


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...

Winter Message from Deborah D. Wicks

Happy New Year 2017 to the Smyrna School District Community on behalf of our Smyrna School Board of Education.

During the 2016/2017 school year, the Community Core Value of the year is perseverance which was defined 20 years ago by a community committee as having the inner strength to remain constant to a purpose, idea, or task in the face of obstacles. This includes dedication, consistency, and having a positive attitude.

During "I Love Smyrna School District" day on Saturday, February 25, 2017 we will again celebrate the annual Values Essay Contest Award Ceremony and we will honor this year's role model of perseverance, Representative Jeff Spiegelman. Representative Spiegelman is a lifelong Delawarean and a graduate of Smyrna High School, Class of 2001.

Jeff, of Clayton, was first elected in 2012 to represent the 11th District of the Delaware House of Representatives. The 11th District runs from Middletown to Marydel along the Maryland border.

He is the co-founder and serves as one of four co-chairmen of the bi-partisan committee known as the Delaware Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus. He also serves on the House Small Business Caucus, as well as on the following standing House committees: Economic Development/Banking/Insurance/Commerce; Housing & Community Affairs; Judiciary; Revenue & Finance; Policy Analysis & Government Accountability; and the Veterans Affairs Committees.



State Representative
Jeff Spiegelman

Rep. Spiegelman is a graduate of Ithaca College with a Bachelor's Degree in Cinema Productions and a Minor in History. He received his Master's Degree in Military History from Norwich University. He is a former U.S. Navy contractor and is a college history and politics instructor at Delaware Technical Community College and Wilmington University. Rep. Spiegelman is an avid hunter and enjoys cooking for his wife Jenn and their two-and-a-half-year-old-son, Saul.

In conclusion, Jeff Spiegelman has his heart with the Smyrna School District as an alumni and as a friend who perseveres to have an excellent rapport with Smyrna School District students, staff, and community. He has made our school district his family's home and is only a phone call away when our school family is in need. He is our 2017 role model of perseverance

December 2, 2016

Dear Smyrna School District Family & Friends:

I just want to let you know that I plan to retire on June 30, 2017. I deeply appreciate the many opportunities that I have had during my 40 years of working for the Smyrna School District.

As you may know, during my 19-year tenure as the Smyrna School District Superintendent our community has more than doubled in size and is still growing. Consequently, our student and staff populations have also doubled in size. With our School Board of Education's faithful leadership, outstanding district employees, the excellent support of our community members, the backing of our local, county, and state officials, the encouragement of the John Bassett Moore/Smyrna High School Alumni, and the love of family and friends, we have faced many challenges together in order to produce a superior educational experience for our students.

While the methodology of teaching tools has changed during these 19 years from chalk boards to computers and encyclopedias to the internet, the Smyrna School District's mission, goals, and values have stood the test of time, and I believe will continue to guide the education of future generations.

Please know that my heart will always be with you and our Smyrna Eagle Family. May God continue to bless each of you.
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Sincerely,

Deborah D. Wicks
Superintendent



THE SMYRNA SCHOOL DISTRICT
cordially invites you to attend the nineteenth annual...
"I Love Smyrna School District" day
CELEBRATING 133 YEARS OF
SMYRNA SCHOOL DISTRICT GRADUATIONS

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| Face Painting | Demos |
| Monoprints Workshop | Free Food |
| District-wide Art Show | Jewelry Making |
| Wellness Center Screenings | Spin Art Workshop |
| Potters Wheel Demonstrations | Classroom Displays |
| FFA Displays and Model Trains | Little Lass Registration |
| 40+ Community Organization Displays | Kindergarten Registration |
| Math & Language Arts Curriculum | Student Mini-Concerts K-12 |
| Recognition of Perseverance Essay Winners | Ronald McDonald Appearance |

Saturday, February 25, 2017
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Smyrna High School
500 Duck Creek Parkway
Smyrna, Delaware



Clayton Elementary School

Stephanie McGuire, *Principal*
Mikell Reed, *Assoc. Principal*

The 1st grade classes at Clayton Elementary have been working hard this school year. They have been learning to read, conquering addition and subtraction facts, becoming meteorologists and learning all about the weather, mastering writing techniques, and more. With that being said, they are looking forward to the next few weeks and the many holiday activities that are planned for them! This includes holiday crafts, a sing-a-long, Polar Express Day, and holiday celebrations in each classroom!

2nd Grade



Do you know where butterflies get water when no other source can be found? Our second graders do! It was one of the many interesting facts discussed during our recent field trip to the DASEF Environmental Outpost. In a culminating activity for our science unit on insects, we visited the Outpost and participated in the "Insects: Growth, Structure & Diversity" program. During the program, students explored the four stages of Monarch butterfly and ladybug developments and investigated similarities and differences of backyard bugs. Students were even able to create their own bug. They were very excited to apply what they had learned in class as well as learn some new insect facts!

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Clayton Physical Education

By: Lauren Shanklin

We have been having lots of fun in physical education the first half of the year! The 3rd and 4th grade students



started out the year with a lacrosse unit. We practiced cradling, passing, offense, and defense. Then the students completed the state mandated Fitnessgram testing which tests the different components of fitness. Each child received an individual report of how well he/she scored in each area of fitness. We will repeat the test in the spring to see if the scores improve. The 1st and 2nd grade students learned their locomotor skills at the beginning of the year and then moved on to activities that helped make their heart and muscles stronger. We worked on finding our pulse and our resting and working heart rates. Kindergarten has primarily been focused on learning how to move safely in general space and chasing, fleeing, and dodging. Before the holidays, all the students worked on Speedstacking. Speedstacks is a great sport that helps students develop hand-eye coordination, ambidexterity, and hand speed. The students participated in the World SpeedStack Day and helped break the world record! In January, we will be starting the New Year with hockey, bowling, and jump rope units.

As the weather starts to get colder, please encourage your child to still exercise outside or in the house. If children are dressed appropriately, there is no reason why they can't get outdoors in the winter and exercise! Be on the lookout for information about our annual Jump Rope for Heart event in February!

Kindergartners visit Loblolly

Clayton Elementary Kindergarten went on a field trip to Loblolly Acres in Woodside to visit the farm/pumpkin patch. The children had a great time walking through the petting zoo and seeing baby chicks. They enjoyed a wagon ride through the woods and had a chance to play on the giant slide.

They have also been busy learning about traditions in America and around the world. We studied about pilgrims, Native Americans and Thanksgiving customs. In December, the students learned about holidays and traditions of other countries. These activities took place with the children moving from room to room and making crafts. This tied in with the social studies curriculum and taught an appreciation of others customs.



Veteran's Day Program

By Sarah Mills

Veteran's Day is an official United States holiday that honors people who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. It is a federal holiday that is observed on November 11. To celebrate, our third grade students showed their appreciation and admiration for our nation's Veterans by singing songs for those brave men and women who so heroically fought for our country. The students gave a heartwarming performance singing Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA" and "American Tears". Our music teacher, Leslie Carlson, spent months practicing for this special day. She guided the students through an amazing show. We are very thankful for the time and energy she spent with our classes. Students also wrote letters to honor Veterans, past and present. Two were chosen from each class to share. Their messages were heart felt and thoughtful. During the program the students were fortunate enough to be joined by actual Veterans in our audience. Many of these Veterans included family members of our students and local representatives of the community. They shared words of wisdom and expressed their gratitude for the performance the children gave. The celebration was a true success. We are very proud of our outstanding young citizens!



4th Grade Clayton Elementary Students Are Out of This World, Historically Speaking! Read On...

Fourth Grade CES astronomers are studying the Sky Watchers Unit. Students compare and contrast the day and nighttime sky, earth's rotation and revolution, seasonal change, moon phases, effects of the sun, and components of the solar system. Finally, students synthesize information about the planets and construct solar system models.

CES historians are developing historical literacy by researching the American Revolution by creating chronologies using timelines and identifying cause-and-effect relationships. In addition, students examine primary documents in order to understand the motives for rebellion.

CES continues to read our hearts out with the help of the National Book It! Program, Blue Hens Basketball Team, First Book, a new partnership between the state of Delaware and the non-profit First Book organization will bring thousands of high quality books to children, ...not to mention actively participating in dramas from the McGraw-Hill Reading Wonders Reading Series, and Accelerated Reading Program.



CES Mathematician Magicians participate in "Number Talks," which is a great resource to help students think, reason, and build confidence in mathematical thinking. If all students are involved in math talk, meaningful learning will take place. Number Talks is a perfect "addition" to the EnVision Math Series. Students have become "co-investigators and holders of knowledge" at CES!

Clayton Elementary Schedule

- 8:15am - Teacher day begins
- 8:15am - First bell/Breakfast
- 8:20am - Remaining Students enter building
- 8:30am - Homeroom begins
- 8:35am - Late bell
- 10:30-11:00am - Kindergarten lunch
- 11:00-11:30am - Grade 2 lunch
- 11:30-12:00pm - Grade 4 lunch
- 12:00-12:30 pm - Grade 1 lunch
- 12:30-1:00pm - Grade 3 lunch

- 3:25pm - Classes end Walkers dismissed
- 3:30pm - Bus students dismissed
- 3:35pm - Buses depart

On half days, walkers will be dismissed at 12:25 pm, bus students will be dismissed at 12:30 pm.

Mrs. Hall Receives the NEA Foundation Awards for Teaching Excellence



Congratulations to Mrs. Hall for winning the NEA Foundation Awards for Teaching Excellence. This award recognizes educators whose professional practice and advocacy for the profession are exemplary. They are shining examples of the millions of educators who work in America's public schools.

As an awardee, Mrs. Hall gets to participate in the NEA Foundation's Global Learning Fellowship which allows her the opportunity to lead the profession by acquiring the necessary skills to integrate global competence into their daily classroom instruction. Later in June, 2017, Mrs. Hall will be traveling to China with the other awardees for a professional development experience focused on global learning.



North Smyrna Elementary School

Kelly Holt, *Principal*
Stephanie Smeltzer, *Assoc. Principal*

Fire Prevention at North Smyrna Elementary



The month of October is Fire Prevention Month and our students at North Smyrna Elementary certainly participated. Our first grade classes enjoyed a field trip to the Citizens' Hose Company where they learned about calling 911, preventing fires, seeing the fire trucks and spraying the fire hose.

