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From the Superintendent's Desk...

Spring Message from Patrik D. Williams

As the weather warms, and the rain stops falling, we are all enjoying these days of spring. Of course, during the winter over 6,000 of us celebrated our 21st "I Love Smyrna School District Day" on February 23, and we closed our program by honoring our student essay writers who shared their messages about Responsibility, our District Core Value of the Year. We also recognized Mrs. Trisha Moses, our 2019 Role Model of Responsibility, for her dedication to the Smyrna-Clayton Boys and Girls Club and the families of our community. The day was filled with student performances, displays and activities of all kinds, as well as nearly 200 tables, representing our wonderfully supportive local churches, businesses and community organizations.

When the calendar page turned, all of our schools celebrated our year-long "We Can" Project during the week of March 11. Students across the district committed themselves to personal, school and community projects to demonstrate their service to others. Together, staff and students created art and music to commemorate their efforts, and when singer Jesse Ruben visited our district the second week of March, they joined him at their respective schools to share all of their hard work. During the school-based programs, Jesse described the challenges in life that led him to write "We Can", and students spoke about their own goals. Then, everyone joined him in singing a few of his songs. When the project culminated on March 14 with an open concert at Smyrna High School, over 1,000 people signed up for tickets to come out that evening. All donations benefited the Smyrna-Clayton Boys and Girls Club, and together, our community raised \$2638. We are grateful for this support, and we look forward to continuing our "We Can" efforts next year.

The calendar pages continued to turn through April and May, as our students sang and played instruments in their spring concerts, performed plays, and participated in various athletics, clubs and activities. Another wonderfully creative spring has "sprung" as talented and dedicated performing arts students have enriched our community. Our school sports teams are also demonstrating gamesmanship on the field, the court and the track as they compete for both team and individual honors. Also, because our district has grown by over 400 students the past two years, we have made a decision to offset enrollment increases at both Smyrna Elementary and North Smyrna Elementary School. Beginning with the 2019-20 school year John Bassett Moore Intermediate School will house grades four, five and six. This will better balance the enrollment at all three schools, and it will free up much needed classrooms. Our district is working with all three schools to carefully plan so that our fourth grade students feel at home. Specifically, our transportation supervisor is re-configuring our routes for those fourth graders heading to JBM so that they will travel from their pick-up locations directly to JBM in the morning, and then from JBM directly to their drop-off locations in the afternoon. No child will have any extra stops along the way. Our child nutrition supervisor is working to ensure that we have ample cafeteria staff to prepare and serve delicious breakfasts and lunches to our fourth graders at JBM. Our technology supervisor is working with our facilities supervisor to make sure that all of the classrooms are outfitted with up-to-date network access and computer equipment for our fourth grade students and teachers to engage in meaningful instruction. Our principals at North Smyrna, Smyrna Elementary and JBM have been conferring all winter and spring to accommodate student needs, create classes, and plan activities and trips to provide our fourth grade students with an enriching educational experience. Mrs. Judy and I are working with the entire team to oversee the process and provide as seamless a transition as possible for the 2019-20 school year. We want to honor the fourth grade experience as we have always done in the Smyrna School District, and even though these students are attending a different school, they will still enjoy the traditions that our families have come to know. What will be unique to this change is the opportunity for students at both North and Smyrna Elementary to get to know each other next year, create new friendships, share classes, and enjoy the rich history of John Bassett Moore Intermediate School for an extra year.

Finally, the calendar page is approaching June, so commencement activities are just a few weeks away. The Class of 2019 will graduate on Saturday, June 1, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. on the Charles V. Williams Athletic Field, with the annual Senior Breakfast in the SHS cafeteria that same morning, beginning at 8:00 a.m. There are 365 seniors in this, the 135th class to earn a Smyrna High School diploma. To celebrate their accomplishments, the following schedule of events is in place:

Annual Athletic Awards Ceremony, Tuesday, May 28, from 6:30 – 9 p.m.
Baccalaureate at the Asbury United Methodist Church on Wednesday, May 29, from 7 – 8 p.m.
Senior Awards on Thursday, May 30, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Congratulations to the Class of 2019, and to each graduate individually. We will certainly miss your presence and your leadership in and out of the classroom, but we know that there are many exciting opportunities ahead for each of you. Whether you attend college, enter the workplace or enlist in the military, we are proud of each of you. Please continue to honor your family and your community in all that you do, and remember that you are always welcome here at home.

Smyrna School District 2020 Teacher of the Year



Congratulations to Denise Balcerak for being named Smyrna School District's Teacher of the Year and Sunnyside Elementary School's Teacher of the Year! Denise has been teaching in the Smyrna School District for about ten years. She is a kindergarten teacher at Sunnyside Elementary. Denise graduated high school in Peru, New York. She attained her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Delaware State University and her Master's Degree in Elementary Education from Wilmington University. Denise resides in Dover with her husband, David and has two daughters, Lauren and Erin. In her spare time, she loves to travel and visit new places. Denise says she was inspired to be an educator because

she was a family crisis therapist in an elementary school and worked with children with emotional challenges and loved the environment. Her goal is to inspire her young students to love learning as much as she does! Denise's love of children and enthusiasm for teaching is evident. Her mantra is that laughter is the center of the universe. Being a kindergarten teacher is not just a job to Denise, it's her passion!

Kindergarten's Busy Winter

In February, we celebrated our 100th day by completing many activities in our classroom where we counted to 100 by ones, fives, and tens. Our kindergarten classes celebrated Valentine's Day by exchanging cards and showing friendship and compassion.



We also went to the Dover Air Force Base Museum and saw planes in April. There are a few fun trips planned for May. We will be attending the farm exhibit at Middletown High School, learning about horseshoe crabs and shore birds at the Milford Nature Center and taking a walking tour around Clayton to visit our community helpers.

It is hard to believe that there are only a few weeks of kindergarten left. The children have been practicing songs for graduation on June 6 at 9:30 a.m. Hope to see you there!!

FIRST GRADE FUN



The first grade classes at Clayton Elementary are back from spring vacation and ready to finish off the year strong! We are still working hard through our reading and math series. The student's writing has exploded and they love to share their opinions, write informational reports, and compose fictional stories. We have been exploring the lives of organisms in science and had so much fun creating woodland and freshwater habitats in our classrooms. We created aquariums to house female and male guppies, pond snails, Elodea, and Cabomba plants. We also created terrariums to house millipedes, pill bugs, tree seedlings, and moss. The students had so much fun playing with the millipedes before putting them in their habitats! Our final field trip of the school year was to the Lewes Historical Society. We learned about life in Lewes, Delaware in the 1700-1800s. The students were able to explore different types of houses that were built during that time period, as well as some of the tools they would have used to cook. They also learned about spice trade and musical instruments during that time. We have enjoyed learning about how life is different now than it was in the past! The first grade classes are counting down the final days of the school year by doing an ABC countdown to summer. We have already participated in activities such as Animal Day (bring your favorite stuffed animal to school) and Chalk Day (write in sidewalk chalk on the playground). We are looking forward to some upcoming activities, such as Future Career Day, Jersey Day, New Name Day, Silly Sock Day, USA Day, and Zooming Out to Summer Day!

Clayton Elementary Third Grade



At the end of March, the third graders at Clayton Elementary traveled to the Hagley Museum in Wilmington, Delaware. While on the trip, the students were able to travel back in time and witness firsthand what life was like during the Industrial Revolution. The students washed clothes, attended Sunday School, baked cookies in a wood stove, washed dishes by hand, and dressed up in clothing from that era. In addition, the students were able to participate in a hands-on assembly line to make labels for gun powder. In the end, the students agreed that although they had a great time, they would not want to do all of these activities every day.

A Learning Visit before Spring Break

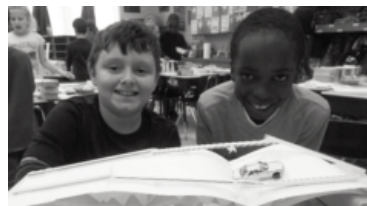
On Wednesday, April 17, Mrs. Coldiron, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Sierra's Level B classes enjoyed a visit from Mr. Jay Davis, Taylor Davis and Aaliyah Street,



from Smyrna High School's agriculture class. While planting wildflower seeds in cups as a makeshift "greenhouse" to take home for Easter, the students learned about planting different types of plants. They were each given a guide to starting, planting, transplanting and harvesting vegetables. There was a question and answer session as a part of the learning process. The students enjoyed the opportunity to participate in planting seeds to grow into something beautiful. Mr. Davis and his students also enjoyed being a part of the learning experience here at Clayton Elementary School. They gave a wonderful presentation which may impact our students in the future. Perhaps some of them will go on to pursue agriculture in the future. Mr. Davis may have sparked some interests. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to visit our classroom Mr. Davis and company.

As a special treat after planting, students enjoyed decorating their own cupcakes to munch on. This was a great way to start Spring break. We hope everyone is rested, relaxed and ready to finish out the school year with a bang.

Second Graders Begin Engineering and Bridges Unit in Science



Second grade scientists were hard at work after returning from winter break as they began the Engineering and Bridges

Unit in science. Students were able to gain a deeper understanding through hands on experiments, projects, and special visitors. Students began by exploring the different types of bridges while gaining a deeper understanding of force and its role in engineering. In March, students were visited by engineers from the Delaware Department of Transportation. The engineers presented students with information on the engineering design process, types of bridges, and many facts about bridges in Delaware. Students were able to interact throughout the presentation. This gave students a chance to show what they knew as well as ask questions to learn more about engineering and bridges. As a culmination of the bridges unit, our students became engineers. The student engineers worked through the engineering design process to ask, imagine, plan, create, and improve their own bridges. One day there may be a bridge designed by one of our own Clayton Elementary engineers!

Fourth GRADE PROUDLY PRESENTS THE ADVENTURES OF LEWIS & CLARK!



Fourth graders at Clayton Elementary School are learning about music and getting a little history lesson along the way. Our Spring Musical which premieres on May 13, depicts the monumental journey of two remarkable men, Captain Meriwether Lewis and Captain William Clark, who explored and first discovered the Northwest Passage all the way to the Pacific Ocean! In addition to the singing, dancing, and instrument playing, students experience the famous expedition that defined America through drama. Main characters Lewis, Clark, Charbonneau, Sacajawea, York, and their Newfoundland Dog, Scannon, were played by: Aedan Eichholz, Bryce Painter, Jonah Matthes, Jaleigh Tymes, Gus Jones, Kaci Lloyd respectively. The historic Louisiana Purchase Deal is powerfully portrayed by Tristan Malin, Chase Harrington, Jacob Lasko, and Stephen Mancari. Makayla Lecates stars as a modern-day school girl Cassie, who gets a surprise visit from the explorers and first-hand account of their exciting adventures. Fourth graders will also showcase their recorder skills, as they perform Wayfaring Stranger, a song that was popular during the time period. Drumming and xylophone playing set the tone for our Native American songs too. We are almost ready to set sail up the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and can't wait to present our musical entitled, THE ADVENTURES OF LEWIS AND CLARK to our parents and school community.



CLAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

Congratulations to Mrs. Shannon Peal for being selected as Clayton Elementary School's Teacher of the Year for the 2019-2020 school year.



Shannon Peal is in her fifth year as a first grade teacher at Clayton Elementary School in the Smyrna School District. She feels so fortunate to teach in the same school and first grade classroom that she learned in as a child. Mrs. Peal graduated from Smyrna High School with her diploma in 2009 and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree from Delaware State University in 2013 where she was also a part of Kappa Delta Pi, an International Honor Society for education majors. She completed her one year program in Smyrna School District's Aspiring Leadership Committee and is currently a member of the Teachers Advisory Council working alongside other proactive educators in her district.

