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From the Superintendent's Desk...

Spring Message from Patrik D. Williams
Smyrna Messenger Article, May 2018

It has been a loooooong, snowy, icy, and cold winter. We are so excited to welcome spring and the many outdoor activities. Of course, during the winter over 6,000 of us celebrated our 20th "I Love Smyrna School District Day" on February 24, and we closed our program by honoring our student essay writers who shared their messages about Compassion, our District Core Value of the Year. We also recognized Mrs. Deborah Wicks, our 2018 Role Model of Compassion, for her unwavering dedication to our community. The day was filled with student performances, displays and activities of all kinds, as well as nearly 200 tables, representing our wonderfully supportive local churches, businesses and community organizations.

As the winter months wore on, the snow fell, the water froze, and the wind blew. We endured a variety of weather-related delays and closures, as families huddled around the warm glow of their cell phones, awaiting word on our schools. I am especially grateful for the patience and understanding of our entire community, as we all recognize that when the school schedule changes, our families' lives are immediately impacted. Should you have an opportunity this spring to enjoy the warm weather outside and allow the memory of those dark, cold mornings to fade for another year, I encourage you and your entire family to consider taking a breakfast picnic one morning, all of you. Together. Without your cell phones or any electronics. We have many scenic areas to enjoy in the Smyrna-Clayton area, and should you find the time one Saturday morning to take it all in with your family, I recommend a tasty breakfast under a shady tree. You might consider homemade blueberry muffins. Tart Maine blueberries are my favorite, those smaller ones, and they are available year-round in the freezer section. Perfect for baking. Fresh Jersey berries are also delicious and release a much sweeter taste, and they are available now. June is blueberry season in Delaware, so those might be the best of all! Be sure to use a no-stick muffin pan and fill them 2/3-full with homemade batter using your favorite recipe. Don't use paper cups. Just pour straight into the pan. Nothing worse than having to peel paper off a muffin, unless it's peeling paper off an ice cream cone. Bake those soon-to-be-scrumptious muffins until they are brown and their tops crest. Then, enjoy as they are or slather them with your favorite topping. Take along some local fruit on your family picnic and stay hydrated with fresh juice or water. When you enjoy with your family a homemade meal, one that you created yourselves, together, you'll discover a joy being with one another, one that you may not often experience.

Finally, as happens each spring with many of our families who have a senior in their midst, commencement plans begin in earnest. The Class of 2018 will graduate on Saturday, June 2, 2018, at 10AM on the Charles V. Williams Athletic Field. There are 376 seniors in this, the 134th class to earn a Smyrna High School diploma. To celebrate their accomplishments, the following schedule of events is in place: Annual Athletic Awards Ceremony, Tuesday, May 29, from 6:30-9PM; Baccalaureate at the Centennial United Methodist Church on Wednesday, May 30, from 7-8PM; and Senior Awards on Thursday, May 31, from 6:30-8:30PM. Congratulations to the kind and compassionate Class of 2018, and to each graduate individually. This is a special group for me, personally, as I have spent many hours with some of you on trips, family celebrations and other memorable events over the years. I have shared happy occasions and somber moments with many of you. I simply cannot believe that you have all grown into young men and women who make all of us so proud of the adults you have become. You have taught us, even as we have taught you, and from you we have learned how to be accepting of differences, tolerant of diversity, giving of self, and dedicated to meaningful and productive change in our world. I am honored to count you as my very first graduating class in my first year as your superintendent, and I will be forever touched by your spirit. We will certainly miss your presence, but we know that you all have a great adventure ahead of you. May you enjoy peace in your lives and remember that you will always have respite here at home.



Smyrna School District 2019 Teacher of the Year

CIS Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Virginia Hoyer

Mrs. Virginia Hoyer has worked in the Smyrna School District since 2001; however, her path to teaching was somewhat of a detour.

She originally studied accounting, and worked in financial management for many years. One day, she realized that she was working in a position that was not fulfilling, and made her a bit unhappy. Her wonderful husband encouraged her to quit and she spent two years volunteering at her children's school, Smyrna Elementary. She got to see firsthand how much of an impact a wonderful teacher can have on a child. She loves this school district and only wanted to work in education if she could work in Smyrna.

Mrs. Hoyer got her wish and started in Kindergarten as a para-professional for a child with special needs. She then worked at Clayton Elementary for four years, helping children who struggled in reading. It was then that she decided to return to school to obtain her Master's Degree in Elementary Education. She started teaching fifth grade in 2007 and has done so ever since. She found her passion and loves to come to work every day!

When not at school, Mrs. Hoyer enjoys spending time with her husband, Shawn, and their two adult children, Patrick and Sarah. Some of her favorite things to do are boating, beaching, gardening, and reading. She also has two furry babies that she adores!



Clayton Elementary Kindergarten

had a busy winter. In February, we celebrated our 100th day by completing many activities in our classroom where we counted to 100 by one, five and ten. We also attended the show "Skippyjon Jones Snow What" at the Playhouse on Rodney Square. Our Kindergarten classes celebrated Valentine's Day by exchanging cards and showing friendship and compassion.

We have a few fun trips planned for May. We will be attending the farm at Middletown High School, learning about horseshoe crabs and shore birds at the Milford Nature Center and taking a walking tour around Clayton to visit our community helpers.

It is hard to believe there are only a few weeks of Kindergarten left. The children have been practicing songs for graduation on June 7 at 9:00am.



The First Grade Classes

at Clayton Elementary are back from Spring Vacation and ready to finish off the year strong! We are still working hard through our reading and math series. The student's writing has exploded and they love to share their opinions, write informational reports, and compose fictional stories.

We are getting ready to explore the lives of organisms in Science and are looking forward to creating woodland and freshwater habitats in our classrooms. We will be creating aquariums to house female and male guppies, pond snails, Elodea, and Cabomba plants. We will also be creating terrariums to house millipedes, pill bugs, tree seedlings, and moss. The students always have so much fun playing with the millipedes before putting them in their habitats!

Our final field trip of the school year is to Killen's Pond State Park to participate in the "My Life at the Pond" program. During this program, students will use dip-nets and their hands to capture pond organisms. They will also get to meet Killen's Pond's live reptiles and amphibians in person. Finally, they will get to explore the pond habitat while hiking the Pondsides Trail. We always look forward to ending our school year with this field trip!

CES Second Graders

On May 15, under the direction of Mrs. Leslie Carlson, second graders at Clayton Elementary School rocked the stage with a delightful performance of the musical, "The Sky is Falling" by Virginia Kolk Pedulla. Mrs. Carlson and the students worked tremendously hard on the production. They practiced for weeks, which was evident in their performance. Students captivated the audience with every aspect of the performance which included playing instruments, dancing, singing, acting, and narrating. The classes took turns in the spotlight on various musical instruments. Mrs. Gerni's class played the xylophones for "See the Little Bunny Rabbit". The xylophones for "Chook Chook" were played by Mrs. Williams's class. Mrs. Woodin's class played xylophones for "All Day Long". Ms. Boyko's class played unpitched percussion instruments for "Flutter Butterfly Poem". The drums were played for "We're Off to Tell the King" by Mrs. Kleinot's class. Beautiful scenery was created by our talented art teacher, Mrs. Monica DeHart. The musical was a huge success!

Grade Four CES

"Sprouting" with the Delaware Farm Bureau

After the snow melted, the Delaware Farm Bureau Mobile Agriculture Education Classroom Lab rescheduled its visit for fourth

graders at Clayton Elementary School as part of their studies in Reading and Science.

"The Ag Lab is a traveling classroom that serves to educate young people about farming and agriculture," said DFB Foundation Manager Laura Simpson. "It is a fun, educational tool that allows kids to see the different aspects of agriculture and try it out for themselves."



Students learned about the wide variety of careers in agriculture, how food went from the farm to the table, the importance of healthy eating, the five food groups, and how farming successes and failures affected the economy. Students had a chance to feel the difference in the various types of soil in Delaware and then planted a radish seed in a cup to take home to see what it was like to grow their own food.



"Make a Splash"

Fourth grade students participated in the "Make a Splash" festival, a DNREC-sponsored event which "educates students on the diversity of estuary life and the importance of Delaware's water resources." The festival was held at the St. Jones Reserve, a component of the Delaware National Estuarine Research Reserve, and the Division of Historical & Cultural Affairs' John Dickinson Plantation near Dover.

"Make a Splash" provided the students with hands-on activity stations dedicated to the historical and current uses of Delaware's water resources and also enriched the Land and Water Science Unit. At "The Incredible Journey Station," students learned how water moves through the water cycle. At other stations, students explored marine debris and micro-plastics, water pollution and solutions, Delaware's wetlands, mosquitoes, the uses of water in colonial cooking, water concentration, historical use of water wheels and groundwater, and many other activities. At the end of the day, students were sworn in as "National Park Service Junior Rangers."



CLAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Katherine Wood, Principal
Michael Daws, Assoc. Principal

Miss Ashley is Clayton Teacher of the Year:



Congratulations to Miss Ashley Stuart for being selected as Clayton Elementary School's Teacher of the Year for the 2018-2019 school year. Miss Stuart was born and raised in New Castle County, Delaware. She graduated from Padua Academy in 2002. After graduation she attended Wilmington University in pursuit of her educational degree. Miss Stuart has over eleven years of experience in education. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Middle Level Education and a Master's Degree in School Counseling from Wilmington University.

She began her career as a special education math teacher, working with high school age students developing and improving their math skills. During the past eight years, she has served Clayton Elementary School working in both third and fourth grade classrooms. She previously held a position as a PTO officer for three years. During that time, She organized dances, school fundraisers, and a spring festival.

When she is not serving the children of Clayton Elementary School, Miss Stuart enjoys photography, traveling, and being with friends and loved ones. Miss Stuart is an outstanding educator and Clayton Elementary is proud to have her as part of the staff.

ROLLIN' Through Third Grade

This year our third graders had the opportunity to visit the Dover Skating Rink for a fun-filled STEM field trip. Students were able to learn how science, technology, engineering, and math play a part in recreational activities like roller skating. First, students learned how to use their fingers to calculate their resting heart rates by measuring their pulse. After that, they ran in place to get their blood flowing. Then they found their working heart rate and calculated the difference. Next, was a lesson on keeping our bodies healthy in another way besides exercise, making good food choices. Students took a look at what they ate for breakfast and figured out whether they made great, good, or poor decisions that morning. This led to a discussion about what changes could be made in the future to give our body the proper nutrition in order to fuel it for the day. Finally, it was time for the fun! The students laced up and were ready to roll! We had a great time whizzing around the rink and using our balance to help keep us upright... well, some of us at least! Although this was the first time skating for many of our students, they tried hard and did their best. Some of our more seasoned skaters were able to help when needed too. All in all, the day was really skate-tacular!!!! A huge shout out is deserved by Mrs. Shanklin for organizing this trip for our kids. We truly appreciate her efforts in making this trip possible!

