

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...

Winter Message from Deborah D. Wicks

Happy New Year 2015 to the Smyrna School District community on behalf of our Smyrna School District Board of Education President Chris Malec, Vice President Ron Eby and Board Members Vetra Evans, Kristi Lloyd, Scot McClymont, Assistant Superintendent Pat Williams and myself.

This 2014-2015 school year our Community Core Value is integrity which as defined many years ago by a community committee as "steady and faithful observance of a code of moral values. This includes honesty in a word and deed and a sense of right and wrong."

During "I Love the Smyrna School District" Day on Saturday, February 28, 2015 we will celebrate the Annual Values Essay Contest Award Ceremony in order to honor this year's role models of "integrity". Grace and Kenny Gray are this year's honorees. Kenny is from a family of four and Grace was the oldest of seven. Both Ken and Grace are alumni of the Smyrna School District. Kenny is a graduate of the Class of 1958 and Grace a graduate of the Class of 1959. After graduation from John Bassett Moore High School this couple

married in 1960 and settled down in the Smyrna School District to raise their two boys, Kenny and Marc, who are also Smyrna School District Alumni.

By 1975 Grace started to volunteer to first help the Band Boosters through 1984 by actually starting the Smyrna School District Band Boosters at the Smyrna Middle School with long time Band Director Rodney Daniels. When Kenny went to ninth grade Grace was treasurer at the high school along with running the band competition with Mr. Groome Mears for 10 years.

Ken and Grace also chaperoned all Band functions while their two sons were in band through 1984. At the same time Kenneth would work in the concession stand at half time to help out and then return to the task of band chaperone.

In the fall of 1984 after their two sons had graduated from Smyrna High School Kenneth and Grace took over the Smyrna High School fall Sports Concession from long time volunteers John and Eileen Clark. In addition, they took on the inside sports concessions for basketball and wrestling,



working with Jane and Gary Youmans. While working in this small inside concession stand, others helped out including Buddy Lloyd.

Each week Kenny and Grace would order all the supplies and drive to Sam's to have the food to sell for all the scheduled games each week. Every night the Grays would

arrive at 5:00 pm to set up and work until 10:30 p.m. or 11:00 p.m. For the last 13 years Allen Starin has also volunteered with the concessions and now for the last several years Debbie Baker has been a very dependable volunteer.

The Grays have organized the Sports Program Book for the football and Winter sports calling on businesses starting in June and working to complete the book by August.

It is remarkable to add that this couple who are role models of integrity have been so loyal to the Smyrna School District and that Grace has never missed a home football game in 30 years, until our last one, and Kenny has only missed two.

Grace and Kenny are amazing volunteers who state "we have enjoyed what we have done for the Smyrna School District all these years and we are sure when we stop we will miss it."

While they are definitely role models of integrity they are certainly role models of all of our community core values of perseverance, respect, responsibility and compassion too.

Thank you Kenny and Grace Gray, you are our community hometown heroes.



Student Perspectives:

"This program has helped me become more outgoing and confident. I love how everyone is a family here."

Shaynyn Austin, Senior

"JROTC truly gives a sense of purpose and belonging. The friends you make here are lifelong."

Russell Stanley, Junior

"High school will always be a place where people follow. It takes a leader to step out of the line. JROTC helps you become that leader."

Myrissa McFolling, Sophomore

"My favorite part of JROTC is the after-school teams. It gives everyone a chance to learn new skills."

Casey Berchtold, Freshman



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Experience Smyrna High School



Be a part of our family...

- **Aerospace Studies Focus**
 - Learn Aviation History and the Science of Flight
 - FAA Certified Private Pilot Ground School elective
 - Airplane Orientation Flights
 - Field trips – Air Shows; Dover AFB; New Castle Airport; Philadelphia Airport; Washington, DC
- **Leadership Development**
 - Cadet Led: 63 Leadership Positions in the Corps
 - 1-week Delaware Summer Leadership School
- **Character Development & Community Service**
 - Experience success – advancement, promotion in rank, awards and ribbons, competitions, personal growth
 - 2,000+ Community Service hours performed annually
- **After School Activities & Competitions**
 - Color Guard, Drill Team & Exhibition Drill Team
 - Marksmanship Team
 - Model Rocketry Team
 - Raider Team
- **Social Events**
 - Military Ball
 - Awards Banquet, after school get-togethers, extra-curricular team celebrations
 - Trips ~ Brandywine River float trip, Go Ape Adventure
- **Looks great on college applications, job interviews & resumes!**
Note: JROTC is a citizenship program not a military recruiting program.
 - However, there are benefits if you take JROTC and then join the military:
 - Improves your chances for Air Force ROTC College Scholarships
 - May be eligible for direct application to military academies
 - JROTC may earn you a higher rank and pay upon enlistment

Air Force JROTC Mission

"Develop citizens of character dedicated to serving their nation and community"

CLAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



**Clayton
Elementary
School**

Clayton Physical Education

Lauren Shanklin

We have been having lots of fun in physical education the first half of the year! The third and fourth grade students started out the year with a soccer unit. We practiced dribbling, passing, offense, and defense. Then the students completed the state mandated Fitnessgram testing which tests the different components of fitness. Each child received an individual report of how well he/she scored in each area of fitness. We will repeat the test in the spring to see if the scores improve. The first and second grade students learned their locomotor skills at the beginning of the year and then moved on to activities that helped make their heart and muscles stronger. We worked on finding our pulse and our resting and working heart rates. Kindergarten has primarily been focused on learning how to move safely in general

space and chasing, fleeing, and dodging. Before the holidays, all the students worked on Speedstacking. Speedstacks is a great sport that helps students develop hand-eye coordination, ambidexterity, and hand speed. The students participated in the World SpeedStack Day and help break the world record! In January, we will be starting the New Year with hockey, bowling, and jump rope units.



Just before the holidays, we started a Safety Patrol. Twenty-seven fourth grade students were chosen to be part of the patrol. These students will be helping the teachers keep everyone safe at arrival and dismissal time. Some other fourth grade students are part of our Anti-Ash Brigade. These students have been trained about the dangers of smoking and teach the rest of the students in the school about smoking through fun games during the year. We are fortunate to have such great leaders here at Clayton!

As the weather starts to get colder, please encourage your child to still exercise outside or in the house. If children are dressed appropriately, there is no reason why they can't get outdoors in the winter and exercise! Be on the lookout for information about our annual Jump Rope for Heart event in February!

Dickens's "A CHRISTMAS CAROL" Brings the Arts to Life!

Fourth Graders at Clayton Elementary have been learning about the endearing Charles Dickens classic, **A CHRISTMAS CAROL**, through musical theater, reading the book, and comparing various versions of



the movie. On December 18, students presented a contemporary musical setting of the Holiday Classic by John Higgins to a full house of parents and community! Main characters Scrooge, Nephew Fred, Bob Cratchit, Mrs. Cratchit, Tiny Tim, Marley, and Christmas

Past Present & Future were played by: **Logan Babenko, Adam Lascano, Andrew Rivera, Faith Hewes, Orien Davis, Jermaine Moore, Amber Sayers, Tyree Archer, and Nolan Fretz** respectively. The full-scale musical included several big dances: Hat & Cane Dancing, Holiday Hoedown, and Shadow Lyrical Dancing. Students also showcased their budding recorder skills with a jazz performance of "Deck the Halls." Amazing scenery depicting the town of London and Scrooge's mansion was created by talented Art Teacher, Monica DeHart. The Clayton Elementary Third Grade Chorus put everyone in high-holiday spirits too, with dancing flashlight choreography in "Holiday Lights." A stirring performance of French Carol, "Pat-a-Pan," featured soloist, **Kennedi Agnew** and beautiful xylophone playing by Third Graders. "Do You Want to Build a Snowman?" featured soloist, **Madison Williams**, as stunning "frozen" student art work spilled out into the hallways turning the school into a winter wonderland. Students across all grade levels were enriched and inspired by the stellar fusion of art, musical theater, and classical literature!



First Grade News

The first grade classes at Clayton Elementary are working hard and are excited about some new adventures they have experienced lately! All of the classes have started Accelerated Reading at this point. The students are reading their AR books and taking quizzes frequently in order to reach their marking period goals!



We have been exploring different writing strategies and have expanded our writing to include holiday pieces. Mrs. Massey's class took a trip to the North Pole and wrote narratives to recount their experiences while there! Mrs. Sheehan's class wrote a persuasive letter convincing Santa to put them on the "nice" list. Mrs. Johnson's class wrote explanatory pieces about what the holidays mean to them. Mrs. Metz's/Mrs. Peal's class read the story Ready Freddy: The Perfect Present and wrote an opinion piece on what the perfect present to give to a family member would be. The first graders are truly becoming wonderful writers!

Our annual Polar Express day is just around the corner. The students are excited to spend the day in their pajamas, while working on activities and crafts that go along with the story! They will finish the day by watching the movie and enjoying a yummy hot chocolate treat!

Kindergarten Events



Clayton Elementary Kindergarten students recently learned about holidays and traditions of other countries. These activities took place with the children moving from room to room and making crafts. This tied in with the social studies curriculum and taught an appreciation of others customs. The children were able to verbalize how certain traditions in our own culture came to be. Not only was it an educational activity, but fun was had by all. Lots of our wonderful parents came in to help make the day a success.

Veteran's Day Program

Sarah Mills

Veteran's Day is an official United States holiday that honors people who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. It is a federal holiday that is observed on November 11. To celebrate, our third grade students showed their appreciation and admiration for our nation's Veterans by singing songs for those brave men and women who so heroically fought



for our country. The students gave a heart warming performance singing Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA" and "American Tears". Our music teacher, Leslie Carlson, spent months practicing

for this special day. She guided the students through an amazing show. We are very thankful for the time and energy she spent with our classes.

Students also wrote letters to honor Veterans, past and present. Two were chosen from each class to share. Their messages were heart felt and thoughtful. During the program the students were fortunate enough to be joined by actual Veterans in our audience. Many of these Veterans included family members of our students and local representatives of the community. They shared words of wisdom and expressed their gratitude for the performance the children gave. The celebration was a true success. We are very proud of our outstanding young citizens!