In her classroom, she believes that relationships with students are most important and enjoys creating a classroom that is a safe and positive environment for her students. Mrs. Peal confidently reports that at any given time in her classroom, there will be laughter, learning, jokes, dancing, positivity, discovery, and love radiating through her students. Her favorite is a mixture of all of it.

Outside of the classroom, you can catch Mrs. Peal reading a book, taking long walks through garden centers, enjoying sushi with her husband, or hanging out with her friends and family.

Mrs. Peal is an outstanding educator and Clayton Elementary is proud to have her as part of the staff.

Clayton Physical Education

This winter, the students were busy in the gym working on bowling, jump roping, and parachuting. We are now trying to get outside as much as possible to practice for Field Day! The students are very excited!

Back in February, our second-fourth grade students participated in our tenth annual Jump Rope for Heart event. Our students raised over \$3,700 for the American Heart Association! Austin Ringgold was our top fundraiser raising \$400! All the students did a fabulous job! Thank you to all the community members who contributed and made our event a huge success.

All year our Recycling Club has been working very hard to help others in the school learn about recycling and empty the recycling containers each day. In March, our Recycling Club traveled to the New Castle County Recycling Center to see what happens to the objects we put into the recycling bin after it leaves our school. It was a great experience and the students all learned a lot about recycling.

Also in March, our third grade students took a field trip to the Dover Skating Center. We learned about heart rate, calories, and nutrition before having some fun skating. It was amazing to see how much some of the students' skating improved just from the beginning to the end of the trip. Roller skating is a great way to exercise if it is rainy or too hot this summer!

Field Day was held on Thursday, May 16 and started at 8:45 a.m. Students participated in stations in the morning and the 50 yd. dash and tug-a-war in the afternoon. We hope lots of people made it out and cheered on the students! Please remember to encourage your child to get out and exercise this spring and summer. Try to make exercising a family habit!!

"Fourth Grade CES Students Make A Splash with Land, Water, and History"

Clayton Elementary fourth grade students participated in the "Make a Splash Water Festival," a DNREC-sponsored event which "educates students on the diversity of estuary life and the importance of Delaware's water resources." The festival was held at the St. Jones Reserve, a component of the Delaware National Estuarine Research Reserve, and the Division of Historical & Cultural Affairs' John Dickinson Plantation near Dover. "Make a Splash" provided the students with hands-on activity stations dedicated to the historical and current uses of Delaware's water resources and also enriched the Land and Water Science Unit. At "The Incredible Journey Station," students learned how water moves through the water cycle. At other stations, students explored marine debris and micro-plastics, water pollution and solutions, Delaware's wetlands, mosquitoes, the uses of water in colonial cooking, water concentration, historical use of water wheels and groundwater, and many other activities. Thanks again to all of the amazing guides and excellent chaperones!



Pumping Up for Kindergarten

Preparing for kindergarten can fill parents with a wide array of emotions. Apprehension, excitement for the things to come, and/or disbelief that someone who entered the world only five short years ago will be heading to school already. To help ease this transition, Smyrna School District hosted Pumping Up for Kindergarten at NSE on March 26. This event provided parents with an opportunity to register for kindergarten in all four of our elementary schools along with sessions providing an overview of kindergarten with topics including "Lunging into Literacy," "H.I.P. Kids (Healthy, Independent, Positive)," "Moving into Math," and "Mastering Motor Skills." These sessions were led by kindergarten teachers who were able to provide practical guidance and advice for all of the exciting things in store for our future little Eagles and their parents. The evening closed out with a Spanish Immersion interest session to provide information on this exceptional and unique educational experience.

NSE Celebrates National School Counselors Week



February 4-8, NSE celebrated National School Counselors Week in honor of our fabulous guidance counselor, Mrs. Weisenberger. At NSE, we are truly appreciative of the time and energy she devotes to our students. Whether through leading classes on social and emotional development and skills, small group counseling sessions, or individual counseling sessions, Mrs. Weisenberger is a trusted role model and mentor for so many of our students who are in need of support. As one NSE staff member explained, "I am grateful for Mrs. Weisenberger's flexibility, kindness, and support. She will step in wherever and whenever help is needed no matter the circumstances. She is amazing with our kids! She is that person they can come to talk with and celebrate their achievements. Mrs. Weisenberger is that calming person for so many; the person who can take them from being completely upset to talking. She is the absolute best!"

3 Palms Zoo Visits NSE EC

Our Early Childhood students enjoyed a visit from 3 Palms Zoo on Monday and Tuesday, April 8 and 9. They learned about animals and what they should do if they encounter an animal outside. The highlight was getting to touch the rabbit, turtle, and duck!



Box Tops Winners Slime A Principal!



Our Smyrna School District schools participate in the Box Top Collection Program. For every Box Top collected and submitted, the school earns funds. At NSE, we are fortunate to have our PTO organize this program. As an incentive for students to participate, they offer fun and creative rewards for the classes that collect the most. This winter, the Box Top winners (the classes of Mrs. Fitzwater, Mrs. Vance, and Mrs. Bowser) had the opportunity every kid dreams about. And Mr. Wilson? Well he got to relive every 90s kid's dream of being on Double Dare. In the end, one principal was slimed by students! Thanks, Mr. Wilson, for being such a great sport!

Spanish Immersion Parent Night

On Thursday, April 11, our Spanish immersion students put on a spectacular performance for their families, teachers, and classmates during our 3rd annual Spanish Immersion Parent Night. Our Spanish immersion teachers coordinated a fantastic show consisting of welcome greetings by students, poetry, songs, and dance performances conducted entirely in Spanish by our



1st Grade Child Nutrition Wellness Event

On March 22, NSE first graders learned how to promote their good health through nutrition. This event, sponsored by the



Smyrna School District Child Nutrition department, featured taste-testing stations for fruits and vegetables, a trip to the Child Nutrition Bus, physical fitness activities, a farmers market where students selected fresh fruits and vegetables to take home, and a visit from Delaware's First Lady, Tracey Quillen Carney. The students were excited to visit every station and learned valuable lessons about maintaining good health.

NSE's 2019 Scripps Spelling Bee Competition



On February 13, nine of our fourth grade students gathered in front of their classmates and families to demonstrate their superior spelling skills in the annual Scripps Spelling Bee. Homerooms sent their top spelling classroom champions to participate. This was an opportunity for all in attendance to be amazed at the spelling skills of our students as they tackled challenging words. In the end, Caden Finucan was awarded first place after a tough competition followed by Monise Beckham (2nd place) and Kaden Puetz. Caden Finucan went on to represent NSE in the state Scripps Spelling Bee held at Saint Mark's High School on March 16.

"Read Across America" at NSE



We celebrate reading every day, but when Read Across America and Dr. Seuss Week converge on the school calendar, these celebrations take a wacky, fun-filled turn! From February 25 to March 1, our students turned reading time into a slightly more eccentric activity as we celebrated the works of Dr. Seuss with events such as "Fox in Socks" Wacky Sock Day, "Green Eggs and Ham" Wear Green Day, "Wacky Wednesday" Wacky Outfit Day, "The Cat in the Hat" Hat Day and Wear Your RARE Black and White Day, and "Sleep Book" Pajama Day. These events turned our reading time into an adventure! When the culminating Friday events were cancelled due to an unexpected snow day, Mrs. Noll rescheduled the entire day for Friday, March 8. Students in every class rejoiced as they donned their jammies and settled in for a Seussical read aloud, courtesy of our high school student athletes and role models who came to read aloud to our elementary students, proving once again that reading is an activity that is meant to be shared as well!



NORTH SMYRNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

Ms. Brewer: NSE's Teacher of the Year

NSE is thrilled to announce Ms. Brewer was selected as NSE's Teacher of the Year. Ms. Kailey Brewer is currently in her fifth year of teaching, and in her fourth year of teaching fourth grade at North Smyrna Elementary. Prior to teaching fourth grade at NSE, she taught third grade for one year at W. Reily Brown. She is a graduate of Smyrna High School where she was a member of many clubs and also played field hockey, basketball, and soccer. Ms. Brewer then went to York College of Pennsylvania where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education with a Special Education minor. She was also a collegiate athlete, playing on the York Field Hockey team. She is currently working towards earning her Masters of Education degree in Reading from Wilmington University.



In addition to her academic accomplishments, Ms. Brewer has been coaching the JV Field Hockey team at Smyrna High School for five years. She is also the head coach of Girls on the Run and a member of the Restorative Practice team at North Smyrna Elementary.

Ms. Brewer believes that teamwork is a critical component in finding success in the teaching profession. She believes that when teachers, specialists, and administrators work together as a team, they find success and provide better opportunities for their students. She also knows that in the classroom, students must feel as if they are members of a team so that they are given a comfortable, safe, and positive learning environment. Together Everyone Achieves More!

Congrats, Mrs. Brewer! We are honored to have you represent our school!

Congrats, Mrs. Carden – NSE's ESP Award Recipient



Congrats to Mrs. Carden for being selected as NSE's ESP Award recipient. Mrs. Carden was recognized by the Smyrna School District Board of Education and Administration at the December 19 Board Meeting. In order to be eligible for this award, the recipient must be positive and professional in the school and community, demonstrate strong involvement in the school district, and show outstanding practice. Mrs. Carden does all this and more as a paraprofessional with the Smyrna School District for the past 16 years. Mrs. Carden does a phenomenal job supporting our students not only during school hours but also with the Boys & Girls Club in their after school and summer programs. Students and staff throughout the school know Mrs. Carden by her kind, caring demeanor and her willingness to help others at all times. Mrs. Carden says the best part of her job is being around children and watching them grow. Our staff and students are truly appreciative of all she does, and we are so very proud to have her represent NSE.

Mrs. Mercer Recognized by the VFW National Citizenship Education Award

We wish to congratulate Mrs. Mercer for being recognized by the VFW National Citizenship Education Award. The VFW annually recognizes teachers who foster the development of democratic values and beliefs through education. A representative from the VFW, Mr. Harry Thompson of Clayton, DE, came to NSE on Tuesday, February 26 to present Mrs. Mercer with a certificate and check for her outstanding work in making history and civics come alive for our students in our social studies program.

Congrats, Mrs. Mercer!



NSE Hosts Family Fitness Night

NSE families enjoyed a night of fitness and fun thanks to Mr. Sfamurri, who organized an incredible Family Fitness Night on Monday, March 18th. Among the sports and groups featured were the Smyrna High School Soccer program represented by Coach Wyre, Coach Schamach from Crossfit, Coach Smeltzer from Smyrna Clayton Pop Warner, and the Pop Warner Cheerleading squad. All of these coaches led sessions for parents and students to participate together to promote physical fitness and health.



NSE Students Show Off Their Skills in the Student Talent Show

As educators, we know that the academic abilities we cultivate in our students merely scratches the surface of their many talents, strengths, and attributes. Thanks to the organizing, hosting, and emcee efforts of Mr. Cabatingan and Ms. Gyrynuk, our students participated in a fantastic Student Talent Show on February 15 in which so many students showed off their skills! Among the acts were gymnastics routines, dancing, magic tricks, singing, piano playing, PoGo Stick routines, rapping, and dramatic monologues. We loved seeing our students demonstrate their many talents for their families and NSE students and staff!

NSE Celebrates "We Can"

NSE was thrilled to host Jesse Ruben for lunch and two performances as he spread the message of "I Can, You Can, We Can" to our students and staff on March 11. This exciting day began at 11 a.m. when the NSE Child Nutrition staff made a special lunch for Mr. Ruben to share with NSE and CIS students. During the meal, Mr. Ruben talked with students about his work and how students can actively make their schools and communities better places. After lunch, Mr. Ruben went on a tour of NSE where students' beautiful artwork was hung all over the building to celebrate "We Can." He then performed two concerts in the NSE gym. Students held up posters declaring the things they can do, and one lucky student had the opportunity to sing with him. Mr. Ruben continued his concert tour throughout all Smyrna School District schools, and the week's festivities culminated in a free community concert at SHS on March 14 in which many NSE staff, students, and families attended.