Clayton Physical Education, By: Lauren Shanklin

This winter, the younger students were busy in the gym working on golf, jump roping, and parachute. The third and fourth grade students concentrated on basketball and jump roping. Now the younger students will be outside once the weather warms up practicing their throwing and catching skills while the third and fourth grade students will be learning about volleyball. In May, all the students will start practicing for Field Day! Let's hope this weather warms up soon so we can all get outside!

Back in February, our second through fourth grade students participated in our 9th annual Jump Rope for Heart event. Our students raised over \$5,600 for the American Heart Association! Caleigh Sweetman was our top fundraiser, raising \$470! All the students did a fabulous job! Thank you to all the community members who contributed and made our event a huge success.

This spring, we started up a Recycling Club. The whole school has done a great job remembering to recycle. The students in the club are responsible for emptying the recycling containers each day. They have been doing a terrific job! On May 3, our Recycling Club will be traveling to the New Castle County Recycling Center to see what happens to the objects we put into the recycling bin after it leaves our school.

Field Day will be held on Friday, May 18 starting at 8:45am. Students will be participating in stations in the morning and the 50 yard dash and tug-of-war in the afternoon. The rain date for Field Day is Monday, May 21. We hope lots of people can come out and cheer on the students!

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

Read Across America Day

Friday, March 2, 2018 was Read Across America Day! This annual celebration honors reading, but specifically the wonderful works of the beloved author, Dr. Seuss. The Smyrna Middle School Honor Society members brought enthusiasm and excitement to the students at North Smyrna Elementary by reading a variety of Dr. Seuss books to every classroom! Check out our readers!



Garden News!!!

Spring weather is finally here and our garden planting has begun. This year each grade has a different responsibility in the garden. Kindergarten and first grade have planted the seeds and plants. Second grade will clean out the beds. Third grade will water the garden. Fourth grade will harvest. Kale, radishes, lettuce, bok choy and spinach will be our first crops. Summer plans for the garden are being made having families/volunteers maintain and harvest throughout the summer. The garden is a positive learning environment where the students receive hands on experience in gardening.



First Annual North Smyrna Elementary Talent Show

North Smyrna Elementary held its first annual talent show on Friday, April 27, 2018. We had twelve students participate in the talent show doing various acts from singing, dancing and impersonations. The students needed to prepare their performance, audition and then perform in front of their peers.



We are very proud of the amazing job they did and look forward to next year's show.

One School One Book



For the second year North Smyrna Students have participated in the One School One Book program where everyone reads the same book at the same time. While reading the book we do special announcements and run contest for students.

This year we read, "Clementine" and our students made class hats as the culminating activity showing their classroom flair and personality.



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Fourth Grade Puppet Show

One of the highlights of our fourth grade students is the "puppet lady"! For the last ten years, Ms. Joann McMillan, of Flying Heart Theater has come to our school for two weeks as an artist in residence. Each year Ms. McMillan works with our fourth graders to complete research papers. This year every fourth grade student researched an animal and made a puppet of that animal.



The puppets are painted in a rainbow of colors and kaleidoscope of designs. At the end of their two week project the students performed in the multi-media puppet show "the Carnival of



**NORTH SMYRNA
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Kelly Holt, Principal
Stephanie Smeltzer, Assoc. Principal

**Ms. Mullen, North Smyrna Elementary
Teacher of the Year!!**



North Smyrna Elementary would like to congratulate Ms. Mullen on being named Teacher of the Year! Ms. Mullen started her teaching career at North Smyrna Elementary the fall of 2014 as a Pre-K teacher. She has taught in the three and four year old classrooms. Ms. Mullen always knew she wanted to be a teacher. As a little girl she would play school with her dolls and stuffed animals. Ms. Mullen studied Early Childhood education at Wilmington University and is currently in the process of finishing her Master's Degree in School Counseling. After she graduated with her degree in Early Childhood education, she taught second grade in Capital School District for half a school year. Ms. Mullen not only works with the Pre-K students, she is also a Girl's on the Run coach. She enjoys working with the fourth grade girls, inspiring them to be the best that they can be. She has a nine-year-old son who is a third grade student here at North Smyrna Elementary. Ms. Mullen enjoys teaching and feels that teaching is one of the most rewarding careers, every day she gets to come to work and make a difference in someone else's life.



Law Enforcement Day

Our Smyrna Pride committee coordinated Law Enforcement Day for our pre-kindergarten through first grade students. We had representation from Smyrna Police, Clayton Police, and Delaware State Police. The students enjoyed demonstrations by the Smyrna Police department K-9 Unit. They did bite and car



search demonstrations. Both Smyrna and Clayton Police departments did a vehicle demonstration where the students were able to try on a vest, and turn on the lights and sirens on the cars. The Delaware State Police Mounted Patrol Unit were also here allowing the students to pet the horses and ask questions about them. In addition to the mounted patrol unit, the Delaware State Police Aviation unit brought in a helicopter. The students were able to ask questions and see the different things on the helicopter.



Animals." This year's third graders are already looking forward to next year when Ms. Joann returns! As a culminating activity students put on a performance for staff and students.



Keeping it Cool in Kindergarten



The kindergarten team at Smyrna Elementary School is wrapping up another fun-filled, successful year of learning. It is always remarkable and rewarding to see the amount of growth students make during their first formal year of education. Each year we watch the five and six year olds from the Smyrna area blossom into beginning readers and mathematicians. Kindergarten

is truly a magical year for both the teachers and the students.

At SES we enjoy extending our students' learning beyond the required curriculum by finding enriching experiences throughout the state of Delaware and taking field trips to various locations. Each year we take a trip to Citizens' Hose Fire Company and learn about how to stay safe if there is a fire or other emergency. During our trips to Fifer's Orchard and Coleman's Tree Farm we learned about local agriculture, which is so important to our state. Our students were able to experience a theater performance of The Nutcracker at Delaware State University and enjoyed attending a movie at the Dover Mall. Through a University of Delaware extension program our kindergarten students were able to experience chicks hatching in our classrooms and watch how quickly chicks grow in a short, week-long time span. Abbott's Mill Nature Center encouraged our students to be beach explorers at Slaughter Beach and taught them about native marine species in Delaware. Our final big trip of the year was to the Wilmington and Western Railroad where our students got to ride the rails and become little train conductors which was an amazing experience for all involved.

As the year draws to a close we look forward to our annual Kindergarten Promotion Ceremony and trip to Big Oak Park. It is always bittersweet to have our little people leave us in June, but we will be ready for next year's kindergarteners in August!

SES's Recorder Club Plays with the Delaware Symphony Orchestra



On May 24, SES's fourth grade Recorder Club will travel to Dover High School to play

with the Delaware Symphony Orchestra. Approximately, 50 SES Recorder Club students will represent our school and perform at this event. That's right, perform! The students will not only see and hear the orchestra, they will play their recorders along with the orchestra. The program is called Carnegie Hall Link Up "The Orchestra Sings." Students will play songs, like Beethoven's Ode To Joy, New World Symphony by Dvorak and more. This is SES's second year participating with the Delaware Symphony Orchestra.

Smyrna Elementary School Presents The Lion King (KIDS)



In January, Smyrna Elementary School Chorus students selected The Lion King Kids as their Spring Production and by February they were auditioning and beginning rehearsals. The show will consist of the famous Lion King characters and an ensemble. The Lion King Kids tells the story of the epic adventures of a curious cub named Simba as he struggles to accept the responsibilities of adulthood and his destiny as king. Along the way, the young lion encounters a colorful cast of characters including spunky lioness Nala, charismatic meerkat Timon, and loveable warthog Pumbaa. To claim his rightful place on the throne and save his beloved Pridelands, Simba must find his inner strength and confront his wicked Uncle Scar. The Lion King Kids features classic songs from the 1994 film such as "Hakuna Matata" and the Academy Award®-winning "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" as well as additional songs penned for the Broadway production. Our second grade students will be the opening act for the Saturday show with a medley of songs from the movie, "SING!" Please mark your calendars for May 10 at 7pm, May 12 at 2pm and May 18 at 2pm.

'Crunch-time' for SES First Grade



On April 10, 2018, Smyrna Elementary's first grade classes were able to take their social studies lessons on the road! The students experienced hands-on learning at the Herr's Potato Chip factory. Each class toured the facility, learning about the process to make the beloved chips and pretzels. The tour culminated with hot, fresh chips, right off of the factory line! Students, and chaperones alike, unanimously decided that chips should only be served hot, from now on! Following the trip, the students had a picnic lunch at a nearby park.

SES Supports Ronald McDonald House



On Saturday April 28, teachers and staff from Smyrna Elementary went to the Ronald McDonald House, in Wilmington, Delaware to cook dinner for 43 families of sick children. While at the Ronald McDonald House, Smyrna Elementary was able to cook a home cooked meal, which included chicken noodle soup, chili, and vegetarian chili. All the items needed to provide a home cooked meal for the house were donated by the students and staff of Smyrna Elementary. Smyrna Elementary takes great pride in supporting such a worthy cause. Not only did Smyrna Elementary cook for the Ronald McDonald House, but they raised \$2,164.25 during the Ronald McDonald Share-a-Night in December. Pop tabs were also turned in to help raise money for the Ronald McDonald House. Way to go Smyrna Elementary students, staff, and teachers!



SMYRNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

David Morrison, Principal
Mikell Reed, Assoc. Principal

Smyrna Elementary's Teacher of the Year—Ashley Johnson



Congratulations to Smyrna Elementary School's 2018-2019 Teacher of the Year, kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Ashley Johnson! Mrs. Johnson has been teaching for six years and actually was born and raised in Smyrna, Delaware. She knew after graduating from Smyrna High in 2005 that she wanted to return to Smyrna to teach after completing her Bachelor's degree. She had spent many hours in other districts but, she knew that she wanted to be "home," in Smyrna. In 2012 she was hired at Smyrna Elementary, where her love for education began. Mrs. Johnson stated, "This community is like no other and I knew from the start that this is where my heart belonged." She said that "she loves that every day is different, every second counts and she learns something new every day. It's the "ah-ha" moments, laughter, sincerity, and the "unexpected" that keeps her on her toes, being able to adjust in a moment's notice, accepting and giving hugs, showing forgiveness, giving second chances, and being a role model." In closing Mrs. Johnson said "It is every teacher's dream to have this opportunity. I am honored to have been recognized by my colleagues. I appreciate and respect all the men and women who teach beside me and have noticed all my hard work and dedication."