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Students in second grade at Clayton Elementary have been learning about



how to conserve natural resources. They enjoyed brainstorming ideas about how they can reduce their use of water and electricity, reuse objects such as clothing and paper, and recycle glass and plastic. The children thought it would be a good idea to come up with public service announcement posters to tell others how to save our Earth.

Clayton Elementary Grade 4 is H.O.T.

This year, grade 4 at Clayton is working on Higher Order Thinking or H.O.T. assignments in reading. These assignments ask students to apply key skills they have learned in reading. These skills include; compare and contrast, determining patterns, analyzing relationships, analyzing viewpoints, constructing arguments, evaluating, inferring, and deducing. So far this year, students have created poems, brochures, advertisements, and letters to authors to showcase their learning. All of these activities promote deeper learning and understanding and help prepare students for the new state tests. Students use technology and research skills to help create their H.O.T. assignments, creating high student engagement and success!

Student Samples:

"Candle vs House"

We left a candle.
The flame started to scramble.
No one paid attention.
No one seemed to mention.
The curtain waved.
The flame caved.
The smoke rose higher.
Then there was a fire.
Mike

When I stared at the blank wall,
I felt like I was going to fall.
When I heard the door creak,
My mom came in and I yelled eek.
Jermaine

"Late To School"

My alarm did not ring.
The school bell went ding
We had a test.
Now I feel that I won't do my best.
If I get a A+
I will be allowed to go to the parade
That made my day
I'm going to pray today
Tyler

"The Clumsy Student"

I made it to class.
I accidently broke some glass.
The glass cut me on my head.
I thought I was dead.
I went to the nurse.
I yelled a loud curse.
She said to put a bandage on it.
I felt better I'm not having a fit.
Mason

Today I'm a Fool!

I'm late for school
Because I'm a fool
Because I slept late
My dog opened the gate.
I'm having a bad day
Because my dog ran away
Today my dog came back
with a soda pack.
Zariah

"Facing My Fears"

I was in the bed looking in the dark.
I was so scared I felt I was going to fall apart.
I wanted to get out of bed.
Buy my mom would fill me with dread.

NORTH SMYRNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Many Happenings & Updates at North Elementary!!!

With the passing of the holidays we had a very active end to 2014. Family Fun Night was on December 4, and had a super turn out!

Early Childhood was visited by Santa and Mrs. Claus on December 11, and their sing-along was held on December 17 & 18.

Our third grade students had a very successful Mini Society, which was held on December 12. All of our students enjoyed spending their "money".

Kindergarten had their sing-along and holiday party on December 19.

Third and fourth grade held their holiday chorus concert on December 18. All their hard work showed in their performance and was enjoyed by everyone!

The first half of the school year was a very busy but successful time for everyone at North Smyrna Elementary and we are all looking forward to this New Year!!!

Our First Quarter Auction

We held our first Quarter Auction in November which was a HUGE success!! Many thanks to Tiffany Adams who worked for several months on all the details of the auction. She gathered donations from several businesses and local organizations totaling ninety-five donations. Thank you to all who donated attended and helped out!!



Early Childhood, Kindergarten and First Grade Learn about Fire Prevention

Our Kindergarten and First Grade classes participated in a field trip to the Smyrna Fire House during the month of October, which is Fire Prevention month. While at the fire house they toured the fire house, learned about fire prevention and how to call 911. They also were able to shoot water from a fire hose. Our Early Childhood classes were also able to learn about fire prevention when the Smyrna Fire Company visited them at school. During their visit they also learned about fire prevention, shot water from the fire house and were able to get into the fire truck.



GEOLOGY ROCKS! Kindergarten News

The third grade students at North Smyrna Elementary School recently became geologists. The students have become quite the experts after studying rocks and minerals with our Earth Materials science kit. At the conclusion of our unit, the students traveled to Abbott's Mill Nature Center at Slaughters Beach. There, they got to learn about the variety of rocks found on the Delaware beaches. To summarize the unit, the students created their own "Rock Museum," using rocks that are native to Delaware. Each third grade class traveled to the other grade level classrooms to observe their unique collections. Great job students!

It has been a busy few months for our Kindergarten classes at North Smyrna Elementary. In October we discussed apples and visited Fifer Orchards. We began our science kit dealing with trees. We took a nature walk and discovered the trees in our area and planted several trees in the playground. We compared leaves and nuts from the different trees in our recess yard.

In November, we celebrated Thanksgiving by making crafts in each room such as vests, drums, Native American headdresses, Pilgrim hats and satchels just like the Wampanoag's and Pilgrims wore. We also made corn muffins, butter, cranberry relish, and pumpkin pies, which we ate at our Thanksgiving feast later that day. The children had a wonderful experience and truly understood why we celebrate the holiday.

Flyers Promote "Face Off for Fitness" at NSES!!!



The Philadelphia Flyers made a stop at North Smyrna Elementary for a program called Face off for Fitness. Face off for Fitness has a goal to stress the importance of living a healthy lifestyle.

Members of the Flyers Fan Development department conducted a 45-minute program during a physical education class. The objective of the program was to heighten awareness and provide information to help kids make positive nutritional and

behavioral choices. Kids were taught proper day-to-day nutrition and were educated about several ways in which to be physically active.

All students in attendance were involved first hand with the physical activities, received fitness and nutritional tips from some of their favorite coaches, and some students walked away with some great giveaways.



Fall Fundraiser!!

Our fall fundraiser was a complete success with Robert Belote being our top seller. In addition to our fundraiser being a success we were also successful in raising funds for the Ronald McDonald House. Congratulations to Mrs. Hall's class for collecting the most donations. Great job everyone!!

North Smyrna Elementary School Daily Schedule 2013-2014

8:15-3:45	Teacher Workday
8:15-8:35	Cafeteria Open for Breakfast
8:20	Students Enter Building
8:35	Late Bell/Morning Announcements
8:30-3:30	Student Day
3:25	Dismissal
8:30-11:00	PreK AM
12:30-3:00	PreK PM

SMYRNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

First Grade Fun with the Common Core

Mrs. Stewart's and Ms. Samonte's class participated in a fun graphing activity that reinforced math Common Core Standards. The students had a task where they had to ask their classmates questions and then turn that data into a graph. They called this activity, "I Must-ache you a question."



Third Grade Lesson on Civic Responsibility



In a lesson on civic responsibility and United States history, Mrs. Newman's class wanted to honor the events of September 11, 2001 by writing thank you cards to Smyrna's own local heroes. Mrs. Newman's class wanted the Smyrna PD and Citizens' Hose Company to know they are appreciated and that their dedication to the safety of the town does not go unrecognized. On Tuesday, December 2, members of the Smyrna PD and Citizens' Hose Company, including Cpl. Brandon Dunning and Lt. Tyler Torres, visited Mrs. Newman's 3rd grade class to thank them for their September 11th cards and letters.

IMPORTANT SES DATES

January

- 5 – Return to school
- 8 – PTO meeting (3:45)
- 12 – School Board meeting – JBM (7:00)
- 19 – No School - Martin Luther King Day
- 22 – End of second marking period
- 30 – Report cards issued

February

- 12 – PTO meeting (6:00)
- 16 – No School - President's Day
- 18 – School Board meeting - CIS (7:00)
- 25 – Mid-marking point
- 27 – No School (In-service day)
- 28 – I Love Smyrna S. D. Day

March

- 6 – Progress Reports issued
- 6 – Spring Picture Day
- 12 – PTO meeting (3:45)
- 18 – School Board meeting - SMS (7:00)
- 26 – End of third marking period



Students in Mrs. Evans's and Mrs Van Name's second grade class created their own turkey treats while learning about Thanksgiving.

In the fall, Smyrna Elementary School second graders visited Hagley Museum in Wilmington. Here, students are "working" on an assembly line to make labels for gunpowder, just as it would have been made on the DuPont grounds.



Smyrna Elementary was well-represented at the Special Olympics Basketball Skills competition held at Smyrna High School in November. Not only did SES have over 40 athletes and unified partners participate, but Smyrna Elementary School's own Larue Smalls was selected as the honorary torch bearer to kick off the annual event. (See page 10 for picture)

Smyrna Elementary Third & Fourth Grade Students Explore Buoyancy Through S.T.E.M. lessons

Third and Fourth grade students at Smyrna Elementary are finally ready to FLOAT THEIR BOATS!!! The students have spent the last five weeks during library PLC researching types of boats, learning about the buoyancy

of different materials, and working through the design process. Now that their boats are built they are ready to find out if they will survive the water test, and passenger loading test! Anchors Away!



SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Second Grade Views Nutcracker Ballet

Sunnyside's second graders got the chance to attend the nutcracker ballet performed by Delaware Ballet at Delaware State University. During the performance, we were able to see one of Sunnyside's own secondgrade students as well as some other Smyrna School District Students perform. Stage hands instructed the students on proper theatre etiquette

See Nutcracker pg 8



Grade 1 Students Learn Weather Science

First graders at Sunnyside Elementary School have been hard at work exploring wind and weather in a technology-based science unit! Students created flags to use as a tool for measuring wind. They flew their flags outside to determine the amount of wind on a particular day. Students also



Pictured from left to right: Adam Gates, Carlee Courtney, and Justin Barnes

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Third Grade Soars with Chromebooks



Sunnyside Elementary's third grade has had a wonderful opportunity to add the use of Google Chromebooks on a daily basis. Each third grade classroom received 8 Chromebooks and each student has their own Google account which gives them access to Google Docu-

ments and Presentations. Teachers and students have begun to explore the variety of ways this new technology can expand the educational experience. With the implementation of Common Core standards, there is an emphasis on students using research practices to gather text evidence to support their writing. In addition to their writing, students can use Google Earth to explore the world using Google PEGMAN. Students were able to make connections to the places they visited via Google Earth such as the Eiffel Tower to their Landmarks Reading Unit.

With Google Chromebooks, students have been able to use the on-line components to our Reading and Math Curriculum. Students have instant access on their desks to the many resources and assignments that align to what they are learning in the classroom that differentiates and personalizes their educational experience.