Hands-On Learning Fun!



The first grade students had a great learning experience at the Delaware Children's Museum. The students attended a focused lesson on 2D

and 3D shapes. They used these shapes to design their own children's museum with drawings and building blocks. Exploring the museum was fun too! They learned about the human body, push and pull, building structures, playing restaurant, and diving into a touch tank filled with sea creatures. This was definitely a memorable experience for the kids!

Emotional Check-In



Smyrna Elementary has begun an emotional check-in system. Each day, our students have an emotional check-in when they arrive in their classroom. They may choose from one of three bracelets (or zones): GREEN: A green bracelet (zone) means 'I am good to go'. I can learn, listen, work hard, and show expected behaviors (follow the rules). YELLOW: A yellow bracelet (zone) is 'I need to take caution'. I can take a break, get a drink, walk, or inner coach (tell your brain positive thoughts, "I Can Do This!"). RED: In the red zone, 'I need to STOP'. I can take deep breaths, look at the size of my problem (sometimes the size of the problem doesn't warrant me going to red), take a break, or walk laps. This check-in will help our students gain skills in the area of self-regulation and is designed to help them recognize when they are in the different zones, as well as, learn how to use strategies to change or stay in the zone they are in. By becoming more self-aware, our hope is to create a comfortable and supportive environment at SES for the student to practice his or her self-regulation skills.

Music at SES

This month, students immediately walked into the music room performing the 1950's Bunny Hop as a class and they rocked it!!! Ask your student to show you the Bunny Hop. Kindergarteners have been busy reading and performing steady beat with their body and percussion instruments, such as shakers and rhythm sticks. They have enjoyed the story and game of "Old Mr. Rabbit." Kindergarteners are also preparing their performance songs for graduation. First graders have been performing beat and rhythm using drums, rhythm sticks and shakers; as well as having fun performing various songs and stories, such as "Little Rabbit Foo Foo" and "Find The Easter Basket" (A Tisket, A Tasket). Second graders have been performing beat and rhythm in groups with xylophones, drums, rhythm sticks and shakers. They were also busy preparing for their opening concert act on May 10 and 11. Third graders have been achieving various levels/songs and belts throughout their Recorder Karate unit. Their culminating event will be a virtual recorder recital. Fourth graders have been studying the works of Thomas Cabaniss, Giuseppe Verdi, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, etc. as they prepare pieces of music to play on their recorders with the Delaware Symphony Orchestra next month.



SMYRNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

Congratulations to Smyrna Elementary School's 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year, First Grade Teacher, Mrs. Christine Stewart!

Mrs. Stewart has been teaching for 17 years. Over the last nine years that she has been at Smyrna Elementary, she has grown to love SES and the community. When asked about her students and SES, she stated "I love it when my students show that "ah-ha" moment when their learning just clicks. Seeing my students grow in their learning is what I love the most about teaching. I am so proud and humbled to be teacher of the year for our school. It is an honor to represent all of the wonderful teachers that work here at SES!" Way to go, Mrs. Stewart, SES is lucky to have you!



**Musical Theatre Summer Camp
Calling all Actors & Performers!!!**

Students will have fun singing, dancing, acting & prop making! Camp will conclude with a mini-production of "101 Dalmatians Kids" under the direction of Mrs. Kelly Evans. To register for camp, go to <https://www.smyrna.k12.de.us/> > Summer Enrichment Camps.

Art - Look what's "BLOOMIN" in the Art room this Spring at SES!



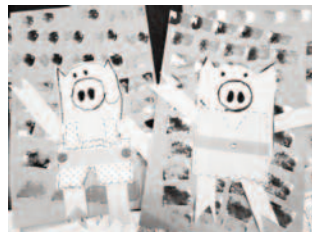
Clay, clay and lots of it! Thank you to PTO for supplying us with so much that each student can "dig in" to create something wonderful! Earlier in the year I shared that students were studying 3D Form, and all would be creating with clay. This month, second and third grade began learning the technique of "coiling", using the methods of "scoring" with the addition of "slip," to make their creations. Ask your child and be amazed with their understanding of vocabulary.

Kinders bid farewell to winter with their charming "Snow Owl" paintings: a prelude to earth day with the empowering knowledge of why

nature is precious and needs to be preserved, as do our "endangered" snow owls. Some classes also had time to greet Spring with their fun 3D "bouncy" bunnies!

First grade continues to be enchanted with fairy tales and visited "The True Story of the Three Little Pigs." Unlike the traditional story, this one delighted them with a twist: the Wolf claims he was "framed". The students enjoyed comparing/contrasting the two stories and learning that there are always - "other perspectives"! What makes their art stand out, the use of printmaking with sponges and paper collage. The brick house is a "standout" as the wolf could not blow it away! Also, in art, some classes had time to celebrate spring blossoms with their 3D Lily hand blooms.

Fourth grade continues with their mask making as other classes begin an intro to Fiber art and weaving, another favorite for students! Did I mention the huge loom PTO gifted us with? Hopefully all students will have the opportunity to join in and create a special SES weaving!



On Monday, May 13, Mrs. Hendricks (school counselor) was invited to attend a luncheon with Governor Carney and First Lady Carney at their Woodburn Mansion. The Smyrna School District was awarded the Compassionate Champion Award for their outstanding achievement in being a trauma-informed district. At Smyrna Elementary, Mrs. Hendricks has worked hard to implement daily emotional check-ins, mindfulness, and restorative practices. Smyrna Elementary is proud to be a trauma-informed school!

NSE vs. SES 4th Grade Basketball Competition

Mr. Sfamurri (NSE) and Mr. Tracey (SES) spent weeks in February coaching our 4th grade students in basketball, which culminated in an exciting game where the two schools faced off at NSE on Wednesday, February 27th. It was an exciting game with all students playing passionately, hoping to score for their school. The cheers from our students' families and staff members from both schools echoed throughout the gym as both sides competed to be the loudest supporters of their students! SES may take bragging rights to this game, but we look forward to a rematch next year!

ADDITIONAL SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

DE Career & Tech Education Represented in Washington

Washington, DC: The Delaware Association of AgriScience Educators-Jay Davis (Smyrna High School) and Chris Stahl (Milford High School) attended the 2019 National Policy Seminar, sponsored by the Association for Career & Technical Education in Arlington, Virginia, from



March 24-27, 2019. The event was designed for education professionals to gain insight on new educational law and policies related to the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the Strengthening Career & Technical Education for the 21st Century Act along with investments in workforce development.

As a part of the seminar, over 350 attendees had the opportunity to visit with members and legislative liaisons on Capitol Hill to share success stories and request support for local CTE programming needs. The Delaware AgriScience teachers spoke with members from Senators Chris Coons' and Thomas Carper's offices along with Representative Lisa Blunt-Rochester's office about the current state and future trends of career & technical education.

"Career & Technology Education provides students with practical skills that translates to the workplace and higher education. We want to be able to advocate for our CTE programs, as they continue to produce highly skilled students, who will be fueling our future economy with the skills and certifications earned in our classrooms," said Davis about the 10,026 students and 70 AgriScience teachers who are involved with Agricultural Education in the State of Delaware. Smyrna High School features nearly 1,200 students who are currently enrolled in Career & Technology Education in the areas such as Ag Education, Allied Health, Business, Educators Rising, Family & Consumer Science, Finance, Marketing, and STEM.

SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL DECISION DAY SIGNINGS



Sunnyside Second Graders and Their Helping Hands!



The second grade students at Sunnyside Elementary came together to help service those in need around their community--- through the love of books and reading!

The students collected new and gently used books (along with other basic necessities) to donate to Mom's House; a non-profit organization that helps families struggling with childcare as they are continuing their education. During hard times, providing something simple as a familiar storybook can bring happiness and comfort to a child. As a thank you, representatives from Mom's House came to Sunnyside to give the second graders a banner to show appreciation and shared a story with the students!

Third Grade Visits Delaware's First Town

On Tuesday, May 7, third graders from Sunnyside headed south to Lewes, Delaware, the home of Delaware's first town. They visited the Zwaanendael Museum and Canal Front Park. Students learned to be archaeologists at the museum as they studied and observed artifacts from a shipwreck that happened off of the coast of Delaware. At Canal Front Park, volunteers from the Lewes Historical Society taught the students how to play simple but entertaining games that sailors played on the ships coming from Europe. It was a great day to learn about Delaware History!



Third Grade to DHCI



Students in grade 3 at Sunnyside Elementary have the opportunity to visit the patients at the Delaware Hospital for the Chronically Ill (DHCI). The hope of the program is that there will be a mutual benefit to the patients of the hospital and our students. Our goal is to build on our students' desire to demonstrate compassion and respect for all people. Sunnyside Elementary School emphasizes to our students the importance of our community's core values, but also wants to place children in a position to practice them and feel their essential power and worth. While volunteering at DHCI, our third grade students have the chance to work with the residents in various ways including playing BINGO, making crafts, playing leap frog, sports games, and several other activities. Our students visit one time each week, during the fall and spring for about an hour. Allowing our students to participate in these acts of kindness gives them a better understanding and deeper appreciation between generations and a desire on our students' behalf for future volunteerism to benefit our fellow citizens.

Fourth Graders See Delaware History

The fourth graders at Sunnyside Elementary have been busy learning about Delaware's rich historical background and the culminating events leading to the independence of our first state. Students will be attending an educational field trip on The Green in Dover to learn about the Arts, Culture, and Heritage of our first state's capital. This is the third time attending the annual ArCH field trip and the students are really looking forward to applying their knowledge while also learning new, exciting information along the way!



We are all unique and beautiful, but together we are a masterpiece!

In art class, we had a discussion about what makes everyone unique. The students created handprints in different styles to demonstrate their individual qualities. Together the hand prints created a beautiful dandelion display.



SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mr. Patrick Grant, Principal
Mrs. Irene Buscemi, Assoc. Principal

Denise Balcerak, Sunnyside Teacher of the Year, 2018-2019



Reading/Dr. Seuss Spirit Week

Students learned about perseverance, the importance of their education and reading. The students participated in a variety of fun activities. Each day was designated a different theme and the students earned tickets. They entered their tickets into a drawing where they could win books, bookmarks, pencils and a Kindle. The culminating activity was the students writing on a book or a butterfly something they like to read.

ADDITIONAL SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

DuPont's Explore Engineering Day



On May 2, DuPont hosted an Explore Engineering Day for approximately 100 young women in grades ninth through twelfth. The entire day at the DuPont Experimental Station in Wilmington, DE was dedicated to learning more about careers in engineering. Eight Smyrna High School students attended the exciting event: Sophia DeMarco, Destinee Ekanem, Jillian Hoff, Angel Howard, Olivia Kelly, Uchenna Njubigbo, Jennifer Sloven, and Gabrielle Treadwell. The eight young women were each matched with a female engineer or scientist host. The special DuPont hosts were selected for their enthusiasm about helping young women explore a career in engineering or science.

Throughout the day, the girls participated in numerous activities including creating a dance pad, building a marshmallow tower, and a "Guess that Engineer!" game. Most importantly, they were given the opportunity to ask questions and get an interesting, entertaining, first-hand look at a potential future career.

