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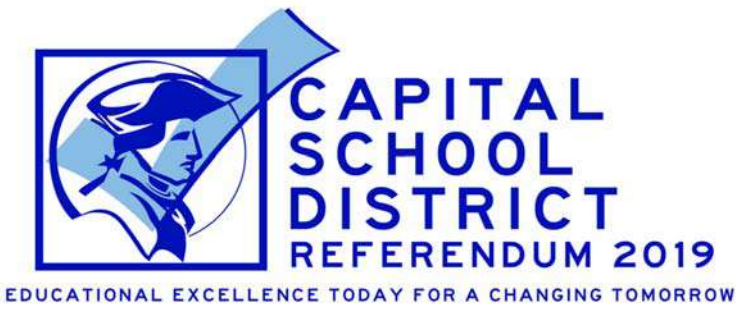
News from the Capital School District

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## CAPITAL GOES TO REFERENDUM

On Tuesday, April 9, 2019, there will be a special election for voters on Capital's referendum. Below you will find more information on why the District is going to referendum. There will be three ballot questions.

### Straight As for Capital Students—Three Ballot Questions

#### 1. Adding two new middle schools for grades 6-8 @ Pat Lynn Drive

- Creates right sized schools district wide, aligning grade levels to follow best instructional practices: Pre-K/K, 1-5, and 6-8
- Takes advantage of \$64 million in state funds for the construction

#### 2. Adding necessary upgrades for new middle schools & renovations to Central Elementary

- Adds spaces and additional opportunities for participation in Visual & Performing Arts, Career & Technical Education, Science and Athletics
- Provides energy efficient upgrades and necessary funds for property improvements
- Prepares Central for elementary students grades 1-5 at an important historical site

#### 3. Adding Operating Revenue

(The last operating referendum was in 2005—we have the lowest and second oldest operating rate in the state.)

- Continues to protect our children through safety and security
- Addresses rising costs of energy, instructional materials/supplies, building maintenance, inflation, healthcare and other costs
- Places technology in the hands of our children
- Recruits and retains the best teachers and staff for our children

Message from the Superintendent  
By Dr. Dan Shelton



Greetings from the Superintendent's office. It has been an amazing year in the Capital School District. There are so many wonderful things happening in Capital School District which will be featured in this newspaper. Our students are working diligently in classes throughout the district as well as participating in after-school activities and sports and entering various competitions throughout the state. Listed below are some highlights:

- Forty-one (41) Advanced Placement Scholars from Dover High School
- Dover High School Varsity Football Team - Record of 9-2, #2 Seed in Playoffs and Semi-Finalist - Coach Rudy Simonetti named Coach of the Year
- Alaina Schleck Dover High School Girls Volleyball Coach - named Coach of the Year
- Dover High School Boys Winter Indoor Track Team - State Champions - Coach James Kilby named Coach of the Year
- Dover High School Boys Basketball Team - undefeated in the regular season - played in the state finals and lost to Sanford by three (3) points
- Charon Dagley, Central Middle School - Middle School Art Teacher of the Year
- Tammy Taylor - South Dover Elementary School - Elementary School Counselor of the Year
- Six (6) students selected to participate in All State Bands
- Five (5) students selected to participate in All State Chorus
- Thirty-three (33) students selected to participate in Kent County Band
- Central Middle School Girls Basketball Team - undefeated season - won middle school tournament
- Central Middle School Cheerleaders - 1st place Middle School Game Day Competition
- Central Middle School's BPA Team placed second in the state competition and will be traveling to California to compete in Nationals
- Central Middle School students brought home 7 out of the 9 medals during the HOSA - Future Health Professionals State Leadership Conference

Please continue to view our website for the most up-to-date information on the events in Capital School District.

My message to you for this edition is focused on our upcoming Referendum. On Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 7 am to 8 pm, parents, families and community members living within the District will have the opportunity to help improve our district.

We are calling this effort - Straight As for Capital Students, where we are asking for three things or three ballot questions:

Number 1. Adding two new inter-connected middle schools on Pat Lynn Drive, the site of the old Dover High School

Number 2. Adding necessary upgrades for those middle schools and renovations to Central Elementary

Number 3. Adding operating revenue

Please review the information below regarding the three questions.

1. Adding two new middle schools creates right sized schools district wide, aligning grade levels to follow best instructional practices: Early Childhood Centers (grades Pre-School & Kindergarten), Elementary (grades 1-5) and Middle Schools (grades 6-8). The Governor has already committed \$64 million of the State budget to this project. Voting no means that Capital would lose \$64 Million of state funds.

2. Adding necessary upgrades\* for the two new middle schools and renovations to Central Elementary: adds spaces and additional opportunities for participation in Visual & Performing Arts, Career & Technical Education, Science and Athletics; provides energy efficient upgrades and necessary funds for property improvements; prepares Central for elementary students, grades 1-5, in an important historical site.