Sunnyside Kindergarten Active with Community Experience

Sunnyside kindergarten classes welcomed fall with many activities that enriched their curricular experiences. After adjusting to school, students enjoyed festive fall centered activities at Wicked R Ranch in October. Fire safety was also an important subject and children were provided with a 'hands-on' experience with firefighters from Smyrna Fire Department. Thankful friends enjoyed a classroom thanksgiving feast, dressed in crafted Pilgrim and Native American apparel. As it is beginning to look a lot like Christmas, children visited Coleman's Tree Farm to learn about trees and our community this holiday season.



Sunnyside's Musical Talent Entertains at Winter Performances

The Sunnyside Music Department has once again put on an amazing Winter Concert this year! The second grade students opened the show with their Winter Musical "Bring on the Snow!" The singing was spectacular and the dance moves were mesmerizing!!! You can certainly tell that the students worked extremely hard to put on a fabulous show!



Town of Clayton Tree Lighting. Third and fourth grade chorus members.

The second grade Musical was followed up by the third and fourth grade Sunnyside Chorus. The chorus performed several numbers including "Jingle Bell Rock", "Dona Nobis Pacem", and one of the crowd's favorites, "Swingin' in a Holiday Mood." The evening was full of the Holiday Spirit and the audience left with smiles and wonderful memories.



Second grade students "Bring Om The Snow"



Sunnyside third and fourth grade chorus. 2014 Winter Concert

Fourth Grade Knowlegable About Aquatic & Cyber Environments

Sunnyside fourth graders are excited that their year is off to a great start! The classes of Mrs. Erickson, Mr. Keller, Mrs. Marston, Ms. Moore, and Mrs. Schreckengost are having a blast! During our science unit on Land and Water, students learned about the water

cycle. Students were challenged to use their knowledge of the water cycle to create a 3D project depicting the stages of the cycle. Evaporation, condensation, transpiration, precipitation, and surface runoff were several new terms the students learned and incor-

porated into their models. Students had several weeks to work on the project and present their final product to the class along with a written summary. A variety of common household materials were used to make their master

See Aquatic & Cyber pg 8



SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHEDULE

- 8:15-3:45 Teacher Work day
- 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 Dismissal - Car Riders, Kindergarten, Bus Riders
- 3:25 p.m.
- 3:30 p.m. Dismissal Grade 1, Bus Riders
- 3:35 p.m. Dismissal Grades 2-4 & Bus

CLAYTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

CIS "Spells-Out" Anti-Bullying Message



In early October at Clayton Intermediate, we had many events school wide to recognize one of our core values of being compassionate towards others by not bullying. All the students participated in a poster contest to share their Anti-Bullying message. All students did a great job and our winners included in the 5th grade- Jaden Ruckle, Zoe Pressley, and Sarah Cain. In 6th grade, our winners included Marie Youngcourt, Amaya Ridgeway, and Mya Stinson. Other school wide Anti-Bullying activities included wearing blue for National Bullying Prevention Day which was observed on October 6th, creating a unity chain to connect our ideas on how we can discourage bullying in our school, and uniting against bullying by coming together as a school to take a school wide picture to make our message known. Each student at CIS also signed a pledge to Stand United Against Bullying. We Urge each other to treat everyone with respect, Never bully anyone or go along with bullying, Inspire friends and classmates with your good character, Tell an adult if you see anyone bullying, Encourage others to make healthy and smart choices, Do your best to make CIS and our community bully free.

On October 25, 2014, the staff and students of Clayton Intermediate School came together to create their Anti-Bullying message in recognition of Bullying Prevention Awareness Month. Four hundred seventy students and staff spelled out the message "CIS Against Bullying". This event culminated our month of Anti-Bullying Activities to support our district wide Anti-Bullying commitment.

The picture was taken with the help of the Delaware State Police helicopter from the Delaware State Police OIC, Aviation Operations Unit in Middletown, DE. A special thank you to Sergeant Tom McKeown, Corporal Michele K. Wright, and Corporal Tim Lintz for their help with making our message and picture a success.

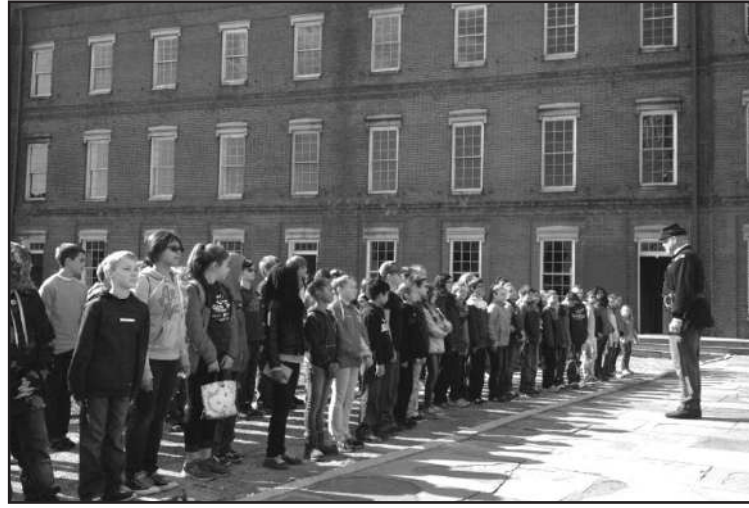
Clayton Intermediate Holiday Concerts

On Tuesday, December 9, the sixth grade band and fifth and sixth grade chorus participated in their annual holiday concerts. The concerts were magical, with over two hundred children combined in performance, the concerts were a perfect way to regain that old fashioned "Holiday Spirit" that seems to be so hard to find every Christmas season!



Field Trip to Fort Delaware

The STEP students attended a field trip to Fort Delaware in Port Penn on October 16. Fort Delaware is a Union fortress dating back to 1859 and once housed Confederate prisoners of war. It was originally built to protect the ports of Wilmington and Philadelphia. We took a half mile



ferry ride from Delaware City to Pea Patch Island. From there, a jitney transported us from the island dock to the fortress. Interpreters took the students back to the summer of 1864 where we saw a blacksmith, a Union Soldier, and Confederate prisoners. Students were then able to tour the Fortress, the prisoners' quarters, and shop in the gift store. After our tour, we enjoyed a picnic lunch.



Thanks so much to all of our chaperones who attended the trip with us. Due to weather, the trip was rescheduled three times, so their cooperation and patience is much appreciated.

As a follow up to our trip, students had to make a presentation where they had to create their own living history presentation of a person who lived or worked at the fort in 1864 at the time of the Civil War by including details such as pictures, descriptions, time period, job duties, way of life, and family. The presentations were phenomenal and included diaries, autobiographies, power points, and letters.

Pink Day!

During the month of October our Student Council raised money for Breast Cancer Awareness by selling pink items and socks. On October 2, 2014 our staff and students wore pink. We were able to donate \$300 to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.



Teacher Showcase: Ariel Almondo



Hello! My name is Ariel Almondo and I am very excited to be a sixth grade teacher here at CIS! I am originally from Newark, Delaware but I have lived here in Smyrna for seven years. I graduated from the University of Delaware with a degree in elementary education and a minor in history. While at the University of Delaware I was a member of the Fightin' Blue Hens Marching Band. I am also in charge of the school newspaper club that will be starting soon. In my free time I enjoy listening to and playing music, watching and playing sports (go Steelers), and spending time with family, friends, and my dog, Chase Muttley.

A Message from the School Nurse

Mrs. Broom

With flu season upon us and the number of confirmed cases on the rise, it is time to remind everyone that flu prevention through vaccination and sanitary precautions remains the best way to avoid contracting the flu. Vaccines protect against three or four strains of the disease and can prevent the flu. Also, if a person contracts a strain of the flu not prevented by vaccines, the vaccine still can lessen the severity of the illness. In addition, everyone is urged to practice the following sanitary measures to prevent flu infection.

Wash hands with soap frequently or use alcohol-based hand sanitizers, especially after you cough, sneeze, or touch your face.

Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue and dispose of the tissue immediately. If a tissue is not available, cough or sneeze into your inner elbow. (Droplets from a sneeze can travel up to six feet.)

Stay home when sick and do not return to work until twenty-four hours after a fever is gone.

For further information on the flu or where to get vaccinated visit www.flu.delaware.gov or call 800-282-8672.

JOHN BASSETT MOORE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Student vs Staff Basketball Game Sponsored by Student Environmentalists

The Go Green Club is off to a great start! We've had a busy number of weeks to kick off our new school year. Our sixth graders have participated in Adopt-a-Highway, the Hydrocephalus Walk, and/or the Dogfish Dash, handing out water to racers in support of the Nature Conservancy. The club also sponsored our Stu-

dents vs Teachers basketball game, which raised money to support our new Girls on the Run and Girls on Track programs. Next up, our students will be visiting DASEF's headquarters at Big Oak Park to learn about the LEEDS-rated buildings that use solar energy and geothermal heating/cooling. The Go Green Club has

come a long way since we began a few years ago. Thank you to all of our hard-working students and to all staff members for their support. And a special shout-out to our custodial staff who keep the recycling program running smoothly. JBM is the best (and green!) because of all of you!!



Special Olympics

Several JBM Students and Unified Partners participated in the Fall Basketball Competition held at Smyrna High School in November. Students will soon begin practicing Soccer in the spring.



Boy's & Girls' Club Fundraiser

A Father/Daughter Dance is planned for Friday, February 13, 2015. Mark your calendars to attend this event in support of the Boys & Girls' Club at the Clayton Fire Hall.

