

The Falcon's Nest

DREXEL HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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DREXEL HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL JAZZ BAND



The DHMS Jazz band completed their competitive season this past Friday at Springtown Lake Middle School. They capped off a wonderful season by earning their 5th straight (out of five competitions) superior award, the highest honor that can be given. The band has won sections awards this year for the best trombones, best rhythm section, best trumpet section and best sax section. Numerous individual soloists have also been awarded with best soloist awards including Nina Jancovik (7th Grade Vocalist), Copper Watson (8th grade alto sax) and Lucas Collins (8th grade drum set). We are extremely proud of the hard work and dedication of these students.

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6TH GRADE NEWS

Mrs. Heinerichs' Animal Science classes finished off their unit on fish by visiting the koi pond in the DHMS courtyard. They learned all about how to take care of koi fish, where they came from, and their characteristics. They even got to feed the fish and try to get them to eat right out of their hands. It was a great day.



Mrs. Saldutti **8th Grade Language Arts**

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
March: Dorothy Danbury
April: Maxwell Mattioni

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!

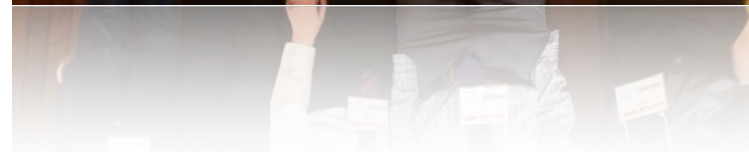
June 12th: LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS REPORT CARDS DISTRIBUTED

8th Grade Promotions:
 8:30am - 108, 114, 115, 225, 304
 9:30am - 117, 120, 123, 222, 229
 10:30am - 118, 121, 218, 223, 227
 11:30 - 113, 116, 119, 122, 220

Month	of	June
3 FINALS : Science & LA	4 FINALS : Science & LA	5 FINALS : Math & Social Studies
6 FINALS : Math & Social Studies 8th Grade Awards Night 7pm	7 8th Grade Dinner Dance 7pm to 10pm	11 8th Grade to Hersey Park

TSA COMPETES AT THE STATE LEVEL

On Wednesday - Saturday April 10 - 13, Drexel Hill Middle School Technology Student Association competed in their first State competition in Champion PA against 1,700 other students. The events that they competed in are Problem Solving, Structural Engineering, Junior Solar Sprint, Delta Dart, Inventions and Innovations, Mass Productions and STEM Animations. The students who competed were Haseen Ahmed, Max Sarti, Sam Lawler, John Costello, Abdoulaye Sangare, Joseph (JT) Lawler, Anthony Batdorf and Jack Ford. They walked away from the competition with experience and more STEM knowledge than they came with. The Structural Engineering team achieved top 12 in the state. They also received 9th place in Mass Production and 8th place in STEM Animation. This a great accomplishment as there are many middle school chapters in the state competing in this competition. Congratulations to all and keep up the hard work!





6TH GRADE NEWS

Ms. Settimio's Language Arts class enjoyed performing a Reader's Theater version of the drama, "Gluskabe and Old Man Winter." (Pictured are Bob Bergman, Jason Oliphant, Kenya Breakenridge, Dara Caso, Tyler Bates, Rochelle Vincent, Jimmy Altman, and Omur Choudhry.)



GINGO DE MAYO

Señora DeFedelto's Spanish classes celebrated El Cinco de Mayo! Students brought in authentic cuisine and learned about how Mexico defeated France at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1861.



CONGRATULATIONS TO 2019 NATIONAL FRENCH CONTEST WINNERS

The 8th grade French students participated in Le Grand Concours (National French Contest) organized by AAFT (American Association of French Teachers). This test is usually offered to high school students. Below are the names of participants with their awards.

Name	Medal	Cerificat d'honneur
Ariel Howel	Silver	Lauréat National
Faiza Ansari	Silver	Lauréat National
Mabel Avila	Silver	Lauréat National
Charlotte Wismer	Silver	Lauréat National
Reham Bouzid	Bronze	Lauréat National
Ryan Clarici	Bronze	Lauréat National
Liya Hauben		Mention Honorable
Dorothy Danbury		Mention Honorable
Jadon Bandolon		Mention Honorable
Bella Gagliardi		Mention Honorable
Victoria Zimmerman		Mention Honorable
Bridget Allen		Mention Honorable
Saniah Tuck		Cerificat de Participation
Olivia Schell		Cerificat de Participation
Christa Staves		Cerificat de Participation



NEWS FROM RELATED ARTS, CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES



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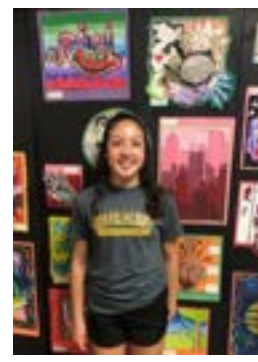
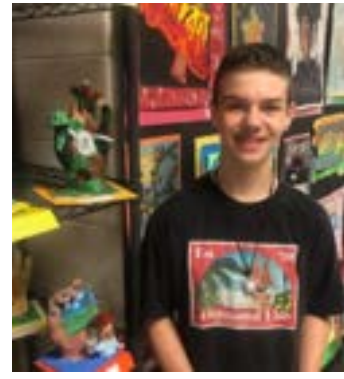
Arts Fest
May 18th, 2019
10:00-3:00
Upper Darby High School

