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Attention Parents of 9th Grade Students

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From the Superintendent's Desk...

Message from Mr. Patrik D. Williams
Smyrna Messenger Article, January 2018



Happy New Year 2018 to the Smyrna School District Community on behalf of our instructional team and the Smyrna School Board of Education. A special congratulations, as well, to our Smyrna High School Football Team who won its third consecutive Division I state championship on Saturday, December 2nd, by defeating Middletown High School, 30-27, on Tubby Raymond Field at the University of Delaware stadium. #ThreePeatEagleUp!

During the 2017/18 school year, our Community Core Value of the Year is Compassion, defined over 20 years ago by a community committee as follows: A deep feeling for and understanding of others without regard to race, age, creed, or social standing. This includes kindness, generosity, forgiveness, caring, friendship, love, and sharing toward all people, including the physically and mentally challenged.

During "I Love Smyrna School District Day" on Saturday, February 24, 2018, we will once again close our celebration with our annual Values Essay Contest Award Ceremony, where we will also honor this year's role model of compassion, recently retired Smyrna School District Superintendent Deborah Wicks. Mrs. Wicks is a lifelong Delawarean, avid supporter of the district and community and a graduate of Smyrna High School Class of 1964.

After graduation from Smyrna High in 1964, Debbie enrolled in the College of Education at the University of Delaware. As president of the DSEA Future Teachers at College, she organized events for handicapped children in New Castle County. She graduated from college in three years and was selected "Outstanding Senior in the College of Education."

In May of 1967, Deborah married her high school sweetheart, George H. Wicks, III, a Smyrna farmer. She taught summer school and began that September with Smyrna's only special class located at Clayton Elementary. Her pupil's age range was 5 to 19 years. Their handicapping conditions also varied.

Mrs. Wicks' son, George, was born July 1968, and for the next few years she was busy with babies. Patricia was born in 1970 and Katharine in 1972. She helped her husband on the farm and was involved in many community activities. When her youngest child entered first grade, she went back to teaching.

From 1978—1994 Debbie taught and was the special education department chairperson at Smyrna High School. She was also the class advisor for the classes of '82, '86, '90, '94, and '96. In 1977 she was appointed to the Kent Vo-Tech School Board and served as Vice-President from 1982-1984. In 1985 Wicks was voted the DARC State Teacher of the Year and in 1990 the Smyrna School District Teacher of the Year.

In the summer of 1994 Mrs. Wicks was selected to be an associate principal at Clayton Elementary School. She is certified as a Superintendent, an elementary and secondary principal, a supervisor of instruction, a work-study coordinator, and special education teacher.

Mrs. Wicks has always been active in the community. She was a trustee of Asbury United Methodist Church, still is the President of the SHS/JBM Alumni Association, and is on the Boys/Girls Club Unit Board. As a graduate of the Wilmington University Master of Education Leadership and Instruction Program, she was an adjunct instructor at the Graduate Center in downtown Wilmington.

While the Smyrna School District Superintendent, she was awarded the following state awards; Educational Office Professional Administrator of the Year 2008, Delaware Boys and Girls Club Champion for Children 2011, Relay for Life Superintendent of the Year 2011, the Boys and Girls Club Women and Youth Award 2015, Community Friend by the Twentieth Century Club 2015, Smyrna Rotary Award 2015, Smyrna Downtown Renaissance Association Star of Smyrna 2016, the Key to Kent County 2017, and Delaware Educator Rising Administrator of the Year 2017.

In 1998, Debbie Wicks became the Superintendent of the Smyrna School District serving for 19 years. She was the Delaware Superintendent of the Year in 2005. During this time the district doubled in size and is still growing. She has been a part of establishing the Community Core Values of responsibility, perseverance, respect, integrity, and compassion, designing the "I Love the Smyrna School District Day," and passing six referenda. She states that working with a great community, staff, and students makes it all worth it. Debbie Wicks retired June 30, 2017.



At her retirement after 40 years as a Smyrna School District employee she was honored with proclamations by United States Senator Coons, Delaware Governor John Carney, the Delaware Senate, Delaware House of Representatives, Kent County Levy Court, the Smyrna Town Council and the Clayton Town Council. Mrs. Wicks was also honored by the Boy Scouts of America, Del-Mar-Va Council as the 2017 Kent Distinguished Citizen Award recipient.

Debbie lives in Smyrna with her husband George their three adult children, and their nine grandchildren where she continues to actively support the Smyrna School District community, attend school events and cheer on her beloved Eagles.

We look forward to seeing all of you on February 24th, at "I Love Smyrna School District Day," where we will celebrate our dedicated students, our wonderful administration and staff, our supportive community, and Mrs. Debbie Wicks, our 2018 role model of compassion.



Clayton Elementary Kindergarten Has Been Busy

Since the beginning of the school year, the children have been enjoying our new math curriculum and love the learning games. We have also been on two field trips. We visited Loblolly Acres in October to pick pumpkins and see their animals. In December, we went to Coleman's Christmas Tree Farm and learned about the environmental benefits of tree farming.

Clayton Elementary Kindergarten students recently learned about holidays and traditions of other countries. These activities took place with the children moving from room to room and making crafts. This tied in with the social studies curriculum and taught an appreciation of other customs. The children were able to verbalize how certain traditions in our own culture came to be. Not only was it an educational activity, but fun was had by all.



Second Graders Visit The Delaware State Fire School

In October, second grade classes rotated through several learning stations led by the instructional staff at the school. Students learned what to do if there was a fire in

their home, as well as what fire fighters do when there is a fire. They 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. The students were also given the opportunity to practice dialing 911. One of their favorite stations was getting to meet a firefighter, seeing the equipment used to protect firefighters, and squirting a fire hose. They learned a tremendous amount about fire and fire safety. All the students had a great time.

Clayton Physical Education



By: Lauren Shanklin
We have been having lots of fun in physical education the first half

of the year! The 3rd and 4th grade students started out the year with a soccer unit. We practiced dribbling, passing, offense, and defense. Then the students completed the state mandated Fitnessgram testing which tests the different components of fitness. Each child received an individual report of how well he/she scored in each area of fitness. We will repeat the test in the spring to see if the scores improve. The 1st and 2nd grade students learned their locomotor skills at the beginning of the year and then moved on to activities that helped make their heart and muscles stronger. We worked on finding our pulse and our resting and working heart rates. Kindergarten has primarily been focused on learning how to move safely in general space and chasing, fleeing, and dodging. Before the holidays, all the students worked on Speedstacking. Speedstacks is a great sport that helps students develop hand-eye coordination, ambidexterity, and hand speed. In January, we will be starting the New Year with basketball, golf, and jump rope units.

This fall we also had our first Bike Rodeo. Some of the high school came over and helped the 4th grade students practice their bike safety and skills. The students rotated to different stations and were actually able to ride bikes and practice different skills. They had a great time! The younger students had a visit from the Clayton Police to talk about pedestrian and Halloween Safety for National Walk to School Month.

In November, we had an awesome turnout for our 3rd and 4th grade Dodgeball Tournament. The kids had a blast and the money we raised will be used for the 3rd grade to go on a STEM field trip in February to the Dover Skating Rink. We can't wait! Be on the lookout for information about our annual Jump Rope for Heart event in February!

First Graders Experience New Adventures

First grade classes at Clayton Elementary are working hard and are excited about some new adventures they have experienced lately! All of the classes have started Accelerated Reading at this point. The students are reading their AR books and taking quizzes frequently in order to reach their marking period goals! We have also had the chance to work on research projects in Reading and have loved the experience of working with a group and finding information about different topics!

Our annual Polar Express day is coming soon! The students are always so excited to spend the day working on activities and crafts that go along with the story. We finish the day by watching the movie and enjoying a yummy hot chocolate treat. The first grade classes are also very excited about the annual sing-a-long and holiday fun that is coming soon!

When we return from the break, we will be starting a new science kit, Solids and Liquids. Throughout this kit, the students will heighten their awareness of the physical world. We will learn that matter exists in three forms: solids, liquids, and gas. We will observe differences between solids and liquids and conduct experiments to describe what happens when solids and liquids are mixed together.

Fourth Grade CES Mathematician Magicians

Fourth Grade CES Mathematician Magicians continue to thrive with the Bridges in Mathematics comprehensive mathematics curriculum which "equips teachers to fully implement the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics in a manner which is rigorous, coherent, engaging, and accessible to all learners." The curriculum focuses on "developing students' deep understandings of mathematical concepts, proficiency with key skills, and ability to solve complex and novel problems." Students experience a combination of direct instruction, structured investigations, and open exploration in order to build confidence in mathematical thinking. The program "taps into the intelligence strengths of all students" because it presents material which is linguistically, visually, and kinesthetically rich. Students engage in the following features: "Problems & Investigations, Work Places, Math Forums, Problem Strings, and Assessments." In addition, Number Corner is a skills program that is an "essential part of the Bridges curriculum." Daily activities utilize a classroom display featuring a calendar, growing collections, number lines, and more. The engaging display adds up to a "mathematics-rich classroom environment that promotes both procedural fluency and conceptual understanding."