Our Early Childhood students also enjoyed getting to see firemen dressed in their fire gear, spraying the fire hose from the fire truck and sitting up in the fire truck when the Citizens' Hose Company came to North Smyrna Elementary for a visit.

The Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association also sponsors a poster/essay contest for students in kindergarten through fourth grade. North Smyrna Elementary is proud that Kaci Burnett, kindergarten, Davis Smith, third grade, and Reubin King, fourth grade, were all winners at the local level. Their posters and essays will now be reviewed at the state level. Good luck everyone!!!



Kindergarteners are very busy learning!

It has been a busy few months for our Kindergarten classes at North Smyrna Elementary. In October, we discussed pumpkins and visited Filasky's Pumpkin Patch. We began our science kit dealing with trees. We took a nature walk and discovered the trees in our area. We compared leaves and nuts from the different trees in our recess yard.

In November, we celebrated Thanksgiving by making crafts in each room such as vests, drums, Native American headdresses, Pilgrim hats and satchels just like the Wampanoag's and Pilgrims wore. We also made corn muffins, butter, cranberry relish, and pumpkin pies, which we ate at our Thanksgiving feast later that day. The children had a wonderful experience and truly understood why we celebrate the holiday.

We hope you and your families had a healthy and happy holiday!

Congratulations Donella Berryman – North Smyrna Elementary Education Support Professional

Donella Berryman came to North Smyrna Elementary School in January 2013 accepting the position of registration secretary. Along with her many duties as registration secretary Ms. Berryman also serves as our homeless liaison coordinator, test accommodations manager, web-site administrator, and keeps the calendar for school activities and building use. Being one of the first faces that parents and students see, she always greets everyone with energy and enthusiasm, making them feel comfortable and part of our school family. Ms. Berryman spends countless hours promoting our school and her dedication cannot be contested. Ms. Berryman participates in a plethora of extra-curricular activities including, the school yearbook, Girls on the Run program, anti-bullying campaign and annual float, designing and ordering of school spirit wear, and the creation of school end of year video. Not only is Ms. Berryman dedicated to our school she has been a member of the Citizens' Hose Company since 1984, participating in their marching band and several committees. While her children were still in school, she was active in the Future Farmers of America, 4-H, SHS Band Boosters, and the Smyrna/Clayton Little League. North Smyrna Elementary is grateful for all of Ms. Berryman's contributions to our school. Congratulations!



Spirit Week at North Smyrna Elementary!!!

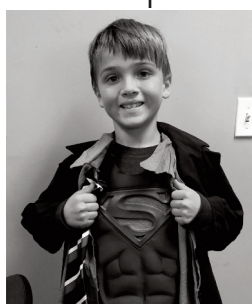


Spirit Week was an exciting time at North Smyrna Elementary with many special days such as hat day, super hero day, color wars, mixed match and of course red & white

day. Along with the many activities of Spirit Week, as part of our anti-bullying campaign we held a writing contest on kindness. This contest was held for grades kindergarten through fourth grade where they had the opportunity in their classrooms to write about



kindness. The winners rode on the float in the homecoming parade




North Smyrna Elementary Upcoming Events:

- January 4 – PTO Meeting – 7 pm
- January 16 – Martin Luther King Day – School Closed
- January 18 – First Grade Lunch with Parents
- January 23 – In-Service Day – School Closed
- February 1 – Report Cards Issued
- February 15 – Second Grade Lunch with Parents
- February 20 – President's Day – School Closed
- February 24 – In-Service Day – School Closed
- March 1 – PTO Meeting – 7 pm
- March 3 – Progress Reports Issued
- March 15 – Third Grade Lunch with Parents
- March 16 – Pumping Up for Kindergarten & Spanish Immersion Interest Night
- April 5 – PTO Meeting – 7 pm
- April 10 – Report Cards
- April 12 – Fourth Grade Lunch with Parents
- April 13 – 21 – Spring Break – School Closed

Title I Family Fun Night!

Wham! North Smyrna Elementary School's Title I Family Fun Night was a knock-out! Students from pre-K through grade 4 had a blast participating in a variety of Superhero-themed reading and math games and "courageous" crafts! From the Daring Duck Pond Challenge to the Catch a Villain math multiplication race, students, parents, and staff alike enjoyed a night out. Not only that, students and parents whizzed through super websites at Reading Headquarters to learn more about our curriculum and ways to help at home! Students at North continue to unleash their super powers everyday!



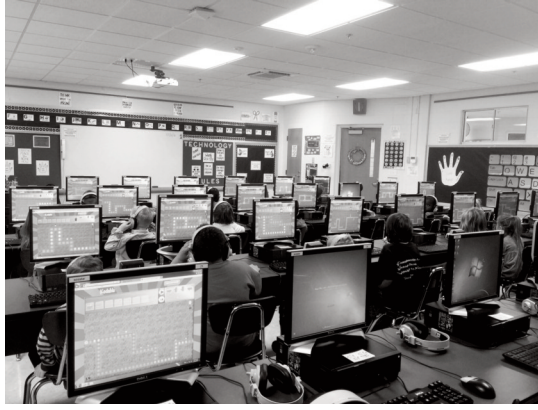


**Smyrna
Elementary School**

David Morrison, *Principal*
Katherine Wood, *Assoc Principal*



Computer Science Week at



Smyrna Elementary

The students of Smyrna Elementary were excited to promote Computer Science Week December 5 through 9. Grades K and 1st played Rosie's Runtime which was created by Project Lead the Way. These young students were eager to help Rosie find her way to her doghouse on an interactive life size game board. Helping Rosie find her way to her doghouse wasn't quite as easy as they thought! The students had to jump mud puddles and pick up bones along the way by giving lines of code. Students in grades 2 through 4 learned the programming basics on hourofcode.org/learn. These enthusiastic students went from writing simple lines of code such as turning left and right, to writing more challenging lines of code like repeat commands and loops. Computer Science is taking over our world! How many lines of code can you write?

SES Pokémon Go! Family Night another rousing success

Some critics called it a "masterpiece." Other parents referred to it as "a night to remember." Whatever you choose to call it, Smyrna Elementary School's Title 1 Family Night was a huge success! Student participants used their art skills to paint a Pokémon ball or an authentic Ash hat. They hunted Pokémon in the technology room to showcase their typing skills. Then they traveled to the math and reading rooms where they received a whiteboard and dice games to practice their academic skills at home. No students left empty handed, especially since everyone went home with books to add to their at home library! Even adults were able to choose a book! A huge thank you to everyone who worked so hard, you have made this year's event so special for our students and their families.

Smyrna Elementary is proud to recognize that Mrs. Pamela Hilliard was chosen by her peers as our 2016 Educational Support Professional of the Year. Mrs. Hilliard has worked with the Smyrna School District as a custodian since 2000. Her tremendous amount of dedication to our district is evident in the amount of time she spends volunteering by mentoring, school sports, and initiatives within our Smyrna community. "Miss Pam's" outstanding ability to connect with the students at Smyrna Elementary School is what makes her an amazing asset. When students were asked what they admired most about her they didn't hesitate to share. Dezaray Dawson said "When people feel bad she cheers them up." Jacquelyn McVicker stated, "A second grader was sad one day, so Miss Pam walked over and said 'Never give up, you're ok'." In addition, one second grader shared, "I like when we played basketball together...that was fun". Pamela Hilliard has been an asset to the Smyrna Pride program since it began at Smyrna Elementary School. She was one of the original incentives for the program which allowed students to pay tickets to help her within the school. Pamela Hilliard has been a mentor for several students over the years. She became their mentor during their time at SES and continued throughout their years in the Smyrna School District. When asked about the mentorship of these students and what her hopes are for them she replied, "The biggest thank you I could receive is to see them become successful in life."



Pam is proud to be a Smyrna High School graduate. She is also proud that her husband Greg, and three daughters, Monique, Jasmine, and Shi'Erra are also alumni of Smyrna High. She hopes to have her grandson, Josiah, become a Smyrna Eagle as well. This pride and tradition led her to become the head coach for the Smyrna Middle School Girls Basketball team from 1988-90. She then returned in 2004 as an assistant coach for another five years. In addition to Pam's involvement as a coach for the school district, she has been actively involved in community programs as well. She volunteered as a coach for PAL basketball for ten years as well as a coach for the Smyrna Clayton Little Lass program. She also has been involved in the Adopt-a-Family at Christmas for many years. We are very proud to have Mrs. Pamela Hilliard as our 2016 Educational Support Professional of the Year. Congratulations, Miss Pam!

We would like to introduce the talent of the new additions to SES!

The third grade students welcome Ms. Amber Cochran, Ms. Charlene Cianci, and Mrs. Heather Marker, three enthusiastic and highly qualified teachers. The RTI team is excited to have Ms. Crystal Graham as an additional Instructional Support Team member. She brings energy and innovative ideas to our school.



SES Fire Prevention Poster Contest winners



L to R: Alicia Nava (1st place Smyrna, Grade 2); Colin McGowan (1st place Smyrna, 3rd place Kent County, Grade 1); Adriana Marchesano (2nd place Smyrna, Grade 3); Kenia Robles-Cardenas (2nd place Smyrna, Grade 2); Colton Murray (1st place Smyrna, Kindergarten); Brooklynn Keiser (1st place Smyrna, 3rd place Kent County, Grade 3) NOT PICTURED: Maddison Miller (2nd place Smyrna, Grade 1)

Anti-Bullying Week at Sunnyside



Sunnyside Elementary students and staff participated in our district wide Anti-Bullying Week.

We had a fun filled week that focused on "Being a Bucket Filler". Our school slogan was "Have you filled your bucket today?". Each class wrote how they filled someones bucket on a hashtag and we created a bucket filling display in our lobby. Each day, the students participated in activities focused on Bullying Prevention. Each day was designated a theme day and students were encouraged to dress to the theme. Students signed cups and we created a BE A BUCKET FILLER banner in the fence. We had a "Laser Show" assembly where the students learned about our core values and acts of kindness as they watched an interactive laser show. Sunnyside Elementary always encourages our students to go above and beyond to demonstrate acts of kindness.



Sunnyside Elementary School

Deborah Judy, *Principal*
M. Patrick Grant, *Assoc. Principal*

The Sunnyside Chorus ROCKS the Delaware 87er's Game!



On Saturday, November 12, 2016, the Sunnyside Chorus opened the Delaware 87er's Basketball Season with an amazing a cappella

version of "God Bless America." The students and parents had a great time and they were wonderful ambassadors for the Smyrna School District.

