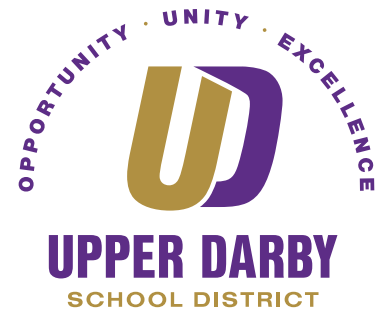


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SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER



Daniel McGarry

Each month, we celebrate the accomplishments of our students. The months of May and June are very busy

here in the District, and I am happy to share with you just how talented our students and staff really are.

Click here to see the video of the Superintendent recognizing the students and Staff throughout the district.

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Senkow Elementary Student Harmoni DeGuzman is Making A Difference

Senkow Elementary's 5th Grade Student Harmoni DeGuzman is a very happy, energetic, outgoing student. She has a great attitude, and gets along with everyone. She is involved in the Reading Olympics Program and the band. She works with the 5th Grade buddy system, where she is partnered with the 1st Graders and is a great help to them and a great role model for her peers.

UDHS Lunar/Planetary Team Awarded Honorable Mention

The Upper Darby Lunar/Planetary Team, led by senior Vince Tran, was the only high school team to be recognized by the American Geophysical Union in the recent Virtual Student Poster Competition for their research titled *Using Onset Diameter to Predict Surface Composition of Charon*. The UDHS team was awarded Honorable Mention in a competition among students from various universities such as Texas A&M and St. Louis University.



Upcoming Events

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| 6/1 UDHS Senior Prom | 6/12 Last Day of School for Students |
| 6/4 UDSD School Board Meeting | 6/13 Last Day of School for Teachers |
| 6/11 UDHS Graduation | 6/17 Summer School Begins |
| 6/12 Progress Reports Distributed to Students | 6/25 School Board Committee Meeting |



UDKC Celebrates the Koala Hop at UDHS



Kindergartners had a blast as they mingled and danced with their families, friends and Kindergarten Center teachers! The DJ provided a variety of music to keep everyone's feet tapping. The boys and girls displayed their unique moves on the dance floor while



participating in dance contests! Pizza, snacks and drinks were available to purchase as well as raffle tickets for some fun prizes. And what Kindergarten Center event is not complete without a visit from our school mascot, the Koala!

Kindergarten Students Visit Berenstain Bear Country Bank



In May, classes from the Upper Darby Kindergarten Center went to the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union in Broomall, PA to visit their Berenstain Bear Country. Students were given a tour of the credit union and then went to the credit union's famous Bear Country Bank. Here, students had the opportunity to be bankers for a day. Students were able to write checks to each other, deposit money in the vault, use the drive-thru bank tube to send money and other objects across the room, and talk to each other through the microphones. With the help of the wonderful staff at the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union every student was able to learn how a credit union works and the awesome things that go on at a credit union.

Koala Coin Dance Party Winners!!



ARONIMINK NEWS

Aronimink 1st Grade News



~Ms. Delemitis, 1st Grade Teacher

The first graders had a fantastic time visiting the Philadelphia Zoo! Despite the chilly day, the children enjoyed being outside and seeing all the wonderful animals. A special thanks to all the parents who volunteered to go on the trip and spend the day with us. The first graders had the best day ever!

It is very hard to believe that the 2018-2019 school year will soon be coming to a close! Please continue to read with your child throughout the summer months and practice your addition and subtraction math facts. Thank you to all the first grade parents for their help and continued support throughout the year. We truly appreciate you! Have a great summer!



Physical Education Students of the Month (front to back):
Billy S., Mara H., Chayson M., Conner W., Suri U., C.J. A., Azaan A., and Garrett S.; painting by second grader Gene D.



Art Students of the Month (front to back):
Vivienne B., Peyton W., Mishal S., Jasmine D., Miles L., Mia L., Hailey M., and Ann T.

GARRETTFORD NEWS

Garrettford Students Excel Academically



Mrs. Larkin was Dr. McGarry's 1st Grade Teacher



Congratulations to Dawe Sullivan, Grade 5, who finished 16th in the State of Pennsylvania against students in grade 5 through 8 in the National Geographic Geo Bee. Dawe was honored for his achievement at a recent UD School Board meeting.

Two of our students, Allison Marker, Grade 3, and Miguel Buitrago, Grade 5, have been named as County winners for the Young Author's Contest sponsored by the DCIU. Congratulations Allison and Miguel!