SES 3rd Graders Exploring Numerous Energy Options



The students in third grade at Smyrna Elementary have been busy learning all about nonrenewable and renewable energy. Dr. Lu, a physics and pre-engineering assistant professor at Delaware State University has been working with the students during technology. Students have been learning about nonrenewable energies such as oil, natural gas, coal, and uranium. Also, renewable energies such as biomass, geothermal, hydropower, solar, and wind. These third grade students have also been challenged to go home to see what type of energy they have in their home, as well as, use their math skills. Their math skills were put to the test once they knew what type of energy they had at home. Students had to see how much money their family could save by using a renewable energy at their home. Next, Dr. Lu worked with the students on mechanical and light energy. The students had the opportunity to learn about potential and kinetic energy. The students were able to try several hands on experiments which included Newton's cradle, a pocket laser, and a light bulb solared car and fan.

Fourth Graders Go Skating

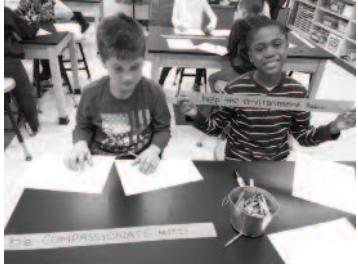
Fourth grade students from Smyrna Elementary School visited the Dover Skating Center to further investigate and explore their physics activities in the classroom. On their field trip, they participated in STEM activities involving formulas, fractions, and fun. The students learned about measuring and calculating the speed of a skater. They applied their knowledge of mean, median, and mode to decide the number of skates needed and the amount of skates in each size. After enjoying the one hour STEM lesson, they were able to participate in two hours of skate time. It was a great field trip for all!

SES hosts families for math-fun!



On the evening of April 24, Smyrna Elementary families enjoyed a fun filled evening of math activities at our annual Title I Family Night. The FREE pirate-themed event was made possible by Title I funds. Student buccaneers, along with their families, embarked on an adventure playing games from the newly adopted Bridges in Mathematics curriculum. SES staff shipmates volunteered to challenge the mates with different games such as Pirate Hook Ring Toss, Shark Toss, Estimation Nation, and Walk the Plank. Students collected gold doubloons after each activity and cashed in their treasure at the end of the night for a pirate prize. A swashbuckling good time was had by all!

We Can!



The students at Sunnyside Elementary School have been given the opportunity to have a musician visit our school.

During the next month the students learn about the "We Can" project. On May 17, the musician/song writer Jesse Ruben will visit our school. He will perform songs which demonstrate the concept of Perseverance and the practice of ambition. His message will help our students believe that if they put their minds to something, even just a small something, anything is possible. The students have expressed great ideas of things they can do such as helping kids to make new friends, raising money to help animals find good homes, recycling, helping the homeless, creating a new charity to help underprivileged students, raising money for cancer awareness and cancer research, donating time/toys to children who are "bored" in the hospital, and simply saying something kind to someone every day. They even explained their long-term goals such as becoming an astronaut, a teacher,



doctors and becoming President of the United States. The "We Can" program can help to change our student's perspectives on life in a positive way.

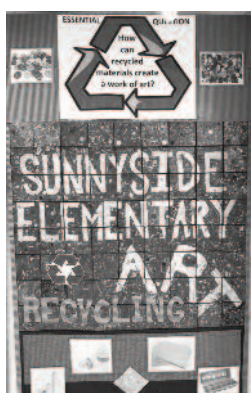


20 students the opportunity to stay after-school and work with Mr. Malin, Instructional Technology Specialist for the District, and Mrs. Ryan, in learning coding and robotics in a variety of ways.

Each student had the opportunity to explore Scratch, a free coding resource. During their exploration, they were able to write code to create their own unique stories. In addition to Scratch, students were able to explore three different robots. Each robot was programmable in a variety of ways. Some of the robots required drawing a sequence of color codes and others used block code. The robots that students used were Ozobot Bit, Sphero Mini, and Edison. Students loved the freedom to explore and create their own ideas as well as the ability to share their finished programs with others.

Recycled Art

In art class at Sunnyside Elementary School the students learned the importance of recycling and they practiced the art of "upcycling" which means turning every day trash into a work of art. We used materials such as plastic soda bottles, plastic, egg cartons, corrugated cardboard, magazines, paper towel rolls, toilet paper rolls and plastic silverware. The students were inspired by many artists and enjoyed exploring the idea of turning trash to treasure.



All Cracked Up!



Students in first grade at Sunnyside Elementary School have been participating in an Embryology Unit sponsored by the University of Delaware. In this program, the students have been able to observe the early stages of a chicken's life cycle, watching as chicks hatch from eggs and increase in mobility. They learned the importance of keeping the eggs warm in the incubator and also how to care for these young organisms. This program goes hand-in-hand with the Next Generation Science Standards Organisms Unit.



Sunnyside Acts of Kindness

At Sunnyside Elementary School the students learned about "Acts of Kindness." During the month of April we empowered our students to create a culture of kindness. Classrooms were paired and they created cards, signs, or gave treats to their class to spread their kindness. Teachers and staff also participated in a pay it forward activity entitled "Spread Kindness Like Confetti." These activities help to instill the importance of compassion in our school and community.



Coding and Robotics Club

Through a grant obtained by Edcamp Leader, The Smyrna School District was able to offer a six-week, after-school coding and robotics club for fourth grade students. The club gave



**SUNNYSIDE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**John Camponelli, Principal
M. Patrick Grant, Assoc. Principal**

**Sunnyside Elementary Teacher of the Year
- Ms. Emily Fortner**



Congratulations to Emily Fortner for being named Sunnyside Elementary School's Teacher of the Year! Emily has been teaching in the Smyrna School District for ten years. She is a Kindergarten teacher at Sunnyside Elementary. Emily is a Smyrna alumni, graduating from Smyrna High School in 2003. She earned her Bachelor's Degree at Wesley College in 2007 and continued to Wilmington University for a Master's in Elementary School Counseling in 2013. Emily resides in Smyrna with her fiancé, Bakeer Soterion and their children, Kaydence (nine), Keeryn (seven), and Kamdyn (one).

Emily says she was inspired to be an educator by the many exemplary teachers she had during her time as a student in the Smyrna School District. Her teachers made learning so much fun, she looked forward to going to school each day. Her goal is to inspire her young students to love learning as much as she does! Emily's love of children and enthusiasm for teaching is evident. She whole-heartedly believes that student success happens by first establishing meaningful relationships and strong connections with her students. She strives to create a learning environment that promotes a sense of family, self-value, and positive attitudes. Being a Kindergarten teacher is not just a job to Emily, it's her passion! She looks forward to coming to work each day.

Kindergarten/4th Grade Buddy Program



Halfway through this school year, our school began a collaboration with fourth grade and kindergarten students. Once a month, our fourth grade friends go in to the kindergarten classrooms with a designated activity to complete with their buddy. We began in January with an introduction to each other and a fun painting activity. February we celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday with reading the books



together and making 'oobleck' (a green substance in a Dr. Seuss book) out of water and cornstarch. In April, students completed a STEM activity with creating a pollen collector to transfer as much 'pollen' (lemonade mix) as they could from one flower to the other. Finally, we are wrapping up our fourth grade and Kindergarten Buddy program with the older kids helping out with Kite Day in May. It has been an awesome experience and a great lesson in demonstrating responsibility, compassion, and qualities of a role model!

Sunnyside Elementary Holds Title 1 Family Night

Sunnyside Elementary had Title 1 Family Math/Literacy Night on Thursday, March 15 from 6-8:00pm. Families were invited to celebrate reading and math by playing educational games and activities. The activities included paper-based and technology-based resources that students can use at home to promote their learning. Each student left with grade-specific information about standards (for their parent), a book on their grade level, copies of the paper-based games, and some prizes. It was all about having fun and discovering activities that families can participate in that encourage good, fun learning.

Sunnyside Second Grade Visits Herr's Potato Chip Factory!



Sunnyside's second grade classes recently took a field trip to the Herr's factory. The students were able to learn a little bit about the history of the Herr's company and tour the factory. The classes were able to see working machinery and workers making snack products. The students got a first-hand look at how the factory operates and learned facts like what makes a great chipping potato, how snack bags are made, and how tortilla chips get their seasoning. Everyone loved tasting the hot chips right off the production line!

Winners at Delaware Economics



The Economics Challenge Team, Leila Sebastian, Autumn Legar, Skylar Hass, and Brailey Buntin, won the Delaware Economics competition! They each won \$250.00 and will compete in the regional competition this month.

On Friday April 6, Anna Nguyen finished in the top three of the Delaware Geographic Bee held at the University of Delaware! She was outstanding! Congratulations to these students and their teachers!!

JBM's Celebrates 11th Annual Read across America Event

During the month of February, the entire school participated in a reading contest. For the contest, students were asked to keep track of how many minutes they were reading each day in school and at home. For the month of February, JBM students recorded a total of 65,281 minutes! The winner of the reading contest this year was the Red Team who recorded 42,942 minutes!



On March 9, JBM held its 11th annual Read across America event. From 9:00-9:30 there was a school-wide Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) time. Throughout the day, over 45 guest readers from the community came to JBM to read to the students. Guests included businessmen, firemen, high school students, college athletes, policemen, board members, servicemen, readers from the Institute of the Blind, and more. Each guest was assigned to one of the classes at JBM and read a favorite book to the class. What a special treat for our students!

A special thank you goes out to all of our guest readers from the community for donating their time to make our program unique. Thank you all for your efforts!

Beautification Service Project

Girls on the Run, Heart & Sole, and The Go Green Club rolled up their sleeves today to carry out The Beautification Community Service Project. Students brought in a variety of flowers to be planted on the grounds of JBM. In addition to planting flowers, students were seen pulling weeds, laying mulch in garden beds, and picking up trash around the campus.

