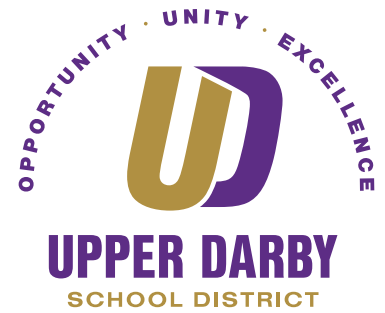


ROYAL SCROLL

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SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER



Daniel McGarry

I would first like to update the community regarding the impact of the school closings this year due to inclement weather. So far this school year, we had 4 school

closings that were not planned on our district calendar with Beverly Hills Middle School as the exception having an additional day because of a power outage in September. Act 80 requires us to have 180 instructional days for students. There is also a requirement to have 450 instructional hours for part-time kindergarten, 900 hours for elementary students, and 990 hours for secondary students.

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Congratulations to Primos' Penny War Winners

The Penny War Contest was a huge success for the Home and School Association, and was great fun for all students and staff of Primos Elementary School.

Thank you to everyone who participated.

UD Students are Out of this World!



The Lunar Planetary Club is at it again! Last night they presented their original research at the monthly meeting of the Rittenhouse Astronomical Society, held at the Academy of Natural Sciences. The students spoke and fielded questions from the judges professionally, impressing

the audience with their knowledge and rigor in research.

Upcoming Events

- 5/1-5/3 PSSA Math Testing (Grades 3-8)
- 5/1-5/3 PSSA Science Testing (Grades 4 & 8)
- 5/8 Elementary End of Year MAP Testing Window
- 5/8 UDSD School Nurse Appreciation Day

- 5/9 UDSD Teacher Appreciation Day
- 5/10 Elementary End of Year MAP Testing Window
- 5/14 UDSD School Board Meeting
- 5/18 16th Annual UDSD Arts Festival/Brad Schoener 5K
- 5/28 UDSD School Board Committee Meeting



Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union Visits UDKC

In preparation for their visit to the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union (FMFCU), the students of the Upper Darby Kindergarten Center received some very special visitors in their classrooms. Teachers from the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union visited each classroom to discuss the importance of saving, investing, sharing, and earning money.

The children listened to the story *"The Bernstein Bears Trouble With Money"* and were treated to their very own copy of the

book. The boys and girls of the Kindergarten Center are eagerly anticipating their visit to Bear Country at the FMFCU.

StoryTown Theme 9



Students of the Kindergarten Center began *"Animals All Around,"* their ninth theme in the Storytown Program! This theme explores the many different types of animals. The essential question of this theme is, *"In what ways do animals make our lives better?"* The students will also focus on such skills as using graphic organizers, reviewing the main idea, using story structure, monitoring comprehension and reviewing details. High frequency words are: and, are, there, little, that, have. This theme has three fictional stories: *Whose House?*, *Good Morning, Little Polar Bear*, and *Clever Tortoise*. The non-fiction story is *Red Eyed Tree Frog*. The students enjoyed this theme and

learning about all of the different types of animals and their homes!!!

Koala Coin Dance Party Winners!!



ARONIMINK NEWS

Aronimink Reading Olympic Champs



Congratulations to the dedication of our fourth and fifth graders for committing to a year's worth of reading selected high quality books. A special thanks to Mrs. Furey for co-chairing this amazing group of readers and the parents who supported their children and helped them by driving them to the competition. It was a fun year.
~Mrs. York, Art Teacher/Librarian



Royal Writers



Library Students of the Month
Isabella C., Jackie W.S., Leia C., Paris T., and Bria M.



Music Students of the Month
Genevieve B., Nahla C., Ryan R., Olivia S., and Billy S.

GARRETTFORD NEWS

Garrettford Grade Level Young Authors Winners Advance To County Competition

Our reading team is proud to announce the students whose stories were selected as the Young Authors grade level winners this year. We will anxiously await news from the County to see if Garrettford will have any County Winners this year...stay tuned!



