

Smyrna School District's

Smyrna Messenger



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

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From the Superintendent's Desk...

Spring Message from Deborah D. Wicks

On Saturday, February 28, 2015 the Smyrna School District and our communities of Clayton, Kenton, Townsend, and Smyrna celebrated our 17th "I Love the Smyrna School District" day. With well over 6,000 people attending, the day was filled with

student mini concerts, art shows, curriculum displays, and informational booths from churches, local businesses, and community organizations. *See pages 8 & 9 for photos of the day.*

At the end of the day, many students

received awards for winning our annual values essay contest. This year's community core value was integrity. Long time volunteers Kenny & Grace Gray were honored as our role models of integrity by our Smyrna School District Board of Education and local, county, state, and federal leaders. What a wonderful blessing it is to be a part of this outstanding school family.

More good news about the Smyrna School District can be found on our website www.smyrna.k12.de.us by clicking on the updated March 2015 "State of the District". This report is published each year and contains "indicators of progress" towards our mission and our goals plus information on numbers of students and staff.

The Class of 2015 graduates on Saturday, May 30, 2015 at 10 a.m., on the Charles V. Williams Athletic Field. With 332 members, this Class is the 131st class to be awarded a Smyrna High School diploma. Events that will point to how outstanding the Class of 2015 is include: the Annual Athletic Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, May 20; the Baccalaureate at the Kenton United Methodist Church, on Wednesday, May 27; and the Senior Awards on Thursday, May 28 will all point to how wonderful and outstanding the Class of 2015 is. Congratulations to each member as they begin the next phase of their life.

Thank you, as always, for your support of the Smyrna School District family and our community core values of perseverance, respect, responsibility, integrity, and compassion.

Career Pathways of Smyrna High School

Smyrna High School...

The Best CHOICE

AGRISCIENCE

Power & Technical Systems

(Power mechanics and machinery repair)

Animal Science

(Anatomy & Physiology, Nutrition, Reproduction, and Management of Agricultural Animals)

Plant Science

(Greenhouse, plants, soil, crops, landscaping, turf management,

Agriculture Structures

(Building construction, plumbing, wiring, masonry, interior & air-conditioning)

Natural Resources & Environmental Science

(Conservation, natural resources, forestry and the environment)

ALLIED HEALTH

(Variety of health services)

BUSINESS, FINANCE, & MARKETING

Accounting

(Accounting principles, personal finance)

Administrative Services

(Instruction on the use of Microsoft Office Suite)

Digital Business Communications

(Web development and Graphic Design)

Marketing Management

(Marketing strategies for various types of business)

EDUCATION

(Instruction & Application of skills required for careers in education)

HUMAN SERVICES

Family and Consumer Science

(Services for families and individuals)

Exploring Childhood

(Careers focused on early education)

JOBS FOR DELAWARE GRADUATES

(School-to-work transition competencies, leadership skills and citizenship)

LEADERSHIP

Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps AFJROTC

(Historical, scientific and technical aspects of aerospace with leadership and discipline skills)

PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIC

(Advanced Placement, Honors, and College Prep Courses)

STEM

(Science, technology, engineering, and math related college degrees)

VISUAL OR PERFORMING ARTS

(Courses in art, music and/or theatre)

Smyrna's Education Support Professional of the Year

Each year, the district staff members nominate an Education Support Professional (ESP) from their building. ESPs include custodians, paraprofessionals, secretaries, and technicians. Smyrna is fortunate to have many dedicated support professionals that help our buildings run and our children flourish. In order to be considered for the ESP award, the person must be a full-time District employee, have worked in the District for three years, and be a member of the Smyrna Educators Association. Once selected by the building, a district-level committee reviews the nominee applications to select a District ESP. The committee looks for someone who promotes a positive image, demonstrates strong involvement within the District, shows personal involvement in the educational process, and exhibits outstanding practices in his or her area.

At the February Smyrna School District Board meeting, all of the building Educational Support Professionals were honored. Mr. Mike Wurzel was selected as the District's ESP of the Year. Mr. Wurzel is a Custodian at the John Bassett More Intermediate School. He has gone above and beyond his job obligations by reaching

out and working with the students at JBM. In particular, he has guided one of the students with special needs, by working with him on vocational skills and providing him with motivation to continue his education. Based on his letters of recommendations, it is clear that Mr. Wurzel has truly made a difference in this stu-

dent's life. Additionally, Mr. Wurzel is an active member of the Smyrna Educators' Association, working hard to assist fellow union members in Smyrna. Smyrna School District was proud that Mr. Wurzel represented the district at the State level ESP competition.



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CLAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Congratulations
Mrs. Laura Massey
2015-2016
**TEACHER
OF THE YEAR**

Congratulations to Mrs. Laura Massey for being selected as Clayton Elementary School's Teacher of the Year for the 2015-2016 school year! Mrs. Massey is a 2000 Smyrna High School graduate. She then graduated from Wilmington College with a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education in 2005. Mrs. Massey then earned her Master's in Literacy from Wilmington University in 2010. She has worked at Clayton Elementary for ten years, four in Kindergarten and six in 1st grade. In her spare time she enjoys reading, going to the beach, camping, and spending time with family and friends. She lives in Smyrna with her husband Mark and two daughters, Paisley and Bristol.



Laura Massey is an outstanding representative of the teachers at Clayton Elementary and we are proud that she has been selected as Teacher of the Year for the 2015-2016 school year. Mrs. Massey will now compete for Smyrna School District Teacher of the Year. We wish her the best of luck.

First Grade News



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 animal folktales. We are exploring the lives of organisms in Science and have created woodland and freshwater habitats in our classrooms. We have created aquariums to house female and male guppies, pond snails, Elodea, and Cabomba plants. We have also created terrariums to house millipedes, pill bugs, tree se-

edlings, and moss. We had so much fun playing with the millipedes before putting them in their habitats! Our final field trip to Killen's Pond State Park is coming up soon. We look forward to participating in the "My Life at the Pond" program, which goes along with our "Organisms" Science kit. The students will explore all of the organisms that make the pond their habitat. We will use dip-nets to capture pond organisms for observation and hike pond side trails. The students will also have an opportunity to meet reptiles and amphibians that call Killen's Pond their homes.



Kindergarten Events

The kindergarten children took part in the annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 2. Our many wonderful parents helped to hide over 1200 eggs. The teachers would like to thank them for all of their support! The children enjoyed the fun.

On May 15, the children will be visiting Middletown High School to participate in Farm Day. The high school students run the centers under the direction of their teacher and demonstrate farming and agriculture techniques used in Delaware. The children are able to participate in many hands on learning activities and get to sample homemade ice cream.

Clayton Elementary Second Grade Proudly Presents:

"THREE BILLY GOATS GRUFF"

Leslie W. Carlson

The grass is ALWAYS greener on the other side of the Bridge! On May 6th, Clayton Elementary Second Graders proudly present-



ed a musical for young voices entitled, **THE THREE BILLY GOATS GRUFF**, by Virginia Kolk Pedulla! **The Second Grade Classes of Mary Gerni, Patty Goodlin, Kate Kleinot, and Brooke Williams participated.** Our little actors brought this classic tale to life, as hopping bunnies, flying birds, friendly trees, scary trolls, and dancing Billy Goats. Skillful xylophone playing and drumming were woven throughout the story too, as students performed for a full house of parents!



EVERY child played an instrument or danced, showcasing many concepts learned in music class this year. Main characters Big Billy, Middle Billy, Little Billy, and Troll were played by: **Titus Brumbaugh, Hayden Meisinger, Kaden Derbyshire, and Ashly Kassner** respectively. The full-scale musical featured several traditional dance numbers including: **KINGS & QUEENS**, an English Country Dance, and **O'CAROLYN'S DRAUGHT** from Ireland with beautiful scarf choreography. Amazing scenery depicting majestic mountains, flowing rivers, and beautiful

See Goats Gruff pg 15

Congratulations Mrs. Kris Campbell: 2015-2016 EDUCATION SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL

Congratulations to Mrs. Kris Campbell for being selected as Clayton Elementary School's Education Support Professional of the Year for the 2015-2016 school year! Mrs. Campbell is a Smyrna High graduate and also attended Clayton Elementary School for first thru fifth grade. Mrs. Campbell has worked for the Smyrna School District for 16 years, eight years at the Kindergarten Center as a Para Professional and eight years here at Clayton Elementary School as a RTI – Reading & Math Para.



Mrs. Campbell loves spending time camping and spending time with her husband Mike, son Mikie and daughter Marcy.

Clayton Elementary is proud to have Kris Campbell as the Education Support Professional of the Year.

Honoring Mother Nature

Sarah Mills

Earth Day is a day set aside to raise awareness and appreciation of our natural environment. Here at Clayton Elementary our third graders wanted to show our gratitude to Mother Nature. To celebrate the 45th anniversary of this holiday, we decided to do something special. Students traveled from station to station completing six different Earth Day activities. The activities included a scavenger hunt to learn fun facts about a plant's life with Mrs. Scuse. Miss Mills' activity included reading **THE LORAX** to remind us that it is important to keep our world clean. Students then planted a seed to take home to help beautify their yards. Mrs. Kassner took groups outside to spruce up the nature center by planting flower bulbs and seeds. In Ms. Boyko's class, students were given the opportunity to turn trash into treasure by decorating old cans, bottles, and other used containers that would otherwise be taking up room in a landfill. Finally, Mrs. Ross' activity taught students about the negative effects of an oil spill and explored ways to remove oil from water. When asked, "What is one thing you could do to help keep your environment clean?" Third grader Dylan McCusker responded, "I can clean up trash outside." Sydnee Holt said she can plant a garden. Mackenzie Langton vowed to turn off the water for conservation when she brushes her teeth. All-in-all the students had a great time celebrating our planet and learning about the importance of keeping our world clean.



Clayton Physical Education

Lauren Shanklin

Now that spring is finally here, we are getting back outside and having a great time exercising! The younger students worked on bowling, jump roping, and parachute this winter. The third and fourth grade students concentrated on floor hockey and jump roping. The third and fourth grade students just completed the state mandated Fitnessgram testing. Now the younger students will be outside practicing their throwing and catching skills while the third and fourth grade students will be learning about tennis. In May, all the students will start practicing for Field Day!

Back in February, our second thru fourth grade students participated in our 9th annual Jump Rope for Heart event. Our students raised over \$5,200 for the American Heart Association! Brayden Hurd

was our top fundraiser raising \$220. All the students did a fabulous job! Thank you to all the community members who contributed and made our event a huge success.

