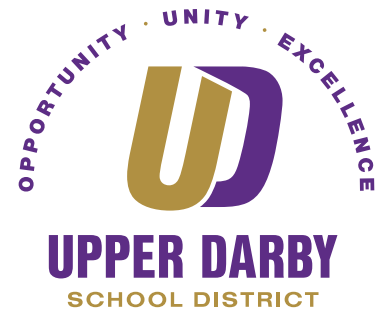


ROYAL SCROLL

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SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER



Dr. Daniel McGarry

As per the School Code of 1949, Section 401, our school board held its annual reorganization meeting. I would like to congratulate Edward Brown and Rachel Mitchell who were elected as the President and Vice President for the upcoming school year.

The dates and times for the regular Board meetings and committee meetings will be posted to the District website prior to the month of January 2020.

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BHMS Veteran's Day Essay Contest



Lylah Hoque

Congratulations to Lylah Hoque for winning the 2019 Veterans Day Essay Contest! This was a county-wide contest for students in grades 6-8. Students were asked to write an essay about why veterans should belong to the American Legion. All of the entries were read and judged by a panel, and Lylah's essay was selected as one of the winners. Lylah and the other winners had the opportunity to read their essays at the Delaware County Veterans Day Parade on November 11, 2019. Below is Lylah's Essay:



The American Legion is a nonprofit organization that offers programs and assistance to U.S. veterans, servicemen, and their families, no matter the age, gender, or race. It is the largest Veterans Service Organization in the United States, with over two million members and about 14,000 posts. Veterans and their families join the American Legion to build a sense of unity and community with those around them. Members can participate in many programs, such as recreational baseball and junior shooting sports. Along with these fun activities, there are also many programs provided to help members of the American Legion become healthier and happier individuals, like the Homeless Veterans Task force. This program was created to help veterans who are struggling and without homes find local resources and job opportunities, and to help them get back on their feet. Since the program was founded in 1919, the American Legion has grown and helped many individuals. Veterans of recent wars would probably benefit from joining the American Legion. Many people would be willing to help and listen to them, and they could do the same to those who need it. Veterans who are feeling lost or unsure can find help, guidance, and financial assistance in the American Legion. For the past one hundred years, the American Legion has inspired veterans and servicemen to look at each other as a family.



Upper Darby Ethics Team Makes Quarter Finals



From Left: Ms. Beck, Mr. Innis, Cooper Watson, Vik Russell, J. Yocco, Matthew Selwood, Nate Polidoro, Alexis Knowing, Mabel Reyes-Chiche, Grace Shuster, Rai Farmer, Ummayh Siddiqua

The 2019 UD Ethics Team was ranked second going into the quarter finals with three impressive wins over Radnor, Princeton and Pennsbury High Schools at the Regional High School Ethics Bowl held this past Saturday at Villanova University. In the months leading up to it, students spent hours after school and on their own preparing cases

for the event which relies, not only on research and recall, but on poise, eloquence and diplomacy. Truly, this remarkable group of students does Upper Darby proud. Congratulations to the two teams!



Giving Thanks at the Kindergarten Center



The kindergartners enjoyed discussing all the things they are thankful for with each other!

Kindergarten Students Welcome Administrators and Board Members



The Kindergarten Center welcomed administrators and school board members into each classroom to read a book of their choice during American Education Week. The students enjoyed these special visitors!

Kindergarten Center Students of the Month for being responsible



A student from each classroom was honored as student of the month for being responsible. They were presented with a certificate and their parents were invited to join in the celebration!

Upcoming Events

- 1/2 School Resumes
- 1/7 -1/13 Keystone Exams (HS Late Opening)
- 1/14 School Board Meeting 7:30PM
- 1/15 UDHS Final Exam B5, B4

- 1/18 UDSD Foundation Gala 3:00-5:00PM
- 1/20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (All Schools & Offices Closed)
- 1/24 Operation Royal Pride 7:40AM - 8:40AM
- 1/29 UDHS Progress Report

ARONIMINK NEWS

Aronimink ELL News



On November 13, Aronimink celebrated Breads of the World Day. This annual event is popular with the students, and is a great way to share our cultural traditions and learn about each others' heritages by sampling breads donated by our Aronimink families. Thanks to all who helped by donating bread!
~Mrs. King, ELL Teacher

Aronimink's Turkey Trot



Congratulations to Aronimink Student Council Members, students, staff and Aronimink Reindeer Romp runners for participating in our annual Reindeer Romp and winter gloves, hats, mittens and scarf drive! In addition to recognizing and appreciating the benefits running has on their bodies, students helped the needy in our community!

