

The Falcon's Nest

DREXEL HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"It's not where you go. It's who
you meet along the way."

- Wizard of Oz



After months of hard work and dedication, nearly 120 sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students participated in DHMS presentation of Wizard of Oz, Jr.!



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DHMS Conquered the UDSD Marine Corp Fitness Meet



Mrs. Saldutti 8th Grade Language Arts April 2019

Congratulations to the following students for their Excellence in Language Arts:

September: Amber Biester

October: Justin Shepherd

November: John Byrne

December: Taylor Ford

January: Ava Terifay

February: Amelia Fusetti

I am very pleased with how hard my students worked on their PSSA testing. They should all be very proud of their diligence, perseverance, and work ethic.

With the school year winding down, there are so many exciting things that the 8th graders have to look forward to!

Early Dismissal Dates 2018 -2019 May 9, 2019 7th Grade: Camp Speers Eljibar May 8th to the 10th	Month	of	MAY
	1 PSSA Science (1st through 3rd) American Sign Language Club 3:15 to 4:15pm	7 Instrumental Concert Rehearsal Instrumental Concert 7pm	8 Student Council (May 8th and 22nd) 3:30 to 4pm
10 Challengers Assembly 9:30 to 10:30am	13 Choral Concert Rehearsal Choral Concert 7pm 5th to 6th grade parent night 7pm	16 8th Grade Chorus and Concert Singers to Phillies Game 1pm	
21 Teacher Professional Development No School for Students	23 Memorial Day Assembly 9am	24 UDSD Contract Inservice No School for Students	

Week of May 13th

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

I don't know if there is a happier person in the spring than me. As soon as the buds appear on the trees I start to get the itch to get into a greenhouse and come home with way more plants than will comfortably grow in my 4x4 garden box. Springtime offers us all a glimpse at the world through a lense of health and new growth. Just as the flowers and trees show clear signs of rebirth, our students also get to spend more time outside, in the sun-moving, exercising, and making connections with friends.

Here at Drexel Hill Middle School we are now in the last of our four marking periods. There are so many great school traditions that we have in the remaining weeks of the school year. On May 4, we will hold our community service clean-up project. Spring sports teams are holding contests almost every day of the week, providing entertainment for our students after school. The sixth grade class will enjoy a team- building experience, bowling together at Playhouse Lanes. Our seventh grade students will compete in the curricular Greek Olympics and also attend the Camp Speers overnight trip. And, not to be forgotten, our eighth grade celebrates their time at DHMS through honors at the Challengers Ceremony, the Eighth Grade Dinner Dance, Hershey Park, and our annual Promotion Ceremonies.

I hope to see more of our children and our families as the days are absolutely calling us outside to enjoy this time together. See you soon!

-Dr. Alloway

6th GRADE Science NEWS

Mrs. Heinerichs' 6th grade science classes have been studying about Earthquakes and Volcanoes this past month. They finished off the unit by building and erupting their own volcanoes. It was a great culminating activity. All of the kids had a real "blast"!



The students in Ms. Gentry's class are preparing for April by making puzzle piece shirts and putting together puzzle piece ribbons. April is Autism Awareness Month! Every year we celebrate our friends with Autism by wearing our puzzle piece ribbons. The students in Ms. G.'s class assembled the ribbon, by safety pinning a written message to it and distributing it to staff and students throughout the building. In another effort to support our friends with Autism around our school community, along with wearing the ribbons, the students created puzzle piece t-shirts to wear every Friday during the month of April.



“Check Out” this information from the Library
DHMS has 12,000 books, several magazines, and thousands of online resources through the county and state library systems, and our subscription to GALE Cengage databases. See the information on our bookmark for links to these reliable resources.

Drexel Hill Middle School Library
Revised: Fall 2017

UDHS Library Webpage - access all of our resources:
<https://www.upperdarbysd.org/Page/2577>
All GALE resources for research:
<http://www.galepages.com/pl6001>

To login to GALE resources, the password is: "dhms".
POWER Library and DelCo Library resources require a library card number out of school.

Contact the school librarian or assistant for more information.

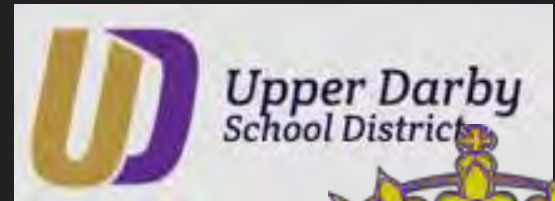
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DHMS PRIDE DAY

Showcasing our DHMS pride and talent as well as getting prepped for the PSSA's



news from seminar

Grade 6 students have been researching and discussing the Timeline of Manned Spaceflight. Students concentrated on the historical events described below:

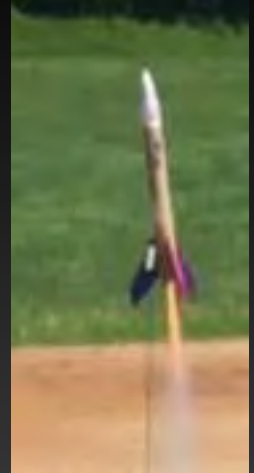
On October 4, 1957, The Soviet Union launched Sputnik 1 into space. Sputnik was the first artificial Earth satellite. It was launched into a low elliptical Earth orbit and could be viewed around the world. This successful mission launched a space race between the United States and the Soviet Union. This race actually began following World War II when both countries captured advance rocket technology and personnel from Germany. This race would last for a number of years and would create a great number of technical and scientific advances for mankind. During the race both countries would compete to put a man into orbit around the Earth and ultimately a man on the moon.

Grade 6 students were given the opportunity to construct a working model of a solid fuel rocket complete with parachute recovery system. They build the body tube, design and shape the rocket fins, and make the parachute recovery system. When they're finished, they watch their rockets blast toward the stratosphere.

Students were able to investigate the following STEM areas:

Science: Acceleration, Thrust, Center of Gravity/
Pressure

Technology: Problem Solving, Systems, Spin-Off's
Engineering: Safety Engineering, Technological
Design, Modeling



Grade 7 Seminar students had the opportunity to discuss the historic and scientific principles of flight. This module provided students with historical and informational resources that contain important information related to this event in American history and the idea of man being able to fly. The module has two supporting questions that students needed to answer through evidence gathering and the development of claims and arguments based upon the evidence. *How did the Wright Brothers successfully make their first flight and what factors contributed to this success on December 17, 1903? And How did the Wright Brothers learn from their failures and gain insights into improvements in design and materials used to persevere and finally succeed?*

Grade 7 students were given the opportunity to experiment with a variety of flying models including; hot air balloons, Star Gliders, and Delta Dart. The Delta Dart model uses a rubber band-powered model airplane. Pylon-mounted, paper-covered wings give stable flight. Indoor or outdoor use. Students were able to investigate the following STEM areas:

Science: Principles of Flight, Newton's Laws

Technology: Historical Perspectives, Testing

Evaluation, Materials Science
Engineering: Technological Design, Modeling, Problem Solving

Math: Measurements, Geometrics, Shapes, Symmetry



Grade 8 Seminar students had the opportunity to discuss Inventors and Inventions. Inventions are new ideas or actual things that can help the way we live or do our jobs. There are so many different kinds of inventions, some are simple and small such as a spoon or a Band-Aid. Some are big and fancy such as a car or a space shuttle. Other inventions you might know are computers, phones, lightbulbs or even vacuums that can move by themselves. Just think about all the things around us that we need and use every day. Some inventions fail because the inventor failed to anticipate market conditions or practical aspects of the science involved. Inventors are often in competition with one another and race to market a product.

Grade 8 Students constructed Electric Energy Prop Racers. This unique vehicle is part plane, part car – although it moves on wheels, it is battery powered and mobilized by a plane propeller. The kit students received contained CDs for wheels, CD hubs, balsa wood for the body, a battery holder, and a propeller.

Students were introduced to the following STEM areas:
Science: Thrust, Force and Motion, Energy
Technology: Systems, Testing/Evaluation, Energy and Power
Engineering: Analyzing Data, Obtaining Data
Math: Measurements, Prediction, Calculating Speed



Thank you to Luke Ruggiero (DHMS alumni) for volunteering his time to help make us a better team!

LACROSSE

We would like to recognize the following student athletes for their achievement in bringing DHMS their first Boys Lacrosse win in at least two years!

Luke Melito Ethan Douglas Diezel Colhoun Richard Hill Anthony Ricciuti Colby Wantman Raymond Bulovas Patrick Quinn Derrick Johnson Daniel Joseph Conner Ostrander Jabe Cox Owen Smith Will Ruggiero Quintin Bolton Connor Dougherty Jackson Altmann Steven Tayah Adam Hoxhaj Gary Drummond Tony Zampitella

Baseball

7th grade boys baseball won their game against Strath Haven by a score of 3-1. Strath Haven earned a 1st inning run and were shut down by the falcon defense for the rest of the game. Nick Fratangelli pitched 4 strong innings and came away with the win. Luke Press pitched some heat for an inning and a half in relief of Nick. Closure Adam

Pierson pitched 2 strong innings to get the save. The offense was sparked by Nick Fratangelli's triple. Dylan Gallagher had a key hit that moved base runners in scoring position. Defensive keys to the game: Dylan Gallagher with a great heads-up double play at Short stop, and Shamus Mahoney, Luke Press, Nick Fratangelli, and Dylan Gallagher on a great run down at home and tag at third for another double play. Great job boys on your 2-0 record!
Keep up the good work!