-Susan Gilmore



CHARLES DICKENS' A CHRISTMAS CAROL, "Connect Literature to the Arts!"

By Leslie W. Carlson, Music Teacher

Fourth Graders at Clayton Elementary have been learning about Charles Dickens' literary classic, "A Christmas Carol", through musical theater, and reading the book, Dog Diaries Special Edition *Tiny Tim* by Kate Klimo. Our school recently received a \$1200 Walmart Community Grant to "Connect Literature to the Arts" and place a copy of Klimo's book into the hands of each and every student! Our 4th graders are currently immersed in this kid-friendly twist on Dicken's story, as classroom teachers Joy Bordley, Susan Gilmore, and Crystal Reynolds integrate the book with Language Arts to enrich their overall artistic experience. On December 21, our 4th grade presented a contemporary musical setting of this Holiday Classic to a full house of parents and community! Our musical entitled, A Christmas Carol is written and composed by John Higgins. Main characters Scrooge, Nephew, Bob Cratchit, Mrs. Cratchit, Peter, Martha, Tim, Fezziwig, Marley, and Christmas Past Present & Future are played by: Grace Sullivan, Colton Johnson, Carter Elam, Elizabeth Hufschmidt, Jackson Pleasanton, Kaia Ashley, Allesandro Benenati, Nyla Drobinski, Jayden Pritchett, Kylie VanHorn, Joshua McCusker, Jessica Baldwin & Camrin Warren respectively. The full-scale musical includes several big dances: Cane Dancing, Holiday Hoedown, Ribbon Dancing, and Dramatic Lyrical Dance. Students also showcased their budding recorder skills with a jazz performance of Deck the Halls by John Riggio. Amazing scenery depicting the town of London and Scrooge's mansion was created by talented Art Teacher, Monica DeHart. The fusion of musical theatre and classical literature has our entire 4th grade super excited about performing on stage!



CLAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

Clayton Elementary Selects Cindy Davis As Education Support Professional of the Year.

Clayton Elementary would like to congratulate Cindy Davis for being selected as our Education Support Professional of the Year.

Cindy is a wonderful classroom paraprofessional who continually goes above and beyond her daily responsibilities. In school, Cindy helps out in any way that she can. This could include running copies for anyone who



needs help, assisting with decorating the classroom, buying prizes for the prize box, supplying items for class parties and other events, providing extra practice time to students, and by daily bestowing encouraging words on each student, teacher or adult that she meets. Outside of the school day, Cindy frequently attends Smyrna School District functions. Her participation includes sporting events, such as football games, and FFA events, such as helping with produce selling, traveling to competitions and participating in parades. Outside of school, Cindy is involved in and holds officer positions in a bowling league and a train club. As well, she is a wonderful baker who frequently is asked to provide cupcakes and cakes for weddings, graduations, and other celebrations. No matter how busy Cindy is, she always finds time to help others. Cindy is off the charts, amazing!

Third Graders Experience Experience Holidays Around The World

Merry Christmas is a very common phrase to be heard this time of year in the United States, Canada, or England. BUT, did you know that in Greenland you may hear Juullimi Pilluarit or in Germany you would say, "Fröhliche Weihnachten?" In social studies our third graders have been traveling the world learning about a variety of holiday celebrations. In addition, our students have enjoyed finding comparisons between our Christmas customs and those of other countries.



They have also shown great interest in learning about how celebrations differ around the world. For instance, Bryce Painter from Ms. Stuart's class enjoyed learning the legend of the poinsettia during Mexico's Christmas celebration, Los Pasoadas. Tristan Malin from Mrs. Scuse's class said, "I learned that instead of a reindeer pulling Santa's sleigh, they use kangaroos in Australia." I wonder what color the leader's nose is???? Miss Mills' class learned that the good witch, La Befana, rides on her broomstick to each house, slides down the chimney, and brings presents for good girls and boys...coal for the naughty list. La



Befana and Santa have some things in common I guess, so you better be good for goodness sake! Mrs. Ross' class learned that in the Netherlands St. Nicholas Eve, on December 5, is the most celebrated day during their holiday season. Layla Herreida stated, "Families celebrate this holiday with hot chocolate and a letter cake. A letter cake is a cake made in the shape of the first letter of each family member's name." Aiden Jones from Ms. Kassner's class was excited to learn about India's Diwali traditions. He thought that the victory of light over darkness was interesting. Kaci Lloyd from Miss Mills' class enjoyed learning about how Israel celebrates Hanukkah. She said, "I learned that the middle candle is called the Shamash and is used to light the other candles and is lit first." She also added, "I like the idea of being able to celebrate for eight days because it means more time with your family."

Overall, our students really enjoyed learning about our multi-cultural world. They took away the main message about each of these holidays, that celebrating time honored traditions with family and friends is what makes it all worthwhile.

MORE News From Clayton Elementary

Girls on the Run



The fall 2017 season was a great success. We had 20 girls and four coaches who gave it their all at every practice. We started each practice with a life lesson. Some of these lessons talked about self-control, how to deal with negative self-talk and finding our star power that is within all of us. We concluded the season with a 5k at the Monster Mile on November 18. The girls all did a wonderful job persevering through the race.



Community Helper Day

We held our first Community Helper Day, where the students enjoyed demonstrations from local firemen & fire school instructors on how they put out car fires, spraying a fire hose, sitting in a fire truck, learning about fire safety in your house and going through the smoke house properly. Students learned how to make an escape plan and exit a home when it is filled with smoke. It was a fun filled day of learning about fire safety.



Family Wellness Night



We held our annual Family Wellness Night on December 12 with the coordination of our physical education teacher, Mr. Sfamurri. Representatives from Smyrna/Clayton Youth Lacrosse, Pop Warner, Youth Soccer, CrossFit 1806, Shakti Yoga, and NSE Child Nutrition. We set up stations where the children and parents were able to participate in physical activities and learn about the importance of healthy snacks.



Family Fun Night

We held our annual Family Fun Night on Thursday, December 7, 2017. We had many winter and winter themed activities that focused on math and reading!! Students created super hero mask, played different math type games and had story time.



Fire Prevention at North Smyrna Elementary



The month of October is Fire Prevention Month and our students at North Elementary certainly learned a lot about fire prevention. Our Early Childhood students enjoyed getting to see firemen dressed in their fire gear, spraying the fire hose from the fire truck, and sitting up in the fire truck when the Citizens' Hose Company came to North Smyrna Elementary for a visit.



The Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association also sponsors a poster/essay contest for students in kindergarten through fourth grade. North Smyrna Elementary is proud that Teniyah Newson, Hamid Salih, and Nicholas Whitecavage kindergarten; Fiona Montejo, first grade; Kasey Humbertson, Christian Burritt and Antoine Gaskin, third grade; and Alyssa Spicer, fourth grade, were all winners at the local level. Congratulations!!!! Whitecavage, kindergarten; Fiona Montejo, first grade; Kasey Humbertson, Christian Burritt and Antoine Gaskin, third grade; and Alyssa Spicer, fourth grade, were all winners at the local level. Congratulations!!!!

Welcome Mr. Cabatingan!!

Hi! My name is Rommel Cabatingan. The students and staff at North Smyrna Elementary School refer to me as "Mr. C". I was born in the Philippines and moved to the states when I was 14 years old. I live in Middletown with my wife, two children and a dog. I have worked for the Department of Services for Children Youth and Their Families for 15 years. I have been a School-Based Family Crisis Therapist for eight years under the Division of Prevention Behavioral Health Services. In my spare time, I love going to the beach with my family and snowboarding during the winter months. I am excited to be a part of The North Family and looking forward to an amazing year.



NORTH SMYRNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Kelly Holt, Principal
Stephanie Smeltzer, Assoc. Principal

Ms. Tracey is North Education Support Professional of the Year



North Smyrna Elementary would like to congratulate Amy Tracey on getting recognized as our Education Support Professional. Mrs. Tracey works in our Early Childhood Program. Mrs. Tracey has worked with both our three and our four year old students. This year she is working with Mrs. Mullen. She is truly a respected voice for our students and the program. Mrs. Tracey provides academic, social, and emotional support to her students. She truly loves what she does and it is evident every day in her work ethic and the care and respect she shows her students.

