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## From the Superintendent's Desk...

*Spring Message from Patrik D. Williams*

May 12, 2017

Smyrna School District Family,

I am honored to accept the Smyrna School Board's offer to serve as the next Superintendent of Schools. Mrs. Debbie Wicks has dedicated her life to the Smyrna-Clayton community, and her legacy has helped to point the way for those of us who follow her. I am proud to be the first to accept this charge, maintaining the time-honored traditions of our community, while also leading us through our next challenges.

Having served our district since 2004 in different leadership roles, most recently as Assistant Superintendent, I am keenly aware of the richness our community has to offer, especially in the face of certain growth. I join you in anticipating our students' needs as we continue to grow. I join you in providing quality education for all of our students. And I join you as we daily model our Community Core Values in each facet of our professional and personal lives.

This is, indeed, a terrific time to be a Smyrna Eagle, and with the support of our staff, our families, our board leaders, our alumni, our community, and our elected officials we will continue the rich heritage that still makes the Smyrna-Clayton community the envy of the rest of the state.

I look forward to seeing you out and about, and I am, indeed, thankful to serve you.

#EagleUp.

Sincerely,

Patrik D. Williams  
Superintendent



## Smyrna School District 2017 Teacher of the Year Ms. Denise Boyles

Denise Boyles is a graduate of Smyrna High School, class of 1998. She earned her graduate and undergraduate degrees from Wilmington University between 2005 and 2008.

Denise has been teaching in the Smyrna School District for five and 1/2 years. She joined Smyrna Middle School in January 2012 teaching 7th grade Mathematics and Technology in Mathematics. In 2013, she looped with those 7th grade students as their 8th grade math teacher and currently holds that position.

When you visit Mrs. Boyles' classroom you will see middle school students engaged in a cooperative learning experience managed through student-led stations. Her students thrive in flexible learning groups, as one student mentioned, "I like math class because of the freedom we have in our learning, Mrs. Boyles is here to help us but we are responsible for the work." Mrs. Boyles has a positive approach to teaching math, students will say, "I haven't really ever liked math, but I'll work for Mrs. Boyles because she cares a lot about me".

Mrs. Boyles values a strong rapport of communication with staff, students and parents. She enjoys conversation and always has a smile on her face.

Denise is also involved in volunteer work; she is a member of the Smyrna Church of Christ, where she teaches junior church. She also facilitates activities of support and outreach within Kent County for the Down Syndrome Association of Delaware.

Denise and her husband Chris have been married for eight years, they reside in Clayton with their son Garrett.



**Fourth Graders at Clayton Elementary School Are Going Places!**



CES fourth graders ventured to BizTown's Junior Achievement in Wilmington, courtesy of a Kent County Grant, to "combine in-class learning with a day-long visit to a simulated town." The popular program allowed students to operate banks, manage restaurants, write and deposit checks, balance a check register, and vote for mayor.

Biztown empowered students to own their economic success by teaching personal and business financial management. The BizTown program helped students "connect the dots between what they learn in school and the real world."

With special thanks for a local Rotary grant—students stepped back in time to 1864 at Fort Delaware State Park. Students took the ferry ride from Delaware City to Pea Patch Island where a jitney provided transport from the dock to the entrance. Students actively participated in an engaging living history program with a focus on Civil War History and Delaware's role in the conflict. Students learned about fort history from the primary historical sources. Students met "people from the past," in first person character, which included a Union Garrison Soldier, a Confederate Prisoner, island school teacher, and a blacksmith. After the program, students enjoyed lunch and explored Fort Delaware.



During "Teach Children to Save Day," students "traveled" through an economics and personal finance lesson with Mr. McBride, Bank of America volunteer. The program is a part of a nationwide financial literacy effort. Mr. McBride read "The Great Investo and the Million Pennies" and discussed the importance of saving money, interest, and compound interest. In addition to learning about financial responsibility, students received many gifts.

Finally, Mr. Cullin, Delmarva Power volunteer, traveled to CES for an "Electrical Safety Demonstration." Mr. Cullin, with the assistance of the finest Delmarva Power volunteers, presented powerful safety demonstrations to educate students of the potential hazards involved when using electricity. Some safety tips included: stay away from downed wires, electric facilities, and reminding students that electricity can move through conductive materials. The students were mesmerized by the safety demonstration of cooking a hot dog with a power line and relating it to a real-life situation. "In recognition of May as National Electrical Safety Month, Delmarva Power wants to remind the public that electrical safety should be practiced every day of the year" ([www.delmarva.com](http://www.delmarva.com)).

CES students and staff are especially thankful for the many volunteers, grants, and opportunities for educational travel!

**Clayton Physical Education**

Now that spring is finally here, we are getting back outside and having a great time exercising! The younger students worked on scooters, rope jumping, and parachute this winter. The third and fourth grade students concentrated on floor hockey and rope jumping.



The third and fourth grade students just completed the state mandated Fitnessgram testing. Now the younger students will be outside practicing their throwing and catching skills while the third and fourth grade students will be learning about rugby. In May, all the students will start practicing for Field Day!

Back in February, our second-fourth grade students participated in our 9th annual Jump Rope for Heart event. Our students raised over \$6,100 for

the American Heart Association! Liam Conway was our top fundraiser raising \$410! All the students did a fabulous job! Thank you to all the community members who contributed and made our event a huge success.

Field Day was held on Friday, May 26. Students participated in stations in the morning and the 50 yard dash and tug-a-war in the afternoon. The rain date for Field Day is Tuesday, May 30. We hope lots of people can come out and cheer on the students! Please remember to encourage your child to get out and exercise this spring and summer. Try to make exercising a family habit!! Enjoy the warm weather!

**FIRST GRADE NEWS**

The first grade classes at Clayton Elementary are back from spring vacation and ready to finish the year off strong! Each class is still working hard through our Reading and Math series. They are also currently exploring the lives of organisms in Science. Each student has planted a seed and is carefully taking care of it and observing the process of plant growth. They have also created woodland and freshwater habitats in our classrooms. These habitats include aquariums to house female and male guppies, pond snails, Elodea, and Cabomba plants and terrariums to house millipedes, pill bugs, tree seedlings, and moss.

Before the break, the classes took a field trip to the DASEF Outpost at Big Oak Park, where they participated in the Solids & Liquids program. Each class had the opportunity to test different types of solid objects to see if they sink or float, create "gluep" using borax, glue, and water, and make seltzer rockets to see the power of gases in action.

Each first grade class also worked on a Reading/Writing project before spring vacation. Mrs. Massey's class created animal habitat projects. Each child was "given" an animal that they could take home as a pet. They each wrote a report about their animal and created a shoebox "cage" which had to represent the animal's habitat in the real world. Mrs. Peal's class researched insects of their choosing. Each student used computers to find their insect facts and made a lap-book to share those facts! Mrs. Metz and Mrs. Herbert's (Sheehan) classes participated in an "Interview a Zookeeper" project. Some special friends that visited were a goose, tortoise, bearded dragon, rabbit, and a possum! Each class compiled a list of interview questions and had one boy and girl representative ask the questions to Matt from the 3 Palms Zoo in Clayton. The kids learned a lot about the animals visiting and what it is like to be a zookeeper! A great time was had by all!



**CLAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**Stephanie McGuire, Principal**  
**Katherine Wood, Assoc. Principal**

Congratulations to Mrs. Brooke Scuse for being selected as Clayton Elementary School's Teacher of the Year for the 2017-2018 school year.



Mrs. Scuse was born and raised in Smyrna, Delaware. She is a 2006 graduate of Smyrna High School. From her time at Smyrna High School, Mrs. Scuse has aspired to achieve her life-long dream of helping develop the young members of the community by becoming an educator. She values the local community where she has lived her entire life, and is proud to raise her three children with her husband, Chris.

Mrs. Scuse received an Associates of Arts Degree in Elementary Education from The University of Delaware and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education with a minor in Special Education from Wilmington University. She had the privilege of student teaching and substituting for the Smyrna School District before being hired as a permanent third grade teacher in 2010 at Clayton Elementary School. Mrs. Scuse is currently in her 7th year of teaching third grade at Clayton Elementary School. At Clayton, she serves on the Math Steering Committee, Smyrna Pride Committee, Writing Committee, and the Bully Prevention Committee. In addition, Mrs. Scuse volunteers for several events such as the May Fair, Fall Festival, Reading/Math Night, and other PTO sponsored functions.

When she is not serving the children of Clayton Elementary School, Mrs. Scuse enjoys spending time with her family, camping, and the beach. Mrs. Scuse is an outstanding educator and Clayton Elementary is proud to have her as part of the staff.

**CLAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SECOND GRADE PROUDLY PRESENTS GET HOPPIN'**

On May 3, Second Graders at Clayton Elementary School rocked the stage with a delightful performance of the musical, GET HOPPIN' by Jill Gallina! Students captivated the audience, as dancing trees, hopping bunnies, water ribbons, flying birds, and swimming fish



dramatically imparted the timeless tale of a late bloomer, Bunny Sue, who refused to hop! Our story included several adaptations written by our very own Jess Hansen Herbert. Beautiful ribbon dancers flowed like water as they whirled and twirled to The Aquarium orchestral music from The Carnival of the Animals, by Camille Saint-Saens. Dancing Trees transported us to a magical forest, as synchronized yellow and green scarves floated to O'Carolan's Draught music from Ireland. Mrs. Gerni's Class played xylophones. Mrs. Goodlin's Class played tremolos on xylophones. Mrs. Boyko & Mrs. Williams' Class opened with a poem we learned earlier in the year. Mrs. Kleinot's Class wowed everyone with superb drumming. Dr. Brown Bunny, played by Ian Sylvester, amazed everyone with his pitch perfect solo, The Bunny Hop! Beautiful 3-D scenery depicting mountains, rivers, and forest were created by our talented art teacher, Monica DeHart. Gorgeous Van Gogh inspired painted eggs made by students peppered the stage & scenery, emerging as pebbles and rocks along the riverbed. It was a feast for the eyes, as 48 dancers and actors performed in their exquisite hand-made costumes. With a little help from her family and friends, in the end, Bunny Sue decided it was time to GET HOPPIN'! We are very proud of all our little performers.



**SECOND GRADE NEWS**

Second graders visited the Delaware State Fire School in May. Students rotated through several learning stations led by the instructional staff at the school. They learned a tremendous amount about fire and fire safety. They learned the science behind fire and watched a demonstration of a fire starting. Students shared their knowledge of fire safety while learning how to prevent fires in their own homes. They learned ways to safely escape their home in case of fire and were able to practice climbing out a window and down a ladder. Students met a firefighter, saw the equipment used to protect firefighters, and were able to squirt a fire hose. All the students had a great time.

