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# Smyrna Messenger



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

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## From the Superintendent's Desk...

Message from Mr. Patrik D. Williams

Smyrna Messenger Article, January 2019

Happy New Year 2019 to the Smyrna School District Community on behalf of our instructional team and the Smyrna School Board of Education. A special congratulations, as well, to our Smyrna High School Unified Flag Football Team who was crowned the state champion on Saturday, December 1, by defeating Newark Charter, 26-12, on Tubby Raymond Field at the University of Delaware stadium. #EagleUp!

During the 2018/19 school year, our Community Core Value of the Year is Responsibility, defined over 20 years ago by a community committee as follows: Being reliable and following through on commitments. This includes being responsible for your actions as a family member, teacher, student, and citizen. You can demonstrate your responsibility through service to others and self-control.

During "I Love Smyrna School District Day" on Saturday, February 23, 2019, we will once again close our celebration with our annual Values Essay Contest Award Ceremony, where we will also honor this year's role model of responsibility, Mrs. Trisha Moses, Regional Vice President of Operations, Boys and Girls Clubs of Delaware. Mrs. Moses is a wonderful friend of public education in Delaware and has long been an active participant in our community. She has cultivated a rich partnership with the Smyrna School District, working hard to provide educational opportunities, community awareness and character development for our many families.

I also want to share some exciting news for our school and our community. During the week of March 11 through March 14, rising music singer, Jesse Ruben from New York City, will be returning to the Smyrna School District. Last year, Jesse Ruben spent a day at Sunnyside Elementary School, singing his original songs and introducing our students to the "We Can Project". As part of the "We Can Project", Jesse shares his personal story of perseverance and responsibility through his original song, "We Can", and he teaches our students to find ways to share his message. He teaches every student to find his/her "I Can" and then asks everyone to join together to pick a "We Can" project. Students learn to discover their own talents, their own gifts and their own interests. Most important, they learn that they matter and that they can make a difference in their own lives, the lives of others, their community, and, ultimately, their world. More information about the "We Can Project" can be found at: <https://www.wecanwecanwecan.com/> and the video of his song is available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=59Aj9E5ICn0>

This year, Jesse will visit each of our schools throughout the week, and he will present a concert on March 14, with all proceeds to benefit the Smyrna-Clayton Boys and Girls Club. Showtime is 7:00PM in the Smyrna High School auditorium, so please save the date and come out for a wonderfully positive celebration of our students' "We Can Project" 2019!

We look forward to seeing all of you on February 23, at "I Love Smyrna School District Day," where we will celebrate our dedicated students, our wonderful administration and staff, our supportive community, and Mrs. Trisha Moses, our 2019 role model of responsibility.

Stay warm this winter and remember to always eat your breakfast.



## Trish Moses Honored as Smyrna School District Role Model of Responsibility

Trisha Moses has been with Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware for 15 years, serving in a number of diverse roles including; AmeriCorps Volunteer, Education Director, Unit Director, Regional Operation Team Leader and currently as Vice President of Operations-Regional. Throughout her tenure, Trisha has helped the Boys & Girls Clubs during some of its most challenging times, contributing significantly to its growth and positive impact on youth across Delaware.

Trisha holds a Bachelor of Science in Special Education, K-8, and is pursuing her Masters in Finance and Organizational Leadership. She is a Certified Early Childhood Administrator with a specialty in School Age and has attained an Early Childhood Administrator Credential through the Delaware Department of Education. A University of Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood certified trainer, Trisha specializes in relationship-based adult learning and instructing, as well as coaching and mentoring. She has over 22 years of experience working with children, 15 of those years as an administrator.

In addition to her role as Vice President of Operations, Trisha serves as the lead on several organization-wide endeavors; the AmeriCorps Governor/Mayor Initiative, Beau Biden Foundation Stewards of Children Program, and President of The Professional Association for Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware. She serves as a member of the Delaware Association for the Education of Young Children (DAEYC) Public Policy Committee, Office of Early Learning Workforce Committee, United Way Campaign for Grade Level Reading Steering Committee, and the Delaware After School Network Leadership Council.

In October 2017, Trisha was named Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Professional Association, Professional of the Year - Northeast Region. Professional of the Year Award is presented to a National member of The Professional Association (TPA) who holds the title, duties and responsibilities of Assistant Executive Director/CEO, Director of Operations, Unit Director, Resource Development staff, Office Manager, Executive Assistant, Administrative Assistant or any Programmatic related full time staff member. The recipient will have made significant contributions to the work of his/her profession while in their current position. In 2007, Trisha was awarded the Joseph H. Dulin Staff of the Year Award. The Board of Directors established this annual award when Mr. Dulin retired after 30 years of service with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware. Each year this award is presented to the staff member who best exemplifies the numerous positive attributes of Mr. Dulin. The attributes which the award is based on include; Dedication to the job, as exemplified by performance above and beyond what is normally expected; A concern for the well-being of children; Support for the mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware; Concern for the welfare of the staff; Positive role model; Leadership; and Innovation. Additional organizational honors bestowed upon Trisha include the Joseph H. Dulin Commitment to Helping Others Award and Most Dedicated Employee Award, both received in 2006.

Trisha resides with her husband and family in Delaware; she is a devoted wife and mother to seven children and grandmother to one grandson. She loves reading, cooking, and being a soccer and cheer team mom.



### The First Grade Starts Accelerated Reading



The first grade classes at Clayton Elementary are working hard and are excited about some new adventures they have experienced lately! All of the classes have started Accelerated Reading at this point. The students are reading their AR books and taking quizzes frequently in order to reach their marking period goals! We have also had the chance to work on community projects in Reading, where several classes created Shoebox Communities.

Our annual Polar Express day is coming soon! The students are always so excited to spend the day working on activities and crafts that go along with the story. We finish the day by watching the movie and enjoying a yummy hot chocolate treat. We will then explore Holidays round the World, where each teacher will focus on one country and a holiday tradition they celebrate. The students will hear stories and create crafts for each country. We will also have a Grinch Day, full of GRINCHY activities and costumes! The first grade classes are also very excited about their annual holiday concert right before Winter Break!

When we return from the break, we will continue to learn about Geography in Social Studies. We have been exploring maps and globes, covering the concepts of positional words and cardinal directions, map features, reading and creating maps, and learning about our place in the world.

### CES Third Graders participate in Healthy Kids Day at Killens

On Wednesday, October 17, our third graders traveled to Killen's Pond State Park in Felton, Delaware. It was our first year participating in their Healthy Kids Day program, and aren't we glad we joined the fun! The program was offered to help spread the word about healthy living and to get kids excited about being outdoors through games, activities, and tips for a healthy lifestyle. The aim of the program was to encourage students to return to the park, practice outdoor recreation, live a healthy lifestyle, and build a sense of ownership that they will carry forward. Our students learned about archery and got to shoot a bow and arrow. There were also representatives from a local martial arts school teaching the students about self-defense. Overall, we had a gorgeous day at the beautiful park. Thank you to Mrs. Shanklin for organizing this special event!!!!



### Clayton Elementary Kindergarten Starts Learning

Clayton Elementary Kindergarten has been busy since the beginning of the school year. The children quickly adjusted to their new school by making friends and learning the rules. They have also been on two field trips. The first trip was to Filasky's Farm in October to pick pumpkins and learn about the crops they grow. In November, they went to see Charlotte's Web at the Playhouse on Rodney Square. The Kindergarten students recently learned about holidays and traditions of other countries. The children moved from room to room and made crafts. These activities are part of the social studies curriculum and taught an appreciation of customs celebrated around the world. They were able to verbalize how certain traditions in our own culture came to be. Not only was it an educational activity, but fun was had by all.



### National Literacy Month Celebrated



National Literacy Month is celebrated across the country each year to help display the importance of family literacy programs. On November 14, 2018, students invited their families in to celebrate at Clayton Elementary. Our students along with their guardians and younger siblings spent the morning with Mrs. Smith and several high school students from the National Honor Society and the Future Teachers of America who volunteered their time to celebrate National Literacy Month. The families enjoyed diving into a variety of books, munching on a delicious

snack, decorating a bookmark, receiving a free book and learning how to obtain a library card. This was a huge success and we would like to send a special thank you to our families for coming out to support this school event.

### Clayton Physical Education

We have been having lots of fun in physical education the first half of the year! The third and fourth grade students started out the year with a Frisbee unit. We practiced throwing and catching, offense, and defense. We even played some Frisbee Golf and Ultimate Frisbee. Then the students completed the state mandated Fitnessgram testing which tests the different components of fitness. Each child received an individual report of how well he/she scored in each area of fitness. We will repeat the test in the spring to see if the scores improve. The first and second grade students learned their locomotor skills at the beginning of the year and then moved on to activities that helped make their heart and muscles stronger. We worked on finding our pulse and our resting and working heart rates. Kindergarten has primarily been focused on learning how to move safely in general space and chasing, fleeing, and dodging. Before the holidays, all the students worked on Speedstacking. Speedstacking is a great sport that helps students develop hand-eye coordination, ambidexterity, and hand speed. In January, we will be starting the New Year with bowling and jump rope units.

In October, the students got a visit from the state police helicopter. It was awesome! I have also been busy working with our fourth grade Safety Patrol, Recycling Club, and our Anti-Ash Brigade. Each of these groups meet monthly to discuss their respective areas. The students have been a wonderful help and have been very responsible doing their assigned jobs!

In November, we had an awesome turnout for our third and fourth grade Dodgeball Tournament. The kids had a blast and the money we raised will be used for the third grade to go on a STEM field trip in March to the Dover Skating Rink. We can't wait! Be on the lookout for information about our annual Jump Rope for Heart event in February!



### CLAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mrs. Katherine Wood, *Principal*  
Mr. Michael Daws, *Assoc. Principal*

### Cindy Davis is CES Educational Support Professional of the Year

Clayton Elementary would like to congratulate Cindy Davis for being selected as our Education Support Professional of the Year for the second year in a row!!