3. Adding operating revenue: the last Operating Referendum was in 2005. Capital School District has the second oldest and lowest operating tax rate in the state. This revenue will be used to continue to protect our children through safety and security, to address the rising costs of energy, instructional materials/supplies, building maintenance, inflation, healthcare/other costs, and to place technology in the hands of our children. We also believe it is important to recruit and retain the best teachers and staff for our children.

You will see in our literature and on our website that voting Yes in this referendum is a small investment in order to provide our students with the learning environment they all need. The highest tax increase to the average homeowner would be less than \$5.50 per month in the second year and by the 6th year, taxes would begin to decrease. Please visit our referendum website to learn more – <https://www.capital.k12.de.us/referendum>

I am proud of the support the community has shown our schools and our children this school year and hope to continue to serve our children through high quality schools, with high quality staff and thus provide the high quality workforce Dover needs to grow and prosper.

*\*(The State of Delaware uses a standard formula for the construction of new schools, which addresses the most basic functions of a building. Therefore, the second ballot question addresses the necessary upgrades.)*

#### WHY SHOULD YOU INVEST IN CAPITAL NOW?

##### WE ARE FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE

Capital has the **lowest operating tax rate** in the entire state.

The last time Capital sought an operating referendum was **14 years ago**.

**Only one other school district** has gone this long without asking for additional operating funds from the public.

**THE STATE OF DELAWARE  
RECOGNIZES THESE INTERCONNECTED  
MIDDLE SCHOOLS FOR OUR CHILDREN AS  
A TOP PRIORITY IN THE STATE**

The state has **committed \$64 million in state funds** for these projects.

**The referendum must pass this year** to receive these funds.

**Over 6,500 children will benefit** from these changes

**THIS IS AN INVESTMENT IN OUR FUTURE!**

Well-prepared graduates make **productive citizens**.

**Good schools help to attract businesses** to our community.

#### HOW WILL THIS AFFECT MY TAXES?

**Voting yes for all three questions** results in the following tax changes

| \$31,877 is the average assessed value of a home in Kent County |                          |                              |                              |                              |                              |                              |                              |                              |
|---|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Estimated Market Value  | Estimated Assessed Value | Monthly Change in Taxes 2020 | Monthly Change in Taxes 2021 | Monthly Change in Taxes 2022 | Monthly Change in Taxes 2023 | Monthly Change in Taxes 2024 | Monthly Change in Taxes 2025 | Monthly Change in Taxes 2026 |
| \$100,000   | \$16,600                 | \$2.30                       | \$2.86                       | \$1.61                       | \$0.54                       | \$0.05                       | -\$0.22                      | -\$0.23                      |
| \$145,000   | \$31,877                 | \$4.42                       | \$5.49                       | \$3.09                       | \$1.04                       | \$0.09                       | -\$0.43                      | -\$0.43                      |
| \$205,000   | \$40,500                 | \$5.61                       | \$6.97                       | \$3.92                       | \$1.32                       | \$0.12                       | -\$0.54                      | -\$0.55                      |
| \$300,000   | \$70,200                 | \$9.72                       | \$12.08                      | \$6.79                       | \$2.29                       | \$0.20                       | -\$0.94                      | -\$0.95                      |

These values are based on estimates for Market Value and Assessed Value of homes.

To find out the change for your property, please visit our referendum information page at <https://www.capital.k12.de.us/referendum>

#### VOTE AT ANY POLLING LOCATION

7AM - 8PM



Hartly Elementary  
South Dover Elementary  
Towne Point Elementary  
William Henry Middle

##### YOU NEED TO:

- Live in the Capital School District
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Bring proof of address (Driver's License, State ID, Passport, or Utility Bill)
- Bring all eligible members of your household

##### YOU DO NOT:

- Need to be a registered voter
- Need to be a home owner

We reach for the stars with our goals



#### IS THERE TAX RELIEF FOR SENIORS? YES!

Delaware has a Delaware School Property Tax Relief Program for seniors and you may be eligible for a significant tax credit of 50% (up to \$400) annually against your regular school property taxes. Visit [www.capital.k12.de.us/referendum](http://www.capital.k12.de.us/referendum) for more info

**VOTE  
TUESDAY  
APRIL 9th  
2019**

### Message from the Capital School District Board President

By John C. Martin, Jr.



I bring greetings to all families and community members from the Capital School District Board of Education. Many of you know me as the voice of the Capital Classic and for my slogan – D High – You know. I am reaching out to all members of our community through this issue of the Capital Gazette and sharing with you the importance of Capital's referendum which is scheduled for April 9, 2019. The members of the Board of Education have been deeply involved in this process and are committed to what's best for all of Capital's children.