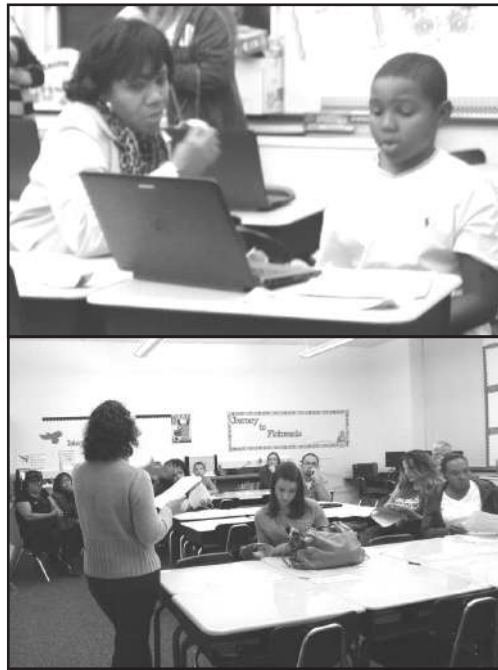


Purple Day at JBM

Many families in our community have been affected by Pancreatic Cancer. JBM students and staff wore purple to raise awareness for this particular cancer. Several staff members are pictured below in their purple.



Parent Information Night



JBM Intermediate held a Parent Information Night Monday, November 3. Parents learned about educational programs being used at JBM like Common Core, Smarter Balance, Read 180/System 44 and Google Accounts. Parents also saw a sample of the drama performance, and heard from the band while enjoying snacks in the library.



JBM's Student Council hosts Annual Fall Festival

Students and their families had a great time at the haunted hallway, the giant blow up slide, and listening to DJ Baby Rhino and his student assistant Megan Keller! Families also enjoyed face painting, games, pizza, popcorn and cotton candy.

The Student Council Officers from John Bassett Moore Intermediate School were excited to attend the annual State Student Council Conference. This one day event focuses on teaching the students about the positions they have been elected to serve for their school. This year, the speaker was our First Lady, Ms. Markel. Ms. Markel inspired our students with her words of wisdom on service to others. At the end of the day, the officers were delighted to have a tour of the Governor's Mansion, Woodburn and the gardens surrounding the property. The students learned a lot and are already displaying commitment and service to their peers and teachers at JBM.

Student Council's mission for the month of November was to donate canned items to the Citizen's Hose (Smyrna Fire Department) Food Drive. We are pleased to inform the Smyrna community that we brought in over 1,500 items. Mrs. Mullen's class brought in 315 items which was the top donation. Their efforts will be rewarded with a pizza party.



Girls on the Run & Girls on Track News

Ronye Cullen

JBM has begun two really great girl power teams this year, Grade 5: Girls on the Run and Grade 6: Girls on Track. These wonderful programs are done twice per week and involve more than just running. The programs involve healthy choices, discussion of challenges and contributions in their everyday lives, and being positive about themselves. Each team participated in a practice 5K and a 5K race in December. The teachers who are working with these girls love seeing the positive influence Girls on the Run/Girls on Track has been in these wonderful young ladies. If your daughter missed out on this great opportunity in the fall, there will be a chance in the spring for them to join. Positive relationships and positive self-images are made at JBM with these two initiatives. Plus, they are just plain fun! Feel free to contact Mrs. Cullen or Mrs. Deisem with any questions. GIRL POWER RULES!

Our Fall Girls on the Run program is amazing! We have almost 30 JBM girls participating in this outstanding program, as well as eight teachers helping to coach.



Our girls have been developing positive self-images, turning into great runners, and working as a team. We had a fun experience participating in this year's Homecoming parade! Thank you to our very support families!

Our Girls on the Run and Girls on Track teams participated in the Official Girls on the Run 5K on December 6, 2014 at Silver Lake Park in Dover,

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS *continued...*

CES PTO Aquires Playground Upgrades

The CES PTO has begun a project to raise money for new playground equipment for our K-2 grade playground. Thanks to a donation from Liberty Parks & Playgrounds and Bylers Construction, a new Geo-Climber is being installed this month. The PTO is continuing to do fundraisers to be able to purchase a larger piece of equipment, which will be in the form of a train to tie into Clayton's railroad history. Please contact our PTO President Ashley Stuart for more information on upcoming fundraising events.



JBM's National Geographic Bee



The field of competition narrowed from 410 students to 25 to 10 to 2 and then the winner of the National Geographic Bee was announced on January 9, 2015 at John Bassett Moore Intermediate School.

Gavin Workman was declared the winner and received a gold medal and trophy for first place. Gavin will compete against other fourth through eighth grade winners from schools across Delaware at the state level competition in March 2015. Great job to Gavin and the other finalists!

It was a tough competition, and all of our finalists worked very hard. We are proud to have you represent the Smyrna School District! Good luck at the next level of competition, Gavin!

JBM's National Geographic Bee Winners

- 1st Place:** Gavin Workman
- 2nd Place:** Cameron Hood
- 3rd Place:** Owen Withrow

Finalists: Nathan Carter, Patrick Crutchfield, Robert Mace, Ian Murphy, Erika Onsomu, Brandon Pastuch, Simon Pyles-Voorhees,

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pieces. It was fun to see what some cotton balls, pipe cleaners, and tissue paper can create!

Fourth grade students were also privileged in attending a Cyber Bullying Awareness Presentation where they learned several ways to identify cyber bullying and how to take action if they were being bullied by someone online. The use of video clips and familiar characters captured the student's attention while simultaneously teaching them the harmful effects of cyber bullying. Some students opted to participate in a cyber-bullying poster contest where they depicted a scenario they remembered from the presentation.

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learned about wind energy, and how wind can be used to power sailboats and windmills. Through hands-on experiences, students learned the best types of materials and the most effective shapes for creating sails for boats and blades for windmills. Classes also measured temperatures of air and water using thermometers. Sunnyside First Graders loved learning about wind and weather!

from Nutcracker pg 5

quette, behind the scenes preparation and speak to performers about the perseverance and dedication they must exhibit to create a performance. We had a great time and enjoyed dressing up. We had many compliments for showing off our core values, especially respect.

from FFA Travel pg 12

Ag Products Display. Smyrna FFA's "Farmacy" display took first place honors at the Delaware State Fair this Summer, which granted its spot in the Hall of States at National Convention. Members from all over the country enjoyed coming up to our booth and learning all about what Delaware Agriculture.

Which spending the week in Louisville, Kentucky FFA members had the opportunity to visit with business, industry and college leaders at the National FFA Career Expo, attend sessions to hear motivational speakers and hear performances by the National FFA Band, Chorus and talent. The group also had the awesome opportunity to attend the World's Toughest Rodeo and visit the home of the Kentucky Derby- Churchill Downs. Overall every single member had a spectacular time at the National FFA Convention, and cannot wait until next year!

**Winter Harvest:
An Event to Help Families Celebrate the Season**



On Saturday, December 20, Smyrna School District hosted the seventh annual Winter Harvest. This event was a collaboration between Smyrna, Lake Forest, and Capital School Districts and coordinated by Pam Denney-Griffiths (Smyrna), Tracy Zlock (Smyrna), Fred Johnson (Lake), Shameka Johnson (Capital), and Jackie Young (Capital), The focus of the Winter Harvest was to provide Delaware's Kent County school district families with a celebration. During the holi-



days, many people attend parties and gift exchanges, but some families do not always have the same opportunities.

Through the collaboration of the districts and many Kent County organizations and businesses, the children experienced a full-blown holiday party. They were entertained by the Flying Dragons, the Smyrna High School Drum Line and Dance Team, and a visit from Santa Clause. The children participated in a number of craft activities, including making felt snowmen and Christmas trees, getting their names written in Chinese, coloring paper mittens, writing letters to Santa, face painting, cupcake decorating and photos with the Frozen characters. Everyone left with full bellies after receiving a big meal presented by Smyrna School District's child nutrition staff. In addition, there was

a hot chocolate station and candy bar. Close to 300 children and their families participated in the event, with approximately 100 volunteers.



Many thanks to Smyrna School District's A F R O T C, National Honors Society, FFA, Band and Dance Team, Lake Forest's Football Players, Dover Air Force Base's military personnel, members from Delaware State University, St. Thomas More Academy's exchange students, Chick-Fil-A and the many other volunteers. This event was made possible by the generous donations of the Walmart Distribution Center, the Smyrna Post of the American Legion, St. Polycarp Church, Asbury Methodist Church, and many other private donors.



SMYRNA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Warburton Honored as Top Art Student in Statewide Competition



SMS student Kara Warburton placed 1st in the Middle School division of the Disability History and Awareness Poster Contest for the state of Delaware. Kara was among hundreds of applicants around the state. Kara was honored and received her award at a luncheon on December 4, 2014 at the Duncan Center in Dover. Pictured is Mr. Mark Rudinoff, SMS Art teacher, Kara Warburton, Mr. Steven Gott, principal, SMS.

Kindness Has Spread at SMS

In October, SMS kicked off their anti-bullying week with kindness and the opportunity to spread that message across the school. Students had an opportunity to sign a pledge poster titled, "BE KIND at SMS".

A committee of students then expanded this kindness to every student by having students leave Post-It notes throughout the school to let others know that they do matter and they do make people happy.



Class-Peters and Kaylee Dulin. Not only did the members compete, but also had the opportunity to explore the career fair, visit colleges, attend leadership workshops and tour a horse stud farm

and a dairy farm. National convention was a huge success and a great opportunity for Smyrna FFA members to network with over 60,000 other FFA members around the country!



Four SMS Students Honored for Fire Safety

The Kent County Volunteer Firefighter's Association recently named it's local and county level winners. Smyrna Middle School Students placed 1st at the 7th grade level and swept all three places (1st, 2nd, and 3rd) at the 8th grade level.



Pictured is 1st place winner, Michael Thompson, who will represent SMS at the county level.



Pictured is 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners respectively, Michael Newlin, Idalia Briceno, and Emma Baker.

6th Annual Grinch Run

A group of SMS staff participated and supported the 6th Annual Grinch Run at SHS. Pictured from left: Mrs. Heather Jones, Mrs. Tracy Merkel, Mrs. Karen Burns, Ms. Karen Pritt, Mr. Steven Gott, and Mrs. Sue Hufschmidt.



Music "Notes"

A BIG Congratulations goes out to the students who made the Delaware All-State Jr. High Chorus: Caitlin Mc-Cutchan, Chloe Pyle, Chloe Castro, Alto; Jordan Cianci, Delaney McGinnis and Miranda Kotey, Soprano.