100 Miles and Running Club

100 Miles and Running is an after school program for boys to focus on areas of mentoring, life skills, character building, youth development, and physical activity. The group helps establish or build relationships with peers in the school working towards a team concept. The group meets twice a week reporting to the classroom for discussion before heading to the school gymnasium for physical activity. Additionally, two requirements that were not mandatory, the boys dressed up once a week to work on their appearance as well as help staff with work around the building that the club called community service.

JBM Spelling Bee

John Bassett Moore Intermediate School held the 2018 school wide Spelling Bee on Friday, January 26, 2018 at 1:30pm in the JBM Auditorium. There were 17 contestants, each placing first from their homeroom class. After six rounds, Ian Bangson was named our third place winner. Alanis Irizarry-Montes and Sherry Lin faced off in the final round with Alanis Irizarry-Montes being named JBM's 2018 Spelling Bee Champion!



Alanis went on to represent JBM at the State Spelling Bee on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at St. Mark's High School in Wilmington.

JBM's First Annual Bunny Hop for Hunger

In partnership with Smyrna High School, JBM hosted their first Bunny Hop for Hunger on March 29, 2018. Our students collected \$106 and 556 cans, which were donated to the Smyrna-Clayton Ministerium. In celebration of the funds and food collected, our students and staff spent a



beautiful morning outside being active. During our Bunny Hop, c l a s s e s walked a big lap around the JBM campus while stopping at activity stations along the way. Smyrna High School students along with students from our Girls on the Run, Heart and Sole and 100 Miles and Running clubs ran the eight activity stations. Each station engaged students in a physical activity such as jumping jacks wall sits, and planks, with one station being a mini Easter egg hunt that included donations from Texas Road House in Camden.



Our students and staff had a memorable morning bonding with their classmates, learning about hunger needs, and seeing that physical activity is fun! Our celebration continued during lunch with a Rita's water ice treat provided through a grant from the American Lung Association. We are grateful to SHS for initiating this event and inviting us to participate.

JBM's 2nd Annual Family Fitness Night

On March 15, all JBM families were invited to attend our free family fitness night, which was hosted by our Girls on the Run, Heart and Sole, and 100 Miles and Running Teams. Our goal was to help families find ways to lead healthy lifestyles and to become more active together. Throughout the night, participants rotated every 15 minutes to stations including CrossFit, Pilates, Sports Agility, and Boot camp. Community information and resources were also available for interested families with representatives from the Central YMCA, FCA, and Bombay Hook Wildlife Refuge. Three Palms Petting Zoo even brought a tortoise with them! We would like to thank CrossFit 1865, Results Personal Training and Fitness, and Smyrna High School female athletes for leading the fitness stations, as well as, our child nutrition staff for organizing snacks.

Smyrna School District Curriculum Office would like to thank Acme Markets (Smyrna, DE), Food Lion (Smyrna, DE), and Michaels (Dover, DE) for their generous donations to our elementary math program. As a result of their contributions, our students in K-5 had the opportunity to engage in hands-on math activities for a more engaging and enriching learning experience. We are incredibly appreciative of their generosity.

Never underestimate the generosity of our students and their families to come through to meet an identified need! When sixth grade JBM student, Roarie Glenn-Russum, heard that third grade math was in need of egg cartons to use as a model for learning fractions she immediately jumped into action. Roarie and her dad, Shawn Russum, contacted a local farm and arranged for a donation of egg cartons so that every third grade class in the Smyrna School District received a class set. We are truly grateful for the donation arranged by Roarie and her dad.



JOHN BASSETT MOORE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Elyse Baerga, *Principal*
Cynthia McNatt, *Assoc. Principal*

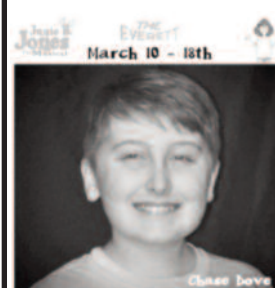
JBM Teacher of the Year

JBM would like to take a moment to congratulate Mrs. Janna McGowan on being selected as JBM's Teacher of the Year. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful team and proud to have her representing our school.



Mrs. McGowan is a fifth grade teacher at JBM Intermediate. She's been teaching reading, language arts, and social studies there for 13 years! Mrs. McGowan lives locally with her loving husband, two children, and two dogs. She enjoys reading, baking, participating in church activities, and volunteering in the community. Her alma maters include the University of Delaware and West Chester University. Mrs. McGowan was a softball pitcher at the University of Delaware, but no longer plays the sport. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, Mrs. McGowan coordinates the Read Across America program for the school, the Mileage Club and is a co-sponsor for the Samaritan 365 club. She also served as an assistant coach for Heart and Sole, participated in Item Cluster writing for social studies, and initiated a letter writing campaign each year for soldiers overseas.

JBM Superstar



Chase Dove (lennie) is in fifth grade at JBM. This is his twelfth show at the Everett Theater. He is thrilled to be in this show with his friends. His favorite role at the Everett was Charlie Brown

in "A Charlie Brown Christmas." You most recently saw Chase on stage as Mike Teavee in "Willy Wonka." Chase hopes you all enjoy the shows. Favorite book: Diary Of A Wimpy Kid - The Getaway. Favorite subjects: Art and math.

MAGIC TO DO



The Drama Club worked very hard over the last two months, and produced a most amazing show. "Magic to Do" was presented Friday, April 27 at 1:30pm for the school and at 7:00pm for family and friends! It was a tremendous success! Our Drama Club, lovingly named The Frazier Street Players, is filled with astounding young talent, great singers and actors, all of whom are hard workers, and dedicated performers!

Hi, my name is

K a t h l e e n Acevedo, the students refer to me as "Mrs. A".



I grew up in the Poconos and attended Kutztown University. I currently reside in Smyrna with my husband, two children and two dogs. During my spare time, I enjoy reading and love going to the beach. I am excited to be a part of such an awesome staff here at JBM.

American Lung Association



The Smyrna School District, per the Smyrna Wellness Policy, is committed to the optimal development of every student. Utilizing the Tobacco Prevention and Healthy Lifestyles Mini-Grant from the American Lung Association, both Clayton Intermediate

School and John Basset Moore Intermediate School were able to offer programs throughout the school year targeting our students and community members with the "Smyrna Eagles Kick Butts" campaign and a healthy lifestyle program.

We kick-started our year by riding in the Smyrna-Clayton Homecoming Parade, with ten student ambassadors displaying our "No Bacca" message. Also, sixth-grade classes at both schools had lessons on smoking and decision making. In addition, many classes were given "healthy parties" to illustrate healthy eating at celebrations. Another element of the healthy lifestyle program, Family Fitness Night, is a community-wide event at John Basset Moore in which everyone participates in physical activities. Furthermore, our message was disseminated by healthy food choices, prizes with our message printed on them, and brochures with our message and community resources. In further support of our "Smyrna Eagles Kick Butts" campaign, during the Great American Smokeout week we had pledges from students not to smoke by signing a banner that was displayed all year. And lastly, "I Love Smyrna School District" day is always a community event with over six thousand in attendance. Our ambassadors were present and played games to convey our no-smoking message and gave prizes to all who participated.

To conclude, Clayton Intermediate School's and John Basset Moore Intermediate School's "Smyrna Eagles Kick Butts" campaign and healthy lifestyle program will continue next school year on our student agenda books for 2018-2019, with our ambassadors being featured on the cover holding the banner with a no-smoking message.

Girls On The Run

Girls on the Run this season has been a blast at CIS! We are training hard for our 5K coming up on May 20 and are preparing our community service project. We will be hosting a practice 5k at the end of April in preparation for the big event! This season we have a total of 15 wonderful girls and three enthusiastic coaches. In addition to training for the 5K, the girls are also learning useful social and emotional skills in the lessons taught at each practice. We can't wait to finish out the season strong.



Spelling Bee



On February 9, we held our annual Spelling Bee. Eighteen representatives, one from each homeroom, competed and the top three spellers from the school were awarded plaques. In third place was Sydnee Holt and in second place was Edric Poquita. Our first place winner, Katelyn Curtis, represented Clayton Intermediate School at St. Mark's High School for the Delaware State Spelling Bee that was held on March 3, 2018. Amazing job to everyone who competed! We are very proud of you.

2018 Dodgeball Tournament



This year Student Council sponsored its annual Dodgeball Tournament on Thursday, February 22 at 5pm. There was a total of 14 teams who participated with 10 or 11 members per team. Each team had the opportunity to play a minimum of two games with double eliminations. The victory was won by The All American team which consisted of Cole Moyer, Elijah Eppard, John Connell, CJ Lloyd, Cam Williams, Dylan Calloway-Phillips, Angel Salguero, Jaz Whitley, Hailey McCutchan and Jessica Brown. Second place was taken by the team Blue Fire, and third by The Blackouts! CIS even had a teacher team that played hard, but were bested in the end by the student teams! We were grateful for all the parents, friends and families that came out to support all of the players. Each team played hard and a lot of fun was had by all!



HERO Boys Running Club



CIS is proud to offer HERO Boys running club this spring. Using running as a backdrop, boys in fifth grade will develop character, challenge themselves physically, and learn to set and achieve goals. HERO stands for Honor, Endure, Run, and Overcome. Using these principles as a guide, participants will learn what it takes to be a hero, leader, and positive role model at home and in their community. The club meets after school for seven weeks. Each week, participants learn from a guest speaker, build their endurance, and gain confidence in their abilities. The club culminates with The Otter Trotter 5K in Townsend.

Compassion Poster Winner

Our district held a Compassion Poster Contest in the month of January. At our school, the overall fifth grade winner was Ava Pierce and the sixth grade winner was Da'Vontae Lewis. They both received prize bags for their hard work. We are also excited to announce that Da'Vontae Lewis received third place in the district! He was awarded a medal and certificate for his art piece and we are very proud of him!



CLAYTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
David Paltrineri, *Principal*
Heather Moyer, *Assoc. Principal*



CIS Basketball Tournament



On March 29, CIS held its third annual Basketball Tournament. More than 150 people came to watch and participate in the event. Student's displayed their skills in front of their family and friends. In the end, Issac Balcerak, Cimone Edge, Ryan Durnall, Colin O'Donovan and Edward Kautz were able to defeat every team they faced in route to perfect 4-0 record and tournament champions. The following day, they were joined by members of the Smyrna High School basketball team and awarded the chance to play against the CIS faculty team in front of the entire school. After four hard fought quarters, the student team was once again able to hold off the faculty to win for the third straight year. Congratulations to our champions!