GARRETTFORD NEWS

Garrettford's Students Honor and Remember Veterans for their Service



Garrettford continued the tradition of lining the front of the building with American flags on Veterans Day. Each represented a veteran who has served our country to make us safe and free. The cost of each flag purchased will be donated to the Philadelphia Veterans House to support the homeless veterans programs they offer. The students were joined in their efforts by Mr. Hoyt, who spearheaded the activity, Veteran parents, Veteran UD Police Officers and an active duty officer, Master Sgt. Luciano.

Garrettford's American Education Week Attracted Many Visitors



Garrettford families packed our classrooms to work with our students during American Education Week. The activities varied from grade to grade, but everyone was impressed with the lessons learned. We always enjoy having our families share in the learning process here at Garrettford. Parents shared reading, doing math with candy, and using newspapers to complete lessons, among a variety of other activities.

Breakfast with Santa –By Sandra Alma and Hailey Miller



We are going to tell you what we experienced at Breakfast with Santa on December 7th. We were eating a lot of good foods like: donuts, pancakes with syrup, and small tatter tots. There were yummy drinks like: Cappuccino, coffee for the adults, hot chocolate, iced tea, lemonade, and finally water. In the gym, there were arts and crafts and fun games, too. We also got to take pictures with Santa and we got candy canes.

Primos' World Kindness Day



Ms. Ceribelli arranged for all staff members to participate in a Kindness Day activity. Together the Primos staff made signs with kind messages in the AS apartment to hang in the hallways. In addition to celebrating World Kindness Day it was also "Mr. Rogers Cardigan Day". OUR Mr. Rogers wore his cardigan in the spirit of Mr. Rogers to spread kindness with others. Many classes celebrated Kindness Day in special ways. ALL students and staff enjoy reading all the kindness signs that are still on display in our hallways.

HIGHLAND PARK NEWS

Fourth Graders Visit Lincoln Financial Field



Darren and Mulan pose with statue of Hall of Fame player, Brian Dawkins

The 4th Grade students had the AMAZING opportunity to walk through the tunnel at Lincoln Financial Field with music blaring and lights flashing and to go onto the sidelines where our Philadelphia Eagles line up! The classes also toured the Club Box Suites, participated in a mock press conference and visited the locker room. They saw the Lombardy Trophy and the words of inspiration Coach Doug Pederson had painted on the walls of the locker room: Trust, Community, Precision, Progressive, Collaboration, Integrity, Respect, Leadership, Passion and Unity.

GO EAGLES!



First Grade Learn About Primary Color Creatures!



First-grade students learned about the three primary colors! They were able to see the primary colors mix together to create a new color by painting these fun little monsters!

Highland Park's Reading Team



The Reading Olympics Highland Park Royals Team has been meeting every Monday before school since October to read books and practice for the competition. Some students have read as many as 8 books already!!! Go Royals!!! We will compete in early April at Marple Newtown High School.

WESTBROOK PARK NEWS

Westbrook Park's Book Fair

Congrats to Jeremiah M. and Kevin H. for winning the raffles! Students and Families enjoyed shopping at the annual Scholastic Book Fair.



Westbrook Park's Fifth Grade News



Fifth graders partnered up with second graders to read their favorite fall-themed books to each other.

HILLCREST NEWS

Fourth Grade Learns About Cyber Bullying



This month fourth graders had the opportunity to attend an assembly focusing on the dangers of cyber-bullying. Our favorite officer was on the scene giving us surprising facts about our use of technology and the importance of practicing cyber safety at all times. Our students were super engaged and asked some very thoughtful questions to wrap up the assembly.