In health, our fourth grade Anti-Ash Brigade leaders will be hosting their last Stay and Play Tobacco Free Carnival for the rest of the school. The 20 fourth grade leaders have done a great job all year educating the other students about the dangers of smoking. Our leaders this year had the opportunity to attend a beach retreat on Sat., April 18, at Cape Henlopen State Park with other Anti-Ash Brigade students from different schools. We had a great time doing team building activities and barbequing!

The fourth grade students are also looking forward to the health program IM40/ Health

See Clayton PhysEd pg 15

NORTH SMYRNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Early Childhood Special Olympics Event

The Early Childhood Program enjoyed their 2nd Annual Young Athletes Special Olympics Event held on Friday, April 24. The students participated in twelve different stations, modeling various gross motor skills, as well as social and cognitive abilities. Thank you to everyone who came out to help and show their support to all of our hard working students. We had a blast working hard and making incredible memories.



Pumping Up for Kindergarten

On March 24, Smyrna School District held their Annual Pumping Up for Kindergarten Event. Staff members presented information on what to expect when their child is in kindergarten next school year. Tons of information was provided to the families in attendance, while the children were cared for in early childhood classrooms. Every family also received a goodie bag with basic supplies that all children should be exposed to before entering kindergarten, such as scissors, crayons, and glue.



North Smyrna Elementary School's Teacher of the Year **Sandra Hall**

Sandra has been with the Smyrna School District for nine years starting as the band paraprofessional at the middle school. Sandra joined the North Elementary family in 2007 teaching third grade then moved up to fourth grade in 2008 which is where she is currently teaching.



Sandra is a graduate of Smyrna High school continuing her education at Goldey Beacom College where she earned her Associate of Science degree in Business. She went on to further her education at the University of Louisville earning her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. Sandra received her Master of Education degree in Elementary Studies from Wilmington University.

Sandra is very active in her community as well, teaching Sunday school and Vacation Bible School at her church, coordinating the Ronald McDonald House Fundraiser at our school and Smyrna Veterans of Foreign War.

Sandra lives in Smyrna with her husband and two daughters.

We are very fortunate to have such a compassionate, caring and creative teacher on our staff here at North Elementary. Congratulations Sandra!!

Fundraiser for Ronald M^cDonald House

The Smyrna School District participated in a fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House of Delaware from November 3, through November 20. The top classroom at each elementary school was rewarded with lunch and a visit from Ronald McDonald. Mrs. Hall's fourth grade class was the top classroom for North Elementary with Ronald visiting with her students and brought them lunch, from of course, McDonald's.



NSES Girls on the Run Team



Girls on the Run is off to a "running" start. The girls are having a ball learning valuable lessons that not only build inner strength but also fuels them as they prepare for the upcoming 5K in Dover, on Sunday,

See Girls pg 15 from

Health Benefits of Exercise "Stack Up" in World-Wide Event



On Thursday, February 19, the students at North Smyrna Elementary participated in Hoops for Hearts. Through the Hoops-Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser the kids learn basketball skills, jump rope skills, learn how their heart works, and raise money to help kids with special hearts. Members of the Smyrna High School Boys and Girls basketball teams attended the event at

North Smyrna Elementary. Each athlete enjoyed helping the students while also showing their skills on the court. The high school athletes that participated were: Ja'vier Worthy, Caleb Matthews, Charles Taylor, Anthony Watson, Latrelle Lee, Erin O'Neil, Heaven Bailey, Patricia Dwumaa, Julyanet Majica, Melena Credle, Ashunte Manigo, Amari Brooks, Coleman, Markay-

lah Bisbane, and Maia Fletcher.

The Dunk contest winners were:
3rd Grade - Cameron Williams
4th Grade - Yamir Knight

The event was a success as the students and parents of North Smyrna Elementary raised over \$1200 for the American Heart Association.

North Smyrna Students Get All "Flyered Up"

On Wednesday, March 18 NSE students participated in a 50-minute assembly provided by the two-time Stanley Cup winning, Flyers Ambassador of Hockey Bob "The Hound" Kelly, and members of the Flyers Community Relations Department. The theme of this year's Flyers School Assembly program was TEAM-WORK. Students were educated on using teamwork to achieve goals in school, sports and at home. Kelly also talked with students about being safe when playing sports and the sport of

See Flyered Up pg 15



North Smyrna Elementary School Daily Schedule 2013-2014

8:15-3:45	Teacher Workday
8:15-8:35	Cafeteria Open for Breakfast
8:20	Students Enter Building
8:35	Late Bell/Morning Announcements
8:30-3:30	Student Day
3:25	Dismissal
8:30-11:00	PreK AM
12:30-3:00	PreK PM

SMYRNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*Meet Smyrna Elementary's
Teacher of the Year!!*

Katherine Weston

Ms. Katherine Weston was chosen by her peers as this year's Teacher of the Year for her outstanding work ethic and willingness to learn and improve. Katherine has been teaching third grade for six years, and has a Master's degree in Elementary Education from Wilmington University. She is the mother of two teenagers ~ Nicole, age 17 and Ian, age 16 ~ and still has energy to spare to be an excellent educator to more than twenty young students every year.

Members of Katherine's third grade team feel that she is always looking for the most effective ways to reach her students, and treats each one as an individual. When asked about teaching at SES, Katherine says, "My success in the classroom would not be possible without the tremendous support I receive every day from the staff here." It's not surprising that Katherine is SES's Teacher of the Year for 2015!



Financial Planning Starts Early at Smyrna Elementary



Bank of America employees conducting "Teach Children to Save" lesson at Smyrna Elementary School in Allena Brown's class. The focus of the presentation was to encourage students to begin saving based on the idea of compound interest.



**Smyrna Elementary
Dates to Remember**

May

- 15 Diabetes education assembly / SODE pep rally (2:00)
- 19 Special Olympics (St. Andrews School)
- 20 Fourth grade to Delmarva Shorebirds
- 20 First grade to Killens Pond
- 22 Smyrna Pride Moon Bounce / Diabetes awareness walk
- 25 Memorial Day Observed (NO SCHOOL)
- 29 SES Field Day

June

- 1 First grade walking tour of Smyrna
- 3 Third grade to Lewes
- 3 First grade to Big Oak Park
- 4 KN to Big Oak Park
- 5 Fourth grade picnic @ 11:00
- 5 Third grade to Big Oak Park
- 5 KN promotion ceremony @ 1:00
- 8 (1/2-day) dismissal at 12:30
- 9 (1/2-day) Fourth grade Fly Away @ 8:45; dismissal at 12:30
- 10 (2-hour day) dismissal at 10:30
- 17 SSD Board of Ed meeting @ 7:00 (Central Office)

**Smyrna Elementary Kindergarten Learning is:
With (not "For") the Birds**



All Kindergarten classes learned about life cycles and embryonic development by hatching baby chicks in the classroom and then seeing a full grown chicken as part of an extension of their science unit.

MIXING SCIENCE, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & FUN



Third grade students hone their kite flying skills at the annual Egg-drop and Kite Day festivities.

SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Family Math/Literacy Night



Sunnyside Elementary had Family Math/Literacy Night on Wednesday, March 18 from 6 – 8 p.m. Families were invited to celebrate reading and math by playing educational games! Each student left with grade specific information about common core (for their par-

ent), a book on their grade level, and some prizes. Some families even left with a game that they won in a raffle! It was all about having fun and discovering activities that families can participate in that encourage good, fun learning.

Sunnyside - Animal Science

First Graders at Sunnyside Elementary previewed their Organisms science unit. In April, incubators and eggs were dropped off so that students could observe the hatching process. By the second day, students could hear peeping and see cracks begin to form in the eggs. Soon chicks were running around their housing containers, eating food, peeping, and playing. Students were able to see a vital part of the life cycle of chickens. This was an experience students are sure to remember!



Emily Saxton and India Hart observe hatching eggs.



Hatched chicks: Stormy, Rolly, and Ninja.

Anti-Bullying Week Festivities



Sunnyside Elementary students and staff participated in our district wide anti-bullying week.

We had a fun filled week that focused on our District core value compassion. We always encourage our students to go above and beyond to demonstrate compassion to others. All our students participated in a writing contest and signed a pledge against bullying. Each classroom created an anti-bullying jersey which we displayed at a game show based assembly. The assembly helped students understand the importance of team work while testing their knowledge about anti-bullying. The students are currently creating baseball caps as a follow up activity to the week. The baseball hats will be on display throughout the school. These activities helped our students understand the concept of being a team player and joining a team to help stop bullying.

SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHEDULE

8:15-3:45	Teacher Work day
8:15-8:30.	Cafe Open for Breakfast
8:15 a.m.	Car Riders / Bus Students enter Cafeteria for Breakfast
8:20 a.m.	Students enter School for Home-room
8:30 a.m.	Instructional Day Begins
8:35 a.m.	Late Bell Dismissal - Car Riders, Kindergarten, Bus Riders
3:25 p.m.	
3:30 p.m.	Dismissal Grade 1, Bus Riders
3:35 p.m.	Dismissal Grades 2-4 & Bus

Angela Distler Sunnyside Honors Teacher of the Year

Sunnyside Elementary School is proud to be represented by our Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Angela Distler. Mrs. Distler is a third grade teacher and has been teaching for five years. She has a Bachelor's degree in Elementary and Special Education and a Master's degree in Special Education from Wilmington University. Mrs. Distler is also the parent of three current Smyrna Eagles and one soon-to-be Eagle.

Each and every day, Mrs. Distler creates a magical classroom environment where students are able to express themselves, learn through hands-on activities and just be kids. More than one adult

in our building has stated, "I want to be in Mrs. Distler's class too." Mrs. Distler is an Odyssey of the Mind Coach, the third grade PLC leader, participates in the Math Coalition, is a Girls on the Run Coach and works with Wilming-

ton University in the Collaborative Partnership.

We wish her all of the best in the District competition. She will represent Smyrna School District and Sunnyside well!



Multiplication Mania!

Multiplication fever has hit our third grade classrooms at Sunnyside! Over the course of this school year, students have practiced multiple strategies to learn the multiplication facts and have used these facts on a daily basis to solve a variety of problems to help prepare them for the Smarter Balanced Math test. Now that our testing is completed, this multiplication fever is still spreading!