Having 6 students from one school selected for this prestigious honor is amazing! **Great Job!**

We would also like to wish the BEST OF LUCK to the following students who will be **auditioning for the Delaware Jr. All State Band on Saturday, January 10:**

Band: Rachel Hexamer, Katelyn Kline, Jasmine Ousley and Abigail Walters Flute; Autumn Legar, Caitlin McCutchan and Emily Marthaler, Clarinet; Jonathan Dean and Dawson Ludwig, Trumpet; Marquiesha Bennett, Tuba; Te'Lia Clark, Percussion.

FFA News

Smyrna Middle School attended the 87th National FFA Convention held in Louisville, Kentucky on Oct. 28th-31st competing in the National AgriScience Fair Career Development Event. Erica Malloy and Sydney Tusio placed 8th in the nation, earning a silver medal in the area of Food Products and Processing. Justin Johnson and Cassidy Cook placed 10th in the nation, earning a silver medal in the area of Social Systems. Other members in attendance were Wade Solloway, Michael Hodgeman, George

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Jobs for Delaware Graduates

Delaware Career Association chapter president, Jada Rider, conducted our annual Initiation and Installation Ceremony November 21, and initiated 61 students into the Delaware Career Association. Several parents, administrators, and Jobs for Delaware Graduates' State Staff members were in attendance.

JDG officers and representatives attended the annual Leadership Conference at the Modern Maturity Center in October. There, they participated in leadership and teambuilding workshops and voted for the 2014-2015 state leadership team.

Guest speakers from an area financial institution and the workplace visited the JDG classes this fall. A presentation on admission guidelines for Delaware Tech was made by a DTCC admissions counselor. In addition, one of Smyrna JDG's 2011 alumni spoke to classes about college and workplace expectations.

Students also conducted their annual "Operation Yuletide" visit to Loving Care Daycare in Smyrna. JDG students merrily assisted the little ones with arts and crafts, story time, and play activities. This was our program's fourteenth annual visit to the daycare to spread holiday cheer to some of the community's children.

JDG participants once again shared in the brochure

sales fundraiser to support chapter civic and state DCA events. Students coordinated the sales and distribution of delightful seasonal treats among their many supportive customers.

Jobs for Delaware Graduates and the program's Delaware Career Association student organization enjoyed a very successful fall. Returning members welcomed new members in fulfilling the organization's mission statement: JDG enables students to achieve academic, career, personal, and social success.



Wellness Center News

The Wellness Center at Smyrna High School has received grant money from the Strategic Prevention Framework - State Incentive Grant (SPF-SIG) for substance abuse education. The SPF-SIG funding is provided by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention. The goal of the grant is to educate students and provide them with the skills and behavior to prevent substance abuse.

Throughout the school year we will be taking opportunities to educate the students in the classroom, through lunch and learns and open public forums. In November, we had the opportunity to host a parent/student night where a variety of guest speakers shared information and compelling stories about the pit falls of substance abuse. Addiction is a very real problem within our community and we want every student to have the tools to "say no."

In January, students in grades 8-12 will have the opportunity to hear a motivational speaker at an assembly hosted by Teen Truth. The program will feature a dynamic speaker and a student-shot film focused on substance abuse. Teen Truth gives youth a voice, challenges them to think differently and empowers everyone to be the difference.

Smyrna High School Midterm Examination Schedule

2014 - 2015

**Day 1
Tuesday
Jan. 20, 2015**

Pd. 1 - 7:30 - 8:55 (85)
Pd. 3 - 9:00 - 10:25 (85)
Pd. 5 - 10:30 - 11:55 (85)
Dismissal: 12:00

**Day 2
Wednesday
Jan. 21, 2015**

Pd. 2 - 7:30 - 8:55 (85)
Pd. 4 - 9:00 - 10:25 (85)
Pd. 6 - 10:30 - 11:55 (85)
Dismissal: 12:00

**Day 3
Thursday
Jan. 22, 2015**

Pd. 7 - 7:30 - 8:55 (85)
Pd. 8 - 9:00 - 10:25 (85)
Dismissal: 10:30

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. The second semester will begin the day following the last examination.

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

Attendance is mandatory during exams. Attendance will be taken during each exam period.

Makeup Exams

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

SHS Team Participates in Leadership Conference: Special Olympics Project UNIFY

In October, selected students from Smyrna High School were able to attend the Project Unify Leadership Conference held by Special Olympics Delaware. More than 200 high school students, teachers and administrators representing 18 high schools across the state gathered to learn and share ideas about how they can help change attitudes, promote acceptance and work toward social inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities by uniting through sports in their respective schools. In addition to a day full of presentations, activities and performances, the conference included the presentation of Cool School (the Polar Bear Plunge), information on Unified Sports, and speaker Mike Smith who provided a background on his life and how a student with special needs changed his life forever.

Special Olympics Project Unify is a nation-wide initiative with a simple message - respect for all. Project Unify is an education-based program that uses the sports and education initiatives of Special Olympics to activate youth in an effort to develop school communities where all young people are agents of change - fostering respect, dignity and advocacy for people with intellectual disabilities. The conference was attended by Hannah Griffiths, Brandon Bishop, Victoria Thomas, Valerie Thomas, Katie Deisem, Brittany Henderson, Boaz Menard, Cayla Carter and Beryl Nyamburi. The conference was also attended by administrator LaTonya Pierce and club advisor Whitney Reed-Pierson.



Special Olympics Basketball Skills Challenge

The Smyrna School District participated in the Special Olympics Basketball Skills Challenge on November 20. More than 300 athletes and unified partners (peers without disabilities) and 20 coaches from Smyrna Elementary, JBM Intermediate, Smyrna Middle, and Smyrna High School as well as the Capital School District competed. The Smyrna High School Jr. ROTC presented the colors while mem-

bers of the Regiment of Red played the National Anthem.

Special Olympics Delaware continued success is a result of the thousands of volunteers who unselfishly give their time and talents and whose commitment and effort, much of it behind the scenes, makes this event possible. Over 120 student volunteers from the Project UNIFY and Blue-Gold Club

worked together to make the event run smoothly led by the Special Olympics Youth Activation Committee Members from Smyrna High School Karen Cimigla, and Hannah Griffiths as well as Advisor Whitney Reed-Pierson.

The next two Special Olympics Skills events for the Smyrna School District will be bowling in February and soccer in May.



SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL

Smyrna FFA Pitches Landscape Design for Smyrna High School

If you have noticed some changes taking place in the front of Smyrna High School recently, it is most likely in the form of trees being planted as well as decorative planters that have been added to the main entrance and rear entrances of the school. The Smyrna FFA Plant Science III classes have been busy this fall working to design a simple and easily managed landscape plan to make the front of Smyrna High more eye appealing and welcoming.

Last spring, the decorative planters were added to the front and rear entrances of the high school to help with the building aesthetics. All of the planters were grown and designed by Mrs. Kellie Michaud's plant science students.



Plant Science II students assisted with the project helping to plant and stake the maples in November.

"The planters were created for graduation and utilized school colors, however, they looked so nice and we wanted to extend their use by placing them around the building throughout the year," according to Michaud.

While swapping plants for seasonality in the planters, Michaud's Plant Science III classes pitched an idea to her to create a design with more permanent plants.

Smyrna Senior Alex Dunham stated, "While we were working on the planters we were discussing how plain the building looked and we wanted to do something to make it look nicer and more inviting."

Michaud contacted Smyrna High School Principal, Mrs. Stacy Cook, about the idea and she agreed to listen to the students' presentation and ideas. Their presentation included a detailed to-scale landscape design as well as a power point with pictures of the school with trees, planting beds, and shrubbery added using Pro Landscape software.

"My favorite part is that the entire project is the work of our students. The Plant Science III class came up with the idea. They did the research and planning, and gave a very detailed presentation to myself and others in support of the project," stated Cook.

Mrs. Cook contacted Smyrna School District Superintendent, Mrs. Debbie Wicks, as well as district grounds staff, Mr. George Wicks and Mr. Charles Frazier to come listen to the students' presentation.

The landscape was approved, with Mrs. Wicks stating, "I am delighted to see the Plant Science III students taking ownership of their high school's appearance. These students are working to learn real life lessons and I know they are also looking forward to seeing the results of their labors for years to come."

The landscape will be installed in phases, with the next phase coming this spring as the students install more trees, raised beds, and shrubs around the school's marquee sign. Many of the plants will be coming from the Smyrna FFA Greenhouse that is operated by the students and produces thousands of spring annuals for their

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FCCLA Exceeds Goal for Cancer Research!

Smyrna High School's chapter of FCCLA (Family Career and Community Leaders of America) has been very busy this school year. We started our year by painting faces at a Smyrna High School football game. This was a lot of fun for members and for the children whose faces we got to paint!



Earlier this year, one of our advisers, Mrs. Valerie Coll, shaved her head after we worked extremely hard to raise money for children's cancer research. We helped her raise almost \$5000! Two of our members are using that project as a STAR competitive event at state conference in April.



We have also been working on our annual Winter Wonderland that took place in the cafeteria at the high school.

This event was used to educate young children about all the different winter holidays from cultures around the world. We are looking forward to working on our STAR events and scheduling a Parents' Night Out later in the year.



"Warm Their Hands, Warm Your Heart"

Students in Ms. Treherne's class at Smyrna High School organized their second community service project, "Warm Their Hands, Warm Your Heart." With generous donations from various schools within the district, they collected 584 pairs of gloves, mittens, and scarves, surpassing last year's collection of 300. Students presented their gift



on December 4th to Brenda Russillo, from the food pantry at Asbury United Methodist Church. Collectively the students contributed 146 hours gathering, counting, and wrapping the items for those in need in the community to have a warm and toasty winter. Pictured in the front (from left) are Alyssa Baker and Brittany Henderson. Pictured in the back (from left) are Sam McCloud, Kaira Newman, Walter Brown, Mitchell Stanley, Jakai Randall and Demetrius Woods.