**THIRD GRADE NEWS**

For the past few weeks our third graders have been participating in an experience-based program called Mini-Society, where students established their own society, printed their own money, opened their own businesses, and created a government. This experience helps the children understand economics, government, law, math, and entrepreneurship. They've worked cooperatively and actively in problem-solving situations in the classroom community. Students also take on classroom "jobs" (mayor, sheriff, town council, etc.). They are paid to complete job duties and can earn money for fulfilling classroom responsibilities. With this money, students can choose if they would like to spend it during the business session or become savers. Additionally, each student was responsible for planning a business where she/he sold items or provided a service. Some examples of things our students sold are homemade fidget spinners, which are all the rage right now, a nail salon, a crazy carnival, raffles, and baked goods galore. What a great day to visit the CES third graders! Our students really showed off their creativity and resourcefulness. From this event the children learned about profit and loss, and learned valuable lessons about being successful business owners and how hard work truly pays off!



**READ ACROSS AMERICA**  
 With the careful coordination of Mrs. Noll and Mr. Sfamurri, the football players and cheerleaders from Smyrna High School volunteered their time at North Smyrna Elementary School on Thursday, March 2, for Read Across America Day. This day is celebrated nationally to honor Dr. Seuss' Birthday. Volunteers read aloud an array of Dr. Seuss books to students from Pre-K to fourth grade.



**NORTH SMYRNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
 Kelly Holt, *Principal*  
 Stephanie Smeltzer, *Assoc. Principal*

**Rock Your Socks Day**

In celebration of World Down Syndrome Day on, Tuesday, March 21, staff and students at North Elementary School wore their "crazy" socks. Two weeks prior to the event, socks sold for \$1 a pair and we sold close to 500 pairs of socks!!! As quoted from the Down Syndrome Association's web page, World Down Syndrome Day was created to create a single global voice for advocating for the rights, inclusion and well-being of people with Down Syndrome in our school, community and around the world. March 21 was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which leads to Down Syndrome.

**Fourth Grade Puppet Show**

One of the highlights of our fourth grade students is the "puppet lady"! For the last nine years, Ms. Joann McMillan, of Flying Heart Theater has come to our school for a two week residency. This year every fourth grade student researched an animal and made a puppet of that animal. The puppets are painted in a rainbow of colors and kaleidoscope of designs. At the end of their two week project the students performed in the multi-media puppet show "The Carnival of Animals."

**North Smyrna Elementary participates in Spread the Word Day**

The staff at North Smyrna Elementary participated in the Spread the Word to End the Word Day on Thursday, March 2. Spread the Word to End the Word is a United States national campaign to encourage people to pledge to stop using the "R" word. This event is organized by Special Olympics to recognize that our choice of language frames how we treat others.

**The World According to Humphrey Book Club Project**

North Smyrna Elementary participated in a literacy program called One School, One Book, in which all students read the same book at the same time. All students, Pre-K through grade four and teachers alike, read the fascinating book, *The World According to Humphrey* by Betty Birney. Students read and discovered how Humphrey, a tiny golden hamster views the world around him! He is a smart, compassionate, problem-solving creature that has helped North students start to see the world in a different light too. He looks for the positive in all things! Not only that, North Elementary parents and families were invited to participate in the next book, *Friendship According to Humphrey*. Each family received their own personal book to read along at home. Families attended a special Family Humphrey Night in April, in which our very own school pet, Humphrey the hamster made an appearance! From a school-wide student-created assembly to daily morning trivia questions to grade level art room projects, North Smyrna Elementary staff and students have really embraced this program to promote literacy to the fullest.

**Congratulations Mr. Sfamurri North Smyrna Elementary Teacher of The Year!!!!**

We would like to congratulate Mr. Sfamurri on being named North Smyrna Elementary's Teacher of The Year!! Mr. Sfamurri began his teaching career at North Smyrna Elementary the fall of 2013 as our physical education teacher. Mr. Sfamurri always knew he wanted to teach young people and coach the sports he loved. He studied Physical Education K-12 at Wesley College and played offensive line for the football team. After graduation Mr. Sfamurri moved back home to Pennsylvania with hopes of fulfilling his dream of teaching. Mr. Sfamurri returned to Delaware and began working as an assistant football coach at his alma mater. After three years at Wesley College, Mr. S. (as we all know him) came to North Smyrna Elementary. Mr. S. further inspires our students by coordinating an intramural basketball team and district-wide elementary school basketball tournament, collaborating with colleagues for Read Across America events, Special Olympics Soccer, American Heart Association Hoops for Heart, and Philadelphia Flyers Faceoff for Fitness classes and assemblies. He not only inspires our students, but students on the high school football team as an assistant coach.



**Women's History Month**



Ms. Audrey "Wella" Joseph, a foster Grandparent at North Smyrna Elementary, helped us to celebrate Women's History Month with a feast. Wella worked on creating a bulletin board with inspirational quotes and completed research on the amazing work of women. Wella and her family also prepared a delicious luncheon for the staff on May, 10.



**Ronald McDonald Visits Ms. Mullen's Class**

The Smyrna School District holds a fundraiser each year for the Ronald McDonald House. This year as a district, we raised a record \$14,230! It cost \$15 per night to stay at the Ronald McDonald House and through the generosity of our families, we were able to provide 948 nights. The families that stay are provided an affordable place to sleep, share a meal and find comfort from other families in similar situations. Ms. Mullen's early childhood class raised the most money in our school and received a visit from Ronald McDonald himself! Her students also enjoyed happy meals from McDonald's. In addition to the fundraiser drive each year, the district is collecting pull tabs to benefit Ronald McDonald Charities.



**Early Childhood Special Olympics Event**



The Early Childhood Program enjoyed their 4th Annual Young Athletes Special Olympics Event held on Thursday, May 4. The students participated in 12 different stations, modeling various gross motor skills, as well as social and cognitive abilities. Thank you to everyone who came out to help and show their support to all of our hard working students. We had a blast working hard and making incredible memories.

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**Jacqui Yerkes 1st year as Gifted and Talented Instructor**

Smyrna Elementary, as well as the Smyrna School District, has had an exciting year watching Jacqui Yerkes engage and challenge our students as the new STEP educator. Mrs. Yerkes has worked with the Smyrna School District for the past six years but chose to switch from a classroom teacher to the role of the Gifted and Talented instructor for Smyrna School District at the start of the 2016/17 school year. Her tremendous amount of dedication to the program has been very evident through the same enthusiasm the students express when they are able to attend her class.



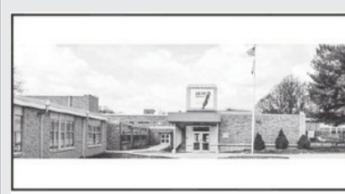
When asked how she decided to apply and endeavor in this particular field of education she said "As a parent of a gifted child I had a strong desire to learn more about the high achieving students in my classroom. I knew I wanted to further my education and get my Master's degree in Gifted and Talented Education. It seemed like a perfect fit". So she continued her education at Wilmington University and received her master's degree in 2013 and became certified to teach Gifted and Talented.

Mrs. Yerkes shared that an advantage of developing a program for these students is that it "provides additional opportunities for students to collaborate with like-minded peers that may not be in their class while focusing on S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) activities and novel studies. The challenges that are provided to the STEP students give them an opportunity to extend the curriculum that is presented in the classroom and provides a chance for them to engage in additional research."

Jacqui has made quite a positive impact within our school and has been a true "gift" to our students. When asked about highlights during her first year teaching this program she said, "It was having two students win the county wide Sons of the American Revolution poster contest with many other students receiving honorable mention." These two students will now have their posters move on to judging at the state level.

Mrs. Yerkes has great ties with the Smyrna School District community. In addition to being an educator with our district, she has had the pleasure of watching her son, Nate Yerkes, graduate from Smyrna High School in 2016 and looks forward to seeing her daughter, Meghan Yerkes, graduate this year with the class of 2017.

When asked what is in store for next year, Jacqui eagerly expressed, "I look forward to extending the S.T.E.M. projects and developing a mini S.T.E.M. kit at each of the schools, as well as continuing the reading enrichment with the lower level grades. "We truly look forward to working with Mrs. Yerkes again next year and see the amazing enrichment she brings to our Smyrna School District students.



**SMYRNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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

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



Meet Ellie Hall; an avid reader, gardener, traveler, crafter and Amazon Prime shopper! In addition to these, Ellie is also Smyrna Elementary School's 2017-18 Teacher of the Year! Ellie received her Bachelor's Degree from Wilmington University, where she graduated magna cum laude. It was at this time that she was inducted into Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society of Education.

Teaching is not just a job to Ellie, it is her passion. Whether she and her Kinders are exploring STEM subjects through hands-on learning, building social skills through imaginative play, or creating silly rap songs to help a lesson stick, Ellie is like the "Mrs. Miyagi" of Kindergarten. Outside of work, Ellie enjoys spending time with her husband, Michael, and her two young daughters, Ella and Everlee.

**Smyrna Elementary has strong showing at Special Olympics event at UD**



On Tuesday, May 9 the SES Special Olympics Team took over 40 athletes and unified partners to the University of Delaware to compete in the Unified Soccer Competition. Students took part in dribbling and passing events.



**Smyrna Elementary Girls on the Run**

Smyrna Elementary started their first ever Girls on the Run team this spring. Girls on the Run is a 10-week program for girls in grades three - five that combines physical exercise with learning and practicing life skills. The program is based on the six C's: confidence, character, care, connection, competence, and contribution. At the end of the season, Girls on the Run celebrates with a 5K event in Dover which includes all the Girls on the Run teams in Kent and Sussex counties. Check out [www.gotrde.org](http://www.gotrde.org) for more information. At SES, we have a team of 15 third and fourth grade girls on our team led by three of our teacher "coaches", Jenyfer Casterline, Crystal Graham and Katie Diggs. We have had an exciting season so far learning about setting goals, building relationships, seeing the positive power in ourselves and having fun. Girls on the Run is so much fun!



**Two Smyrna Elementary Teachers go "Over the Edge" for Special Olympics**

On Thursday, May 11, SES teacher Lauren Christ and para professional Shelley Tracey went "Over The Edge" to support Special Olympics. Collectively, they raised over \$2,200 in donations. They repelled off of a 17 story building in downtown Wilmington to support this cause. Lauren Christ and Shelley Tracey are the head coaches of the SES Special Olympics Team. They were so inspired by the courage that their athletes show in going out and competing that they wanted to support this amazing organization!