During the month of May our students will be competing in a Multiplication Mania event to test their fluency of the multiplication facts! Each classroom is preparing for this event with daily speed drills and various competitive multiplication games. The fever is spreading, the excitement is mounting, and we can't wait to find out who will be crowned our 3rd grade Multiplication Mania Champi- on!!!

Second Grade Vists Delaware Museum of Natural History

Second graders got the chance to attend the Delaware Museum of Natural History. The traveling exhibit, The Robot Zoo, was the highlight of the trip! The Robot Zoo reveals the biomechanics of robot animals and insects. Several hands-on activities illustrated fascinating real-life characteristics, such as how a chameleon changes colors and a fly walks on the ceiling. Machinery in the robot animals simulates the body parts of their real-life counterparts. Students also learned about many types of animal habitats, some being right here from Delaware such as the wetlands, the ocean and the forests. The students enjoyed learning about technology as well as animal habitats.



Fourth Graders "Go to Work" Visiting JA Biztown

Sunnyside fourth graders are eager to participate in our third annual field trip to JA Biztown in Wilmington, Delaware! What makes this field trip so unique is that it allows students to become "adults" for the day. Through the economic curricular unit, students learn many new and interesting life skills that will be useful in their future adult life.

Students will take their knowledge and apply it when they arrive to their chosen job at

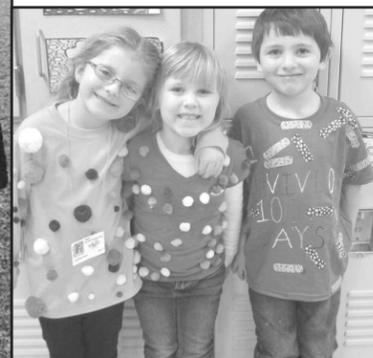
their "work site". By earning money from their hard work,

See JA Biztown pg 15

Kindergarten Corner

Sunnyside Kindergarteners are Springing into Action! February was a busy month for us. In between all the snow days, we were able to celebrate the One Hundredth Day of School, the 101st Day, and Valentine's Day. We also took advantage of the windy

weather, by flying kites with our families! Before Spring Break, we celebrated Spring with a Luau themed party and an egg hunt. We have been busy, blossoming into First Graders!



CLAYTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Students Collect Thousands in Food Drive

Many thanks to all the student council representatives and officers for such a successful year! They have planned and organized many events this year reflecting the core values of the



Smyrna School District. Some of the events include: Donating \$300 to the Susan G. Komen Society for

Breast Cancer Awareness, having a Halloween Dance with 400 students attending, providing meals for three families during the holidays, sending stockings to the soldiers overseas, adopting a family for Christmas, donating 1500 cans to the local food pantry, raising \$1200 through Penny Wars to donate to relay for life, holding a Dodgeball tournament with 400 people attending to watch, and donating \$700 from the St. Patty's Day Dance to Relay For Life. There is a lot of planning and organizing that goes on behind the scenes and without the student council these events would not have been successful! Thanks again to all of you!



For next year, the future sixth graders should consider running for classroom representative and eventually running for a student council officer position. Though it can be a lot of work, it is extremely fun and rewarding!

Raising Money for American Heart Association

Clayton Intermediate School was hard at work collecting money for the American Heart Association. Jump Rope For Heart, and Hoops For Heart are National education and fund-



raising events sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD). These events engage elementary and middle school students with jumping rope or playing basketball while empowering them to improve their own health and help other kids with heart-related health issues. Both programs are great ways to satisfy the physical education standards as determined by NASPE (National Association for Sport and Physical Education) and AAHE (American Association for Health Education). Students enjoyed participating in basketball, jump rope, and hula hooping contests while learning the benefits these exercises have on their hearts. While this was only Clayton Intermediate



School's second year participating in this program they were still able to raise \$855.55! We would like to thank the students, their families and friends who donated for this cause.

CIS Welcomes Destiny DuBerry, New Grade 5 Teacher



Salutations! My name is Destiny DuBerry and I am a fifth grade teacher at Clayton Intermediate School. I graduated from Delaware State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education and a minor in Music. While at Delaware State University I was fortunate enough to be a part of The Approaching Storm Marching Band, and the Delaware State University Concert Choir and Chamber Ensemble. I am also a member of the Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education, as well as the National Honors Society of Leadership and Success. Teaching is the profession that creates all others and I am elated to work so closely with our future! When I am not teaching I enjoy listening to live music, visiting family, and going on exciting excursions with my fiancé and son.

Amy Soni CIS 2014-15 Teacher of the Year

My name is Amy Soni and I have had the privilege of teaching at Clayton Intermediate School for the past three years.



After graduating from the University of Delaware with a degree in elementary and special education, I started my career at the secondary level in Chester County Pennsylvania. I have been so thankful for the past 17 years in the classroom and count it as an honor to have an impact on the lives of students each day. I began working at Smyrna High School after my husband and I moved to the Clayton area seven years ago. The tight-knit community and support makes this district a wonderful place to be as well as provides a strong, supportive environment for our children to learn.

Helping students realize their potential, dream for themselves, and have confidence to pursue them is perhaps the greatest reward as a teacher. It has been truly an honor to be chosen as Teacher of the Year at Clayton Intermediate School.

Arbor Day Poster Contest

Congratulations to our Fifth Grade Poster Contest winners! Grade 5 students have recently completed an Arbor Day Poster contest. The topic was "Trees are Terrific Inside and Out". Congratulations to the following students who were classroom winners:

- * Tyler Downward - Mrs. Ciani's class
- * Kylee Fellows - Ms. Baker and Ms. DuBerry's class
- * Arnesa Chery - Mrs. Curlett's class
- * Derek Davis - Mrs. Hoyer's class
- * Lily Barkus - Mrs. Webb's class
- * Nathan Lesniczak - Mrs. Everhart's class
- * Gabby Carter - Mrs. Erisman's class
- * Sophia Estrata - Mrs. Yerkes class
- * Kayla Heaps - Mrs. Uhey's class



Three of these posters were then sent to the Kent County contest at the Department of Agriculture. These are works by: (posters pictured top to bottom) Tyler Downward, Kylee Fellows and Sophia Estrata. One of these posters was a Kent County winner. Congratulations to Sophia Estrata who won 1st place in the Kent County 5th grade Arbor Day Poster Contest. She will attend the State Arbor Day Ceremony to meet the Governor and receive her award on May 1, 2015. This year's ceremony will be held at the Appoquinimink High School's Outdoor Classroom in Middletown, Delaware. All of the winning posters will be printed out on canvas and stretched onto a frame to commemorate Arbor Day and their achievement and are theirs to take home. The Governor will be on hand to present a certificate, book, and gift card at the ceremony. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the winners will get to help the Governor plant a tree and pose for pictures. Congratulations to all students involved. You did a great job!

Students Raise Funds with "Pink Sale"



Student Council members volunteered during their lunches to collect money for Breast Cancer Awareness month. Students and staff were able to buy pink items and socks. Clayton Intermediate was able to donate \$300 to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

CIS Newspaper Club

The newspaper club at CIS consists of fifth and sixth grade students, who meet every Monday after school with Ms. Almondo, their sixth grade teacher, to write articles and reviews that express their collective passion for communication.

Newspaper club member's interview teachers and staff at the school, write book, movie, and game reviews, write articles about school events and field trips, as well as informative articles about topics such as study tips for tests, and even answer "Dear Abby" questions submitted by CIS students.

The club also has comics who create funny cartoons, and a monthly poll question that students can post answers in the cafeteria. Members of the newspaper club enjoy practicing their writing skills and knowing that their writing is being read by all of the students in the school.



Clayton Intermediate's Journalism Enthusiasts

JOHN BASSETT MOORE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

B+ Assembly

The B+ Foundation provides support to local families that are dealing with childhood cancer and at the same time honors the life of Andrew McDonough. Founder and father of Andrew, Joseph McDonough came to visit the students at JBM to discuss the fact that "B+ is more than just a grade, it's an attitude". We also had a special guest appearance by a former student and leukemia survivor, Colby Atkinson and his mom, Virginia Atkinson, a teacher at Smyrna High School. Students were able to ask Mr. McDonough, Colby, and his mom questions and hear an amazing success story. When asked what she learned from the

assembly, Jada Ashford, a fifth grader, said to "always stay positive." Cadence Francis, another fifth grader, said she left the assembly with a "feeling of happiness that Colby was okay."

The students then worked together to collect funds to donate to this amazing charity. Boxes were put into every classroom to collect change for B+. This friendly homeroom competition was able to raise \$689.30. The homeroom of Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Treadwell won the classroom completion. They collected \$172.11. They will receive a pizza and ice cream party for their generosity.

John Bassett Moore Teacher of the Year

Jim McGuigan

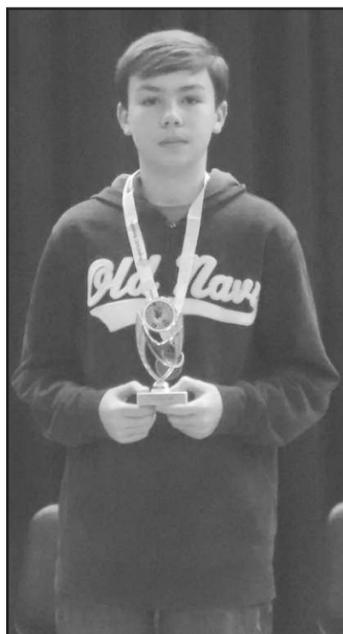
Mr. McGuigan (Mr. Mac to most) began his career as a fifth grade teacher with the Smyrna School District in 2001. He loves teaching and he loves his students. He is open and honest in his classroom, and he is always working on getting good books into the hands of his kids. He refers to his classroom as his second home, and makes his students feel safe. He plans to teach until the stars burn out!



JBM's National Geographic Bee

The field of competition narrowed from 410 students to 25 to ten to two and then the winner of the National Geographic Bee was announced on January 9, 2015 at John Bassett Moore Intermediate School. Gavin Workman was declared the winner and received a gold medal and trophy for first place.

Gavin went on to compete against other fourth through eighth grade winners from schools across Delaware at the state level competition on



March 27. To prepare for the competition, Gavin read many books, completed the National Geographic online quizzes, and downloaded related geography apps onto his phone. Gavin said the experience was challenging, but he found some of the questions to be fun particularly the ones involving US cities.

Great job to Gavin and the other finalists! It was a tough competition, and all of our finalists worked very hard. We are proud to have you represent the Smyrna School District!