Hillcrest Winter Blast & Pancake Breakfast



On December 7, 2019, the Annual Winter Blast was held at Hillcrest Elementary School. Every year, hard working Hillcrest volunteers including teachers and parents, organize this fun event. It is a time to enjoy yummy pancakes and sausage, visit with friends, and prepare for the holidays. Volunteers organized the pancake breakfast, collected silent auction items, and even had vendors to help families make their holiday purchases! Santa was also on hand to take photos with everyone! Everyone had a great time!! Mark your calendars for next year's event in December!



SENKOW NEWS

Senkow's Students of the Month



Congratulations to this month's student of the month recipients! All of these students did a fantastic job showing "Fairness" in school. The theme for next month's student of the month is "Citizenship." Our next student of the month assembly will be on January 28th at 8:45 a.m.



In Mrs. Valori's second grade class this group created a guinea pig cage after reading, "The Guinea Pig Rescue" (Rigby Reader).

Senkow's Winter Concert



BYWOOD NEWS

Bywood Puts on a Great Show



A very special thank you to all of the staff, students, and families who participated in our annual Winter Concert! Students have been practicing for months in preparation for this amazing show, and all of their hard work paid off! During the concert we enjoyed music from our band and orchestra, singing ensemble, and of course, the Bywood Buddies!



Bywood's Students Shine in Winter Concert



December has been a busy month filled with many great events for our students and families. Thank you to all of the families who attended our events this month, including our annual Winter Concert and Breakfast with Santa. With the help of our staff and parents all of these events were a huge success!

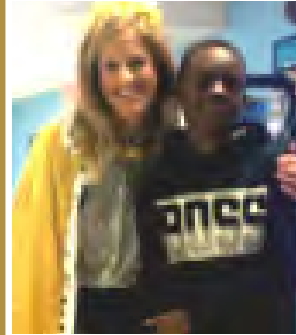
CHARLES KELLY NEWS

Charles Kelly's Student of the Month

Principal's Award Winner —Aiden Allen



At our third Student of the Month Assembly, we honored students who exemplify Citizenship. A person of character is a good citizen, does his or her share of help, helps the community, plays by the rules, and respects authority and law. Congratulations to all the winners and their families.



Aiden Allen is the winner of the Principal's Award. Dr. McCarthy chooses a Fifth-Grade student who not only follows the 3B's but is responsible, fair, kind, trustworthy and a good citizen. Congratulations to Aiden and his family!

Giving Thanks for being a Buddy



First and fifth Grade buddies joined together to celebrate Thanksgiving by having pumpkin pie. Fifth graders sat with their first-grade buddies and talked about what they are thankful for.

STONEHURST HILLS NEWS

Stonehurst Hills Circus of Positive Behavior



Students within Stonehurst Hills Elementary attended the UniverSoul Circus during November as a Positive Behavior reward! Students from the whole school that met PBIS requirements were invited to attend!



Stonehurst Third Grade News



Third grade just finished an ELA unit where they learned about the U.S Constitution and famous historical figures. When they finished the unit, they chose a person to research and created a trading card to share



with classmates.

Stonehurst Second Grade Trip



Second Grade went to the Franklin Institute for a grade level field trip! Students explored

the museum and learned about states of matter with a show called "Liquid Air."

NEWS FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Beverly Hills Royal Registry

BHMS News

Beverly Hills Middle School is proud to recognize the elite students who have been added to the Royal Registry for the second marking period. The students that were added had to go through a rigorous application process. In order to be added to our most recognized registry, students had to submit their application with their report card from the first marking period. These students must have an excellent GPA, contribute positively to the school, have an excellent attendance record, and perform community service. All applicants that were selected for the registry were called to the cafeteria and sent on a scavenger hunt. Eventually, the students ended up in the gymnasium where they were treated to snacks, school supplies and their Royal Registry Membership Card! This card allows students to get privileges at school such as first in line at lunch and a 10% discount in the Royal Palace. Beverly Hills is proud to announce this is the most students we have ever added to the registry! We have a total of 115 students that were added. Students added to the registry for the second marking period are listed below. Students who stay on the registry for three consecutive marking periods will be invited to a luncheon at Springfield Country Club in June!