Read Across America



Read Across America took place on Friday, March 2 at CIS. It was an exciting day filled with guest readers from the community and activities in class. Thank you to everyone who came in and volunteered to read to our students! Students received prizes with weekly drawings if they completed IRC quizzes. Our month long reading competition ended on March 29. The top five students in each class participated in a STEM Challenge Activity on Friday, April 20.

Geography Day Event

On Monday, April 16, GIS (Geographic Information System) professionals that work with geography every day, came to our school to teach the students lessons about the world around us. The volunteers gave our students valuable information and



the students loved learning more about maps, soil, and everything GIS for the day! We are very appreciative they chose to come to our school!

Welcome Robin Hamburg



Robin Hamburg has joined the Clayton Intermediate School front office as the new financial secretary. Robin has worked in the Smyrna School District for 19 years. She began her career in SSD at Smyrna Elementary School, then moved to Clayton Elementary School, and is now at Clayton Intermediate School. Robin has been happily married to Richard for 29 years. They have a successful son, Connor, who is 26 years old and works in Washington, D.C. Robin, Richard, and Connor are all proud Smyrna High School graduates. Robin also has a cherished pet, Bijou, who is seven years old and a cat named Babs. Robin loves to shop, go to the beach, kayak, and cook. Robin is dressed for success every day. She welcomes her students with her beautiful smile and friendly personality. We are very happy to have Robin join the staff at CIS.



I Love Smyrna School District Day, February 24, 2018

A special Thank You goes out to the following groups and businesses for their continued support:

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JBM/SHS Alumni
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Smyrna Public Library
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Read Aloud Delaware
Delta Kappa Gamma, Theta Chapter
Duck Creek Historical Society
Smyrna Shade Tree Commission
Provest Realty Association
Smyrna Downtown Renaissance Association
Delaware National Research Reserve (DNREC)
Bullying Prevention/Smyrna Pride
Libraries of Smyrna School District
Clayton Elementary PTO (Snow Cones)
Smyrna/Clayton Moose (also in library) Bike Give Away
U.S. Army Recruiting Center
Veterans United Outreach of Delaware
VFW Ladies Aux., Post 8801
Representative Jeff Spiegelman
28th Republican Committee
Smyrna/Clayton July 4th Assoc.
Smyrna 250th Anniversary Celebration
Miss Utility of Del-Mar-Va
Kee's Cupcakes
Weichert Realtors – First Class
Smyrna/Clayton Sun Times
North Smyrna Elementary PTO (Duck Pond)
Environmental Outpost/DASEF
Voya Financial
Peak Performance Construction, LLC
Willow Rock Gardens, LLC
County Line 4-H
Child Death Review – Cribs for Kids
Friends of Duck Creek Regional Library
1th & 29th District Democratic Committee
Voter Registration
American Legion Ambulance, Station 64
14th/28th District Democratic Committee
Ahl and O'Connor Orthodontics
American Cancer Society Relay for Life
M & T Bank
Pregnancy Help Center of Kent County, Inc.
Dover Federal Credit Union
Smyrna Music Garden
Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge
Primerica Financial Services
Garrison Lake Golf Club
American Legion Post 14
Citizens' Hose Company
Clayton Fire Company
Clayton Police Department
Smyrna Police Department
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Delaware Odyssey of the Mind DELCAPS
Smyrna Opera House
Smyrna/Clayton Boys & Girls Club
Smyrna/Clayton Boys & Girls Club School Sites
Delaware Tech, Terry Campus
Del-One
Down Syndrome Association of Delaware
Smyrna Church of Christ
Paparazzi Jewelry
Great Clips
Smyrna/Clayton Pop Warner
Results PT & Fitness
Premier Physical Therapy
It's All About You Massage & Bodywork
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Christ Care Unit Missionary Baptist Church
Piece Together Consignment Boutique
St. Peter's Episcopal Church/St. Peter's Preschool
Centennial United Methodist Church
Faith Baptist Church
Kenton United Methodist Church
Smyrna Faith Church of the Nazarene
Powerhouse Ministries, Inc.
Asbury United Methodist Church Youth Group
St. Polycarp Church
Ewell's St. Paul United Methodist Church
Smyrna Women's Health
First Presbyterian Church of Smyrna
S/C Ministerium
Trinity Church
Lighthouse Church
Providence Creek Ballet Theater
Highmark Health Options
Holly's Club of Smyrna
The Children's Secret Garden
People's Place, Inc.
Ronald McDonald House
Gift of Life Donor Program
Girl Scout Cookies
Girl Scout Registration
Smyrna/Clayton Little Lass
Smyrna/Clayton Little Lass Registration
National Capital Therapy Dogs
Level Four Insurance Services
Delaware Tee Shirts/Delaware Sign Shop
First State Animal Center SPCA</p> |
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SMS Participates in the Bunny Hop to End Hunger



On March 29, SMS students in cooperation with the SMS and SHS FFA programs participated in the second annual Bunny Hop for Hunger. Hundreds of students and staff participated and raised over \$1,000 and over 5,000 canned goods for the cause. Great Job!

SMS Science Field Day

One hundred and twenty students were selected to participate in the Science Field Day, which took place on March 29 during school hours. It was a fun day filled with activities and experiments.



Each group participated in a friendly competition that involved seven different activities, trying to earn the most points. The event and the awards assembly was held in the gymnasium. The field day began at 8:45am and awards assembly started at 1:00pm, where we announced the winners of the annual field day. It was an exciting and educational day!

SMS Band Performs at the Blue Rocks Game



Students had a wonderful extended day of laughter, fun, and refreshments.

Author Priscilla Cummings Visits SMS

Famous author, Priscilla Cummings visited SMS and students had the opportunity to meet with her and learn of her experiences and how she came up with her ideas for her many books that students here at SMS love to read, including her new book *Blindsided*. Mrs. Cummings was well received and students were excited to have met her.



SMS Spelling Bee Winner



On February 13, 2018, SMS conducted their annual Spelling Bee. First Place Winner was Auden Jones (pictured center), Second Place was Blessing Nyameke (pictured right), and Third Place was Elijah Ray (pictured left). Congratulations to these wonderful students!

SMS Odyssey of the Mind Team Heads to World Finals



Congratulations to SMS's Odyssey of the Mind team who earned a trip to the World Finals at Iowa State University in Ames, IA. Be sure to help the students fund their way to the event and be on the lookout for fundraisers throughout the community!



SMYRNA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Steven Gott, *Principal*
Kent Robinson, *Assoc. Principal*

SMS Teacher of the Year

Tara Turcotte-Leyanna, a seventh grade English Language Arts teacher at Smyrna Middle School, is a first generation college graduate, who completed her Bachelor's Degree with a 4.0 GPA in 2008 from Delaware State University. While attending Delaware State University, Mrs. Turcotte-Leyanna was a leader in the education department, serving as a STEP scholar, an ambassador for the school at the Teacher Education Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia in 2007, and as an officer of Kappa Delta Pi Educational Honor Society and member of Alphi Chi Honor Society. Mrs. Turcotte-Leyanna obtained employment for the Smyrna School District in 2009, where she has been employed as an Acceleration Specialist and a Special Education English Language Arts teacher at the middle school level. She is a track and field coach, volunteer Special Olympics coach, and learning focused trainer. She earned her Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Wilmington University in 2015, with a 4.0 GPA, while simultaneously caring for her mother, who passed away from stage 4 lung cancer at that time.



Mrs. Turcotte-Leyanna has volunteered as a Girl Scout Leader since 2005, a volunteer camp counselor at Camp Todd's summer programs since 2009, with several girls from the district in attendance, and as a Little League softball and baseball coach from 2006-2013. She enjoys spending time with her husband, children, and dogs, and looks to her father as a role model for hard work.

SMS FFA Holds Banquet

On April 26, 2018, the SMS chapter of the Delaware State FFA held their annual banquet to recognize their members and share their accomplishments throughout the school year. Students and families were treated to many yummy deserts and snacks at the conclusion of the ceremony. The FFA program here at SMS is the top middle school agriscience program in the state.



SMS Geography Bee Winner



On January 31, 2018, SMS conducted their annual Geography Bee. The winner of the Geography Bee was Cameron Hood. Pictured is Cameron with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hood, teachers here at SMS.

SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL Continued

Allied Health Pathway Comes Up Big at State Competition

Smyrna High School Allied Health Pathway students competed in the HOSA Future Health Professional State Leadership Conference on March 26-28 at University of Delaware's STAR Campus. Students prepared all year to compete in events based around the healthcare profession. This is only the second year for the Smyrna HOSA Chapter for the competition; they were represented by a team of 22 students in comparison to the nine participants from the previous year. The Allied Health students competed in various events with a varied level of difficulty. Some of the events were Researched Persuasive Writing and Speaking, Medical Terminology, Medical Math, Prepared Speaking, Health Career Display, Medical Reading, and Job Interviewing Skills.

Students competed against other high schools from around the state of Delaware and came out with multiple top ten finishers and a State HOSA Idol winner. Top ten winners were: **Medical Reading**: fourth place Alicia Foraker; **Medical Math**: seventh place Rainna Semenick, ninth place Joseph Gisoria; **Health Career Display**: seventh place Ashlyne Fowler and Raegan Sebastianelli; **Prepared Speaking**: eighth place Sophia Basler, tenth place Stephanie Melesio.

HOSA IDOL was awarded to Anilu Paneda. Ani was recognized by the Delaware HOSA for her ability to generate excitement about Delaware HOSA in her community, exceptional leadership skills, and an affinity for community service. Ms. Campanicki, Smyrna HOSA Advisor, shared the following about Ani. "Ani is a student that possesses a strong commitment and love for her community. She sees every opportunity given as a chance to learn something new. Ani is a remarkable young woman who will make a true mark of excellence on the healthcare profession in the future."

Allied Health and Smyrna HOSA Future Health Professional is becoming one of the most sought after pathways at Smyrna High School. Students in this pathway gain knowledge and respect for the healthcare profession, as well as gain skills that will aid in their success as they transition into the workforce or higher education.



Smyrna High School Educational Support Professional of the Year
Brenda J Solloway



Brenda Solloway is an administrative assistant for the Smyrna High School Counseling office. She brings over 30 years of secretarial experience to the position. That experience includes 17 years with the law firm of Schmittinger & Rodriguez and just under 14 years with the Delaware Department of Correction.

When she joined the school counseling team back in July of 2012, her goals were to create an inviting, positive environment in the counseling office as well as organize and streamline processes within the office to allow the school counseling team to better serve our students, families and staff.