JBM's National Geographic Bee Winners

- 1st Place - Gavin Workman
- 2nd Place - Cameron Hood
- 3rd Place - Owen Withrow

Finalists - Nathan Carter, Patrick Crutchfield, Robert Mace, Ian Murphy, Erika Onsomu, Brandon Pastuch, Simon Pyles-Voorhees,

Dodgeball Tournament



Fun! Amazing! Spectacular! These are the words the students at JBM are using to describe the first ever dodgeball event. There were a total of 12 teams in this double elimination tournament. Two of the teams were teacher teams. After a lot of smack talking, both teacher teams were eliminated and the students came out victorious. Average Joe's, a team of sixth graders, won the gold. The Thunderballs won a silver medal and Fast Ballz on Fire won the bronze. The sixth grade winners are still wearing their medals around school and the teachers are already practicing for next year.

Fifth & Sixth Grade Students Compete at Annual Spelling Bee



Our annual spelling bee competition took place on February 13, 2015. Classroom spelling bees were conducted by the English Language Arts teachers and each homeroom had a representative in the competition. In fifth grade, our first place winner was Aidan Charkow. Owen Withrow won second place. Our third place winner was Robert Mace. The sixth grade competition was held the same day. Katrice Burnette won first place. Simon Pyles-Voorhis won second place. Ni'Asia Doster was our third place

winner.

Katrice Burnette was our overall winner. She represented us at the state level competition that took place in March at St. Mark's High School. "Both experiences were nerve wrecking. I felt like everyone was staring at me," said Katrice in a statement. "But Katrice persevered and as always made us proud," said Mrs. Smeltzer, the spelling bee coordinator. Overall, the spelling bee was a great success. "It was a lot of fun!" said Katrice



Drama Performance

The fifth and sixth grade drama students at JBM Intermediate brought the delightful Shrek to their stage. The show was "Shrek the Musical Jr." This is a junior version of the original show. The musical was Thursday, April 23, and Friday, April 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the JBM auditorium.

The show started off with Mama and Papa Ogre talking to the son, Shrek telling him since he is 7 years old, it is time for him to make his own place in the world. During the first song, Shrek goes from 7 years old to an adult and finds he is content living alone in a swamp near the Kingdom of Duloc.

Suddenly, the Captain of the Guards appears leading a group of Fairy Tale Creatures into the swamp. The characters have been exiled from the Kingdom of Duloc and banished to live in the swamp. When Shrek returns to the swamp and sees it is no longer private, he angrily sets off to confront the leader of Duloc about the injustice.

Many followed Shrek on his journey to Duloc. They also saw who he met along the way. Did he find his true love or not?

There were many talented young actors in this production. They had worked hard to bring this wonderful show alive. The cast consists of: Shrek - Jordan White, Donkey - Patrick Crutchfield, Fiona - Madison McCready, Lord Farquaad - Ian Murphy, Story Tellers - Aliya Helm, Marissa Fleming, Sydney Christensen, Mama Ogre and Bishop - Kelly Barr, Papa Ogre and Big Bad Wolf - Ryan Blair, Little Ogre, Papa Bear, and Dwarf - Adian Nix, Captain of the Guards -

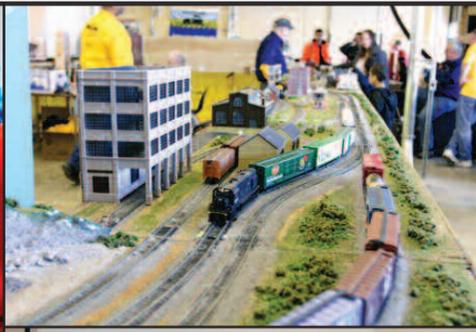
Alexis Bento, Pinocchio - Tori Jordan, Pigs - Sky Jackson, Ayana Fowler, Wicked Witch - Kassi Santiago, Peter Pan - Samantha Winter, Ugly Duckling - Carla Boyer, Mama Bear - Lindsey Elder, Baby Bear - Monae' Richardson, Young Fiona - Keely Coleman, Teen Fiona - Ryla Wilber, Dragon - Alivia Wilber, Gingy - Jade Leger, Knight/Guards - Yaa Bame, Lilly Griffiths, Jessica Miller, Pied Piper - Jason Lin, Puss in Boots and Rat - Alaura Gummerson, Rat - Jill Dougherty, Rooster - Tori Roseboro, Duloc Performers - Natalie Roseboro, Neely Keller.

JBM Smyrna Pride

March was an incredible month for JBM's Smyrna Pride! We had fun events, powerful guest speakers, and Acts of Kindnesses read on the announcements daily. First, was the trip to the Dover Skating Rink for students who have shown good behavior all year. This was a fun event where students got to show off their skills outside of the classroom and desperately try not to fall. The fifth graders, thanks to Mother Nature, did have to wait awhile, but any of them will say it was worth the wait.

We also had our B+ week in March where we celebrated a worthy cause. Mr. McDonough and even Smyrna's own Colby Atkinson shared their harrowing stories of dealing with adversity and, in spite of it all, to be positive. This was an incredible message that touches the hearts and minds of all of JBM's faculty

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I Love Smyrna S.D.

A special thank you goes out to the following:

- American Legion Ambulance
- Animals Helping Humans
- Anytime Fitness
- Asbury United Methodist Church Youth Group
- Athletic Boosters
- Atlantic Apothecary
- B/G Club 21st Century Science & Math/DE Workforce
- Bayhealth Medical Education Department
- Bethel A.M.E. Church
- Blood Bank of Delmarva
- Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge
- Boy Scouts of America
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware
- Caesar Rodney Chapter, DE Society, Sons of the Amer. Revolution.
- Carl King Tire of Smyrna
- Catamount Enterprises
- Centennial United Methodist Church
- Child Death, Near Death, & Stillbirth Commission
- Christ Care Unit Missionary Baptist Church
- Christian Care Imaging Services
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- JBM/SHS Alumni
- Kent County 4-H
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- Lisa A. Fagioletti, D
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SMYRNA MIDDLE SCHOOL

SMS Names 2015 - 2016 Teacher of the Year



Congratulations to Ms. Stacey Raughley, Spanish teacher at SMS, as she was named the 2015-2016 Teacher of the Year for Smyrna Middle School.

Smyrna Middle School Spread the Word!

During a week in March, SMS students signed a pledge that is displayed in the school to "Spread the Word to end the Word." Smyrna Middle School worked in cooperation with SHS to educate our students about kids with disabilities and use the districts core values to be kind to each other. The banner has over 800 student names on it along with the 80+ staff members. Way to go SMS!

Geography & Spelling Bee Champions Crowned



On January 30, 2015, SMS held its annual Geography Bee. Among the 36 competitors, three students were crowned the top finishers in the bee, with the first place student qualifying for the state competition later in the school year. Pictured are Donald McAlpin, 1st place (center), Andrew Dunn, 2nd place (left), and Hannah Jones, 3rd place (right).

On January 26, 2015, SMS held its annual Spelling Bee. Among 30 competitors from each of the language arts classes, two students were crowned spelling bee runner up and champion. The Champion will compete at the state level in March. Azariah Torain (middle) was named SMS's Spelling Bee Champion and Kevin Adams (right) and Rachel Hexamer (left) were named runner ups. Pictured with SMS principal, Steven Gott.



Dr. Rev. John Moore Visits SMS for Black History Month

On February 19, Rev. John Moore visited our students at SMS with his message from the words of the great Dr. Martin Luther King. Rev. Moore is well known throughout the state for his rendition of Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" Speech. He had the opportunity to share his experiences as a teenager and the struggles associated with growing up today as a young adult. Rev. Moore's most notable accomplishment was in 2011 when Rev. Moore got the opportunity to share Dr. King's full 18 minute speech in Washington D.C. at Dr. Martin Luther King's national monument in front of over 7,000 people including Dr. King's children. Students and staff thank Rev. Moore for a wonderful experience!



Math Poster Contest



Math Teacher Phil Wandless, Winning Student Isabel Walter, Math Specialist Shanon Biggs

Smyrna Middle School would like to congratulate Isabel Walter for winning first place in the Math Poster Contest sponsored by the Delaware Council of Teachers of Mathematics (DCTM). This year's theme was Mathematics in Amusement Parks. Her poster will be sent to be judged at the state level. Isabel's poster will be on display at Wilmington University in Dover from April 28th - May 14th. The posters can be viewed 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM Monday through Friday and 9:00AM to 2:00 PM on Saturday.

Science Field Day at SMS

Over 120 students participated in the Science Field Day, which was held on April 2. It was a fun day filled with activities and experiments. Students were part of a four-person group. Their group included one student from each of the four teams at SMS. Each group participated in a friendly competition that involved seven different activities, trying to earn the most points. The event and the awards assembly was held in the gymnasium.



FFA Banquet Held at SMS



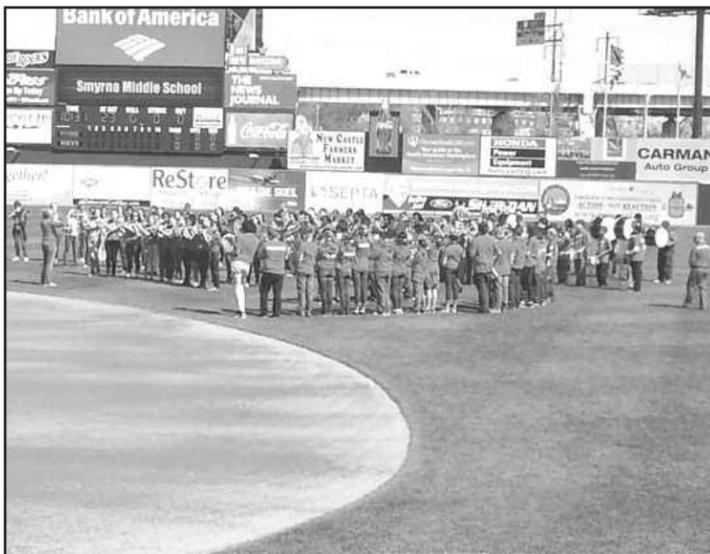
On April 28, 2015, the Smyrna Middle School FFA Chapter held its 8th Annual Chapter Banquet. The evening was spent awarding FFA members for their various accomplishments throughout the year as well as thanking our numerous supporters. Seventy-seven, seventh grade members received achievement awards for their positive behavior, academics, leadership, and their participation in the FFA. Of the eighth grade FFA members 59 were candidates and received their FFA Discovery Degree. It is our hope that all of these members strive to continue the development of their personal and professional skills through participation in the FFA. Without active members like these and dedicated supporters our chapter would not be nearly as successful as we are today.