The chorus, which includes 3rd and 4th graders, will also be performing for the Clayton Tree Lighting ceremony on Sunday, December 4, 2016, to kick off the Holiday Season. We also hope that our community will come out to support our ensemble for our Winter Concert which will be held on Thursday, December 15th, 2016, at 7pm. The concert will be held in the auditorium at Smyrna High School. You will hear some traditional Holiday favorites along with some beautiful pieces to put everyone in the Holiday spirit! We hope to see you there!



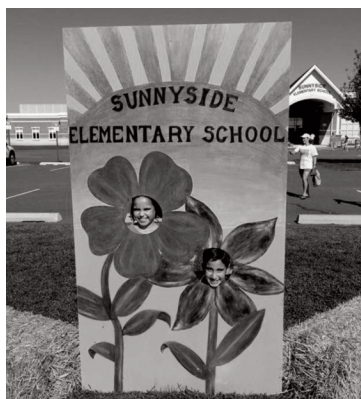
Veteran's Day Breakfast

Sunnyside Elementary was proud to honor our Veteran's on November 10. We asked family members of our students to join

us for a breakfast followed by a ceremony to recognize all they have done for our country.

Fourth graders at Sunnyside are off to a great start this 2016-2017 school year! This is our second year departmentalizing and students have done a great job transitioning and taking on this big responsibility. They are already preparing for fifth grade when they will have to do the same thing. Students have been learning all about their home state of Delaware in Social Studies. Students worked in collaborative groups to create timelines that showcase the important dates in Delaware's history. Aside from their wonderful academics, students have also shown such a display of generosity by donating to the Ronald McDonald fund, collecting canned goods and non-perishables for those in need, and giving hats and mittens for the upcoming cold months. This combination of both intellect and compassion make these fourth graders Sunnyside superstars!

Sunnyside Fall Festival



Sunnyside Elementary School held its annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 15. We kicked off the event with our Harvest Court of Perseverance. It was a beautiful day and many games, activities and moon bounces were set up on our schools field. Students enjoyed a

hayride, got spooked in the haunted hallway, and danced away the afternoon in the dance party. It was a great time for families and students to come together and celebrate fall.



Fall Fun at Fifer Orchards



This October, the first graders at Sunnyside Elementary took a fun-filled trip to Fifer Orchards! They went on a hayride which took them all over the orchard. They

learned about the different types of fruits and gourds that are grown and sold at Fifer's! The children learned the proper technique for picking an apple and each got to pick their own "pink



lady" apple! After the hayride, the children navigated through a corn maze. Later, the children were able to explore the orchard and play various games. Their favorites were the big slide, duck racing, and the zipline! Lastly, the children each went home with a pumpkin and an apple as souvenirs! It was a great autumn day full of learning and fun! Our Sunnyside first graders had a fantastic time!



Sunnyside second grade students learned about the voting process. Students took part in a primary choosing water bottle labels to represent each class. They created voter registration cards and registered to vote. On the day of the election, they voted for the label that would represent Sunnyside Second Grade Water.



ELECTION Results!

Sunnyside Kindergarten classes discussed the voting process during election week. In preparation for the big day, the classes held mock elections on favorite items to familiarize the students with the election process. After reading Duck for President by Doreen Cronin, the classes discussed who would be the better leader, Duck or Farmer Brown. Each student was given a personalized voter registration card that they proudly presented to a "voting official" prior to voting. Students were given a ballot and eagerly entered the voting booth to cast their vote. After all ballots were counted, Duck was elected President of the Farm! Sunnyside Kindergartners had a great time learning about the election process.



Students at Sunnyside Elementary care about their environment!



Sunnyside Elementary embarked on a Reduce, Reuse, Recycle initiative with the Delaware Solid Waste Authority this school year. Students worked diligently each week to collect recyclable items from the school cafeteria in

an effort to help preserve our Earth. Items are picked up weekly by DSWA. Students are proud to make a difference!





Clayton Intermediate School

David Patrineri, *Principal*
Heather Moyer, *Assoc. Principal*

NEW TEACHERS and STAFF!

Heather Moyer began her career with the Smyrna School District at JBM as a 6th Grade ELA teacher. She moved to CIS when it opened and eventually became the Reading Specialist.



This year, Heather has become the Associate Principal of CIS. Heather has three children in the district – Hunter is a junior at SHS, Halie is a sophomore at SHS, and Cole is in 5th grade at CIS. She keeps herself busy attending her children's sporting events from football and wrestling to volleyball and lacrosse. Heather also volunteers her time alongside her husband, Hal, helping with the SCPW Youth Football. She is very proud to be part of the Smyrna School District and stated, "I count my blessings every day! I'm so fortunate to be part of such a wonderful district."

My name is Cindy Womer and I am super excited to be a part of this wonderful CIS team. I obtained my Bachelors Degree from Wilmington College in Elementary Education K-6 in 2002. I later received my certification in Special Education K-12. I have been working in the Smyrna School District for the past ten years. I am really looking forward to teaching 5th and 6th grade math and reading. In my spare time, I like to spend it with my three wonderful children, family and friends. We enjoy going to the beach, seeing shows, and visiting museums. I am looking forward to a wonderful year here at Clayton Intermediate School.



Hello to everyone in Eagle Land! My name is Carlene McKenzie and I live in Dover with my husband and two children. I completed my Bachelors of Arts in Forensic Psychology at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. I then received my Masters in Elementary Education from Wilmington University. I have worked with children of all ages, from elementary to high school. My passion for teaching drives me to become a better teacher every day, not for me, but for my students. I also serve as a medic in the Delaware Army National Guard, where I enjoy serving our country. In my spare time I love to read, spend time with my family and travel. I am excited to be a part of the Smyrna family and look forward to a wonderful year.



I am Mrs. Campanelli and am very excited to join the Smyrna School District family! I will be working as the Educational Diagnostician at Clayton Elementary School and Clayton Intermediate School.

This is my 11th year in education. The first seven years were in the classroom and the last four have been out of the classroom. My teaching experience ranges from working with children in Kindergarten - 12th grade. The majority of that time was spent in the middle school ELA/SS regular education and special education/small group classrooms. I also started teaching Graduate Classes in the Education program at Wilmington University as an adjunct professor in the summer of 2013. The most rewarding part of my job is helping students reach their potential and become successful. It has also been exciting working with teachers to create goals and set accommodations for their students based on instruction in the classroom.

On a personal note, I've been married to my husband John for eight years and we have two fun, little boys - Gianni who's three and Gino who's almost two! They are both a ton of fun and always on the move, which keeps us very busy! I look forward to my career in Smyrna and have already felt that the district is truly a family.

Hello! My name is Julie Fischer and I am a 5th grade math and science teacher at Clayton Intermediate School. I am a graduate from Wilmington University with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education, and I am also dually certified in Special Education. I have eight years of school experience in the Autism Program as well as substituting in the district. In addition to my love of teaching I have a nine-year-old son. We spend our weekends on the go and outside at his football games along with other fun activities. I enjoy relaxing with family at the beach and on the boat.



My name is Lisa Escobar Hertzog. I am thrilled to be teaching 5th and 6th grade reading and math at Clayton Intermediate School. I live in Townsend with my husband and two sons. I



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Student Council News



Student Council has had a busy and successful year so far thanks to our amazing representatives

and our Student Council Advisor Jody Crawford! We have had great success in October and November with events such as Breast Cancer Awareness Sales and Pink Day. We raised \$601 to donate to the Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition. Our Halloween Dance raised over \$2,000 for future school events. We had great student participation for the Cancer Awareness Week with students wearing different colors each day to raise awareness for a variety of types of cancer.

Students also showed great compassion for the month of November with our canned food drive. We collected 1443 cans school wide to donate to the Food Bank of Delaware. A special shout-out to Ava Knighton for bringing in over 200 cans! Mr. Vascellaro's class won the pizza party by bringing in the most items with 399 cans. Items from the collection were also used to box up meals for four needy families in Smyrna School District for Thanksgiving.



Student Council has also had activities to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House. So far we have raised \$481. We will be doing more fundraising for this great cause in December. In addition, Student Council has collected items for Adopt-a-Resident at the Delaware Hospital for the Chronically Ill providing Christmas gifts for the residents.

Mrs. Crawford and her student council would like to thank everyone for all of the support that they have received from our wonderful families and community. Our events would not be successful without you!

Upcoming Important Events

- January:
- 3 – School Reopens
 - 13 – Geography Bee Round 3 9:00 a.m.
 - 16 – No School MLK Day
 - 20 – End of MP 2
 - 23 – Inservice
 - 26 – Dodgeball Tournament
 - 31 – PTO Meeting 5:00 p.m.
- February
- 13 – Beginning Band Performance
 - 20 – No School President's Day
 - 24 – Inservice
 - 25 – I Love Smyrna School District Day
 - 28 – PTO Meeting 5:00 p.m.

CIS Daily Schedule

- 8:15am – Breakfast Service Begins
- 8:20-8:35am – Students Enter Building/ Homeroom
- 8:35am – Late Bell and Announcements
- 8:30-3:30pm – Student School Day
- 3:27pm – Walkers/Car Riders Dismissed
- 3:29pm – 5th Grade Bus Dismissal
- 3:31pm – 6th Grade Bus Dismissal



Mr. Patrineri and Mrs. Moyer enjoyed Limousine Rides with students.

Fire Prevention Poster Contest



JBM would like to congratulate our students who were winners in the annual Fire Prevention Contest for the Smyrna Fire Company. The awards ceremony was

held on December 6 from 6-7pm.

Congratulations to: Gabriella Castro, Ryan Conway, Garret Thompson, Hykeem Williams, Kate McGowan, Kyaire Woodard-Greene, Ben Guzman, Khang Nguyen.

JBM Student vs Teacher Basketball Game



JBM sponsored our annual Student vs. Teacher's basketball game, which raised money to support

our Drama Club. Special thanks to the staff, students, and parents who helped make this event possible.



Back to school with new supplies and a smile



Donation boxes were available at all Dover Federal locations for members and employees to donate school supplies to help students of the Smyrna and Caesar Rodney School District have a smooth transition into the classroom. In addition to the supplies, Dover Federal Credit Union made a monetary contribution of \$766 to each school, which was raised through their employee jeans day program; a program in which employees donate to wear jeans, with the company matching donations dollar for dollar. For JBM, this donation will be used to buy new equipment for STEM projects in the classroom. From left, are John Bassett Moore's Assistant Principal Cindy McNatt, Principal Elyse Baerga, Intermediate School Students, and Dover Federal Director of Marketing Deb Jewell.