The Board is also committed to strengthening our community. Great communities are built around great schools. Better schools increase property values. Capital's referendum on April 9<sup>th</sup> is proposing three questions to our voters.

Number 1: Adding two new interconnected middle schools on Pat Lynn Drive, site of the old Dover High School.

Number 2: Adding necessary upgrades for those middle schools and renovations to Central Elementary.

Number 3: Adding operating revenue.

Please take the time to read Dr. Shelton's message as he explains more fully the purpose of the referendum. Great schools educate all students. Today's students become tomorrow's leaders. Let's come together as a community to ensure we have the best schools for Capital School District's students. The construction of two new inter-connected middle schools with necessary upgrades and renovations to Central Elementary will be the first step. In addition, I am proud of the fact that Capital has stretched its operating revenue since 2005. We have been diligent in spending, but we are now to the point where we need to ask the community to replenish our operating revenue. I hope you will support our efforts in doing what's best for all of Capital's children. I encourage you to come out and vote on April 9, 2019.



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*The Capital School District is governed by the Board of Education, and comprised of teachers, support staff, a board of education and administrators dedicated to serving the needs of more than 6,000 students living in the region surrounding the City of Dover, Delaware's capital. The District includes seven elementary schools, two middle schools, one senior high school and the Kent County Community School serving severely handicapped children. The District offers comprehensive programs for student in Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, college credit programs in high school, extended day and year programs, numerous community partnerships, extensive arts and athletics programs. The District strives to accomplish its mission by providing a safe, healthy and inviting learning environment, state of the art instructional programs, highly trained, committed staff in partnership with the entire community to meet the needs of the District's diverse population. The Capital School District is an equal opportunity employer. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, disability, age, genetic information or veteran's status in employment, or its programs and activities. Inquiries regarding nondiscrimination policies should be directed to the Title IX, District 504 and ADA Coordinators: Capital School District, 198 Commerce Way, Dover DE 19904. Phone (302) 672-1500*

KINDERGARTEN TIME

Do you have a child who turns five years old by August 31st? Then it's time to register them for kindergarten! Please call the elementary school in your area for more information. Interested in Spanish Immersion for your child? The program is currently available at Fairview and South Dover Elementary Schools.



The Dover High School basketball team were undefeated in the regular season. They lost the state championship to Sanford by only 3 points. We are proud of these Senators!

News from the Office of Technology

by Ben Wells, Supervisor of Technology



8th Annual I5 Educational Technology Conference

Capital School District held its 8th Annual I5 Educational Technology Conference in February. Teachers throughout the entire district came to Dover High School to participate in an incredibly diverse range of topics including: best practices for using Google within the classroom, personalizing learning, engaging students in learning, communicating with parent and students, blending learning, improving student behavior and achievement, and many other best instructional practices. This is a premier event for the district and we had over 30 volunteers support the event in addition to 40 presenters, many of whom came from our own schools and the District Office.



The Office of Technology is proud to support this incredible event and were proud to announce the rebranding of this year's conference to the "I5 Educational Technology Conference". The (I5) comes from the (instructional) (5) attributes that were developed as part of the District's Teaching and Learning Model. Each session aligns to the five attributes within model allowing teachers to reflect on their personal best practice to identify the areas they want to focus on in this year's conference. We look forward to seeing the I5 brand added to the rich instructional tradition that occurs at each year's conference.



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Dover High School Principal's Corner

By Dr. Courtney Voshell

Greetings from Dover High School! Lots of exciting things are happening every day at Dover High Drive! Instructionally, our teachers and students have just completed mid-term exams as we are now into the 3rd marking period. Our teachers worked hard to develop midterm review activities that aligned to high yield best practices in the classroom and are seeing great results in their classes as the midterm grades are entered. Students will be continuing to see these strategies implemented through the second semester as this is part of our Capital Teaching and Learning focus to ensure high quality instruction is at the core of our day.



School-wide SAT day will be held on Wednesday, March 27th. Students in grades 9 and 10 will be taking the PSAT and grade 11 the SAT. This test is given state wide on this day, free of charge for all students. We are excited for DHS to show what they know! This is not an A or B day in our rotation, schedules will be adjusted to make sure to check out our social media pages for updated schedule times on this day.

In the world of athletics, DHS is ON FIRE! We adopted the ALL IN motto with our football team and our senator sports continue to roll past our competitors. This fall, two of our coaches received Coach of the Year, Coach Rudy Simonetti (football) & Coach Alena Schleich (Volleyball). This past fall our football team were semi-finalists for the state championship and our volleyball team made it to the first round of the state tournament with an overall record of 11-4. For our Winter sports teams, our boys' indoor track team was named Henlopen Conference Champions and also won the State Championship. Coach Kilby has been named Indoor Track Coach of the Year for Delaware. Our girls' indoor track team took second place in the Conference. Another honor for DHS is Girls' basketball also had a strong season. Come out to support your Senator Athletics. For more information check out [www.senatorssports.com](http://www.senatorssports.com)

D-High, YOU KNOW!