In working with Mrs. Tracey you will find a paraprofessional who truly is dedicated to her job, education, children, and learning. She is willing to do whatever we need to create a great environment for students. She is a team player and works well with other staff members. Mrs. Tracey is a true asset to our North Smyrna Elementary staff.

Spirit Week at North Smyrna Elementary!!!



Once again our Smyrna PRIDE team gave us an exciting Spirit Week at North Smyrna Elementary with many special days like hat day, 50's day, mixed match and of course red & white day. Along with the many activities of Spirit Week, as part of our anti-bullying campaign we held a writing contest on kindness. This contest was held for grades kindergarten through fourth grade where they had the opportunity in their classrooms to write about kindness. The winners rode on the float in the homecoming parade.



Read For the Record

On Thursday, October 19, 2017, Smyrna High School fall athletes participated in Read for the Record. This is a global campaign which generates public support for high-quality early learning. This is the world's largest shared reading experience! Students from North Smyrna Elementary School, as well as millions of students worldwide, enjoyed reading this year's book Quakers by Liz Wong.



PTO News

Our PTO parents are a huge support to our students, teachers & staff. They coordinate our fall fundraiser, assist with Smyrna Pride events and other activities that happen throughout the year.

They have been working very hard with different activities so far this year having a concession stand at the homecoming parade, fall fundraiser, Spirit Night at Chipote, breakfast with Santa and box tops contests. Some of the fun activities coming up are:

- Parent's Night Out – 2/10, 5-10 pm
- Quarter Auction – 4/14

Penny Wars – more information to follow
PTO meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm in the library.





First Grade Field Trips

The Smyrna Elementary first grade classes had some exciting field trips this fall. First, the students visited the Delaware State Fire School. The students learned some valuable lessons while visiting several stations. Some of the

stations included learning about the importance of calling 911, recognizing fire hazards at home, and crawling to escape a smoky room—their favorite. Second, the students visited the University of Delaware Lewes Campus to learn more about wind energy, to supplement their STEM lessons. The students had hands-on experience with a working model of a wind turbine and were able to create an anemometer that measures wind speed. Afterwards, they explored more about the wind at Cape Henlopen Beach. Both of these field trips were great experiences for our students.



**SMYRNA
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

David Morrison, Principal
Mikell Reed, Assoc. Principal

Ms. Wilson, Smyrna Elementary Educational Support Person of the Year

Smyrna Elementary School is proud to announce our Educational Support Person of the year is Melissa “Missy” Wilson. Mrs. Wilson has been the registration secretary at SES since July 2014. Before coming to Smyrna Elementary, Mrs. Wilson was a part-time Rtl para at Clayton Elementary School. She started there in October of 2010. Mrs. Wilson has always been known to do what it takes to support the students and families of SES. You will find her welcoming our new families to school during the registration process, being visible in our car riders line, or helping out during lunch duty. The staff know that if they have a question about a new student they can get a quick answer from Mrs. Wilson. She is always willing to jump in where needed to support the staff and students of Smyrna Elementary. Congratulations Miss Missy!



SES Students Raise Money for Ronald McDonald



Each year the students of Smyrna Elementary show their compassion by raising money for the annual Ronald McDonald House Share-a-Night fundraiser. The Ronald McDonald Share-a-Night fundraiser raises money to allow families

to stay close their sick child for no cost at all. The students of Smyrna Elementary raised \$2,164.25 to help families feel at home. The money raised will allow families to stay in the house for 144 nights with no cost to them. While at the house, families are provided hot meals, comfort, as well as support during such a difficult time. During the holiday season at the house, more than any other time, it becomes clear how time with our loved ones is the most precious gift of all. Students of Smyrna Elementary learned just how quickly every dollar adds up to help families in need. Smyrna Elementary had two students who raised a combined total of \$1,005.00 or 67 nights at the house. Those students were Markella Coates, who raised \$697.00 and Myah Samonte who raised \$308.00. Thank you to all of our students and families of Smyrna Elementary for all of their fundraising efforts and support to help raise money for such a worthy cause. #EAGLEUP

SMYRNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER

Tue, 1/2/18	– School Reopens
Wed, 1/10/18	– PTO meeting (6:00)
Mon, 1/15/18	– NO SCHOOL (Martin Luther King Day)
Wed, 1/17/18	– SES Chorus performs at 87ers game
Wed, 1/17/18	– SSD Board of Ed meeting @ NSES (7:00)
Thur, 1/18/18	– End of 2nd marking period
Fri, 1/19/18	– IN-SERVICE DAY (no school for students)
Tue, 1/30/18	– report cards issued
Wed, 2/14/18	– PTO meeting (3:45)
Mon, 2/19/18	– NO SCHOOL (President’s Day)
Wed, 2/21/18	– SSD Board of Ed meeting @ SMS (7:00)
Thur, 2/22/18	– mid-marking point
Fri, 2/23/18	– IN-SERVICE DAY (no school for students)
Sat, 2/24/18	– I Love Smyrna School District Day @ SHS
Mon, 3/5/18	– progress reports issued
Wed, 3/14/18	– PTO meeting (6:00)
Fri, 3/16/18	– IN-SERVICE DAY (no school for students)
Wed, 3/21/18	– SSD Board of Ed meeting @ CIS (7:00)
Wed, 3/28/18	– End of 3rd marking period
Fri, 3/30/18	– NO SCHOOL (Spring Break begins)
Mon, 4/9/18	– School Reopens

THE SMYRNA SCHOOL DISTRICT

cordially invites you to attend the twentieth annual...

“I Love Smyrna School District” Day

CELEBRATING 134 YEARS

Face Painting
District-wide Art Show
Wellness Center Screenings
FFA Displays and Model Trains
40+ Community Organization Displays
Math & Language Arts Curriculum
Recognition of Compassion Essay Winners

Demos
Free Food
Spin Art
Shrinky Dinks
Classroom Displays
Little Lass Registration
Kindergarten Registration
Student Mini-Concerts K-12

Saturday, February 24, 2018
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Smyrna High School
500 Duck Creek Parkway
Smyrna, Delaware

Hour of Code



Computers are everywhere, changing every industry on the planet. But fewer than half of all schools teach computer science. Good news is, we're on our way to change this! If you've heard about the Hour of Code before, you might know it made history. More than 100 million students have tried an Hour of Code. Sunnyside Elementary joined the movement again this year. The students loved building on the skills they have learned through previous lessons. Instead of just playing a game this gives students the drive to create their own or to solve a problem with how everyday things are done. With the Hour of Code, computer science has been on homepages of Google, MSN, Yahoo!, and Disney. This has made this event even bigger! Try the Hour of Code yourself—everyone can benefit from learning the basics.

Sunnyside Participates in "Stuff the Bus"

Sunnyside Elementary participated in the Stuff the Bus Food Drive this fall. Stuff the Bus is a program that is run by The Food Bank of Delaware, along with Dart First State. The effort was led by Sunnyside secretary Ro Andiola. Our Art Teacher, Mrs. Sukowaski, created a bus display in the front of the school and we were able to collect items from many of our school families and friends. The children were very excited in this portrayal of compassion. The Food Bank runs this program every year in the beginning of November. The food was transported to the collection point at the Acme in



Dover where the radio station 101.3FM was broadcasting, promoting and advertising the drive. Sunnyside students and staff were excited to be able to participate in this food drive and looks forward to participating in acts of kindness whenever possible.

Sunnyside Elementary Honors Veterans



Sunnyside Elementary School celebrated and honored all who have served our country with a Veterans Day Ceremony. We asked family members and local members of our community to visit our school and participate in this celebration. The students of Sunnyside Elementary School demonstrated their deep gratitude to the Veterans through heartfelt singing, reverence, respect, and the delivery of personal statements about our country. This experience deeply impacted the hearts of our students and showed them a real life experience of exemplifying our community core values. We are proud to honor the heroes of our country.



SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

John Camponelli, Principal
Pat Grant, Assoc. Principal

Sunnyside Elementary Education Support Professional of the Year Award Winner: Mrs. LuAnn Harding

Congratulations to Mrs. Harding, our Sunnyside Elementary School Education Support Professional of the Year Award Winner!

Mrs. Harding has worked for the Smyrna School District for the past 23 years. A Smyrna native, she and her husband have been married for 37 years and have two daughters that graduated from Smyrna High School and went on to college.

Mrs. Harding works with the Sunnyside Breakfast Club program and works in a kindergarten classroom. Mrs. Harding states that her "passion is working with younger children." Mrs. Harding also said that it is "so rewarding to see the look on a child's face when an 'a-ha' moment sets in when learning." Mrs. Harding works diligently with our Sunnyside family, and with the students and families of the students in her class. Congratulations, Mrs. Harding!