Cindy is a wonderful classroom paraprofessional who continually goes above and beyond her daily responsibilities. In school, Cindy helps out in any way that she can. This could include running copies for anyone who needs help, assisting with decorating the classroom, buying prizes for the prize box, supplying items for class parties and other events, providing extra practice time to students, and by daily bestowing encouraging words on each student, teacher or adult that she meets. Outside of the school day, Cindy frequently attends Smyrna School District functions. Her participation includes sporting events like football games, and FFA events, where she assist by helping with produce selling, traveling to competitions and participating in parades. Outside of school, Cindy is involved in and holds officer positions in a bowling league and a train club. As well, she is a wonderful baker who frequently is asked to provide cupcakes and cakes for weddings, graduations, and other celebrations. No matter how busy Cindy is, she always finds time to help others. Cindy is off the charts, amazing!



### Second graders have the theatre bug!

In addition to starring in their own musical, "A Teddy Bear Christmas", second graders were able to attend a professional play. Students traveled to Dover Central Middle to watch the play "Jigsaw Jones and the Case of the Class Clown" put on by School Day Theater. It was based on one of the books from the "Jigsaw Jones" series by Athena Lorenzo. It was a wonderful experience for students to not only prepare them for their own production, but to see literature come to life!

### Fourth Grade Happenings



In Reading class, fourth grade is busy interacting with holiday children's literature activities such as The Polar Express, Hershel the Goblins, The

Gingerbread Baby, etc. In addition, students read Rescuing Our Reefs and traveled to various coral reefs on "virtual SCUBA diving trips."

The new Delaware Recommended Social Studies Curriculum involves many activities. One lesson involves researching the history of log cabins. In order to make the lesson more "hands-on," students created team "pretzel log cabins" and even engineered a log cabin using Lincoln Logs!

In Science, students are beginning a Magnetism and Electricity unit. During the unit, students will complete the "Using the Force Science Project" which will be displayed at "I Love Smyrna School District Day." We are also staying busy with staffing changes. Welcome to the new fourth Grade staff! In alphabetical order are:

Mrs. Conboy-"I have worked in the Smyrna School District for three years. I am graduating with my Masters in Elementary Education in January. I live in Milford with my husband Kyle and dog Sadie. I am also a dance teacher at a studio in Milford and have a degree in dance."

Mrs. Sierra-"My name is Alicia Sierra and I'm thrilled to be the newest part of the Level B team at Clayton Elementary. In my free time I enjoy spending time with my family, painting, and promoting community literacy through my Little Free Library."



**NSE students and families conquer "The Amazing LEARNING Race"**



"The world is waiting for you. Good luck. Travel fast. Go!" On Thursday, November 8, 2018 students and families from pre-school through fourth grade raced around the halls from classroom to classroom at North Smyrna Elementary School! Students and families were tasked with solving quick, fun, but meaningful math and reading problems in each room. Once solved, families were given a new clue for the next location. While racing, families even had to complete a 'Roadblock Challenge' which included jumping jacks, a scooter race, and singing a silly nursery rhyme! Not to mention, the race also included a STEM challenge. From making electricity to flying airplanes, there was an exciting, problem-solving task for every age! Once finished, students raced back for their end time, enjoyed a snack and left with a new book, a stack of playing cards, and app ideas to continue the fun at home! Title 1 Family Night surely was "AMAZING!"

**National Literacy Month**



National Literacy Month is celebrated across the country each year to help showcase the importance of family literacy programs. North Smyrna Elementary School did just that this year! As part of this national campaign, students invited their families in to celebrate Family Literacy Month. Parents, grandparents, and younger siblings came to school to read with their elementary aged students. It was a party in celebration of reading! The students and parents enjoyed reading with each other, coloring bookmarks to take home, learning about the local library, and going home with a book.

High school students from the National Honor Society and the Future Teachers of America came to the classes to volunteer and help with the celebration as well. November is a great time to celebrate reading, but hopefully these students will continue to read all year long with their families!

**Read for the Record**



On Thursday, October 25, 2018, Smyrna High School fall athletes participated in Read for the Record. This is a global campaign which generates public support for high-quality early learning. This is the world's largest shared reading experience! Students from North Smyrna Elementary School, as well as millions of students worldwide, enjoyed reading this year's book Maybe Something Beautiful by F. Isabel Canby and Theresa Howell.



**PBS Minute to Win It Game Show**

Students participated in a PBS Minute to Win It game show on Friday October 19, as part of their school spirit week. The show focused on expected behaviors in a variety of school settings.



**NORTH SMYRNA  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**Mrs. Stephanie Smeltzer, Principal  
Dr. Amber Augustus, Assoc. Principal  
Mr. Erik Wilson, Assoc. Principal**

**NSE Recognized as a School of Continued Excellence by Delaware DOE**



On December 10, Secretary of Education Susan Bunting named North Smyrna Elementary School as a School of Continued Excellence. At the ceremony, which took place at Clayton Intermediate School, NSE and 15 schools from across the state were recognized for students' academic achievement. In order to be eligible for this award, the school's students had to demonstrate exceptional performance on state assessments or make remarkable progress in closing the achievement gaps between student groups, including those from low-income families, minority groups, and students with disabilities. NSE was named a School of Continued Excellence because it earned Recognition School honors in 2017 and had an outstanding performance again this year. It was the only school recognized this year with that achievement.

**Star Level 5 Status for Early Childhood**

Smyrna School District's Early Childhood Program has renewed their Star Level 5 quality rating! Delaware Stars for Early Success is Delaware's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) administered by the Delaware Department of Education. Participation in Stars is encouraged, but optional for child care providers (home and center-based), and Early Childhood Programs within schools. Programs are rated on a variety of aspects, including furniture, play materials, interactions between adults and children, program procedures, etc. A Star Level 5 is the highest obtainable level. The Early Childhood staff at Smyrna School District have remained diligent in following Stars procedures and expectations, since receiving their initial Star 5 rating in June 2015.

**SES Chorus takes a "Holiday Road Trip"**

The SES Chorus had a ball taking their winter concert audience on a "Holiday Road Trip," December 6, just three days after performing at the Delaware Blue Coats game. In "Holiday Road Trip," their driver, Uncle Nick takes the students on a magical school bus, The SES Holiday Express, around our country to see how the holidays are celebrated. The students sing the blues and dance the Zydeco in Louisiana; dance to the conga in the streets of Miami; kick up their heels with the Texas line dance; perform on Broadway in New York City Rockettes-style; and surf in California. Students share in the fun and discover that peace, joy and love are included in the holiday traditions of everyone. They also are reminded that it does not really matter where you alight, the best place to be at Christmas is with the people you care about the most.

**December has been a fun time for the music program!**

All students have been learning patriotic songs about our country. Each grade level was introduced to a patriotic song during the veteran's day week and will conclude singing the songs at the in-school winter concert. Ask your student to sing a song about America for you! (America - My Country 'Tis of Thee, The Star-Spangled Banner, This Land Is Your Land)

Kindergarteners have been studying "timbre" or the special sound that voices and instruments make. First graders have been working on songs for their opening concert act next week. Their songs consist of singing "World-Wide Hello" - hello in different languages, playing xylophones, metallophones & glockenspiels; singing and dancing the Mexican Hat Dance; and singing our Responsibility Song of the Year, "We Can." Second, third and fourth graders have been exploring holiday traditions around the country through songs, dances and cultures.

**Art - A joyful, playful, and creative time to end 2018!**

This month in our colorful classroom we are celebrating the joys of finishing up our past art projects and learning how important texture and contrast are in works of art! For detailed lesson descriptions and information, please refer to my homepage website which will have further explanations later this month.

K - Create texture with paint and texture tools; identify various textures and recreate

1 - Identify a focal point and incorporate literature

2 - Punching tin with nail and block and incorporate theme of the past

3 - Use different colors, lines, shapes, and sizes to show contrast

4 - Create implied texture with various techniques; Use different colors and sizes to show contrast

\* Some of our previous lessons that we started with color also include these new concepts which are reinforced with in depth questioning, and additional resources and activities.

Two classes- (Mrs. Van Name's third and Mrs. Graham's fourth grade non-chorus students) had enough time to participate in The Smyrna/Clayton Sun Times yearly Holiday School Art program. The artwork is used in their Christmas and New Year's Greeting Advertisement. A few works were selected from SES that will be published in the December 19 edition. I can't wait to pick up a copy and see their creations! Congrats to all who participated and did such thoughtful and amazing work! I am so proud of our students!!

**New Technology Teacher. Welcome Ms. Lewis**

Hello everyone, please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Staci Lewis and I will be the Technology teacher for the rest of the year. I have been teaching since 2005, spending eight years as a first grade teacher at North Smyrna Elementary, one year as a fifth-sixth grade teacher at Clayton Intermediate, and then the last five years as the Technology teacher there. I am so excited to work with the students and hope they enjoy their time with me!

In technology this month we participated in Hour of Code, a global movement including 180+ countries and over 218,000 registered events. We spent our time on [hourofcode.com](http://hourofcode.com) where students could choose their own activities and see how computer programs understand what we want them to do. The kids seemed to really enjoy the activities and I'm sure they would love to show you at home if you're interested. Students in second, third, and fourth grades are learning how to sign into their individual Chrome accounts so that we can begin to use Google Docs and Google Slides. We'll learn about word processing and presentation apps along with some other skills. Students in kindergarten and first grade continue to practice mouse control and typing practice.

**SMYRNA  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Mr. David Morrison, *Principal*  
Mr. Mikell Reed, *Assoc. Principal*

**Smyrna Elementary "Starts with Hello"**

The students of Smyrna Elementary began a new program this year called "Start With Hello". Start With Hello is a program that teaches our students, grades K-4, the skills they need to reach out to and include those who may be dealing with

social isolation and create a culture of inclusion and connectedness within their home, classroom, school, and community. Here at Smyrna Elementary it is important for us to make sure that all students feel included. It is our goal to continue to teach our students throughout the year the importance of including everyone.

Each month, each grade level participates in an assembly in which all students practice good community. Students work together in circles to learn more about one another. "Empower," has been one of our monthly focuses. The students discussed words they could say to "empower" themselves and others. We end each assembly singing Jesse Ruben's "We Can" song. The students of Smyrna Elementary have done a great job starting each day with hello and believing that "We Can" do a lot together and even as an individual!

