

# The Royal News

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## BLACK HISTORY

6th, 7th and 8th Grade Students had an assembly at the beginning of February on the topic of African Americans and the vote. Dr Monica Taylor spoke, as well as student created-poetry winners and there was a performance by the step team.



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# Food Drive

The students at Drexel Hill Middle School collected over 700 canned goods for the Food Drive!



Madame Torosian's homeroom won a Donut Party by bringing in 82 cans of food!



## Mrs. Saldutti

8th Grade Language Arts

February 2020

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

September: Alice Dobbins

October: Gora Mbaye

November: Gabe Serrano

December: Brea Womelsdorf

January: Illenea Simmons

Now that we're at the halfway mark in the school year, students are continuing to work diligently to master all skills necessary to excel!

We all look forward to spring and continue to prepare students for the future.



20th - 22nd

# DH Presents Once Upon a Mattress

20th & 21st - 7:00pm

22nd - 2 pm

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March

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Home and School Meeting  
6:30pm

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Early Dismissal  
1:30pm

19

DH Musical Dress Rehearsal

26

Speak Up Event  
6:00pm-9:00pm

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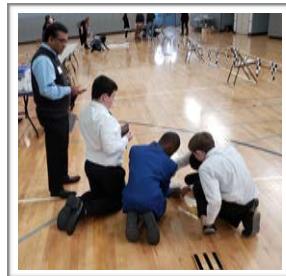
End of Marking Period 3

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENT OF THE MONTH RECIPIENTS. KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!



# DHMS Competes and Places in TSA Competition

On Saturday February 8, Drexel Hill Middle School Technology Student Association competed in their third regional competition in Quakertown PA. The events that they competed in are Problem Solving, Coding, Video Game Design, Website Design, Delta Dart, Medical Technology, Mass Production, Inventions and Innovations, Challenging Technology Issues, and Structural Engineering. The students who competed were Finnegan O'Boyle, Joshua Cavalier, Haseen Ahmed, Max Sarti, Joseph (JT) Lawler, Anthony Batdorf, Jack Ford, Michael Tully, Nat Ipock, Garrett Smith, John Costello, Kevin Boyle, Greg Reichard, Damian Wodarski and Abdoulaye Sangare. They walked away from the competition with experience and more STEM knowledge than they came with. They also received 3rd and 6th place in Structural Engineering, 4th place in Problem Solving, 2nd and 4th place in Inventions and Innovations and 6th place in Delta Dart which qualifies them for the State competition in April. Congratulations everyone!



# SCIENCE

7th Grade Science at DHMS is enjoying our intro to our new unit: Genes & Molecular Machines. We have been working hard to examine different organisms and display evidence of similarities and differences among those organisms. We have seeded Wisconsin Fast Plants, rooted Geraniums, looked at Zebrafish variations and predicted which gerbil offspring belong to a specific parent couple. We're looking forward to learning about organism reproduction.



# News with Dr Hight

7th grade seminar students are some high flying aeronauts as they put the finishing touches on their STEM Hot Air Balloon Challenge.



**American Rocket Club members hard at work building their first egg crate design.**



# Creative Writing Corner

Mrs. Livoy's eighth grade first semester creative writing class collaborated with the Kindergarten Center Extended Day Program in a joint writing project. The kindergarteners came up with characters, and the creative writing students wrote stories centered around these characters.

Upon completion, the creative writing students traveled to the K Center to share the stories with the students. The Eighth graders read the stories aloud to the kindergarteners, and after that, the kindergarteners drew the pictures to accompany the story. Everyone enjoyed their time together.



# DHMS Game Club

In the first week of DHMS Game Club, students enjoyed playing Uno, Apples to Apples, Chess, Checkers, and Clue. All grades welcome! It runs from February 3 to March 31. Every Monday after school from 3:15 to 4:30 in room 217. The Teacher Advisors are: Mrs. McLaughlin and Ms. Kostaneski. The student leader is 6th grader Cole Williams.



## Tie Dye Spirit Day





# 7th Grade Social Studies

In seventh grade social studies, the students mummified frogs to show their understanding of Egyptian culture!



## Future Cities

Drexel Hill MS Engineering Team competed in the Philadelphia Regional Future Cities Competition at Arch Bishop Carroll High School on January 18. Mr. Crossgrove and Dr. Hight's students have worked extremely hard and represented the Royals well.





Visit [MouthHealthy.org/SmileBuilders](http://MouthHealthy.org/SmileBuilders) for more activity sheets.

#### HEALTHY SMILE TIPS



Brush your teeth twice a day with a fluoride toothpaste.



Clean between your teeth daily.



Eat a healthy diet that limits sugary beverages and snacks.



See your dentist regularly for prevention and treatment of oral disease.

ADA American Dental Association®

February is National Children's Dental Health month! The campaign slogan for this year is "Brush and Clean in between to Build a Healthy Smile" and is provided by the American Dental Association. Attitudes and habits that are created at an early age are very important in establishing and maintaining good oral health. Celebrating National Children's Dental Health month is one way to improve awareness and help keep children's smiles beautiful for years to come!

Additionally, please be sure to send in your current dental exam to the school nurse. All 7th grade students are required by state law to have an exam (within the past year) on file. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the nurse.