More Dover High School News on page 3.

Central Middle School Principal's Corner—This Work is Important

By Shan Green

We are excited to introduce a new opportunity for students to recoup 1<sup>st</sup> semester skills and concepts they haven't yet mastered during our "This Work is Important" Academic Program. Since February 19th, approximately 100 students have had the opportunity to get more focused help in both ELA and Math during this 5 week program taking place. This approach to breaking the cycle of failing grades and allowing students the chance to master concepts and skills needed to be successful in their 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> marking periods is something that we fully believe will change the academic success of our children. Central Middle is committed to meeting the needs of our children and look forward to sharing out the success of this program.



CLASSROOM NEWS—Central Middle School

CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL and JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF DELAWARE PROUDLY PRESENT A CAREER FAIR EVENT!

Central Middle School partnered with Junior Achievement of Delaware to bring a career event to Central Middle School. The eighth graders at Central Middle School had a very exciting opportunity to sit down and talk to employers from all over Delaware. Over 25 employers representing all 16 career clusters attended the event, giving the students a chance to be exposed to a wide variety of careers. The students were able to network and create relationships with professionals while learning about a day in the life of an employee. This event was truly a memorable event that made a difference in the lives of our students.

CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL'S UPCOMING EVENTS

Central Middle School, in a partnership with the Delaware Fatherhood and Families Coalition of Kent County, hosts a community meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at CMS in the library beginning at 6:00 p.m. During this time, we discuss community resources and events that are out there to support our school community, as well as, the local Dover area. Please join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month to hear about all of the resources and activities taking place to support and celebrate Kent County Families!

At CMS, We are developing a Culture of Student Leadership

By Angela Thompson

Our student leaders are building community, developing improved student and teacher relationships and driving classroom climate change one room at a time.



Each week both 7th and 8th grade student leaders take control of their class by engaging all participants in a mini discussion. Through the use of discussion prompts in the areas of Problem Solving, Exploring Values, Getting Acquainted and Community Building, student leaders lead the discussions and maintain all participants' focus on the topic.

Circle meetings are a valuable practice where student leaders gain public speaking skills, leadership skills and interpersonal skills. The connections circles help all participants to "connect" on a personal level and this positively contributes to the classroom climate.

Connections Circles are part of Restorative Practices and Lions Quest.



Central Middle HOSA participants with their teacher/advisor Ms. Maria Boris

CENTRAL MIDDLE STUDENTS TAKE HOME 7 OUT OF 9 MEDALS AT THE HOSA CONFERENCE

Central Middle students brought home 7/9 medals during the HOSA-Future Health Professionals State Leadership Conference yesterday. The conference was held at Polytech High School. They dominated the conference! The following students received the following awards: Savayah Brown and Emani Jackson received 1st place on their Health Career Display - OB/GYN. Jamela Malone received 1st place on Medical Terminology. Paige Synoski and Reese Culver received 2nd place on their Health Career Display - Forensic Science. Kendal Owens received 2nd place on Medical Terminology. Michael Blose received 3rd place on Medical Terminology.



Kendal Owens (2nd place); Jamela Malone (1st place); Michael Blose (3rd place).



Reese Culver and Paige Synoski (2nd place); Savayah Brown and Emani Jackson (1st place); McCullough Health Science Students (3rd place)



Central Middle School's BPA team, Kassidy Bahel, Brynn Bowen, Kyle Countryman and Bryce Fulgham competed against 16 other teams to place second at the state competition on Feb. 27th at Dover Downs. They are now advancing to the finals in Anaheim, California April 30th-May 5th. They will compete in the Digital Game Design category at the national competition.

CMS Starts National Junior Art Honor Society

CMS just started a chapter of the National Junior Art Honor Society. The school is 1 of only 2 public middle schools in the state who offer this organization to our students.





# Capital to Celebrate Its 100th Anniversary

On Saturday, April 6th from 10 am until 2 pm, Capital School District will celebrate its 100th Anniversary. Held on the grounds of Booker T. Washington and William Henry Middle Schools, the event will have fun activities and history for students, families and the public. The celebration will be held rain or shine. Come and join us as we celebrate 100 years for the Dover Special School District (now known as Capital School District). Plenty of things for children to do with free food and fun! Learn about the history of our schools! If it rains, activities will be moved indoors.

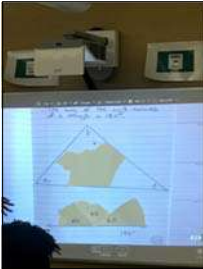
## Central Middle School Students get creative with 100th Anniversary logos!