**CLAYTON INTERMEDIATE**

**SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL FFA**

**SHS Art Department Win Awards**

The 2017 Veterans of Foreign Wars Patriotic Art Contest sponsored by the VFW Post 8801 Auxiliary acknowledged and thanked Sara Paulish, Kaylee Crick, Jamal Pope, Aimee Rink and Rebecca Cauldren for their participation in the contest. Locally, Kaylee Crick was awarded first place for her scratch art piece, Sara Paulish was awarded second for her painting, and Jamal Pope was awarded third for his graphite drawing. Additionally, Kaylee Crick was awarded second place at the state level.

The state of Delaware held their 6th Annual National Arts Program® Exhibit this year which included over 220 artworks hung in the Art Center/Gallery at Delaware State University's Campus. Art Teacher, Shari Dierkes, was honored to receive the award for Best of Show.



**FFA Hosts 2nd Annual Bunny Hop For Hunger**

The Smyrna FFA Chapter held its 2nd Annual Bunny Hop for Hunger on Thursday, April 13. The event was a walk held on the Smyrna High School track to benefit the Food Bank of Delaware. The chapter raised \$5,315.00 and over 2,200 canned goods were donated by the students of Smyrna High School. The event was open to everyone at SHS and featured participation from 1,018 students and staff that walked 5,617 laps for a total of 1,404 miles around the track in recognition of hunger in Delaware. The event was also attended by Smyrna School District administration and staff, Del-One Federal Credit Union, Miss Delaware Teen USA, the Delaware FFA Association, Delaware State Representative Jeff Spiegelman, Dr. Karen Hutchison from the National FFA Organization, David Bell from Barclay Card Bank and local DJ, Jay Pappas.



**Superstars in Education- Recognizing Excellence in Education**



The Smyrna School District's War on Waste (W.O.W.) Program received the 2017 Superstars in Education award! The Superstars in Education Awards Ceremony was held on May 8, and the district's dedicated efforts to recycling were recognized. Accepting the award for the district were Mrs. Wicks,

Mr. Williams, Angela Socorso, Dave Paltrineri, Heather Moyer, Mark DegliObizzi, and Smyrna Middle School student Brynn Rifino. The WOW program was started by Brynn when she was a student at Clayton Intermediate School, and through the encouragement of Mr. Paltrineri, Brynn initiated a partnership with Delaware Waste Industries. The WOW program has grown into a more in-depth, more comprehensive program that has allowed the school district to collectively learn about, participate in, and be aware of our personal responsibility for a cleaner, greener environment. By empowering the students to take action with solid waste management, Clayton Intermediate School has impacted the Smyrna School District and local community by raising awareness of the importance of recycling, and by making connections among the schools through a common goal. As a result, the program has created district-wide financial savings.

The program is also featured in the May/June 2017 issue of the Delaware Business magazine.

**First Graders Learn Shapes**

First graders at Sunnyside Elementary are learning all about shapes! Students are identifying shapes as well as counting how many flat sides and how many vertices each type of shape has. Even more, they are noticing shapes all around them in the real world using shapes to create their own pieces of art!



**Bullying Prevention Month**

At Sunnyside Elementary School the students learned about "Acts of Kindness". This kindness tree was created as part of our Bullying Prevention monthly activities this spring. This Kindness Tree is a beautiful way to focus on and acknowledge the importance of showing kindness within a school. The tree helps foster more kind, supportive relationships amongst students and teachers, and everyone loves to watch the tree "grow" as each good deed is recognized.

**Smyrna Represented in Dover's 300th**

Fourteen third and fourth grade students from Sunnyside participated in Old Dover Days May 6. Students began one hour weekly practicing in February to prepare to perform the Maypole routine that is four minutes of weaving and unweaving a series of 14 ropes while they continuously skipped. Six schools in the area also participated in this yearly tradition.



**SUNNYSIDE  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**Deborah Judy, Principal  
Pat Grant, Assoc. Principal**

**Sunnyside Elementary's Teacher of the Year  
Paula Daniels**



Mrs. Paula Daniels is a second grade TAM teacher alongside her fabulous teaching partner, Lauren Christie. She is married to her high school sweetheart, Brett Daniels. They have two children together: Bryce in fifth grade at Clayton Intermediate School and Ava in kindergarten at Sunnyside.

Paula says she is the person she is today because she grew up here in

Smyrna. Smyrna's exemplary teachers made her want to be a teacher. The year she decided she too would dedicate herself to the children of the Smyrna School District was in third grade at North Smyrna Elementary. She said she couldn't wait to see what was going to happen each day because her teachers made learning so much fun. Her students feel the same way about her today! Paula loves her job as a teacher at Sunnyside. She enjoys coming to school/work every day.

Paula says her favorite part of working in an elementary school is the energy that the children bring. The excitement and love for learning is palpable. Paula said, "Sunnyside is a lively school with laughter everywhere." She feels supported by her peers and administration and is inspired by all of her coworkers.

When she is not at school, Paula is at football, lacrosse, baseball, basketball, and softball games all over Smyrna/Clayton. She enjoys traveling and spending time at the pool and beach. Mrs. Daniels said her ultimate dream vacation would be to visit every continent with her family!

Sunnyside is so proud to have Mrs. Paula Daniels represent us at the district level teacher of year competition. We could not ask for a better representative!

**Sunnyside Elementary School  
Education Support Professional of the Year  
LaMeika Blue**

Mrs. LaMeika Blue is the Education Support Professional of the Year representing Sunnyside Elementary School. Mrs. Blue is originally from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She has a husband and three children- one boy and two girls. Mrs. Blue said she moved to Smyrna from "the city" because she wanted an affordable, safe and quiet area to raise children. She entered into a career in education because she loves learning and wanted to positively influence the lives of children. She has worked with children for 19 years!

Being a part of a child's first school experience gives Mrs. Blue great joy. She says it is fascinating to see children transform from needy kindergarteners into readers and writers with blossoming independence. Sunnyside has given her opportunities to work with a diverse population of students and provide a variety of support services. She enjoys the supportive parents, staff and students.

If Mrs. Blue is not at Sunnyside working diligently she can be found reading, shopping online (she has great style!) or planning trips with her family and friends. One day she may plan and execute her ultimate vacation on a cruise on the Nile River meandering through Egypt, followed by a trip to Greece to explore the ancient ruins, leading into a sail along the Venetian canals and a stroll along the Seine River. Is there a Groupon for that?



**Summer Sun Safety**

Right now most of us are looking forward to summer vacation. For a lot of students this means time that will be spent playing outside, going to the beach or swimming in a pool. Did you know that Delaware has the 3rd highest skin cancer rate in the country? Or that most people's skin

damage occurs during the first 18 years of their life? Students at Sunnyside took time out of their day to learn about the importance of Sun Safety and why we should wear sunscreen. Heather Brown and Justin Windheim from the Division of Public Health delivered an important message to our students. When playing outside they should remember to Slip, Slop, Slap & Wrap (Slip - on a shirt, Slop - on sunscreen, Slap - on a hat, and Wrap - Sunglasses).

They wrapped up the presentation by giving every student and teacher a pair of sunglasses, sunblock, and a bracelet that changes colors when they should apply sunblock.

Enjoy your summer break and remember to wear your sunscreen!



**Sunnyside Ends Concert Series**

The Sunnyside Music Department has finished off the concert season with another amazing show! The First grade students opened the show with their Spring Musical called "BUGZ." The singing was spectacular and the dance moves had the audience smiling - not to mention the coolest looking BUGZ you have ever seen! You can certainly tell that the students worked extremely hard to put on a fabulous show!

The first grade Musical was followed up by the third and fourth grade Sunnyside Chorus. The chorus performed several numbers including "Simple Gifts", "Magic", and one of the crowd's favorites, "God Bless the USA."

This was a great year for the Sunnyside Chorus! Mrs. Hughes and the fourth grade Chorus are currently preparing to sing "America the Beautiful" at the start of a Blue Rocks game in late May. Music is certainly alive at Sunnyside!!

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**SHS Ladies/Gentlemen of Distinction Program**

Ladies/Gentleman of Distinction is committed to empowering young adults with leadership skills that are transferrable to the workforce and life. As a Lady/Gentleman of Distinction, students will participate in workshops that address the following topics:

- What does it mean to be a leader?
- Understanding who I am

- Successful Socialization
- Decision Making
- Goal Setting/Career

**Planning**

To become a member of the program, students will need to do the following:

- Commit to participating for the 2016-17 school year.
- Maintain good behavior, academics, and demonstrate leadership qualities.
- Be open-minded and willing to grow as an individual.



**Fourth Graders Get to "Biz"ness**

Fourth Graders at Sunnyside Elementary have been very busy this Spring! All the Fourth Graders have been working on the JA BizTown unit in Social Studies. JA BizTown provides students with a foundation of operating a business and managing money. We have studied the correct method to write a check, make a bank deposit, create a job application, and practice job interviews. We concluded this unit of study with a trip to JA BizTown headquarters in Wilmington, Delaware. This field trip was a culminating experience



for the students. They used the skills they learned in the classroom and applied them to a day in the business world. The fourth grade teachers are so proud of all the responsibility, accountability, and dedication our students continue to exhibit in and out of the classroom. Keep up the hard work!

**Girls on the Run and Heart and Soul**

Each fall and spring JBM hosts a Girls on the Run and a Heart and Sole Team to inspire and encourage our girls to be confident, self-aware, and independent. Girls on the Run is a third-fifth grade program while Heart and Sole is a sixth – eighth grade program. The mission of Girls on the Run is to inspire girls to recognize their inner strength and celebrate what makes them unique. Throughout each lesson girls learn about gratitude, friendship, choices, character, decision making, to live healthfully and practice running. We held a practice 5K at CIS with the CIS and SES Girls on the Run teams. It was great to see girls from across the district running together! Each season, our teams participate in a community service



event. During our Fall season, our teams collected over 400 pairs of shoes that were donated to Soles for Souls. This season we hosted a free Family Fitness Night where families were invited to participate in Zumba, martial arts, and yoga. Our season culminates in a 5K, which will take place at Silver Lake State Park in Dover on Sunday May 21, at 12 p.m. Community Runners and supporters are welcome at the 5K. Visit <https://www.gotrde.org/> to register and to learn more about Girls on the Run.

**JBM PERSEVERANCE ASSEMBLY**

On Thursday, March 2, JBM students and faculty took part in a



school-wide assembly focused on one of Smyrna School District's Core Values – PERSEVERANCE—to support and encourage students as they began state testing. The assembly included recognition of several students who demonstrated perseverance, and

**JBM's National Geographic Bee**

The field of competition narrowed from 401 students down to 25, then to ten, and then to two, and then the winner of the National Geographic Bee was announced on January 13 at John Bassett Moore Intermediate School. Khang Nguyen was declared the winner and received a gold medal and trophy for first place. Khang will go on to compete against other fourth through eighth grade winners from schools across Delaware at the state level competition on March 31st. To prepare for the competition, Khang read many books and completed the National Geographic online quizzes.