SMYRNA FFA ANNOUNCES CITRUS WINNERS

The Smyrna High School FFA Chapter had a successful Citrus Fundraiser in the month of December. The annual event is always the biggest fundraiser for the chapter, with a variety of citrus and nuts available. These healthy items are always a big hit, especially around the holiday season and overall the chapter sold over \$20,000. The top three sales were: First Place - Dylan White, Second Place - Dylan Wilson, and Third Place- Ryan Harris. These salesmen will be recognized at the Chapter Banquet in April with incentive checks and plaques. The top forty sales-

men will receive a field trip to reward their efforts this coming spring. All of our students worked hard to sell and the earnings will be used to pay state FFA convention, classroom materials and other member incentives. The Smyrna FFA Chapter would like to thank everyone that bought, sold, and stayed after to sort fruit. It truly benefited our chapter.



Safe Driver Awareness Earns SHS \$25,000

Smyrna High School Wins \$25,000 Celebrate My Drive Grant for Teen Driver Safety Efforts. The Eagles are among 100 winners in the Celebrate My Drive teen driver safety awareness campaign sponsored by State Farm.

We were among 3,283 registered high schools who participated in this year's program. Students, parents, administrators and the entire community rallied in support of teen drivers, making online safe driving commitments, helping Smyrna High School reach our goal.

Crashes are the leading cause of death for teens, and the first year behind the wheel is the most dangerous. Celebrate My Drive is an opportunity to celebrate new drivers, focusing on the freedom, but also the responsibility, that comes with earning a driver's license. It's a chance for teens and their high schools to amplify conversations about this important topic and help be part of the solution.



SHS Students Receive Industry Recognized Technology Certification

Smyrna High School Business Program is pleased to announce that 20 students received the industry recognized Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) certification to help them become college and career ready. Students have taken the MS Excel Core, MS Excel Expert, and MS Access exams. The MOS certification is recognized globally as the premier credential to validate knowledge,

skills and abilities relating to the Microsoft Office applications. With more than 1 million exams taken annually in 140 countries, MOS is the leading IT certification in the world.

These students participated in Administrative Services 3 and Administrative Services 4 classes at Smyrna High School to help them develop their Microsoft Office skills. According to Mrs. Angie Hewes, "The

SMYRNA HIGH HOSTS FIRST WINTER FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

The Fine Arts Department hosted a two week Winter Fine Arts Festival for the first time in school history. The students have dedicated the last few months to offer three different, yet outstanding theatrical performances, an art show, and three concerts. Over 375 students from grades 7-12 participated in the festival.

Mrs. Dierkes and Ms. Shinas hosted a three-day art show with their students using various mediums. The Drama Club hosted three one act plays consisting of comedies and a drama. The Music Department hosted a combined concert for the Jazz and Symphonic Band, along with Concert Choir.

The festival concluded with Mrs. McCutchan's Middle School Music Program Band and Choir Concerts. The following students received awards during the festival:

Best Supporting Actress
Alexus Hebert

Best Supporting Actor
Dustin McHale

Best Actress
Kelsey Markel

Best Actor
Diego Boateng

Best Play
"Selfie"

Starring: Dustin McHale, Dustin Bergeron, Mary Lemma, Morgan Gosch, Jordan Keller, Kelsey Markel, and Melody Maust

Art Awards
Cayla Carter
Mary Lemma
Jaclyn McNatt
Allanna Peck

The Fine Arts Department would like to thank the FFA program for their assistance with this festival. Mrs. Bell's Agriculture Mechanics students used their talents to create the exhibit hall used for the art show. Mrs. Michaud's Horticultural program created the holiday floral arrangements used as decorations for the events.

Microsoft Office Specialist program gives our students in-demand technology skills that not only increase their desktop computing proficiency immediately, they also improve their workforce readiness and put them above the pack when looking for a job."

The MOS certification program is delivered by Certipoint, a Pearson business.

Smyrna FFA Members Win SAE Grants

Smyrna FFA members Gabby DiRusso, Ashley Hurd, & Ally Wheatley were recently named 2014-15 National FFA SAE Grant recipients by the National FFA Association. These three young ladies will be receiving \$1000 each from the National FFA Foundation to fund improvements or enhancements to their current Supervised Agricultural Experience programs. The SAE component is an ag-related project that is developed and maintained by Agriscience students outside of their regularly scheduled class time, and supervised by parents, Agriscience teachers, and, employers if students are involved in an ag-related job placement. These SAEs can be income generating, research-based, or a work experience based on the students' interests, and are included as part of the Agriscience curriculum at Smyrna High School. Of the 140 SAE grants awarded across the country, Delaware FFA members received 6 grants – the 3 awarded to our members were the most of any FFA chapter in the state.

Gabby DiRusso, whose grant was funded by the Monsanto Company, will be utilizing her grant to establish a backyard poultry operation with the goal of producing farm fresh eggs to sell in the community, so her funds will go towards purchasing a chicken coop, fencing, and other supplies necessary to start her operation. Ashley Hurd, whose grant was funded by CF Industries, will be using her grant money to expand her swine production SAE by purchasing two Hampshire gilts (young breeding females) to

show at the Delaware State Fair and breed in the fall with the goal of selling show pigs to 4-H and FFA members in Delaware. Ally Wheatley, whose grant was funded by RaboAgriscience, will be purchasing sexed female Holstein embryos with her grant funds, and working with a veterinarian to implant them into two recipient cows (surrogate moms) from her grandparents' dairy farm, Dulin Brothers Farm. Her goal is to have two young heifer calves born next fall that she can show and then add to the milking herd at the farm.

"We are always looking for new learning opportunities for our students that will prepare them to enter the real world, and I decided that this would be an excellent opportunity for all my upper-level students to gain experience in filling out applications," said Keith Shane, FFA advisor and Animal Science Pathway teacher. "Filling out the applications was a graded assignment, and I told my students that I would submit any students' grant application who wanted to send it on. I submitted four pretty good applications to the National FFA Association, with three winners, so I'm pretty pleased with the results. The other grant must have been in a pretty tough category because I thought that it was good too. All the girls were pretty excited when I called them, and now that the waiting is over, they need to be getting on the phone and making arrangements to get that money spent when it comes in February. And, based on this success, you can bet that I'm doing this assignment again next year!"

Smyrna FFA Members Travel To Louisville, Kentucky

The Smyrna FFA Chapter had great success at the 87th Annual National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky which was attended by a record setting 64,409 members, teachers and guests. The Smyrna FFA had 13 members, four advisors and one student teacher attend the convention, which was held the last week of October. In order to gain a trip to National Convention, members had to participate in a CDE (Career Development Event) and win their trip out to Louisville. All the members had a fantastic time and learned a lot while having fun at the same time.

Three members of the Smyrna FFA Chapter were one of 37 teams participating in the National FFA Agricultural Issues Forum Career Development Event (CDE). Angela Haldas, Cynthia Kayati, and Cole Sebastianelli competed with 210 other members from across the country and presented their forum entitled, "Urban Sprawl in Delaware." The team led by Advisor Mr. Jay Davis, was awarded a Bronze emblem.



Smyrna FFA Ag Issues Team (L to R): Advisor Jay Davis, Team members: Cole Sebastianelli, Angela Haldas, and Cynthia Kayati along with Jeff Simmons, President of Elanco.

The agricultural issues forum event was sponsored by Elanco, which is world leader in developing products and services that enhance animal health, wellness and performance.

The National FFA Agricultural Issues Forum CDE is a competitive event that tests students' knowledge of agricultural issues and evaluates how well they can apply classroom knowledge to real-life situations. To qualify for the agricultural issues forum CDE, teams must design a presentation that addresses multiple viewpoints of a contemporary agricultural issue and present it to a number of audiences in their community. For the national event, they present a portfolio based on their local audiences' feedback and deliver their presentation to a panel of judges.

Another success was also found by Smyrna FFA members Sarah McHale and Ryan Harris in the Agriscience Fair Competition. Their project was based on animal behavior and the pair were very successful placing 14th in their division and bringing home silver honors. Ryan Harris said, "We had to overcome many obstacles in our project, but in the end, things worked out well for my partner and I."

This statement definitely shows how the FFA and CDEs help you with many tools you may need in life, like problem solving in tough situations.

Chance Hemphill received Silver by placing 13th in the country for his individual Agriscience Fair topic on Welding Strength.

Tyler Niblett also traveled to Louisville to work the Delaware
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CHADWICK NAMED FEA STATE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR, STUDENTS BRING HOME GOLD

The Future Educators Association took part in the 2014 Delaware FEA State Conference on December 10, and December 17. During this conference chapter members and advisors not only participated in competitions and attended workshops, but also hosted two sessions. Each chapter was able to nominate an administrator from their home district that has made a lasting impact on the organization. Smyrna High School nominated Clayton Elementary School Principal Deborah Chadwick. Mrs. Chadwick was selected by a panel of judges consisting of members from Department of Education and surrounding universities. Smyrna High School students took home 18 awards, totaling 45% of the awards that were presented. The following students were honored at the Celebration Luncheon:

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE - INDIVIDUAL

Bronze - Julie Markel; Silver - Emily Fardoulis

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE - TEAM

Bronze - Lauren Williams / Savannah Poorman; Silver - Abigail Bilbrough / Cecilia Cavanaugh

EXPLORING EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION CAREERS

Bronze - Destyne Roberts; Silver - Claire Dempsey

INSIDE OUR SCHOOLS

Silver - Taylor Cappella, Alexander Dunham, Sierra Sarver

JOB APPLICATION & INTERVIEW

Silver - Ashley Barbour; Gold & Top State Score - Mallory Matusevich

LESSON PLAN - HUMANITIES

Bronze - Sydney Burgess, Shiloh Hackett; Silver - Sydney Botsch; Gold & Top Score - Alexandra Vance

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Bronze - Elizabeth Stulir

In addition to the awards, Malloory Matusevich and Lauren Williams were elected to the State Executive Council.