Three Central Middle School students created 100th Anniversary Celebration logos.

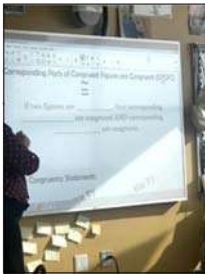


## Dover High School Classroom News

### Math



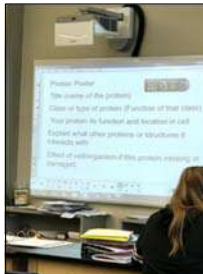
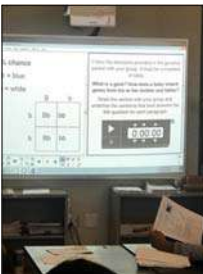
The DHS Math department is comprised of an excellent team of dedicated professionals who are passionate about teaching math and know the advantage it gives students to have a solid mathematics background. Courses such as Algebra I, II, & III, Geometry, Precalculus, Calculus, Statistics, and Advanced Topics in Mathematics are all available for students to explore. We strive to have students become problem – solvers, not answer finders, learn to communicate mathematically, know how to reason mathematically, and be college and career ready by the time they graduate high school. As we enter the third quarter students will be preparing for the SAT and PSAT. They will be using Khan Academy for extra practice as we continue to work through our course material.



### Science



The Dover High School science classes are designed to prepare students to be college and career ready by exposing them to the necessary knowledge and essential skills as they grow into 21st-century learners. Our instruction is based on the Next Generation Science Standards and our intention is to challenge all students with high-quality instruction in science education. Science classes engage students through hands-on laboratory experiments, problem-solving, critical thinking, oral and written communication skills, collaboration, and creativity. Our current course offerings include Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, Anatomy & Physiology, Physics, and Forensics. New to our curriculum next school year will be advanced placement physics. Students who are interested in taking AP Physics next school year should contact Mr. Ayer at [kenneth.ayer@capital.k12.de.us](mailto:kenneth.ayer@capital.k12.de.us) or should get in touch with their counselor.



### Social Studies



This is a new semester for two of our social studies courses, economics and political science. In political science students will focus their learning in the next week or so on the types or structures of government, some of which are democracy, parliamentary, and monarchy. In economics, student learning will focus on microeconomic topics such as the dilemmas of scarcity and opportunity costs. In our year long US History courses, student learning is moving into the time period of the Great Depression where the focus will be on the ways of the stock market crash, its impact and government response to the economic crisis as well as the lasting impact of that period.



## KCSILC Principal's Corner

By Bill Buczynski

### Vision Board 2018

Students participated and completed vision boards in their weekly group therapy session(s). We assisted them in thinking beyond their daily and weekly goals by establishing long term aspirations. Students were challenged to think “outside the box” and identify barriers and coping skills that they may encounter or utilize to be successful. Goal setting is imperative to each student when working to achieve healthy goals.



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Ms. Charon Dagley, Central Middle School's Art Teacher has been named 2019 Middle Level Art Teacher of the Year by the Delaware Art Education Association.



The Central Middle School Cheerleaders won 1st place in the Middle School Game Day Competition, making them the Middle School Game Day State Champions. They also placed in the top three of the small Middle Competition.

## Booker T. Washington Elementary's Principal's Corner

By Dr. Paige Morgan

We have had MANY exciting things happening at Booker T. Washington! We have continued to focus on our Super Senator Gaming Traits such as, kindness, perseverance, responsibility, respect, and listening. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders have begun to participate in after school activities, such as “Girls on the Run” and Chorus. We have also established our Student Council who demonstrate leadership during our assemblies and throughout the building. With the help of our School Counselor, Mrs. Y, our Student Council helps to remind our children of our school wide expectations and the importance of kindness and citizenship. We have had several after school events to showcase our children’s research and learning while at school. This year, we held a Black History Expo: Rooted in the Past for a Growing Future. We celebrated a culmination of work that had been completed by our children, our teachers, and all of our staff. This involved a great amount of research that was conducted in grades K-4, pieces of art (portraits, busts, quilts, student-created magazines, Adobe Spark presentations, and more), as well as musical selections. These selections were created to celebrate African American history, culture, and Americans who have paved the way for our country. We had musical performances by our BTW Chorus, members of the DHS Select Ensemble Chorus, and Jazz Band. Some Dover High School students also worked through the research process with our children. We thank them immensely for their work and support. We also had a

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## Booker T. Washington Elementary 3rd graders and Alpha Class create Mini-Society

Third graders at Booker T. Washington Elementary who have been studying the economy in social studies class created a Mini-Society in a place called “Tiger Town”. They became entrepreneurs, who crafted their own products to sell during Market Day in the “Tiger Town Mall”. These students’ “shops” had business licenses and wares which were sold to other students in the school for “Snowy Day Dollars”. They had advertisements totting their wares before Market Day opened at 1:45 pm on Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. It was a wonderful lesson in economics for these BTW third graders.