Brenda has been married to Ben Solloway, a Smyrna High alumni, for almost 29 years. They have a daughter, Samantha, who is currently attending the University of Delaware and a grand-kitty, Freddie Purcury. She and Ben are looking forward to retirement when they plan to escape the Delaware winters and spend more time in a warmer climate.

SHS Students Celebrating Math

Congratulations to these Smyrna High winners in the Delaware Council of Teachers of Mathematics "Math in the Olympics" poster contest: Honorable Mention—George Class-Peters and Brendon Donaghue; third place—Jovannah Tirado-Williams; second place—Jasmin Jackson; first place—Victoria Lichak. Ms. Lichak's poster has also been selected as a regional winner. It is now a finalist in the statewide competition, and is on display at Wilmington University.

Mrs. Sheats' ninth grade class celebrated Pi Day on March 14. Students had 3.14 minutes to write as many words as they could that started with 'pi'. They enjoyed learning fun facts about Pi (π). Did you know that π is an irrational number because it continues without a pattern? The first six digits of π (314159) appear in order at least six times among the first 10 million decimal places of π . The students completed a graphing of circles activity in which they measured various circular objects and divided the circumference by the diameter to get close to 3.14. Students were rewarded with a circular snack for all of their hard work.

Smyrna High School students make calculated moves at Math League

You may be asking yourself, "What is Math League? What do they do? The purpose of the Delaware Secondary School Mathematics League is to cultivate interest in mathematics through team competition. There are four levels of competition – grades seven, eight, nine, and tenth thru twelfth. Schools are separated into geographic regions for regional competitions. Upon completion of the four regional meets, the top scoring teams and top scoring individuals from each region are invited to participate in the State Invitational Meet. The Smyrna High School Math League is a club that offers students the opportunity to expand their academic knowledge by solving challenging math problems. Students compete against other schools in their region by answering math questions. Students answer six individual questions and then get to work together on a team question. Mrs. Atkinson and Mrs. Meek worked with a group of about 15 students that truly enjoy challenging their brains and advancing their math skills through problem solving.

The following standings are the results of the four regional Math League meets held during the 2017-2018 school year: The ninth grade team (consisting of Joseph Gisiora and Leah Hurns) placed fifth out of eight teams. There were three

SHS Jobs for Delaware Graduates Compete in Business Acumen



Jobs for Delaware Graduates brings students together from all over the state to compete against each other in business acumen. Smyrna juniors and seniors showed off their budgeting skills, competed in a Jeopardy-style tournament, and used their problem solving skills to find a solution for an issue in the workplace.

Smyrna High School Choir Competes in PAC Music Festival



"The Smyrna High School Choir recently traveled to Orlando Florida to compete in the PAC Music Festival. This is our yearly festival to showcase our Choir and to receive feedback from renowned directors across the country. The students walked away with a first place win with a SUPERIOR Rating! This is the highest rating you can receive in the Festival. We will complete our performance year with our Spring Concert, which was held on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 7pm in the Smyrna High School Auditorium."

SHS 2017-2018 Give Something Back Foundation Scholarship Recipients

Six Smyrna High School students, Robert Oldham, Sean Johnson, Kai Buckson, Skyla Fernandez-Gonzalez, Jasmine Pennington and Marquaya Bennett have been selected to receive the Give Something Back Foundation Scholarship. They are part of a select group of students in Delaware to be awarded this great opportunity! This will allow these six students to attend the University of Delaware upon graduation from SHS and receive a FULL scholarship that will cover tuition, room and board for four years. The students were required to complete the application process, submit letters of recommendation, past and present grade reports and be interviewed by a staff member of the GSBF committee. The students need to maintain high academic standards and display good citizenship in school and in their community. They will be assigned mentors to work with them over the next three years to help them to meet the expectations of the Give Something Back Scholarship program.



Smyrna teams that competed at the tenth-twelfth grades level against 15 teams. The Smyrna Red team (consisting of Dylan Deslongchamp, Romy Patel, Colin Shalk, Rannah Regino & Adara Turek) placed eleventh. The Smyrna White team (consisting of Chris Desir, Denise Duman, Sheila Gisiora, Katie Rocco & Victoria Lichek) placed ninth. The Smyrna Eagles team (consisting of Brendan Callahan, Wesley Carson, Chris Kline, Max Morissiey & Samuel Mace) placed third. There were three individuals that placed in the top 10 in their region. Joseph Gisiora tied for third place out of 24 individuals during the ninth grade regional competitions. There were 89 individuals that competed at the tenth-twelfth grade level. Max Morissiey placed ninth and Samuel Mace was the top scorer and placed first out of 89 students. Being the top scorer is nothing new to Samuel as he has placed first individually for his eighth, ninth, tenth and twelfth grade years. He placed second individually during his eleventh grade year.

Smyrna High School had two high scoring individuals invited to participate in the State Math League Invitational Meet on April 10 at the Modern Maturity Center in Dover. Samuel Mace and Joseph Gisiora qualified for States by having one of the three highest scores in their region for their grade level.



SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL

Stacy Cook, *Principal*
Leon Clarke, *Assoc. Principal*
Clarence Davis, *Assoc. Principal*
Marc Deisem, *Assoc. Principal*
LaTonya Pierce, *Assoc. Principal*

JAY DAVIS SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL 2018-2019 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Smyrna High School would like to congratulate Mr. Jay Davis, as its 2018-2019 SHS Teacher of The Year. Mr. Davis has taught the Agricultural Structures and Engineering pathway program at Smyrna High School for the past ten years. As a Smyrna High School graduate, he hoped to return to share his knowledge of agricultural sciences through classroom instruction, hands on learning activities and FFA experiences. Mr. Davis takes pride in his students, their work and the classroom and laboratory facilities, where memories are literally built through practices in woodworking, electrical wiring, plumbing, drafting, masonry and workplace readiness skills.



Mr. Davis began his teaching career 22 years ago at the Caroline Career & Technology Center in Ridgely, Maryland. There, he started out as a single teacher in an Agriculture program that encompassed Business Management, Aquaculture, Soil & Crop Science, Agricultural Technologies, Animal Science and Greenhouse Management. Jay was able to build his CTE area, improve program enrollment and develop curriculum to create a second teacher position in Plant Science. Through his program expansion, he was able to engage stakeholders such as students, parents, business partners, FFA Alumni and community groups, which also resulted in the school being recognized as a three Star National FFA Chapter.

As an Agricultural Science teacher and FFA Advisor, Mr. Davis has worn many hats, been an advocate for Career & Technology Education and has coached many FFA teams and individuals to State Titles in the areas of: Parliamentary Procedure, Agricultural Issues and Delaware Agricultural Products Display. His biggest accomplishment is seeing students apply the DRIVE principles of Determination, Responsibility, Initiative, Vision and Enthusiasm, not only in the classroom, but also to their college studies and careers in the real world.

SHS Celebrate National College Decision Day

On April 27, 2018, seniors at Smyrna High School celebrated National Decision Day with a breakfast.



During the breakfast, seniors declared to graduate by signing the Class of 2018 banner, signed their class picture – to gift to their advisors, and declared their post-graduation plans on a red eagle and in a photo booth. During the festivities, a PowerPoint was displayed with everyone's college, career, military, and work plans, so everyone could congratulate each other on their future plans.



**Smyrna School District
2018-19 School Calendar**

AUGUST	
August 20	New Teacher Orientation
August 21-23	Full Day In-service (All)
August 27	School Open for Students (K-9)
August 28	School Open for Students (10-12)
August 31	School Closed (All)
SEPTEMBER	
September 3	Labor Day – School Closed
September 6	Primary Election/ Full Day In-service (All)
September 28	Mid-Marking Point
OCTOBER	
October 10	Progress Reports Issued
October 22	Full Day In-service (All)
October 31	End of Marking Period
NOVEMBER	
November 6	Election Day
November 12	Veterans' Day – School Closed
November 14	Report Cards Issued
Nov. 19-20	K-8 Parent Conferences (No School K-8)
Nov. 21 – 23	Thanksgiving – School Closed
DECEMBER	
December 7	Mid-Marking Point
December 14	Full Day In-service (All)
December 19	Progress Reports Issued
Dec. 21-Jan.1	Winter Vacation – School Closed
JANUARY	
January 2	School Reopens
Jan. 18-23	1/2-day In-service (Grades 9-12) - Exams
January 21	Martin Luther King Day – School Closed
January 24	End of Marking Period
January 25	Full Day In-service (All)
FEBRUARY	
February 5	Report Cards Issued
February 18	Presidents' Day – School Closed
February 22	Full Day In-service (All)
February 28	Mid-Marking Point
MARCH	
March 12	Progress Reports Issued
March 29	Full Day In-service (All)
APRIL	
April 1	End of Marking Period
April 10	PSAT/SAT Testing (9-11) (No School for Grade 12)
April 11	Report Cards Issued
Apr. 19–26	Spring Break – School Closed
April 29	School Reopens
MAY	
May 8	Mid-Marking Point
May 17	Full Day In-service (All)
May 20	Progress Reports Issued
May 27	Memorial Day – School Closed
May 28	Last Senior Day
JUNE	
June 6-10	9-11 Final Exams - ½ Day In-service
June 10	Last Pupil Day
June 13	Last Teacher Day

The calendar is based on legislation requiring students to attend school 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, March 28, 2018

SHS Students Honored at Regional Scholastic Art Awards

Smyrna High School art students were honored on February 10 at the annual, regional Scholastic Art Awards. Junior, Cathryn Shahan received two Gold and one Silver Key award. Shahan's painting of a Smyrna Cross Country runner won the Congressional Art Award. Her painting will hang at the House of Representatives for one year. Senior, Kayla Kuberski also won two golds and an honorable mention. Kayla was honored as a DFVA Scholarship winner and an American Vision nominee. She is one of five Delaware nominees. Sophomores, Sara Paulish and Danielle Schumacher both received silver keys. The artwork was on display at the Delaware State art gallery. The State of Delaware held their eighth Annual National Arts Program® Exhibit this year which included over 220 artworks hung in the Art Center/Gallery at Delaware State University's Campus. Junior, Raina Semenick received second place in the youth category and sophomore, Sara Paulish received an honorable mention in the same category. The 2018 Veterans of Foreign Wars Patriotic Art Contest sponsored by the VFW Post 8801 Auxiliary acknowledged and thanked Danielle Schumacher, Sara Paulish, and Cathryn Shahan for their participation in the contest. Locally, Cathryn Shahan was awarded first place, Sara Paulish was awarded second place, and Danielle Schumacher was awarded

SMYRNA FFA AWARDED AMERICA'S FARMERS GROW COMMUNITIES GRANT

The Monsanto Corporation is proud to recognize Snow Farms in Smyrna, Delaware for directing a \$2,500 grant to the Smyrna FFA Chapter as part of the America's Farmers Grow Communities program, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund.