Beverly Hills Elite Students Are Recognized in Royal Registry

Rajin Abid, Adrianna Dockery, Mikayla Littlepage, Efazuddin Nizam, Shahil Rihad, Ann Thomas, Julia Truong, Ruba Abdelgalil, Kelly Adossi, Farhin Ahmed, Shumaiya Akter, Tashfia Audry, Tashfia Audry, Walae Boushab, Andrea Bravo, Cierra Brown, Nihal Chowdhury, Micah Clark-Kahler, Menahal Fatima, Menahal Fatima, Charlieze Ganges, Mataiya Goodman, Shuchita Khan, Vy Lam, Khandakar Mahin, Joey Ngo, Merriame Ouladdaoud, Faiza Rahman, Jamiyah Randolph, Kira Daile Santos, Rushdania Shumaita, Sara Siddiqi, Mohd Tarunno, Ata Ullah, Sarah Ullah, Khoi Vu, Griffen Chaselyn, Refiloe M. Taylor, Faizah Abdullah, Azhar Ali, Rajkumary Das, Bianca Hyppolite, Yasmine Kyelem, Sanjana Sanju, Eva Tsaousidis, Archange Gabriel Tsayo, Tajkera Afifa Tasnim Ahmed, Lauren Arce, Mohamed Bangura, Leilia Dennis, Marzan Doyle, Joshua Edmondson, Jannatul Farduas, Shawn Foster, Farida Fousseini, Shameelah Hafiz, Thomas Hong, Summaya Jeba, Ian Kaplan, Japneet Kaur, Sukriti Kaur, Nurah Muhammad, Ridwan Muntasir, Gabriel Olaniyi, Michael Olaniyi, Seraphim Rahardjo, Mohammed Rahman, Umme Salma, Sherin Santhosh, Emily Sinchi, Emily Thuong, Jafna Uddin, Rukhma Umer, Leni Verghese, Tasneem Yeasmin, Gravelly Jailen, Obafemi Arowa, Pirman Bayram, Shuhrat Chowdhury, Ava Cisco, Famata Dahn, Khadija Dembele, Angelina Douangdara, Mohamed Elokely, Anna Quratulann Fatima, Noor Fatima, Gabi Fiorentino Wong, Dianarah Garcia, Gabrielle Gillam, Jessica Hawkins, Lylah Hoque, Ishraq Hossan, Afridi Idied, Sanzidul Islam, My Lam, Gabrielle Landis David Mathis, Muhammad Mobeen, Shamiul Murshaed, Joanna Ngo, Nguyen Ngo, Angelina Ooi, Adriana Peralta, Vivian Phan, Jackie Quach, Tasfiewa Tasnum, Alka Thomas Tiffani Tran, Yujie Wu, Farjana Yasmeen, Wendy Zheng, Fatima Alamin, Lordine Joseph, Rupert M. Taylor II

DHMS News

DHMS's Seventh Grade Seminar



Seventh grade students will continue to explore the art of computer coding by meeting the Wonder Workshop Coding Challenges. Students use Cue Robots and iPad to construct block coding programs to complete a number of missions. Students must have their robot exit a junk yard, knock down a Mechanical Robot without destroying a city, navigate over a bridge and use the robot to push pillars out of the way and open the gate to a lost realm.

DHMS Students Celebrate Spirit Week



Drexel Hill Middle School held spirit week where students dressed as a Meme and Twins.

UPPER DARBY HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

UDHS Mock Interviews



Students from Mrs. Shield's English Skills and Comp class conducted mock interviews with community business people who volunteer their time, offering constructive feedback. Students prepare for the interviews by researching future career choices and creating cover letters and resumes.

UDHS Engine Tech Students Race Towards Future



Students in Engines Technology Class were treated to some authentic, hands-on experience when their teacher, Sean Pickett, wheeled in his family's classic drag racing car. Pickett inherited his love of cars from both his grandfather who founded Pickett Automotive in Darby and from his father who took over the shop thirty years ago. The shop, responsible for repairing and maintaining domestic cars since the 1950s, also owns and races hotrods locally and regionally. Pickett's course reflects his belief that the world needs a mechanically savvy workforce now more than ever. Pickett explained, "The anatomy of a car engine is similar to that of a human, except when one of ours dies, we bring it back to life." His newly revamped Engine Tech curriculum applies the basics of internal combustion engines and the systems that run from them with an eye towards the future.

