMENT (PPRA)

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment affords parents, students who are 18, and emancipated minors the following rights regarding the District’s conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams.

Protected Information Surveys
The District is required to obtain consent permitting your child to participate in certain school activities, or you may elect to opt out of such activities. These activities, known as protected information surveys, include a student survey, analysis, or evaluation concerning one or more of the following:

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student’s parents;
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student’s family;
3. Sexual behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or
8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.

Notice & Opportunity To Opt Out
At the start of each school year, the District will notify you of dates of the following activities, and provide an opportunity to opt a student out of participating in such activities:

1. Any protected information survey, regardless of funding

source;

2. Any non-emergency, in-vasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under Sate law; and
3. Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information ob-tained from students for marketing, or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others.

Inspection

You may, upon request, inspect the following:

1. Protected information surveys of students;
2. Instruments used to collect personal information from students for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and
3. Instructional materials used as part of the educational curriculum.

Adoption of Policy

The District will adopt policies, in consultation with parents, regarding these rights, as well as arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected surveys and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes. The District will notify you of these policies at least annually at the start of each school year and after any substantive changes.

Complaint

If you believe your rights have been violated, you may file a complaint with:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-4605

NOTICE CONCERNING DISCLOSURE OF CER- TAIN STUDENT INFOR- MATION

The Smyrna School District (“the District”) may disclose certain information, known as directory information, in its discretion without consent. Parents, or students eighteen years of age or over, may refuse to permit the release of any or all directory information. If you do not want directory information released, you must send written notice annually to the Superintendent of the District (at the address listed below). Such notice must be received within 30 days of the publication of this notice. The following student information is directory information: (1) name, (2) address, (3) telephone number, (4) date and place of birth, (5) major field of study, (6) grade level, (7) participation in officially recognized activities and sports, (8) weight and height of members of athletic teams (9) dates of attendance, (10) degrees and awards received, (11) the most recent previous education agency or institution attended by the student and (12) photographs of students in school or school activities provided the photographs do not reveal information concerning academic placement.

Smyrna School District
Superintendent
82. Monrovia Ave.
Smyrna, DE 19977

NOTICE: DE Department of Education Tobacco Regulation 877

Delaware Department of Education Tobacco Regulation 877 prohibits the use and distribution of tobacco products by all staff, students, visitors, and parents in school buildings, on school grounds, in school leased or owned vehicles and property, and all school affiliated functions, on and off school grounds. Tobacco Regulation 877 means a healthier, safer school environment for everyone.

COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION OF SEX OFFENDERS

While community notification of sex offenders is the responsibility of local law enforcement, the Smyrna School District believes it has an appropriate role to play in improving community awareness of the potential threat posed by sex offenders. This includes a responsibility to educate our students about personal safety and to let you know when an offender is living in our district or has enrolled in public school. Each of our schools and the district office has this information in a binder available for your review.

-ald McDonald House. The tabs are exchanged for money which was then donated and used for medical research.

- Sponsored a canned food drive.
- For special holidays we sold Candy-grams to raise money for student council
- Participated in “Read Across America Day” by escorting guest readers to their assigned class rooms around JBM.
- Sponsored a dance to raise funds for the Delaware Special Olympics. We raised and proudly donated \$1,200.
- Sponsored March Madness during which homerooms competed against each other during lunch in such activities as hula hoping, bubble gum blowing, dangling donut eating, yodeling, jump roping, and pudding eating. The highlight of March Madness was “Pie in the Face” in which several of our administrators and teachers competed. The Winner (or Loser) was Mrs. Judy, our associate principal. She willingly took a Pie in the Face which turned out to be great entertainment for the students witnessing the event !
- Donated \$130 to the JBM Go Green Club which was used to purchase an oak tree. The Go Green Club planted it on school grounds and we hope to see it grow tall and strong in the years to come!
- Promoted Earth Day by wearing Green in support of the JBM Go Green Club.
- Sponsored various Door Decorating contests throughout the school year and provided prizes to the winning home rooms.
- Sponsored a Suggestion Box for all students to contribute ideas for events to be undertaken by the Student Council.
- Ran the School Store during Lunch Periods throughout the year where students could redeem PBS tickets for school supplies and other items.