Congratulations Mrs. Larkin, Recipient of the FMFCU Excellence in Teaching Award

On Thursday, May 2nd, Mrs. Larkin was honored as the UDSD recipient of the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union Excellence in Teaching Award winner. Linda takes a leading role on our PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports) Whole School Committee. She works on tier one rewards and stocks and runs the PBIS store. At the store, students can purchase items as a reward for accumulating "bucks" for their good behavior. She does a lot of this work on her own time, too. We are always excited to see what unique and special things she finds for the children to buy. Linda is a valuable member of the Parent Advisory Committee, where she serves as a faculty representative. She is responsible for attending meetings and collaborating with the Principal to bring school initiatives to the parents. Linda has long been recognized as a leader among her peers.

Second Grade News



Kylie H., Justin C., William K., Bella R. and Jordan S.

Mrs. Cain's Second Grade reading group performed a reading of *Hungry Hen* by Richard Waring to Ms. Hennessy's third grade class. Each student memorized and delivered their own lines expertly!



A Special Guest By Tamba Brima, 2nd Grade

Today I got to meet a special visitor in Ms. Millett's room. His name is Officer Steve. He and his dog Nick help keep us safe. Officer Steve, gave me sticker and a police badge. I even got to give him a high-five. I hope he comes back to visit again soon.

Primos Fitness Team: Marine Corp Fitness Results

Both the Boys and Girls finished in 4th place at the Fitness Event, Both teams earned a ribbon, Aliyah Carter finished 2nd overall in the entire district, with an individual score of 473 points out of a possible 500 points.



HIGHLAND PARK NEWS

Third Grade News



The Third Grade went on an adventure to the Franklin Institute in the month of May. It was everything we dreamed it would be and more. Just look at our smiling faces.

Fourth Grade News



Fourth Grade is preparing for their Pennsylvania Research project after working so hard on our PSSA tests. We are also celebrating reading in our MTSS classes with culminating activities, like the one pictured here, of students making a cereal box book report.

Highland Park's Friendship Club



These students really enjoyed their time together in Friendship Club! Nearly 30 girls met for six Thursdays after school to tackle current friendship issues. Included were 6 fabulous 5th grade mentors! Among other activities, we helped to spruce up Sharon Gutsche's garden at the entrance of our school — a powerful lesson on kindness and cooperation.

WESTBROOK PARK NEWS

Marine Corps Challenge



Congratulations to all who competed in the district wide Marine Corps Physical fitness event. Of the ten elementary schools, our Boys finished in third place. Congratulations to Max B., Braylon H., Dylan W., RJ G., Tim D. and Osman D. Our girls finished in second place of the ten schools, congratulations to Lil M., Mackenzie Q., Lunden T., Mya M., Mylie K.B., and Paige O. A special congratulations to Osman D., and Mya M. Both finished third out of all the girls and boys who participated. And finally, another special congratulation to Paige O., for finishing in second place of the sixty girls who competed! Great Job fitness team!

Congratulations to the Westbrook Park Class of 2019 — 5th Grade Dance



HILLCREST NEWS

Second Grade News



Kindness is everywhere at Hillcrest Elementary. Second grade students collaborated with their 5th grade buddies for Kindness week. Students worked together on a project discussing how we can be kind to each other, kind to our families and spread kindness throughout our community. Second grade students enjoyed working with the older students at Hillcrest as they have done for several activities this year. It was a great opportunity for students to get to know and work with other students at Hillcrest.

Fourth Grade News



Students in fourth grade participated in various activities in their homerooms after PSSA testing. This was their time to unwind after the 7 days of PSSA testing in three content areas. Students worked really hard, stayed focused, and tried their personal best during the two weeks of testing. They made their teachers proud. Students celebrated by having special activities such as Camp Day, Cinco de Mayo, Math 24 challenges with 5th graders, Island Escape, and down time with each other. These celebrations were well deserved. Great work 4th grade!

SENKOW NEWS

Senkow Elementary Class of 2019

Senkow Students of the Month



Senkow Students Get Pumped for PSSA's



Senkow students and staff participated in our annual PSSA Pep Rally. Students participated in a round of Jeopardy with emcee Miss Rojas. Test takers were serenaded by our first grade buddies. A few of our staff members and students competed in "minute to win it" fun.