Sunnyside Elementary Helps Ronald McDonald House

Sunnyside Elementary School strives to teach our students to be compassionate and instill the importance of helping those in need. The Ronald McDonald House fundraiser unifies our district by working toward raising money and opening our hearts to help and promote a great cause. The students and teachers at Sunnyside Elementary School participate in family dinner nights, hat days and purchasing pin-ups to help this local and worthy cause. Throughout the year the students are encouraged to collect pop-tops which are delivered to the house where they are recycled for money. Through our generosity and our Smyrna School District families the house can provide an affordable place where families can sleep, share a meal and find comfort from other families in similar situations at Nemours/Alfred I. DuPont Hospital for Children.



Hurricane Relief Efforts for Those Affected by Hurricane Harvey



In the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, many schools in the Houston, Texas area were flooded and sustained severe damage. Many teachers of the Houston-area schools poured love and effort into making their classrooms a safe learning environment for the new school year, and with one storm they lost it all. Although the

schools have since returned to their routine, they continue to rebuild their classrooms.

The fourth grade team at Sunnyside Elementary School adopted a classroom in the Houston Independent School District. With the help of our generous and compassionate community, our Sunnyside Superstars collected several large boxes of school supplies, clothing, and books to donate. We are so very proud of the students and their families for being so compassionate with their donations to help those Texas schools in need!

Thank you, Sunnyside PTO!

The Sunnyside Elementary School family is excited and thankful to have such a supportive PTO. Our PTO donates a lot of time and energy to support our students, our teachers, and our school community. This year, we had many events that included a Sunnyside Quarter Auction, as well as many other events to include our first Family Reading Night this fall. The events were amazing. Our Four-Square blocks were painted for the school, as well as the installation of the Funnel Hoops



systems in the recess yard. Our PTO works diligently to support our school. Thank you, PTO, for all that you do for our students, their families, and the teachers of Sunnyside!



Delaware Hospital for the Chronically III (DHCI)



Students in third grade at Sunnyside Elementary have the opportunity to visit the patients at the Delaware Hospital for the Chronically III (DHCI). The hope of the program is that there will be a mutual benefit to the patients of the hospital and our students. Our goal is to build on our students' desire to demon-

strate compassion and respect for all people. Sunnyside Elementary School emphasizes to our students the importance of our community's core values, but also wants to place children in a position to practice them and feel their essential power and worth.

While volunteering at DHCI, our third grade students have the chance to work with the residents in various ways including playing BINGO, making crafts, playing leap frog, sports games, and several other activities. Our students visit one time each week for about an hour. Additionally, during the month of October, our third grade students participated in "Socktober." Students and their families donated socks for the residents of DHCI. Allowing our students to participate in these acts of kindness gives them a better understanding and deeper appreciation between generations and a desire on our students' behalf for future volunteerism to benefit our fellow citizens.



My name is Andre Summers; I completed my undergraduate studies in Elementary Education at Wesley College where I also played football. Upon

graduating from Wesley I taught for three years in various alternative education settings. I then moved to Charleston, SC to pursue a career as a police officer and did so for nine years. While working as a police officer I completed my Master's Degree from American Public University in School Counseling. I moved back to Delaware where I have worked at The Murphy School as a house parent, James T. Vaughn Correctional Center (JTVCC) as a Correctional Counselor and my current position at John Bassett Moore Intermediate School.

I'm Ashley Martin and am a recent graduate from Wilmington University in Elementary Education. I have recently completed my student teaching experience with Mrs.



Janna McGowan at John Bassett Moore Intermediate School. Throughout my experience at JBM I have acquired skills that will help benefit me as a future educator. From the start of my time at JBM, I immediately felt unity among the school and felt as though I was being welcomed into the Smyrna Eagle Family, this time as a teacher instead of a student. The respect and compassion that the faculty at JBM has for their students is undeniable. They truly care about the success and well-being of their students and I am honored that I was able to complete my student teaching experience with JBM and the Smyrna School District. It is a district and school that I hope to continue to be a part of in my future as an educator.



JOHN BASSETT MOORE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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

Fire Prevention Essays winners.....
Great job all!



5th Grade: Juliet Klecan (3rd Place), Aubrey Huester (2nd Place), Taegan Buss (1st Place)
6th Grade: Bella Carroll & Ha-an (Anna) Nguyen (3rd Place tied), Marvelous Shabi (2nd Place), Khang Nguyen (1st Place)
Special Category: Kenyon Robinson (3rd Place), Olivia Smith (2nd), Victoria Hawkes (1st Place)

Mr. Brian Sarkissian comes to us from Red Clay Consolidated School District and has been teaching for 24 years. He has lived in Smyrna



for the past 15 years with his wife Rose, also the Smyrna High School nurse, and four boys. He enjoys making learning as fun and interactive as possible for his 5th grade students at JBM. Outside of school, Mr. Sarkissian enjoys spending time with his family, playing music on his piano, and taking trips on his motorcycle.

My name is Kara Barbee. I've been with the Smyrna School District since 2015 where I started in the child nutrition program before moving to my current position as a para. I live in Smyrna with my husband and two children (Douglas and Addison) and our dog. In my free time I love shopping, baking and making memories traveling with my family.



Jumps for Jadon was a success.

Thank you to everyone that participated, Jadon was very happy with all of your support! We raised over \$1000.00 for the family. We love you Jadon!



Student Council at CIS



Student Council had great success for the month of November. We hosted a canned food drive, giving incentives for students and classes bringing in the most cans. The winning homeroom was rewarded with a pizza party. CIS collected over 2,421 cans to donate to the Food Bank of Delaware.

In addition to the canned food drive, student council representatives also brought in donations to provide a Thanksgiving dinner for four families. Thanks for all the support from our representatives who showed true compassion during the holidays.

Student Council also collected items for Christmas gifts for residents at the Delaware Home for the Chronically Ill. Many of the residents do not have family to brighten their holidays, so CIS students were able to help with this! Each class team was given a resident to shop for.

Additionally, Student Council collected money for the Ronald McDonald House collection. Thank you to all who have donated! This is a great cause and we are proud of our students for participating!

CIS drama had another terrific performance.



On November 16 & 17, 21 fifth & sixth grade students brought a very funny play to their stage. The show took place in an old folks' home and had hillbilly characters. The students had a difficult task of learning a southern accent and transforming into an elderly person to fit the character. The one liners kept the audience laughing the entire show. The show delivered a very special message of unconditional love.

Girls on the Run and Heart and Soul



The Clayton Intermediate School Girls on the Run and Heart and Sole teams finished their season on November 18, 2017 with a 5K in Dover. There were 15 fifth grade girls who participated in Girls on the Run and nine sixth grade girls who were a part of Heart and Sole. The girls practiced twice a week for ten weeks to prepare. Each practice involved a lesson and a time for exercise and running. Our coaches for the fall season were

Kristi Voshell and Lisa Hertzog for Girls on the Run



and Carlene McKenzie, Karen Coverdale, and Dena Deppish for Heart and Sole. We are very proud of all of the girls for their hard work through the season. Great Job!

Students Stand Up Against Tobacco at JBM and CIS

CIS and JBM are partnering again this year with the American Lung Association and the Delaware Division of Public Health's Tobacco Prevention Community Contract to promote healthy decisions and lifestyles to our students and community. This is made possible by a grant awarded in the amount of \$12,000.



We were represented in the Smyrna Clayton Homecoming Parade holding our "Stomp Out 'Bacco" message and November 16 was the Great American Smokeout! All week our students heard an anti-tobacco message on the morning announcements from one of the student ambassadors, now members of the Kick Butts Generation. During lunches on November 16 students were encouraged to sign a banner pledging to be tobacco free, and received a bracelet with a no tobacco message.

Ambassadors from JBM are Kate McGowan, Marvelous Shabi, Paisley Cole, Shanaya Linsey, and Rahshan LaMons. CIS ambassadors are Nathan Roscoe, Taylor Sands, Ryleigh Dillon-Long, Kennedy Green, and Halle Nelson. Stay tuned for great things from this group and all of our Intermediate students!

Clayton Intermediate School Students Winning the War on Waste

Building on the success of last year's Superstars in Education Award Nomination, the Clayton Intermediate School Recycling Club returns for its second year of service. With dozens of new members aboard, the club meets after school each month to enjoy fun, eco-friendly activities, under the guidance of Mr. Mark Degli Obizzi. Through its recycling efforts, Clayton Intermediate School is estimated to save about \$15,000 per year that would have otherwise been thrown away in the trash!

Through their leadership at CIS, Recycling Club members fill the niche of providing friendly assistance to peers and staff striving to meet their personal responsibility for a cleaner, greener environment. The club members are also responsible for maintaining their homeroom recycling bins, assessing the CIS waste stream and furthering the educational process with informative "Recycling Minute" fact segments on the morning announcements. Additionally, the club members have been collecting aluminum juice cans at lunchtime, to raise funds for future Clayton Intermediate School Recycling Club activities.