As part of their mission, the Smyrna FFA Chapter will use the funds to support two student interns at Smyrna High School over the summer, as they work on projects, maintain facilities and prepare materials for the Delaware State Fair. A third intern will also be responsible for working with the new Asbury Church Farmers Market that is being set up in the Town of Smyrna on Glenwood Avenue. "We really appreciate the support of our local community members, who continue to give back to the AgriScience program at Smyrna High School. It not only promotes the importance of what we do in the classroom, but shows that our farmers and business partners in the Smyrna/Clayton area truly care about the quality of students we are preparing for college and the workforce." said, Mr. Keith Shane, Senior AgriScience Teacher & FFA Advisor at Smyrna High School.

Since the program began in 2010, the Grow Communities program has collaborated with farmers to support nonprofit organizations important to them in their local communities. The program has given more than \$29 million to farming communities since its inception, including more than \$3 million in 2018. Each year, farmers enter for a chance to direct a \$2,500 donation to a nonprofit they care about in their community. The organizations reflect the makeup and character of rural America, including emergency response organizations, schools, youth agriculture programs, food banks and many others.

"Farmers play a pivotal role in rural communities, and through their commitment to the Grow Communities program, we are able to provide the monetary support these nonprofit organizations need to make an impact," said Al Mitchell, Monsanto Fund president. "We're proud to play a part in helping these rural communities grow and thrive."

The America's Farmers campaign highlights the importance of modern U.S. Agriculture through communications and community outreach programs that collaborate with farmers to impact rural America. To learn more, visit America's Farmers at www.AmericasFarmers.com.

SMYRNA FFA SHINES AT STATE CONVENTION

The Smyrna High School FFA had a fine showing at the State FFA Spring Awards Program held at Caesar Rodney High School on Monday, March 26, 2018.

The chapter had ten students receive the State FFA Degree, which is the third level of membership recognition an FFA member can receive. Recipients included Jessica Bright, Jake Brown, George Class-Peters, Jr., Taylor Davis, Guy Doron, Marissa McClenton, Karla Pagan, Aubrey Slack, Justin Stafford, and Ryan Wheatley. From this distinguished group, Ryan Wheatley was named the State Star Farmer and George Class-Peters, Jr. was named the State Star in Agricultural Research, with both individuals earning a \$300 cash prize and a trip to Springfield, MA in September to compete at the Eastern States Exposition.

The Smyrna FFA had seven students earn \$250 State Proficiency Awards and the opportunity to have their applications judged for future competition in the fall. Proficiency award winners included:

Cassidy Cook- Agricultural Sales; George Class-Peters, Jr.- Agriscience Research; Ryan Wheatley- Dairy Production; Dylan Wilson- Diversified Crop Production; Tyler Meixell- Diversified Horticulture; Erica Malloy- Specialty Animal Production; and Josh Meixell-Turf Grass Management.

Smyrna High School is also proud to have two seniors that were elected to State FFA Officer in the form of George Class-Peters, Jr. as State Treasurer and Trey Thompson as State Reporter.

Competition Results were as follows:

- First Place Chapter Code of Conduct Team -Qualify For National Convention in Indianapolis, IN in October: Aaliyah Street, Brynn Rifino, Kaylee Davis, Megan Keller, Zane Kerr, Gordon Fletcher, and Nick Shane.
- Second Place Parliamentary Procedure Team- Abby Conway, Skylar Campanicki, Taylor Davis, Delaney Tome, Macie Littleton, and Heather Fletcher.
- Third Place Employment Skills- Kaylee Dulin
- Fourth Place Employment Skills- Marissa McClenton
- Fifth Place Creed Speaking- D'Mario Cooper
- Fifth Place Agricultural Sales Team- Cassidy Niederland, Kendra Mounts, Tanner Wynne, and Chelsea Wix.
- Fifth Place Agricultural Communications Team- Raelyn Wiley, Leeah Christine, and Tessa Smith.
- Sixth Place Floriculture Team- Kathryn Emerson, Jasmine Pennington, Paola Pagan, and Aubrey Slack.
- Eighth Place Dairy Products Team- Ryan Wheatley, Erica Malloy, and Erin Smallwood.
- Ninth Place Extemporaneous Speaking- Keri Knorr.

Smyrna School District is going mobile and participating in the Summer Food Service Program.

The Summer Feeding Program will start on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 and run until Thursday, August 16, 2018. The service days will be Monday through Thursday. Site locations are Smyrna Elementary School, North Smyrna Elementary School, Smyrna Gardens Apartments and Commerce Square Apartments. Children 18 years and under will be provided meals at no cost and are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.



Site Location/Times:

Smyrna Elementary and North Smyrna Elementary- 12-12:30pm
Smyrna Gardens- 12:45-1:15pm
Commerce Square- 12-12:30pm

Additional information will be made available on our District Website prior to June 12, 2018.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights

1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; fax: (202) 690-7442; or email: program.intake@usda.gov. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

third. Additionally, Cathryn Shahan's painting will be judged at the state level to determine if it will go on to the national level.

The advanced art students were fortunate and grateful to be invited for a meet and greet at the Biggs Museum with the artist Michael Izrael Galmer. Mr. Galmer is a renowned silversmith whose artwork is part of permanent collections in galleries such as Renwick Gallery, Smithsonian American Art Museum and Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Museum. His resume includes work for Tiffany's, Cartier as well as the creator of the scale model of the Preakness Trophy awarded to the winner of the second race of the Triple Crown, the Preakness Stakes. Art students Kayla Kuberski, Christian Dimeo and Ariel Immel were accepted to continue their artistic exploration at the Delaware College of Art and Design.



Annual Public Notice of Nondiscrimination

TITLE VII, TITLE IX, and Section 504 Compliance Notification

(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 2018-2019 school year:

Smyrna High School Agriscience

Courses are offered as part of four pathway strands:

Animal Science: Animal Science I, II, III, & IV

Natural Resources: natural Resources and Environmental Science I, II, & AP

Plant Science: Plant Science I, II, & III

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

Structural Systems: Structures I, II, & III

Business

Courses are offered as part of two pathway strands:

Accounting: Accounting II, III, & IV

Digital Business Communications: DBC II, III, & IV

Administrative Services: Admin Services II, III, & 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 and Community Services: Family and Community Services I, II, & III

Jobs for Delaware Graduates

JDG is designed to help students reach academic and career goals. The four goals are: Leadership Development, Citizenship or Community Service, Social Awareness, and Career Preparation.

Courses offered are: JDG II, III, IV

Admission to these programs is open to all students enrolled in Smyrna High School.

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

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

School Admissions-Programs

Stacy Cook
Principal

Smyrna High School
500 Duck Creek Parkway
Smyrna, DE 19977
302-653-8581

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.

NOTICE:

Delaware Department of Education Tobacco Regulation 877

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

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.

» 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
Director of Special Services
Office: 302 653-3135
Fax: 302 653-2766
E-Mail: rachael.rudinoff@smyrna.k12.de.us

Smyrna FFA Hosts the Bunny Hop for Hunger 3.0

On Thursday, March 29, 2018, five Smyrna School District Schools took part in the Smyrna FFA's Bunny Hop for Hunger 3.0. This event cumulated months of planning and resulted in the raising of over 5,000 canned good items that were donated to the Smyrna-Clayton Food Pantry. Each building also hosted a physical activity to help raise awareness of the issue of hunger in our community. Smyrna FFA Hunger Ambassadors assisted in these events and worked with our younger students in the district to help them understand that hunger affects everyone. Clayton Elementary held a hopping event in which students competed in hopscotch, basketball, and jump rope. JBM Intermediate School held activity stations in which all of their fifth and sixth graders rotated through and Smyrna FFA members assisted in the stations. North Elementary held a walking event to help raise awareness of hunger as did Smyrna High School and Smyrna Middle School. Almost 4,000 of our district students were able to partake in the event that will hopefully make them more aware of hunger issues and ultimately helped to stock our community's food pantry for months to come. According to Smyrna FFA Treasurer, George Class-Peters, "The Bunny Hop is something that Smyrna FFA is extremely proud of. To be able to plan this event and pull it off successfully for the 3rd year is a testament to the hard work of many individuals at all of the schools. Our district has once again stepped up to the challenge and shown that our community is one of the best in the state! We hope that all of our schools are able to partake in next year's Bunny Hop for Hunger 4.0."



SHS Students Honored at Regional Scholastic Art Awards



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

Dear Parent:
As a parent of a student in the Smyrna School District you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct your child. Federal law allows you to ask for certain information about your child's classroom teachers, and requires us to give you the information in a timely manner if you ask for it. Specifically, you have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers:

DISTRICT DIRECTORY

CLAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	653-8587
Mrs. Katherine Wood, Principal Mr. Michael Daws, Associate Principal Nurse	
	653-3147
NORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	653-8589
Mrs. Kelly Holt, Principal Mrs. Stephanie Smeltzer, Associate Principal Nurse	
	653-3145
SMYRNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	653-8588
Mr. David H. Morrison, Principal Mr. Mikell Reed, Associate Principal Nurse	
	659-6286
SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY	653-2808
Mr. John Camponelli, Principal Mr. Patrick Grant, Associate Principal Nurse	
	653-2760
CLAYTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL	653-4512
Mr. David Paltrineri, Principal Mrs. Heather Moyer, Associate Principal Nurse	
	659-6401
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, Associate Principal Mr. Kent Robinson, Associate Principal Guidance	
	653-8308
	653-8823
SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL	653-8581
Mrs. Stacy Cook, Principal Mr. Leon Clarke, Associate Principal Mr. Marc Deisem, Associate Principal Mrs. LaTonya Pierce, Associate Principal Mr. Clarence Davis, Associate Principal & Dean of Discipline Nurse	
	653-3137
CENTRAL OFFICES	653-8585
Mr. Patrik Williams, Superintendent Mrs. Deborah D. Judy, Assistant Superintendent Mrs. June Wicks, Director of Curriculum Mr. Jerry Gallagher, Director of Finance Mrs. Angela Socorso, Supervisor Human Resources	
CHILD NUTRITION OFFICE	653-3134
Mr. Roger Holt, Supervisor	
MAINTENANCE OFFICE	653-3132
Mr. Scott Holmes, Facilities & HVAC	
SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICE	653-3135
Dr. Rachael Rudinoff, Director	
TRANSPORTATION OFFICE	653-3142
Ms. Sharon Almondo, Supervisor	
TECHNOLOGY OFFICE	653-2754
Mr. Jody Sweeney, Supervisor	

NOTICE

Each year, Smyrna School District applies for funding, under IDEA-B P/T (6-12) and IDEA-B 619 P/T (Preschool), to provide special education services to those students identified as disabled. The District creates a plan that includes how to address the needs of students with disabilities who have been parentally placed in private schools.

On Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 1pm, you are invited to review and comment on services to be provided to eligible private school children with disabilities. The meeting will be held at the Thomas D. Clayton Building, 80 Monrovia Ave., Smyrna. Please contact the Special Services Director at 302-653-3135 for further questions.

NOTICE OF RIGHTS UNDER THE PROTECTION OF PUPIL RIGHTS AMENDMENT (PPRA)

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment affords parents, students who are 18 or older, 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, invasive 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 infor-

mation 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

SMYRNA SCHOOL DISTRICT'S 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 with-

out 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.

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

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 older, 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

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: 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 multicultural, 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

NON-DISCRIMINATION 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.

TITLE 14 EDUCATION DELAWARE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE**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)

SMYRNA FFA CHAPTER HOSTS 42nd ANNUAL BANQUET

The Smyrna FFA Chapter held its 42nd Annual Parent & Member Banquet on Thursday, April 26, 2018 at Smyrna High School. The event was attended by over 217 members and guests to see members and supporters recognized for their hard work and dedication over the past school year.

Chapter members receiving their Chapter FFA Degree, which is the second level of membership for students involved at the high school level included Jessica Bergold, Jarrett Billings, Skylar Campanicki, Leah Christine, Abby Conway, Ashley Daniels, Jayden Dixon, Kaylee Dulin, Andrew Dunn, Claire Fletcher, Heather Fletcher, Michael Foraker, Jordan Morrison, Hunter Stewart, Logan Strauss, Delaney Tome, Asa Walker, and Raelyn Wiley.

Eleven Smyrna High School Seniors received a \$25 Chapter Proficiency Award for their efforts in maintaining a work-based project through recordkeeping. These members included: Jenna Anderson- Ag Sales & Service; Jessica Bright- Equine Management; Taylor Brittingham- Beef Production; Jake Brown- Landscape Management; Rebecca Calderon- Agricultural Structures; George Class-Peters, Jr.- Agricultural Research; Alex Gibason- Outdoor Recreation; Keri Knorr- Ag Sales & Service; Erica Malloy- Agricultural Research; Erin Smallwood- Poultry Production; and Ryan Wheatley- Diversified Agricultural Production.

The chapter officers also recognized staff members for their support through Teacher Appreciation Awards. SHS Staff members recognized included: Lindsey Alexitch, Marc Deisem, Haley Moyer, Katherine Ramirez, Stacy Shirey, and Mario Tiberi. The chapter also presented the Blue & Gold Award to Mrs. LaTonya Pierce, who serves as Assistant Principal and Career & Technology Education Supervisor at Smyrna High School. Special recognition also went to Mrs. Kathryn O'Connell, who received her Honorary Chapter FFA Degree for her support of the Agricultural Education program at Smyrna High School. Mrs. O'Connell was a former FFA member at Smyrna High School as well.

Jarrett Billings received a \$50 Award for designing the Chapter T-Shirt, entitled: "Smyrna FFA- Sun Up To Sun Down." Chapter MVP members all received Jarrett's shirt design and the design was featured on award program covers during the school year.

The chapter recognized many students through its Academic Awards presentation. Students receiving this award maintained an 85% average or better in their AgriScience coursework at Smyrna High School. Recognition went to:

Ag Mechanics I - Sam Allen, Ali Baqi, Justin Barber, Andrew DeBenedictis-Bayne, Sammy Brittingham, Gavin Brobst, Nathan Carter, Robert Coburn, Travis Coleman, D'Mario Cooper, Joseph Cordel, Joshua Cunningham, Gianni Justice, Kimon Haldas, Kelley Moore, Lanaiya Mullen, Aiden Pepeta, Spencer Rosello, Nahshon Sylvester, Trevor Shelly, and Tessa Smith.

Ag Mechanics II- Layne Bell, Demetrius Buckner, Robert Carey, Sierra DeBenedictis-Bayne, Trevor Dickson, Andrew Dunn, Michael Foraker, Logan Jones, Archie Roberts, Logan Strauss, Delaney Tome, and Gabe West.

Ag Mechanics III- Robert Blair, Jaymeir Garnett, Michael Hodgeman, and Colby Todd.

Ag Mechanics IV- Jake Brown, Guy Doron, Jamie Fields, Tristan Friel, William Knight, Roman Kolakowski, and Michael McKeown.

Ag Structures I- Reed Barrick, Alexander Bernard, Ryan Blair, Ryan Cole, Abby Conway, Andrew Dunn, Gordon Fletcher, Kimon Haldas, Dalton Leager, Cole Matthews, Nathan McGown, Gavin Porter, Logan Strauss, Brandon Thomas, and Owen Zolper.

Ag Structures II- Dylan Andruzzi, Emily Birney, Justin Boyles, Trevor Burleigh, Skylar Campanicki, Chris Marr, Steven Matarese, Olivia Miller, Cullen Porter, Raegan Sebastianelli, and Leann Standridge.

Ag Structures III- Kyle Bassi, Taylor Davis, Alex Gibason, Ron Jackson, and Josh Johnson.

Animal Science I- Wesley Carson, Lindsey Elder, Sean Johnson, Megan Keller, Lily McIntosh, Mikenzie Mitchell, Samantha Muza, Easley Pierson, Sarah Reed, Brynn Rifino, Nicholas Shane, and Brandon Thomas.

Animal Science II- Jessica Bergold, Leah Christine, Abby Conway, Claire Fletcher, Autumn Legar, Macie Littleton, Rahsaan Matthews, Delaney Tome, and Raelyn Wiley.

Animal Science III- Parker Boots, Jessica Bright, Robbie Carey, Te'Lia Clark, Charlie Dunn, Bray Fedele, Josh Johnson, Kendra Mounts, Cassidy Neiderland, Hillary Prado, Wade Solloway, Leann Standridge, Chelsea Wix, and Tanner Wynne.

Animal Science IV- Justina Bottomley, Cassidy Cook, Johanna Lindell, Erica Malloy, Erin Smallwood, and Ryan Wheatley.

Environmental Science I- Cameron Bullock, Chloe Castro, Destini Cheek, Sara Coverdale, Alexis Doron, Gordon Fletcher, Aniyah Gill-Black, Symphony Henriquez, Nhu Ho, Josh Johnson, Owen Keener, Dalton Leager, Chris Myers, Sean Nzams, Robert Oldham, Paola Pagan, Haley Stewart, Aaliyah Street, and Logan Unterreiner.

Environmental Science II- Jessica Bright, Gavin Brobst, Haimere Murray, Scott Shogan, and Faith Young.

AP Environmental Science- Jessica Bright, Wesley Carson, George Class-Peters, Jr., Cassidy Cook, Keri Knorr, Erica Malloy, Marissa McClenton, Erin Smallwood, and Ryan Wheatley.

Plant Science I- Dominic Castro, D'Mario Cooper, Payton Dixon, Morgan Donahue, Josh Johnson, Zane Kerr, Dalton Leager, Johnathan Love, Paola Pagan, Jasmine Pennington, Aimmee Rink, Nicole Seagraves, Hailey Selhorst, and Aaliyah Street.

Plant Science II- Luke Abbott, Justin Barber, Jessica Bergold, Dylan Chi, Ashley Daniels, Steven Matarese, Jackson Reynolds, and Billy Shomper.

Plant Science III- Cassidy Neiderland and Jake Serafino.

Plant Science IV- JaiRae Hammond and Karla Pagan.

Sixteen members made the decision to become a chapter officer candidate and they included Skylar Campanicki, Leah Christine, Abby Conway, D'Mario Cooper, Ashley Daniels, Kaylee Davis, Kaylee Dulin, Zane Kerr, Jordan Morrison, Brynn Rifino, Nick Shane, Aubrey Slack, Tessa Smith, Aaliyah Street, Delaney Tome, and Raelyn Wiley.

Special Star Awards went to D'Mario Cooper (Star Greenhand) for outstanding accomplishments as a first year FFA member and Skylar Campanicki (Star Chapter Farmer) for outstanding leadership and academics as a second year member.

Chapter President Ryan Wheatley received the DeKalb Outstanding Agricultural Student Award along with two scholarships, one from the Daniel Reynolds Memorial and a \$1,000 National FFA Organization Scholarship through the Dale Wolf Endowment.

Other senior students receiving \$250 chapter scholarships included George Class-Peters, Jr., Kathryn Emerson, Erica Malloy, and Trey Thompson. Trey Thompson, who also serves as the Delaware FFA State Reporter also received special recognition as Outstanding Senior.

The chapter would like to thank all parents, members, guests and supporters for attending the evening's celebration.

SMYRNA SCHOOL DISTRICT IS GOING MOBILE AND PARTICIPATING IN THE SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM.

The Summer Feeding Program will start on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 and run until Thursday, August 16, 2018. The service days will be Monday through Thursday. Site locations are Smyrna Elementary School, North Smyrna Elementary School, Smyrna Gardens Apartments and Commerce Square Apartments.

Children 18 years and under will be provided meals at no cost and are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.

Site Location/Times:

Smyrna Elementary and North Smyrna Elementary- 12:00-12:30pm

Smyrna Gardens- 12:45-1:15pm

Commerce Square- 12-12:30pm

Additional information will be made available on our District Website prior to June 12, 2018.



Smyrna Eagles Boys Basketball Camp set for June 25-June 28

Smyrna High School will be hosting a basketball camp for boys entering grades third through eighth on June 25-28 (Monday-Thursday) from 9:00am-3:00pm. The camp will consist of daily skill development, game strategy and tactics, as well as team basketball principles.

The camp will be coached by the 2018 State Finalist team and a coaching staff with a five player to one coach ratio. Our campers will be exposed to four days of basketball fun. For the camp brochure and more information email Andrew.mears@smyrna.k12.de.us.



2018 Chapter FFA Degrees, Second year FFA Membership Awards for SHS Students