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



JBM's National Geographic Bee Winners

- 1st Place – Khang Nguyen
- 2nd Place – Donovan Clark
- 3rd Place – Steven Berry
- Top 10 Finalists – Leah Bonsignore, TJ Hernan, Connor Hetteroth, Brandon Jones, Timothy Merrill, Bianca Murtha, and Anna Nguyen

**Smyrna Raises funds for Special Olympics**

On Sunday February 5, the Smyrna Plunging Peers, a team of Smyrna staff, students, friends, and families who support Special Olympics Delaware, joined over 3,600 other people who call themselves polar bears and took the challenge, raised money, and plunged their bodies into the freezing Atlantic Ocean. By participating in the Lewes Polar Bear Plunge they not only helped increase



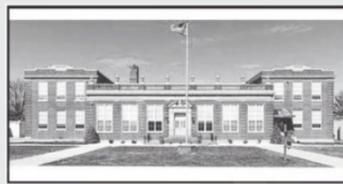
awareness of the opportunities that Special Olympics Delaware offers, but the Smyrna Plunging Peers was named the winner of the 2017 Cool School's Challenge for the most money raised by a school team, an incredible \$12,708!

winners of the perseverance essay, perseverance poster, and Read Across America contest winners. Faculty and students also welcomed a guest speaker, Paralympic Wheelchair Basketball (Team USA) player, Trevon Jenifer, who spoke about the importance of perseverance in his life and journey to becoming a Paralympic athlete. Students enjoyed hearing Mr. Jenifer's story, which included humor and relatable, real-life

examples of perseverance. Students were also captivated by Mr. Jenifer's Wheelchair Basketball skill demonstrations, some of which included the participation of willing faculty members.



Following Mr. Jenifer's presentation, the excitement continued with students' participation in several Spirit Challenges to further demonstrate examples of perseverance. Challenges included a staring contest, plank challenge, and tug-of-war. Students excitedly cheered for, and encouraged their peers throughout the challenges. The Perseverance Assembly was a memorable and energizing experience for all!



**JOHN BASSETT MOORE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**

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

**JBM Teacher of the Year!**



Courtney Demnicki is one of the Comprehensive Learning Program teachers at JBM, which includes grades fifth-eighth. She is currently in her 5th year teaching. Courtney received her Bachelor's degree from Cabrini University in Elementary and Special Education in 2010. Courtney is a box top coordinator for JBM, has acted in the Teacher Talent Show and has participated in the Bowl-a-Thon. She is one of the coaches for the JBM Special Olympics basketball and soccer teams. Courtney has worked for the Summer Learning Academy as the Comprehensive Learning Program teacher for grades five to eight, and tutors students after school.

Outside of working at JBM, Courtney enjoys spending time with her husband, their new puppy and her family. She also enjoys being outdoors, football, warm sunny weather, and spending time on her boat!

**2017 Schoolwide Spelling Bee**

John Bassett Moore Intermediate School held the 2017 Schoolwide Spelling Bee on Friday, February 17. There were 14 contestants, each placing first from their homeroom



class. Our 3rd and 4th place contestants went head to head for four rounds before sixth grader, Javiel Rivas, was named JBM's 3rd Place Spelling Bee Winner. Brother and sister, Khang Nguyen and Anna Nguyen, both fifth graders, battled through eight rounds before Anna Nguyen was named JBM's 2017 Spelling Bee Champion!

Anna went on to represent John Bassett Moore Intermediate School at the State Spelling Bee on Saturday, March 4, at St. Mark's High School in Wilmington. Congratulations Anna!

**JBM Hosts**

**Cinco de Mayo Dance**

JBM hosted the Cinco de Mayo dance on Friday, May 5. All of the proceeds were donated to Rise Against Hunger. The event was complete with a moon bounce, candy filled piñatas, an awesome DJ, snow cones, sombreros, a photo booth, and face painting. Both intermediate schools danced the night away in celebration of the festive holiday! Thank you CIS for joining us in our celebration.



**Welcome Ms. Maddalena**

My name is Katie Maddalena and I teach sixth grade English/Language Arts and Social Studies. To give you a little background on myself both professionally and personally, I graduated from Delaware State University with a Bachelor's Degree in English Education and I also completed my Master's Degree in Reading at Wilmington University. I am a certified Reading Specialist and I am also certified to teach English/Language Arts (grades 5-12), Elementary Education (grades K-6) and Special Education (grades K-12). In my experiences as a teacher, I have taught at Smyrna High School, Central Middle School (Capital School District), and Fifer Middle School (Caesar Rodney School District). I live in Dover with my husband of eleven years and we have three children (Marisa, Gianna, and Gabriele). I am so excited to be back working in the Smyrna School District!



**Math in Nature Project**

STEP students have been enjoying exploring concepts based on math in nature. Activities for this unit include nature walks, photography, viewing a documentary, and more! By the end of the unit students are required to submit a project to share their findings on math in nature. Some students are working on creative posters, while others are taking a more technology-oriented approach by creating designs using Google Drawing. Another awesome option that several students have chosen is to create their very own apps using Thinkable. Students have been delighted to discover how easily one can find mathematics in nature! As Albert Einstein once said, "Look deep into nature and you will understand everything better."



**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 started 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 fifth and sixth 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. The spring production was High School Musical 2. 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.

**Clayton Intermediate School 5th Grade OM Team Headed to Worlds!**

The fifth Grade Odyssey of the Mind (OM) team from Clayton Intermediate School, competed in the state of Delaware OM competition held Saturday, March 25. They placed at that competition and are now moving on to World Finals. The team, comprised of Vincent Chas, Luke Michaud, Bryce Daniels, Dylan Champlin, Aiden Muehlethaler, Aleck Robinson, and Daniel Cruz, with Coach Denise Vendrick, has been designing and constructing sets, and working to solve their problem since November. They have already moved on from the Regional Competition, and the state of Delaware Competition, and are ready to make their mark at World Finals held at Michigan State University May 24-28.

Odyssey of the Mind is a world-wide creative problem-solving competition where teams of school-aged children are tasked with coming up with their own solutions to a variety of problems. The organization teaches them to think for themselves, work as a team, think creatively and spontaneously, and to be able to work under pressure and readjust their course as problems arise.

The team from CIS chose "To Be Continued: A Superhero Cliffhanger" where they created and presented a humorous performance about an unexpected superhero that encounters three different situations where it must save creativity in some way.



They are very excited to meet other teams from around the world, and hope to make Delaware proud!

**Recycling Club at CIS**

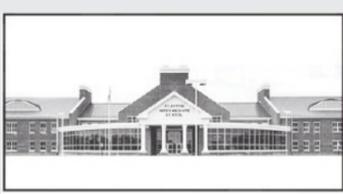
The Clayton Intermediate School Recycling Club completed its inaugural year with many fun recycling-related activities like arts/crafts, an aluminum can collection drive, waste stream assessments, monthly meetings and a field trip to the Delaware Recycling Center. In March, the CIS Recycling Club presented before the Smyrna School District Board on behalf of the district's War on Waste Program which won



the 2017 Superstars in Education Award. The CIS Recycling Club was recently featured in the Smyrna Sun Times Newspaper for their hard work and contribution to a cleaner, greener community.

**CIS Basketball Tournament**

Our annual Basketball Tournament took place this year on Thursday, March 30. Sixty students participated that evening and the twelve teams faced off in a single elimination tournament, until there were two teams remaining. In first place this year was the team made up of Eric Mathenge, Connor Ryan, Kirsten Johnson, Matthew Deacon, and Kevin Christensen. Coming in second place was the team including Josh Wright, Regan Nacrelli, Andrew Ransome, Elijah Williams, and Josh Johnson. The first and second place teams played



**CLAYTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**

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

**Clayton Intermediate School's Teacher of the Year**

**Mrs. Tabby Mann**

Mrs. Mann has been a teacher for the Smyrna School District for the past 12 years. She began as a 5th grade English and Language Arts teacher at JBM and presently teaches sixth grade Math and Science at Clayton Intermediate. Tabby is a graduate of Smyrna High School and earned a Bachelor's degree from the University of Delaware in Health and Exercise Sciences. She has also earned a Master's degree in middle level education from



Wilmington University. In addition to teaching, Tabby is actively involved in her school and community in a variety of ways, including CIS PTO secretary, yearbook advisor, and Smyrna Clayton Youth Lacrosse board member. She enjoys spending time with her supportive husband Bob and two amazing children, Delaney and Eli. If there is enough time in the day, she also enjoys reading a good book, driving her Jeep, traveling, hiking, and camping.

Tabby has always been drawn to education and prides herself in helping students see and reach their full potential. She attributes her passion for teaching children to all of the great teachers and coaches who invested their time inspiring and motivating her. Becoming a teacher has allowed her to contribute to her hometown community and help shape the next generation of Smyrna Eagles. Throughout her years as an educator, she has had the opportunity to work alongside and learn from some of the greatest teachers and the most incredible administrators in the state. She is thankful to be a part of such an inspirational and remarkable team and is humbled and honored to represent them as Teacher of the Year.

against a staff team on Friday afternoon in front of the whole school. Head coach Andrew Mears and members from Smyrna High School's 2017 Delaware State Champion Basketball team came over to coach the student team and referee the game. The students had a great time with the high school students and enjoyed watching the teachers lose the game. Some students were lucky enough to be chosen for a Layup and Free Throw Contest in between quarters, and our very own CIS Dance Team gave an awesome performance at half time. The tournament was a great success and money raised will go towards the CIS Basketball Club and the Smyrna Pride Program.

**Cheyenne Scott wins District Poster Contest**



Students in our school participated in a poster contest and a winner was chosen from each homeroom after working on the projects in art class. The theme was perseverance and students had to show, through art, what the word means to them. The overall fifth grade winner was Ariyonna Hammock, and in sixth grade the winner was Cheyenne Scott. Their posters were displayed at I Love Smyrna School District Day and then sent in for the district poster competition. We are pleased to say that Cheyenne Scott came in 1st place for the entire district. She received a medal and certificate for her great work and we are very proud of her.

**Hailey McCutchan wins Arbor Day Poster Contest**

Hailey McCutchan, a 5th grade student at Clayton Intermediate School, was selected as the 5th grade Kent County Winner for the 2017 Arbor Day Poster Contest. The theme was, "Trees are Terrific...from Acorn to Oak!" The Delaware Forest Service sponsors an annual Arbor Day Poster Contest for Delaware school children in grades K-4. In addition, they administer a national poster contest sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation for 5th graders. Hailey completed the poster in Mrs. Crawford's art class and Mrs. Crawford submitted her poster to the National



Arbor Day Foundation.