Thanks to our committed partnerships with Delaware Waste Industries and DNREC, Clayton Intermediate School continues to represent a model of success for district-wide recycling efforts. The CIS Recycling Club was recently selected to host DNREC's first



CLAYTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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

Educational Support Professional of the Year

Anne Cruz was selected as Clayton Intermediate School's Educational Support Professional of the Year. Anne has worked in the Smyrna School District for ten years. She began at Smyrna Elementary School and joined Clayton Intermediate three years ago.



Anne Cruz has been married to Ismael for nine years. She has two beautiful children, Aliana and Amar'e. Aliana is in sixth Grade at CIS and Amar'e is two years old. Anne has lived in Smyrna all of her life and went through the Smyrna School District. In fact, our school Nurse Susan Coley was Anne's nurse when she was in school. Anne enjoys spending time with her family. She also loves to be with her friends and enjoys shopping.

Anne is a person of moral character and reflects the core values daily. Her children are very important to her and she is extremely involved in their lives. At a young age, Anne took care of both of her parents and continues to be a caretaker to those around her. She not only helps and cares for the staff around her, but she also cares for the students at CIS. Anne builds relationships with students and mentors them throughout the year.

Anne Cruz is a valued staff member at CIS. She goes above and beyond to keep the school in great condition. She is always willing to help staff members in our building and you can count on Anne to bring a smile to the face of any employee. Anne is a team player and works well with all of her coworkers. Clayton Intermediate is fortunate to have Anne Cruz as part of the staff.

CIS Shows Smyrna Pride!



Our Smyrna Pride Program has been doing great things this year at CIS. We kicked off the program this year with a visit from the high school coaches, athletes, and drumline. They shared with our students what it takes to be successful in school. The students loved seeing the high school students and their good behavior this year is a reflection of their visit. We have had

several raffles so far this year for students to win using their Smyrna Pride tickets they earn for behavior. There are weekly and monthly prizes of baskets and goodies that students have been excited to win.

During the week of October 9 our school celebrated kindness and spirit week. Students took part in activities to remind them of the importance of being kind to each other. We also signed a school kindness pledge, and we had red and white day on Friday for Homecoming. Pictured below

are our football players and cheerleaders at CIS. Students and teachers were also awarded Character Champ awards after nominations from students were submitted. In 5th grade, Kelsey Lowman and Mia Davis were selected. Our 6th grade winners were Katie Massie and Emma Gonzon. The teacher winners were Ms. Campbell and Ms. Womer. Amazing job to everyone who won!



The first marking period social took place on Thursday, November 9 in the afternoon. Students who earned a 70% or higher average on their report card, met their reading goal, and had no referrals were eligible to attend Sportsapalooza. They enjoyed an afternoon outside playing sports and games for the reward. We were very impressed that 350 students from CIS were able to attend that day. There will be a big social at the end of each marking period, so please encourage your children to try their very best in school!



ever "Bin it to Win It" day in December 2017, where students will get the chance to win prizes in a game show-style educational assembly at lunchtime. The club also looks forward to its spring field trip to the local recycling center, where the students will learn more about what happens to our recyclable products after they leave the school. Stay tuned for more updates about the CIS Recycling Club and the Smyrna School District's ongoing War on Waste Program.

Smyrna High School Athletics

2018 SPRING ATHLETICS SCHEDULE

Basketball - Boys V

12/1/2018	Fri	6:15:00 PM	A Cape Hen
12/5/2018	Tue	6:45:00 PM	A Dover
12/12/2018	Tue	7:15:00 PM	A Sussex Tech
12/14/2018	Thu	6:15:00 PM	H Caravel
12/18/2018	Mon	5:45:00 PM	H Sussex Central
12/22/2018	Fri	6:00:00 PM	A Arch. Ryan
12/27/2018	Wed	12:00:00 PM	A Howard
12/28/2018	Thu	2:00:00 PM	A Roselle
1/2/2018	Tue	6:15:00 PM	A Caesar Rodney
1/5/2018	Fri	7:15:00 PM	H St. Georges
1/9/2018	Tue	7:15:00 PM	H Polytech
1/12/2018	Fri	7:15:00 PM	H Cape Hen
1/18/2018	Thu	7:15:00 PM	H Dover
1/23/2018	Tue	6:15:00 PM	A Sussex Central
1/30/2018	Tue	7:15:00 PM	H Sussex Tech
2/2/2018	Fri	7:30:00 PM	A Salesianum
2/6/2018	Tue	6:15:00 PM	H Milford
2/9/2018	Fri	7:15:00 PM	H Caesar Rodney
2/13/2018	Tue	7:15:00 PM	A Polytech
2/20/2018	Tue	5:15:00 PM	A Wm Penn

Basketball - Boys JV

12/1/2018	Fri	5:00 PM	A Cape Hen
12/5/2018	Tue	5:30 PM	A Dover
12/12/2018	Tue	5:30 AM	A Sussex Tech
12/14/2018	Thu	5:00 PM	H Caravel
12/18/2018	Mon	4:30 PM	H Sussex Central
1/2/2018	Tue	5:00 PM	A Caesar Rodney
1/5/2018	Fri	5:30 PM	H St. Georges
1/9/2018	Tue	5:30 PM	H Polytech
1/12/2018	Fri	5:30 PM	H Cape Hen
1/18/2018	Thu	5:30 PM	H Dover
1/23/2018	Tue	5:00 PM	A Sussex Central
1/30/2018	Tue	5:30 PM	H Sussex Tech
2/2/2018	Fri	6:00 PM	A Salesianum
2/6/2018	Tue	5:00 PM	H Milford
2/9/2018	Fri	5:30 PM	H Caesar Rodney
2/13/2018	Tue	5:30 PM	A Polytech
2/20/2018	Tue	4:00 PM	A Wm Penn

Basketball - Boys Fr

12/1/2018	Fri	3:30:00 PM	A Cape Hen
12/5/2018	Tue	4:00:00 PM	A Dover
12/12/2018	Tue	4:00:00 PM	A Sussex Tech
1/2/2018	Tue	3:30:00 PM	A Caesar Rodney
1/5/2018	Fri	4:00:00 PM	H St. Georges
1/9/2018	Tue	4:00:00 PM	H Polytech
1/12/2018	Fri	4:00:00 PM	H Cape Hen
1/18/2018	Thu	4:00:00 PM	H Dover
1/30/2018	Tue	4:00:00 PM	H Sussex Tech
2/2/2018	Fri	4:00:00 PM	A Salesianum
2/6/2018	Tue	4:00:00 PM	H Milford
2/9/2018	Fri	4:00:00 PM	H Caesar Rodney
2/13/2018	Tue	4:00:00 PM	A Polytech

Basketball - Girls V

12/1/2018	Fri	6:15:00 PM	H Cape Hen
12/5/2018	Tue	6:15:00 PM	H Dover
12/8/2018	Fri	6:15:00 PM	A Sussex Central
12/12/2018	Tue	6:15:00 PM	H Sussex Tech
12/21/2018	Thu	6:15:00 PM	A Seaford
12/27/2018	Wed	10:00:00 PM	A Pat Borowski Tournament
12/27/2018	Wed	4:00:00 PM	A Tatnall
12/28/2018	Thu	10:00:00 PM	A Pat Borowski Tournament
1/2/2018	Tue	6:15:00 PM	H Caesar Rodney
1/5/2018	Fri	5:15:00 PM	A St. Georges
1/9/2018	Tue	6:15:00 PM	A Polytech
1/12/2018	Fri	6:15:00 PM	A Cape Hen
1/16/2018	Tue	6:15:00 PM	H Appo HA
1/19/2018	Fri	6:45:00 PM	A Dover
1/23/2018	Tue	6:15:00 PM	H Sussex Central
1/25/2018	Thu	6:15:00 PM	H Lake Forest
1/30/2018	Tue	7:15:00 PM	A Sussex Tech
2/6/2018	Tue	6:15:00 PM	A Milford
2/9/2018	Fri	4:00:00 PM	A Caesar Rodney
2/13/2018	Tue	6:15:00 PM	H Polytech
2/20/2018	Tue	5:15:00 PM	A Wm Penn