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SMS Band performs at the Blue Rocks Game

On April 22, over 500 students from SMS attended a Wilmington Blue Rocks game in support of the SMS band who performed our national anthem on the field. The students had a wonderful time and represented the Middle School and the Smyrna community so well. Students had the opportunity to participate in some stadium fun and one student chosen from a raffle, Skyler Ryan, threw out the first pitch.



SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL



Smyrna High School Teacher of the Year

There is no greater power and influence than that of a teacher. This is a statement I learned twenty years ago as I completed the internship program with Smyrna High School Future Educators Association. I observed some of the great leaders of the Smyrna community such as Mrs. Wicks, Mr. Dickerson, Mrs. Chadwick, Ms. Musto, Mrs. Jarrell, Mrs. Downer, Mrs. McFarland, and Mrs. Allen. Each of these leaders taught me that the impact you have on a child is life-changing. I also learned that the consistency of positive actions will lead a child to greatness, while one simple negative action can alter their perspective forever. Each day I aim to provide students with the best experience possible both in and out of the classroom, which I was provided as a student in the Smyrna School District. My desire isn't to lead them to only be better students, but to reach their potential in all areas of life. Every day I am inspired by the students in this district and the accomplishments they have achieved. Though I may assist the students with the opportunity to obtain their goals, I am constantly overwhelmed with joy by their achievements.

Smyrna High Math Leaguers

The winter of 2014-15 was brutal to the Delaware Math Leaguers. Each year, there are four meets and one make-up meet scheduled. This year, two meets were cancelled due to Old Man Winter, and showing us no mercy, he also cancelled our makeup date. We had to finish the season by competing in only two meets. That being said, our Math Leaguers still proved to have a successful season. Three of our Smyrna High Math Leaguers placed regionally earning their way to the State Math League Competition. The competition took place Monday, April 13.



At the district level, Leandra Gantzer, a senior, placed third overall in the 10-12 grade division. Leandra is the only mathlete who has competed all four of her high school years.

Samuel Mace wowed us by taking first place in the ninth grade division. Matt Perrine placed third. Math League is expecting great things from these boys over the next three years.

This year Mr. Matthew Coogan joined Ms. Corla Rogers in coaching the SHS Math League.

Smyrna High School Final Examination Schedule – 2014-15

Senior Examinations

Thursday, May 14	Per 1 & 3 Exams
Friday, May 15	Per 2 & 4 Exams
Monday, May 18	Per 5 & 7 Exams
Tuesday, May 19	Per 6 & 8 Exams

Seniors are expected to take their exams during their REGULARY SCHEDULED TIME PERIOD OF THE DAY. Attendance is mandatory on all exam days.

Underclassmen Examinations

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
Friday June 5, 2015	Monday June 8, 2015	Tuesday June 9, 2015
Pd. 2 – 7:30-8:45 (75)	Pd. 1 – 7:30 – 8:45 (75)	Pd. 7 – 7:30 – 8:45 (75)
Pd. 4 – 8:50-10:05 (75)	Pd. 3 – 8:50 – 10:05 (75)	Pd. 8 – 8:50 – 10:05 (75)
Pd. 6 – 10:10-11:25 (75)	Pd. 5 – 10:10 – 11:25 (75)	PBS Carnival 10:10 – 11:20 (70)
Dismissal: 11:30 AM	Dismissal: 11:30 AM	Dismissal: 11:30 AM

Jobs for Delaware Graduates

Jobs for Delaware Graduates' mission is to enable student achievement in academic, career, personal, and social success. This spring has provided several opportunities to support this cause.

Our state Competitive Events Conference was held on Tuesday, April 28, at the Dover Downs Rollins Center. Congratulations go out to JDG seniors Zaniyah Dortch, Kylee Jackson, Yolanda Knight, and Zaire Washington who earned a spot in the Team Challenge Quiz Bowl finals. Only two other teams held this distinction.



2015 Business Professionals of America State Leadership Conference

Fifty-three students competed in the Business Professionals of America 2015 State Leadership Conference held at Dover Downs Hotel & Conference Center on March 10. The Smyrna BPA chapter was recognized for their participation in the areas of Community Service, Environmental Action/Awareness, and Special Olympics earning the chapter the State Professional Cup.

12 students were acknowledged in the Business Professionals of America's Torch Awards Program for leadership and service to their chapter and community. Students complete activities in the seven Torch categories—Leadership; Service; Cooperation; Knowledge; Friendship; Love, Hope, Faith; and Patriotism—then log their activities in an online Torch Resume.

Each activity is worth 5, 10, 15, or 20 points. When a student achieves a certain number of points for each category the application is reviewed for recognition. Frantz Desir and Elizabeth Lewis earned the Diplomat Torch Award. The Diplomat Torch Award requires 30 points in each Torch category.

The Statesman Torch Award requires 50 points in each Torch category and was awarded to Adrian Beatson, Mallory Matusovich, Alyssa Mears, Andrew Morrison, Danger Morrissey, Tyler Niblett, Hunter Pritt, Alison Sayers, Allison Wheatley and Alexis Williams.

Congratulations to Andrew Morrison for serving as the 2014-2015 State Vice-President and Alison Sayers for her election as the 2015-2016 State Parliamentarian.

Andrew Morrison earned 1st place for Admin Support Individual.

Economic Research Individual 3rd place Alison Sayers, 2nd place Alexis Williams.

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Smyrna High School Art Department



Smyrna High School art students competed in the annual patriotic contest held by the VFW Ladies Auxiliary. Jeffery Thomas won first place at the local level and moves on to the state level. Jamal Pope was awarded second place and Kaeleigh Snedeker was awarded third place.

Smyrna Eagles Boys Basketball Camp set for June 22-25

Smyrna High School will be hosting a basketball camp for boys entering grades three through eight, June 22 thru June 25, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. The camp will consist of daily skill development, game strategy and tactics, as well as team basketball principles.

With the help of Coach Mears' High School basketball staff and returning players, campers will be coached the game of basketball with a five player to one coach ratio. Our campers will be exposed to four days of basketball fun. For the camp brochure and more information email:

Andrew.mears@smyrna.k12.de.us



SHS Poster Contest Winners



For most visitors enjoying the day at an amusement park, math is the farthest thing from their minds, but "Mathematics in Amusement Parks" is the theme of this year's poster contest sponsored by the Delaware Council of Teachers of Mathematics (DCTM). Students worked individually or in pairs, competing for cash prizes. From the nearly sev-

enty submissions in the 9-12 category, the following winners were chosen: Honorable Mention, Taylor Capella and Katie Fuhr; third place, Tiara Santos; second place, Brandon Bishop and Jake Mitchell; 1st place, Jenna Scuse. Jenna's poster will now compete at the state level, and will be on display at Wilmington University in Dover.



Delaware FFA State Convention

The 2015 Delaware State FFA Convention brought a new change to the Annual Convention held each March. It was held at Delaware State University, after being hosted at University of Delaware for many years. The change brought a whole new convention experience to members and advisors as they traveled to Dover on March 11 and 12. The new location did not affect the performance of Smyrna FFA members as the Chapter made a clean sweep in the awards with yet another successful year.

The Chapter definitely displayed their strength in numbers when the awards were given out. The Chapter had eight State Degree recipients, the highest of any Chapter, with members John Barkley, David Correll, Gabby DiRusso, Ryan Harris, Jacob Mitchell, Tyler Niblett, Jason Voss, and Allison Wheatley receiving their degrees. The Chapter also brought home both of the State Star award winners with DJ Correll winning Star Agricultural Placement and Allison Wheatley winning State Star Farmer. These two individuals will now compete at The Big E in Springfield, Massachusetts in September 2015 and put their Supervised Agriculture Experiences on display in competition with members from across the East Coast. Smyrna also had the most members receiving their American Degrees this fall in Louisville with Brendan Cook,

Taylor Dixon, Amanda Hotelling, Morgan Jewell, Emily Smith and Tommy Smith all making the trip to Louisville to receive the highest degree of membership in the FFA. The Chapter also made a clean sweep in the Proficiency Awards with numerous members receiving recognition and \$250 for their hard work involved with their Supervised Agriculture Experiences throughout their high school careers. Proficiency Award winners included:

- Tyler Niblett, Ag. Mechanics
- Briana Lewis, Ag. Processing
- Jenna Scuse, Agricultural Sales
- Tyler Hartsock, Diversified Ag. Production
- Sarah McHale, Goat Production
- Gabby Virdin, 2nd Pl.- Sm. Animal Production
- Emily Sakalauskas, 3rd Pl.- Equine Science

Not only did the Chapter find success in the awards department, but also in CDE (Career Development Events) competitions. Kandiss Reed received a very respectable individual fifth place finish in the Senior Prepared Public Speaking and fellow speaker Ashley Hurd received fourth place in the Senior Extemporaneous Speaking event. The Novice Parliamentary Procedure team had a very successful go and won their competition. They look forward to traveling to Louisville for National Convention this fall. Team members included Cassidy Cook, George Class- Peters, Justin Johnson, Chelsea Wix, Erin Smallwood,

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FFA Chapter Members Win Awards

The Smyrna FFA Chapter held its 40th Annual Parent & Member Awards Banquet at Smyrna High School on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 to recognize the accomplishments and achievements of students enrolled in the Agri-Science program and FFA Chapter. Numerous members and guests attended the function, which kicked off with the posting of colors by the ROTC. The Delaware FFA Association was also on hand to deliver greetings to members of the Smyrna FFA program.

Several sets of awards were presented to deserving students of the AgriScience program. Twenty-one members of the Smyrna FFA received their Chapter Degree, which is designed to recognize second year members who have been active, and have invested \$150 or spent 45 hours involved with their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) project. Those members included: Tiffany Caballero, Kylie Chillas, Evan Gallaher, Angela Haldas, Zackary Holmes, Ashley Hurd, Kayla Johnson, Brianna Lewis, Tyler Meixell, Derica Nyameke, Kathleen O'Brien, Kandiss Reed, Cole Sebastianelli, Vincent Sonson, Aaron Souder, Elizabeth Stulir, Noah Taylor, Jeremy Virdin, Dylan Wilson, Rebecca Wroten and Meghan Yerkes.

Special appreciation awards were presented to members of the Smyrna High School community. Smyrna High School Head Custodian Mr. Charles Frazier received the FFA Blue/Gold Award and District Technical Specialist Mr. Nick Cattee received the Honorary Chapter FFA Degree for his support of FFA student activities and keeping our computers and FFA Network running. Ms. Caitlin Walton, student teacher from the University of Delaware was presented a special token of appreciation for her role in the classroom.