**Students Learn  
Coding Skills**

Library classes completed their units on the Caldecott Award, story elements, genres of fiction, and cyberbullying at the beginning of the month. Leading up to winter break, we enjoyed a STEM week utilizing our KEVA planks. Students designed and built amazing structures with the planks and showed great teamwork! We are finishing up December with our annual Hour of Code event. Students are joining students and teachers in over 180 countries around the world to learn about computer coding.

**Kindergartners, First  
Graders, and Second  
Graders Learn Skills  
While Having Fun**

The K-2 students are building their skills and knowledge awareness regarding safety in the gym. They have been improving on their throwing and catching skills, and bounce passes with partners. We have done a modified version of "4 Square", using bounce passes. In addition, the students have been working on their dribbling skills. We played a fun game called "The Abominable Snowman" to teach dribbling techniques and have some fun with their dribbling skills.

**PE Teaches Fitness**

The students are working hard in the gym learning new movement and stretching activities. Dynamic Stretching has been introduced into their warm-ups. You should ask to see their Lunge Walk, Trunk Twist, Frankenstein Walk, High Knee Run, or Butt Kick Run.

**SES Sings National  
Anthem for Delaware  
Blue Coats Game**

On December 3, the SES third and fourth grade chorus traveled to the University of Delaware's Bob Carpenter Center to sing the national anthem for the Delaware Blue Coats Education Day. Smyrna had the pleasure of performing with Clayton and Sunnyside Elementary Schools for their second year as a combined chorus of over 300 voices. This was SES's fourth year performing at the Bob Carpenter Center for the Delaware Blue Coats (formerly Delaware 87ers). In addition to performing, the students had the opportunity to visit vendors, such as Artisan Bank, Brandywine Zoo and Junior Achievement, to name a few. Petting a baby alligator was a definite highlight of the trip!

**Third and Fourth  
Graders Improve Hand  
Skills**

The third and fourth grade students are really improving in their throwing, catching, and striking skills. They have been working with partners, small groups, and large groups. They have been learning how to play "4 Square" and have been really successful with this game. Basic basketball skills have been introduced recently. The students have been and will continue to work on dribbling, passing and shooting skills. We have played "The Abominable Snowman" and have held "Winterfest Shooting Contests" in the classes. The students are learning new skills and having a lot of fun!!

**Department of Education honors Sunnyside Elementary**

Secretary of Education, Susan Bunting, visited Sunnyside Elementary to recognize our school as one of the top academic performing schools in the state of Delaware. She presented our school with the "Exceeds Expectations" banner for that recognition. In addition, the Department of Education released the results for the Delaware School Success Framework (DSSF) and SSES was one of 16 schools honored as a "recognition school" for increasing overall achievement and closing the achievement gap among various student groups. The "Recognition School" Event was held on December 10 at Clayton Intermediate School.



**SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**Mr. Pat Grant** *Principal*  
**Mrs. Irene Buscemi**, *Assoc. Principal*

**Sunnyside Elementary Education Support Professional of the Year:**

**Mrs. Christa Rowlands**

Congratulations to Mrs. Rowlands, our Sunnyside Elementary School Education Support Professional of the Year Award Winner!



Mrs. Rowlands has worked for the Smyrna School District for the past twelve years, ten years full time and two years part time. A Smyrna native, she and her husband, Scott have been married for 24 years and have five kids and three dogs. She also has five grandchildren: Paisley, Payton, Carly, Aubrey, and Scotty. Mrs. Rowlands has worked in a variety of roles in the twelve years she has worked in the Smyrna School District. She has worked as a one-on-one paraprofessional and in the multi aged classroom. Mrs. Rowlands has worked in seven of the eight schools in the district and loves working with the staff and students at Sunnyside. Congratulations, Mrs. Rowlands!

**National Literacy Month at Sunnyside!**



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High school students from the National Honor Society and the Future Teachers of America came to the classes to volunteer and help with the celebration as well. November is a great time to celebrate reading, but hopefully these students will continue to read all year long with their families!

**First Graders visit Fifer Orchards**



First Graders at Sunnyside Elementary visited Fifer Orchards. There they took a wagon ride to learn about different types of apples grown on the orchard. Students also rode a zipline, walked through a corn maze, and participated in a variety of farmyard games. At the end of the day, everyone got an apple and a pumpkin. It was a fun Fifers fall field trip!



**Fourth Graders go to Financial School**

The fourth graders at Sunnyside Elementary were busy preparing for their hands-on, work-filled field trip to Junior Achievement Biztown during the beginning of the school year. This is the fifth year that students from Sunnyside have been taught the economics unit that prepares them to have a job at Biztown. Students learn about financial literacy (check writing, paychecks, deposit tickets, and balancing a check register), work readiness, filling out a bank and job application and participating in mock interviews prior to the field trip. Once their job applications were complete, they were assigned a 'career' that best fit their skills and personality in order to be as successful as possible. Students really enjoyed putting their knowledge to work on their big day and even more so when they got their two paychecks where they could actually use the Biztown bucks to buy an item of their choice! We hope this trip will continue to have an impact on them in the future when they are preparing themselves for an actual job in the workforce!

**Sunnyside WE CAN Program**

The Smyrna School District practices and conveys the importance of responsibility, compassion, perseverance, integrity and respect. The Jesse Ruben "We Can" program is an exemplary model of character education and fits perfectly with our Positive Behavior Support program. During the week of March 11-14, singer/song writer Jesse Ruben will visit each of our schools and perform an uplifting inspirational concert and speak with the students. On March 14, our school district will provide the community with an opportunity to attend a Jesse Ruben Smyrna/Clayton Boys and Girls Club charity concert at Smyrna High School. To prepare for his school visits we have integrated "We Can" themed lessons and activities into our classrooms. Through Jesse Ruben's inspiring message, our students will learn to persevere and never give up. Jesse Ruben's uplifting songs help teach students that they are all gifted and can make the world a better place. The belief that all our students have the ability to succeed. Students share their "I Can" statements which is something unique that maybe only they can do, such as a career goal. While their "We Can" statement is something that everyone could do to make the world a better place like helping someone in need. We look forward to bringing this project into our schools. The "We Can" message expands on our school districts vision and core values which we instill in our students each and every day. For more information about the "We Can" project visit <http://www.wecanwecan.com/>



**Sunnyside Sings!**

On Monday, December 11, a group of 109 students walked onto the high school stage, took their places, and sang their hearts out for their family and friends. The Sunnyside Elementary Choir, made up of third and fourth grade students, was thrilled to perform a selection of winter and holiday songs at their winter concert. The pieces ranged from songs about sharing goodwill during this time of year to despising ugly sweaters. The students took to the stage with confidence, charisma and a joy that wowed the audience and put everyone who attended in the holiday spirit!

The choir also had the unique experience of singing the National Anthem alongside Clayton Elementary and Smyrna Elementary at a Delaware Blue Coats basketball game earlier this month. Sporting the Smyrna colors, the students did a breathtaking job of honoring our country before enjoying the game, the educational stations provided by the Blue Coats, and of course the concession stands!

Not only did the Sunnyside third and fourth grade choir take the stage at the high school but the entire second grade decided to get in on the fun as well! The second graders performed a custom musical review "Celebrate with Joy!" and they most definitely brought joy to the audience. Their show included six pieces of music that highlighted winter holidays celebrated around the world and the importance of celebrating every culture even if it is not your own. Complete with strong singing and loads of "choralography" the second graders dazzled even the youngest members of their audience.

**Sunnyside Pie in the Face Fundraiser**

Is there anything better than pie? YES! It's letting our students pie their teachers in the face!

This year, Sunnyside PTO created an easy way to earn money for our school while having a fun time doing it! Our PIE IN THE FACE Fundraiser allowed families and friends to donate directly to our school while having a fun time doing it! Our PIE IN THE FACE Fundraiser allowed families and friends to donate directly to our school while having a fun time doing it! All students who earned \$75 or more were entered in to our Pie Eating Contest for their chance to win a variety of gift cards. Our top 20 students who earned the most money for Sunnyside chose their favorite teacher or staff member to PIE IN THE FACE! It was such a fun day watching all students cheer on their classmates and see their teachers (and Mr. Grant) covered in whipped cream!

Our amazing students and families raised over \$19,000 in eight short weeks! CONGRATULATIONS SUNNYSIDE! We are so proud of you!

The PTO is now in the works of building an outdoor learning area for our students!

**Sunnyside Writes Code**

All of our Sunnyside Superstars participated in The Hour of Code event, during Computer Science Week (Dec. 3-7). Sunnyside was among the 35 million students that wrote about 22,392,864,518 lines of code. Students embraced the challenge head on with no hesitation. Our kindergarten and first graders explored code writing with a program called Kodable. This program is specifically designed for pre-readers. Students in second, third, and fourth grade wrote lines of code through online tutorials at code.org. Some of their favorites included a Dance Party and Minecraft.



**Veteran's Day Celebration**

Sunnyside Elementary School celebrated and honored all who have served our country with a Veterans Day Ceremony. We asked family members and local members of our community to visit our school and participate in this celebration. The students of Sunnyside Elementary School demonstrated their deep gratitude to the Veterans through heartfelt singing, reverence, respect, and the delivery of personal statements about our country. This experience deeply impacted the hearts of our students and showed them a real life experience of exemplifying our community core values. We are proud to honor the heroes of our country.

**Fifth and Sixth Grade Boys  
Get Healthy**

100 Miles & Running is an after school club for the fifth and sixth grade boys. The program centers on building character, relationships and growth. The program stimulates students' social, physical, and intellectual abilities through participation in activities. In addition, the students get to experience their first after school club as well as hanging out with their friends. The program also has a focus on reducing negative behavior and promoting positive behavior. The fifth grade students report on Mondays as sixth grade students report on Wednesdays. These students stay after school for an hour and meet at additional times during school hours for brief meetings.



