The Falcon's Nest

DREXEL HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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The Emotional Support Program has been going to Autistic Support and Life Skill classrooms once a month to help out with holiday activities, social skill lessons, and help with academic work. This month we focused our activity on creating a "Giving Tree," where the students decorated holiday ornaments. The emotional support students did an excellent job helping them with this activity.











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CETTING INTO THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT

The Student Council held its annual Holiday Sweater Contest on December 21st.

Teachers and students celebrated the season by showing off their best ugly sweater.

Teacher winners of the annual contest were:









Mr. Bucolo

Dr. Alloway

Mrs. Saldutti

Mrs. Zamonski

8th Grade Creative Writing

The students in creative writing class completed a joint writing project with the Kindergarten Center extended day students. The kindergarteners came up with the characters and basic conflict, and the DH students wrote a children's book centered around these ideas. We shared the books with the kindergarteners before the winter break.













| Early Dismissal Dates 2019 | Month | of | February |
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| January 18, 2018 January 25, 2018 February 8, 2018 February 22, 2018 March 8, 2018 March 22, 2018 May 31, 2018 | 5 Science Fair | 6 American Sign Language Club 3:15pm to 4:15pm | 8 7th Grade Social 7pm to 9pm |
| | 14 Early Dismissal 1:30pm | UDSD Teacher Professional Development NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS | 18 UDSD Holiday SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED |
| Winter Sports Home Game Schedule: 2/4 - Girls Basketball 2/5 - Boys Wrestling | 20 American Sign Language Club 3:15pm to 4:15pm Home & School Meeting 7pm | 28 UDSD Student Administration Day | |

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH AND PBIS INCENTIVE WINNERS!













SCIENCE DEPARTMENT NEWS

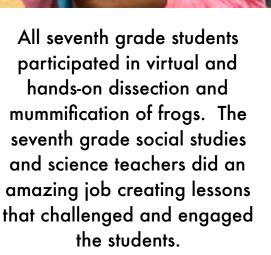
The 6th grade science classes finished up their unit on Newton's Laws and Energy with a fun project. They applied everything they learned about kinetic and potential energy, Newton's Law of Motion, and roller coasters, and they tried to make the biggest and best marble roller coaster that they could out of foam tubing. The winners made one with a quadruple loop!







Check out this amazing cross-curricular experience at DHMS!





It was great to see the students enjoying themselves and working well with one another. We are sure this is something they will never forget.

NEWS FROM RELATED ARTS, CLUBS AND ELECTIVES



STUDENT COUNCIL



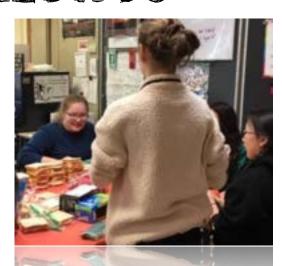




The DHMS student council spent one afternoon before winter break, wrapping up mittens, hats, and socks that they gathered during their gift drive. They wrapped over 50 packages to help keep kids warm this winter, and donated them to our UDSD social workers.

PLAYWRIGHTS





The students in Mrs. Livoy's Playwrights class made 50 lunches for the Connect by Night program. Connect by Night is an emergency shelter that operates in partnership with faith communities in Delaware County.

Drexel Hill Middle School's Administrator Message

Greetings Drexel Hill families! February marks the national celebration of Black History Month. The Association for the Study of African American Life and History, the original sponsoring organization for Black History Month, has identified the theme for 2019: African American Migrations. Teachers, social workers, and administrators worked together to break the larger theme into several smaller topics, which we will feature throughout the month. Our students will learn about family and personal migration through the lens of: safety, economics, desegregation, and educational opportunities. In addition to listening activities and visual displays, the month will conclude with a school celebration. I am looking forward to learning with your children throughout the month.

As the winter gets into full swing, please speak with your child about dressing for the temperature. Although hats and hoods cannot be work inside the building, they are sure to keep little heads warm on the way to and from school. If possible, please place your child's name on the inside tags of cold weather gear. Children occasionally lose accessories, and we would like to return lost items to their owners.

I have received a fantastic welcome to Drexel Hill Middle School. I am proud to be able to work with your children and our teachers. I look forward to the opportunities to celebrate your children and to support their journey through middle school. Thank you!



Dr. Alloway, Principal

6TH GRADE NEWS

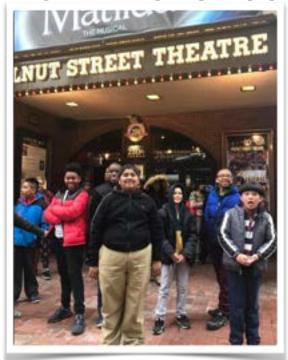
6th Grade Math - Mrs. Stewart



We are just diving into the third unit in the Go Math Textbook - Proportionality: Ratios and Rates! The students have completed a variety of hands-on and cooperative activities to represent ratios and rates. They wrote and simplified ratios to solve real-world mathematical problems, such as determining the number of items needed to make jewelry or the amounts of ingredients needed to extend a recipe. The students have made the important connection that ratios and rates are commonly used everyday! I am looking forward to building upon these skills as we progress though this unit!

Congratulations to McKay Kpunsah for being recognized as December's math student of the month.

FUN IN AUTISTIC SUPPORT & LIFE SKILLS CLASS



Students had a blast on our field trip to the Walnut Street Theatre to see "A Christmas Carol." They enjoyed their delicious lunch at the Bourse Building!



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TEAM DH Holiday Spirit Day



Friends from ES helped us bake cookies and make pretzel rollos.



NEWS FROM SEMINAR



6th grade seminar students put the finishing touches on their Physics of Amusement Park Challenge. Students were asked to build a working model of an amusement park ride after conducting research into the physics, economics and history of amusement parks and their rides.





7th grade seminar students complete 2 projects. In the Cereal Box Challenge, students were given the task of designing a new cereal box for children. They conducted research into marketing techniques, packaging, area and volume, and methods used to make food look appetizing on television and in movies. Students were also given the opportunity to practice their coding skills using the new Cue robots.





8th grade seminar students conclude their STEM Challenge on Crime Scene Investigation. Students conducted a number of tests designed to simulate the work of CSI's by extracting DNA from a strawberry, performing paper chromatography with markers, and analyzing the pH of water.