UDHS ATHLETIC NEWS

Fall Sports Wrap-up

Sportsmanship Awards

The Central Athletic League recognized the following teams for their exemplary sportsmanship through the season as voted by member schools; Girls Cross Country, Golf and Field Hockey.



James Tuayemie
Football

Congratulations to the following athletes selected to the All-Central Teams for their sport as voted by the coaches.

First Team – James Tuayemie (football)

Second Team – Gabby Fralin (XC), Gabby Liberio (soccer), Josue Denis and Desean Anderson (football), Shiekh Sirleaf (soccer)



Gabby Fralin
XC



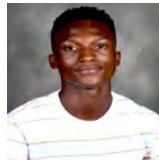
Gabby Liberio
Soccer



Josue Denis
Football



Desean Anderson
Football



Shiekh Sirleaf
Soccer



All-Delco Selections

Honorable Mention – Denize Cisco (XC), Haley Campbell (soccer), Alex Cueva, Majid Kawa, Max Peters and David Rodriguez (soccer), Violet Lange and Rylee Shanahan (volleyball), Kaitlyn Johnson, Maggie Smith, Sara Sullivan and Alvina Yousha (field hockey), Josue Denis, Desean Anderson, and Jimmy Basler (football).

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



The Department of Public Safety would like to wish all of the Upper Darby School District community a safe and healthy, and happy holiday season. Please remember our Safety Officers and department are here to assist in any way they can. Encourage your child that, if he or she hear or see something to say something. They can feel confident in confiding to our officers and the faculty and staff.

Mr. Thomas Nee our Supervisor of Street Safety is always looking to hire Crossing Guards. If you or someone you know is interested, please feel free to contact him at: 610-259-2675.

As the year 2019 concludes we would like to thank the community for helping to keep our students and schools safe. We look forward to the same in 2020. As always, a safe school is all of our responsibility.

News from our Technology Department

The Technology department is happy to have Matt Laut as our new Building Technician. Matt has worked part-time for the district over the last 2 years.

NEWS FROM OUR FACILITIES DEPARTMENT

The Office of Procurement Service and the Department of Facilities Management are holding a first-ever Vendor Fair on January 17, 2020, at the High School. The UDSD team will go over how to become a School District Vendor, the benefits of becoming a State-approved contractor, a review of Summer 2020 capital projects, long-range projects, and construction projects. We welcome all vendors that represent our community! The Upper Darby School District is open for Business!

Event Detail: Date - 1/17/2020 / Location - The Board Room at the Upper Darby High School (601 N. Lansdowne Ave, Drexel Hill, PA 19026) / Time - 12:30 - 2:30 / All are welcome / Light Lunch will be served.



Andrew Woodin

Mr. Andrew Woodin joined the District in the Grounds Keeping crew. Andrew has a degree in Turfgrass Science from Penn State University (University Park), interned at the Longwood Gardens, and has 10 years of hands-on landscaping experience in the private sector in this region. Thanks to the Grounds Team for welcoming Andrew and the entire Facilities Management team is looking forward to working with Andrew!

News from our Transportation Department



Forrest Tarver

The Upper Darby School District welcomes the new Director of Transportation Services! Mr. Forrest Tarver has extensive experience in School Transportation both at the garage level and also at the management level. Since joining the Upper Darby School District, Forrest has been making strong connections with the existing team, our drivers and our bus attendants. Forrest will take all necessary steps to provide safe, reliable and fiscally responsible transportation services to all eligible students in the District.

CENTRAL REGISTRATION/ATTENDANCE SERVICES



Kindergarten Registration for the 2019-20 School Year began in January 2019. Please visit the district website for the information on the registration process, a link to our online registration system and the number for our Central Registration office. While initial registration must be done online, a visit to the Central Registration office is required to verify required paperwork and finalize the process. Thank you for your cooperation. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our Department with any questions.