As you can see from the above the JBM Student Council has had a fun and event-filled year. It has been filled with laughter and joy. We hope that next year’s Student Council will have as much fun as we did in helping our school and community.

DISTRICT NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

TITLE VII, TITLE IX, and Section 504 Compliance Notification

The Smyrna School District does not discriminate in employment or educational programs, services or activities based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age or disability in accordance with state and federal laws, as required by Title VI and VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendments, and the Federal Occupational Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Inquiries should be directed to the Smyrna School District Superintendent, Administrative Office, 82 Monrovia Ave. Smyrna, DE 19977. Phone: (302) 653-8585.

El distrito escolar Smyrna no discrimina en empleo o programas educacionales, servicios o actividades, basados en raza, color, religion, nacionalidad, sexo, edad o discapacidad en conformidad con las leyes estatales y federales

It is also the policy of this District to ensure that curriculum content and instructional materials used by our schools reflect the cultural and racial diversity found in our country, and to create an awareness of the rights, duties, and responsibilities of each individual as a member of the multi cultural, nonsexist society.

Inquiries about compliance with Title IX, Title VI, or VII may be directed to the compliance coordinators appointed in the district.

COMPLIANCE COORDINATORS

The following individuals have been appointed to serve as the District’s compliance coordinators. These coordinators can be contacted at the following locations.

TITLE VII: CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1974

(Nondiscrimination in employment practices)

TITLE IX: CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1972

(Nondiscrimination on the basis of sex, educational programs)

Compliance Coordinator
Patrik Williams,
Assistant Superintendent
82 Monrovia Ave.
Smyrna, DE 19977
(302) 653-8585

SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973

Compliance Coordinator
Dr. Rachael Rudinoff,
Supervisor of Special Services
Special Services Office
22 South Main St.
Smyrna, DE 19977
(302) 653-3135

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) OF 1982

Compliance Coordinator
Scott Holmes,
Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds
Thomas D. Clayton School
80 Monrovia Avenue
Smyrna, DE 19977
(302) 653-3132

NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEX
(Compliance Violation Grievance Procedure)

Any student or employee of the Smyrna School District shall have the right to file a formal complaint alleging noncompliance with regulations outlined in Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 or in

Level One – Principal or immediate supervisor (informal)
A student with a complaint of sex discrimination shall discuss it with the teacher, counselor, or principal.

Level Two – Title IX Compliance Officer

If the grievance is not resolved at level one and the student wishes to pursue the grievance, the student may formalize the grievance by filing a complaint in writing on a Compliance Violation Form, which can be obtained from the Title IX compliance officer. The complaint shall state the nature of the grievance and the remedy requested. The filing of the formal written complaint at Level Two must be within 21 days from the date of the event giving rise to the grievance, or from the date the grievant could reasonably become aware of such occurrence. The grievant may request that a meeting about the complaint be held with the Title IX compliance officer. A minor student may be accompanied at that meeting by a parent or guardian. The Title IX compliance officer shall investigate.

the complaint and attempt to resolve it. A written report from the compliance officer about action taken will be sent to the grievant with 21 days after receipt of the complaint.

Level Three – Superintendent

If the complaint is not resolved at Level Two, the grievant may proceed to Level Three by presenting a written appeal to the Superintendent within 15 days after the grievant received the report from the compliance officer. A decision will be rendered and conveyed to the grievant by the Superintendent or his/her designee within 15 days after receipt of written appeal.

Level Four – Other agencies

The grievant may file formal complaints with the Delaware Civil Rights Commission or other agencies available for mediation or rectification of affirmative action grievances, or may seek private counsel for complaints alleging discrimination.