DHS Classroom News (Continued from page 3)

### English/Language Arts



Student learning in our ELA department is varied by grade level. In 10th grade, students are learning to close read nonfiction texts. Students will examine a variety of news articles both current and past in order to analyze nonfiction texts and writings. In 11th grade student learning continues in rhetorical analysis, where students are asked to look at a variety of persuasive techniques used by authors throughout American History and currently in American advertising. Student learning also includes some SAT review, specifically SAT grammar review this marking period. In 12th grade English student learning is moving from drama (such as MacBeth) into research. This research project is connected to the drama unit that students are finishing. For example students who read MacBeth may dive into research topics about tyranny, nationalism, treason or sleep deprivation to name a few.



### World Languages

Students enrolled in French or Spanish are learning about their target language based on the level they are currently taking. In both French and Spanish 1 students are learning about hanging out and giving and receiving invitations to events. So students will be able to ask others to join them for an activity or to go to an event. Students in level 2 are learning in the target language related to healthy living. Students learn about meals, meal planning, healthy activities and how to communicate with a doctor. In level 3 our students are learning to use the target language related to environment. Students in level 4 are learning in the target language science and technology.

### 9th Grade Academy



SDLMI - Self-Determined Learning Model of Instruction  
Our 9th grade science teachers worked on teaching students to make choices and decisions about setting a goal. Develop action plans for academic goals. Self-monitor and self-evaluate progress toward academic goals and adjust the goal or plan. Students completed their first round of learning goals. Examples of goals set by our 9th grade students were “improve my attention by listening to instructions and ask questions if needed.” and “I want to work on turning in my assignments on time.”

### 21st Century Program

The 21st Century Afterschool Senators Success Program at Dover High School has 3 main goals:  
1.Academic Achievement  
2.Increase School Connectedness  
3.Prepare Students to become Productive Adults

The program offers extra support in the areas of Math and ELA as well as tutoring for any area of study that students may need assistance. The program is held Monday through Thursday from 2:30pm to 5pm. (bus transportation home is provided) College and Career planning is offered with Mrs. Ramsey every Monday. In addition to the extra support in core academic classes, our program offers students the opportunity to participate in various activities such as Culinary Arts, World of Drumming, and Movies and Comics. We are now in Block 3 of the program but are encouraging students to continue to register for the program. We have some exciting opportunities for students during the remainder of the year.

### Other Information

Our “Young Men with a Mission” group meets on Tuesdays from 3-4. We are looking for young men with an interest in Leadership, gaining corporate experience, and building community partnerships.

\*If you are interested in community service, come join our group on Wednesdays with Ms. Burgest.

Whether you are looking for academic assistance or just want to become more connected with Dover High School please consider becoming a member. Any student interested may see Ms. Krystal Carter-Heath in Room C217 or Ms. Karen Burgest in H122. Parents who may have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Carter-Heath at (302) 241-2400 ext. 2427. We look forward to hearing from you!

### District Wide Wireless Upgrade ( News from the Office of Technology Continued from page 2)



Capital School District was able to secure over \$800,000 in Federal Funds to upgrade the wireless connections throughout the entire district by applying for ERATE funds. This dramatically reduces the local costs to only 15% of the total project, enabling us to upgrade a wireless network that was originally installed almost 10 years ago. While the infrastructure has been maintained and expanded over the years, we know that teaching today’s students includes technology and that it is crucial to have a reliable wireless network. With over 800 pieces of equipment and many new cable connections to install, we have made significant progress in the rollout of the upgrade. Work has been completed at the District Office and in 11 of our 13 schools with the remaining schools scheduled to be completed in the next couple of months.

The Office of Technology Staff have been working late into the evenings and on the weekends to ensure our students do not experience any disruption to the teaching and learning process. Kyle Baxter, our Systems Specialist, as well as Adam Moore, our Operations Technician have been working tirelessly to ensure that this project moves forward smoothly and expeditiously. We have already seen significant improvements in locations that were previously reporting weak signals or other concerns. The new wireless network is providing stronger wireless signals in each of our classrooms and has increased the number of devices we can support within each building. This wireless network will support the technology our children need today and in the coming years. We look forward to continuing our work to improve the technology throughout the district and we are proud of our department’s contribution to the success of children within Capital School District.