UDHS INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUMMIT



Sixteen Upper Darby students representing the classes of 2020- 2024 participated in the World Affair Council 2019 International Student Summit on Information and Democracy. The summit, held at Temple University's Fox School of Business, brings together globally- minded high school students from across the region to grapple with and find solutions to real world problems. This year's summit simulated a meeting of international advocates for free speech, journalism, and a free and independent press and operated under the collective pretense that rising instances of pervasive disinformation, the suppression of a free press, and a growing influence of anti-democratic regimes is posing a major threat to the integrity and security of journalists, global freedom, civil harmony, and world peace. (wacphila.org)

UDHS HOMECOMING COURT 2019



Congratulations to Upper Darby seniors Juice Johnson and Sa'de Chavous for being crowned Class of 2019 Homecoming King and Queen, at this year's celebration. The Class of 2021 won best overall skit.

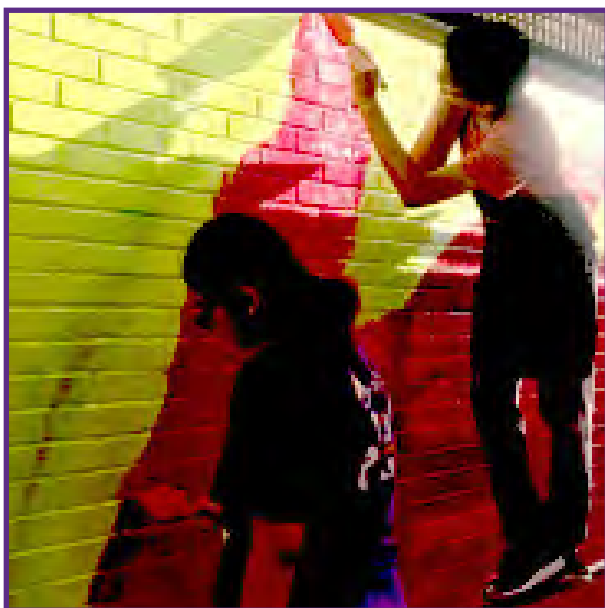
UDHS ALUM: IN'VINCEABLE VINCE COLL



During his senior year in 2015, Vince Coll was a familiar face on **Upper Darby Update**. Genuine, friendly and down to earth Coll, who was always involved with playing sports, also excelled in writing and reading and used it to his advantage. "I still have pictures of me on UD Update senior year. I've basically been on TV ever since." Vince got hired by WKBN four weeks after graduating Temple with a degree in journalism. "I got the job through a mass application system with Nexstar Media Group, who own about one hundred stations in the U.S. Once I created my video reel from college and sent it in along with my resume, that was it." Vince got involved with Temple's TV Station (TUTV) as a freshman, covering four Temple Football bowl games for TUTV and ESPNU. He also studied in Los Angeles, working as a production assistant for NFL Network. "I got to work on a national show I grew up watching while learning so much about the TV industry." Vince stayed involved throughout his college career, with internships at NBC Sports Philadelphia and the American Athletic Conference. "From the moment Vince set foot in the Broadcast Journalism classroom, he seemed at home," said former Broadcast Journalism teacher, Jamie Wismer.

The UD Arts & Education Foundation Service Club: Showing the Spirit of Giving – ALL YEAR LONG!

The UD Arts and Education Foundation Service Club consists of students from 9th to 12th grade who are dedicated to providing service to the Upper Darby community. In addition the Club's goal is to raise money for the Upper Darby Arts & Education Foundation and promote unity.



The UDAEF sends CHEERS and THANKS to the warm-hearted, giving UDHS students who have been working hard in the UD Arts & Education Service Club! Since September these pro-active, 9th-12th grade students have volunteered for the 69th St. Community Mural Art project, University of Penn Purple Stride, A Bit of the Arts, End Childhood Cancer Walk/Lemon Run, and Philadelphia Marathon, Upper Darby International Festival, Lansdowne Arts Festival, Thanksgiving Food Drive, Cheng's Martial Arts Tournament, and MANY others! These kids don't sit still for long and have huge hearts! **Special recognition and thanks to Senior Student Leaders, Tanzeela Riaz, Lisa Tran, and Zoe Lor, and Junior Student Leader, Taherin Chowdhury** for their strong leadership and organizational skills! The UD Arts & Education Service Club truly puts ROYAL PRIDE into the Upper Darby community!