Student Council News

Student Council would like to thank all those who assisted with this year's JBM Fall Festival. It was a great turn out and everyone had so much fun! We would like to use some of the proceeds to give back to our community.

Student Council will be participating in adopt-a-family for the holiday season.



Another project that the Student Council group is facilitating is the collection of items for the residents at The Hospital for the Chronically Ill. The types of donations we are accepting are things like clothes and toiletries. A flyer will be going home Monday, November 28 with more information.

Coming in March, we are donating to the SPCA (this is an animal rescue shelter). We

are donating items such as money, supplies, and blankets. Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,
Student Council Members

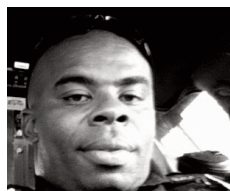


John Bassett Moore Intermediate School

Elyse Baerga, *Principal*
Cynthia McNatt, *Assoc. Principal*

NEW TEACHERS and STAFF!

My name is Andre Summers. I completed my undergraduate studies in Elementary Education at Wesley College where I also played football. Upon graduating from Wesley, I worked as a teacher in various alternative education settings for three years. I then moved to Charleston, SC to pursue a career as a police officer; a career I enjoyed for nine years. While working as a police officer I earned my Master's Degree in School Counseling from American Public University. I moved back to Delaware in 2015 and have worked as a house parent at The Murphy School and a Correctional Counselor at James T. Vaughn Correctional Center (JTVCC) prior to my current position at John Bassett Moore Intermediate School.



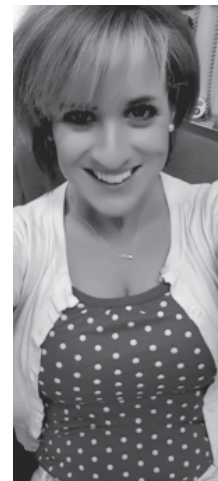
My name is Jamar Wright and I am a graduate of Smyrna High School. This is my sixth year working in the educational field, with this being my first year working at John Bassett Moore. My position at the school is the Behavioral Interventionist. My educational back ground consists of an Associates Degree in Human Services, Bachelors in Psychology, and I am currently working on my Masters in School Counseling at Wilmington University. My hobbies in my off time are centered on exercising, athletic events, and music.



Hi! I'm Miss Short. I am very excited to be a part of the JBM family. I attend Wilmington University studying Elementary Education. I have always had a passion for children and look forward to working with everyone here at JBM!



Hi, my name is Cindy Atkinson. I am thrilled to be back at JBM working in the Behavioral Support Classroom. After graduating from Smyrna High in 1999, attending Wilmington College, and putting my career on hold to stay at home with my two children, I rejoined the Smyrna School District family in 2009. Since then, I have focused my career on supporting students with developmental delays, learning disabilities, and behavioral problems, from early childhood age through intermediate school. I am proud of my involvement with Special Olympics Delaware, a program that gives students and adults with disabilities the opportunity to reap the benefits that team sports have to offer. Through Special Olympics, I kickstarted the Smyrna Plunging Peers Polar Bear Plunge Team, which raised over \$8,600 winning the 2016 Cool Schools Challenge trophy! We are hoping to expand our team, increase our donations, and keep the trophy in Smyrna!



My name is Andi Conlon and I am new to JBM since November 1. I came from CIS where I worked as a para since the beginning of the school year. I am a Smyrna Graduate and love this district. I graduated from Wilmington University with an Education degree and I will be working in Mr. Wetherall and Mr. Summers' classroom as a one-on-one paraprofessional. I am happy to be working with you all and look forward to a great 2016/2017 school year.



Daily Schedule 2016-2017

7:15am	Breakfast Club Begins**
8:20 - 8:35am	Students Enter Building/Homeroom
8:37am	Late Bell and Announcements
3:27pm	Walkers/Car Riders Dismissed
3:29pm	Grade 5 Bus Dismissal
3:31pm	Grade 6 Bus Dismissal
3:35pm	Buses depart

**Breakfast club services will not be available during a two-hour delay

SMYRNA SCHOOL DISTRICT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S NEWS

CIS News, Continued from Page 6

(cont'd from pg 6) - grew up in Rhode Island and am an avid fan of all New England sports teams. I have a Masters Degree in Special Education from Wilmington University and I am also highly qualified in Elementary Education. This is my 5th year teaching. I previously taught at the Delaware Academy of Public Safety and Security where I also utilized my past experiences as a retired Police Officer and EMT. In my free time I enjoy spending time with my family camping, participating in scouting events, and running and playing with my dogs. I have come to Clayton Intermediate with such a warm welcome by the staff and students and look forward to this being my best year of teaching.

CIS Educational Support Professional of the Year!



Missy Anspach was chosen by the CIS staff as the Educational Support Professional Award Recipient. Missy is recognized for her tireless efforts in contributing to the success of CIS. Not only is Missy our full time Behavior Interventionist, she also takes on many other job duties including Drama Producer, Dance Team Instructor, and assists with Student Council, fundraisers, and school events.

Missy Anspach has been involved with dance most of her life. She started when she was five years old and continued on and off until now. Missy starting teaching young children at a dance studio when she was 14 years old. She choreographed her high school musicals and was the dance team instructor for Pop Warner for two years. In 2011, Missy started teaching at Miss Heather's School of Dance. The CIS dance team started in 2013 when she was asked by a student to instruct a dance team. Drama started for Missy when she was in high school. She was in numerous musicals and plays during her high school years. Missy's junior and senior year, she had the lead in the musical and in the Senior Play. Her love of the stage brought her to start directing at North Smyrna back in the 90's. She has continued directing the young actors from 5th and 6th grade. She also has been in many plays and musicals at the Smyrna Opera House.

Missy says, "It seems that most of my life I have been on stage dancing, acting, or directing."

Missy has brought Drama Club to CIS for the first time ever. The students have been very excited to have the opportunity to perform. The first show was a comedy about city and country cousins. There were many funny lines as well as hillbilly humor. The students had an outstanding performance. Next up for the drama club, is the musical, High School Musical 2. Tryouts will be in December with rehearsals starting in January. The show will be April 27 & 28, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the CIS cafeteria.

This is the fourth year that Missy has had a CIS dance team. The dancers perform at all lunches for the student body. They practice once a week and the team performs four times in the school year.

CIS is very fortunate to have Missy Anspach full time and is grateful for the contributions she has made to our school.

CIS New Teacher

Hello! My name is Melissa Roark and I am so excited to be teaching fifth grade here at CIS! I am originally from Chestertown, MD but moved to Delaware when I started attending Wesley College. I graduated from Wesley with a degree in



Elementary Education with a concentration in math and have my Master's degree from Wilmington University in School Counseling. This is my 13th year teaching and I am grateful to be in this amazing school! In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my husband and two children. Both of my children are involved in sports and we stay busy. My son, Maddox, is eight and attends Smyrna Elementary and my daughter, Delaney, is three and always on the go. We love watching the Ravens and Orioles and playing with our two dogs.

CIS Recycling Club



Clayton Intermediate School has a new Recycling Club this year and began

meeting on December 13 and the program will run until May 2017. Two students from each classroom were nominated for club membership by their teachers in order to assist in Clayton Intermediate School's recycling efforts. The Clayton Intermediate School Recycling program, moderated by Mr. Degli Obizzi, will offer students the opportunity to participate in science-related learning activities about sustainable behavior and environmental stewardship. Additionally, a field trip to a recycling center is planned for Spring 2017 so that students may witness the process first hand. It is the mission of the Clayton Intermediate School Recycling Club to foster a student-led dialogue about eco-friendly habits in order to make a positive impact on the school and local community as a whole.

District-Wide Wi-Fi

Smyrna Technology has completed a project that provides wireless connectivity to each classroom, office, and common space throughout the District.

Replacing technology provided by Meru, our Tech Team designed a network through a company called Aerohive, to ensure that mobile computers and devices can access the Internet, including testing sites, seamlessly and flawlessly.

This new technology has resolved a problem that affected students' ability to take online tests as part of the State's Smarter Balanced Assessment Testing initiative. Funding was provided primarily by the State's eRate program.

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CES THE LITTLEST CHRISTMAS TREE!

On December 15, Fourth Graders at Clayton Elementary School presented The Littlest Christmas Tree, by Teresa Jennings, a musical that imparts the true meaning of the holiday season to a full house of family and friends! The full-scale musical adapted by Jess Hansen Herbert, included several big hits such as "Showbiz Snowman," featuring our top hat dancing boys, and "Waltz of the Snowflakes," from the Nutcracker Ballet, starring our own in house beautiful ballerinas: Isabella Buscemi, Aubrey Downward, Ryann Durnall, Anna Fowler, Kyndra Hart, Ashly Kassner, Casey Strauss, Ayanna Walton, and Lead Snowflake, Kylee Lehnert. Cane Dancing Trees worked the stage in "I'm Gonna Be Santa's Tree," and a Xylophone Band played throughout "Time to Decorate the Tree," where 14 Elves "watered," "trimmed," and danced around trees.



Main characters Santa, Mrs. Claus, Littlest Tree, Snow Fairy, Snowman #1, Snowman #2, Snowman #3, Elf Boss, Tree #1, Tree #2, Tree #3, and Tree #4 were played by: River Jones, Lilyanah Procak, Taylour Deshields, Kylee Lehnert, Zachary Holthaus, Clayton Lloyd, Dylan Demoe, Ben Dombroski, Brayden Hurd, Cadence Baker, Patrick Watts, and Jada Jones respectively. Students also showcased their recorder skills with a jazzy performance of "Deck the Halls." Directed by Music Teacher, Leslie Carlson, the show captured child-like imagination with exquisite singing, dancing, instrument playing, drama, superb set, and costumes. Amazing scenery of the North Pole Christmas Tree Lot was created by our very own talented Art Teacher, Monica DeHart. The Clayton Elementary Third Grade Chorus put everyone in high holiday spirits too with flashlight choreography in "Holiday Lights." A stirring performance of "A Shepherd's Carol," from Columbia featured skillful xylophone playing and acapella soloist Elizabeth Hufschmidt. "Yes Virginia," featured soloists: Nyla Drobinski, Callyn Fletcher, and Wren Sharp. Our Third Grade Chorus also traveled to Pinnacle Nursing Home on December 20, to spread good cheer and share their beautiful singing with the residents there! In addition, our Kindergarten, First, and Second Grades presented their own Holiday Concert on December



16, and Santa stopped by to join in on the fun! December has been a very musical month with all the "noteworthy" events Clayton Elementary School has become known for.