The highlight of their day at DuPont was an inspiring speech delivered by the keynote speaker, Patrice Banks. Ms. Banks is an engineer turned mechanic who in 2016 founded the Girls Auto Clinic, a Pennsylvania-based repair center staffed by and focusing on women. Ms. Banks shared her passion about equity and empowerment of women, business leadership, innovation, and technology and STEM education. Sophia, Destinee, Jillian, Angel, Olivia, Uchenna, Jennifer, and Gabrielle alike were impressed and encouraged with Patrice's positive message for female inclusion and empowerment in the auto industry through her #sheCANic movement. Ms. Banks motivated the young women to push boundaries, redefine success, and tap into their full potential! Pictured below (left to right): Sophia DeMarco, Angel Howard, Olivia Kelly, Jennifer Sloven, Patrice Banks, Jillian Hoff, Gabrielle Treadwell, Uchenna Njubigbo, and Destinee Ekanem

The Smyrna High School Chapter of Jobs for Delaware Graduates was awarded a Certificate of Excellence from the Jefferson Awards Foundation in recognition of outstanding public service. This year, JDG participated in Buckets of Love, wrote holiday cards to a child with cancer, made Boo Boo Bunny's for the kids at Kent General Hospital, and supported the FFA Bunny Hop through donations and participation.



Smyrna High School Student-Athletes Sign Collegiate Letters of Intent

Smyrna High School has had a tremendously successful year for many of our athletic teams and with that comes the exciting news of our largest group of seniors committing to play sports at the college level.

- Will Brandes - Football at Delaware State University
- Anthony Buscemi - Football at Monmouth University
- Dylan Chi - Soccer at Wesley College
- Izzy Davis - Volleyball at Immaculata University
- Destinee Ekanem - Cross Country & Track & Field at Salisbury University
- Jason Kaiser - Lacrosse at Frostburg University
- Shaneese La Mons - Track & Field at Oakland University
- Abby Mace - Softball at Salisbury University
- Rahsaan Matthews - Football at Salisbury University
- Sara Miller - Softball at Wilmington University
- Kendra Mounts - Soccer at Mount Aloysius College
- Austin Nganga - Rugby at Mount Saint Mary's University
- Katie Porter - Field Hockey and Lacrosse at Wesley College
- Raina Semenick - Lacrosse at Allegany College
- Cathryn Shahan - Lacrosse at Southern Virginia University
- Maddie Shaw - Field Hockey at Shenandoah University
- Jayla Smith - Basketball at Cecil Community College
- Olyvia Smith - Softball at St. Peters University
- Julie Snow - Field Hockey at Wesley College
- Andrew Unterriener - Baseball at Chesapeake Community College
- Angel Velazquez - Baseball at Williamson Trade School
- Maddie Wilber - Field Hockey at Virginia Commonwealth University
- Zoe Wilcox - Softball at Alderson Broaddus University
- Saleem Wormley - Football at Penn State University
- Tanner Wynne - Track & Field at University of Lynchburg



JBM PEP SQUAD



The JBM Pep Squad is a hybrid dance and step team under the direction of Ms. Evans and Ms. Huff. The students engage in modern dance styles that allow them to express their creativity. Also, students are learning step routines that combine body percussion and chanting. The JBM pep squad works hard every week as they prepare for performances at school events. If you didn't get a chance to participate this year we hope to see you next time!

JBM Heart and Sole Team



JBM's Heart & Sole team has had a great spring season! We have been building character as well as stamina for our upcoming 5K. Wish the girls luck as they conquer their goals on Sunday, May 19th at DelTech in Georgetown.

Getting Ready for Smarter Balanced Testing!

In order to prepare our minds for Smarter Balanced Testing, we spent time exploring mindfulness using the website www.calm.com. On Mindful Monday, we meditated to one session in the seven days of focus series. During lunch, we also meditated for a minute while mindfully thinking about our breathing. Research has proven that mindful thinking and meditation positively impacts our bodies and minds. On Responsibility Tuesday, students wrote letters to another class to uplift them during testing. On Wondering Wednesday, Mr. Gott read two riddles over the announcements that students were invited to solve. Students put their answers into a raffle and two winners were selected during each lunch. Students also participated in riddles, problem solving activities and thinking outside of the box during lunches. On Perseverance Thursday, students competed in a Perseverance Plank Challenge during lunches. Our student competitors held their planks for almost five minutes! Our goal of this test prepping week was to remind students of the things they need to do during Smarter Balanced testing...focus, be responsible, think outside of the box, and persevere. We want every one of our students to do their personal best on the tests!



JBM Drama Club



The JBM Drama Club got off to a great start this year with our fall production of "A Grimm Spectacularathon." Actors and stage crew worked very hard and learned LOTS of lines to put on this hilarious comedy. This spring, we are working hard to put on "Annie" the musical, with stage crew designing props for four different sets and actors working hard on their lines, songs, and their dance moves. We would love for you to join us on Thursday, May 30 at 6:30 p.m. for what promises to be an amazing show.

JBM's Kindness Committee!

Our kindness committee works to promote kindness across our school. Our kindness committee has created a board in the cafeteria where students can recognize one another's acts of kindness and ask for kindness to be shown when they need it. Our kindness committee has also created a board for students to sprinkle kindness everywhere. On this board, there are post it notes and kindness cards available for students to take and pass along to others. The kindness committee has shared "The Note" video with our student population to spread the impact that kindness has on everyone <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bzE9lOEuu8M>. One simple note can change a person's day.



March Madness in the JBM Cafeteria

To celebrate March Madness at JBM, we hosted competitions during lunches in March. Student volunteers were invited to participate in a basketball dribble relay, speed eraser, keep it up, catch it, and pink elephant. Students really struggled with the pink elephant competition where they had to get a slinky that was attached to a headband to sit on their head. During the competition, no student was able to get the slinky to sit on their head! Each day, winning classes were awarded points and the class with the most points at the end of March Madness from each lunch was awarded ice cream sandwiches.



JOHN BASSETT MOORE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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

Janae Huff Announced as JBM Teacher of the Year!

Ms. Janae Huff is the general music teacher at John Bassett Moore Intermediate School and has been working in the Smyrna School District for four years. During her tenure in the district Ms. Huff has been extremely involved with Girls on the run, JBM's Drama Club, JBM Pep Squad and The Regiment of Red Marching band as the assistant band director. As a proud graduate of Delaware State University, class of 2013, she is very passionate about teaching the diverse and unique students in the district. Ms. Huff is honored to represent John Bassett Moore as Teacher of the Year for 2019-2020.



I Can Lift Others up by.....



Brooklyn singer/songwriter Jesse Ruben's message is simple and direct. "I can. You Can. We Can." When Jesse originally wrote his song "We Can", he had just run the NYC Marathon and hoped to inspire people to start running. "The We Can Project" now spreads across North America. Jesse began touring the country, visiting schools and helping students come up with personal goals and ways to give back to their community. Jesse had just headlined and sold out his entire East Coast tour and was writing

new music when he became incredibly ill. It took nine months and more than a dozen doctors before he got his diagnosis: Lyme Disease. Jesse was so sick that he didn't think he would ever play music or lead a normal life again. Suddenly, the message he had been spreading to students over the past year rang truer than ever before. I can do this. It took two full years to rebuild his health. It's an experience Jesse won't easily forget. In fact, it's changed his perspective on life and writing. Jesse had always wanted to inspire people through his music, but now has a mission and an even bigger message: No matter what you are going through, you're not alone, and it will get better.

On March 13, Jesse Ruben came to JBM to perform for our students. In preparation, during the school year, JBM displayed the "I Can, You Can, We Can" positive messages all throughout the school - hallways, doors, classrooms, cafeteria, offices, library, Guidance and Nurse's office along with the Auditorium. Both fifth and sixth grade completed feathers for the "I can lift others up by....." display. Each student received a sheet with four feathers asking them to write complete sentences with examples of how they can lift others up. They cut them out and turned them in. Then our Smyrna High School Students helped us prepare the display with an Eagle's head to look as if he is soaring and lifting up. This was the back drop for Jesse's performance with the students.

In addition, students put their PBS raffle tickets into the raffle box for a chance to win a lunch at Clayton Elementary School with Jesse Ruben. Jesse also personally signed his autograph to a specially designed sheet that was given to each student after the concert. We are grateful for Jesse's visit to JBM and the positive message of "I Can, You Can, We Can" that has been instilled at JBM and will continue in the future.



JBM Poster Winners Announced

JBM students participated in a school-wide poster contest hosted by the Delaware Council of Teachers of Mathematics. This year's theme was Mathematics Through the Ages. Our students' creativity and ability to look at mathematics from a different perspective is always wonderful to see. While there were many great entries to choose from, we narrowed it down to our top three posters and from there chose one poster to represent JBM at the state level. The state level winners will be announced on May 22.



CIS Basketball Club



The 2019 CIS Basketball Club wrapped up its third season on April 3 when our student athletes played against their parents and teachers. It was a great way to end another very successful season. Our student athletes showed a huge improvement in their basketball skills over the past few months and had a great time along the way!

In February, we even took a trip to the brand new 76ers fieldhouse in Wilmington to watch the Delaware Blue Coats take on the Canton Charge. Our group was able to get on the court to high-five the players before the game, and even participate in on-court events during timeouts.



We look forward to having another great team next school year!

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).

Welcome Lisa Giampietro – Our Newest Administrative Assistant!

The newest face at the big blue desk at CIS, is that of Lisa Giampietro. She is known by many students as Coach Lisa, from coaching cheerleading for the Smyrna/Clayton Pop Warner Organization and at Providence Creek Academy. Lisa is originally from Newark, DE and has lived in Smyrna for the last 16 years. She is the proud mom of four active sons! Michael is her oldest, an 18 year old who graduated from Smyrna High School in 2018. Gabe is her 15 year old freshman attending Smyrna High School, and currently Smyrna High School Wrestling's 106lb State Champion. Jake is Lisa's 13 year old who attends Smyrna Middle School, known to most as "Juice". And lastly, Ben is her 9 year old student at Smyrna Elementary. The Giampietro family also includes an extremely cute hearing impaired boxer named Samson. Teaching him sign language has been an incredible experience for the family. When the Giampietro gang is not at a baseball, football, cheerleading, wrestling, or basketball practice/game, they enjoy roller skating, bowling, mini golf, or going down to the beach for some Thrasher's fries! Lisa is very excited about joining the CIS family!



Drama and Dance Team Performances



The CIS drama season was a huge success. The fall play, titled "Big Bad", was a comedy about the Big Bad Wolf. He was on trial for all of his wrong doings against many of the fairy tale characters. In the end, the audience decided what punishment the wolf would get. The students did a terrific job bringing their parts to life.

Alice in Wonderland Jr. was the Spring Musical. The audience got to take an adventure with Alice through the rabbit hole and into Wonderland. There, Alice met many of the Wonderland characters. There were many wonderful songs and dances performed by the students. Each student made you believe they were their character. From the White Rabbit, the Cheshire Cat(s), the Tweedles to the Queen of Hearts, the stage came to life. Alice transformed into "small" Alice and back to herself many times. All of the students worked from January until April to get ready for the production and their hard work paid off. The students presented a wonderful show.

The dance team consisted of a fall and spring team. The students practiced once a week and performed during lunches. The fall team performed in October and December, while the spring team performed in February and April. The spring team also performed at I Love Smyrna Day in February. The dance team did a terrific job this year.

Mrs. Anspach is very proud of all of the students who are part of the drama club and dance team. Each and everyone one of them worked extremely hard this year, and their performances showed. For the reward this year, both drama and dance teams will get a trip to Sky Zone.

Mrs. Anspach looks forward to next school year to start all over again.



CLAYTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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

Jody Crawford CIS Teacher of the Year

Jody Crawford knew she wanted to be a teacher from a young age. In middle school, she enjoyed participating in a reading program with the kindergarten and first grade students. Jody developed a love for art as well as working with young children. Her art teacher Mrs. Peterson encouraged her to follow her love of art through high school. At Mansfield University, one of her fondest memories was working with the weekend art camp. Here she was able to work with children of all ages from the community. She wrote lessons to teach and share her love of art with the students. Jody Crawford became an educator in 2000, receiving her B.S. in Art Education. She began teaching in Pennsylvania for a year before returning to school to obtain her certification in elementary and middle school education. In 2004, Jody moved to Delaware and began teaching art at John Bassett Moore Intermediate School. She participated in many committees and school activities including the PBS committee, starting an art club for students and advising the Student Council. She helped open the newest Smyrna School District fifth and sixth grade school, Clayton Intermediate.



Jody has been married to her amazing husband Chad for 13 years. When she is not in the art room, you will often find her trying new recipes in the kitchen or making a craft. She also enjoys traveling and spending time with her family and dog Bernie (an adorable lab mix). Today, Jody continues to inspire students by teaching art at Clayton Intermediate as well as advising the art club and Student Council and participating in many school committees as needed.

PBS and CIS



It has been an exciting couple months for PBS at CIS! We were finally able to have our Basketball Tournament on March 7. Students competed and the top two teams were able to play against the staff in front of the school on March 8. The whole school PBS event was a great time and students

enjoyed time together watching their friends play. The Dance Team performed for the half time show and basketball players from the high school came over to referee the game and play basketball with our students as well.

All of our preparation for the musician Jesse Ruben paid off, and we were very excited to enjoy time with him on March 11 when he came to our school. Our PBS Student Committee leaders taught lessons to their classes to prepare We Can and I Can statements. They have been doing a wonderful job being leaders for their class. As a reward, they were able to have lunch with Jesse Ruben. It was a great day had by all!



The third marking period social took place on Friday, April 12 in the afternoon. Students enjoyed time outside playing sports and spending time with their friends. Our fourth marking period social will take place on June 4 and will include inflatables and other fun games. We are all excited to end the year strong!

A Message from Student Council:

This spring has been a busy one for Student Council. It is always amazing to see how compassionate our school is! In March we were able to donate over \$500 dollars to the Cystic Fibrosis Walk from contributions to our pie in the face contest. Thank you Mr. Cini and Mr. Davis for being such wonderful sports and taking that pie like a champion!

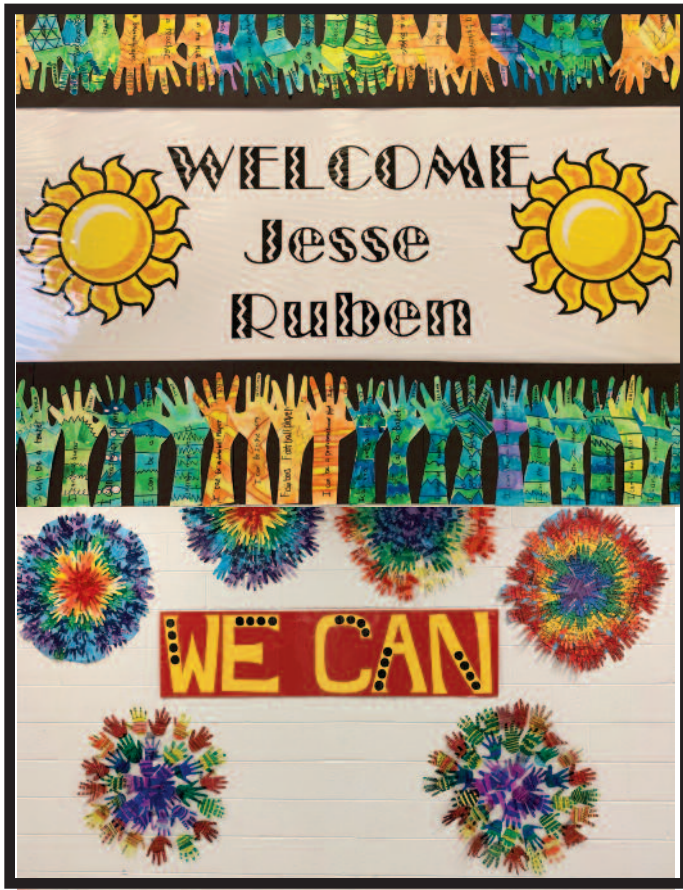
On March 21 we rocked our socks and sold over 100 pairs of socks. This money goes to the Down Syndrome Association of Delaware each year. Student Council continues to plan events for the spring and help other clubs with their endeavors, as well as have fun with each other.



"We Can" Project with Jesse Ruben

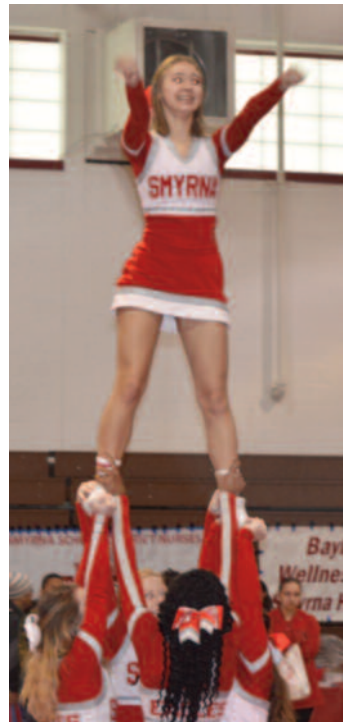
The Smyrna School District took part in the amazing "We Can" project with Jesse Ruben. The students and staff at CIS were very excited to implement the Jesse Ruben's mission, "A service learning initiative that inspires and profoundly connects students of all ages to the difference they can make in their lives, their communities, and in the world." Students created both "I Can" statements and "We Can" statements committing to the difference they intend to make. Students expressed these statements creatively through posters, locker graffiti, and banners. In addition, we were privileged to have Jesse Ruben come to our school for a concert where the students were engaged and excited to participate.







Thank-You to our many supporters, friends, and family that continue to pour out love to our Smyrna school District! We appreciate you!



Blue Rocks Field Trip



The SMS PBS program took almost 500 students to see the Blue Rocks baseball team in Wilmington, where they beat Winston-Salem 4-1 and the students enjoyed watching the middle school band perform an excellent rendition of the national anthem. We filled nearly three sections of the stands and students enjoyed great weather and ballpark food!

FFA Recognizes Members



The SMS FFA chapter held their end of the year recognition ceremony recently. Students were recognized for the hard work they put in learning about the many faces of agricultural education.



SMS Attends DETSA State Conference

The Delaware Technology Student Association (DE TSA) State Conference was held on April 3-4, 2019 with nearly 1000 students, advisors, and judges from up to 58 chapters that participated with nearly 1746



total contest entries in 62 contests. The Technology Student Association (TSA) is a Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) dedicated to students interested in the future of invention, innovation, engineering, and technology. Through TSA, members have the opportunity to participate in technology-focused competitive events, take part in community service work, and become leaders for the organization in their school, state, and at the national level. TSA incorporates curricular and co-curricular experiences to emphasize the importance of knowledge, leadership, skill development, and teamwork. Smyrna Middle School TSA students competed in the Vex Robotics, Mag-Lev, Problem Solving and the CO2 Racecar competitions.



SMS Thanks Citizens Hose

Smyrna Middle would like to thank Citizens' Hose Co (Smyrna Fire Dept.), Smyrna Police Department & Acme Market in Smyrna. These groups made a huge donation to our food pantry. Acme, as part of their grand re-opening, provided police and fire agencies a shopping spree. The first responders, in turn, donated all their yield to our food pantry.



Bunny Hop Benefits Food Pantry



This year SMS set out again for our Bunny Hop to help fill local food pantries. This year the money raised was \$1246. Cans donated 2,340! That is an increase of 1,306 cans. We also had 924 walkers out. Also a shout out to our awesome FFA advisors. Mrs. Stefanie Freimuth and Mrs. Holly Hufford. You're a great example for our kids!!

SMS Spring Athletics

2019 marked another successful season for the Smyrna Middle School Track & Field team. The team opened the season with two home victories for the boys and girls, defeating Woodbridge Middle School and Postlethwait Middle School before beginning their remaining season journey of away meets. Two away victories against Dover Central Middle School and Kirk Middle School preceded the season's greatest challenge, the Jim Blades Invitational. The invitational carried historic implications as the boys and girls were both able to capture first place standings at the event's conclusion, marking the first time in the 14 year history of the invitational that a single school was able to achieve this feat for both in a single year.

GIRLS

55m hurdles

Kailah Crews, 8.84, 1st place
Elise Carter 8.99, 2nd place
Yasmina Gall, 10.09, 4th place

100 m

Kailah Crews, 12.23, 1st
Desiree Zapata 12.93 2nd

200m

Amira Allen, 27.23, 1st place
Epiphany Richards, 28.44, 2nd place
Jada Hart, 29.66, 4th place

1600m

Amira Young, 4th place, 6.05.20

4x100 m relay team

Kailah Crews, Laila Rowland, Epiphany Richards, Desiree Zapata, 1st place, 54.00 s

400m

Epiphany Richards, 1.05.78, 1st place
Zaniyah Wilson 1.08.46, 2nd place
Alexis Hodge, 1.13.09, 6th place

800m

Amira Allen, 2.53.19, 6th place
Alyssa Young, 2.55.72, 7th place

4x200 m relay team

Zaniyah Wilson, Laila Rowland, Amira Allen, Desiree Zapata, 1.53.30, 1st place

Triple Jump

Yasmina Gall 31'3.5" 1st place
Elise Carter 27'10" 5th place

Discus

Roarie Glenn-Russum, 64'00" 6th place
Kaitlin Hill 63'02" 7th place

Joey Blankenship, 60'6" 8th place

Shotput

Roarie Glenn-Russum, 28'00", 2nd place

Long Jump

Yasmina Gall 14'5" 3rd place

High Jump

Katelynn Rhoades, 4'2" 8th place

BOYS

55m hurdles

Tyree Archer, 9.26, 4th place

100 m

Yamir Knight, 11.96, 2nd place

200m

Ivan Stanley 25.26 3rd place

Tyree ARcher 25.45 8th place

1600m

Marcus McClenton, 5.19.80, 2nd place

4x100 m relay team

Ivan SStanley, Ayomide Gbadebo, Will Slour, Yamir Knight, 2nd place, 48.53

400m

Will SLour 54.95, 1st
Bahsil Laster 59.97, 4th place

800m

Marcus McClenton, 2.26.56, 2nd place

4x200 m relay team

Denim SMith, Bahsil Laster, William Slour, Yamir KNight, 1.43.21, 1st

Triple Jump

ERic Ray, 30'9.5" 4th place

Discus

Carl Rifino, 74'5", 8th place

Shotput

Jukai Jean, 33'2", 4th place

Long Jump

Ivan Stanley, 18'2", 1st

Eric Ray, 15'3.5", 8th

High Jump

Bahsil Laster, 6'2" 1st

Jeremiah Harris, 6'2" 1st

CHEER



Congratulations to the SMS Cheerleading team for winning their second straight championship this past season. The coaches and girls prepared and performed at the championships held in March. Well done all for a second straight title!



LACROSSE

With the many other successful athletics programs at SMS we welcomed two new teams to our squad this year. With the introduction of both boy's and girl's lacrosse we increased the opportunities for our Eagles to be part of an athletic team.

UNIFIED SOCCER SPECIAL OLYMPICS

On April 18, 2019, Smyrna Middle School CLP students competed in the Unified Soccer Special Olympics held at Polytech High School. Athletes and their Unified Partners participated in three events that focused on dribbling, passing and kicking. The weather was beautiful and all had a great time. Participating students were: Dashawn Cale, Deshawn Dixon, Kaitlynn Williams, Danyelle Harden, Alexis Lloyd Wheeler, LaRue Smalls, Jadan Murphy, Troy Drayton, Christopher Cerasari, Connor Ryan, Peyton Broadway, Cheyenne Scott, Dehkontee Nyenswah, Loretta Price, Delaney Porter, Ally Holmes, Reagan King, Alanna Atkinson, CJ Hall, Sean Keener, Cheyenne Scott, and Tyler Heverin.