**SMYRNA SCHOOL DISTRICT
2014/15 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

JANUARY

January 19 Martin Luther King Day – School Closed
January 20-22 1/2 day Inservice (Grades 9-12) Exams
January 22 End of Marking Period
January 23 Full day Inservice (All)
January 30 Report Cards Issued

FEBRUARY

February 16 Presidents' Day – School Closed
February 25 Mid-marking Point
February 27 Full day Inservice (All)

MARCH

March 6 Progress Reports Issued
March 26 End of Marking Period
March 27 Full day Inservice (All)

APRIL

April 2 Report Cards Issued
April 3-10 Spring Break – School Closed
April 13 School Reopens

MAY

May 1 Full day Inservice (All)
May 6 Mid-marking Point
May 15 Progress Reports Issued
May 25 Memorial Day – School Closed

JUNE

June 5-9 1/2 day Inservice (9-12)
June 8-9 1/2 day Inservice (K-8)
June 10 Last Pupil Day
June 11 Last Teacher Day

The calendar is based on legislation requiring students to attend school 440 hours (kindergarten), 1060 hours (grades K-11), and 1032 hours (grade 12) - with no minimum number of days. The extra hours for students can be banked for inclement weather; however, teachers will have to make up inclement weather days in order to reach the 188 teacher days required by law. Any inclement weather days will be made up by staff immediately following the last teacher day.

Approved by Board of Education, April 16, 2014

NOTICE OF FERPA RIGHTS

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age the following rights:

Inspection

You may inspect the student's education records within 45 days of the day the District receives a request for access. You should submit to the Principal a written request identifying the record(s) you wish to inspect. The Principal will notify you of the time and place of inspection.

Amendment

If you believe education records are inaccurate, you may request the records be amended. Such a request must be in writing, and directed to the Principal. The request must identify the part of the record you want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate. If the District denies your request, the District will notify you of the decision, advise of the right to a hearing, and provide the hearing procedures.

Consent

You have the right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without

consent. One exception permits disclosure without consent to school officials with legitimate educational interests. School officials include District employees, Board members, a person or company retained by the District to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist), or a parent or student serving on a committee or assisting another school official. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request, the District will disclose education records without consent to officials of another district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

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Complaint

You may file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA are:

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

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 cer-

tain 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

In the Smyrna School District, the faculty of each elementary school is committed to providing a quality education for all students and recognizes the essential role of parents and the value of their input. We believe a partnership must exist and we strive to promote communication and participation of parents in the education of children. To learn about ways that you can be involved in your child's education, please visit the Title I portion of our website and read through the Parent Involvement information. You may find this information at:

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

Dr. Rachael S. Rudinoff Office: 302 653-3135
Supervisor of Special Services Fax: 302 653-2766
 E-Mail rachael.rudinoff@smyrna.k12.de.us

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)

“Go All Out” Annual First Year FFA Member Conference

Jessica Blunt

On Tuesday, November 25, 2014, the Smyrna FFA chapter held the third annual conference for first year members of the Smyrna FFA Chapter. The conference was hosted by Smyrna’s FFA Chapter President, Sarah Mchale; Vice President, Gabrielle Virdin; Secretary, Ally Wheatley; Reporter, Gabby DiRusso; Treasurer, Jenna Seuse; Sentinel, Tyler Hartsock; and Historian, Ashley Hurd. The theme of the conference was “Go All Out”, in reflection of the theme of this year’s National FFA Convention. The event began at the culmination of first period and lasted until the end of third period. During the hour and a half span, seventy-eight first year FFA members joined together in the cafeteria at Smyrna High School, where they engaged in various workshops and activities. The workshops focused on teamwork, communication, and leadership.

The conference consisted of six different workshops: “freshman year”, “sophomore year”, “junior year”, “senior year”, “after high school”, and “leadership”. Each workshop had its own theme, message, activity, and charm. Throughout the six workshops, the members learned about FFA opportunities available to them: degrees that they would be able to obtain each year; FFA chapter officer and state officer requirements; career development events (CDEs); state and national competitions; scholarships; fundraising opportunities; leadership opportunities; and after high school opportunities. Throughout the conference, the students engaged in trust exercises, team building exercises, and leadership exercises. Activities ranged from the members passing a hula hoop down the line; to laying back and resting on each other for support to untangling their team’s group of arms; to linking arms together and then sitting and standing as a team; to moving a board with their feet as a team; to playing the state officer’s version of candy land, FFA Land. Upon the completion of a workshop, the members were given a charm. After completing all the workshops, the members had collected a green hand charm, an officer team charm, a FFA emblem charm, a scholarship application charm, an American flag charm, and a gavel charm. The focus of the workshops was to instill communication skills, teamwork, and leadership skills in the new members of the Smyrna FFA Chapter, in the hope that they will become more active in FFA events as they progress through Smyrna High School.

At the end of the workshop, the officers brought all the members together to conclude the conference. Chapter President, Sarah Mchale and Chapter Vice President, Gabrielle Virdin ended the conference by discussing what the members had learned in their workshops and by opening the floor for questions. FFA advisor, Keith Shane, offered final words of encouragement and a special thanks to the members, state officers, and chapter officers for their involvement in the conference.

Attendance at the conference was not limited just to the Smyrna FFA chapter officers, advisor, and members. The school’s head principal, Mrs. Cook, along with other administration- Mrs. Pierce, Mr. Clarke, and Mr. Deisem- witnessed the conference as well and offered their appreciation and applause. Keith Shane reiterated to me that the event has been done in prior years and that every year the officer team adds to it, making it both more informative and entertaining. After seeing firsthand the impact and success of this year’s conference, I am curious and anxious to see what next year’s officer team has in store for the new members of Smyrna’s FFA chapter.

from Landscape Design pg 11

Spring Plant Sale held each April and May.

Five Japanese Maples were planted before Thanksgiving by Plant Science II and III students.

Smyrna Junior and Plant Science III student Sammi Jamison said, “It is so exciting to have the opportunity to present our ideas to our administration and be able to have a lasting legacy here at Smyrna High. Although, it was cold when we planted the trees in November, we wanted to get them done according to the timeline we presented.”

Cook agreed, stating, “I really appreciate that the students involved, and Mrs. Michaud, are so dedicated to this project that they were outside in 30 degree weather digging the holes for the trees so that the planting could take place on schedule!”



Mrs. Kellie Michaud’s Plant Science III students were responsible for the idea of installing a more permanent landscape in front of Smyrna High School.

Keep an eye out for more color on the Smyrna High School campus as more plants will be going in during spring 2015.

SMYRNA 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 State law; and
3. Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained 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

DISTRICT DIRECTORY

CLAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 653-8587

Mrs. Deborah Chadwick, Principal
Mr. Mikell Reed, 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
Katherine Wood, Associate Principal
Nurse

659-6286

SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY 653-8580

Mrs. Deborah Judy, Principal
Mr. Patrick Grant, Associate Principal
Nurse

653-2762

CLAYTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 653-2761

Mr. David Paltrineri, Principal
Mrs. Cynthia McNatt, Associate Principal
Nurse

653-3271

JBM INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 659-6297

Mrs. Elyse Baerga, Principal
Mrs. Cynthia McNatt, Associate Principal
Nurse

659-6280

SMYRNA MIDDLE SCHOOL 653-8584

Mr. Steven Gott, Principal
Dr. John Jingeleski, Associate Principal
Mrs. Aerin Donovan, Associate Principal
Guidance

653-8308

653-8823

SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL 653-8581

Mrs. Stacy Cook, Principal
Mr. Clarence Davis, Dean of Discipline
Mr. Marcus Deisem, Associate Principal
Mrs. Tonya Pierce, Associate Principal
Mr. Leon Clark, Associate Principal
Nurse

653-3137

CENTRAL OFFICES 653-8585

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

NOTICE CONCERNING DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN STUDENT INFORMATION

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

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.

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 2014-15 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 two pathway strands:

Accounting: Accounting II, III and IV.

Business Information Technology: BIT II, III and 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 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 pass 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

Smyrna Eagles Winter 2015 Sports Schedules

High School Winter Sports

Boys Basketball

Date	Time	H/A	Opponent
12/5/2014	6:00/7:15 PM	H	Caesar Rodney HS
12/9/2014	6:00/7:15 PM	A	Cape Henlopen HS
12/11/2014	5:00/6:15 PM	A	Sussex Central HS
12/16/2014	6:00/7:15 PM	H	Lake Forest HS
12/18/2014	6:00/7:15 PM	H	Sussex Tech
1/6/2015	6:00/7:15 PM	A	Dover HS
1/8/2015	4:00/5:15 PM	A	Brandywine HS
1/12/2015	5:30 PM	H	Sussex Academy
1/13/2015	4:00/5:15 PM	A	Concord HS
1/15/2015	5:00/6:00:00 PM	A	Polytech HS
1/17/2015	2:00 PM	A	Patterson Mill HS (MD) @ Concord HS
1/20/2015	6:00/7:15 PM	H	St. Elizabeth HS
1/23/2015	6:00/7:15 PM	H	Cape Henlopen HS
1/27/2015	6:00/7:15 PM	H	Dover HS
1/29/2015	6:00/7:15 PM	H	St. Andrew's School
2/3/2015	5:00/6:15 PM	A	Milford HS
2/5/2015	6:00/7:15 PM	H	Polytech HS
2/9/2015	6:00/7:15 PM	H	Sussex Central HS
2/13/2015	6:00/7:15 PM	A	Caesar Rodney HS
2/17/2015	6:00/7:15 PM	A	Sussex Tech
2/20/2015	6:00/7:15 PM	H	Salesianum School