### South Dover Principal's Corner

By Jeffrey Sheehan

South Dover is proud to share that we had a very successful and well attended Family Math Night on Tuesday, January, 24th. We had a great turnout welcoming more than 60 families to our event. In addition to families and students we also had a great showing from the community including volunteers from the DSU and Wesley College Football programs. These volunteers worked hard to support our Super Bowl Theme, showing up in their game attire and engaging in math games and activities with our students. Working hand and hand with these volunteers were students from our very own “Gentlemen’s Club”. Students from the South Dover Gentlemen’s Club came dressed up in shirts and ties and supported this great event by welcoming families and serving dinner showing their exemplar manners!



Ms. Tammy Taylor of South Dover Elementary has been named Elementary School Counselor of the Year.

### South Dover Elementary Holds First Greek Reading Day

On February 21, 2019, South Dover Elementary held its first Greek Reading Day. The National Pan-Hellenic Council of nine African American international Greek lettered fraternities and sororities members came to read to every classroom throughout the entire day. This day was in honor of I Love to Read and Black History Month.



Dover FFA attended the Delaware FFA Convention March 11-12, 2019 at Delaware State University. Mrs. Jennifer Taylor advised the Floriculture Career Development Event (CDE) and I advised the Milk Quality and Products CDE and the two students in the Extemporaneous Speaking Leadership Development Event. Pictured Dover FFA members Vernice Heard (5th Place) and Cassidy Pinder (9th place) for the Delaware FFA Extemporaneous Speaking Leadership Development Event.

### KCCS Principal's Corner

by James Mark



Team KCCS/DAP, welcome to the second half of the 2018-2019 school year. KCCS/DAP students participated in a very successful fall program and we are looking forward to spring and finishing our school year strong as we phase into our summer program.

Team KCCS has grown significantly over the past 4 months adding approximately 25 new students to our program. As we continue to grow we look for new and exciting ways to meet the diverse needs of our students. As an example this fall our Booker T. Washington satellite offered the “Act Up” program which is designed to support our students with social communication and interaction skills with others. This culminated with a “student-Parent” workshop and role playing activity. KCCS is proud to offer another in our series of Parent/Community Workshops. The upcoming workshop will be offered in April and discuss “Transition aged teens entering adulthood. Stay tuned for more exciting information as well as dates and times. We want to share that our KCCS Field Day will be held on May 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 2:30 pm at our Main Site location and as always we will be serving lunch to our students, staff and families. Our summer program is tentatively scheduled to begin on June 20<sup>th</sup> going to July 25th. You will be receiving program updates throughout the remainder of the year so stay tuned and please enjoy the rest of the school year.

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### East Dover Elementary's Family Game Night



Students and their families were invited recently to come and play games at the school, a great way for the families to meet other families.



### East Dover joins other schools to celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday...



It has been a tradition in our elementary schools to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday. His birthday has become a day to celebrate reading and appreciate what Dr. Seuss gave to the joy of reading for children.







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presentation by the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated. We had student members guiding our families through tours of the building to give the background of each display. We rounded the event off with a delicious dinner of soul and comfort foods. It was an amazing event and we look forward to planning for next year! In addition to our Black History Expo, we are continuing to build student leadership experiences into our Family Reading, Math, and Game Nigh events. This year is moving by fast and we look forward to continuing into spring with many more events and activities ahead!



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### Upcoming Events

Thursday, March 21—World Down Syndrome Day – Rock Your Socks  
Friday, March 29—No School for Students  
Saturday, April 6—Capital School District 100<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.  
Saturday, April 6—Walk For Autism 2019 – Cape Henlopen State Park – 11:00 am  
Tuesday, April 9—Capital School District Referendum  
Wednesday, April 10—ABC Community Workshop – Facebook Event - 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm  
Thursday, April 18—Special Olympics Soccer - Middle School & High School Level at PolyTech High School – 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.  
Thursday, April 18—Easter Egg Hunt at Main Site – 9:00 am  
Friday, April 19—Good Friday – Schools and Offices closed  
Monday, April 22 Friday, April 26—Spring Break – Schools closed  
Thursday, May 2—Special Olympics Soccer – Elementary Level at Delaware Turf – 10:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Friday, May 3—Half Day Early Dismissal for Students  
Friday, May 10—KCCS Field Day – Main Site – 9:00 am to 2:00 pm (Rain Date – Friday, May 17)  
Monday, May 27—Memorial Day – Schools & Offices closed  
Thursday, June 6— Last Day of School – Half Day Early Dismissal  
Thursday, June 20—First Day of Summer School

### Other News

#### DELAWARE ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE

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Our Unified Track Program has started their Spring training. For more information please contact Jennifer Gumble at Dover High School by calling 302-241-2400 or email her at [jennifer.gumble@capital.k12.de.us](mailto:jennifer.gumble@capital.k12.de.us).

### KCCS Classroom News

Our KCCS Classrooms celebrated Dr. Seuss’s birthday and Read Across America Week, March 4<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Roxby invited guest readers into the classrooms to read to the students.