**JOHN BASSETT MOORE  
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**

**Mr. Steven Gott, Principal**  
**Mrs. Cynthia McNatt, Assoc. Principal**

**Girls On The Run at JBM**



The JBM Girls on the Run team had an amazing Fall Season! Our team was full of positive, dedicated leaders who displayed what it means to be a Girl on the Run. We learned about positive self-talk, confidence, friendships, conflict resolution, healthy living, empathy, and more to help our girls develop into positive, strong young ladies. This season we were busy! We walked in the Homecoming Parade, participated in an inspiring district-wide Girls on the Run practice 5K at CIS and hosted a paint night with the CLP students at Smyrna High School. Our paint night provided all students with a unique social experience and an opportunity to interact with others in a new way. Our team worked with the CLP students to create beautiful artwork that they could take home and share with their families. Our team also sold "Be the Change" bracelets during lunches to help raise funds for the CLP program. We still have some bracelets on sale for \$1! On Saturday, November 17, our team joined the other Kent and Sussex County Girls on the Run teams at Dover Downs to participate in our culminating 5K. It was a beautiful day for a run and all of our girls pushed themselves to do their personal best. We are so proud of our girls this season for their dedication, perseverance and personal growth. Thank you to our coaches, parents, and staff for your continued support and a wonderful season!

**Thanks for another Great FALL FEST!**



There was a GREAT turnout for the Fall Fest as always! Everyone had a SCARY good time. The Haunted Hallway, hayride and many family friendly activities were a hit with everyone. Can't wait until next year! Thank you so much for your support !!!

**JBM Eaglet Eatery**



Students from Mrs. Demnicki and Mr. Christiano's class have opened the Eaglet Eatery again this year. The students pass out order forms and make grocery lists. On Friday's the class assembles breakfast sandwiches, bagels, coffee, tea and hot chocolate for the teachers. The class is responsible to deliver the orders to the correct teacher as well as collecting payment and making change! We love the support from the JBM staff!

**Fire Prevention Essays winners.....**

**Great job all!**

Our JBM students were recognized on December 9, 2018, at the Delaware State Fireman's Association luncheon in Bowers Beach for their annual fireman's fire prevention essay and poster contest at the county level. Pictured from left to right are Angalena Carter and Steven "EJ" Pierce.



**Mrs. Pitts joins JBM**



Hello! My name is Maia Pitts and I am so excited to be at JBM. I am a Delaware native and currently live in Townsend with my husband, three children (all Smyrna Eagles) and lots of pets. This is my second year teaching art after a twelve year career in construction and interior design. I attended Del Tech and Wilmington University for Interior Design and Visual Arts and am currently working towards a Master's degree in Elementary Education. Outside of school I'm usually working on a myriad of renovation projects but I also love to do anything outdoors with my family. I look forward to a fun and rewarding 2019 with JBM!

**National Computer Science Education Week!**



December 3-9 is declared National Computer Science Education Week. Students in Ms. Davis and Mrs. Knotts' classes joined in by participating in the annual Hour of Code™ campaign. An initiative to introduce millions of students to one hour of computer science and computer programming. "We are always encouraging our students to explore new subjects with an open mind," says Davis. Code.org provides the leading curriculum for K-12 computer science in the United States. Computer science helps to nurture problem-solving skills, logic and creativity. Students will begin to build the foundation for success in any 21st century career pathway with coding. "We are hoping more classes will try out this amazing opportunity in the future," exclaims Knotts.

**DOE honors CIS**



The Delaware Secretary of Education, Susan Bunting, visited CIS to present the "Exceeds Expectations" celebratory banner. CIS was recognized as one of the top academic performing schools in the state of Delaware. In addition, DOE released results for the DSSF (Delaware School Success Framework) and CIS was one of 16 schools honored as a "recognition school" for increasing overall achievement and closing the achievement gap among various student groups. The "Recognition School" Event was held on December 10 at Clayton Intermediate School.

**We Can Start With Hello**

"Start With Hello" is a prevention program that teaches children how to be more socially inclusive and connected to each other.



The program is part of the Sandy Hook Promise, which is a national nonprofit organization based in Newtown, Connecticut. "We Can" is a district initiative that inspires children to make a difference in their lives, their community, and in the world. CIS has implemented both programs this year in conjunction with our

PBS committee. We create opportunities and activities for our students to include others and give back to the community. Some of the activities our students have participated in already are: creating a bulletin board where each student posts an idea on how to include others; participating in a Start With Hello Play in the classroom; participating in a discussion and worksheet activity where students discuss how they can count on each other; making a difference to patients at the Delaware Home for the Chronically Ill by collecting gifts for the holiday; helping feed the homeless by having a school wide can food drive; helping the homeless by donating to Code Purple of Kent County.

**Clayton Intermediate School National Geographic GeoBee Champion**

On December 7, 2018, Clayton Intermediate School held its Geographic GeoBee Final Round. The top ten students had to answer questions about the United States and the World. They faced many difficult questions until a winner was decided. The champion from our school will advance to the next level of competition, a qualifying test to determine state competitors. The top test scorers in the state will be eligible to compete in the Delaware GeoBee.

Clayton Intermediate School's Top Ten Geographic Geniuses are Saige Boateng, Leah Correll, Dylan Demoe, Lincoln DeNigris, Zachary Holthaus, Alyssa Perrego, Edric Poquita, Ricky Shimp, Kendall Smith, and Patrick Watts.

Congratulations to our top three students First Place, Lincoln DeNigris (Center), Second Place, Kendall Smith (Left), and Third Place, Patrick Watts (Right). Thank you Smyrna School District Social Studies Instruction Specialist Mrs. Melissa Buchanan for being our GeoBee Moderator



In Picture: Left to Right: Mrs. Heather Moyer - CIS Associate Principal, Kendall Smith - 2nd Place, Lincoln DeNigris - 1st Place, Patrick Watts - 3rd Place, and Mrs. Melissa Buchanan - Smyrna School District Social Studies Instruction Specialist.

**Clayton Intermediate School Students Recycling Right**

The Clayton Intermediate School Recycling Club returns for its third year of service, with many new members aboard. The club meets after school each month to enjoy fun, recycling-related activities, under the guidance of Mr. Degli Obizzi. This year our students have hit the ground running, with a mission of ensuring that Clayton Intermediate School recycles right!

As part of their leadership at CIS, the Recycling Club members are responsible for maintaining their homeroom recycling bins, assessing the CIS waste stream and providing informative "Recycling Minute" fact segments on the morning announcements. Additionally, the club members oversee the recycling process at lunchtime, ensuring that the right items are being recycled. A common problem with recycling programs occurs when recycling bins are contaminated with food waste, plastic bags, Styrofoam and other non-recyclable items. This year, we are redoubling our efforts to recycle right at CIS.

Thanks to our dedicated student team, Clayton Intermediate School continues to represent a model of success for the district-wide recycling effort. Since the recycling program was honored with the 2017 Superstars in Education award, most other schools in the district have been inspired to form recycling programs of their own.

Kids across the district are joining the effort to recycle in school and at home. Don't forget that now is a great time to recycle used books, toys, and clothing by donating it to the needy in our community via Goodwill or Salvation Army. We encourage you to stay tuned for more updates about the CIS Recycling Club and the Smyrna School District's ongoing War on Waste. Let's join our students in making a commitment to Recycle Right in 2019!



**CLAYTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**

**Mr. David Paltrineri, Principal**  
**Mrs. Heather Moyer, Assoc. Principal**

**Yvette Burgos is CIS Education Support Person of the Year**

CIS is extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated and compassionate secretary greeting our staff, parents, and students every day.



Yvette has been the registration secretary at CIS since August of 2015. The aspect of her job that she likes most at CIS is having the privilege of announcing the arrival of brand new students to the CIS Eagle Flock. Mrs. Burgos says, "There is something special about the prospect of a fresh start / new beginning for a student and their family."

While away from the big blue desk at CIS she resides with her husband of 20 years, (Ret) Chief Burgos. They are blessed with two wonderful sons. Tony is a Dean's List sophomore at the University of Delaware. Carlos is a spirited freshman at Caesar Rodney High School. The fifth member of the Burgos Bunch is Legend, their nine year old boxer dog. Golf, travel, football, soccer and family gatherings are all amongst those activities that they enjoy throughout the year.

**Our PBS Program is off to an amazing start this year!**



We have been working hard to establish expectations and encourage our students to be positive influences on each other. This has been done in several ways. Our Kick-Off Assembly took place in

September and we invited coaches, players, and the drumline from the high school to come over and share with our students why it is important to have strong core values to be successful. We also participated in Start with Hello week where students took part in activities that showed them how we can include others and make everyone feel connected. Our culminating activity was taking a picture outside of the entire student body and staff that allowed us to get the message out about our goal this year. We Can.. Start with Hello! Throughout the year we will be creating and continuing opportunities for our students to include others by giving back and interacting with our community. It is our hope that students will not only make CIS a welcoming place for all who attend, but also by continuing to make our Smyrna School District community a wonderful place to live.

We will continue to teach our students lessons throughout the year through our new PBS Student Committee. Each class has a representative that meets as a group to come up with ideas for our school to be the best it can be. This group is doing an amazing job sharing ideas with their class and coming up with ideas for socials and rewards for our school. They also run our new school store where students can use PBS tickets they earn for good behavior to buy items they may need or want for class. Also, our PBS students have started teaching lessons to their classes and each class has come up with a "We Can" statement as a goal for this year. Between teaching our PBS students leadership skills, having all of our students continue learning about acceptance and creating goals, opening a school store, students earning weekly and monthly prizes, socials, and our upcoming Basketball Tournament on February 21, our PBS program is creating a positive environment for students as well as staff. Our PBS vision is.. We can create a safe and caring learning environment that promotes positive behavior supports which are proactive, school wide, data driven, and systemic in order to improve social and academic competence for all students.

**CIS Drama Presents "Big Bad"**

The CIS Drama performed a comedy about the Big Bad Wolf entitled "Big Bad". The wolf was on trial for all of his wrong doings. Evil



Stepmother was his defense lawyer while Fairy Godmother was the prosecutor. The judge was the Wise Old Man. There were many witnesses testifying against the wolf. Each told their story of what the wolf had done to them. In the end, the audience decided if the wolf was guilty or not. The students worked really hard and had a terrific show. We are proud of each and every one of them.