First Grade:
Anthony J. 1-51 The Knight That Slayed the Dragon
Kyle W. 1-9 Dragon Dancer



Second Grade:
Madison G. 2-199 Elephant Needs Water
Clifton L. 2-111 The Day My Friend Met a Skunk



Third Grade:
Nora D. 3-204 The Story
Alison M. 3-225 The Spoon Spell
Owen I. 3-219 Bob the Beaver

Keira Lewis Selected Second Place Winner Black History Month Poetry Contest



Keira Lewis, a fourth grade student in Mrs. Farrell's room, entered her original work into the Black History Month Poetry Contest sponsored by UD Council Woman Sekela Coles. We are excited to announce that her piece took second place! Keira and her family were invited to the March 20th Upper Darby Council meeting, where she was recognized, shared her poem, and receive a cash prize.
Congratulations, Keira! Job Well Done!

PRIMOS NEWS

Celebrating Together Primos Boys Basketball Club



The Primos Boys Basketball Club has been practicing every Thursday since mid-January. They have dedicated their time and have worked extremely hard. We could not be any prouder of our them because they were able to make history.

Congratulations, we are all so proud of all your hard work and accomplishments, and now you are in the record books.



Primos Congratulates Kacy Gordon

Kacy Gordon, first grader, competed in the AAU Indoor Track and Field National Championships in Landover, Maryland. She competed against 7-8 year old girls from all over the country and finished 2nd in her age group in the 800-meter run with a time of 3:06!

HIGHLAND PARK NEWS

Fourth Grade News



Fourth grade has been working hard on their persuasive writing pieces. They had to write five paragraphs persuading their audience to think just like them. Some students wrote about adding more rules to the cafeteria, While other students wrote an essay persuading their parents to buy them a pet. After going through the whole writing process, the students were able to type their final products on the Chromebooks.

Highland Park Gets A Visit from LaSalle Basketball Player Ed Croswell



Freshman Lasalle University basketball player, Ed Croswell, came to Highland Park on Friday, March 29th and addressed the entire 5th grade. He shared his success story — hard work, showing great effort, accepting support by family members & coaches, and dreaming big. He brought posters and other giveaways for each 5th grade student, and even did autographs!

WESTBROOK PARK NEWS

Reading Olympics



On Tuesday April 2nd, twenty-five fourth and fifth grade students participated in the Delaware County Reading Olympics at Northly Middle School in Aston. Each student prepared for the event over the last 6 months by reading at least 9 books from a special Reading Olympics book list. Students played in three rounds of questions related to the books they read. Our two teams, the Westbrook Warriors and Ferocious Unicorns both earned white ribbons for their efforts. Congratulations!

Westbrook Park Home and School Sponsored the first Donuts with Grownups



HILLCREST NEWS

First Grade News



SUPER SCIENTISTS

First grade has been investigating liquids by experimenting with water, glue, shampoo and oil!

These hands on lessons have been exciting and educational.

We are looking forward to making many discoveries in the next few weeks!

Fourth Grade News



Our 4th graders are hard at work preparing for their upcoming PSSAs!!! In just a couple of short weeks, they will get to showcase their magnificent math skills, demonstrate their amazing reading abilities, and show everyone what expert scientists they have become! So, how are our students getting ready for the PSSA??? With lots of positive thoughts, fun PSSA games, and of course, a little practice too....

SENKOW NEWS

Senkow Celebrates Women's History Month

Senkow Students of the Month



Senkow's 2019 Fitness Team



Senkow Students from fourth and fifth grade competed in the annual Fitness Team Meet held at Upper Darby High School. Our girl's team finished in fifth place and our boy's team finished in sixth place.

Congratulations to all of the participants for doing a great job representing our school!

BYWOOD NEWS

Bywood's Marine Corp Fitness Meet!



Bywood's PE teacher, Mrs. Ingram, and her Fitness Team persevered through some tough challenges at Upper Darby's annual Marine Corp Fitness meet. Students showed their strength, determination, and hard work by completing a day of physical activities. Great work team!

Bywood Does Yoga!



This month, Bywood implemented our "Be Proud" Yoga grant with students and staff. Our highly-trained instructor offered a breath centered yoga practice based on proven methods to activate their relaxation response, lower blood pressure, and reduce stress. The Transformation Yoga Project serves those impacted by trauma through trauma-sensitive, mindfulness-based yoga programs driven by education and research.

CHARLES KELLY NEWS

Charles Kelly's Principal Award Winner



Emmanuel Lacle was awarded the Principal's Award exhibiting the character traits of fairness, trustworthiness, caring, respect and citizenship. Each morning, Emmanuel assists First Grade scholars, in following the 3B's. She is kind, reliable and a true friend. Congratulations to Emmanuel and her family who are very proud of her, as is the staff of Charles Kelly.