Basketball - Girls JV

12/1/2018	Fri	5:00:00 PM	H Cape Hen
12/5/2018	Tue	5:00:00 PM	H Dover
12/8/2018	Fri	5:00:00 PM	A Sussex Central
12/12/2018	Tue	5:00:00 PM	H Sussex Tech
12/21/2018	Thu	5:00:00 PM	A Seaford
1/2/2018	Tue	5:00:00 PM	H Caesar Rodney
1/5/2018	Fri	3:45:00 PM	A St. Georges
1/9/2018	Tue	5:00:00 PM	A Polytech
1/12/2018	Fri	5:00:00 PM	A Cape Hen
1/16/2018	Tue	5:00:00 PM	H Appo HS
1/19/2018	Fri	5:30:00 PM	A Dover
1/23/2018	Tue	5:00:00 PM	H Sussex Central
1/25/2018	Thu	5:00:00 PM	H Lake Forest
1/30/2018	Tue	5:30:00 PM	A Sussex Tech
2/6/2018	Tue	5:00:00 PM	A Milford
2/9/2018	Fri	5:30:00 PM	A Caesar Rodney
2/13/2018	Tue	5:00:00 PM	H Polytech
2/20/2018	Tue	4:00:00 PM	A Wm Penn

Indoor Track - Boys V

12/6/2018	Wed	2:00:00 PM	A Worcester County Track Meet
12/9/2018	Sat	9:00:00 PM	A Ursinus HS Open
12/13/2018	Wed	2:00:00 PM	A Worcester County Track Meet
12/20/2018	Wed	2:00:00 PM	A Worcester County Track Meet
12/23/2018	Sat	9:00:00 PM	A Ursinus HS Open
1/3/2018	Wed	2:00:00 PM	A Worcester County Track Meet
1/10/2018	Wed	2:00:00 PM	A Worcester County Track Meet
1/14/2018	Sun	8:30:00 PM	A Bears HS Invitational
1/25/2018	Thu	2:30:00 PM	A Henlopen Conf Championships
2/3/2018	Sat		A DIAA Championship

Wrestling - V

12/1/2018	Fri		A Ray Oliver Invitational
12/2/2018	Sat		A Ray Oliver Invitational
12/6/2018	Wed	6:30:00 PM	H St. Georges
12/8/2018	Fri	4:00:00 PM	A Milford Invitational
12/9/2018	Sat	9:00:00 PM	A Milford Invitational
12/13/2018	Wed	6:30:00 PM	H Dover
12/16/2018	Sat	8:00:00 PM	A Beast of the East
12/17/2018	Sun	8:00:00 PM	A Beast of the East
12/21/2018	Thu	5:30:00 PM	A Laurel
12/29/2018	Fri		H Trojan Wars Tournament
12/30/2018	SAT		H Trojan Wars Tournament
1/3/2018	Wed	6:00:00 PM	A Sussex Tech
1/10/2018	Wed	6:30:00 PM	H Cape Hen
1/12/2018	Fri		H Virginia Duals
1/13/2018	Sat		H Virginia Duals
1/17/2018	Wed	6:30:00 PM	A Polytech
1/19/2018	Fri	6:30:00 PM	H Milford
1/20/2018	Sat		H McDonough, MD
1/24/2018	Wed	6:30:00 PM	H Malvern
1/31/2018	Wed	6:30:00 PM	A Sussex Central
2/2/2018	Fri	6:30:00 PM	H Salesianum
2/3/2018	Sat	6:30:00 PM	H Caesar Rodney

Wrestling - JV

12/6/2018	Wed	6:00:00 PM	H St. Georges
12/13/2018	Wed	6:00:00 PM	H Dover
12/21/2018	Thu	5:30:00 PM	A Laurel
1/3/2018	Wed	6:00:00 PM	A Sussex Tech
1/10/2018	Wed	6:00:00 PM	H Cape Hen
1/17/2018	Wed	5:30:00 PM	A Polytech
1/19/2018	Fri	6:00:00 PM	H Milford
1/20/2018	Sat	9:00:00 PM	H Caesar Rodney
1/20/2018	Sat	9:00:00 PM	H Smyrna JV Wrestling Tournament
1/20/2018	Sat	6:00:00 PM	H McDonough, MD
1/24/2018	Wed	6:00:00 PM	H Malvern
1/27/2018	Sat		A Charter JV Wrestling Tournament
1/31/2018	Wed	5:30:00 PM	A Sussex Central
2/2/2018	Fri	6:00:00 PM	H Salesianum
2/3/2018	Sat	6:00:00 PM	H Caesar Rodney

SHS Boys Basketball Team Donate to Smyrna Police Department Toy Drive



The Varsity boys' basketball team took part in the toy drive through the Smyrna Police Department. "It felt really nice to give to those in need" stated junior Jakir Hampton. "Being able to help out kids that need toys is a rewarding feeling. Knowing that a kid will get a basketball that I bought is a pretty cool feeling", senior Dallas Hill.

SHS Letterman's Club Donate to A.I. DuPont Children's Hospital



Earlier this year, the SHS Letterman's Club raised over \$1,500 to purchase books for children with cancer. On December 6, Letterman Club members donated 275 books to the children going through cancer treatment at A.I. DuPont Children's Hospital.

Smyrna High School Boys Tennis team and Coach Jessica Scott



Congratulations to the 2017 Boys Tennis Team for being awarded the Bunny Vosters Team Sportsmanship Award by the USTA Middle States Delaware District. Congratulations also goes out to Head Coach JJ Scott for being selected the 2017 Boys USTA Coach-of-the-Year for the state of Delaware. Coach JJ Scott and the team will be recognized on Sunday February 25 at the Double Tree Hotel at 11:00am.

SHS Special Olympics Basketball Skills Challenge



The Smyrna School District participated in the Special Olympics Basketball Skills Challenge on December 15, 2017. There were more than 200 athletes and unified partners from all the elementary and intermediate schools located in Kent County as well as one elementary school from the Colonial School District. The Smyrna High School Jr.

ROTC presented the colors while members of the Regiment of Red played the National Anthem and Superintendent Patrik Williams opened the event. Delaware's Special Olympics continued success is a result of the thousands of volunteers who unselfishly give their time (much of it behind the scenes, make this event possible. Over 80 student volunteers from the Special Olympics/Blue-Gold Club worked together to make the event run smoothly led by Advisor Whitney Reed-Pierson. The Special Olympics/Blue-Gold Club also participates in the Cool Schools Program for the Polar Bear Plunge in February under the name Frozen Feathers and Advisor Whitney Reed-Pierson participates in Over the Edge repelling off a 17 story building in Wilmington in May. These students truly demonstrate the Smyrna School District's Core Values of Compassion, Responsibility, Respect, Perseverance and Integrity.



SHS Historic Undeclared Girls Cross Country Team



The girl's cross-country team had a historic year this fall. The team finished their season undefeated with an 11-0 record, as Kent County Champions, as the Henlopen Conference champions and for the first time in Smyrna history. Girls Cross Country were also state runners up at the Division 1 state meet. The state team was run by senior and Captain Naomi Bowser, junior Abigail Mace, junior Destinee Ekanem, junior Cathryn Shahan, sophomore Sarah Larose, sophomore Raegan Sebastainelli, and freshman Audrey Price. Naomi Bowser placed 3rd in the state meet overall and received first team all-state honors for the second year in a row. Sarah Larose also medaled at the state meet placing 15th overall. The girls' team was also recognized by Smyrna's Board of Education for their achievements this season.

Smyrna Middle School

Basketball - Boys

12/4/2017	Mon	4:00pm	A	Woodbridge MS
12/6/2017	Wed	5:15pm	H	Beacon MS
12/11/2017	Mon	4:00pm	H	Postlethwait MS
12/13/2017	Wed	5:15pm	A	Chipman MS
12/18/2017	Mon	4:00pm	H	
12/20/2017	Wed	4:00pm	A	Dover Central MS
1/3/2018	Wed	5:15pm	H	Mariner MS
1/8/2018	Mon	4:00pm	A	Laurel Intermediate MS
1/10/2018	Wed	5:15pm	A	Fifer MS
1/17/2018	Wed	5:15pm	H	Dover Central MS
1/22/2018	Mon	4:00pm	A	Providence Creek Academy
1/24/2018	Wed	5:15pm	H	Georgetown MS
1/29/2018	Mon	4:00pm	H	Milford MS

Wrestling

12/4/2017	Mon	4:00pm	H	Woodbridge MS
12/6/2017	Wed	4:00pm	A	Beacon MS
12/11/2017	Mon	4:00pm	A	Postlethwait MS
12/13/2017	Wed	4:00pm	H	Chipman MS
1/3/2018	Wed	4:00pm	A	Mariner MS
1/8/2018	Mon	4:00pm	H	Laurel Intermediate MS
1/10/2018	Wed	4:00pm	H	Fifer MS
1/17/2018	Wed	4:00pm	H	Dover Central MS
1/22/2018	Mon	4:00pm	H	Georgetown MS
1/29/2018	Mon	4:00pm	A	Milford MS
2/3/2018	Sat		A	Tournament - Milford MS