Girls Basketball

Date	Time	H/A	Opponent
12/5/2014	6:00/7:15 PM	A	Caesar Rodney HS
12/9/2014	6:00/7:15 PM	H	Cape Henlopen HS
12/12/2014	6:00/7:15 PM	H	Sussex Central HS
12/18/2014	6:00/7:15 PM	A	Sussex Tech
1/6/2015	6:00/7:15 PM	H	Dover HS
1/8/2015	6:00/7:15 PM	H	Ursuline Academy
1/13/2015	6:00/7:15 PM	H	Concord HS
1/15/2015	6:00/7:15 PM	H	Polytech HS
1/17/2015	12:00/1:30 PM	H	Sanford School
1/20/2015	6:00/7:15 PM	A	Cape Henlopen HS
1/22/2015	6:00/7:15 PM	H	Charter School
1/24/2015	1:15 PM	A	Red Lion CA
1/27/2015	6:00/7:15 PM	A	Dover HS
2/3/2015	6:00/7:15 PM	H	Milford HS
2/5/2015	4:30/6:00 PM	A	Polytech HS
2/9/2015	5:00/6:15 PM	A	Sussex Central HS
2/11/2015	5:00/6:15 PM	A	Indian River HS
2/13/2015	6:00/7:15 PM	H	Caesar Rodney HS
2/17/2015	6:00/7:15 PM	H	Sussex Tech

Boys & Girls Indoor Track & Field

Date	Time	H/A	Location
12/5/2014	2:00 PM	A	Worcester County Track Meet
12/17/2014	2:00 PM	A	Worcester County Track Meet
12/27/2014	10:00 AM	A	Christmas City Relays - Lehigh Univ.
1/3/2015	8:30 PM	A	Southern Maryland Classic - Prince George Sports Complex
1/14/2015	2:00 PM	A	Worcester County Track Meet
1/18/2015	9:00 AM	A	N5CTA Indoor Meet - Haverford College
1/23/2015	2:30 PM	A	Henlopen Conference Championship
1/28/2015	2:00 PM	A	Worcester County Track Meet
2/7/2015	TBD	A	DIAA State Championship-Prince George Sports Complex

Freshman Boys Basketball

Date	Time	H/A	Opponent
12/5/2014	4:00 PM	H	Caesar Rodney HS
12/9/2014	4:00 PM	A	Cape Henlopen HS
12/12/2014	4:00 PM	H	Seaford HS
12/18/2014	4:00 PM	H	Sussex Tech
1/6/2015	4:00 PM	A	Dover HS

Freshman Boys Basketball - Continued

Date	Time	H/A	Opponent
1/12/2015	4:00 PM	H	Sussex Academy
1/13/2015	4:00 PM	A	Seaford HS
1/23/2015	4:00 PM	H	Cape Henlopen HS
1/27/2015	4:00 PM	H	Dover HS
2/13/2015	4:00 PM	A	Caesar Rodney HS
2/17/2015	4:00 PM	A	Sussex Tech

Wrestling

Date	Time	H/A	Opponent/Event
12/5-6/2014	TBD		Ray Oliver Tournament
12/12-13/2014	4:00 PM	A	Milford Invitational
12/17/2014	6:00 PM	A	St. Georges Tech HS
12/20-21/2014	TBD	A	Beast of the East
1/3/2015	2:00 PM	A	Blair Academy (NJ)
1/5/2015	6:30 PM	H	Milford HS
1/7/2015	6:30 AM	A	Dover HS
1/9-10/2015	TBD	H	Eagle Classic
1/14/2015	6:30 PM	A	Sussex Tech
1/16/2015	6:00 PM	H	McDonogh (MD)
1/17-18/2015	TBD	H	Escape the Rock
1/21/2015	6:30 PM	H	Polytech HS
1/24/2015	5:00 PM	H	William Penn HS
1/28/2015	6:30 PM	A	Caesar Rodney HS
1/30/2015	6:00 PM	A	Cape Henlopen HS
1/31/2015	TBD	A	Sharknado Duals
2/4/2015	6:00 PM	A	Salesianum School
2/6/2015	6:30 PM	H	Sussex Central HS
2/20-21/2015	TBD	A	Henlopen Conference Championship
2/27-28/2015	TBD	A	DIAA State Individual Tournament

Middle School Winter Sports

Boys & Girls Basketball

Date	Time	H/A	Opponent
12/8/2014	4:00 PM	A	Dover AFB
12/10/2014	4:00 PM	H	Woodbridge MS
12/15/2014	4:00 PM	A	Dover Central MS
12/17/2014	4:00 PM	A	Beacon MS
1/7/2015	4:00 PM	A	Postlethwait MS
1/12/2015	4:00 PM	H	Chipman MS
1/14/2015	4:00 PM	A	Mariner MS
1/21/2015	4:00 PM	A	Sussex Academy MS
1/26/2015	4:00 PM	H	Fifer MS
1/28/2015	4:00 PM	H	Providence Creek Academy
1/29/2015	4:00 PM	A	Seaford MS
2/2/2015	4:00 PM	H	Milford MS

Wrestling

Date	Time	H/A	Opponent
12/8/2014	4:00 PM	H	Millsboro MS
12/10/2014	4:00 PM	A	Woodbridge MS
12/15/2014	4:00 PM	H	Dover Central MS
12/17/2014	4:00 PM	H	Beacon MS
1/7/2015	4:00 PM	H	Postlewait MS
1/12/2015	4:00 PM	A	Chipman MS
1/15/2015	4:00 PM	H	Mariner MS
1/26/2015	4:00 PM	A	Fifer MS
1/28/2015	4:00 PM	A	Delmar MS
2/2/2015	4:00 PM	A	Milford MS



Smarter Balance Assessment

Along with all Delaware districts, the Smyrna School District will begin the Smarter Balanced Assessment journey this year. New assessments (referred to as Smarter) in English Language Arts and Math will replace DCAS starting this spring. These tests are aligned to college and career readiness standards (Common Core) and are designed to measure student progress with standards. Students will complete assessments grades 3-8 and 11 in addition to completing existing DCAS assessments in science and social studies. Students will have opportunities to complete practice assessments and engage in activities that help them prepare for Smarter this spring. For more information and the opportunity to take a practice test as a parent visit <http://delexcels.org/>

Sunnyside Wins \$50K "Race to the Top" Award

Sunnyside Elementary won the Department of Education Recognition Grant for student achievement for the third year in a row. The school was granted \$50,000 to utilize to improve instruction, student achievement and instructional practices from Race to the Top funds provided by the federal government.



JBM/SHS Alumni Association

Dear JBM/SHS Alumni Members and Guests:

The eighteenth JBM/SHS Alumni Association Banquet will be held on Saturday March 21, 2015 at Smyrna High School.

This year we will be honoring eight community leaders; Supreme Court Judge James T. Vaughn, Jr., USDA Under Secretary for Farms and Foreign Agricultural Services Michael Scuse, Senator Bruce Ennis, Representative William Carson, Representative Jeff Spiegelman, Levy Court President P. Brooks Banta, Smyrna Mayor Joanne Masten and Clayton Mayor Tom Horn who are all SHS/JBM Alumni. Cheese, crackers, and fruit punch will be available from 5-6 p.m. Promptly at 6 p.m., a buffet dinner will be served in the cafeteria. During dinner, a silent auction (any donated auction items would be appreciated) will be held.

The classes of 1945, 1955, 1965, 1975, 1985, 1995, and 2005 will be invited to join the fun, even though they may not be alumni members at this time. Special tables will be arranged for these classes as they celebrate their 10th, 20th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th, and 70th reunions.

Your JBM/SHS Alumni Committee enjoys hearing from you over the years even though it may not be possible for you to attend the banquet. Your donations are also greatly appreciated for the scholarship fund.

The Alumni Association has established a memorial fund to support scholars. Brass nameplates can be purchased for \$20.00 each, which includes alumnus name and class. The large wooden plaques are prominently displayed in the Smyrna High School trophy case, and will honor the memory of the person listed. Nameplate purchases will be ongoing. Any questions, please call 653-8585.

Sincerely,

Debbie Wicks

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Alumni Association President

Please return bottom portion by **March 7, 2015** to:

JBM/SHS Alumni Association
c/o Edna S Conner, One Gander Drive, Clayton DE 19938
302-270-3643 econner10@comcast.net

I/We will attend the JBM/SHS Alumni Banquet at the Smyrna High School on Duck Creek Parkway, Smyrna DE on Saturday, March 29, 2014.

NAME _____
(First Name) (Maiden Name) (Last Name) (Class Of)

ADDRESS _____
(If not correct on records)

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ - _____ - _____ E-MAIL _____

_____ **DINNERS @ \$15.00 EACH** \$ _____

_____ **YEARLY MEMBERSHIP DUES \$10.00** \$ _____

_____ **SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS** \$ _____

_____ **BRASS NAME PLATES @ \$20.00 EACH** \$ _____

TOTAL CHECK PAYABLE TO: \$ _____

JBM/SHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

(NAME TO BE LISTED ON BRASS PLATE) (CLASS OF)

SMYRNA SCHOOL NUTRITION ASSOCIATION
38TH ANNUAL SMORGASBORD
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2015
5:00-7:00 p.m.
"FIRST CLASS FLIGHT TO FANCY"

Adults: \$10.00 Children: 12 & under \$5.00
3 & under free

SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

ROAST BEEF	SEAFOOD SALAD
TURKEY	MACARONI SALAD
BAKED HAM	GREEN BEANS
PEAS & DUMPLINGS	SCALLOPED POTATOES
MEATBALLS	MASHED POTATOES
CHICKEN	SUCCOTASH
COLESLAW	BROCCOLI SALAD
SALAD BAR	PUDDING
PASTA SALAD	ASSORTED DESSERTS
PRETZEL SALAD	

COFFEE, ICE TEA, MILK
BENEFITS SSNA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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CELEBRATING 131 YEARS OF SMYRNA SCHOOL DISTRICT GRADUATIONS!!!



- Free Food
- Jewelry Making
- Spin Art Workshop
- Classroom Displays
- Little Lass Registration
- Kindergarten Registration
- Multiple Curriculum Demos
- Student Mini-Concerts K-12
- Ronald McDonald Appearance

- Face Painting
- Monoprints Workshop
- District-wide Art Show
- Wellness Health Screenings
- Potters Wheel Demonstrations
- FFA Displays and Ice Cream Making
- Recognition of Respect Essay Winners
- 180+ Community Organization Displays

Saturday,
February 28, 2015
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Smyrna High School
500 Duck Creek Parkway
Smyrna, Delaware