Student of the Month Assembly for Responsibility



At our March Student of the Month Assembly we recognized students who are responsible. A responsible person meets the demands of duty, is accountable, pursues excellence, and exercises self-control. Congratulations to all

who received a certificate. Keep up the great work.

STONEHURST HILLS NEWS

Stonehurst Celebrated Women History!



Stonehurst enjoyed an assembly about the significance of the African American Greek Sororities and the impact that they made on Women's History. The students had a great time and even had a chance to learn a step at the end!

Stonehurst participates in Delco Reading Olympics!



The Delaware County Reading Olympics Event at Northley Middle School was a great night. We had 11 students on our team, and 8 of them had their families come to cheer on the team. The Reading Stallions did some last-minute studying before the competition and then competed in three rounds, each against another elementary school, earning points for each correct answer. The questions were about the 48 different books that each team read to prepare for the competition. Stonehurst's Reading Stallions did great, especially for their first Reading Olympics. They showed the 3Bs and team work through the whole event, and scored a total of 26 points, earning a white ribbon. We are so proud of them!

NEWS FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOLS

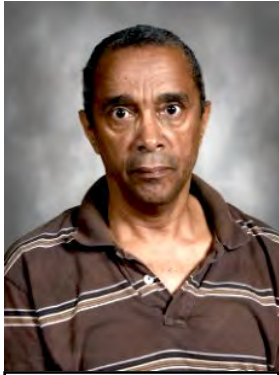
BHMS Presents "Oh, My Goodness"



The 2018-2019 Spring Musical of Beverly Hills Middle School, "Oh, My Goodness" was a compilation of Broadway Annie, Annie Jr., and a play "Popular" by Alex Broun, by Mrs. Blithe. They took the play, the scripts and the songs, and added lines to the script to fit the actors in their production. They had twenty 7th and 8th graders who memorized lines, songs, and dances in order to perform 3 1/2

times for audiences. There were former students who had performed on the stage teaching choreography, along with Mrs. Blithe's daughter-in-law, Stephanie. The sets were created and painted by Mr. Holford and BH 6th, 7th, & 8th grades set design crew!

Staff Members of the Month



Edmund Douglas

Edmund Douglas is a science teacher, having worked at BH for over 12 years. Before teaching, he did software engineering at Citibank, Intel, and Health Business Systems. He is a physics major from UWI (Ja), with Masters' degrees from Pace Univ (NY) & St. Joseph's Univ, and teaching certification from UPenn.



Kimberly Conroy

Kim Conboy is a 6th grade math teacher at BHMS. She has worked in the district for 2 years. Not only is she an employee of UDSD but she also was a student and graduate of UDHS! She attended the University of Delaware and then graduated from West Chester University. She spends her free time with her family/friends and enjoys working out in addition to playing soccer. Her favorite place to be is at the beach!

Celebrating Pride Day and showcasing our talent as well as getting prepped for the PSSA's



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"!

News from Seminar



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.

UPPER DARBY HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

UDHS Students Compete in National History Day!



UDHS Students competed in National History Day at the Chester County Historical Society last week with projects tied to the theme, *"Triumph and Tragedy."* Sakia Rahman took third place in her division, with her project on The Bangladesh Genocide. The competition included students from ninth through twelfth grades, from both Delaware and Chester Counties. Pictured Left L to R: Sakia Rahman, Mikheala McKinnie, Vic Russell, Cora Moeller, Sue Beck

UDHS Athletics Spring Sports Update

Congratulations to Brandon Caban (Varsity Tennis)! Brandon won three makes at the first boys Tennis Singles Championship and is the first Boys Tennis Singles player from Upper Darby to qualify for the PIAA Championships watch him compete in the PIAA Singles Championship on May 25 at the Hershey Racquet Club.

Great job by boys Track and Field at the Penn Relays! George O'Kyne, Aaron Williams, Christian McCaffrey, and Sidney Turner won the Central League 4 x 400 Relay with a time of 3:25.60. They then took sixth at the Philadelphia Area Final with a time of 3:30/99.



PRESENTS...

Saturday, May 18th in beautiful Arlington Cemetery
Day of Race Registration Opens - 7:30 am at Drexel Hill MS
Mascot "FUN RUN" 8:30 am Official 5K Run 9:00 am
1-MILE SPIRIT WALK Honoring Upper Darby's MusicMan 9:15 am
Come out and REPRESENT your school!