Academic Achievement Awards were presented to students who maintained an 85% average or better in their respected Agricultural pathway. Each pathway also identified its top overall student. Student recognition included:

- Agricultural Mechanics I-** David Colon, Owen Dill, Brendan Donaghue, Guy Doron, Josh Evans, Jack Guzman, Michael Hodgeman, Kayla Johnson, Roman Kolakowski, William Knight, Dylan Leager, Nathan Metts, Jacob Palmer, Devon Pleasanton, Cole Sebastianelli, Hunter Shane, Jeffrey Shane, Vincent Sonson, and Dylan Snow.
- Agricultural Mechanics II-** Angela Haldas, Chance Hemphill, Bryan Horton, Velvin Morgan, Gavin Newcomb, JT Norvell, Zach Parker, Aaron Souder, and Dylan Wilson.
- Agricultural Mechanics III-** John Barkley, Owen Cahall, Gary Deppish, Matt Hoffman, CJ Johnson, Jake Mitchell, Tyler Niblett, Nicholas Pierce, and Emily Sakalauskas.
- Agricultural Mechanics IV-** Sam Bivona, DJ Correll and Jordan Harrington.

- Agricultural Structures I-** Hunter Anderson, Kayla Atwell, Jake Brown, Rebecca Calderon, Jeff Campbell, Moses Carter, Madison Davis, Anthony DelRe, Gary Deppish, Delaney Dowell, Messiah El, Kasey Euren, Billy Evans, Bryana Friel, Evan Gallaher, Jessica Glass, Brooke Heverin, Amin Jackson, Charles Joyner, D. Kyle Lewis, Josh Lighthall, Caseem McNair, Shane Melson, Hunter Moyer, Gavin Newcomb, JT Norvell, Nicholas Pierce, Devon Pleasanton, Nathen Ridgeway, Harvey Seeney, Karlens Senatus, Marcus Vass, TJ Ward, Cody Wasser, Nathan Williamson, and Desmond Wilson.

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Smyrna FFA Celebrates National FFA Week

The week of February 22 - 28, 2015 brought a very busy week for the Smyrna FFA and its members, advisors and supporters everywhere. This special week is held annually every February and is the week that the National FFA Organization sets aside for FFA members across the country to celebrate everything they love about the FFA. So it wasn't just Smyrna FFA who had a busy week on their hands. Chapters across the state and country all celebrated the week individually combining their traditions with new ideas. This year's theme, "Go All Out", was definitely noticeable at Smyrna FFA as countless members did just that to celebrate our chapter and make it a week for the record books.

Monday brought a new look to the halls of Smyrna High School as members kicked off the week dressing in camouflage to display their pride in the Chapter. Some dressed head-to-toe in camo and could barely be seen throughout the day,

but it was quite a sight seeing all the support for the Chapter with members wearing camo.

Tuesday was deemed "T-Shirt Tuesday" where members wore their snazzy red chapter t-shirt and took part in the Annual FFA Breakfast. Not only did members enjoy the delicious breakfast, they also listened to the inspiring words of USDA Deputy Under Secretary for Farm & Foreign Agricultural Services- Mr. Michael Scuse and from the DE Department of Education, State FFA Advisor- Dr. Bart Gill. Smyrna High School administrators and Superintendent Debbie Wicks were also in attendance to celebrate the week alongside students. Delaware State FFA Treasurer- David Townsend, also joined us. Our guests saw all of the great things that Smyrna FFA does for FFA Week.

The middle of the week brought no less action as members wore their best official dress and blue corduroy to school as part of the celebration with the Greenhand Ceremony, held Wednesday evening in the Smyrna High School Cafeteria. Members and guests enjoyed delicious deserts as a record breaking fifty students received their Greenhand Degrees. The Greenhand Degree is symbolized by a bronze pin and awarded to outstanding first- year members in the chapter who display outstanding involvement and participation in bettering the chapter. State Officers Evan Davis (State Reporter) and Stanley Gaffrey (State Sentinel) came to enjoy the evening and share a few inspiring words with our recipients, about receiving the Greenhand Degree and the things in store for them through the FFA.

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NOTICE OF FERPA RIGHTS

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

Inspection

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

Amendment

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

Consent

You have the right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without

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

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

Complaint

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

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

SMYRNA SCHOOL DISTRICT

2014/15 SCHOOL CALENDAR

MAY

- May 1 Regular Student Day Added (All)
- May 6 Mid-marking Point
- May 15 Progress Reports Issued
- May 25 Memorial Day – School Closed

JUNE

- June 5-9 1/2 day Inservice (9-12)
- June 8-9 1/2 day Inservice (K-8)
- June 10 Last Pupil Day
- June 17 Last Teacher Day

The calendar is based on legislation requiring students to attend school 440 hours (kindergarten), 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 Educaiton, April 17, 2015

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.

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:

- » Whether the Delaware Department of Education has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
- » Whether the Delaware Department of Education has decided that the teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of special circumstances.
- » The teacher's college major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees.
- » Whether any teachers' aides or similar paraprofessionals provide Title I services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

A website has been setup for you to obtain this information at: <http://deeds.doe.k12.de.us> You may access this information by going to this website and click "Parents/General Public" on the left-hand side of your computer screen. Click "Search" for an employed Delaware public / charter school educator." Enter the last name of your child's teacher and click "search." Click the "profile" link after your child's teacher's name. You will find the teacher's certification under "credentials" and college major under "qualification."

If you are unable to obtain the necessary information, you may call you child's principal for this information, or our Personnel Office at (302) 653-8585.

TITLE I NOTIFICATIONS

In the Smyrna School District, the faculty of each elementary school is committed to providing a quality education for all students and recognizes the essential role of parents and the value of their input. We believe a partnership must exist and we strive to promote communication and participation of parents in the education of children. To learn about ways that you can be involved in your child's education, please visit the Title I portion of our website and read through the Parent Involvement information. You may find this information at:

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

Dr. Rachael S. Rudinoff
Supervisor of Special Services
E-Mail

Office: 302 653-3135
Fax: 302 653-2766
rachael.rudinoff@smyrna.k12.de.us

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)

from FFA Convention pg 12

Jessica Bright and Trey Thompson. The Senior Parliamentary Procedure team composed of Allison Wheatley, Gabby DiRusso, Meaghan Yerkes, John Barkley, Jake Mitchell and Hunter Melson also won their competition and will be headed to both Big E and the National Convention in the fall to compete. Smyrna found success in the Agricultural Sales CDE with a second place team finish and team member Derica Nyamika receiving sixth individually and Rebecca Wroten receiving a second place individual finish while members Aaron Souder and Anthony Baker helped the team to a successful finish. Smyrna was also represented in the Floriculture CDE and Leandra Gantzer received ninth place individually and Kathryn Emerson finished in sixth place individually with Brooke Heveren also competing on the team. Jenna Scuse, Dylan Wilson, Taylor Brittingham and Wade Soloway participated in the Milk Quality & Products competition. The final competition for Smyrna FFA was Meat Evaluation & Technology finishing second in the team placing, with members Sarah McHale, Gabby Virdin, Tyler Hartsock (9th Place individual) and Ryan Harris (6th place individual).

While spending time at Delaware State University members did more than just compete. They were able to attend sessions hosted by state officers and listen to speakers such as Kyle Scheele and enjoy a hypnotist show were members John Barkley, Hunter Melson and Trey Thompson all were hypnotized. Smyrna FFA also did their part in fighting hunger by packaging over two thousand meals with the rest of Delaware FFA. Members had the opportunity to attend workshops hosted by state officers, visiting state officers and even National Officer Caleb Gustin serving as the National Western Region Vice President. Ultimately, 2015 was yet another extremely successful State Convention for Smyrna FFA and one to remember in the archives.

from Business Professionals pg 11

Advanced Accounting: 5th place Boaz Menard, 3rd place Malik Henry.
 Advanced Spreadsheet Applications: 4th place Jacob Mitchell; 1st place Tyler Niblett.
 Database Applications: 4th place Justin Nash, 2nd Place Tyler Niblett, 1st place Frantz Desir.
 Digital Publishing: 2nd place Cicero Lemmon
 Integrated Office Applications: 3rd Alyssa Mears, 1st Allison Wheatley
 Medical Office Procedures: 1st place Kelly Talmud
 Fundamental Spreadsheet Applications: 5th Mallory Matusevich, 2nd Taimira Ramseur.
 Personal Finance Management Concepts: 2nd place Andrew Morrison

from FFA Awards pg 12

Agricultural Structures II- Kimberlyann Barlow, Jacob Blake, Chris Buntin, Angela Haldas, Andrew Naylor, Nolan Rutherford, Russell Stanley, Cole Sebastianelli, and Khiry Sudler.

Agricultural Structures III- Brandon Bishop, Harry Hopkins, and Hunter Melson.

Animal Science I- Jenna Anderson, Anthony Baker, Taylor Brittingham, Cassidy Cook, Ariel Francis, Ellisa Govin, Zackary Holmes, Erica Malloy, Kelsey Markel, Nathan Metts, Harvey Seeney, Erin Smallwood, Wade Soloway, ShiAnn Steele, Ashlyn Tressler, and Ryan Wheatley.

Animal Science II- Gabrielle Ayala, Tiffany Caballero, Kylie Chillas, Kate-lynn Fuhr, Ashley Hurd, Lindsey Jones, Brianna Lewis, Camryn Markel, Jocelyn Morneau, Derica Nyameke, Kathleen O'Brien, Kandiss Reed, Tiara Vazquez, Rebecca Wroten, Meghan Yerkes, and Zachery Zlock.

Animal Science III- Gabrielle DiRusso, Lauren Ide, Justin Lemmon, Marimar Rodriguez, Elizabeth Stulir, Jason Stypinski, Allison Wheatley, Ciarra Zayas.

Animal Science IV- Corey Everage, Malcolm Hall, Ryan Harris, Tyler Hartsock, Sarah McHale and Gabrielle Virdin.

Environmental Science I- Caitlin Berchtold, Hailey Boots, Julia Luttrell, Marissa McClenton, Ralphael Ortiz, and Michael Rankin.

Environmental Science II- Emaline Innerarity, Sara Field and Cynthia Kayati.

Environmental Science A.P.- Leandra Gantzer, Amanda Hennen, Sarah McHale and Jenna Scuse.