SHS Art Students Compete in the Patriotic Art Contest



Three of our Smyrna High School students were recognized with a luncheon at our local VFW Post. Sara, a junior, was awarded third place in the Patriotic Art contest. Esther, a senior, was awarded second place, and Cathryn was awarded first place. Cathryn's art titled, "For Reagan" has moved on to statewide competition where it will be judged alongside the winners from each of the VFW posts statewide. The winner of the statewide competition will be announced at the VFW convention held in June and then it will move to the National competition. Scholarships are awarded to the top winners nationwide. Cathryn placed third in state last year and is excited to see how her submission does this year. Congrats ladies!

SHS Educators Rising



In the past marking period, Educators Rising has accomplished a lot. Many members helped out during the "We Can" Initiative, helping schools by preparing, decorating, and volunteering at the concerts held. Students are continuing to attend PTO meetings and participate at ESL events in the elementary schools, where they assist children with reading. As Easter came around, Educators Rising participated in the Town of Smyrna's Easter egg hunt, helping to fill and hide Easter eggs, as well as the Easter egg hunt at North Smyrna Elementary. At Smyrna High School's annual bunny hop, the teacher academy and early childhood classes collected a total of 105 canned foods and \$55 to combat world hunger. As the end of the year approaches, Educators Rising will be electing their new officer team to lead the organization into next school year.

Additionally, two members from the Smyrna chapter were elected as a state officer; Kaylah Briscoe as President and Caitlyn Thomas as Vice President of Membership. In June, Educators Rising students will be flying to Texas to compete in the National Educators Rising Competition. Students had to create a presentation, speech, book, or lesson plan to present in front of judges at the local competition, which then decided if they would advance to the state competition. 35 students from the Smyrna High School Ed Rising chapter qualified for states, where they competed once more for a spot to nationals. From there, students Kaylah Briscoe, Kai Buckson, Caitlyn Thomas, Teresa Pena, Denis Torres Ruiz, Emma Mayew, Jenna Malone, Sara Miller, and Kayla Sarcoglu qualified for the first eight and will be attending the national competition in Dallas, Texas.

Smyrna Music Department Wins Big at Orlando Fest



- The Smyrna High School Music Department won four awards while competing at the Orlando Fest April 13 during the group's trip to Florida.
- The Regiment of Red Marching Band won first place and was named Grand Champion at the event.
- The Concert Choir won first place.
- The Jazz Band won first place, and the Symphonic Band placed second.

Smyrna AG Pathway Highlighted by State of Delaware

Skyler Campanicki and Taylor Davis proudly represented Smyrna High School as the Agricultural Structures & Engineering Career & Technology Education (CTE) Pathway was recognized as the top program in the State of its kind at the fifth Annual Delaware Pathways Program, held on April 8, 2019 at Dover Downs Hotel & Casino. The event was sponsored by the Delaware Department of Education and was attended by over 500 guests ranging from employers, educators, school administrators, school counselors, parents and guardians, community-based organizations (CBOs), legislators and policymakers to learn more about Career & Technology Education and Work Based Learning success.


Celebrating Math



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

Smyrna High School students make calculated moves at Math League

You may be asking yourself, "What is Math League? What do they do? The purpose of the Delaware Secondary School Mathematics League is to cultivate interest in mathematics through team competition. There are four levels of competition – grade seventh through twelfth. The Smyrna High School Math League is a club that offers students the opportunity to expand their academic knowledge by solving challenging math problems. Students compete against other schools in their region by answering math questions. Students answer six individual questions and then get to work together on a team question. Mrs. Atkinson and Mrs. Meek worked with a group of 14 students that truly enjoy challenging their brains and advancing their math skills through problem solving. In December, math league students had a day filled with fun and laughter playing Minute to Win It games: Holiday edition. The following standings are the results of the four regional Math League meets held during the 2018-2019 school year: The 9th grade team (consisting of Shaun Atkinson, Atif Bacchus, and Robert Mace) placed seventh. Two Smyrna teams competed at the tenth-twelfth grade level against 14 teams. The Smyrna Eagles team (consisting of Chris Desir, Sheila Gisorra, Katie Rocco & Victoria Lichak) placed sixth. The Smyrna White team (consisting of Wes Carson, Joe Gisorra, Deanna Sinclair & Max Morrissiey) placed eleventh. Chris Desir placed fourth individually out of 79 students. Great job to all of the Mathletes!



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

SHS 2018-2019 Teacher of the Year

Colonel Hetterly received his commission in the United States Air Force in 1980. He served on active duty as a Missile Crew Commander from 1980-1984 and performed over 250 alerts on the Titan II ICBM weapon system. Colonel Hetterly then transferred into the Air Force Reserve; retiring in 2010 with 30 years of service, including one deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. He began his teaching career in 1991 as a classroom teacher (regular education and inclusion classrooms, both as a regular education and as special education teacher) and worked five years as a district-level Educational Diagnostician. In 2011, after retiring from the Air Force, Colonel Hetterly was selected as the Senior Aerospace Science Instructor of DE-942, Smyrna High School, Delaware, where he continues to teach.



SHS 2018-2019 Educational Support Personnel of the Year

Mr. Larry Koehler joined the Smyrna School District in 2010, first as a Substitute Teacher and then as a full time One-on-One Para educator working at JBM, Smyrna Middle School and Smyrna High School. Originally, from New Jersey, Mr. Koehler relocated to Smyrna with his family after serving nearly twenty-eight years in the United States Navy. Over the years, Mr. Koehler has been an active member of the community, has been involved in The Smyrna Downtown Renaissance Association/Smyrna Opera House, Friends of Belmont Hall, The Town of Smyrna Long Range Planning Committee, and Town Business Development Committee, and is a member of Harmony Lodge #13 AF and AM of Smyrna. This is Mr. Koehler's second Nomination as ESP of the year. Mr. Koehler has previously been awarded that distinction by Smyrna Middle School for the 2015-2016 School Year



SHS Allied Health Pathway Competes at 2018-2019 Delaware HOSA State Competition

Smyrna HOSA Future Health Professionals represented Smyrna High school in the 2019 Delaware HOSA State Competition on April 3 through April 5 at the University of Delaware STAR Campus. Smyrna High School HOSA students competed in various events and a majority placed in the top ten in the States of Delaware. This is a tremendous feat for a three-year-old program. Results are as follows:

- Job Seeking Skills: Loreal Burton, fifth
- Health Career Display: Raegan Sebastinaelli and Ashlyne Fowler, fifth
- Medical Reading: Azariah Torain, fifth
- Medical Math: Joe Gisorra sixth and Zoe Wilcox, seventh
- Health Education: Flossy Posse eighth and The Greminator, tenth
- Medical Law and Ethics: Jordan Pace fifth, Amy Ndjaye eighth, and Erin Warburton tenth

Honorable Mention to Lauren Barkley and Grace Dunning for making it to the second round of Medical Assisting. The Advisors could not be more proud of the effort that the students put forth to get ready for this competition and we are looking forward to another great year next year.



SHS Random Acts of Kindness Club

The SHS Random Acts of Kindness Club has been busy spreading kindness around school. This marking period we made posters to various school staff thanking them for all they do (janitors, lunch staff, nurses, admin, etc.) which we are still in the process of giving. We gave teachers a tootsie roll with an encouraging message about rolling into the fourth marking period. We made the librarians a book made up of pages of reasons why we are thankful for them in honor of national librarian day (4/16). We stuffed plastic eggs with candy and an encouraging message about having a great spring break, and hid them in the hallways of the school for students to find. We wrote kind messages (You matter! Smile today! Etc.), on clothespins and pinned them on unsuspecting students in the hallway. We are busy coming up with new ideas to spread kindness throughout our school. One idea we have is to write beautiful encouraging messages in chalk on the sidewalks for final exams.



SHS & SMS FFA 2019 Bunny Hop for Hunger 4.0

The 2019 Bunny Hop for Hunger 4.0 is in the books!!! The totals are in and between the Smyrna HS FFA and the Smyrna MS and all of the amazing staff and students of Smyrna High and Smyrna Middle, we were able to donate over 6,100 canned food items and \$1,600 to the Smyrna-Clayton Ministerium, headed by Rev. Dr. John Riley.

SHS Warm Their Hands, Warm Your Heart

Students in Ms. Treherne and Mrs. Morris' class at Smyrna High School organized their sixth annual community service project, "Warm Their Hands, Warm Your Heart". With overwhelming donations from all of the schools within the district, 1001 pairs of gloves, mittens, scarves, and new socks were collected. Many people also generously donated warm winter coats. This year Mrs. LeBloch's Random Acts of Kindness Club worked endlessly writing heartwarming messages which were placed on each of the bagged items. Some of the messages included, "You Matter!", "You Are Loved!", "Don't Forget How Amazing You Are!" and "Be Brave, Never Give Up!" The students presented their gift on January 9 to Brenda Russillo, from the Food Pantry at Asbury United Methodist Church. Collectively the students contributed countless hours gathering, counting, and wrapping the items for those in need in the community to have a warm and toasty winter.

Smyrna STEM Goes Red



Six of Smyrna High School's future women engineers enrolled in the Engineering Pathway at Smyrna High School attended the first, annual, STEM Goes Red event in Delaware sponsored by the American Heart Association. Local businesses and organizations invited freshmen and sophomore girls to an exciting event designed to introduce opportunities in STEM careers. Olivia Kelly, Gabrielle Treadwell, Nora Charles, Sofia Estrada, Sophia DeMarco, and Kelly Barr participated in a STEM inspired day with guest speakers, speed-mentoring sessions with business leaders, hands-on STEM demonstrations and presentations, exhibits, and giveaways. STEM Goes Red focused on charting new and exciting pathways for girls in Delaware. "Go Red has always been about empowering women. Empowering them to take charge of their health, to advocate for themselves, and to take ownership of their wellbeing. Go Red Goes STEM aims to empower these young girls to take charge – of their health, of their passions, and of their future professions. Some of them may end up being surgeons or neuroscientists to make the very breakthroughs the AHA is currently working to find; but all of them will leave this event knowing that they have the power to pursue their passions." ~ Jennifer Cohan, Chair of the 2019 STEM Goes Red Event

**Smyrna School District
2019-20 School Calendar**

AUGUST	
August 20-22	New Teacher Orientation
August 26-29	Staff Professional Development
August 30	No School - Schools Closed
SEPTEMBER	
September 2	Labor Day – Schools Closed
September 3	First Day of School - Grades K - 9
September 4	First Day of School - Grades 10-12 (All Students Report)
September 5	First Day of School - Early Childhood
OCTOBER	
October 1	Mid-Marking Period
October 10	Progress Reports Available Online
October 11	Full Day Staff Professional Development (All)
October 31	End of Marking Period 1
NOVEMBER	
November 8	Full Day Staff Professional Development (All)
November 11	Veterans' Day – Schools Closed
November 12	Report Cards Issued
Nov. 25-26	PreK-8 Parent Conferences (No School K-8)
Nov. 27 – 29	Thanksgiving – Schools Closed
DECEMBER	
December 2	Schools Reopen
December 5	Mid-Marking Period
December 13	Progress Reports Available Online
Dec. 23-Jan.3	Winter Vacation – Schools Closed
JANUARY	
January 6	Schools Reopen
January 16	End of Marking Period 2
January 17	Full Day Staff Professional Development (All)
January 20	Martin Luther King Day – Schools Closed
January 27	Report Cards Issued
FEBRUARY	
February 3-4	Full Day Staff Professional Development (All)
February 17	Presidents' Day – Schools Closed
February 20	Mid-Marking Point
February 21	Full Day Staff Professional Development (All)
February 28	Progress Reports Available Online
MARCH	
March 4	PSAT/SAT Testing (Grades 9-11) - No School for Grade 12
March 26	End of Marking Period 3
March 27	Full Day Staff Professional Development (All)
APRIL	
April 6	Report Cards Issued
Apr. 10-17	Spring Break – Schools Closed
April 20	Schools Reopens
April 28	Full Day Staff Professional Development (All)
MAY	
May 6	Mid-Marking Point
May 14	Progress Reports Available Online
May 22	Full Day Staff Professional Development (All)
May 25	Memorial Day – School Closed
JUNE	
June 2	Last Senior Day
June 5	Last PreK Student Day
June 6	Smyrna High School Graduation: Class of 2020
June 9-11	1/2 Day In-Service (Grades 9-11) - Final Exams/Last Student Day
June 12-16	Full Day Staff Professional Development (All)
June 17	Last Teacher Day

The calendar is based on legislation requiring students to attend school 1060 hours (grades K-11), and 1032 hours (grade 12) - with no minimum number of days. The extra hours for students can be banked for inclement weather; however, teachers will have to make up inclement weather days in order to reach the 188 teacher days required by law. Any inclement weather days will be made up by staff immediately following the last teacher day.
Approved by Board of Education, March 28, 2018

**SMYRNA SCHOOL DISTRICT
CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM**

Is GOING MOBILE and participating in the
2019 SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM.