Next up for the drama club is the spring musical "Alice in Wonderland, Jr." Rehearsals will start after winter break. The show will be performed April 11 and 12 at 7:00pm. at CIS. They will perform a number at I Love Smyrna School District Day in February and be sure to mark your calendar for the April show.

The CIS Dance Team met each week to practice and then performed for the school in October. Their next performance was right before Winter Break. In January, there will be tryouts for the spring team. The dancers will then perform in February and April. The Dance Team will also perform at I Love Smyrna School District Day in February.

**CLAYTON ELEMENTARY MUSIC NEWS**

**VETERANS DAY**

On November 9, our third graders celebrated Veterans Day with hero Veterans, many VIP's, family, and friends. The event began with breakfast for the Veterans hosted by our school cafeteria. The Smyrna Air Force Jr. ROTC presented flags for The Pledge of Allegiance and The National Anthem. Students layed roses on a table in memory of the fallen. Several children from each class read heartfelt thank you letters to the Veterans. Our entire third grade sang songs for each branch of the US Military along with Lee Greenwood's God Bless the USA and American Tears. Marine Veteran, Thomas Daws, (father of our Associate Principal, Michael Daws) sang a moving thank you to the children for all their hard work in the Native American Lakota language. The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 14 Post presented every third grader with an American Flag. On November 1, our third grade chorus took our Veterans Day program on the road to the DE Veterans Home in Milford. Students sang their songs, presented thank you cards, and visited with the Veterans who live there. Art Teacher, Monica DeHart helped students make thank you cards in art class. Counselor, Faith Drobinski arranged the trip. Our students are proud to be American and love honoring Veterans.

**A TEDDY BEAR CHRISTMAS!**

On December 13, our entire second grade presented the musical, A Teddy Bear Christmas, by Teresa Jennings! Our show is about a bear family wanting to be together at Christmas time, and along the way they learn the importance of giving. The musical included several BIG dances (Ribbons, Hip Hop, Jingle Bells) along with xylophone playing and drumming. Main characters Grandma Bear, Grandpa Bear, Mother Bear, Father Bear, Baby Bear, Bella Bear, Bobby Bear, Becky Bear, Billy Bear, Bonnie Bear, Benjamin Bear, and Santa were played by: Sophia Calhoun, Logan Huntoon, Paisley Massey, Luke Balcerak, Kaydence Bartsch, Kerianna Berney, Waylon Bedford, Layla Vilone, Eric Warner, Dawsen DeMoe, Finn Bullock, and Patrick Blisard respectively. Trees: Jafar Taliaferro and Elias Baylis sang beautiful solos in Don't Forget to be Thankful. Every child in second grade sang in the chorus and realistic evergreen forest scenery was created by talented Art Teacher, Monica DeHart. Our amazing second grade team: Donna Boyko, Kate Kleinot, Crystal Reynolds, Brooke Williams, and Meghan Woodin helped our students prepare to shine brightly!

**DE BLUECOATS GAME**

On December 3, our third and fourth grade chorus' traveled to the Bob Carpenter Center in Newark to sing The National Anthem at a DE Bluecoats (formerly DE 87er's) "Education Day" themed game. It was a Smyrna School District event, as the Sunnyside Chorus and Smyrna Elementary Chorus also attended and sang alongside us. It was an exciting moment when our 143 member chorus got to stand on the basketball court surrounded by professional athletes to sing The Star Spangled Banner at the tip-off. Our wonderful PTO made our trip possible.

**Positive Behavior Support System in the Smyrna School District**

We are pleased to announce that the Smyrna School District has joined with the Delaware Department of Education, the University of Delaware, and Delaware Public Schools in a collaborative project called PBS, Positive Behavior Support. This initiative in Smyrna is designed to build the knowledge and skills of our educators in the concepts and practices of PBS.

PBS is a three-tiered approach to develop positive learning environments and prevent problem behaviors. The first tier, School-wide PBS, uses universal strategies implemented throughout the school to support the positive behavior of all students. The second tier applies additional strategies for students who need more support at this targeted level. For the remaining approximately 5% of students who do not respond to universal and targeted strategies, individualized supports are developed at the third tier.

In each of our schools, problem-solving leadership teams are active, and collectively, have developed a vision statement:

*Our vision is to create safe and caring learning environments that promote positive behavior supports which are proactive, school-wide, data driven, and systemic in order to improve social and academic competence for all students.*

Our leadership teams meet monthly and focus on proactive planning to ensure all students receive preventative support, positive experiences, and reflective opportunities. Teams develop engaging lessons and teaching strategies to demonstrate what expected behaviors look like, sound like, and feel like in all areas of the school. The teachers imprint these behaviors by modeling and providing creative initiatives throughout the school to praise

the students for their positive behavior. We strive to help our children grow academically, socially and emotionally. By setting forth clear social and behavior expectations, as a school community, we create a positive atmosphere for all children to learn and grow.

Research indicates that PBS leads to decreases in problematic behavior, office disciplinary referrals, suspensions and expulsions at school. Additional benefits of school-wide positive behavior intervention and support include an improved school climate, organizational health, teacher self-efficacy and increased time in instruction. Nationally, research is beginning to demonstrate a positive link between PBS and academic success. Many schools, districts and states throughout the country have been implementing PBS with favorable results. Implementing a framework that focuses on teaching, rather than punishing behavior and is responsive to children's needs is imperative in order to create and maintain safe educational climates. The idea is if all children understand what's expected of them, and all staff are on the same page about it, we get the desired end results.

**Clayton Intermediate School**

**Student Council:**

**A Message from Mrs. Crawford**

This has been a busy year for the CIS Student Council with the theme "We Can Make a Difference"! These amazing students have made a difference in our school and community by having a positive attitude and giving hearts. In October our Halloween dance helped students have fun and get to know others by having a free photo booth for those who had a picture taken with someone they didn't know. Pink Day sales resulted in a donation to the Delaware



Breast Cancer Coalition for \$275. We hosted a "Sock out Homelessness" event where students collected socks and monetary donation to benefit code purple of Kent County.

November was a busy month with a canned food drive, giving incentives for students and classes bringing in the most cans. The winning homeroom was rewarded with a pizza party. We collected 1,346 cans to donate to the Food Bank of Delaware. In addition to the canned food drive, student council representatives also brought in donations to provide a Thanksgiving dinner for two families in the Smyrna School District. Thanks for all the support from our representatives who showed true compassion during the holidays.

Students showed great compassion in December by collecting Christmas gifts for residents at the Delaware Home for the Chronically Ill. Many of these residents do not have family to brighten their holidays, and our students and school families do a great job to lift their spirits! Additionally, Student Council has collected over \$1000 for the Ronald McDonald House collection. Thank you to all who have donated! The remainder of December will be celebrated by our Twelve Days of Christmas themed days. This calendar can be found on the CIS website.

**Smyrna High School 2018-2019 Winter Athletic Schedule**

Boys Basketball		Head Coach Andrew Mears		
Date	Time	Teams	H/A	Opponent
11/30/2018	4:00 PM	Fr, JV, Var	H	Cape Henlopen
12/4/2018	4:00 PM	Fr, JV, Var	H	Dover HS
12/7/2018	5:00 PM	JV, Var	A	Sussex Central
12/11/2018	4:00 PM	Fr, JV, Var	H	Sussex Tech
12/14/2018	6:00 PM	JV, Var	A	Caravel Academy
12/18/2018	4:00 PM	Fr, JV, Var	H	Howard HS of Tech
1/4/2019	3:30 PM	Fr, JV, Var	A	St Georges Tech
1/8/2019	4:00 PM	Fr, JV, Var	A	Polytech
1/11/2019	3:30 PM	Fr, JV, Var	A	Cape Henlopen
1/15/2019	4:00 PM	Fr, JV, Var	H	Caesar Rodney
1/18/2019	4:00 PM	Fr, JV, Var	A	Dover HS
1/22/2019	5:45 PM	JV, Var	H	Sussex Central
1/29/2019	4:00 PM	Fr, JV, Var	A	Sussex Tech
2/1/2019	4:00 PM	Fr, JV, Var	H	Salesianum
2/5/2019	4:15 PM	Fr, JV, Var	A	Milford
2/8/2019	3:30 PM	Fr, JV, Var	A	Caesar Rodney
2/12/2019	4:00 PM	Fr, JV, Var	H	Polytech
2/19/2019	4:00 PM	Fr, JV, Var	H	William Penn
Girls Basketball		Head Coach Terrance Brown		
Date	Time	Teams	H/A	Opponent
11/30/2018	5:00 PM	JV, Var	A	Cape Henlopen
12/4/2018	5:45 PM	JV, Var	A	Dover HS
12/7/2018	6:15 PM	Var	H	Sussex Central
12/11/2018	5:00 PM	JV, Var	A	Sussex Tech
12/20/2018	5:00 PM	JV, Var	H	Seaford
1/4/2019	4:00 PM	JV, Var	A	Caesar Rodney
1/8/2019	5:00 PM	JV, Var	H	Polytech HS
1/11/2019	5:00 PM	JV, Var	H	Cape Henlopen
1/15/2019	4:00 AM	JV, Var	A	Appoquinimink HS
1/18/2019	5:00 PM	JV, Var	H	Dover HS
1/22/2019	5:00 PM	Var	A	Sussex Central
1/24/2019	5:00 PM	JV, Var	A	Lake Forest
1/29/2019	5:00 PM	JV, Var	H	Sussex Tech
2/1/2019	3:30 PM	Var	A	Glasgow
2/5/2019	5:00 PM	JV, Var	H	Milford
2/7/2019	5:00 PM	JV, Var	H	Caesar Rodney
2/11/2019	4:00 PM	JV, Var	A	Polytech HS
2/13/2019	5:00 PM	JV, Var	H	St. Georges Tech
2/20/2019	5:00 PM	JV, Var	H	William Penn
Wrestling		Head Coach Aaron Harris		
Date	Time	Teams	H/A	Opponent
11/30/2018	3:30 PM	JV, Var	A	Ray Oliver Invitational
12/1/2018	9:00 AM	JV, Var	A	Ray Oliver Invitational
12/5/2018	6:00 PM	JV, Var	A	St Georges Tech
12/7/2018	4:00 PM	JV, Var	A	Milford Invitational
12/8/2018	9:00 AM	JV, Var	A	Milford Invitational
12/12/2018	6:30 PM	JV, Var	A	Dover HS
12/14/2018	6:00 PM	JV, Var	H	Caravel Academy
12/19/2018	6:00 PM	JV, Var	H	Laurel HS
12/22/2018		Var	A	Beast of the East
12/23/2018		Var	A	Beast of the East
12/28/2018		Var	A	Trojan Wars Tournament
12/29/2018		Var	A	Trojan Wars Tournament
1/3/2019	6:00 PM	JV, Var	H	Sussex Tech
1/4/2019		Var	A	Easton New Year's Brawl
1/5/2019		Var	A	Easton New Year's Brawl
1/9/2019	5:30 PM	JV, Var	A	Cape Henlopen
1/11/2019		Var	A	Virginia Duals
1/12/2019		Var	A	Virginia Duals
1/16/2019	6:30 PM	JV, Var	H	Polytech
1/18/2019	6:30 PM	JV, Var	A	McDonogh School
1/19/2019		JV	H	Smyrna JV Tournament
1/23/2019	5:00 PM	JV, Var	A	Caesar Rodney
1/30/2019	6:30 PM	JV, Var	H	Sussex Central
2/1/2019	6:00 PM	JV, Var	A	Salesianum