Plant Science I- Chris Buntin, George Class-Peters, Julia Denston, Madison Drummond, Kathryn Emerson, Alicia Foraker, Katelyn Haas, Ashley Hurd, Keri Knorr, Johanna Lindell, Erica Malloy, Danielle Marshall, Marissa McClenton, Karla Pagan, Wade Soloway, Cody Wasser, Ryan Wheatley, and Sarah Workman.

Plant Science II- Ethan Abbott, Richard Ferry, Amber Grace, Adreana Hicks, Kaila Hindt, Joshua Meixell, Tyler Meixell, Gavin Newcomb, Bethany Schneider, Vincent Sonson, Destiny Suitt, Noah Taylor and Abigail Troiani.

Plant Science III- Hailey Boots, Shakar Herod, Zackary Holmes, Samantha Jamison, JT Norvell, Dylan White and Brandon Workman.

Chapter Fundraising awards were presented to the top salespeople for their involvement in Citrus and Strawberry Sales this school year. Citrus awards went to 1st Place- Dylan White, 2nd Place- Ryan Harris and 3rd Place- Dylan Wilson. Strawberry awards included: 1st Place- Dylan White, 2nd Place- Zackary Holmes, and 3rd Place- Keri Knorr. Jenna Scuse received special recognition for her winning Chapter T-Shirt Design entitled, "Smyrna FFA- Standing Out Since 1976." Jenna's design was used on the official chapter t-shirt this year and she received \$50 for her efforts.

See FFA Awards pg 15

SMYRNA SCHOOL DISTRICT'S NOTICE OF RIGHTS UNDER THE PROTECTION OF PUPIL RIGHTS AMENDMENT (PPRA)

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment affords parents, students who are 18, 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, in-vasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under State law; and
3. Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing, or to sell or

otherwise distribute the information to others.

Inspection

You may, upon request, inspect the following:

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

Adoption of Policy

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

Complaint

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

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

DISTRICT DIRECTORY

CLAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	653-8587
Mrs. Deborah Chadwick, Principal Mr. Mikell Reed, Associate Principal Nurse	
NORTH SMYRNA ELEMENTARY	653-8589
Mrs. Kelly Holt, Principal Mrs. Stephanie McGuire, Associate Principal Nurse	
SMYRNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	653-8588
Mr. David H. Morrison, Principal Mrs. Katherine Wood, Associate Principal Nurse	
SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY	653-2808
Mrs. Deborah Judy, Principal Mr. Patrick Grant, Associate Principal Nurse	
CLAYTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL	653-4512
Mr. David Paltrineri, Principal Mrs. Cynthia McNatt, Associate Principal Nurse	
JBM INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL	659-6297
Mrs. Elyse Baerga, Principal Mrs. Cynthia McNatt, Associate Principal Nurse	
SMYRNA MIDDLE SCHOOL	653-8584
Mr. Steven Gott, Principal Dr. John Jingeleski, Associate Principal Mrs. Aerin Donovan, Associate Principal Guidance	
	653-8308 653-8823
SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL	653-8581
Mrs. Stacy Cook, Principal Mr. Clarence Davis, Dean of Discipline Mr. Marcus Deisem, Associate Principal Mrs. Tonya Pierce, Associate Principal Mr. Leon Clark, Associate Principal Nurse	
	653-3137
CENTRAL OFFICES	653-8585
Mrs. Deborah Wicks, Superintendent Mr. Patrik Williams, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Alexander Shalk, Director of Curriculum Mr. Jerry Gallagher, Director of Finance Mrs. June Wicks, Supervisor, Reading & Instruction Mr. Todd Seelhorst, Supervisor Human Resources	
CHILD NUTRITION OFFICE	653-3134
Mr. Roger Holt, Supervisor	
MAINTENANCE OFFICE	653-3132
Mr. Scott Holmes, Supervisor Systems & HVAC Mr. George, Wicks III, Supervisor Facilities & Operations	
SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICE	653-3135
Dr. Rachael Rudinoff, Supervisor	
TECHNOLOGY OFFICE	653-2754
Mr. David M. Brown, Supervisor	
TRANSPORTATION OFFICE	653-3142
Ms. Sharon Almondo, Supervisor	

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 over, 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

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.

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 the 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 multi cultural, 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

NONDISCRIMINATION 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.

Annual Public Notice of Nondiscrimination

(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 2014-15 school year:

Smyrna High School Agriscience

Courses are offered as part of five pathway strands:

Animal Science: Animal Science I, II, and III, Agribusiness
Natural Resources: Natural Resources and Environmental Science I, II & III
Plant Science: Plant Science I, II & III
Power & Systems: Power & Tech Systems I, II, and III
Structural Systems: Structures I, II, and III

Business

Courses are offered as part of two pathway strands:

Accounting: Accounting II, III and IV.

Business Information Technology: BIT II, III and IV.

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

from Goats Guff pg 2

forests was created by talented Art Teacher, **Monica DeHart**. At the heart of the stage, was the infamous *Rickety Rackety Bridge*, where students **Aubrey Downward, Taylour Deshields, Noah Williams, and Patrick Watts** sang beautiful solos and held down their posts. **The Fourth Grade Classes of Faith Drobinski, Susan Gilmore, Justin Malin, Crystal Reynolds, and Ashley Stuart presented an instrumental extravaganza!** Recorders, Xylophones, Singing, and Drumming were showcased, and every class performed a special piece on the instruments. Students rocked the house with **BEST DAY OF MY LIFE**, recorded by American Authors, and a stirring performance of **LIFT YOUR VOICE**, by Gwen Skeens, was played on recorders in two-part harmony. It was a night of theatre and music to be remembered!

from JA Biztown pg 5

they can even take their paychecks to WSFS bank or spend it at Walgreens! We are all really looking forward to this fun filled, educational field trip!

from FFA Week pg 12

The Greenhand Ceremony was not the only excitement Wednesday, but the celebration of a very special member's accomplishments also occurred. Senior member - Chance Hemphill, set a goal for himself to make a difference in his community and the Smyrna FFA allowed him to do just that. Chance picked The Delaware Food Bank to raise money for, due to the damaging issue of food insecurity that impacts families everywhere. Students throughout the school brought in money for Chance in order to reach his goal of \$500. The deal was, if that goal was reached, he would cut off his long locks. Chance not only reached his goal, but greatly surpassed it by raising a grand total of \$1,020 to donate to the Delaware Food Bank in return for his haircut. Smyrna FFA chose to recognize Chance and deliver his haircut at the Greenhand Ceremony

Girls on the Run pg 3

May 17, at Silver Lake Park.

We held our Running Buddy Event the beginning of April and after only a few weeks of training they were all able to complete their 5K. All of the coaches and volunteers are very proud of this group of girls!! You Rock!!!!

Don't be Afraid to be Amazing—Andy Offutt Irwin

from Flyered Up pg 3

ice hockey in general.

The assembly culminated with interactive games designed to get the students and teachers more involved. The games included wearing a complete set of hockey gear (minus the ice skates and stick), a student/teacher fastest hockey dresser competition and a find the logo under the moving bobble head game. Each student at the Flyers School Assembly received a Flyers folder, an autographed picture of Bob "The Hound" Kelly and an informational flyer regarding concussions.

from Smyrna Pride pg 7

and students. You can still see the ripple effects of this event even today. It is so incredible to see all of this respect, compassion, and care at our school. JMB really is the best!

for the great deed that he did to positively impact his community and people everywhere.

Thursday morning was yet again another busy one in the Ag Hallway at Smyrna High School as the Smyrna FFA hosted a College and Career Day for their students. Members wore their favorite college gear and were able to explore different colleges and careers that came to Smyrna High School to share information with students. Attendees included Dr. Hannibutt from Brenford Animal Hospital, Ronnie's Garden World, Wyotech and Delaware Technical and Community College. Not only did members receive information about different options for them in the industry but had the opportunity to speak and interact as well as make connections within the industry.

Smyrna FFA ended FFA week with the rest of the Smyrna-Clayton Communi-

North Smyrna Elementary's Girls on the Run Community Service Event

Being a part of Girls on the Run not only teaches the girls valuable lessons that build their self-confidence, healthy eating and life style habits and exercise it also teaches them the importance of giving back to their community. As part of their community impact project the girls held a Zumba fundraiser to benefit our Intervention Specialist Michele Johnson who suffered a major stroke last fall. The event consisted of kid's crafts, family Zumba and an adult Zumba. The girls raised over \$300 which was presented to Ms. Johnson and will go towards her medical expenses.

from FFA Awards pg 14

Thirteen AgriScience students received Proficiency Awards for their active Supervised Agricultural Experience projects. The following were praised for their performance and qualified for a \$25 incentive. Agricultural Mechanics- Matthew Hoffman, Sam Bivona and Tyler Niblett; Agricultural Processing- Jason Voss and Brianna Lewis; Agricultural Sales & Service- Ryan Harris; Agricultural Science Research- Jenna Scuse; Diversified Crop Production- DJ Correll; Diversified Agricultural Production- Tyler Hartsock; Diversified Livestock Production- Gabrielle Viridin; Equine Science- Emily Sakalauskas; Goat Production- Sarah McHale; and Wildlife Management- Alex Wisniewski.

The highlight of the evening was the recognition of Star Awards. Justin Johnson was named the 2014-15 Star Chapter Greenhand. Justin was recognized as the outstanding first year FFA member for his participation in coursework, academics and FFA involvement. Mr. Johnson served on the 1st Place State Novice Parliamentary Procedure CDE team for Smyrna High School.

Ryan Harris was named the 2014-15 Star Chapter FFA Member. Ryan has

ty at I Love Smyrna School District Day hosted at Smyrna High School. The Chapter had the awesome opportunity to display all of its great achievements and accomplishments and interact with community members and truly show the difference that the Chapter and FFA can, and is making in the lives of people everywhere.

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Rocks that kicked off on April 17. The program teaches students about the dangers of drugs while also focusing on self-esteem.

Field Day will be held on Friday, May 22, starting at 8:45 am. Students will be participating in stations in the morning and the 50 yard dash and tug-a-war in the afternoon. The rain date for Field Day is Tuesday, May 26.

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

served in many capacities such as the National Ag Science Fair, fundraisers, Forestry, Poultry, and Meat Evaluation CDEs and received his State Degree last month at the Delaware FFA Association Convention.