Hailey's art work can be viewed at [www.delaware-trees.com/2017arbordaypostercontest](http://www.delaware-trees.com/2017arbordaypostercontest).

**Dodgeball Tournament**

On January 26 it was a competitive night at CIS. Student Council sponsored the annual Dodge Ball contest. There were 16 student teams plus a teacher team. The stands were packed with spectators. It started directly after school when 145 students stayed to enjoy pizza with their team mates. At 5 o'clock the tournament began. All the students came out to win. They took the floor ready to compete for first place. The crowd went wild. It was a double elimination tournament, so teams continued to play in both the winner and loser brackets until it came down to two teams. The teams battled it out for first place. Coming in first was team All-American, second Chicken Wingers, and third Killing Caterpillars.



The evening was a huge success. Students, faculty, and spectators all had a terrific time.





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**Geography and Spelling Bee  
Champions Crowned**

This past winter, SMS held its annual Geography Bee. Among the 36 competitors, three students were crowned the top finishers in the bee, with the first place student qualifying for the state competition later in the school year. Pictured is Nathan Merrill (middle), 1st place, Kenny McDade 2nd place, and Tomothy Stout 3rd place.



**Spring Dance a Success**

The Student Government Association wants to thank all the students who attended the Spring Dance, A Night Under the Stars, on Saturday, May 6. Students looked wonderful, danced, and hung out with their friends, with dinner and snacks provided.

**SMS STEM Students Visit PPG**

On April 25 and 26, this semesters Automation and Robotic eighth grade STEM students toured PPG Architectural Coatings in Dover, Delaware. Mr. Neal Nicastro, PPG Plant Manager, offered to host and fund three trips for 90 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, and Ron Rider, lead the students through the facility to teach them about the sensors, computer systems and mechanical systems used at the facility.

After the trip and back in the classroom, the students created a model of PPG's equipment to simulate the filling and packaging of paint cans.

Using switches, sensors and other equipment from the VEX EDR Robotics system, they learned computer programming, problem solving and working collaboratively as a group.

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.



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

On February 10, Rev. John Moore visited our students at SMS with his message from the words of the great Dr. Martin Luther King. Rev. Moore is well known throughout the state for his rendition of Dr. Kings "I Have a Dream Speech". He had the opportunity to share his experiences as a teenager and the struggles associated with growing up today as a young adult. Rev. Moore's most notable accomplishment was in 2011 when Rev. Moore got the opportunity to share Dr. King's full 18 minute speech in Washington D.C. at Dr. Martin Luther King's national monument in front of over 7,000 people including Dr. King's children. Students and staff thank Rev. Moore for a wonderful experience!



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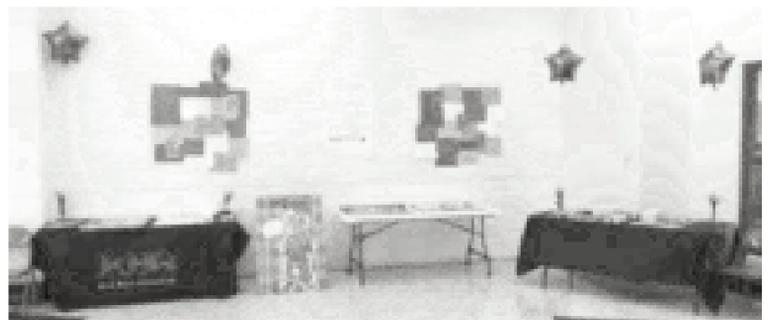
**Steven Gott, Principal**  
**John Camponelli, Assoc. Principal**  
**Aerin Donovan, Assoc. Principal**

**Smyrna Middle School  
Teacher of the Year**

Please see page 1 for Ms. Denise Boyles, also the Smyrna School District Teacher of the Year!



**Kick the Butts Generation Spirit Week at SMS**



Smyrna Middle School has started a Kick Butts Generation Force. Students participated in the Spirit Week, which was held during the week of March 13 – 17. For each day there was an opportunity for students to show their support of being tobacco free. The carnival was extremely informative about the dangers of tobacco and tobacco products, including e-cigarettes and cigars.

Kick Butts Generation Spirit Week included wearing boots to "Stomp Out Tobacco", Wacky Wednesday Wear, Karnival, and Smyrna Gear Day.

**SMS Band Performs at the Blue Rocks Game**

Following an annual tradition, the Smyrna Middle School band performed the national anthem on April 10 at the Wilmington Blue Rocks game. Joining them, were over 500 Smyrna Middle School students. They had a wonderful day with a little fun from stadium activities including the



"off to the races" game that involved our principals Mr. Gott, Mr. Camponelli, and our secretary Mrs. Allison. Thank you to all those who helped organize this great event.



**SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL Cont'd**

**Smyrna FFA 2017-2018 Chapter Officers Announced**

Congratulations to the 2017-2018 Smyrna FFA Chapter Officers that were officially elected May 2, through an interview committee and chapter ballot process. The new officers include: President, Ryan Wheatley; Vice President, Trey Thompson; Secretary, Erin Smallwood; Treasurer, George Class-Peters, Jr.; Reporter, Jessica Bergold; and Sentinel, Abby Conway. The new team looks forward to continuing the legacy of the Smyrna FFA Chapter, as we move into another school year.

**SHS Math Leaguers Attend State Finals**

On Tuesday, April 25, seven Smyrna High Math Leaguers attended the Delaware State Math League Finals. The tenth-twelfth grade team is comprised of Sam Mace (junior), Jacob Raser (senior), Chris Kline (junior), Tori Lichak (sophomore), Max Morrissiey (sophomore), Wesley Carson (sophomore) and Shiela Gisiora (sophomore). Member Colin Shalk (senior) was unable to attend.

The team won first place in the Regional Competition. Sam Mace earned a second place individual trophy and Jacob Raser earned a third place individual trophy. This is the second year in a row that the team has earned their way to the state competition. The team is hoping to recruit more math-loving students for next season so they can defend their title!

**Delaware Tech Terry Campus Offers**

**Energy Technology Career Pathway for Rising Seniors**

A partnership between the Delaware Tech Terry Campus and Smyrna High School provides the high school's rising seniors (Class of 2018) an opportunity to participate in an accelerated career pathway training program in the field of energy technology.

The one-year Energy Pathway program allows students to earn their high school diploma while learning the fundamentals of energy technology and earning college credit that can be applied to an energy technology associate degree from Delaware Tech. The College's energy management, renewable solar energy, and building automation systems programs will accept the Energy Pathway credits. These college credits may also be applied as electives to select Delaware Tech associate degree and certificate programs.

Energy Pathway includes active classroom instruction, coupled with lab activities that simulate real-world experience. Participating students will develop the skills to operate, maintain and repair building systems components. They will also connect with industry professionals, interact with potential employers at job fairs and have the opportunity to interview for relevant internships.

For additional information on the Energy Pathway program, please contact Lisa Falconetti at DTCC [lisa.falconetti@dtcc.edu](mailto:lisa.falconetti@dtcc.edu) or (302) 857-1419; or Tiffany Duke at Smyrna High School [tiffany.duke@smyrna.k12.de.us](mailto:tiffany.duke@smyrna.k12.de.us) or (302) 653-8581.

**Smyrna High School's 2017 "Give Something Back Foundation Scholarship" Recipients**



Three Smyrna High School Freshmen, Tatiana Hoisington, Acacia Terry and Faith Young have been selected to receive the Give Something Back Foundation Scholarship. They are part of a select group of 39 freshmen students in Delaware to be awarded this great opportunity! This will allow these three students to attend the University of Delaware upon graduation from SHS and receive a FULL scholarship that will cover tuition, room and board for four years. The students were required to complete the application process, submit letters of recommendation, past and present grade reports and be interviewed by a staff member of the GSBF committee. The students need to maintain high academic standards and display good citizenship in school and in their community. They will be assigned mentors to work with them over the next three years to help them to meet the expectations of the Give Something Back Scholarship Program.

This scholarship is awarded to students in their freshman year of high school. If you are a current 8th grade student or parent of an 8th grade student, check out this website and learn more about the GSBF scholarship program at <https://www.giveback.ngo/>.

**Smyrna High School National Honors Society**

The SHS NHS has been very active over the past few months. The biggest event was the book drive held at SHS. This event brought in over 500 books. The books were donated to local book store, Acorn Books, as well as being used for gnome homes throughout the community. Along with the SGA, NHS members lined Duck Creek Parkway and held a Road Clean up in March. Students have been helping out at all of the district Elementary Schools with after school tutoring, mentoring kids during PTO meetings, helping out at Drama Club practices, Field Days, Pokémon Night, and a Color Run. Students have helped out in the community by volunteering at the Smyrna Opera House, Churches, and helping the seniors play Bingo at a local nursing home. Currently we are collecting items at SHS for our Troops with plans to have them sent overseas. A group of students will be working on beautifying the gardens at Smyrna Elementary School. We are also holding a Pallet Paint Night to raise money for the Go Baby Go organization. The school year is quickly approaching the end and we are in the process of electing officers for next school year to get the ball rolling on the many activities we would like to organize. A special thank you to the current officers of Samantha Sawyer, James Latavitz, Ashley Hurd, Savannah Swanson, and Meghan Yerkes for an outstanding school year full of service and we wish you all the best of luck in college!

**SHS Finance Team**

On April 12, the 2017 Smyrna High School Finance Team competed at the State Finance Challenge at the University of Delaware. The team took 1st place and received \$1,000 each. They will now travel to Kansas City, MO on May 4 and 5 to compete in the nationals. Team members are Chris Desir, Lauren Iglie, Tyler Yeomans, and Anthony Buscemi.



**Smyrna High School Students Earn MOS Certification**



The Business Education Division of Career and Technology Education at Smyrna High School is proud to announce that 70 students achieved Microsoft Office Specialist certification in various different Microsoft Office 2016 Programs during the 2016-2017 school year. In addition, there are six students who become Microsoft Office Specialists Masters. MOS certification testing is administered online through Certiport, the leading provider of value-added test delivery services for the global workforce and academic markets. This is a universally recognized certification accepted by both colleges and employers as verification of mastery of word processing skills.