The Summer Program will start on:
Monday, June 17 and run until
Thursday, August 22
with service days being
Monday through Thursday.

Children 18 years and under will be
provided meals at NO COST.
There will be no discrimination in the course of
meal service regardless of race, color, national
origin, sex, age, or disability

Site Location (address / times):

Smyrna Elementary, 121 South School Lane, Smyrna, DE	12:00-12:30
North Smyrna Elementary, 365 North Main Street, Smyrna, DE	12:00-12:30
Commerce Square, 101 Talon Court, Smyrna, DE	12:00-12:30
Smyrna Gardens, 105 Lawn Drive, Smyrna, DE	12:45-1:15

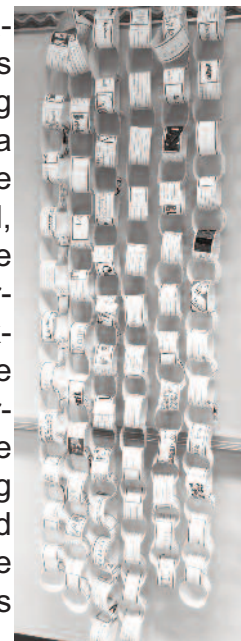
**Please contact the Child Nutrition Office with any questions 302-653-3134
Additional information will be made available on our District Website prior to
June 17, 2019
www.smyrna.k12.de.us**

RESTORATIVE PRACTICE. SMYRNA SCHOOL DISTRICT



The Smyrna School District's administration, teachers, specialists and support staff strive to meet the social, emotional and educational needs of all of our students. Restorative Practices and Dialogue circles provide a safe, supportive space where all students can share their feelings and develop an understanding of their peers, feelings and beliefs. Through the use of Restorative Practices we have been able to improve behaviors, support relationships and help our students with problem solving.

Our district's future goal is to build upon our community of learning by integrating restorative practices into our daily curriculum. Currently, we have a team of Restorative Practice Champions in each of our schools. The Restorative Practice Champion leadership team has been trained, and the team shares resources, topics and lessons at school wide faculty meetings. The team is responsible for coaching and mentoring teachers and staff at each building. This summer we will be working to compile age- and grade-level appropriate Community Core Value and Positive Behavior Support lessons to integrate into our circle time. Overall, teachers and staff who have implemented these methods have found that the portion of time dedicated to managing behavior has been reduced. Our students are able to identify and cope with their feelings in a more positive way. This means that more instructional time becomes available, and our students and teachers have happy, peaceful and productive school days.



SMYRNA FFA TAKE TWO TITLES AT STATE CONVENTION

The Smyrna High School FFA had a fine showing at the 89th Annual Delaware FFA State Convention held at Delaware State University on March 11-12, 2019.

The chapter had six students receive the State FFA Degree, which is the third level of membership recognition an FFA member can receive. Recipients included: Abby Conway, Skylar Campanicki, Kaylee Dulin, Heather Fletcher, Josh Johnson and Raelyn Wiley. From this distinguished group, Abby Conway was named the State Star in Agricultural Research, earning a \$300 cash prize and a trip to Springfield, MA in September to compete at the Eastern States Exposition.

The Smyrna FFA had three students earn \$250 State Proficiency Awards and the opportunity to have their applications judged for future competition in the Fall. Proficiency award winners included: Delaney Tome- Ag Processing; Ryan Wheatley- Dairy Production; Trey Thompson- Equine Science; and Taylor Davis - second Place Turf Grass Management.

Smyrna High School was also proud to have past Smyrna High School graduates retire from their respective State FFA Offices. George Class-Peters, Jr. served as State Treasurer and Trey Thompson served as State Reporter. Trey was re-elected to State Office in the form of State Treasurer.

Competition Results were as follows:

First Place Chapter Code of Conduct/Jr. Parliamentary Procedure Team- Kaitlyn Collins, Megan Dinsmore, Philip Gaughan, Lily Griffiths, Rebecca King, Haley McDowell and Madison Pierce. The team will be competing at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN in October 2019.

First Place Meat Evaluation Team - Cassidy Neiderland, second Individual; Parker Boots third Individual and

Kendra Mounts fourth Individual. The team will be competing at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN in October 2019.

Second Place Creed Speaking- Sarah Dinsmore

Second Place Jr. Extemporaneous Public Speaking- Sky Jackson.

Second Place Prepared Public Speaking- Zoe Petrosky

Second Place Sr. Parliamentary Procedure Team, Abby Conway, Kaylee Davis, Gordon Fletcher, Heather Fletcher, Macie Littleton and Delaney Tome.

Third Place Floriculture Team- D'Mario Cooper, Cheyenne Donaghue, Maria Sterling and Aaliyah Street.

Fourth Place Employment Skills- Kaylee Dulin

Fifth Place Milk Quality & Dairy Products Team- Gabryele Carter, Justin Foersch, Rayne Thomson and Raelyn Wiley. Gabryele Carter was also seventh Place Individual.

Seventh Place Ag Sales Team- Justin Barber, Charlie Dunn, Brynn Rifino and Nick Shane.

Eighth Place Sr. Extemporaneous Public Speaking- Hailey Powell

Ninth Place Prepared Public Speaking- Brooke Wix

Chapter Delegate- Kendra Mounts

Chapter Scrapbook: Third Place

Talent: Jasmine Macknett & Alyssa McClements

First Place Chapter Code of Conduct/Jr. Parliamentary Procedure Team (L to R): Lily Griffiths, Haley McDowell, Madison Pierce, Kaitlyn Collins, Rebecca King, Megan Dinsmore and Philip Gaughan. Will be competing at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN in October 2019.

Annual Public Notice of Nondiscrimination

TITLE VII, TITLE IX, and Section 504 Compliance Notification

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

Smyrna School District is pleased to announce that it is offering, among other programs, the following Career and Technical Education Pathways for the 2018-2019 school year:

Smyrna High School Agriscience

Courses are offered as part of four pathway strands:

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

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

Plant Science: Plant Science I, II, & III

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

Structural Systems: Structures I, II, & III

Business

Courses are offered as part of two pathway strands:

Accounting: Accounting II, III, & IV

Digital Business Communications: DBC II, III, & IV

Administrative Services: Admin Services II, III, & IV

Marketing Management: Marketing Management II, III, & IV

Family and Consumer Sciences

Courses are offered as part of two pathway strands:

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

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

Jobs for Delaware Graduates

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

Courses offered are: JDG II, III, IV

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

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

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

School Admissions-Programs

Stacy Cook
Principal

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

COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION OF SEX OFFENDERS

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

NOTICE:

Delaware Department of Education Tobacco Regulation 877

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

A PARENT'S RIGHT TO KNOW

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

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

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

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

» Whether the Delaware Department of Education has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.

» Whether the Delaware Department of Education has decided that the teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of special circumstances.

» The teacher's college major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees.

» Whether any teachers' aides or similar paraprofessionals provide Title I services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

A website has been setup for you to obtain this information at:

<http://deeds.doe.k12.de.us>

You may access this information by going to this website and click "Parents/General Public" on the left-hand side of your computer screen. Click "Search" for an employed Delaware public / charter school educator." Enter the last name of your child's teacher and click "search." Click the "profile" link after your child's teacher's name. You will find the teacher's certification under "credentials" and college major under "qualification." If you are unable to obtain the necessary information, you may call you child's principal for this information, or our Personnel Office at (302) 653-8585.

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 and read through the Parent Involvement information. You may find this information at:

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

Dr. Rachael S. Rudinoff
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Office: 302 653-3135
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E-Mail: rachael.rudinoff@smyrna.k12.de.us

Community Eligibility Provision
Smyrna Elementary-North Smyrna Elementary-
John Bassett Moore
School Year 2019 - 2020

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Each year the Child Nutrition Program collects data to determine if Smyrna Elementary, North Smyrna Elementary and John Bassett Moore meet the requirements to continue as a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school. This provision has allowed all three schools to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students regardless of their income for the past four years. Our four year CEP cycle has expired and we reapplied for the provision. In order to serve as a CEP school, specific criteria must be satisfied. Schools must have an Identified Student Percentage (ISP) of greater than/equal to 40% to continue as a CEP school. The USDA defines identified students as those who may be certified for free meals without the use of meal benefit forms. This year, North Smyrna Elementary had an ISP of 40.42%, Smyrna Elementary had an ISP of 30.0% and John Bassett Moore had an ISP of 33.54%. Unfortunately, Smyrna Elementary and John Bassett Moore did not meet the USDA requirements to continue as a CEP school for the 2019/2020 school year. Information about CEP can be found on this webpage:

<https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/cn/CEPfactsheet.pdf>

What does this mean for you and your children attending Smyrna Elementary and John Bassett Moore?

All enrolled students at all three CEP schools will continue to receive a nutritious breakfast and lunch at school at no charge to your household for the remainder of the 2018/2019 school year.

For school year 2019/2020, North Smyrna Elementary will continue as a CEP school.

For school year 2019/2020 students / families of Smyrna Elementary and John Bassett Moore will be required to submit a meal benefit form in order to determine eligibility to receive reduced price or free meals. A link to the 2019/2020 USDA meal benefit form and income eligibility guidelines can be found on the Smyrna Child Nutrition website in July 2019.

If we can be of any further assistance or, if you have additional questions about the Community Eligibility Provision, please contact us at 302-653-3134.

Sincerely,

Roger L. Holt, MBA, RD, LDN

Child Nutrition Supervisor

Smyrna FFA Chapter Elects 2018-19 Officers

The Smyrna FFA Chapter is proud to announce the election of the 2019-2020 Officer Team.

President- Brynn Rifino
Vice President- Sarah Dinsmore
Secretary- Rebecca King
Treasurer- Gabryele Carter
Reporter- Lily Griffiths
Sentinel- Kaylee Davis
Historian- Raelyn Wiley

The chapter is under the advisement of AgriScience/FFA Advisors: Mr. Keith Shane (Animal Science), Mr. Jay Davis (Agricultural Structures & Engineering), Mrs. Sarah Bell (Agricultural Power & Mechanics), and Mrs. Kellie Michaud (Plant & Environmental Science).