Basketball - Girls

12/6/2017	Wed	4:00pm	H	Beacon MS
12/11/2017	Mon	5:15pm	H	Postlethwait MS
12/13/2017	Wed	4:00pm	A	Chipman MS
12/18/2017	Mon	5:15pm	H	
1/3/2018	Wed	4:00pm	H	Mariner MS
1/8/2018	Mon	5:15pm	A	Laurel Intermediate MS
1/10/2018	Wed	4:00pm	A	Fifer MS
1/17/2018	Wed	4:00pm	H	Dover Central MS
1/22/2018	Mon	5:15pm	A	Providence Creek Academy
1/24/2018	Wed	4:00pm	H	Georgetown MS
1/29/2018	Mon	5:15pm	H	Milford MS



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SMS Computer Tech Class Poster Contest

SMS held a poster contest throughout all of the 8th grade computer tech classes as a fun way to practice formatting skills, with a little advertising/marketing thrown in. Students had to create a poster advertising the Smyrna Pride store in the cafeteria, including a space to write the next cash-in date, an invitation to visit, and a list of some of the items students could buy. Students got to vote for their favorites from the previous class period, and three finalists from each class period were put together on a Google Form for all students to vote on. The poster created by Nora Charles was the winner. The poster was laminated and hung up in the cafeteria next to the Smyrna Pride door, with an underline left so the next upcoming Smyrna Pride store date could be filled in. We took this picture before Nora hung it in the cafeteria.



SMYRNA MIDDLE SCHOOL
 Steven Gott, *Principal*
 Aerin Donovan, *Assoc. Principal*
 Kent Robinson, *Assoc. Principal*

SMS Educational Support Professional of the Year

SMS would like to congratulate Mrs. Tracy Merkel as this year's ESP for SMS. Mrs. Merkel is no stranger to parents and students as she has been working in the front office, greeting thousands of families over the five years she has been with the district. Congratulations, Mrs. Merkel!

SMS FFA Donates Items at the National Convention in Indiana



The Smyrna Middle School FFA Chapter collected non-perishable items, winter attire and toiletries to package "Blessing Bags". In total, 50 "Blessing Bags" were assembled by 7th grade AgScience Students and FFA members as a part of the community service project. The Blessing Bags were then distributed to the homeless population in Indianapolis, Indiana by FFA members who attended the National FFA convention.

Glow Dance at SMS

For the first time, SGA sponsored immediately after school a "Glow Dance" inviting any student that wanted to experience a black light, glow stick experience with a spectacular light show. Approximately 300 students attended the dance and the students had a great time!



SMS Celebrates Halloween with a "Boo!"



As always, Halloween, and every day is a great day at SMS! Our students always enjoy dressing up as their favorite or spooky character. Here, we share some of our most memorable ones!



SMS Student Wins

Delaware Farm Bureau Essay Contest

Alexia Inhof won 1st place in the 2017 Delaware Farm Bureau's Ag. in the Classroom Essay Contest. Another SMS student, Farrah Charles, won 3rd place at the state level. Congratulations to Alexia and Farrah!



Essay Prompt: Agriculture is Delaware's number one industry, supporting many jobs within the state. In a minimum of 500 words, identify jobs of interest in Delaware agriculture, describe your favorite and why it is important to Delaware's agriculture.

Go Baby Go! Program Continues at SMS and is Seeking Your Help



Students from the Automation and Robotics classes have taken on the task of modifying electric ride-on cars to meet the individual needs of young children with mobility challenges. To complete this endeavor, the Smyrna Middle School GoBabyGo club is seeking young children with mobility challenges. We are also asking for donations of materials. Please check out our website to fill out a child application or see what donations we need. http://sms.smyrna.k12.de.us/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=341154&type=d



SHS 1st MP Smyrna Pride Leadership Recognition Award

- 9th Grade - Hannah Osborne
- 10th Grade - Faith Young
- 11th Grade - Sarah Fowler
- 12th Grade - Katie Deisem

SHS Link Crew Mentors



Link Crew is a school-wide program that began in the 2012-2013 school year. The program's vision is to empower and motivate first year students attending Smyrna High School through peer mentoring. The goals of the program are to lower failure rate in the freshman class, to create school community, and increase the graduation rate for the high school. This year there are currently forty-two student leaders in the junior class. These students were recommended by teachers, because of their leadership potential. The leaders meet once a month to learn the curriculum that they teach to their mentees and meet once a month with their first year students during school. Currently our junior leaders are visiting freshmen classrooms to provide a variety of lessons to freshmen students. The curriculum covers topical skills that first year students can use in their daily lives. Such topics include, but are not limited to, motivation, study habits, effective communication, time management, test taking skills, and organizational skills. The group was originally created by chemistry teacher, Mr. John Haller and is now operated by Mr. Leon Clarke, Associate Principal, along with assistance from World Language teachers. The meetings during school are held in the upstairs auditorium, along with mentor teachers who have volunteered to help with the meetings. The Smyrna/Clayton Sun Times highlighted an article about Link Crew and its function in the school. The vision for this program is for it to be implemented on a larger scale and continue to make positive changes in the lives of freshmen through senior students, and eventually have a positive impact on all students living in the Smyrna-Clayton community.

SHS Music Department Winter Concert



The Smyrna High School Music Department presented their Winter Concert on December 13, 2017. The evening began with our Jazz Ensemble presenting three pieces that featured many student soloists. The Concert choir performed crowd favorites such as "Carol of The Bells" and "O Holy Night". The Select Ensemble ended their portion of the concert with "Silent Night" which was beautifully lit by candle light from the choir. Our Symphonic Band continued with "African Bell Carol", "A Christmas Festival" and a lovely and peaceful rendition of "Auld Lang Syne". To finish the concert, the Symphonic Band and Full Choir presented a rousing rendition of the "Hallelujah Chorus."



SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL

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

**Smyrna High School
Modified Midterm Examination
Schedule - 2017-18**

Day 1 – Thursday, January 18, 2018

- Pd. 1 –7:30-8:55 (85)
- Pd. 3 –9:00-10:25 (85)
- Pd. 5 –10:30- 11:55(85)
- Dismissal: 12:00**

Day 2 – Monday, January 22, 2018

- Pd. 2 –7:30-8:55 (85)
- Pd. 4 –9:00-10:25 (85)
- Pd. 6 –10:30- 11:55(85)
- Dismissal: 12:00**

Day 3 – Tuesday, January 23, 2018

- Pd. 7 - 7:30-8:55 (85)
- Pd. 8 - 9:00-10:25 (85)
- Dismissal 10:30**

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

Makeup Exams

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

SHS College Application Week



November 6 marked the beginning of College Application Week at Smyrna High School. The week was designed to bring about College Awareness and give students time to apply to colleges and universities with the help from staff members and

volunteers from local organizations. Teachers discussed their college experiences; as well as, decorated their doors to show case over 60 schools. College gear could be spotted on both staff and students. College Application Week was a great success with over 250 students applying to their top choices. (Morehouse College Door): Ms. Jackson displayed her Morehouse pride for all to see. Her student aide, Dallas Hill, completed the door with his role of a "Morehouse student" for the judging, by playing their alma mater.



(UD Disabilities Door): Ms. Treherne and her students highlighted the Center for Disabilities Studies at the University of Delaware, to raise awareness and promote independence and productivity.

Smyrna FFA Attends Big E



The Smyrna FFA had seven members travel to Springfield, Massachusetts on September 14-16, 2017 to compete at the Eastern States Exposition. The "Big E" is the seventh largest fair in the country and comprises states in the North East and New England area. All of the Smyrna FFA members attended this event because they won by placing second in their respective Career Development Event (CDE) this past school year. The Environmental Science CDE team placed fifth and consisted of Jessica Bergold, Marissa McClenton, and Karla Pagan. Marissa McClenton placed fourth individually. There were also two AgriScience Fair projects presented by our members - Marissa McClenton, who received a 1st Place Gold and Jessica Bergold placed Silver. Kaylee

Dulin and Jayden Dixon represented Smyrna in the Dairy handling competition. And finally, Tyler Miexell and Erica Malloy represented the State of Delaware as Regional Stars candidates in the areas of Star in Research and Star in Placement.

Smyrna FFA Officers Attend Leadership Camp

The 2017-18 officer team traveled to Cape Henlopen State Park along with other FFA high school officer teams in Delaware to attend the Chapter Officer Leadership Training (COLT) Conference on September 20-21, 2017. The event was designed to learn about leadership, teamwork and was filled with fun games, educational experiences and workshops. The experience gave officers an opportunity to meet other chapter leaders and learn about what they do in their chapters that might be the same or different than what we do in Smyrna. Officers from Smyrna High School attending included: Ryan Wheatley, Trey Thompson, Erin Smallwood, George Class-Peters, Jessica Bergold and Abby Conway.