Mrs. Leloux organized our fun dress-up days for the week based on popular books by Dr. Seuss such as “Fox in Socks.”

### PTO NEWS

The KCCS PTO holds meetings on a quarterly basis. For any information on the PTO, please contact Andrew Begley by emailing him at: [beglev.andv@yahoo.com](mailto:beglev.andv@yahoo.com)

### Fairview Principal’s Corner

by Melissa White



We have had an awesome first half of the school year. Our students have been involved in giving back to the community in a variety of ways. They have raised over \$600 for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) and they have been selling socks for Rock Your Sock Day in association with the Down Syndrome Association of Delaware.

We have held many family engagement events: Family Reading Night where parents and students attended different sessions and received free books, Family Math Night where students and families attended sessions and went home with various math games and we also had our I Love to Lead/Chorus Night which coincided with our Black History Program. During this night our students presented their Black History projects, our Student Lighthouse Team recorded a video about Leader in Me and how the process works at our school, our chorus performed and dinner was served to all that attended. We also hosted visits with Governor Carney, Secretary Bunting, Rep. Lynn and various members of Gov. Carney’s staff to tour the school and discuss what we are doing for the success of our students. We are gearing up for state testing for our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students so they can show what they know as well as preparing for our Leadership Day on May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 – 11:00.

### CLASSROOM NEWS

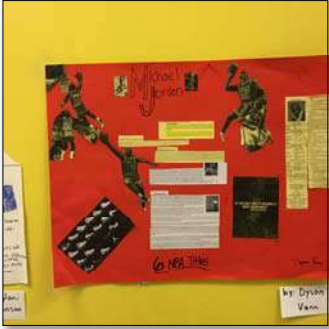
Our classes celebrated our 2<sup>nd</sup> marking period Leader in Me Assembly recognizing students for Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance, Accelerated Reader Goal Achievement and our monthly Leaders of the Month.



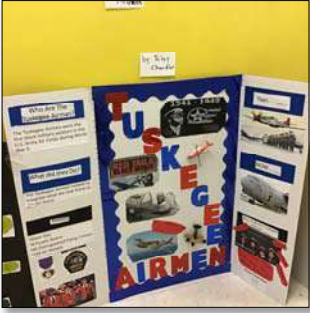
### UPCOMING EVENTS

We have the following events coming in the upcoming weeks:  
3/28/19 Chorus will perform at Choral Fest at Dover High School from 9:00-11:00 am.  
4/4/19 Incoming Kindergarten Spanish Immersion Information Night – 6:30 pm  
4/15/19 Kindergarten Screening from 5:00 – 7:00 pm  
4/19/19 School Closed for Good Friday  
4/20/19-4/26/19 School Closed for Spring Break  
5/3/19 Leadership Day – 9:00-11:00 am  
5/6-5/10/19 Teacher Appreciation Week  
5/9/19 K-2 Musical – 6:00 pm  
5/22/19 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Perform w/ Delaware Symphony @ DHS – 12:00 pm  
5/24/19 Field Day/All School Cookout

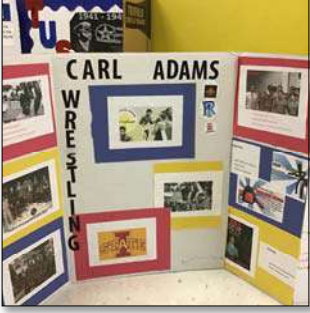
### Other Fairview News



We held our I Love to Lead/Chorus/Black History Event. During the month of February our students researched African Americans across different domains (the arts, education, science, sports) and created tri-fold boards, Google Slide and/or PowerPoint presentations and writing pieces. These pieces were displayed throughout the school. Our students completed a Gallery Walk around



the school to hear the students projects. During the I Love to in the cafeteria and then moved projects on display and some projects. After moving through the their projects families returned were treated to multiple songs rus, Voices of Unity Chorus Roadhouse. Our chorus also their travel to Music in the awesome turnout from our people in attendance!



present their research pro-Lead night parents gathered on to each POD to see the students presented their pro-different grade levels to see to the cafeteria where they by our award-winning cho-and dinner from Texas held a fundraiser to support Parks. We appreciated the families, we had over 200

### Towne Point Elementary hosts Black History Celebration

Students at Towne Point took part in a Black History Program last month. From kindergarten through 4th grade, they celebrated figures in Black History interspersed with song.



Towne Point Girls on the Run during the start of their Spring Sessions

### Towne Point News

- Towne Point had their mid-year checkup for The Leader in Me and is working to become a Leader in Me Lighthouse School next year.
- On March 8th, Towne Point held a kickoff for the school’s Joe Corbi fundraiser which is sponsored by the PTO. Contact the school if interest-ed in ordering. Orders must be placed by March 22.