**SMS Participates in Wreaths Across America**

Smyrna Middle School BPA students braved the rain and chilly weather to volunteer for the Wreaths Across America event on Saturday, December 15 at the Delaware Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Bear, Delaware. Students arrived at 8:00 AM to help unload two tractor trailers full of boxes of wreaths. Students unboxed the wreaths and placed them near gravesites so families could place them on the graves.

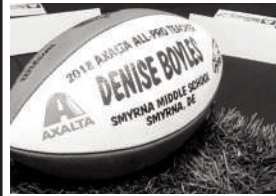




**SMYRNA  
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**Mrs. Kelly Holt** *Principal*  
**Mr. Marc Deisem**, *Assoc. Principal*  
**Mr. Kent Robinson**, *Assoc. Principal*

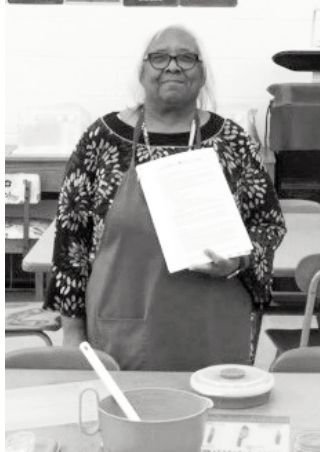
**Recognition for Denise Boyles**



Congratulations to Denise Boyles for being recognized as an Axalta All-Pro Teacher. Axalta and the Philadelphia Eagles recognize ten teachers in the tristate area who exemplify great teaching practices and teach STEM to their children. Mrs. Boyles received \$2000 for her Go Baby Go Program and was invited to attend an Eagles Game. She also got to attend a recognition dinner with Swoop the mascot, Philadelphia Eagles cheerleaders and guest speaker, Eagles Wide Receiver, Jordan Matthews.



**Thank You Mrs. Webber**



A special thank you to Mrs. Joyce Webber. Through her kind works, she has made a donation of ten Pampered Chef kits. These kits have been given to Mrs. Barbra Wright for use in her classroom!

**Special Olympics Goat Competition**



SMS staff went all in to Help raise funds for Special Olympics of Delaware. We put on our very first kiss the goat competition. The staff member that raised the most in sponsorships would be named the GOAT and Mrs. Turcotte was our winning Teacher. The middle school helped to raise the funds to sponsor our Special Olympics team in the basketball skills challenge.



**Smyrna Middle School Seventh grade AgScience**

Recently students competed in the 2018 Delaware Ag in the Classroom Essay Contest sponsored by the Delaware Farm Bureau. The contest is a project of the Delaware Farm Bureau's Promotion and Education Committee, whose mission is to promote and protect Delaware agriculture through education and promotion. This year's 500 word essay topic was "Solving World Hunger" where middle school students across the state had to identify agriculture as a necessary industry to solve world hunger now and in the future. Congratulations to the following 7th grade SMS AgScience students:

- First-place and \$300, Jessica Cunningham
- Second-place and \$200, Reaghan King
- Third-place and \$100, Heather Thwin



Congratulations to Farrah Charles for taking first place in the Lions Club Peace Poster Contest.

**Gentleman of Distinction and Ladies of Distinction**

In cooperation with the high school, Smyrna Middle School took on the groups Ladies and Gentlemen of Distinction. Our groups meet monthly and are taking on the core values of the Smyrna School District. We focus on building character and making positive connections. Recently our gentlemen took a night trip to watch Wilmington University play a basketball game. The young men were greeted by the head men's coach from Wilmington University. The coach discussed commitment to a team and success by preparation. The boys shared a meal out together and enjoyed the group company. Thank you to Wilmington University's head men's coach Daniel Burke for taking time to speak with our guys.



**All-State Chorus Winners!**

Congratulations to eighth graders Carl Rifino and seventh grader Kaitlyn Curtis on making the Delaware All-State Jr. High Chorus! Carl and Kaitlyn spent eight weeks preparing for the audition and we are very proud of their accomplishments! The Delaware All State Jr. Chorus will perform at Mt. Pleasant High School at 4pm on Saturday, February 9, 2019. Congratulations Carl and Kaitlyn!



The SMS officers for Business Professional of America and Technology Student Association enjoyed a day at the Fall Leadership Conference. Students spent the day with other school peers learning important leadership skills.

**Smyrna Wellness Center**



The Smyrna School District has been awarded with a \$10,000.00 American Lung Tobacco Prevention/PANO mini grant. The

mini-grant program is made possible through the Delaware Division of Public Health's Tobacco Prevention Community Contract. The Delaware Health Fund provides funding for the contract. The monies received from the grant will be used to support programs throughout the school year that focus on tobacco prevention, health and nutrition.

The goal of the grant is to target the issues of tobacco use and obesity through health promotion. Health care costs in the United States continue to rise each year due to tobacco use and increased obesity. In 2017, 13.6% of Delaware's youth had used E-Cigarettes. E-Cigarette use is on the rise. It is very easy for youth to conceal and often adults do not even realize their child may be using them. E-Cigarettes cause damage to the developing brain, heart and lungs of children and adolescents. They have been linked to cancers and can contain more nicotine than found in traditional tobacco products. Delaware is ranked 25th in the nation for having the highest obesity rate. Obesity leads to long term chronic health problems such as heart disease and diabetes.

The grant will focus on students in grades fifth and sixth where they are often first exposed or tempted to try tobacco products and on students in the high school where daily use is more prevalent. The school nurses at JBM and CIS and Wellness Center at the High School have teamed up to provide the education and activities throughout the school year. In November, each of the schools hosted Great American Smoke Out events in the cafeteria during lunches. Students participated in interactive activities focusing on tobacco prevention and had the opportunity to be rewarded for their involvement.

The High School kicked off their Heart and Sole walking club in December to give students who do not participate in sports an opportunity to discover healthy ways to exercise without the pressures of competition. Any student who wants to walk after school or explore avenues for exercise such as yoga and dance can contact the wellness center to join. Students who participate on a regular basis will receive a fit bit and will be educated on health and nutrition.

Over the remainder of the school year many more events and activities will occur that will support these initiatives. We hope to instill lifelong healthy habits in our students. No matter what your goal is in life a healthy body and mind will lay the foundation for future successes.

**Smyrna Educators Rising Community Events**

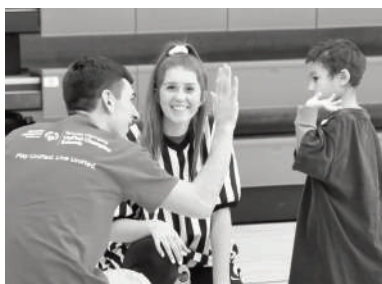


The 2018 portion of this school year is already almost finished, and Educators Rising has already done so many events! For example, we set up a table for

Trunk or Treat, handing out candy to the Smyrna Community. We have also helped with various local elementary functions like Fall Fests, PTO meetings, ESL Literacy events, and Paint Nights. Not to mention, we have seniors placed at a couple of the elementary schools and in the high school in a full-year internship. This way, they learn about what it is like to be a teacher on a daily basis, and get lesson planning and delivery practice. Furthermore, we also volunteered at the Delaware Teacher of the Year Banquet, and helped to facilitate the Ronald McDonald fundraiser here at the high school. More recently, our officer team attended a Fall Leadership conference where we learned more about becoming a team rather than a group. Additionally, we have monthly meetings for our club, where we do appreciation activities, learn various teaching skills in a fun way, and prep for our future events. In the upcoming months, we will be volunteering at the 3rd Annual Meet & Greet with Santa at Town Hall in Smyrna, hosting a teacher vs. staff volleyball tournament, and competing in our Educators Rising Competition. All K-12 and Early Childhood classes have been working on their individual competition projects where they will be judged at the school level, which will ultimately determine if they move onto states and potentially nationals, which is in Texas this year.

**Smyrna Hosts Special Olympics Basketball Skills Challenge**

Smyrna High School hosted the Special Olympics Basketball Skills Challenge on December 4 for



more than 250 athletes and unified partners from elementary schools located in Kent County. The Smyrna High School Air Force Jr ROTC presented the colors while members of the Regiment of Red Marching Band played the National Anthem. Mr. Pat Williams gave the opening remarks with Michael Pierson and Ramsey Horsey from Smyrna Elementary School presenting him with a plaque and reciting the Special Olympics' Pledge. Special

Olympics Delaware's continued success is a result of the thousands of volunteers who unselfishly give their time and talents and whose commitment and effort, much of it behind the scenes, makes this event possible. Over 60 student volunteers from Smyrna High School worked together to make the event run smoothly led by Advisor Whitney Reed. Students at Smyrna High School also participate in the Polar Bear Plunge held the first Sunday in February with the whole Smyrna School District's team called the Plunging Peers. These students truly demonstrate the Smyrna School District's Core Values of Compassion, Responsibility, Respect, Perseverance and Integrity.



**SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL**

Mrs. Stacy Cook, *Principal*  
Mr. John Camponelli, *Assoc. Principal*  
Mr. Leon Clarke, *Assoc. Principal*  
Mr. Clarence Davis, *Assoc. Principal*  
Mrs. LaTonya Pierce, *Assoc. Principal*

**Smyrna's Mr. Jay Davis Attends 10th Annual National Educator Conference**

Smyrna High School's 2018 Teacher of the Year- Mr. Jay Davis attended the Jump\$tart National Educator Conference in Cleveland, Ohio on November 3-5, 2018. The annual event is the nation's premier event for K-12 teachers dedicated to incorporating finance into the Career & Technology Education (CTE) classroom. Jump\$tart brings together the resources, support and expertise needed to engage, inspire and appreciate classroom educators from across the country, who attend the conference on fully funded scholarships. Mr. Davis was one of three teachers to be selected from the state of Delaware to be involved in this year's conference. Mr. Davis has been involved with the Jump\$tart Coalition for the past ten years and was recognized by the organization in its National Teacher Spotlight in 2017 for his contributions to CTE advocacy, agricultural business practices and work with students through their SAE recordkeeping. "The Jump\$tart Coalition provides one of the absolute best opportunities for educators to gain resources for the CTE classroom and network with business partners from throughout the country. I have been very fortunate to be able to work with such a dynamic national educator group that truly cares about the financial implications of our students and the decisions they make now and in the future." Mr. Davis teaches Agricultural Structures & Engineering and as a part of his curriculum, dedicates instruction to college and workplace readiness, recordkeeping, business practices and sales projects through his shop facility.

**Smyrna High School Environmental Science Classes Get Out and About**  
Written by: Angela Kelley



Smyrna High School's Natural Resource and Environmental Science pathway courses have spent the fall learning about the natural world, agriculture and human populations through hands on exploration and by discovering job opportunities in the agriculture field. This pathway focuses on student-centered learning in understanding and managing natural systems. The Environmental Science 2 class began the year by collecting human survivorship data in the historic St. Peter's Cemetery, where they learned how age distribution is influenced by environmental factors and practiced data entry and computer graphing skills with their data. Environmental Science 3 classes gained field experience by surveying water quality in a salt water system and discussing land management at Woodland Beach. This class also visited the Department of Agriculture where they discovered career opportunities in the agriculture sciences in field, office and laboratory specialties. Students in this FFA based pathway focus on conserving, stewarding, and managing natural resources and it provides a fantastic opportunity for students who are drawn to the outdoors to learn more about their world and how we can live in it sustainably.

**Smyrna First Ever Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) Club**

Smyrna High School started our first ever Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) club this year, and the members have been very busy spreading kindness around the school! Their goal is to spread kindness so that it becomes the norm, by reminding everyone to look for the good in people and to praise it, and by showing that any one individual really can make a difference. They have completed many projects, including writing kind messages on index cards and leaving them on random student cars, giving away lollipops with kind messages written on them, and encouraging all SHS students during their lunches to write thank you messages to someone who had done something kind for them recently. The SHS RAK club members also prepared a presentation to the school board to show what they are doing. They are excited for their future projects and are constantly coming up with new ideas to spread kindness.



**The Smyrna High School Music Department presented their winter Concert to a packed house on December 12, 2018.**

The evening began with our Jazz Ensemble presenting three pieces that featured many student soloists. Our Select Ensemble Choir followed with beautifully performed pieces including "Do You Hear What I Hear." Our Symphonic Band continued with crowd favorites such as "Hanukkah, Festival of Lights" and student conductor, Chloe Pyle led "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing." Our Full Choir continued the festive mood with pieces such as "O Holy Night," "Gesu Bambino" and "Four Carols for Christmas" which was a crowd favorite! To finish the concert, the Symphonic Band and Full Choir presented a rousing rendition of the "Hallelujah Chorus." Congratulations to all of our student musicians.



**Smyrna FFA Attends**

**91st National FFA Convention**



Every year, FFA members nationwide converge in one place to celebrate their accomplishments and find inspiration for their next steps. Motivational keynote

speakers, energetic concerts, fulfilling workshops and a sweeping expo floor bustling with agricultural education and industry opportunities has those in attendance snapping pictures and grabbing videos of all the experiences, they will never forget. This year, a record-setting 69,944 members, advisors and guests attended the 91st Annual National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Smyrna FFA travelled by coach bus and was represented by members of the Chapter Code of Conduct and Agricultural Issues LDE teams, AgriScience Fair, Chapter Officers and Advisors and Smyrna High School Associate Principal, Mrs. LaTonya Pierce. Results for the event are as follows:

- Agricultural Issues Team- Bronze Award Topic: "Water The Odds- Water Quality in Delaware." Team Members: Skylar Campanicki, Autumn Legar, Macie Littleton, Tessa Smith and Raelyn Wiley.
- Chapter Code of Conduct LDE Team- Bronze Award: Team Members: Kaylee Davis, Gordon Fletcher, Madison Graham, Zane Kerr, Brynn Rifino, Nick Shane, and Aaliyah Street.
- Agricultural Science Fair- Abby Conway & Heather Fletcher, 6th In The Nation, Plant Systems, Gold Award

**Smyrna FFA News Briefs**

- The Smyrna FFA Chapter would like to thank its members that participated in the Annual Citrus & Nut Sale at Smyrna High School. Congratulations to top sellers: Sammy Brittingham (1st), Jackson Reynolds (2nd) and Nick Shane (3rd). The chapter appreciates the support of the community and longtime customers during this annual event.
- The 3rd Annual FFA Flag Football event was held on November 14, 2018 with over 70 members and guests attending the night under the lights at Charles V. Williams Stadium, with "Team Sun" gaining the victory in the single elimination tournament.
- The first nighttime meeting of the Smyrna FFA Chapter was held on October 29, 2018 and featured a business meeting, followed by a hayride, scarecrow making, pumpkin painting, and a costume contest.
- The Smyrna FFA members that attended the 91st Annual National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana were treated to a special concert by country music legend- Garth Brooks at Lucas Oil Stadium, which is home to the Indianapolis Colts. Brooks was also recognized by the National FFA Organization with an exclusive membership to the National FFA Alumni & Supporters group.
- Congratulations to Smyrna FFA President Brynn Rifino for her award winning chapter t-shirt design, "All Roads Lead To Success." Brynn's design is now featured on the back of this year's chapter t-shirt as worn by our MVP members. Her design will also be featured on chapter promotional materials and for her efforts, Brynn will receive \$50 at the chapter banquet on April 8, 2019.

**Jobs for Delaware Graduates Participates in Buckets of Love**

The Jobs for Delaware Graduates (JDG) classes at the High School participated in the Jefferson Awards service project- Buckets of Love. Buckets of Love is a non-profit organization out of Dover, DE whose goal is simple - fill a bucket and bring a smile to a child's face. JDG collaborated with Smyrna Athletics to solicit donations of new toys, stuffed animals, games, puzzles, art supplies, and snacks at the Smyrna v. Sallies football game. Enough items and funds were collected to fill 30 buckets full of fun activities for local children. The Boys & Girls Club of Smyrna collected the 30 buckets and are eager to put the items to use.



**Smyrna FFA Officers Attend Leadership Camp**



The 2018-19 officer team travelled to Cape Henlopen State Park along with 130 other

FFA high school officers in Delaware to attend the Chapter Officer Leadership Training (COLT) Conference on October 2-3, 2018. The event was designed for newly elected officer teams to learn about leadership and teamwork. It was filled with fun educational experiences and workshops. The experience gave officers an opportunity to meet other chapter leaders and learn about what they do in their chapters that might be the same or different from what is done in Smyrna. The conference also featured Rise Against Hunger, which is an international hunger relief organization that helps prepare and distribute food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable populations. The program allowed officers to help prepare and package over 10,000 protein meals. The Smyrna FFA Chapter was also proud to be represented on the State level by presenters and State FFA Officers: George Class-Peters, Jr. and Trey Thompson. Smyrna FFA Officers that attended included Brynn Rifino, Skylar Campanicki, Aaliyah Street, Raelyn Wiley and Zane Kerr.

**Smyrna FFA Attends Big E**

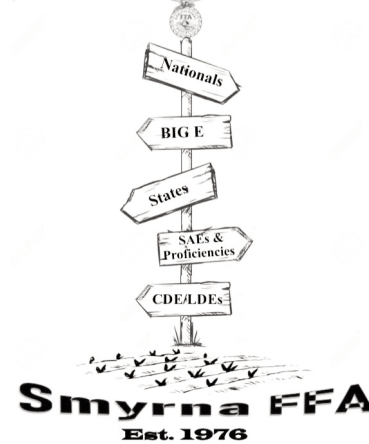
The Smyrna FFA had ten members travel to Springfield, Massachusetts on September 13-16, 2018 to compete at the Eastern States Exposition. The "Big E" billed, as



"New England's Great State Fair" is the largest agricultural event on the Eastern Seaboard and the seventh largest fair in North America. All of the Smyrna FFA members attended this event because they won by placing second in their respective Career Development Event (CDE) this past school year or were recognized by the state as the top in their individual area. The Agricultural Mechanics CDE team placed sixth and consisted of Layne Bell, Aiden Pepeta, Logan Strauss and Gabe West. Kathryn Emerson received a silver placing for her AgriScience Fair research topic entitled, "What are we putting on the table?" A study on the American Diet. Kaylee Dulin represented Smyrna as a part of Team Delaware in the Dairy handling competition. The Delaware team placed fourth in the region. Kaylee certainly represented herself and her family dairy heritage in the show ring. Freshman Lily Griffiths competed in her first big FFA Leadership Development Event outside the State, when she placed seventh in the region for FFA Creed Speaking. As Delaware's top winner, Lily qualified to compete at both the regional and national levels.