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Dr. Daniel McGarry

The appointment of liaison representatives and committee co-chairs will also be posted to the website by January 2020 if there are any changes. I would like to thank the Upper Darby High School Encore Singers and the Concert Choir for their outstanding performance and for putting us in the holiday spirit. At this time, I would like to recognize District Chorus, Orchestra and Band for placement in the PMEA District 12 Chorus.

The following students placed in District Chorus: Sophomore - Kenneth Bruce Juniors - Dylan Ford, Rachel Hauben Seniors - Dan Eap (who also earned a placement as accompanist) Michael Naddeo, and Kaylen Snedeker Senior Mary Mollichella placed in District Band Molly Radford (a teacher) will be hosting District Orchestra at UDHS. I am happy to provide a brief update on the efforts to meet the goals of our current District Comprehensive Plan.

We have continued our work on Deep Equity Plan. The initial phase of the work on deep equity started with our District Administration, teaching staff, and parents. This year, our equity teams have continued with their training and turn-around training with each building, but we have also transferred this work to our students. We are also working on several other initiatives in the District such as: Restorative Practices, Trauma Informed Care, Positive Behavior and Supports (PBIS), new curriculum programs for math, science, and English and Language Arts, facilities improvements, improved security, and rebranding of our District. The collective efforts of this community and the staff here in this District have supported our very important work.

Over the last several months, we have continued to inform the public of our plans to improve our facilities. We have recently received good news with the approval of our height variance for the Aronimink Elementary School project. We will also hold the required Act 34 hearing as advertised on January 7th at Aronimink Elementary School at 7PM. We do have an alternate date of January 8th at Aronimink Elementary School at 7PM if there is inclement weather. The Act 34 hearing will allow for public comment on the proposed expansion and renovation of Aronimink Elementary School.

The Board will take action following a 30 day review of the received comments following the January 7th Act 34 hearing. We will also go before the Upper Darby Township Council in February for discussions and support on the Aronimink project. On December 10th, we will be meeting with the Clifton Heights Borough Planning Commission to discuss the proposed new middle school on the District-owned property in Clifton Heights. After months of back and forth over the plan to build the school, we are looking forward to meeting with the Borough. We will be live streaming the meeting, as we have been informed that only Clifton Heights residents will be able to comment.

The proposed new middle school in Clifton Heights has a positive impact on our entire school District, so we would like to keep everyone informed. We will provide more information of our live streaming of this event later this week. We have also recently announced our 2020 capital improvement plans. As we move forward with the Aronimink Project and proposed new middle school in Clifton Heights, we will continue to make \$5 million in facilities improvements to our current buildings.

We will continue to communicate our progress on our facilities improvements as more information becomes available. During the November committee meetings, the Board and the public were provided an update on the financial health of the District. Thank you to the hard work of our Board of School Directors, Mr. Craig Rogers, our CFO, Ms. Wendy Elgart, Director of Food Service/Federal Programs, Mr. Marvin Lee, Controller, and our staff in the business office, we received a clean review of our financials. While the financial audit is certainly positive news for the District, we are still in need of the appropriate funding from the state and federal government. On December 5th at 12PM, we will be holding a press conference at Upper Darby High School on Fair Funding.

The Upper Darby Board of School Directors will be represented by Mr. Edward Brown, and we will have statements made by several parents and students. I will provide closing remarks as we work together to bring about more awareness for the need to properly fund our public schools. In January, we will be bringing forward potential options for the Board and public to consider as a result of the recently published Pennsylvania Start Time Study, an update on our work on branding and brand ambassadors, and the Community Advisory Committee. In closing, I want to wish everyone a wonderful winter break. We have so many positives happening here in this District. I feel honored to be the Superintendent here and to work with such a great staff.

Save the Dates: *Special Education Information Nights*

When:

- Monday December 9th 6pm-7pm- Special Education Law/The IEP Process
- Monday February 3rd 6pm-7pm-Continuum of Services/Extended School Year (ESY)
- Monday April 27th 6pm-7pm-Social and Emotional Learning/Positive Behavioral Supports

Where:

Upper Darby High School Board Room Who:
Upper Darby School District parents/guardians and staff interested in growing their knowledge base in the area of special education topics.



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