Smyrna FFA Attends 90th National FFA Convention

Results for the Smyrna FFA from the 90th Annual National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana which was attended by a record-setting 67,006 members, advisors and guests.

The National Landscape Proficiency Winner, for the First time in Delaware FFA history, was Josh Meixell, including a \$1000 award.

In additional, the Smyrna team and individual awardees were:

Agricultural Mechanics Team - Bronze Award

Nathan Metts, Silver Individual

Nick Lewis, Zack Lewis & Taylor Davis, Bronze Individuals

Agricultural Issues Team - Bronze Award

Team Members: Abby Conway, Ashley Downes, Heather Fletcher, Addy Simmons & Delaney Tome

Agricultural Sales Team - Silver Award

Ashley Hurd (13th Gold & \$400 scholarship winner)

Marissa McClenton, Wade Solloway & Ryan Wheatley, Silver Individuals

Farm Business Management Team - Bronze Award

George Class-Peters, Silver Individual

Cassidy Cook, Erica Malloy & Erin Smallwood, Bronze Individuals

Horse Evaluation Team - Bronze Award

Kathryn Emerson, Silver Individual

Jessica Bergold, Trey Thompson & Raelyn Willey, Bronze Individuals

Agricultural Science Fair - Skylar Campanicki & Taylor Davis, 5th In The Nation, Ag Structures & Technology, Gold Award

- Abby Conway & Heather Fletcher, 6th In The Nation, Plant Systems, Gold Award

- Marissa McClenton, 11th In the Nation, Plant Systems, Silver Award

- Jessica Bergold, 11th In the Nation, Animal Systems, Silver Award

American FFA Degree Recipients (Highest Degree in FFA Membership)

Smyrna HS Graduates, John Barkley, DJ Correll, Gabby DiRusso, Jennifer Savin, Jenna Scuse, Allison Wheatley

Hall of States Display for Agriculture - Skylar Campanicki & Taylor Davis, 5th Place In The Nation

Smyrna FFA Rated As A 2 Star National Chapter

Smyrna FFA Citrus Sales

The Smyrna FFA Chapter would like to thank its members that participated in the Annual Citrus & Nut Sale at Smyrna High School. Congratulations to top sellers: Taylor Brittingham (1st), Ryan Wheatley (2nd) and Jackson Reynolds (3rd). The chapter appreciates the support of the community and longtime customers during this annual event.



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, & IV

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

Jobs for Delaware Graduates

JDG is designed to help students reach academic and career goals. *Courses offered are:* JDG 9, 10, 11, & 12

STEM

Courses offered are part of the Project Lead the Way curriculum and include:

STEM 1 - Intro to Engineering Design

STEM 2 - Principles of Engineering

STEM 3 - Environmental Sustainability

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 ED/Section 504

Dr. Rachael Rudinoff
Supervisor of Special Services
Smyrna School District
82 Monrovia Ave
Smyrna, DE 19977
302-653-3135

Sex Discrimination (Title IX)

Mrs. Deborah Judy
Assistant Superintendent
Smyrna School District
82 Monrovia Ave
Smyrna, DE 19977
302-653-8585

School Admissions/Programs

Ms. Stacy Cook
Principal
Smyrna High School
500 Duck Creek Parkway
Smyrna, DE 19977
302-653-8581

COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION OF SEX OFFENDERS

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

NOTICE:

Delaware Department of Education Tobacco Regulation 877

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

A PARENT'S RIGHT TO KNOW

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The following letter will provide details on how parents may easily access information regarding their child's teacher(s).

Dear Parent:

As a parent of a student in the Smyrna School District you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct your child. Federal law allows you to ask for certain information about your child's classroom teachers, and requires us to give you the information in a timely manner if you ask for it. Specifically, you have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers:

TITLE I NOTIFICATIONS

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

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

Dr. Marcia Mayhew
Supervisor of Pupil Services
302-653-3135
email: Marcia.Mayhew@smyrna.k12.de.us



DISTRICT DIRECTORY

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

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.

required by law to determine program eligibility.

3. Instructional materials used as part of the educational curriculum.

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 information to others.

Inspection

You may, upon request, inspect the following:

1. Protected information surveys of students;
2. Instruments used to collect personal information from students for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and

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

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 without consent. One exception permits disclosure

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

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

Complaint

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

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

NOTICE CONCERNING DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN STUDENT INFORMATION

The Smyrna School District ("the District") may disclose certain information, known as directory information, in its discretion without consent. Parents, or students eighteen years of age or 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 Mrs. Deborah Judy Assistant Superintendent 82 Monrovia Avenue Smyrna, DE 19977 302-653-8585

SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973

Compliance Coordinator Dr. Marcia Mayhew Supervisor of Pupil Services 80 Monrovia Avenue Smyrna, DE 19977 302-653-3135 (302) 653-3135

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) OF 1982

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

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

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

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

Level Two – Title IX Compliance Officer

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

Level Three – Superintendent If the complaint is not resolved at

Level Two, the grievant may proceed to Level Three by presenting a written appeal to the Superintendent within 15 days after the grievant received the report from the compliance officer. A decision will be rendered and conveyed to the grievant by the Superintendent or his/her designee within 15 days after receipt of written appeal.

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

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

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

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

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

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

2.0 Right to File a Complaint

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3.0 Complaint Made to the Local Education Agency

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Smyrna Eagles Football Team 3-Peat as DIAA Division I State Champions



The Smyrna Eagle Football Team finished the season with a 10-2 record en route to a third-straight Henlopen Conference crown and a third-straight DIAA Division 1 State Championship. As in previous years, the journey was a thrill ride for our football family, our fans and our entire community. We are so proud of their rare accomplishment made possible by the countless hours spend by the coaches and their wives, district and community volunteers and many, many passionate individuals whose efforts contributed to our success.

On an individual level, senior running back Will Knight finished his storied career with a bang, rushing for 2,164 yards and 32 touchdowns on the season. His senior campaign garnered him 1st Team All-Conference and All-State honors for the third consecutive season, selection as the Gatorade Player of the Year, and for the second time in his career, the DIFCA Offensive Player of the Year. He becomes the only player in Delaware history to win this award twice, and finishes as the new all-time leading rusher in Delaware history with 6,490 yards and 97 rushing touchdowns.

Knight was joined by several other offensive teammates who garnered post-season honors: center Ty-key Moore (1st Team All-Conference, 1st Team All-State), receiver Emon Roberts (1st Team All-Conference, 1st Team All-State), and tackle Saleem Wormley (2nd Team All-Conference, 1st Team All-State) received the top honors. Other offensive players who received post-season conference recognition were guard Brent Young (2nd Team All-Conference), wide receiver Stephen Whaley (2nd Team All-Conference), and all-purpose player Keshawn Tolbert (2nd Team All-Conference).

Defensively, co-captains Hunter Moyer and Diron Accoo led the team and established themselves as one of the top defenses in the state. Sophomore linebacker Darryl "Debo" Williams led the team in tackles with 128, while Hunter Moyer led in tackles for loss with 22, and Desmond Wilson led in sacks with 10. Leading the team in interceptions were cornerbacks Jeremy D'Aguiar with four and Akil Garrett, Jr. with three, and they also returned a combined three of those for touchdowns. Garnering top post-season honors were linebacker Darryl Williams (1st Team All-Conference, 1st Team All-State), defensive end Hunter Moyer (1st Team All-Conference, 1st Team All-State), and defensive tackle Desmond Wilson (1st Team All-Conference, 1st Team All-State). Other defensive players who received post-season conference recognition were defensive tackle Mike Carrow (2nd Team All-Conference), defensive end Tristan Friel (2nd Team All-Conference), linebacker Diron Accoo (2nd Team All-Conference), and defensive back Caden Naylor (Conference Honorable Mention).

A terrific group of seniors who worked long hours and were dedicated to lead this team to victory will be graduating this year. They will be greatly missed, but thankfully, they have laid another block on a great foundation for our young, rising players in the coming seasons. GO EAGLES! #FAMILY

SHS Unified Flag Football Team



The unified flag football team, in its second season, finished the regular season undefeated. The Eagles swept their opponents the playoffs to play in their first-ever State Championship game on December 2 at the University of Delaware football stadium. The flag football team lost in a tough fought game to the Newark Charter but touched a community and inspired so many with the idea of inclusion, compassion, and togetherness. Members of the team included, Marissa McClenton, Olyvia Smith, Sara Miller, Brandon Clark, Olumuyiwa Salako, Ishmael Reynolds, Jakir Hampton, Keith Demby, Willek Murphy, Matthew Bryson, Scott Russell, and head coach Andrew Mears.