Smyrna Pride News

Smyrna Pride started off the school year by rolling out a new currency: Smyrna Bucks. These can be earned by students who are exhibiting the core values or behaviors and habits that go above and beyond expectations. The Smyrna Pride store has been open several times this year with items up for "sale" as well as drawings for prizes like Smyrna gear, anti-bullying shirts, and the new Wimpy Kid book "Double Down". During October, we had an anti-bullying week in which we had a poster contest, giveaways, and spirit days where students were challenged to sport stand-out clothes, dress like a Super Hero, wear a hat to put a lid on bullying, be a good sport with a sports jersey, and wear their Smyrna red to show their pride. On Halloween, students in exceptional costumes were chosen as Smyrna Pride winners and received goodie bags in each of the lunches. Future drawings will include free yearbooks, dance tickets, winter Smyrna gear, and a photo-op with friends for a candid in the yearbook.



SMS Sports

As our fall sports season wraps up another successful year, our winter sports will be under way beginning Monday, November 14th, for Wrestling, Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, and Winter Cheerleading. Remind students to listen for important announcements in the coming days. Please come out and support our teams this fall and winter. To view the full sports schedule you can visit the following web address:

<http://www.smyrnamiddlesports.com>



SMS Students Attend Harry Potter Reward Event to Support Reading

On November 18, nearly 150 SMS students attended a Westown Theater showing of the newly-released movie "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them". To attend the movie these students qualified by reading one of the



original Harry Potter books or another similar work from a list of selected titles and passing an AR quiz.

This Smyrna Pride event was an exciting chance to see a brand new movie release and read a great book, which, also helped their Accelerated Reader record.

SMS STEM Students visit PPG Plant

On December 13 and 14, the Automation and Robotic 8th Grade STEM students toured PPG Architectural Coatings in Dover, Delaware. Mr. Neal Nicastro, PPG Plant Manager, offered to host and fund three trips for 81 students. The students learned about the computer-controlled machines used to make the manufacturing process more efficient, productive and safe. PPG employees, Jeremy Maffett, John Boyles, Ron Rider, and Brad Miller, lead the students through the facility to teach them about the sensors, computer systems, and mechanical systems used at the facility.

After the trip the students will create a model of PPG's equipment to simulate the filling and packaging of paint cans. They will build the model with switches, sensors and other equipment from the VEX EDR Robotics

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Smyrna Middle School

Steven Gott, *Principal*
John Camponelli, *Assoc. Principal*
Aerin Donovan, *Assoc. Principal*

Holiday Spirit Week at SMS

During the week of December 12th, students had the opportunity to participate in the holiday season with our annual spirit week. Here is what the week looked like:

Merry Movie Monday:
Dress like your favorite holiday character

Long Winter's Nap Tuesday:
Wear Comfy Clothes

Twinning Wednesday:
Wear the same outfit as someone!

Frosty Thursday:
Wear mittens, hats, and scarfs

Freaky Friday:
Ugly Christmas Sweater Competition



SMS Students Assist in Helping the Needy



Blessing bag items such as snacks, deodorants, soaps, and gloves were donated by Smyrna Middle School FFA members as a community service project. The bags were then given to Smyrna Middle School FFA members attending the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.

From there, students distributed the blessing bags to the local homeless and less fortunate population within the city. Thank you to all those members and students who participated in this community service project! Pictured are students from Mrs. Freimuth's 7th grade Agriculture Science Class who assisted in assembling blessing bags.

SMS Students Selected to All State Chorus

Congratulations to 8th graders Brooke Pase and Avery Green who were selected to the 2017 Delaware Jr. All State Chorus! The Concert will be on Saturday, February 25th at Cab Calloway School of the Arts in Wilmington at 4pm. We know that they will represent Smyrna Middle School and the Smyrna School District well!



Best of Luck to those students will be auditioning for the 2017 Delaware All State Jr. Band on Saturday, January 21st!

8th Graders to see Hidden Figures in January

Eighth graders have a unique opportunity to go to the Penn Cinema Theatre at the Riverfront in Wilmington DE on January 13th to see the new PG movie Hidden Figures on opening day. It is based on a true story of three courageous African American women who worked for NASA during the 1960's. This movie incorporates Smyrna's core values and a variety of subjects such as math, science and social studies and begins our celebration of Black History Month in February.



Smyrna High School

Stacy Cook, *Principal*
 Leon T. Clarke, *Assoc. Principal*
 Clarence M. Davis, *Assoc. Principal*
 Marcus Deisem, *Assoc. Principal*
 LaTonya Pierce, *Assoc. Principal*

Smyrna High School Midterm Examination Schedule – 2016-17

<u>DAY 1</u>	<u>DAY 2</u>	<u>DAY 3</u>
Wednesday January 18, 2017	Thursday January 19, 2017	Friday January 20, 2017
Period 2 - 7:30-8:55 (85)	Period 1 - 7:30-8:55 (85)	Period 7 - 7:30-8:55 (85)
Period 4 - 9:00-10:25 (85)	Period 3 - 9:00-10:25 (85)	Period 8 - 9:00-10:25 (85)
Period 6 - 10:30-11:55 (85)	Period 5 - 10:30-11:55 (85)	
Dismissal: 12:00	Dismissal: 12:00	Dismissal: 10:30

- Should inclement weather cause school to be cancelled prior to the exams, the dates may be changed.
- Should inclement weather interrupt the examination schedule, the originally scheduled examination(s) will be administered upon return to school.
- **Students must remain in their assigned areas during the entire exam period.** Students scheduled for SAT Prep, Student Aide, or anyone not scheduled for an exam must remain in their assigned areas with the teacher to whom they are assigned during the exam period.
- Attendance will be taken during each exam period.

Makeup Exams

Students must make arrangements with their teachers for makeup examinations. An **excused** absence with documentation is required for a student to make up an exam.

SHS TLP Program (Charlton School)

The TLP Program here at Smyrna High School has grown. We have nine students and a total of five staff members. Mrs. Kneedler, Mr. Barnes and Ms. Ferguson have joined our team. It has been a busy year thus far. Our students are attending inclusion classes, joined the Unified Flag Football Team and have been working hard at various vocational placements.

The Unified Flag Football Team was Smyrna's first unified team, led by Coach Mears with the support of student peers.



At the beginning of the year, our students were given the opportunity to choose which inclusion classes they would like to attend. Currently, they are attending P.E., Painting and Drawing, Multi Media, Plant Science and Early Childhood. The staff in these classes have-

been very supportive and encourages the student peers to interact and include our students during instruction.

One of our new vocational placements is Willey Farm Market. The students who train at this site have been working in the bulk food department. Their responsibilities range from weighing products to packaging. The students are doing a wonderful job and have even developed some friendships with Willey employees.

Students are provided opportunities to practice Daily Life Skills in the classroom as well as at Townsend Free Will Baptist Church. This site is also a vocational training site where our students are responsible to complete various janitorial tasks.

This year Mrs. Farro has been working hard at having students lead their IEP's. The class has been learning more about what an IEP is and why it is held. They are learning to "ADOVCATE" more and more and develop independent skills that will lead them to a better future.

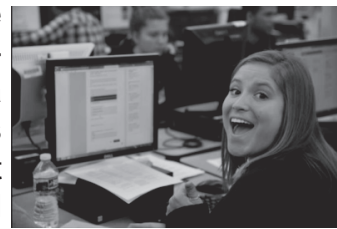
We look forward to more inclusion opportunities in the next part of the year as well as new vocational training options and the continuation of the Unified Sports.

Our class participated in Special Olympics Basketball Event at Caesar Rodney High School. We earned three Gold medals, two Silver medals, and three Bronze medals. Our students had a blast at the event and enjoyed meeting up with some of their old friends and teachers.



SHS College Application Week

November 14 marked the beginning of College Application Week at Smyrna High School. This week is designed to bring about College Awareness and give students time to apply to colleges and universities with the help from staff members and volunteers from local organizations. Teachers discussed their college experiences, as well as decorated their doors to showcase over 60 schools. Every student who applied to a college or university was entered into a raffle, of which prizes were awarded on the last day. College Application Week was a great success and over 200 students applied to their top choices.



Ashley Hurd was one of many students who were able to apply to Delaware colleges and universities for free during College Application Week



Mr. Sneeringer showcased his Temple pride for all to see.

STRUCTURES PATHWAY OFFERS NEW TECHNOLOGY

This school year the Agricultural Structures CTE Pathway is showcasing its latest technology- the iCarver, which features Computer Aided Drafting & Design (CADD) concepts combined with a CNC router. The new equipment allows students to create designs using CADD software and then import the design to be produced in wood using an automated router. "The machinery is really innovative and a good resource for the Ag Structures program. We have been able to make some really neat designs that we have begun to market," says FFA Chapter Reporter Taylor Davis when asked about the new feature.

See the FFA page header on Pg 12 for a sample of what the iCarver is capable of doing.

SHS Special Olympics Delaware Leadership Conference

In November, selected students from Smyrna High School were able to attend the Special Olympics Delaware Leadership Conference. More than 100 high school students, teachers and administrators representing 18 high schools across the state gathered to learn and share ideas about how they can help change attitudes, promote acceptance and work toward social inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities by uniting through sports and activities in their respective schools. In addition to a day full of presentations, activities and performances, the conference included the presentations and tables representing Cool School (the Polar Bear Plunge), information on Unified Sports, Social Inclusion and Sportsmanship. Special Olympics Youth Leadership is a nation-wide initiative with a simple message – respect for all. This is an education-based program that uses the sports and education initiatives of Special Olympics to activate youth in an effort to develop school communities where all young people are agents of change – fostering respect, dignity and advocacy for people with intellectual disabilities. The conference was attended by Taylor Tracy, Roman Kolakowski, Julia Denston and Olyvia Smith. The conference was also attended by club advisor Whitney Reed.



