



Kent County Community School

and Delaware Autism Program
Capital School District in Dover, DE



KCCS/DAP NEWSLETTER

December 2018



DATES TO REMEMBER

Tue., Dec. 4th – SODE Elementary Level Basketball Skills - Smyrna High School - 10:00 a.m.

Fri., Dec. 7th – DSP and Santa Visit - KCCS Main Site - 9:40 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Fri., Dec. 7th – Half Day Early Dismissal

Tue., Dec. 11th - SODE Middle School Level Basketball Skills - Sussex Tech High School - 10:00 a.m.

Fri., Dec. 14th – SODE High School Level Basketball Skills - Caesar Rodney High School - 10:00 a.m.

Wed., Dec. 19th – American Legion Riders and Motorcycle Santa - KCCS Main Site - 10:00 a.m.

Mon., Dec. 24th thru Tue., Jan. 1st - Schools and Office closed for the Christmas break.

Wed., Jan. 2nd 2019 – Schools reopen.



Message From Principal Mark Wishing All a Blessed Holiday

Wow, the fall flew by and we are now deep into the holiday season and I think that we would all agree that time flies when we are busy doing what we love to do! As we have bid farewell to valued team members and welcomed many new ones the one constant is our love for what we do for our kiddos and each other. As we prepare for the holiday break and the hustle and bustle of finding that one perfect gift (which I still cannot find....Ugh!) I would like to offer this sentiment. My gift is the gift of being your Principal. I feel honored and amazed, for as I walk into our classrooms I see all the wonderful things YOU all do and "TOGETHER" we help our students achieve and feel loved and respected! We are a team and we are a family and my holiday blessing for you is to spend time with your loved ones enjoying all of the little things that make our lives special and enduring. May you find peace, love and relaxation this season.



CHEERS!

Jim



SENSORY INTEGRATION TRAINING

These staff are involved in the Sensory Integration Training provided by Danielle Gallagher, Kathy Falasco, and Mary Kay Olson. The staff are completing an obstacle course, half of them with their senses impaired. The purpose is to give staff the opportunity to experience how many of our student with sensory processing issues perceive their environment on a daily basis. With that in mind, staff will learn ways in which they can support those students to be successful in an educational environment.



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Isaiah has a great big smile for the photographer after helping Mr. Gary, Chief Custodian put up our inflatable Ginger Bread Man and the Nutcracker. They are standing watch at the entrance to greet our special guest who will be visiting KCCS. Santa and Mrs. Clause will be visiting along with the Delaware State Police, Miss Delaware and a host of Story Book Characters. The students will have the opportunity to get their picture taken with Santa.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!



THE GIVING TREE

It's that time of the year again and our KCCS Giving Tree will be placed in the main lobby. This is our holiday tradition and a way to collect warm items to be distributed to those students who are in need of them. Last year we collected hats, gloves/mittens, scarves, socks and coats. Just bring in donations and hang them on the tree. Just before the holiday break staff will pick items off the tree to be distributed to students in need. We appreciate all donations!! The Giving Tree is a book based on a story about Unconditional Love. The book is available to be read to the classrooms through December.



DECEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH

JEREMY AGUERO-RIVERA - Ms. Dee Dixon - Pre-K at Main Site

Ms. Ericka and I have chosen Jeremy Aguero-Rivera as our student of the month for December. Jeremy seems to really enjoy classmates and interests with them on a regular basis. He enjoys swimming, gym class, music class, recess, and circle time. He also enjoys playing in our classroom kitchen, working on the Smart Board and playing with playdough. Jeremy has made a lot of progress in a variety of areas. He is beginning to communicate verbally more often when he wants or needs something. He is remaining on task for longer periods of time. He stays with an activity until it is complete. When he gets angry he will take himself to our break area instead of throwing a temper tantrum in the middle of the floor. We are enjoying working with Jeremy and having him as part of our class.



LAITH GORDON - Ms. Joyce Morton-Elzie - Pre-K at Main Site

Laith is Mrs. Morton-Elzie's student of the month. Laith joined our program in August 2018. This was his first experience at "big boy" school and it was hard at first but Laith has many admirers who helped with his transition. Laith enjoys his schedule of daily activities especially his specials. During morning meeting he can usually tell us what special we have each day of the week. Miss Patti seems to be his favorite because he usually remembers her class on Monday and Thursday. He joins Miss Chelsey's class for circle time on Tuesdays and Fridays and enjoys spending time with his friends. Laith has learned to enjoy the pool and is doing quite well swimming in his floatie without staff assistance. His parents helped him get started and comfortable in the pool. Now he looks forward to going to the pool on Wednesdays and announces it as he arrives in the morning. Laith works very hard for his teachers from DVI. He is learning Braille, to use the braille writer and starting to type his letters. He also works with his Orientation and Mobility Instructor who is helping Laith learn how to navigate in the hallways and learn about his environment. Laith has discovered the school bus and field trips and he is a big fan. He often asks when we are going on a field trip and when are we going to the bus. His favorite field trip was to Wicked R Ranch where he got to ride a horse, ride the train with his Grandmother and spend a beautiful day outside. Laith has done well since joining our school and will continue to grow and learn.



MACIE VICTORY - Ms. Chelsey Cabbage - Pre-K at Main Site

We are pleased to announce that Macie Victory is our Student of the Month! Macie is always a helpful and understanding friend in the classroom. At school, Macie enjoys learning new things, being a helper to teachers and peers, playing with dolls, swimming, coloring and more. A few of Macie's accomplishments....Identifying all uppercase letter and almost all lower case letters. Excellent fine motor skills! Macie is identifying double digit numbers and is great at counting. Macie is always caring and compassionate towards her peers. We love having Macie in class.



ELI VOLCY - Ms. Leloux - 1st grade at Main Site

Eli is making tremendous progress in the area of communication. He now uses a communication device to make requests. He will also comment using descriptors and say hello and goodbye! Eli is also becoming more independent in the classroom; he will transition between activities with minimal prompts and can work independently for up to 10 minutes! Eli is a very bright student is making great progress in reading and math. He is currently testing out of Level 3 of the Early Literacy Skills Builder curriculum and will start Level 4 shortly. At the beginning of the school year, Eli was on Level 1! He can also receptively identify 40 sight words. In Math, Eli is able to count out manipulatives for a given number from 1-5 without using a ten-frame and can count out manipulatives from 6-10 with a ten-frame.



Capital School District Teacher of the Year Nominations

Capital School District is beginning its process for selection of the 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year and is looking for nominations. Parents, students, staff members, and community members can nominate a teacher. Nominations are encouraged of teachers who are active in our district and community, who inspire students and other teachers, who model outstanding teaching techniques, and who demonstrate a love for education.

Beginning December 18, 2018, nominations will be accepted by following the link on the district website or typing this link in your browser: <https://www.capital.k12.de.us/2019toyvote>. Parents and guardians may also use computers available at our schools and the district office for nominations.

Nominations will be received from December 18, 2018 through January 15, 2019.



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