MOS certification helps students differentiate themselves in today's competitive job market, broadens employment opportunities by displaying advanced skills, and results in higher earning potential. Microsoft Office Specialist certification can also lead to increased job satisfaction. Research indicates that certified individuals have increased competence, productivity, and credibility with their employers, co-workers, and clients. For employers, the certification provides skill-verification tools that not only help assess a person's skills in using Microsoft Office programs but also the ability to quickly complete on-the-job tasks in Microsoft Office Word software. In addition, the American Council on Education (ACE) has recommended college credit for select Microsoft Certifications. Approved certifications are applicable for one to six semester hours of college credit in bachelor's-degree or associate-degree classes on computer applications, information technology, or computer information systems.

**Smyrna High School Link Crew**

The club Link Crew, was created in the 2012-2013 school year and has been aiding first year students and juniors at Smyrna High School ever since. The goal of the club is two-fold, 1) to help first year students feel welcome and prepared for their high school experience and 2) to develop and utilize juniors in the school as leaders. In the three years that Link Crew has been running, over 100 juniors have been put into the position of leading and helping over 300 first-year students.

Every month throughout the year, groups of five to eight leaders meet with 10-15 first year students for about 20 minutes during the school day in the cafeteria. Meetings are focused around building relationships between the students and discussing topical information that the leaders have been prepared to share. Such topics include, time management skills, communication skills, test taking skills and motivational skills. The junior leaders are put into the unique position of leading a group session and teaching their peers from expert data and personal experience. The goal of each meeting is to encourage and equip the first year students to do the best they can by giving them relevant information that they can use the moment they are taught it and onwards. Leaders are also encouraged to keep in touch with their first year students through the month as



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- Stacy Cook, *Principal*
- Leon Clarke, *Assoc. Principal*
- Clarence Davis, *Assoc. Principal*
- Marc Deisem, *Assoc. Principal*
- LaTonya Pierce, *Assoc. Principal*

**SHS 2017-2018 Teacher of the Year**



Amie Campanicki is an educator in the Allied Health Pathway, as well as the Athletic Trainer for the Smyrna School District. She works with students both inside and outside of the classroom to help them achieve their goals and guide them on the path to success. After spending nearly a decade working in both roles, Amie believes every student has hidden potential that only needs a guiding hand to cultivate and inspire growth. Whether it is in the

medical profession or in life in general, Amie also believes that each student she encounters has the potential to become an innovator and productive member of society. When other teachers are going home for the day, Amie is gearing up to begin the second half of her day/ night as the Athletic Trainer. Amie is the face of the Smyrna School District when it comes to sports. She is a comforting sight to the parents of the community, as well as to the parents and students from visiting schools. When Amie is covering sporting events, she treats every student athlete as if they were her own child. When there is an injury or a physical issue, Amie's attention to the details of her craft puts both students and parents at ease. She clearly defines the steps that need to be taken so that the athlete can return to the sport that they love. Amie holds a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Athletic Training (Minor in Human Biology) from West Virginia Wesleyan College, and a Masters in Science in Applied Health Physiology from Salisbury University. Amie also completed the ARTC program at the University of Delaware, which enabled her to embark on the journey of inspiring students one at a time.

**SHS 2016-2017 Educational Support Person of the Year**



Stacy Watts has been employed by Smyrna High and has been an invaluable employee of the Smyrna School District, since 2008. Her presence at Smyrna High School is a positive ball of energy on a daily basis, which both students and teachers embrace daily. As the attendance secretary, Stacy Watts has been known to be our consistent gate keeper at Smyrna High School and words can't describe how much she means to the SHS family of students and teachers.

**SHS Air Force JROTC DE-942 Unit Honors Vietnam Veterans**



DE-942 has partnered with the USA Vietnam War Commemoration program to pay tribute to the veterans of the Vietnam War. During the first local event hosted by DE-942, a ceremony was held at Smyrna High School on April 12. More than 20 veterans received lapel pins and were honored for their service; two Gold Star families were also recognized during this ceremony. Cadets from the SHS AFJROTC escorted veterans and their families to the cafeteria and the DE-942 Color Guard



presented the colors. A reception was held after the ceremony which gave an opportunity for the cadets to interact with the veterans. Colonel Mark Hetterly, DE-942 Senior Aerospace

Science Instructor, said that the unit plans to hold these events at the school each year in the fall and the spring until all of our local Vietnam Veterans are thanked.

accountability partners and to build community between classes in the school.

In addition to the student meetings, the junior leaders are required to attend club meetings. During these times the juniors reflect on previous meetings, are prepped on the next lesson and help each other on how to present information better.

This year, there are 40 leaders who all were accepted as Link Crew leaders through an interview process. Through 10 groups of four leaders leading about 15 students each, the club is helping over 100 freshmen this year! We have had two group meetings and debuted this year in a school wide advisory lesson where our very own leaders lead the school in time management.

Overall the club is dedicated to helping first year students' succeed, resulting in lower school wide failure rates, attendance issues and behavioral issues. By building community and having students reach out to other students, Link Crew is making Smyrna High School a better place to be. In addition, Link Crew Mentors visited Clayton Intermediate School for Read across America Day, and read books to 5th and 6th grade students. Link Crew leaders also spoke to students about making good choices both academically and behaviorally, which will directly impact their futures as students!

Smyrna School District 2017-18 School Calendar	
<b>AUGUST</b>	
August 22-24	Full Day Inservice (All)
August 28	School Open for Students (K-9)
August 29	School Open for Students (10-12)
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
September 1	School Closed (All)
September 4	Labor Day – School Closed
September 15	Full Day Inservice (All)
September 29	Mid-marking Point
<b>OCTOBER</b>	
October 11	Progress Reports Issued
October 16	Full Day Inservice (All)
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
November 1	End of Marking Period
November 10	Veterans' Day – School Closed
November 13	Report Cards Issued
Nov. 20-21	K-8 Parent Conferences (No School K-8)
Nov. 22 – 24	Thanksgiving – School Closed
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
December 8	Full Day Inservice (All)
December 11	Mid-marking Point
December 21	Progress Reports Issued
Dec. 25-Jan.1	Winter Vacation – School Closed
<b>JANUARY</b>	
January 2	School Reopens
January 15	Martin Luther King Day – School Closed
Jan. 16-18	1/2 day Inservice (Grades 9-12) - Exams
January 18	End of Marking Period
January 19	Full Day Inservice (All)
January 30	Report Cards Issued
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
February 19	Presidents' Day – School Closed
February 22	Mid-marking Point
February 23	Full Day Inservice (All)
<b>MARCH</b>	
March 5	Progress Reports Issued
March 16	Full Day Inservice (All)
March 28	End of Marking Period
Mar. 30–Apr. 6	Spring Break – School Closed
<b>APRIL</b>	
April 9	School Reopens
April 11	PSAT/SAT Testing (9-11) (No School for Grade 12)
April 16	Report Cards Issued
<b>MAY</b>	
May 8	Mid-marking Point
May 11	Full Day Inservice (All)
May 18	Progress Reports Issued
May 24	Last Senior Day
May 28	Memorial Day – School Closed
<b>JUNE</b>	
June 5-7	9-11 Final Exams - ½ Day Inservice
June 6-7	1/2 Day Inservice (K-8)
June 8	Last Pupil Day
June 11	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.

**SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL Cont'd**

**Smyrna FFA Wins Big At State Convention**

A large delegation of AgriScience students from Smyrna High School attended the 87th Annual Delaware FFA Convention held at Delaware State University on March 9-10. The Smyrna FFA Chapter was able to secure a number of recognitions and awards during the two day event.

Six graduates of Smyrna High School qualified for the American Degree, which will officially be awarded in October at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. These members include: John Barkley, DJ Correll, Gabby DiRusso, Jennifer Savin, Jenna Scuse, and Ally Wheatley.

Eleven members of the Smyrna FFA received their State Degree, which is the third level of FFA Membership that is awarded by the Delaware FFA Association. These members included: Jenna Anderson, Taylor Brittingham, Cassidy Cook, Kathryn Emerson, Keri Knorr, Erica Malloy, Josh Meixell, Tyler Meixell, Erin Smallwood, Trey Thompson and Dylan Wilson. From this group, Erica Malloy was named as the State Star in AgriScience Research and Tyler Meixell as State Star in Agricultural Placement. Both members each received \$300 and the right to compete regionally at the Eastern States Exposition in Springfield, MA this September.

Eight members of the chapter were selected as State Proficiency Award winners, with each individual receiving \$250 based on their Supervised Agricultural Experience. The SAE, which is a work based record keeping project, allows students to document data, costs and time associated with various areas of agricultural based work. Member recognition went to: Erica Malloy, AgriScience Research; Meghan Yerkes, Beef Placement; Ashley Hurd, Diversified Livestock Production; Dylan Wilson, Grain Production; Josh Meixell, Landscape Management; George Class-Peters, Nursery Operation; Tyler Meixell, Turf Management; and Ryan Wheatley, Wildlife Management.

The Smyrna FFA was also represented by 2016 Smyrna Graduate Ally Wheatley, who was named as the new 2017-2018 State FFA President.

- Competitive event results included:
- 1st Place in Ag Sales Team** (Ashley Hurd, Ryan Wheatley, Wade Solloway and Billy Evans) with 1st Place Individual- Ryan Wheatley, 7th Place Individual- Wade Solloway, and 10th Place Individual- Ashley Hurd.
  - 2nd Place Parliamentary Procedure Team** (Jessica Bright, George Class-Peters, Cassidy Cook, Taylor Davis, Erin Smallwood and Trey Thompson)
  - 2nd Place Meat Evaluation Team** (Anthony Baker, Justin Barber, and Justin Stafford) with individual awards going to 2nd Place Anthony Baker, 6th Place Individual- Justin Stafford and 8th Place Justin Barber.
  - 3rd Place Code of Conduct Team** (Jessica Bergold, Skylar Campanicki, Leeah Christine, Abby Conway, Heather Fletcher, Adelaide Simmons, and Delaney Tome)
  - 3rd Place Floriculture Team** (Kathryn Emerson, Marissa McClenton, Aubrey Slack and Karla Pagan) with Kathryn Emerson placing 10th individually.
  - 6th Place Ag Communications Team** (Jayden Dixon, Kaylee Dulin, Tristan Friel, and Desmond Wilson)
  - 7th Extemp. Speaking- Keri Knorr**

The Smyrna FFA was a Red Ribbon Chapter Scrapbook winner.

**Over 200 Attend 41st Annual Chapter FFA Awards Banquet**

The Smyrna FFA Chapter held its Annual Parent & Member Awards Banquet at Smyrna High School on April 26 to recognize the accomplishments and achievements of AgriScience students, with over 200 parents, members and guests in attendance for the evening's recognition. The Smyrna High School ROTC program presented the colors and Molly Harris, State FFA Vice President delivered greetings to members of the Smyrna FFA program. Several sets of awards were presented to deserving students of the AgriScience program.