OTHER DISTRICT NEWS



Tracy Bombara wins Nancy McKinley Leadership Award

Tracy Bombara is one of Smyrna School District's Speech Language Pathologists, focusing her efforts on working with our early childhood population at North Smyrna Elementary. Tracy's efforts and advocacy goes far beyond the

school. On November 16, 2016, The Council of State Speech-Language-Hearing Association Presidents presented Tracy Bombara with the Nancy McKinley Leadership Award. The purpose of this national award is to recognize a member of a speech-language and hearing association for her exemplary contributions to their speech and hearing association. Qualities attributed to this award include selfless dedication and commitments to the development of an initiative or program designed to promote the work of speech-language-hearing professionals. During the 2015-2016 school year, Ms. Bombara developed the "Can We Talk" document and campaign, which defines the need for speech-language services in the public schools, the role of speech-language pathologists (SLPs) in the school setting and benefits of speech-language interventions for students, schools and the community. In addition to presenting the document locally, Ms. Bombara and fellow Delaware SLPs presented to the Legislature. As a result, the Delaware General Assembly formally designating the second Thursday in May as Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists Day. One of the nominators for the award stated, "Ms. Bombara's ongoing efforts have led to an increasing level of clinician competency and quality of services as well as expanding our legislator's knowledge of how SLPs positively impact the education of Delaware's children." Smyrna School District is honored that Ms. Bombara is a member of our district family.

SMYRNA FFA UPPERCLASSMEN ATTEND QUEST

On October 5, 2016, seven students from the Smyrna FFA chapter attended the QUEST Leadership Conference at the Duncan Center in Dover. These members included: Skylar Cannedy, Cassie DiMattia, Kaylee Dulin, Tristan Friel, Alex Gibason, Will Knight and Emon Roberts. The conference is an FFA initiative designed to teach communication and leadership skills to upperclassmen agricultural science students, who have been identified as future chapter leaders.



The one day event featured workshops and opportunities to work with other up and coming leaders from throughout the State of Delaware. The chapter would like to thank Mrs. Sarah Bell for chaperoning the event on behalf of the Smyrna chapter.

"The event was a lot of fun and they had really good food," said Emon Roberts. "I really enjoyed working together as a team," said junior Will Knight, when asked about the benefits of the FFA event. The conference informed attendees about SAE's, CDE's, and the potential for future growth in the National FFA Organization.

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system. They have been using the VEX EDR Robotic system in their STEM class to learn computer programming, problem solving, and cooperative group work. The students will work in two groups of three to four students to design and build separate machines. One group's machine will move an empty can that must be sensed and stopped to simulate the filling of the can and then once filled be moved to the next machine. The second group's machine will be designed and built to take at least three cans from the other group's machine and spin the three cans to simulate PPG,s packaging of the paint cans.

Smyrna Middle School would like to thank all the PPG employees that took time from their regular job responsibilities to teach, demonstrate, and answer our questions.

JBM/SHS Alumni Association Schedule of Events for 2016-2017

All Alumni Are Welcome

- January 4, 2017 Meeting at Smyrna School District Central Office 3:45 p.m.
- February 1, 2017 Meeting at Smyrna School District Central Office 3:45 p.m.
- February 25, 2017 "I Love Smyrna School District" day Smyrna High School 8am-3pm
- March 1, 2017 Meeting at Smyrna School District Central Office 3:45 p.m. (Election of Officers)
- April 8, 2017 Tentative Alumni Dinner (Location TBD)

SHS Link Crew

Link Crew is a school wide program that began in the 2012-2013 school year. The program's vision is to empower and motivate first year students attending Smyrna High School through peer mentoring. The goals of the program are to lower failure rates in the freshman class, to create school community, and increase the graduation rate for the high school. This year there are currently 48 student leaders in the junior class. These students were recommended by teachers because of their leadership potential. The leaders meet once a month to learn the curriculum that they teach to their mentee's after school and meet once a month with their first year students during school. Currently, there are 107 first year students who are being mentored by the junior leaders. The curriculum covers topical skills that first year students can use in their daily lives. Such topics include motivation, study habits, communication, time management, test taking skills, and organization. The group was originally created by chemistry teacher, Mr. John Haller, and is now operated by Mr. Leon Clarke, Associate Principal. The meetings during school are held in the school cafeteria, along with mentor teachers who have volunteered to help with the meetings. The Smyrna Sun Times highlighted an article about Link Crew and its function in the school. The vision for this program is for it to be implemented on a larger scale and continue to make big changes in the lives of freshmen and junior's lives and eventually have a positive impact on the students living in the Smyrna-Clayton community.

Smyrna School District's Teacher of the Year: Jennifer McCutchan



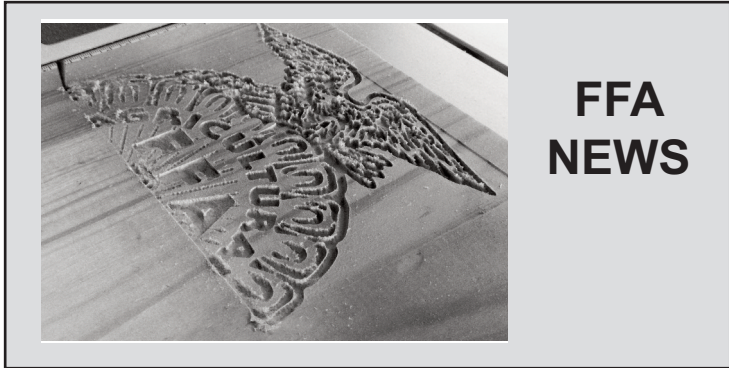
Mrs. McCutchan is a graduate of the University of Delaware and is in her 17th year of teaching, with nine of them here at Smyrna Middle School. Mrs. McCutchan is a member of the community and she shared that "It is an honor to get to work with our young talented musicians each day and have the

opportunity to unlock their musical potential. I am truly blessed to have the opportunity to work with such outstanding and supportive staff members and administrators here at Smyrna Middle School."

WINNER DECLARED FOR CHAPTER TEE SHIRT CONTEST



This past fall, the Smyrna FFA Chapter held its annual Chapter T-Shirt Design Contest. There were numerous entries, which got narrowed down to five finalists and were displayed in the Agri-Science classrooms. MVP members were asked to vote on their favorite shirt design. After the votes were cast, the winning design was created by Ashley Hurd from Mrs. Michaud's class. Ms. Hurd will receive a \$50 prize for her winning design at the chapter banquet this Spring. Her concept design can now be seen on gray T-shirts, that our chapter members proudly wear at Smyrna High School.



FFA NEWS

SMYRNA FFA SHINES AT 89TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

By Taylor Davis, Smyrna FFA Reporter

The Smyrna FFA Chapter had great success at the 89th Annual National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana which was attended by over 64,000 members, teachers and guests. The Smyrna FFA had 18 members, four advisors, one corporate sponsor and five graduates of Smyrna High School attend the convention, which was held the week of October 18-22, 2016. In order to gain a trip to the National Convention, members had to participate in a CDE (Career Development Event) and win the right to compete.

The Agricultural Sales team received a Gold Rating by placing 8th in the country, with Gabby DiRusso receiving Gold and placing 5th individually out of 160 students. Fellow teammate Meghan Yerkes, who serves as Smyrna FFA Chapter President also received gold, while Silver honors went to Derica Nyameke and Allison Wheatley, who is the current Delaware FFA State Secretary. The Agricultural Sales CDE is a competitive event that allows students to apply classroom knowledge to real-life situations. The event includes actual sales presentations, a written exam, team sales situations and was sponsored by Monsanto.

The Smyrna FFA Nursery/Landscape CDE team received a Silver ranking with Kathryn Emerson, Tyler Meixell, and Ryan Wheatley all receiving Silver individually, and Josh Meixell receiving a Bronze ranking. The National FFA Nursery/Landscape CDE is a competitive event in which FFA members test their knowledge and skills in nursery practices and landscaping. Participants must complete a general knowledge exam testing hor-

tical principles including plant anatomy, production, marketing, turf, landscape design, and maintenance. Each participant must also complete practicums involving landscape estimating, plant propagation or potting, identification of plants, disorders,



and equipment. The event was sponsored by Kubota Tractor Corporation and STIHL Inc.

Five members of the Smyrna FFA Chapter were one of 36 teams participating in the National FFA Agricultural Issues Forum Career Development Event (CDE). Jessica Bright, Grant Dinsmore, Erin Smallwood, Trey Thompson, and Taylor Davis received a Bronze ranking for their forum entitled, "Agricultural Education- Teacher Shortage." The National FFA Agricultural Issues Forum CDE is a competitive event that tests students' knowledge of agricultural issues and evaluates how well they can apply classroom knowledge to real-life situations. To qualify for the agricultural issues forum CDE, teams must design a presentation that addresses multiple viewpoints of a contemporary agricultural issue and present it to a number of audiences in their community. For the national event, they present a portfolio based on their local audiences' feedback and deliver their presentation to a panel of judges. The agricultural issues forum event was sponsored by Elanco.

In the Agri-Science Fair Competition, the Smyrna FFA Chapter received the best results in the history of the chapter, thanks to the staff members and students who put countless hours of work into their projects. Erin Smallwood and Trey Thompson placed 14th in the nation for the Animal Science category; Ryan Wheatley and Wade Solloway placed 6th in the nation for the Plant Science category; George Class-Peters and Erica Malloy placed 4th in the nation for the Environmental Science category, and Taylor Davis placed 2nd in the nation for the Structures/Power Mechanics category, and was Smyrna's first top three placing ever in the National FFA Agri-Science Fair.

The Agricultural Products display which

was constructed by Jake Brown and Taylor Davis placed in the top 10% of the nation in the Hall of States competition. The display entitled, "Delaware Agriculture-Spanning The State" took first place honors at the Delaware State Fair this Summer and earned its spot at the National FFA Convention. Members from all over the country enjoyed visiting the display and learning about Delaware Agriculture. The Smyrna FFA Chapter would like to thank the Delaware Department of Agriculture, Smyrna/Clayton Southern States Cooperative and the Delaware Soybean



Board for sponsoring this year's display.

The Smyrna FFA Chapter was also honored with a two Star National Chapter Award for their diverse program of activities that focuses on student leadership, personal growth, and career success opportunities throughout the school year.

Seven Smyrna High School graduates completed their FFA careers by earning the coveted American FFA Degree. The degree was awarded this year to 3,780 members, which is less than 1% of the membership for the National FFA Organization. These members included: Ryan Harris, Tyler Hartsock, Sarah McHale, Tyler Niblett, Gabrielle Virdin, Jason Voss, and Jared Zolper.