Will the Stonehurst Stallion remain "King of the Mascots?"
Does Highland Park still have the most School Spirit?
WHICH UDSD SCHOOL will win the YMCA Cup and CASH PRIZE for the MOST PARTICIPANTS?

DON'T FORGET: WALKER PARTICIPATION COUNTS!
Bring your friends and family!

SIGN UP TODAY FOR THE 2019 SCHOENER 5K!
www.udmusicmarathon.org

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



The Public Safety Department would like to welcome two new officers. Officer Togo Henderson who is a retired police officer and Officer Dominique Williams who has a background in Public Safety. These two new officers will be a welcome addition to Beverly Hills Middle School. We wish them well in their new positions. Mr. Thomas Nee, our Supervisor of Street Safety is currently looking to hire more Crossing Guards and Substitute Crossing Guards. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact him at: 610-259-2675.

Have a happy and safe spring. As always, a safe school is all our responsibility.

News from our Technology Department



Trevor Dunbar

We are pleased to announce the hiring of Trevor Dunbar, a recent Immaculata college graduate to our team of Computer Technicians. Trevor has worked for us part-time for the past two summers and is a wonderful asset to our team. He is very knowledgeable in many aspects and has already passed one of his Apple certifications.



Matt Laut

We are also very pleased to have Matt Laut, join our team part-time while he is attending college. Matt is another wonderful addition to our department.

NEWS FROM OUR FACILITIES DEPARTMENT



The Facilities team is ready to take the field as spring 2019 arrives!

Not only do our athletic fields need attention, but the school grounds do as well. From cutting of grass to weed whacking to edging, our team does it all. Bushes, trees and shrubs take shape under the watchful eye of our team. And it's not just schools, fields on Springfield and Marshall Roads too!

Our athletic fields require lining and raking constantly. We even have a machine called a "Hurdy-Gurdy" to manicure our softball/baseball infields! And guess what? Summer time is the time we have to aerate and seed our football fields so they'll be ready for fall action!

The seasons may change but our grounds crew remain constant. Constantly busy!

News from our Transportation Department



The Transportation we would like to welcome a few new employees to our team. We have recently added three new "driver trainees" Our goal now is to get them into the training class as soon as possible. Once they have completed the class we can get them started with "on the bus" training. We would really like to have the three individuals ready to drive by mid summer. If all goes as planned they will be ready for the start of the 2019 - 2020 school year! Welcome to our team Blainer Ruley, Albert Cheshire, and Heather Baxter.

CENTRAL REGISTRATION/ATTENDANCE SERVICES



Kindergarten Registration for the 2019-20 School Year began in January 2019. Please visit the district website for the 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.



Our 2018-19 school calendar includes 183 instructional days. This means that for the 2018-19 school year, we are currently 4 instructional days short of the mandated instructional time required. Based on the instructional hours built into our regular student day, we are not at risk of falling below the instructional hours required by the state. While we have fallen short of the required 180 instructional days, Act 80 allows a school district to apply for an exception for professional development days, making them count towards the 180 instructional day requirement. We have enough of these potential exemption days to cover us for the 2018-19 school year. Therefore, at this time, we will not be adding any days to our district calendar. I would also like to inform the public that Mr. Grant and Mr. Craig Rogers will present an update to the Board and public regarding our 2018-19 Budget Process. At the April 23, 2019 Committee Meeting, a preliminary draft of the Proposed Final Budget will be presented. The Board will adopt the Proposed Final Budget at the May Board meeting. The budget presentation will also review staffing requests for the 2019-2020 School Year. A final adoption of the final budget will take place during a special voting meeting on June 18, 2019.

I have been meeting with staff throughout the District since my appointment as Superintendent of Schools for this wonderful community. Thus far, I have met with the staff from Walter M. Senkow Elementary School and Primos Elementary School. I will continue to meet with staff throughout April and May. This evening, I am proud to continue to highlight the outstanding

accomplishments of our students. While not in attendance this evening, 28 students participated in the Delaware County and Delaware Valley Science Fair competition. Of our 28 participants, 28 were selected to receive an award. We will be recognizing those students with a certificate from my office. The winners from this competition qualified to go on to the Delaware Valley Science Fair on Wednesday, April 3rd, with over 900 students from the tri-state area in attendance. We have so much talent in this District, and the talent begins with the support and guidance of our teachers and our parents and families. Our Upper Darby High School Staff, students, and administration are doing such great work, and we will be well represented at the awards ceremony by the following students led by Upper Darby High School teacher Roseann Burns.