Finally, recently Smyrna High School graduates, George Class-Peters, Jr. and Ryan Wheatley represented the State of Delaware as Regional Stars candidates in the areas of Star in Agriscience Research and Star in Agricultural Production. The Eastern States Exposition FFA Stars program recognizes the outstanding work that goes into Supervised Agricultural Experience projects from members throughout the region. Ryan Wheatley was named the 2018 Eastern Region Star Farmer. This was the first time a Smyrna FFA member was named as a regional star in any FFA category. Ryan received his award for improving the genetics of his family's Holstein dairy cattle herd through embryo transfer and for collaborating with local universities and agricultural companies to conduct test plots of different vegetables to increase profitability. Ryan is currently a freshman at Virginia Tech and double majoring in dairy science and agronomy. The Smyrna FFA Chapter and Advisors are proud of everyone that performed well at this annual regional event.

**All Roads Lead To Success**



**Smyrna AFJROTC Hosted Eastern Shore Regional Raider Championship**

Smyrna High School AFJROTC hosted the Eastern Shore Regional Raider Championship at SHS on Saturday, 1 December. Nine teams competed, including Air Force, Army, and Marine JROTC units. University of Delaware AFROTC cadets and U.S. Army personnel provided evaluator support and Cadet Captain Michael Foraker was the Event Coordinator. All of the JROTC Raider teams participated in a Fitness Test (push-ups, sit-ups, and a 1-mile run), a 1-Rope



Bridge Challenge, an Obstacle Course, a Vehicle Pull. Then each team completed a 5K to finish the day. The SHS JROTC Boosters provided meals and snacks for the cadets, instructors, and volunteers. Awards were presented to those teams who placed in individual events (Smyrna AFJROTC cadets earned 4th place in the 1-Rope Bridge event) as well as those schools who placed overall. Overall winners included FSMA MCJROTC (1st), Wicomico AJROTC (2nd) and Dover AFJROTC (3rd).



## 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 2018-19 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, & IV

**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

### Jobs for Delaware Graduates

JDG is designed to help students reach academic and career goals. *Courses offered are:* JDG 9, 10, 11, & 12

### STEM

Courses offered are part of the Project Lead the Way curriculum and include:

STEM 1 - Intro to Engineering Design

STEM 2 - Principles of Engineering

STEM 3 - Environmental Sustainability

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 ED/Section 504

Dr. Rachael Rudinoff  
Supervisor of Special Services  
Smyrna School District  
82 Monrovia Ave  
Smyrna, DE 19977  
302-653-3135

### Sex Discrimination (Title IX)

Mrs. Deborah Judy  
Assistant Superintendent  
Smyrna School District  
82 Monrovia Ave  
Smyrna, DE 19977  
302-653-8585

### School Admissions/Programs

Ms. 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.

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:

### 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, under the Special Services section, and read through the Parent Involvement information.

You may find this information at:

[http://www.smyrna.k12.de.us/specialservices/title\\_1](http://www.smyrna.k12.de.us/specialservices/title_1)

Dr. Marcia Mayhew  
Supervisor of Pupil Services  
302-653-3135  
email: [Marcia.Mayhew@smyrna.k12.de.us](mailto:Marcia.Mayhew@smyrna.k12.de.us)

### Ronald McDonald Fundraiser December 2018

Throughout the year the Smyrna School District excels in teaching their students the importance of helping those in need. However, each year especially during the holiday season, we work together to raise money to help provide an affordable place where families can sleep, share a meal, and find comfort from other families in similar situations at Nemours/Alfred I. DuPont Hospital for Children. The Ronald McDonald Share-a-Night is a great way for our school district to open our hearts and unify together to raise money for such a worthy cause. Administrators, teachers, staff, and students participate in a variety of fundraisers, which include, family dinner nights, Five Below shopping days, and Hats on Days. Although, this fundraiser is only during the holiday season, the Smyrna School District is committed and dedicated to still supporting the Ronald McDonald House throughout the school year by collecting pop-tabs, as well as, collecting food donated by students and administrators, teachers, and staff cooking meals for the families who stay at the Ronald McDonald House. The Smyrna School District does not only like to have the spirit of giving around the holidays, but throughout the year! #EAGLEUP! Special thank you and shout out to Toni Hendricks, school counselor at SES, who spearheaded this fundraiser and worked tirelessly to create opportunities to help the families.

## DISTRICT DIRECTORY

### CENTRAL OFFICES 653-8585

Mr. Patrik Williams, Superintendent  
Mrs. Deborah Judy, Assistant Superintendent  
Mrs. June Wicks, Director of Curriculum  
Mr. Jerry Gallagher, Director of Finance  
Mrs. Angela Socorso, Supervisor Human Resources  
Mr. Ryan Buchanan, Supervisor of Instruction

### CLAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 653-8587

Mrs. Katherine Wood, Principal  
Mr. Michael Daws, Associate Principal  
Nurse

653-3147

### NORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 653-8589

Mrs. Stephanie Smeltzer, Principal  
Dr. Amber Augustus, Associate Principal  
Mr. Erik Wilson, 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. Patrick Grant, Principal  
Mrs. Irene Buscemi, Associate Principal  
Nurse

653-2760

### CLAYTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 653-2761

Mr. David Paltrineri, Principal  
Mrs. Heather Moyer, Associate Principal  
Nurse

659-6401

### JBM INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 659-6297

Mr. Steven Gott, Principal  
Mrs. Cynthia McNatt, Associate Principal  
Nurse

659-6280

### SMYRNA MIDDLE SCHOOL 653-8584

Mrs. Kelly Holt, Associate Principal  
Mr. Marc Deisem, Associate Principal  
Mr. Kent Robinson, Associate Principal  
Guidance

653-8308

Nurse 653-8823

### SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL 653-8581

Mrs. Stacy Cook, Principal  
Mr. Leon Clarke, Associate Principal  
Mr. Clarence Davis, Associate Principal &  
Dean of Discipline  
Mr. John Camponelli, Associate Principal  
Mrs. LaTonya Pierce, Associate Principal  
Nurse

653-3137

### CHILD NUTRITION OFFICE 653-3134

Mr. Roger Holt, Supervisor

### BUILDING AND GROUNDS 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 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 information to others.

### Inspection

You may, upon request, inspect the following:

1. Protected information surveys of students;
2. Instruments used to collect personal information from students for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and

3. Instructional materials used as part of the educational curriculum.

### Adoption of Policy

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

### Complaint

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

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

## 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 without consent. One exception permits disclosure

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

Upon request, the District will disclose education records without consent to officials of another district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

### 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  
Mrs. Deborah Judy  
Assistant Superintendent  
82 Monrovia Avenue  
Smyrna, DE 19977  
302-653-8585

**SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973**

Compliance Coordinator  
Dr. Marcia Mayhew  
Supervisor of Pupil Services  
80 Monrovia Avenue  
Smyrna, DE 19977  
302-653-3135  
(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)**

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**12 DE Reg. 208 (08/01/08)**



# Smyrna Unified Flag Football Team Wins 1st State Championship!!

## SMYRNA EAGLES



## UNIFIED FLAG FOOTBALL 2018 DIAA STATE CHAMPS

The Unified Flag Football team won its first State title on December 1 over Newark Charter 26-12. The Eagles had points scored from Sara Miller, Keith Demby, Ishmael Reynolds, and Jakir Hampton. Unified sports is a partnership of DIAA and Special Olympics of Delaware that brings together high school students with and without disabilities. The Smyrna Eagles flag football team was the true definition of a "team" and their success is most evident in the relationships that were built amongst the players, coaches, and community. Members of the team include Jayden Hampton, Tommy Walker, Matthew Bryson, Sara Miller, Amir Lloyd-Wheeler, Wiliek Murphy, Olyvia Smith, Brandon Clark, Keith Demby, Ishmael Reynolds, Jakir Hampton, Olumuyiwa Salako, Jacob Brock, and coaches Andrew Mears, Anna Farro, and Monica Kreck.

## DADDY daughter DANCE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2019  
 Smyrna High School - Dance  
 Ages 5 to 12yrs.  
 6:00p.m. - 8:00p.m.  
 \$40.00/Couple \$10 each additional child  
 \*Due 2/5/18  
 (Late registrations will NOT be accepted)

Limited quantities available; first come first served!  
**TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!**

Formal/Dress Attire is best!  
 Cost includes: Entrance, heavy hors d'oeuvres, drinks, dancing, games, and fun!  
 Escudero Photography will have a photo booth, to purchase pictures!  
 \* Tickets can ONLY be purchased at the NSE Office 7:30 a.m. to 4:30p.m.  
 365 N. Main Street  
 Smyrna, DE 19977  
 (302)653-8589  
 Or Contact the Boys and Girls Club  
 (302)659-5610

### SMYRNA SCHOOL NUTRITION ASSOCIATION

42nd Annual Smorgasbord  
 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2019

5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

ADULTS: \$12.00 CHILDREN: 12 & UNDER \$5.00  
 3 & UNDER FREE



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| ROAST BEEF         | BRUSSEL SPROUTS        |
| BAKED CHICKEN      | SUCCOTASH              |
| BAKED HAM          | BROCCOLI SALAD         |
| PEAS & DUMPLINGS   | SEAFOOD SALAD          |
| BAKED ZITI         | PASTA SALAD            |
| MASHED POTATOES    | PRETZEL SALAD          |
| AU GRATIN POTATOES | SALAD BAR              |
| ASSORTED DESSERTS  | COFFEE, ICED TEA, MILK |

BENEFITS SSNA SCHOLARSHIP FUND



### What Do These Words Mean To You?

Motivate.  
 Inspire.  
 Uplift.



Ezra Rudinoff, former Smyrna School District student, presented at the New Staff Orientation on August 20, 2018. Mr. Rudinoff is the Co-Founder and President of Uplifted Co., an organization focused on promoting personal growth and mental health awareness through advocacy and education. Through his presentation, Mr. Rudinoff helped to build an understanding of the impact of mental illness in the classroom, as well as the impact of one's own mental health. He described how a staff member's positivity and compassion could have a life altering affect on a student. Mr. Rudinoff shared his own journey of dealing with anxiety and depression. In the end of the presentation, just as people sign a cast for a broken limb to symbolize support for one's healing, Mr. Rudinoff asked that the participants sign his cast (his Uplifted Co. t-shirt). If you would like to watch an excerpt from the presentation, go to:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u0xR6GXHwd0>  
 or to find out more information about UpliftedCo go to  
<https://www.upliftedmovement.com/>