Note: The District appoints compliance coordinators for Title IX, Title VII and for Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as required by law. These compliance coordinators serve as grievance officers and are responsible for the District’s efforts to comply with nondiscrimination requirements under Title IX, Title VII, and Section 504.

Annual Public Notice of Nondiscrimination

(As required by the 1979 *Guidelines for Eliminating Discrimination in Vocational Education Programs (34 CFR Part 100, App. B, IV-0)*)

Smyrna School District is pleased to announce that it is offering, among other programs, the following Career and Technical Education Pathways for the 2012-2013 school year:

Smyrna High School

Agriscience

Courses are offered as part of five pathway strands:

Animal Science: Animal Science I, II, and III, Agribusiness

Natural Resources: Natural Resources and Environmental Science I, II & III

Plant Science: Plant Science I, II & III

Power & Systems: Power & Tech Systems I, II, and III

Structural Systems: Structures I, II, and III

Business

Courses are offered as part of four pathway strands:

Accounting: Accounting II, III, and IV

Business Information Technology:

BIT II, III & IV
Administrative Services: Admin Services II, III, and IV
Marketing Management: Marketing Management II, III & IV

Family and Consumer Sciences

Courses are offered as part of two pathway strands:

Early Childhood Education: Early Childhood Education I, II & III

Family & Community Services: Family & Community Services I, II & III

Jobs for Delaware Graduates

JDG is designed to help students reach academic and career goals. The four goals are: leadership development, citizenship or community service, social awareness, and career preparation. Courses offered are:

JDG II, III & IV

Admission to these programs is open to all students enrolled in Smyrna High School. Enrollment in higher level courses

often requires a passing grade in lower level courses in the same pathway.

The Smyrna School District does not discriminate in employment, educational programs, services or activities based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability in accordance with state and federal laws. The District offers additional services to students with limited English language skills or with disabilities so that they may benefit from these programs. For additional information and assistance, please contact:

School Admissions/Programs

Stacy Cook
Principal
Smyrna High School
500 Duck Creek Parkway
Smyrna, DE 19977
653-8581

Elementary News continued

SES - Let’s Get Crazy

One of the many fun spirit day contests sponsored by the SES staff was the Crazy Sock Day. Both students and staff enjoyed ‘walking on the wild side’ for a day, and everyone appreciated the opportunity to take school a little less seriously for a day.



Sock Day: Early Childhood staff members Ashley Wil-lis, Jessica Allabaugh, and Leah Southard show off their crazy socks

SES Takes a Learning Trip

First grade students recently traveled to the Children’s Museum for a fun day of learning and experimentation.



First graders looking for the best way to roll a ball down a ramp.

From CIS STEP pg. 6

which included one case that lasted for almost 25 years! Mr. Hegman’s visit was a great extension to what we are learning because the students have learned about fingerprinting, analyzing handwriting, forgery of printed materials and typewritten documents, and the variety of career fields in forensic science.

Dynamite Children Achieving Success Spells DCAS at SSE

Ms. Spiezio

Our third graders have been busy preparing for the Spring DCAS test. The students were encouraged by the Sunnyside family to do their best. Our kindergarten team and Mrs. Biesterfeld, Mrs. S. Wilson, and Mrs. Bell were assigned to be cheerleaders for the third grade team. They were known as the “School Wide Support team”. Each class was given a positive reinforcement each day. Some of the reinforcements were stress balls, cookies, posters, Play-doh, key chain light bulbs, cards, and many more trinkets. Our team as a whole achieved a proficiency of 86 % in Reading and 85% in Math in the Spring DCAS. WAY TO GO 3rd GRADE!!!



From CIS Student Council pg. 6

judged on our Standards of Excellence. Much work has been put into a scrapbook that reflects all the work we have done throughout the year such as goals and objectives, fundraising activities, community service activities, and social events. The scrapbook has to be submitted to a panel of judges for evaluation. In addition to the scrapbook, we also were required to create a banner and centerpiece to reveal our theme “Preparing for the race, on our way to success.” The results were revealed at our last Student Council Conference on May 9, 2013.