Leandra Gantzer, received the DeKalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award. This honor has been presented since 1947 to outstanding high school seniors with a superior record of scholarship, leadership and agricultural work experience. Smyrna FFA is pleased to continue this tradition of recognizing an outstanding senior student.

\$200 chapter scholarships were awarded to FFA members: Ryan Harris, Sarah McHale, Tyler Niblett, Emily Sakalauskas, Jenna Scuse, and Gabrielle Viridin for their academic work and future educational pursuits in college.

Sarah McHale delivered a retiring address on behalf of the senior officers and chapter members. She also received her Retiring Officer President Plaque and was named the winner of the Daniel Reynolds FFA Scholarship and a \$1,000 recipient of the National FFA DuPont Scholarship.

The Smyrna FFA Chapter also announced the 2015-2016 chapter officer candidates that included: Cassidy Cook, George Class-Peters, Gabrielle DiRusso, Guy Doron, Kathryn Emerson, Angela Haldas, Samantha Jamison, Justin Johnson, Jake Mitchell, Erin Smallwood, Wade Solloway, Trey Thompson, Allison Wheatley and Meghan Yerkes.

Smyrna Elementary Construction: Traffic Pattern Change

As of Monday, May 11, demolition and site work has begun on the kitchen, parking lots on South Street, and storm water management. The most immediate impact will be on food service and on travelling to and from school.

Temporary lunch service

Serving lunch at school from a temporary setup is not new to the Smyrna School District. Over the past decade, we have safely and efficiently served breakfast and lunch at multiple schools while kitchens have been updated. Starting Monday, May 11, Smyrna Elementary School will be following the included temporary menu. The breakfast menu will rotate weekly, while the lunch menu will rotate every two weeks. If you have any questions about breakfast and/or lunch, please contact our Cafeteria Manager, Karen Dimattia at 659-6284 or Karen.Dimattia@smyrna.k12.de.us.

Travelling to and from school

Our parking areas and sidewalks along South Street will be removed and replaced as part of our improvement project. This will have an impact on staff parking and student drop-off/pick-up.

Bus-riders –The only change to bus-riding students during the renovation project will be where the busses unload and load while at school. During arrival and dismissal, all six busses will unload and

load curbside along School Lane. **There will be no student drop-off or pick-up along School Lane for the rest of the school year.**

Car-riders – Beginning Monday, May 11, there will be no access to the school along South Street (gym/cafe-teria lobby entrance or fourth grade wing entrance). With busses being parked along School Lane, school staff will park in the bus lane and curbside along Kent Way.

Car-riders will now use curbside drop-off (and pick-up) in the existing bus lane at the front of the school (near main office). Staff will be on hand to unload students directly from vehicles and to supervise children until it is time to enter the building (8:20). Students who eat breakfast at school will be allowed to enter at 8:10, as usual.

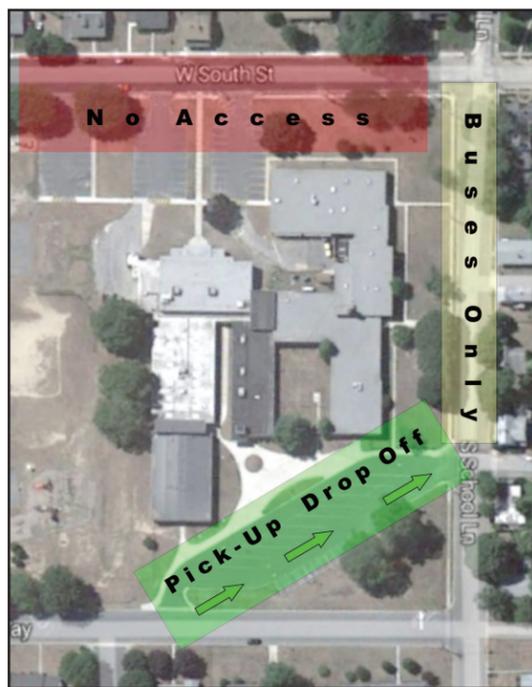
Student pick-up will also occur in the current bus lane. Cars picking students up from school must enter the driveway from the southwest along Kent Way, move through the bus lane where students will be loaded into vehicles, and exit onto School Lane (see enclosed diagram of school property). Out of concern for student safety, **there will be no student drop-off or pick-up along School Lane for the rest of the school year.**

Walkers – Since many of our regular doorways will not be open during construction, walkers will be dismissed from the same area as car-riding students. As usual, they will check out with a staff member before leaving school grounds.

Early dismissals

While we certainly understand that there are times that an early dismissal from school is necessary, due to the volume of activity occurring at the end of the day in such a concentrated area, we request that you do not ask for your child to be dismissed after 3:00. Please either sign your child out prior to 3:00, or wait until normal dismissal time at 3:25.

We are very excited about the pending improvements to our school—your school! During this process, we know that questions will come up and that routines and procedures will need to be revisited and revised. If you have any questions or need any clarifications, please don't hesitate to contact Mr. Morrison or Mrs. Wood. We will be happy to meet with you to answer any questions or concerns. Your patience while we adjust our daily procedures is very much appreciated.



Smyrna Eagles Football Report



The Smyrna Eagle Football family finished the season with a 5-5 record in arguably the toughest conference in the state. With wins over perennial Henlopen contenders Caesar Rodney and Sussex Central the Eagles look to build on their momentum as they enter the 2015 season.

Quarterback Nolan Henderson established himself as player to watch in our state, throwing for over 2200 yards and rushing for another 340 yards. The young gun-slinger tallied 21 touchdowns (TDs) through the air while adding another 7 on the ground and garnered second Team All-Conference honors.

Will Knight had a remarkable first season, rushing for 961 yards and 8 TDs, caught 22 passes for 417 yards and 6 TDs, and connected with Junior WR Brandon Bishop for a 61 yard TD strike against CR.

The receiving core carried their fair-share of the load, combining for 150 catches. Charlie Taylor (34 receptions 582 yards 7 TDs) and Donte Ritchie (48 receptions 744yd 5TDs) led our corps in production, while Bishop added a vertical threat with 36 receptions 509yd and 3 TDs. Juniors Hunter Melson and Marquell Bennett rounded out a solid year by adding another TD and over 100 yards.

The offensive line was led by Junior Terren Carter who earned second team all-conference. Sophomore Jerren Carter, Juniors Phil Nix and Evan Gallaher, and Freshman Desmond Wilson, Anthony DelRe, and Mike Carrow all started for the Eagles. Senior Alex Wisnewski added some depth to the unit as well.

The defense was led by third Team All-State Linebacker Cody Biddle who set new SHS record recording 131 tackles (54

solo), 2.5 sacks, 10 TFL, and 2 INTs. Fellow Senior Alajuwon Hunter had a great year at linebacker with 99 tackles. Josh and Eli Hutchinson had breakout years, tallying 85 and 55 tackles respectively. Josh led the team in TFLs (13) and fumble recoveries (3).

The defensive line was anchored by Sophomore Jamier Smith and Freshmen Anthony DelRe and Desmond Wilson. Senior Stedman Kpana, Junior Kalen Wilson, and Senior Jhiel Watson saw significant time sharing the duties as well.

The defensive backs were led by Sophomore Safety, Jake Kaiser (#20) who finished fourth on the team with 82 tackles. Sophomore Zion Cole and Junior Clewon Witkowski solidified the CB spots while Seniors Jason Medero, Justin Jones, and Kam Pipes added depth to the group. Junior Jamal Powell helped round out the CB position.

The special teams unit, consisting mostly of young players, did a terrific job in springing Charlie Taylor for 2 KR TDs and provided outstanding field position in our games. Senior specialist Chase Whaley earned second team all-conference by averaging over 39 yards per punt and was a threat with his speed and athleticism in our kick-fake game. Senior Justin "Bones" Jones did a solid job as a holder all season long. Moses "Deuce" Carter is an electrifying punt returner with sneaky speed and quickness to go along with a fearless attitude.

We graduate a great group of Seniors that endured long and hard to lead this team to victory. They will be sorely missed—thankfully they have laid a great foundation for our young rising stars to build upon in the coming seasons. GO EAGLES! #FAMILY

SHS Future Educators Appear in Documentary, TEDTalk

Over the past few years, Smyrna High School has become nationally recognized for the Future Educators Association. Last year the program was featured in a documentary used throughout the country entitled "The Smyrna Story." This year the students participated in a national photo shoot with a photographer from New York City to launch the program's new name and logo. The students will be used for apparel, stock images for web design, and promotional materials.

During the national convention in Washington, DC the program continued to take top honors. Kyle Coburn produced an inspiring TEDTalk in regards to the future of high school education. Alexandra Vance received third place for her lesson plan and delivery in humanities. Alexandra is an intern with Meryle Lee Chadwick at Clayton Elementary School. Mallory Matusевич placed fifth for job application and interview. She was also elected to a national office and is the first female from Delaware to hold a national position. Mallory's election process lasted for several months and included a live national debate, video promotions, essays, interviews, and on-site campaigning.



Smyrna High Dance Program Wins National Championship

Three years ago Smyrna High School began a competitive dance program. Over this time frame, the program has climbed up the ranks in the National Judges Association Tournament Indoor Championships. The first year the program placed first at the Chapter 9 Championship and fourth during the

Tournament Indoor Association Championship. The following year, the program continued as the reigning Chapter 9 Champions and placed second at the championship. However, this year the program stepped up again winning another Chapter 9 Championship and becoming Tournament Indoor Champions for Novice Dance. This is the first time Smyrna High School visual program has taken first during the championships in Wildwood, NJ. The team consists of Megan Wolf, Nyla Sims-Brown, Julianna Markel, Caleb Wolf, Gemere Adams, Aliyah Bennett, and Adasha Paskins. The program is under the direction of Ms. Kanika Jackson, Ms. Carmen VanNess, and Mr. Michael Shaner. Over three years, the program has won 17 first place finishes, 3 Chapter 9 Championships, 1 second place finish, and 1 fourth place finish.



Smyrna High School Teacher Recognized as NEH Scholar

Vincent Civarelli, Jr. from Smyrna High School has been selected as an NEH Summer Scholar from a national application pool to attend one of 25 seminars and institutes supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Endowment is a federal agency that, each summer, supports these enrichment opportunities at colleges, universities, and

cultural institutions so that teachers can study with experts in humanities disciplines. Mr. Vincent Civarelli will participate in a seminar entitled, "Meso-American Cultures and Histories in Oaxaca." The 4 week program will be held at San Pablo Cultural Center and directed by Stephanie Wood, University of Oregon.