While spending the week in Indianapolis, FFA members had the opportunity to visit with business, industry, and college leaders at the National FFA Career Expo, attend sessions to hear motivational speakers, and hear performances by the National FFA Band, Chorus and talent. The group also had the awesome opportunity to attend the World's Toughest Rodeo and celebrate the announcement of the new National FFA President- David Townsend, who lives in Middletown, Delaware.

The Smyrna FFA is looking forward to another successful year in 2017 and looks forward to returning to Indianapolis, Indiana.



**SMYRNA SCHOOL DISTRICT
2016/17 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

JANUARY

January 3 School Reopens
January 16 Martin Luther King Day – School Closed
January 18-20 1/2 day Inservice (Grades 9-12) Exams
January 20 End of Marking Period
January 23 Full day Inservice (All)

FEBRUARY

February 1 Report Cards Issued
February 20 Presidents' Day – School Closed
February 23 Mid-marking Point
February 24 Full day Inservice (All)

MARCH

March 3 Progress Reports Issued
March 29 End of Marking Period

APRIL

April 5 PSAT/SAT Testing (Grades 9-11), No school for Grade 12
April 10 Report Cards Issued
April 14-21 Spring Break
April 24 School Reopens

MAY

May 5 Mid-marking Point
May 16 Progress Reports Issued
May 23 Last Senior Day
May 29 Memorial Day – School Closed

JUNE

June 7-9 1/2 day Inservice (9-12)
June 8-9 1/2 day Inservice (K-8)
June 12 Last Pupil Day
June 13 Last Teacher Day

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

Approved by Board of Education, March 16, 2016

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

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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 14 EDUCATION DELAWARE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

200 Administration and Operations

258 Federal Programs General Complaint Procedures*

1.0 Programs Covered by the Complaint Process

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

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

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

2.0 Right to File a Complaint

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

- 2.1 The complaint shall include a statement specifying the alleged violation by the State Education Agency or a Local Education Agency. Such statement shall include facts and documentation of the alleged violation.
- 2.2 The Delaware Department of Education shall investigate the complaint and issue a written report including findings of fact and a decision to the parties included in the complaint within sixty (60) working days of the receipt of the complaint. An extension of the time limit may be made by the Delaware Department of Education only if exceptional circumstances exist with respect to a particular complaint.
- 2.3 The Delaware Department of Education may conduct an independent onsite investigation of the complaint, if it is determined that an on site investigation is necessary.
- 2.4 The complaint shall allege a violation that occurred not more than one (1) year prior to the date that the complaint is received.
2 DE Reg. 217 (8/1/98)
7 De Reg. 161 (8/1/03)
12 DE Reg. 208 (08/01/08)

3.0 Complaint Made to the Local Education Agency

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

- 3.1 The complaint shall include a statement specifying the alleged violation by the Local Education Agency. Such statement shall include facts and documentation of the alleged violation.
- 3.2 The superintendent or the agency head of the Local Education Agency shall investigate the complaint and issue a written report including findings of fact and a decision to the parties involved in the complaint within sixty (60) working days of the receipt of the complaint.
- 3.3 An appeal of the Local Education Agency decision may be made by the complainant to the Delaware Department of Education. The appeal shall be in writing and signed by the individual or by an individual representative of the organization making the appeal. The Delaware Department of Education shall resolve the appeal in the same manner as a complaint, as indicated in 2.0.
2 DE Reg. 217 (8/1/98)
7 De Reg. 161 (8/1/03)
12 DE Reg. 208 (08/01/08)

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

Any party to the complaint has the right to request that the Secretary, U. S. Department of Education, review the final decision of the Delaware Department of Education. The request for an appeal of the decision to the Secretary, U. S. Department of Education, shall be made in writing to the Delaware Department of Education within sixty days of the receipt of the decision.
2 DE Reg. 217 (8/1/98)

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

Secretary of Education
Delaware Department of Education
401 Federal Street Suite 2
Dover, Delaware 19901-3639

*IDEA Part B, as amended, has other specific remedies and procedural safeguards specified under Section 615 of the Act to protect students with disabilities. See 14 **DE Admin. Code** 923 Children with Disabilities Subpart B General Duties and Eligibility of Agencies.
2 DE Reg. 217 (8/1/98)
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Notice

Each year, Smyrna School District applies for funding, under IDEA B P/T (6-12) and IDEA-B 619 P/T Preschool, to provide special education services to those students identified as disabled. For the period of July 2016 through December 2017, the District proposed to use this funding to assist in their students' programming.

You are invited to review and comment on services to be provided to eligible private school children with disabilities at the District's Special Services Office. Please contact the Special Specials Director at 302-653-3135 to arrange a review.

- 1. The IDEA B P/T (6-12) funding facilitates screening, evaluation and service delivery to eligible students ages 6 through 21.
- 2. IDEA B 619 P/T Preschool funding facilitates the delivery of services to children

DISTRICT DIRECTORY

CLAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	653-8587
Mrs. Stephanie McGuire, Principal Mr. Mikell Reed, Associate Principal Nurse	
NORTH SMYRNA ELEMENTARY	653-8589
Mrs. Kelly Holt, Principal Mrs. Stephanie Smeltzer, Associate Principal Nurse	
SMYRNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	653-8588
Mr. David H. Morrison, Principal Mrs. Katie Wood, Associate Principal Nurse	
SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY	653-2808
Mrs. Deborah Judy, Associate Principal Mr. Patrick Grant, Associate Principal Nurse	
CLAYTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL	653-2761
Mr. David Paltrineri, Principal Ms. Heather Moyer, 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 Mrs. Aerin Donovan, Associate Principal Mr. John Camponelli, Associate Principal Guidance	
	653-8308
	653-8823
SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL	653-8581
Mrs. Stacy Cook, Principal Mrs. LaTonya Pierce, Associate Principal Mr. Leon Clarke, Associate Principal Mr. Clarence Davis, Dean of Discipline Mr. Marcus Deisem, Associate Principal Nurse	
	653-3137
CENTRAL OFFICES	653-8585
Mrs. Deborah Wicks, Superintendent Mr. Patrik Williams, Assistant Superintendent Mrs. June Wicks, Director of Curriculum Mr. Jerry Gallagher, Director of Finance Ms. Angela Socorso, 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, Director	
TRANSPORTATION OFFICE	653-3142
Ms. Sharon Almondo, Supervisor	
SUPERVISOR OF TECHNOLOGY	653-2754
Mr. Jody Sweeney, Supervisor	

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 fol-

lowing:

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

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 au-

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

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

Complaint

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

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

NOTICE CONCERNING DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN STUDENT INFORMATION

The Smyrna School District ("the District") may disclose certain information, known as directory information, in its discretion without consent. Parents, or students eighteen years of age or 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.

Delaware Department of Education Tobacco Regulation 877

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

SHS Special Olympics Basketball Skills Challenge



The Smyrna School District participated in the Special Olympics Basketball Skills Challenge on December 9. More than 200 athletes and unified partners (peers without disabilities) from all the elementary and intermediate schools located in Kent County as well as one elementary school from the Colonial School District. The Smyrna High School Jr. ROTC presented the colors while members of the Regiment of Red played the National Anthem and the event was opened by Superintendent

Debbie Wicks. Special Olympics Delaware's continued success is a result of the thousands of volunteers who unselfishly give their time and talents and whose commitment and effort, much of it behind the scenes, makes this event possible. Over 70 student volunteers from the Special Olympics/Blue-Gold Club worked together to make the event run smoothly led by Advisor Whitney Reed-Pierson. The next two Special Olympics Skills events for the Smyrna School District will be bowling in February and soccer in May. The Special Olympics/Blue-Gold Club also participates in the Cool Schools Program for the Polar Bear Plunge in February under the name Frozen Feathers and Advisor Whitney Reed-Pierson participates in Over the Edge repelling off a 17 story building in Wilmington in May. These students truly demonstrate the Smyrna School District's Core Values of Compassion, Responsibility, Respect, Perseverance and Integrity.



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 please to announce that it is offering, among other programs, the following Career and Technical Education Pathways for the 2016-17 school year:

Smyrna High School Agri-Science

Course are offered as part of five pathway strands:
Animal Science: Animal Science I, II, III, & IV
Natural Resources: Natural Resources and Environmental Science I, II, & AP
Plant Science: Plant Science I, II, & III
Power & Systems: Power & Tech Systems I, II, III, & IV
Structural Systems: Structures I, II, & III

Business

Course are offered as part of two pathway strands:
Accounting: Accounting II, III, & IV
Digital Business Communi-

cations: DBC II, III, & IV
Administrative Services: Admin Services II, III, & IV
Marketing Management: Marketing Management II, III, & IV

Family and Consumer Sciences

Courses are offered as part of two pathway strands:
Early Childhood Education: Early Childhood Education I, II, & III
Family and Community Services: Family and Community Services I, II, & III

Jobs for Delaware Graduates

JDG is designed to help students read academic and career goals. The four goals are: Leadership Development, Citizenship or Community Service, Social Awareness, and Career Preparation. Courses offered are:
JDG II, III, & IV

Admission to these programs is open to all students enrolled in Smyrna High School. Enrollment in higher level courses often requires a passing grade in lower level courses in the same pathway. The Smyrna School District does not discriminate in employment, educational programs, services, or activities based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability in accordance with state and federal laws. The District offers additional services to students with limited English language skills or with disabilities so that they may benefit from these programs. For additional information and assistance, please contact:

School Admissions Programs

Stacy Cook, Principal
Smyrna High School
500 Duck Creek Parkway
Smyrna, DE 19977

Smyrna Eagles Winter 2016 Sports Schedules

HIGH SCHOOL

Girls Varsity and JV Basketball

Date	Time	Teams	H/A	Opponent
12/2/2016	6:00 & 7:15	JVV	H	Sussex Central
12/6/2016	6:00 & 7:15	JVV	A	Sussex Tech
12/8/2016	4:00 & 5:15	JVV	A	Appoquinimink
12/15/2016	6:00 & 7:15	JVV	A	Caesar Rodney
12/20/2016	5:00 & 6:15	JVV	H	Milford
1/3/2017	5:00 & 6:15	JVV	H	Polytech
1/6/2017	6:00 & 7:15	JVV	H	Cape Henlopen
1/10/2017	5:00 & 6:15	JVV	A	Wilm Christian School
1/12/2017	5:00 & 6:15	JVV	H	Dover
1/17/2017	5:00 & 6:15	JVV	A	Sussex Central
1/19/2017	5:00 & 6:15	JVV	H	Charter School
1/24/2017	5:00 & 6:15	JVV	H	Sussex Tech
1/27/2017	4:00 & 5:15	JVV	A	Newark
1/31/2017	5:00 & 6:15	JVV	H	Concord
2/3/2017	6:00 & 7:15	JVV	H	Caesar Rodney
2/7/2017	6:00 & 7:15	JVV	A	Polytech
2/9/2017	5:00 & 6:15	JVV	A	Lake Forest
2/14/2017	5:00 & 6:15	JVV	A	Cape Henlopen
2/17/2017	6:00 & 7:15	JVV	A	Dover
2/21/2017	5:00 & 6:15	JVV	H	William Penn

Boys Basketball

Date	Time	Teams	H/A	Opponent
12/2/2016	5:00 & 6:15	JVV	A	Sussex Central
12/6/2016	6:00 & 7:15	JVV	H	Sussex Tech
12/8/2016	5:00 & 6:15	JVV	H	William Penn
12/15/2016	6:00 & 7:15	JVV	H	Caesar Rodney
12/20/2016	5:00 & 6:15	JVV	A	Milford
12/27/2016	12:00 PM	Var	H	Bishop McNamara @ Cape
12/29/2016	2:00 PM	Var	H	Sanford School @ Cape
1/3/2017	5:30 & 7:15	JVV	A	Polytech
1/6/2017	6:00 & 7:15	JVV	A	Cape Henlopen
1/10/2017	6:00 & 7:15	JVV	H	Salesianum School
1/12/2017	6:00 & 7:15	JVV	A	Dover
1/17/2017	6:00 & 7:15	JVV	H	Sussex Central
1/24/2017	6:00 & 7:15	JVV	A	Sussex Tech
1/31/2017	4:00 & 5:15	JVV	A	Concord
2/3/2017	6:00 & 7:15	JVV	A	Caesar Rodney
2/7/2017	6:00 & 7:15	JVV	H	Polytech
2/9/2017	6:00 & 7:15	JVV	H	St. Elizabeth
2/15/2017	6:00 & 7:15	JVV	H	Cape Henlopen
2/17/2017	6:00 & 7:15	JVV	H	Dover
2/21/2017	4:45 & 6:15	JVV	A	Al DuPont

Freshman Boys Basketball

Date	Time	H/A	Opponent
12/6/2016	4:00 PM	H	Sussex Tech
12/15/2016	4:00 PM	H	Caesar Rodney
1/3/2017	4:00 PM	A	Polytech
1/6/2017	4:00 PM	A	Cape Henlopen
1/10/2017	4:00 PM	H	Salesianum School
1/12/2017	4:00 PM	A	Dover
1/17/2017	3:30 PM	A	Middletown
1/24/2017	4:00 PM	A	Sussex Tech
2/3/2017	4:00 PM	A	Caesar Rodney
2/7/2017	4:00 PM	H	Polytech
2/15/2017	4:00 PM	H	Cape Henlopen
2/17/2017	4:00 PM	H	Dover
2/21/2017	3:30 PM	A	Al DuPont

Indoor Track & Field

Date	Time	H/A	Location
12/7/2015	2:00 PM	A	Worcester County Recreation
12/10/2015	9:00 AM	A	Ursinus College
12/14/2016	2:00 PM	A	Worcester County Recreation
12/21/2016	2:00 PM	A	Worcester County Recreation
1/4/2017	2:00 PM	A	Worcester County Recreation
1/8/2017	TBD	A	Haverford College (PA)
1/11/2017	2:00 PM	A	Worcester County Recreation
1/15/2017	9:00 AM	A	Ursinus College
1/25/2017	2:00 PM	A	Worcester County Recreation
1/26/2017	2:30 PM	A	Worcester County Recreation
2/4/2017	TBD	A	Prince George Sports Complex

Wrestling

Date	Time	Teams	H/A	Opponent
12/2-3/2016	TBD	Var	A	Ray Oliver Tournament
12/9-10/2016	3PM/8AM	JVV	A	Milford Invitational
12/14/16	6:00 PM	JVV	A	St. Georges Tech
12/17-18/2016	TBD	Var	A	Beast of the East
12/21/2016	6:00 & 6:30	JVV	H	Laurel
12/29-30/2016	TBD	Var	A	Mount Mat Madness
1/4/2017	6:00 & 6:30	JVV	A	Dover
1/7/2017	3:00 PM	Var	H	McDonough School (MD)
1/11/2017	6:00 & 6:30	JVV	H	Sussex Tech
1/13-14/2017	TBD	Var	A	Virginia Duals
1/18/2017	6:00 & 6:30	JVV	A	Cape Henlopen
1/21/2017	8:00 PM	Var	A	Lancer Invitational (Central HS, PA)
1/25/2017	6:00 & 6:30	JVV	H	Polytech
1/27/2017	6:00 & 6:30	JV	A	Milford
1/30/2017	5:00 & 6:00	JVV	A	Delsea Regional (NJ)
2/1/2017	6:00 & 6:30	JVV	A	Caesar Rodney
2/3/2017	6:00 & 7:30	JVV	A	Salesianum
2/10/2017	6:00 & 6:30	JVV	H	Sussex Central
2/14/2017	3:30 PM	Var	Var	DIAA Dual Meet Championship
2/17-18/2017	5PM/8AM	Var	A	HAC Championships @ SC

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Boys and Girls Basketball (B/G Boys play early, G/B Girls play early)

Date	Time	Order	H/A	Opponent
12/05/16	4:00 & 5:15	B/G	H	Woodbridge MS
12/07/16	4:00 & 5:15	G/B	A	Beacon MS (Cape)
12/12/16	4:00 & 5:15	B/G	A	Postlethwaite MS (CR)
12/14/16	4:00 & 5:15	G/B	H	Chipman MS (LF)
01/04/17	4:00 & 5:15	G/B	A	Mariner MS (Cape)
01/09/17	4:00 & 5:15	B/G	A	Sussex Academy
01/11/17	4:00 & 5:15	G/B	H	Fifer MS (CR)
01/18/17	4:00 & 5:15	B/G	A	Central Middle MS (Dover)
01/25/17	4:00 & 5:15	G/B	H	Laurel Intermediate
01/30/17	4:00 & 5:15	B/G	A	Milford MS
02/01/17	4:00 & 5:15	G/B	H	Providence Creek Academy

Wrestling

Date	Time	H/A	Opponent
12/05/16	4:00pm	A	Mariner MS (Cape)
12/07/16	4:00pm	H	Fifer MS (CR)
12/12/16	4:00pm	H	Central Middle MS (Dover)
12/14/16	4:00pm	A	Delmar HS/MS
01/04/16	4:00pm	H	Laurel Intermediate MS
01/11/16	4:00pm	A	Milford MS
01/18/16	4:00pm	H	Woodbridge MS
01/25/16	9:00am	A	Mid School Wrestling Classic
01/26/2017	4:00 PM	A	Delmar HS/MS
01/30/2017	4:00 PM	H	Milford MS

CHAMPIONS AGAIN!

NEWARK — Leddie Brown stood on the sideline, looked at the sea of red in the away stands and soaked it all in.

This is why he wanted to come to Smyrna High, but he never expected this much.

"I never thought it would be this big," Brown said, gesturing to the crowd. "This whole experience has been amazing for me. I came from a small school, we didn't have all this."

As the Eagles celebrated their second consecutive DIAA Division I football state title Saturday with a 36-14 win over Middletown, Brown was enjoying his first time as a champion.

The junior running back transferred to Smyrna this offseason after his previous school, Eastern Christian Academy in Elkton, Md. closed.

The fact that Brown decided on Smyrna raised some eyebrows. The Eagles already had a standout running back — junior Will Knight, the state's reigning Offensive Player of the Year.

But Smyrna made the dual-running back system work. On Saturday, Knight scored four touchdowns before Brown sealed it on a 16-yard score with 4:40 left.

"You don't know you're going to get another running back until the kid shows up, in the district," said Smyrna coach Mike Judy. "Leddie is a talented young man and I was most impressed about his ability to adapt and find his groove in what we're doing."

"It's very easy for a young man who is very talented to disrupt things," Judy added. "He did not do that one bit. I credit that to the other kids like Will and our seniors for welcoming him into this family."

Knight carried the ball 34 times for 233 rushing yards. Brown was right behind him with 25 carries for 198 yards.

"Those are Division I football players," said Middletown coach Mark DelPercio. "They're scholarship players for a reason. They've got some good players over there."

So why were Brown and Knight able to work together in the same backfield? Brown credits Smyrna offensive coordinator Mike Marks. Marks previously coached with Brown when he was younger.

"Coach Marks is a genius," Brown said.

As a team, the Eagles recorded 471 rushing yards on Saturday.

Smyrna usually isn't afraid to air it out, especially considering the Eagles have an All-State quarterback in Nolan Henderson. But Judy said the circumstances on Saturday dictated some of their decisions.

It was a little windy and Middletown often played just five defenders in the box. Judy also had a lot of confidence in his offensive line.

"I think the offensive line vs. defensive line matchup was in our favor," Judy said. "That was the gameplan."



Typically when Smyrna has both Knight and Brown on the field at the same time, one is in the backfield and the other is in the slot.

Against Middletown, the Eagles turned to their earthquake formation often. It is tightly packed and has Knight receive a direct snap. He can run the ball himself or hand off to Brown.

"They don't know who is getting the ball," Knight said. "It keeps the defense working. I'm thankful for Leddie. We get along very well."

And what impressed Judy the most is that Knight and Brown never argue over carries.

"I came in and we were clicking right away," Brown said. "There's enough ball to go around."

Knight has a knack for title-game heroics.

He scored the tying and go-ahead touchdowns in last year's overtime victory over Salesianum.

Knight was a freshman two years ago when Judy took over a Smyrna program that had gone 2-8 in 2013. He's witnessed firsthand the turnaround from going 5-5 in 2014, to a 9-1 regular season which resulted in a state title a year ago and now an undefeated championship season this year.

Knight wanted to make sure last season's championship wasn't the only one.

"We poured our heart into getting to where we are right now," Knight said.

"This shows we are not a fluke or a one and down team. We're here to stay."

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