Thirteen members of the Smyrna FFA received their Chapter Degree, which is designed to recognize second year members who have been active, and have invested \$150 or spent 45 hours involved with their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) project. Those members included: Taylor Davis, Andy Delledonne, Grant Dinsmore, Kaylee Dulin, Charlie Dunn, Alex Gibason, Wei Ting Hsieh, Josh Johnson, Karla Pagan, Savanna Pollard, Aubrey Slack, Justin Stafford, and Leann Standridge.

Several special appreciation awards were presented to members of the Smyrna High School and the community. Teachers that were recognized included: Mrs. Barron, Mr. Clarke, Mrs. Hewes, Mrs. Buchanan, Mr. Macheska, Mrs. McClain, Mrs. Morrison, Ms. Ramirez and Ms. Scott. The chapter recognized the pending retirement of Mrs. Debbie Wicks with a special appreciation award. Mr. Scott Hemphill was awarded with the Honorary Chapter FFA Degree for his efforts in assisting with AgriScience Fair research and his work on the Smyrna AgriScience Advisory program. The Blue/Gold Award was given to local veterinarian Dr. Ruthie Franczek for her assistance over the years working with the animal science program and the school farm facilities. Kent Signs was recognized for their quality service associated with the chapter AgriScience Fair display boards. The Dunning Family was recognized in appreciation of the George Dunning Memorial fund and the support that Mr. Dunning showed the FFA during his service to the agricultural community.

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

- Ag Mechanics I** -Dominic Aalbers, Hunter Barr, James Demczak, Andrew Dunn, Michael Foraker, Logan Jones, Zachary Lewis, Autumn Olejar, Archie Roberts, Emon Roberts, Kenny Spencer, Logan Strauss, Delaney Tome, Wesley Treadwell, and Gabriel West.
- Ag Mechanics II**- Grant Dinsmore, Keegan Holt, Jacob Jung and Justin Stafford.
- Ag Mechanics III**- Wade Beisner, Joshua Evans, Jamie Fields, Tristan Friel, William Knight, Roman Kolakowski, and Nathan Metts.
- Ag Mechanics IV**- Donovan Paris and Dylan Wilson.
- Ag Structures I**- Kaliq Anderson, Dylan Andruzzi, Hunter Barr, Layne Bell, Jarrett Billings, Justin Boyles, Trevor Burleigh, Skylar Campanicki, Hunter Garlic, Jonathan Le, Chris Marr, Steven Matarese, Olivia Miller, Jordan Pase, Cullen Porter, Emon Roberts, Raegan Sebastianelli, Adelaide Simmons, Kenny Spencer, Leann Standridge, Autum Wilson, and Matt Yoder.
- Ag Structures II**- Will Brandes, Damien Crews, Taylor Davis, Richard Finocchiaro, Alex Gibason, Ron Jackson, Josh Johnson, Nathan Metts, Deanna Rochester, Jayla Smith and Marcus Vass.
- Ag Structures III**- Kayla Atwell, Jake Brown, Rebecca Calderon, Kasey Euren, Gary Foraker, Jessica Glass, Gary Foraker, Charles Joyner, Hunter Moyer, Karlens Senatus and Desmond Wilson.
- Animal Science I**- Justin Barber, Jessica Bergold, Abby Conway, Indeea Fields, Claire Fletcher, Sarah Larose, Autumn Legar, Chris Mannering, Adelaide Simmons, Haley Stewart, and Delaney Tome.
- Animal Science II**- Sarah Cacoilo, Skylar Cannedy, Robbie Carey, Te'Lia Clark, Erin Currie, Charlie Dunn, Kody Edwards, Bray Fedele, Heather Golt, Wei Ting Hsieh, Josh Johnson, Kendra Mounts, Cassidy Niederland, Kayley Pierce, Sarah Ruckle, Justin Stafford, Leann Standridge, Shiann Steele, Hannah Walker, and Tanner Wynne.
- Animal Science III**- Jenna Anderson, Justina Bottomley, Taylor Brittingham, Cassidy Cook, Paul Eihinger, Alicia Foraker, Ellisa Govin, Haley Harper, Johanna Lindell, Erica Malloy, Erin Smallwood, Trey Thompson and Ryan Wheatley.
- Environmental Science I**- Dylan Andruzzi, Casey Berchtold, Jessica Bright, Taylor Brittingham, Gavin Brobst, Dominic Buszko, Isaiah Credle, Emertie Dawkins, Anthony DelRe, Tatiana Hoisington, Kamryn Howell, Jayden Jenkins, Logan Jones, Matthew Knight, Keri Knorr, Haimere Murray, Logan Schad, Ryan Wheatley, Joshua Workman, and Faith Young.
- Environmental Science II**- Parker Boots, Wesley Carson, Steven Matarese, Rahsaan Matthews and Erin Smallwood.
- AP Environmental Science**- Lindsey Asbury, Casey Bell, Max Berman, Ashley Hurd, Jimmy Latavitz, Savannah Swanson, Alden Tonkay, and Zach Young.
- Plant Science I**- Luke Abbott, Jessica Bergold, Leeah Christine, Autumn Coburn, Ashley Daniels, Alex Gibason, Matt Langton, Angelica Paneda, Kayley Pierce, Jackson Reynolds, Logan Schad, William Shomper, and Karley Womax.
- Plant Science II**- Jenna Anderson, Dylan Leager, Cassidy Niederland, and Desmond Wilson.
- Plant Science III**- Chris Buntin, George Class-Peters, Ashley Hurd, Keri Knorr, Johanna Lindell, Erica Malloy, Karla Pagan, and Ryan Wheatley.
- Plant Science IV**- Josh Meixell, Tyler Meixell, Abby Troiani, Dylan Wilson, and Josh Wootten.

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## Annual Public Notice of Nondiscrimination

TITLE VII, TITLE IX, and Section 504 Compliance Notification  
(As required by the 1979 Guidelines for Eliminating Discrimination in Vocational Education Programs (34 CFR Part 100, App. B, IV-0))

Smyrna School District is pleased to announce that it is offering, among other programs, the following Career and Technical Education Pathways for the 2017-18 school year:

### Smyrna High School Agriscience

Courses are offered as part of four pathway strands:

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

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

**Plant Science:** Plant Science I, II, & III

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

**Structural Systems:** Structures I, II, & III

### Business

Courses are offered as part of two pathway strands:

**Accounting:** Accounting II, III, & IV

**Digital Business Communications:** DBC II, III, & IV

**Administrative Services:** Admin Services II, III, & IV

**Marketing Management:** Marketing Management II, III, & IV

### Family and Consumer Sciences

Courses are offered as part of two pathway strands:

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

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

### Jobs for Delaware Graduates

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

**Courses offered are:** JDG II, III, IV

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

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

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

### School Admissions-Programs

Stacy Cook  
Principal

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

## COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION OF SEX OFFENDERS

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

### NOTICE:

#### Delaware Department of Education Tobacco Regulation 877

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

## A PARENT'S RIGHT TO KNOW

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 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](http://www.smyrna.k12.de.us/specialservices/title_1)

Dr. Rachael S. Rudinoff  
Director of Special Services  
Office: 302 653-3135  
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Chapter Fundraising awards were presented to the top salespeople for their involvement in Citrus and Strawberry Sales this school year. Citrus awards went to 1st Place-Taylor Brittingham, 2nd Place- Ryan Wheatley and 3rd Place- Dylan Wilson. Strawberry awards included: 1st Place- Keri Knorr, 2nd Place- Chelsea Wicks and 3rd Place Erin Currie received special recognition for her winning Chapter T-Shirt Design entitled, "We Are Leaders & Achievers, Learners & Servers, Teams With Dreams- We Are Smyrna FFA." Ashley's design was used on the official chapter t-shirt and banquet program this year and she received \$50 for her efforts. Six Senior AgriScience students received Proficiency Awards for their active Supervised Agricultural Experience projects. The following were praised for their performance and qualified for a \$25 incentive: Tyler Meixell, Turf Grass Management; Josh Meixell, Landscape Management; Dylan Wilson, Grain Production; Ashley Hurd, Diversified Livestock; Meghan Yerkes, Beef Production; and Grant Dinsmore, Agricultural Mechanics.

The highlight of the evening was the recognition of Star Awards. Delaney Tome was named the 2016-17 Star Chapter Greenhand. Delaney was recognized as the outstanding first year FFA member for her participation in coursework, academics and FFA involvement. Ms. Tome served on the 2nd Place Chapter Code of Conduct CDE team for Smyrna High School and is currently working on AgriScience research and the Ag Issues Forum to be held this Summer.

Justin Stafford was named the 2016-17 Star Chapter FFA Member and also received the Daniel Reynolds Scholarship. Justin has participated in many capacities such as fundraisers, the Meat Evaluation CDE, attended the Delaware FFA Association Convention and will be attending Virginia Tech this Fall.

Meghan Yerkes, received the DeKalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award. This honor has been presented since 1947 to outstanding high school seniors with a superior record of scholarship, leadership and agricultural work experience.

Smyrna FFA is pleased to continue this tradition of recognizing an outstanding senior student. \$250 chapter scholarships were awarded to FFA members: Ashley Hurd, Josh Meixell, Tyler Meixell and Josh Wootten, for their academic work and future educational pursuits in college. Meghan Yerkes delivered a retiring address on behalf of the senior officers and chapter members. She also received her Retiring Officer President Plaque and the outgoing chapter officers received their retirement pins. The Smyrna FFA Chapter also announced the 2017-2018 chapter officer candidates. The chapter would like to thank everyone who came out to support our members on this special evening.