Art Show
Activities
Performances

Artwork on Display
Elementary Schools (9 wing)
Drexel Hill Middle School (9 wing) (7 Building)
Beverly Hills Middle School (9 wing) (7 Building)
UD High School (7 Building)
Alumni Art Show (7 Building)
Faculty Art Show (1142)

Activities
Henna Tattoos (1171)
Silk Screening T-Shirts (1171)
Tile Painting for kids (1171)
Wheel Throwing Demos (1171)
Ceramic Dish and Bowl Fundraiser (1171)
Art Make and Take Activities (1142)
Face Painting (11 Building) (1171)
Activities for little ones and families (111)
Culinary Cafe- Food For Sale (1171)
Art Club Boutique (T-shirts & Student Art For Sale)

Performances
Poetry Slam (1000) (1142)
Junk to Funk Fashion Show (11:00-12:00) (1142)





Girls Ensemble went to Melmark and performed with the "Joybells", an adult group of Downs Syndrome adults. It was a great day. The "Joybells" will be performing in the DH Choral Concert on May 13th.

Students are singing at the PHILLIES game on May 16th. The American Sign Language Club will be signing the anthem as well!

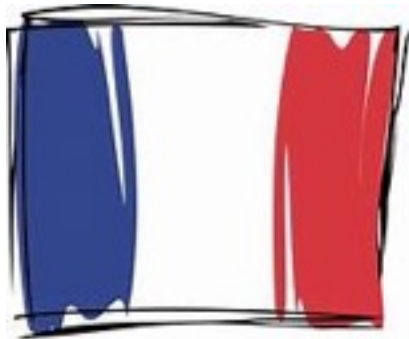
150 of DH musicians will be participating in an adjudicated Festival on May 29th followed by time spent in Dorney Park.

2019 FRENCH SOIRÉE

The French Soirée was a big success. 8th grade students and members of International Club exceeded everyone's expectations. French poems, songs and puppet show attracted many children, grandparents and of course parents.



This week some of our French students had the opportunity to dine at an upscale french restaurant, tasting a special meal prepared for them at the restaurant. A delicious menu was prepared our for French students. We loved dining out and the food was very good.



7TH GRADE TRIP TO CAMP SPEERS - ELIJBAR



DHMS CONCERT SINGERS AT THE PHILLIES



Members from DHMS Concert Singers & 8th grade chorus sang the National Anthem at the Phillies game 5/16 in front of a crowd of over 38,000 fans. The ASL club also interpreted the song in sign language while the singers sang. It was a great day for DHMS, not so much for the Phillies!



Girls Ensemble took a selfie in the elevator while heading to the 2nd floor of the Shannondell Rehab center in celebration of National Nursing Home week. The concert was well received by the clients. We were invited by former DH student and Girls Ensemble, Katy Hartigan who now works at the facility.

REMINDER FROM THE LIBRARY

All school library books are due no later than May 23 (before Memorial Day weekend). Check around the house, and in backpacks for any of our books. Have your child check his locker or classroom. Books are due in the library, not the classroom.

NEWS FROM MUSIC TECHNOLOGY & GARAGEBAND

"GarageBand Night will be on Wednesday, June 5. 6th and 7th grade students will be performing their music technology projects in front of a live audience. We will start at 7:00pm in room 136. Everyone is welcome to attend."

To celebrate Administrative Professionals Day we made cards and crafts for our favorite ladies to show our appreciation for all they do! We love our office ladies!



On School Cafeteria Workers Day, the students in Rooms 101 and 102 made thank you cards for our Cafeteria Ladies and presented them with flowers! They really go above and beyond everyday! One student in Room 101 does not like burnt food, so Ms. Stephanie has made it her daily mission to unwrap a burger everyday and make sure it isn't burnt before serving it to this child – it has made lunch very smooth. Another student stated the truth in their card, "Thank you for all you do. If you weren't here we would be starving all day!"

In addition, the ELL Department celebrates International Food Day once a year, and we use the ovens and fridges in the cafeteria, these ladies help get everything ready. When showing the newcomers how to use the cafeteria they are very accommodating, and sometimes we find a common language. Earlier this year a student found one of the ladies is from Albania and he talked to her everyday until he was able to talk to his friends. It was a great outlet and comfort for him, and he was able to actually use language during the day.



Congratulations to the fifty DHMS students who were selected to be 2019 DHMS Challengers. This is a huge accomplishment. Students are selected based on academic achievement from sixth through eighth grade, character, and involvement in the school community. They are honored at an assembly, get to take the incoming sixth graders on building tours, and go on an overnight trip to VA.

To make this trip possible we hosted a car wash over the. The DHMS Challengers Car Wash was a HUGE success raised over 2000 dollars. It sure looks like the Challengers had a blast washing cars!



6TH GRADE BOWLING TRIP TO PLAYHOUSE LANES





In Ms. Kostaneski's 6th grade language arts class, they poetry unit ended with a Poetry Out Loud celebration where the students researched and recited a poem of their choosing.



Your DHMS running club came out and gave it their all at the 2019 Brad Schoener 5k! Each one of these kids came out to practice every week and gave more and more. They ran faster, and longer at each practice.