Finally, we were very excited because the officers and advisors attended a field trip to Washington D.C. on April 17 with the Delaware Association of Student Councils. This was an exciting trip that allowed tours of different attractions, lunch at the Museum of Natural History, and IMAX shows. We are thrilled to share this information about our trip.

from CES PhysED pg.3

Field Day will be held on Friday, May 24, starting at 8:40 am. Students will be participating in stations in the morning and the 50 yd. dash and tug-a-war in the afternoon. The rain date for Field Day is Tuesday, May 28.

Please remember to encourage your child to get out and exercise this summer. Try to make exercising a family habit!! Have a great summer!

from JBM Forensics pg. 7

our students seem both excited and interested in this area of study. Justin Bautista, a fifth grader at John Bassett Moore said, “Studying forensics is fun! I really enjoy the labs!” We will continue with our study of forensic science and hope to take it to the next level with handwriting and bone analysis labs. You never know who might be a future forensic expert.

from CES Water pg. 2

Besides the basic properties of water, students will experiment with water at different temperatures and in different states of matter. What fun it will be!

This year we have been given the wonderful opportunity to become engineers as we work through our final marking period. Over the summer, our third grade teachers were trained to teach a new kit in which students must design their very own water filters. This curriculum is very hands on, and gives our students the chance to display their ability to think outside of the box. I know we are all looking forward to designing, creating, and experimenting!

2013 John Bassett Moore & Smyrna High Schools

ALUMNI DINNER REPORT

The JBM/SHS Alumni Association celebrated the 16th Association Dinner on Saturday, April 13, 2013, at Smyrna High School. Over 250 people attended. President Debbie Wicks reported that over the last 15 years the Alumni Association has given out 81 scholarships totaling over \$42,000.

Alumni officers represent eight different classes, as follows: Vice President, Don Erhart (1966); Second Vice President Linda Moore Davis (1974); Secretary Edna Seward Conner (1959); Treasurer Mary Ann Morman Varanko (1955); Membership Committee Chairperson Jim Hewes (1965); and Membership Committee Person Joyce Chase Johnson (1965).

Highlighting the evening was the honoring of some of our special retired employees who are role models of our community core values. Information on these special retired staff is as follows:

Patricia Arlene Pase Conley moved to Smyrna from Preston, Maryland in 1953 when she was in second grade. She graduated from John Bassett Moore High School in 1964 and from the Uni-

versity of Delaware in 1968. She came back home to teach in the fall of 1968. Pat taught for five years and in November of 1972 became the Smyrna School District Supervisor of Food Service.

Pat's first superintendent was Charles V. Williams. Looking at her personnel records, after 35 years as a supervisor she received praise and thank you letters from six superintendents: Williams, DiNunzio, Wells, Barton, Scott, and Wicks; not an accomplishment to be taken lightly. Pat retired in 2009 after 40 years of service with the Smyrna School District. During her tenure she received many state and national awards, taught at the college level, and volunteered for multiple community organizations. She is married to her high school sweet heart Wes Conley, has two daughters and three grandchildren.

Patricia Ann Rebar Ellingsworth moved to Smyrna from Camden, DE in the 4th grade. She graduated from John Bassett Moore High School in 1964 and from the University of Delaware in 1968. Over the years she earned certificates for teaching kindergarten, exceptional children, and ele-

mentary education. She also earned a Master's Degree +45 credits.

Pat's first superintendent was Charlie Williams, as she started teaching 4th grade at North Smyrna Elementary School in 1968. Over her career Pat also taught for the Christiana School District and the Brandywine School District. She retired in 2005 after 30 years. During those 30 years, she was consistently rated superior and was described as a positive and valuable asset, always giving extra help to students who did not receive appropriate support at home. Principal Wells said "she was always the first to arrive and the last to leave school, a naturally caring person."

Pat married her college sweetheart, John Ellingsworth, and they have two children and two grandchildren.