Delaware County and Delaware Valley Science Fair Winners

Jenna Yocco - 2nd place in 9th grade Earth & Space Sciences for her project titled The Effect of Pulsar Age on Nulling Frequency.

Zach Finley - Honorable Mention in 9th grade Engineering for his project titled The Drag Coefficient.

Anna Fattizzo - 2nd place in 9th grade Behavioral Sciences for her project titled The Effect of Gender Stereotypes on Adjective Selection. Anna also won the Jack Mixit Award in Behavioral Sciences.

Nate Polidoro - Honorable Mention in 11th grade Mathematics for his project titled Investigation of Fibonacci Variations.

Lyla Nachimson - Honorable Mention in 11th grade Earth & Space Sciences for her project titled Climate Change on Mars. Lyla also won the American Meteorological Society Award.

Chris Dwyer - 3rd place in 11th grade Earth & Space Science for his project titled Determining the Redshift of Galaxies Photometrically. Chris also won a partial scholarship to The University of the Sciences.

Ms. Roseann Burns is also the teacher advisor for the Upper Darby High School Lunar/Planetary Club. On March 15th, the Upper Darby High School Lunar/Planetary Club presented their original research titled The Transition from Simple to Complex Craters to the Delaware Valley Amateur Astronomers during their monthly meeting. The students have been conducting a two-year study to learn about the surfaces of Pluto and its moon, Charon. Using the Geospatial Information System, UD students were the first in the world to analyze the craters on Pluto and Charon to determine what is called "The Transition Diameter", from simple to complex craters. Ms. Burns has informed me that, "...knowing this and the surface gravity; it can be determined whether the surface is either icy or rocky." It is even more impressive that a year ago the students contacted two professional planetary geologists who encouraged them to seek publication for their amazing work! The students had to field questions from audience members, scientists, and science enthusiasts and performed beautifully.

Here is another special note that makes this accomplishment so special. The unity of this District was on full display because four members of the UDHS Class of 2018, who began this research last year, returned from college to participate in the presentation. (Zach Thornton, Chris DeMott, Isabel Hunt, and Thomas Nguyen). The Lunar/Planetary Club will be presenting on April 10th to the Rittenhouse Astronomical Society at the Academy of Natural Sciences.

Congratulations to Upper Darby High School Senior, Reem Mohammed, who was awarded the 2019 Penn Medicine Teen Champion Award. Reem has been a volunteer with the Penn Medicine Organization and was nominated by her teachers and counselors.

When she showed up to volunteer at their Global Teen Health Week kickoff ceremony, she was surprised to learn that she was the teen champion and received the award. On March 2, 2019, Kyle Gordon, a 6th grader at DHMS, competed against 12 year old boys from all over the country in track for the 800 meter event. He finished 9th overall in the event with a time of 2:28 at the AAU Indoor Track and Field National Championships in Landover, MD. Not to be outdone by her older brother is Kacy Gordon of Primos elementary School. She also competed in the 800 meter run against 7 and 8 year old girls from all over the country, finishing 2nd in her age group with a time of 3:06.

Congratulations to our Beverly Hills Middle School boys track 4 x 400 relay team who finished 3rd at the Penn Relays with a time of 48.33 Montez Ellis, Andre Henneghan, Kamaldeen Adegbite, Amir Hill Hoskins

Garrettford Elementary School's Dawe Sullivan participated in the 2019 Nation Geographic GeoBee Pennsylvania State Competition and, out of 40,000 initial participants across the state, finished in the top 16!

And, finally I would like to recognize Primos Elementary School for winning the Upper Darby School District Elementary School March Madness Tournament! Great job to all student participants and thank you to all of the adult volunteers and coaches. Coaches: Niko Papatsiaras, Matt White Players: McAllen Nyenpan Editus Addy, Nickhil Nair, AJ Gentle, Sanusi Barrie, Javon Banner, Jude Ennis, Peyton Clifton-Beal, Ben Werner, Jahmeer Jacobs

Board President Mitchell and members of the Board of School Directors this concludes my report.

CHECK IT OUT!
UDHS
Royals
BLOG

If you have not already, please be sure to check out the blog that some of our students have started to get the good news out about UDHS. They are working hard at this and would love to see some of us adding comments. They have already had thousands of views! <http://voicesofupperdarby.blogspot.com/>

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