

GARRETTFORD GOOD NEWS

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GARRETTFORD KICKS OFF ANOTHER EXCITING YEAR

Even though the first week of school was rather hot, the days were filled with really cool activities! Students were excited to receive a visit from Curious George who promoted the District's new reading series. Opening day was like a reunion on the playground as families and students met up after the summer. The children were excited to meet their new teachers and learn who would be in their class. Students came loaded down with supplies and donning new clothes. We even had some backpacks and school supplies donated by Depuy Synthes employees and a local resident who

wanted to thank the students for their holiday cards each year at the Card Give Away. The lobby was freshly painted and decorated to welcome everyone back to school and Mr. Carey had decorated the back playground with chalk drawings. All in all, it was a great start to a new year.





FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



during our first week, which gave the staff a chance to catch up with one another and collaborate on ideas for the new year. Thank you Home & School!

IT'S MURRAY x 2 AT GARRETTFORD

THANK YOU DEPUY SYNTHES

WAWA WELCOMES BACK THE GARRETTFORD STAFF

Mrs. Cheryl Murray is starting her 33rd year in teaching and has the unique privilege of now teaching alongside her daughter Taylor. Miss Murray was hired over the summer to teach first grade at Garrettford, and we are all excited to welcome her.



On the teacher's first day back, the entire staff was treated to coffee and doughnuts from the WAWA next door. It was a pleasant and welcomed surprise. WAWA has always been supportive of our school and we really appreciate it! They also brought us soft pretzels on the first day of school.

Home & School provided a delicious welcome back luncheon



Mom and daughter share so much in common, including that they both graduated from West Chester University with their Education Degrees. They also both love to shop, read, attend concerts and vacation at the beach. Most

often they do these activities together. Mrs. Murray points out that they have very similar personalities and often they finish each other's sentences. They also share clothes and shoes! (Check out the picture above – identical shoes!) Both ladies point to the other as their best friend.

Miss Murray feels very fortunate to be able to begin her teaching career at Garrettford. She recalls many days helping her Mom to set up her classroom and says that Garrettford is where her love and passion for teaching began. She witnessed her Mom's love and dedication to education and seeing that helped guide her to where she is today. Mrs. Murray is thankful that her daughter will be surrounded by the incredible, supportive staff here at Garrettford. Miss Murray states, "With Garrettford being a great place to grow, I know this is truly the best place for me to begin my career. I look forward to the amazing memories I will make here at Garrettford Elementary." One of Mrs. Murray's former students asked her if her "sister" was teaching at Garrettford now. She laughed and explained that it is her daughter. Mrs. Murray said, "I felt young again for a flash!"

GO TEAM MURRAY!!!

GARRETTFORD HONORS DREXEL HILL DECEASED WAR VETERANS

Last year, Garrettford Home & School Association and the staff and students celebrated Veterans Day by buying small American flags to honor Veterans for their service. The flags were beautifully displayed all along the front lawn for all to see. The money raised was used to purchase two banners which will initiate a community-wide effort to honor all deceased Veterans from the Upper Darby area. The banners will be displayed throughout the town along the many roads that line our community. The inaugural Hometown Heroes to be honored were Michael J. Kerl and Donald B. Mancill, both of whom grew up in the Garrettford area. Both men were Veterans of the Vietnam War. September 6th actually marked the 50th Anniversary of Donald Mancill's death. Family members of both Hometown Heroes were present for the event. Garrettford's fifth grade chorus sang the National Anthem and God Bless America, accompanied by Mr. Hyde. The ceremony was attended by members of the Upper Darby Veteran's group, officers of the UDPD, the Mayor, Mr. Don Fields of the UD School Board of Directors and several community members. Mr. Dave Tatum, a retired UDHS

history teacher and veteran of the Vietnam War was also in attendance. Mr. Tatum was instrumental in identifying the Veterans to be honored and locating their family members. Thank you to Mr. Hoyt and Mrs. Chavarria for instituting this worthwhile campaign.





MOVIE NIGHT AT GARRETFORD IS FAST BECOMING A FALL TRADITION

This year in collaboration with Mayor Micozzie, the UD Township Council and Garrettford Home & School Association, families were again treated to Movie Night. The feature film was *Wonder Park*. Popcorn and refreshments were available for sale. Everyone had a great time!





WELCOME BACK MRS. CYNTHIA KELLY



Mrs. Kelly was a second grade teacher at Garrettford from 2004 until 2013. At that time, she took a part-time position at Aronimink Elementary from 2013 until 2019.

We are so glad to have her back in our fourth grade!

Mrs. Kelly is a graduate of Millersville University and has been an educator for twenty years. She resides in Havertown with her husband and three daughters, ages 13, 10 and 9 and a four year old Bichon Poodle. She enjoys spending time with her family, walking or exercising, and reading.

Mrs. Kelly is so happy to be back at Garrettford and remarks that it is a great feeling to be home again in the classroom.

Thank you to all of our families who have attended our Back to School Nights. Mark your calendars for October 3rd when we will host our Open House and ELL Parent Orientation.

Morning lessons are already starting, and we thank you for your support in getting our students to school for these activities.

Over the next two months we have many field trips and assemblies scheduled. We are off and running to a good start. Please remember to check your calendars to keep abreast of all the great activities coming up.

Thank You