Connie Lee Uhlendorff Keen grew up in Smyrna, attended Smyrna Schools, and graduated in 1964 from John Bassett Moore High School. She went to Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky 1964-1965 and worked as a clerk-typist at Leeds Travelware. She became a full-time employee of the Smyrna School District in 1976 after substituting, starting in 1973. Over the next 30 years Connie was a member of the

JBM/SHS Alumni Association

Schedule of Events for 2013-2014

Alumni Meetings

2nd Monday of the Month, 2 p.m.

All Alumni Are Welcome

September 9, 2013	Meeting at Smyrna School District Central Office 2 p.m.
October 18, 2013	Homecoming Parade & Game Parade 4:00 p.m. to set up wagon at JBM Football Game 7:30 p.m. Charles V. Williams Stadium
October 14, 2013	Meeting at Smyrna School District Central Office 2 p.m.
November 11, 2013	Meeting at Smyrna School District Central Office 2 p.m.
January 13, 2014	Meeting at Smyrna School District Central Office 2 p.m.
February 10, 2014	Meeting at Smyrna School District Central Office 2 p.m.
February 22, 2014	"I Love Smyrna School District" day Smyrna High School
March 10, 2014	Meeting at Smyrna School District central Office 2 p.m. (Election of Officers)
March 29, 2014	Annual Alumni Dinner, 5 p.m. Smyrna High School
April 14, 2014	Meeting at Smyrna School District Central Office 7-8 p.m.

support staff as a paraprofessional, a clerk, and a secretary for the following: Special Services, John Bassett Moore, North Smyrna Elementary, and Smyrna High School. She earned a state of Delaware Senior Secretary Certificate in 1985 after taking classes at Delaware State University and DelTech. She was described by Principal Tony Soligo as "an ambassador of goodwill as the first contact for the public." Connie retired in 2004 after 30 years and has continued her many volunteer duties at Asbury Methodist Church. She is married to her high school sweetheart Bob Keen. They have two sons and four grandchildren.

Robert Malcolm Keen moved to Smyrna from Wilmington at the age of six and graduated from John Bassett Moore High School in 1959 and Wesley College in 1965 and Delaware State University in 1967. He began teaching at JBM in 1967 after working at the Smyrna Acme Market for six years. Over the next 37 years Bob taught 4th grade math and social studies. He received excellent evaluations and praise from ten principals and five superintendents. He was the North Elementary Teacher of the Year three times and a founding member of the Smyrna Historical Society. His aim, stated from the beginning days, was "to eliminate childrens' fear of math, and that it can be fun while learning." He figured he taught well over 3,000 students during his 37 years. He retired in 2004 and continues to guide the Smyrna Historical Society and volunteer at Asbury Methodist Church. He is married to Connie Uhlendorff Keen and they have two sons and four grandchildren.

Robin Ann Withers Smith began teaching in Smyrna High School's Business Department in 1991 after working at the University of Delaware as an administrative assistant for two years, teaching

at the Appoquinimink School District for one year, and teaching at the Woodbridge School District for 11 years. She graduated from Bayside High School in Virginia Beach, VA in 1973, received a B.S. from Meredith College, Raleigh, N.C. in 1977 and a MBA from Wilmington University in 1988. She came to Smyrna High School with a Master's plus 45 credits. Over the 19 years that Robin taught at SHS she had many different evaluators but they all



agreed that Robin Smith was an excellent teacher. She was the District Teacher of the Year in 1995 and the Business Professional Teacher of the Year in 1993. She was Department Chair of the Business Department, mentor to many teachers, and was the Business Professional Advisor for all of her years in Smyrna. She married Franklin Smith in 1974. The description many years ago as a "positive spark of energy" still describes her today.

Carol Wade Colvard Allen Noronowicz graduated from Virginia-Carolina High school in Grassy Creek, North Carolina in 1954, 3rd in her class and received her B.S. degree in 1958 from Borea College, Borea, Ken-