## DISTRICT DIRECTORY

<b>CLAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL</b>	<b>653-8587</b>
Mrs. Stephanie McGuire, Principal	
Mrs. Katherine Wood, Associate Principal	
Nurse	<b>653-3147</b>
<b>NORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL</b>	<b>653-8589</b>
Mrs. Kelly Holt, Principal	
Mrs. Stephanie Smeltzer, Associate Principal	
Nurse	<b>653-3145</b>
<b>SMYRNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL</b>	<b>653-8588</b>
Mr. David H. Morrison, Principal	
Mr. Mikell Reed, Associate Principal	
Nurse	<b>659-6286</b>
<b>SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY</b>	<b>653-2808</b>
Mrs. Deborah D. Judy, Principal	
Mr. Patrick Grant, Associate Principal	
Nurse	<b>653-2760</b>
<b>CLAYTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL</b>	<b>653-2761</b>
Mr. David Paltrineri, Principal	
Mrs. Heather Moyer, Associate Principal	
Nurse	<b>659-6401</b>
<b>JBM INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL</b>	<b>659-6297</b>
Mrs. Elyse Baerga, Principal	
Mrs. Cynthia McNatt, Associate Principal	
Nurse	<b>659-6280</b>
<b>SMYRNA MIDDLE SCHOOL</b>	<b>653-8584</b>
Mr. Steven Gott, Associate Principal	
Mr. John Camponelli, Associate Principal	
Mrs. Aerin Donovan, Associate Principal	
Guidance	<b>653-8308</b>
Nurse	<b>653-8823</b>
<b>SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL</b>	<b>653-8581</b>
Mrs. Stacy Cook, Principal	
Mr. Leon Clarke, Associate Principal	
Mr. Marc Deisem, Associate Principal	
Mrs. LaTonya Pierce, Associate Principal	
Mr. Clarence Davis, Associate Principal & Dean of Discipline	
Nurse	<b>653-3137</b>
<b>CENTRAL OFFICES</b>	<b>653-8585</b>
Mr. Patrik Williams, Superintendent	
Mrs. Deborah D. Judy, Assistant Superintendent	
Mrs. June Wicks, Director of Curriculum	
Mr. Jerry Gallagher, Director of Finance	
Mrs. Angela Socorso, Supervisor Human Resources	
<b>CHILD NUTRITION OFFICE</b>	<b>653-3134</b>
Mr. Roger Holt, Supervisor	
<b>MAINTENANCE OFFICE</b>	<b>653-3132</b>
Mr. Scott Holmes, Facilities & HVAC	
Mr. George Wicks, Bldg & Grounds	
<b>SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICE</b>	<b>653-3135</b>
Dr. Rachael Rudinoff, Director	
<b>TRANSPORTATION OFFICE</b>	<b>653-3142</b>
Ms. Sharon Almondo, Supervisor	
<b>TECHNOLOGY OFFICE</b>	<b>653-2754</b>
Mr. Jody Sweeney, Supervisor	

### NOTICE

Each year, Smyrna School District applies for funding, under IDEA B P/T (6-12) and IDEA-B 619 P/T Preschool, to provide special education services to those students identified as disabled. 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 Services Director, Dr. Rachael Rudinoff, at 302-653-3135, to arrange an interview.

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

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

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

### Protected Information Surveys

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

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

with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;

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

### Notice & Opportunity To Opt Out

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

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

mation to others.

### Inspection

You may, upon request, inspect the following:

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

### Adoption of Policy

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

### Complaint

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

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

## SMYRNA SCHOOL DISTRICT'S NOTICE OF FERPA RIGHTS

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

### Inspection

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

### Amendment

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

### Consent

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

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

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

### Complaint

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

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

## NOTICE CONCERNING DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN STUDENT INFORMATION

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

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

**DISTRICT NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY**

TITLE VII, TITLE IX, and Section 504 compliance notification

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

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

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

**COMPLIANCE COORDINATORS**

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

**TITLE VII: CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1974**

(Nondiscrimination in employment practices)

**TITLE IX: CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1972**

(Nondiscrimination on the basis of sex, educational programs)

Compliance Coordinator  
Patrik Williams,  
Assistant Superintendent  
82 Monrovia Ave.  
Smyrna, DE 19977  
(302) 653-8585

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

Compliance Coordinator  
Dr. Rachael Rudinoff,  
Supervisor of Special Services  
Special Services Office  
22 South Main St.  
Smyrna, DE 19977  
(302) 653-3135

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) OF 1982**

Compliance Coordinator  
Scott Holmes,  
Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds  
Thomas D. Clayton School  
80 Monrovia Avenue  
Smyrna, DE 19977  
(302) 653-3132

**Grievance Procedure)**

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

**Level One** – Principal or immediate supervisor (informal)  
A student with a complaint of sex discrimination shall discuss it with the teacher, counselor, or principal.

**Level Two** – Title IX Compliance Officer

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

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

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

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

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

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

**2 DE Reg. 217 (8/1/98)****7 De Reg. 161 (8/1/03)****2.0 Right to File a Complaint**

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

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

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

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

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

**2 DE Reg. 217 (8/1/98)****7 De Reg. 161 (8/1/03)****12 DE Reg. 208 (08/01/08)****3.0 Complaint Made to the Local Education Agency**

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

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

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

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

**2 DE Reg. 217 (8/1/98)****7 De Reg. 161 (8/1/03)****12 DE Reg. 208 (08/01/08)****4.0 Review of Final Decision by the U.S. Department of Education**

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

**2 DE Reg. 217 (8/1/98)****5.0 Complaints and appeals to the Delaware Department of Education shall be mailed to****the following address:**

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

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

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

**2 DE Reg. 217 (8/1/98)****7 De Reg. 161 (8/1/03)****12 DE Reg. 208 (08/01/08)**

NON-DISCRIMINATION ON  
THE BASIS OF SEX  
(Compliance Violation)

**Smyrna BPA Students Soar to National Leadership Conference in May**



Students in the Smyrna Business Professionals of America were tested and recognized for their leadership skills, technical expertise and business knowledge they learned through the School of Business, Finance and Marketing at Smyrna High School at the Delaware BPA State Leadership Conference held at Dover Downs on Feb. 21.

Students attended workshops, sessions, and participated in the Workplace Skills Assessment Program competitive events to bring awards home in the areas of finance, business administration, digital communications, management, marketing and communication and information management.

There were 26 students that attended the Annual BPA State Leadership Conference by taking advantage of workshops and competing in the Workplace Skills Assessment Program to bring awards home in the areas of finance, business administration, digital communications, management, marketing and communication and information management.

George Class-Peters, Cassidy Cook, Owen Dill, Jacob Graham, Joshua Hutchinson, Melissa Jones, Joshua Meixell, Justin Nash, Madison Price, Parris Rumpingvorn, Aiyanna Schuler, and Kylie Womer were awarded with the coveted Torch Award. Torch Awards are a way for students to show their involvement their community and Business Professionals of America.

There were 14 students that earned top awards and qualified to attend the upcoming national BPA Conference in Orlando, FL in May. Students won the following awards:

**Admin Support Research:** 2nd Place Lauren Iglie, 3rd Place Larsen Wilson;

**Administrative Support Team:** 1st Place Justin Nash, Larsen Wilson, Ryan Wheatley

**Advanced Spreadsheet Applications:** 3rd Place Owen Dill;

**Database Applications:** 1st Place Justin Nash, 2nd Place Kylie Womer, 4th Place Arianna Vass;

**Smyrna FFA/AgriScience News Briefs**

The AgriScience Program/Smyrna FFA Chapter was very successful this school year and proud of the accomplishments made by our students and staff including:

- 2016 Ag Sales CDE Team placing 8th in the Nation & Gabby DiRusso placing 5th individual at the National Convention.
- Taylor Davis being the 2nd Place Finalist for the National Agri-Science Fair in October.
- 3-Star Chapter at the State Level & 2-Star Chapter at the National Level.
- Delaware Ag Products Display- Top 10% at the National FFA Hall of States.
- Smyrna FFA Alumni Chapter reactivated their charter on November 2, 2016.
- Smyrna FFA was mentioned in the FFA New Horizons Magazine, promoting the 2nd Annual Bunny Hop for Hunger.
- Erica Malloy was named State Star in Research and Tyler Meixell was named State Star in Placement at the 2017 Delaware FFA State Convention; each received \$300 & a chance to compete in the Regional Stars Competition in Springfield, MA.
- 2017 1st Place Delaware FFA Farm Business Management teams with members including: George Class-Peters, Cassidy Cook, Erica Malloy and Erin Smallwood.
- The chapter held a ground beef sale in March/April that raised \$1,873.50 to benefit farmers and ranchers that have suffered great losses due to the Great Plains wildfires recently. Although the tragedy did not directly impact our community, it is wonderful to see our staff and members giving back to the agricultural community in our nation.
- Smyrna FFA was awarded a \$1,500 grant from the WalMart Community Grant program for the Clayton Beautification Project. Plant Science and Agricultural Structures students will be working with the Clayton Town Council to build planters and benches to place strategically around Clayton to improve the aesthetics and social atmosphere in the town.
- First place chapter in Delaware for Citrus & Strawberry Sales with the Florida Farm Bureau.

**Fundamental Accounting:** 4th Place Nicholas Cathell;

**Fundamentals of Web Design:** 4th Place Maximus Morrissey;

**Integrated Office Applications:** 1st Place Cassidy Cook, 2nd Place Marcus Vass;

**Medical Office Procedures:** 3rd Place George Class-Peters, 4th Place Aysiah Stamper;

**Marketing Management Open Event:** 2nd Place Garrett Toliver;

**Prepared Speech:** 3rd Place Victoria Lichak.

The Smyrna BPA Chapter was also awarded with BPA Cares Award for Participation in Special Olympics.

**SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS**

# SMYRNA Boys Basketball Team 2017 State Champions!!!

## State Tournament Run

The Eagles finished the regular season 18-2 and defeated Woodbridge in the Henlopen Conference championship game.

Smyrna was seeded No. 5 in the 24-team state tournament and received a first-round bye.

In the second round, Smyrna defeated No. 12 Milford, 71-38. Then the Eagles knocked off No. 4 Woodbridge 63-51 in the quarterfinals.

In Thursday night's semifinals, the Eagles pulled away from No. 9 St. Georges Tech in the second half for a 51-32 victory to advance to the championship game. St. Georges Tech had upset the tournament's top seed, Mt. Pleasant, in the quarterfinals.

Caravel was the Cinderella story of the tournament, coming in as the No. 19 seed and knocking off No. 3 Salesianum and No. 2 St. Thomas More on its way to the championship.

With the win over Caravel in the title game, the Eagles finished their magical season 23-2, winning their last 18 games in a row including



one forfeit victory over A.I. du Pont. After falling to Sanford on Dec. 29 at the Slam Dunk to the Beach Tournament, Smyrna didn't lose a game in 2017.

Congrats to our basketball team. The team and coaches were greeted and honored by our local House members and Senators in the Legislature. The boys also had a chance to meet the Governor and Lt. Governor as well. We are proud to represent our community.

(Excerpts from Smyrna-Clayton Sun Times, reporter Mike Santa Barbara)



**Smyrna Eagles Boys Basketball Camp set for June 19-22**

Smyrna High School will be hosting a basketball camp for boys entering grades three through eight on June 19 to 22 (Monday-Thursday) from 9:00am-3:00pm. The camp will consist of daily skill development, game strategy and tactics, as well as team basketball principles.

The camp will be coached by the 2017 State Championship team and coaching staff with a five player to one coach ratio. Our campers will be exposed to four days of basketball fun. For the camp brochure and more information email Andrew.mears@smyrna.k12.de.us.