DISTRICT DIRECTORY

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	653-3147
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	653-8823
SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL	653-8581
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	653-3137
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Mr. Jody Sweeney, Supervisor	

NOTICE

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

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

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

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

Protected Information Surveys

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

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parents;
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
3. Sexual behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as

with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;

7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or
8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.

Notice & Opportunity To Opt Out

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

1. Any protected information survey, regardless of funding source;
2. Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under State law; and
3. Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing, or to sell or otherwise distribute the infor-

mation to others.

Inspection

You may, upon request, inspect the following:

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

Adoption of Policy

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

Complaint

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

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

SMYRNA SCHOOL DISTRICT'S NOTICE OF FERPA RIGHTS

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

Inspection

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

Amendment

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

Consent

You have the right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure with-

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

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

Complaint

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

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

NOTICE CONCERNING DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN STUDENT INFORMATION

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

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

DISTRICT NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

TITLE VII, TITLE IX, and Section 504 compliance notification

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

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

It is also the policy of this District to ensure that curriculum content and instructional materials used by our schools reflect the cultural and racial diversity found in our country, and to create an awareness of the rights, duties, and responsibilities of each individual as a member of the multicultural, nonsexist society. Inquiries about compliance with Title IX, Title VI, or VII may be directed to the compliance coordinators appointed in the district.

COMPLIANCE COORDINATORS

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

TITLE VII: CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1974

(Nondiscrimination in employment practices)

TITLE IX: CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1972

(Nondiscrimination on the basis of sex, educational programs)

Compliance Coordinator

Patrik Williams,

Assistant Superintendent

82 Monrovia Ave.

Smyrna, DE 19977

(302) 653-8585

SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973

Compliance Coordinator

Dr. Rachael Rudinoff,

Supervisor of Special Services

Special Services Office

22 South Main St.

Smyrna, DE 19977

(302) 653-3135

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) OF 1982

Compliance Coordinator

Scott Holmes,

Supervisor of Buildings and

Grounds

Thomas D. Clayton School

80 Monrovia Avenue

Smyrna, DE 19977

(302) 653-3132

NON-DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEX

(Compliance Violation Grievance Procedure)

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

Level One – Principal or immediate supervisor (informal)

A student with a complaint of sex discrimination shall discuss it with the teacher, counselor, or principal.

Level Two – Title IX Compliance Officer

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

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

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

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

TITLE 14 EDUCATION DELAWARE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE**200 Administration and Operations****258 Federal Programs General Complaint Procedures*****1.0 Programs Covered by the Complaint Process**

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

2 DE Reg. 217 (8/1/98)

7 De Reg. 161 (8/1/03)

2.0 Right to File a Complaint

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

2.1 The complaint shall include a statement specifying the alleged violation by the State Education Agency or a Local Education Agency. Such statement shall include facts and documentation of the alleged violation.

2.2 The Delaware Department of Education shall investigate the complaint and issue a written report including findings of fact and a decision to the parties included in the complaint within sixty (60) working days of the receipt of the complaint. An extension of the time limit may be made by the Delaware Department of Education only if exceptional circumstances exist with respect to a particular complaint.

2.3 The Delaware Department of Education may conduct an independent onsite investigation of the complaint, if it is determined that an on site investigation is necessary.

2.4 The complaint shall allege a violation that occurred not more than one (1) year prior to the date that the complaint is received.

2 DE Reg. 217 (8/1/98)

7 De Reg. 161 (8/1/03)

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

3.0 Complaint Made to the Local Education Agency

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

3.1 The complaint shall include a statement specifying the alleged violation by the Local Education Agency. Such statement shall include facts and documentation of the alleged violation.

3.2 The superintendent or the agency head of the Local Education Agency shall investigate the complaint and issue a written report including findings of fact and a decision to the parties involved in the complaint within sixty (60) working days of the receipt of the complaint.

3.3 An appeal of the Local Education Agency decision may be made by the complainant to the Delaware Department of Education. The appeal shall be in writing and signed by the individual or by an individual representative of the organization making the appeal. The Delaware Department of Education shall resolve the appeal in the same manner as a complaint, as indicated in 2.0.

2 DE Reg. 217 (8/1/98)

7 De Reg. 161 (8/1/03)

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

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

Any party to the complaint has the right to request that the Secretary, U. S. Department of Education, review the final decision of the Delaware Department of Education. The request for an appeal of the decision to the Secretary, U. S. Department of Education, shall be made in writing to the Delaware Department of Education within sixty days of the receipt of the decision.

2 DE Reg. 217 (8/1/98)

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

the following address:

Secretary of Education

Delaware Department of Education

401 Federal Street Suite 2

Dover, Delaware 19901-3639

*IDEA Part B, as amended, has other specific remedies and procedural safeguards specified

under Section 615 of the Act to protect students with disabilities. See 14 DE Admin. Code 923 Children with Disabilities Subpart B General Duties and Eligibility of Agencies.

2 DE Reg. 217 (8/1/98)

7 De Reg. 161 (8/1/03)

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

Smyrna School District Summer Camps

The Smyrna School District Summer Camps are open for enrollment and we think that the summer of 2019 is going to be the best yet! There are many new offerings for our campers ages 4-12. The cost of each camp is \$65 and all camps run Monday to Thursday from 8:30-11:30. All camps are located at Clayton Intermediate School. To register your child for summer camp, go to the Smyrna School District webpage and follow the link for Summer Enrichment Camps. Please email, Melissa Buchanan at Melissa.buchanan@smyrna.k12.de.us with any questions or concerns. We can't wait to see you at camp!



Camps for June 24-27th

Code Breakers (Ages 8-12) – A coding and robotics camp that teaches students problem solving skills through code.

Wearable Art (Ages 8-12) - Campers will learn how to create wearable art by exploring a variety of materials and textiles

Basketball All Stars Camp (Ages 8-12) - Campers of all abilities develop team building skills, refine fundamental basketball skills, and enhance their skill set at all 5 basketball positions

Babysitting Training (Ages 8-12) - Campers will learn the basics of childcare, which includes feeding, diapering, basic safety, and first aid

Hablamos! (Ages 5-9) - This camp is for students in our Spanish Immersion program and provides an opportunity to “stay fresh” with their Spanish interactions.

Pete the Cat’s Reading Camp (Ages 4-8) – This week with everyone’s favorite feline friend, Pete the Cat! Each day we will explore a different tale of Pete – his white shoes, his groovy buttons, magic sunglasses, his bedtime blues and more!

Let the Music Move You (Ages 4-8) – Campers will move their feet and feel the rhythm of the beat! Your little musician will sing, dance, and play music during this highly engaging musical experience.

Can you SMELL what’s cooking? (Ages 5-9) – Campers will use math and science to measure and create

different recipes of edible and inedible items.

Camps for July 8-11th

Science Rules (Ages 8-12) - Join us for a week of science fun! This science camp will offer a glimpse into a handful of different phenomenon including biology, chemistry, geology and astronomy.

Graphic Design (Ages 8-12) - In this computer based camp, campers will learn about the art of graphic design.

Imaginarium: Let your Imagination Run Wild (Ages 8-12) - Campers will become the inventors of the future. Campers will make their own futuristic amusement parks and cities; and make products to help solve futuristic needs and problems by creating “thing-a-majigs”, and Rube Goldberg machines.

Music in Motion (Ages 8-12) - Get ready for the ULTIMATE music adventure. Campers will learn music (singing, playing, and dancing) that they will perform for our camp on the final day

Storybook STEAM (Ages 5-8) - Each summer camp session will be anchored by a storybook and campers will engage in activities, using science, technology, engineering, art, and math, that center around the story for the day.

Around the World in 4 Days (Ages 4-8) - Pack your suitcase because campers will get to celebrate the beautiful diversity of our world by exploring 4 countries (China, Finland, India, and France) with cultures that are different from their own.

Fun with Sports (Ages 4-8) - Campers will spend the week playing many fun games as well as learning the basics of a variety of different sports like volleyball, dodgeball, softball, track and basketball!!

Diving into Kindergarten (Ages 4-5) – Our tiniest campers are going to the sea! This camp is designed by Kindergarten teachers to introduce some of the skills needed for Kindergarten.

Week 3: July 15-18

Musical Theater Camp (Ages 5-12) – Campers will prepare all week to perform 101 Dalmatian Kids by singing, acting, dancing, and creating.

The Wizarding World of Harry Potter (Ages 8-12) – Campers are headed to the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry where they will go to classes for Defense Against the Dark Arts and Herbology.

Playing Attention: Board Game Design (Ages 8-12) - Campers will explore the world of board game design through game play and construction of their very own board game. Additionally, campers will also receive a small “designer toolkit” to help inspire them to continue designing well after camp!

Summer Olympics (Ages 8-12) - The Olympic Games are here! Campers will experience the thrill of the games through a weeklong competition! Campers will be assigned a country and compete for their country in various “Olympic” style games like basketball, soccer, flag football, relay races, and minute to win it style challenges. Countries and team members will earn “medals” and other awards throughout the week!

Disney Adventures (Ages 5-8) – Campers are headed to Disney World where each day holds a different Disney theme.

Kaboom Chemistry (Ages 5-8) – Campers will become little scientists as they make different and fun items like bouncy balls, oobleck and elephant toothpaste!

Artist Apprentice (Ages 5-8) – Our little artists learn different tools for self-expression, like painting, printmaking, and sculpture.

Lego Camp (Ages 5-8) – Campers will work though different Lego challenges and then create larger projects like boats, cars and other fun tasks!



Smyrna Eagles Boys Basketball Camp set for June 24-June 27

Smyrna High School will be hosting a basketball camp for boys entering grades third through eighth on June 24-27 (Monday-Thursday) from 9:00am-3:00pm. The camp will consist of daily skill development, game strategy and tactics, as well as team basketball principles.

The camp will be coached by the current high school basketball staff and returning players. Campers will be coached the game of basketball five player to one coach ratio. Our campers will be exposed to four days of basketball fun. For the camp brochure and more information email Andrew.mears@smyrna.k12.de.us.



To all parties involved,

I would like give my sincere thanks to the Smyrna School District and the entire Smyrna-Clayton Community for showing a very high level of support during the 2018-2019 Wrestling Season. Also thank you for welcoming and making me feel at home right away. This level of comfort made it possible to begin working towards building a championship right away.

I am very proud of each and every student-athlete (Wrestler) on the roster. Not only did they have to adjust to a new coach, they had to do it quickly, if we were going to accomplish our goals. They immediately bought into the philosophy and began work towards those goals.

Here is a brief summary of what the 2018-2019 Smyrna High School Wrestling Team was able to accomplish:

- Ray Oliver Tournament Champions (defeating nationally ranked McDonogh School)
- Won the Governor’s Trophy at the Beast of the East
- Easton New Years’ Brawl Champions
- Henlopen Conference North Champions
- Henlopen Conference Tournament Champions
- DIAA Dual Meet State Champions
- Five Individual Henlopen Conference Champions
- Three Individual DIAA State Champions (Gabe Giampietro, Joey Natarcola, JT Davis)
- Two NHSCA Runner-up National Champions (Gabe Giampietro, JT Davis)
- Henlopen Conference Coach of the Year (A. Harris)
- DIAA State Coach of the Year (A. Harris)

Without the help of all parties involved (too many to name), the Smyrna High Wrestling Team could not have had the success we did. So thank you again to the Smyrna School District, the Smyrna-Clayton Community and all of the student-athletes (Wrestlers) involved. It was a great ride...especially for the first year! I look forward to your continued support and many more successful seasons!

Sincere Thanks,
Coach Aaron E. Harris

**Smyrna Wrestlers
2018-2019 DIAA STATE CHAMPIONS!**