BYWOOD NEWS

Bywood's ELL Multicultural Fair & Upper Darby Arts Fest!



At Bywood's Multicultural Fair, families had the opportunity to try different foods from many different cultures. We even had a live dance performance! Many thanks to our ELL teachers, students, and families for spending their Saturday at Bywood! Bywood also represented beautifully at the Arts festival with their artwork displayed proudly for all to see. Special thanks to Mrs. McMenam, Bywood's Art teacher for putting together such a magnificent display of our students' artwork.

Bywood's Color Day Brings Community Members Together!



On Friday, May 10th, students, staff, and parents were able to enjoy a day filled with field events, team work, and fun! Mrs. Ingram, our Physical Education teacher, has prepared students all year for this event, and students in all grades demonstrated their skills and sportsmanship throughout the day. Our Related Arts teachers, Reading Staff, ELL team members, and Student Council members all helped run each station, while encouraging students to try their best!

CHARLES KELLY NEWS

Charles Kelly's 5th Grade Career Day



On Career Day we had a few parents and friends come in to teach us about their jobs. We learned from a SEPTA worker, environmental health and safety specialist, and an FBI agent. All of the careers we learned about were interesting. - Anjali J.

They told us how they got their jobs and what they like about their jobs. I liked that we got to try on the equipment. - Eden M.

Our Very First Calendar Contest Winner



First Grader, Quran H., is the very first Charles Kelly artist to win the Alcohol, Tobacco, and other Drug Awareness Poster Contest hosted by the Holcomb Behavioral Systems. Quran's art won second place in the "K-2" Division which will be featured in the 2020 calendar along with his picture, plus he won a gift certificate worth \$75.00.

Congratulations to Quran and his family.

STONEHURST HILLS NEWS

Stonehurst First Grade News



Check out Mr. Brad (Stonehurst Hills Custodian) being a guest teacher in First Grade this month!

We love Mr. Brad and are always excited to see him in the classroom.

Stonehurst Fifth Grade News



Fifth grade is busy working on their research project on a famous person. Each student is reading a biography and then will create a slide show with information and pictures on that person to their homeroom. The Final Assembly will take place on Monday, June 10th at 9:30AM.

Stonehurst Fourth Grade News



Fourth grade is working hard to learn new cooperative protocols in our classrooms. We love having opportunities to learn from each other!

Stonehurst Loves Nurse Kolody!



Stonehurst Hills took some time to honor our favorite nurse. She works hard every day to take care of our students. From a paper cut to a medical emergency. She has seen it all and takes pride in advocating for the medical needs of all our students.

NEWS FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOLS

BHMS's Multi-Cultural Day



Multicultural Day, a Beverly Hills tradition, was celebrated on May 3. The day began in the cafeteria with country displays and delicious foods from around the world, as well as cultural artifacts and colorful dress. The students enjoyed trying new foods and viewing the informative displays. The festivities continued in the afternoon with a variety of performances that represented our diverse student body.

There was dancing, singing, our 6th grade BH band members, our BH choir, along with an amazing martial arts display. The countries represented were India, Trinidad & Tobago, Africa, Korea, and Jamaica, just to name a few. It was a wonderful day as students realized first hand that *"diversity is the one true thing we all have in common"*. Let's celebrate it everyday!

Beverly Hills goes to Penn Relays



On April 1st, the boys 4x100 relay of Andre Henneghan, Kamaldeen Adegbite, Amir Hill-Hoskins, and Montez Ellis competed against 50 other teams to qualify in the top 9 for the Penn Relays. The boys qualified 3rd with a time of 48.83.

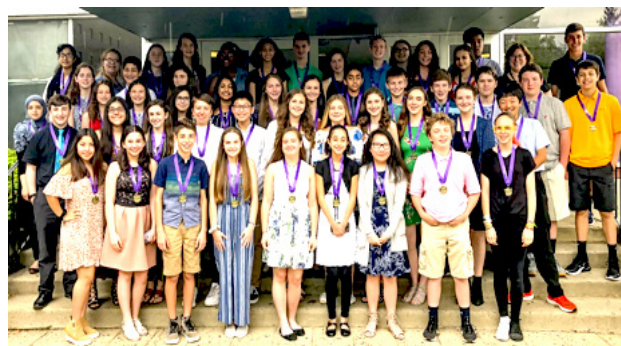
The Penn Relays were held on Friday, April 26 at Franklin Field at the University of Pennsylvania. The boys competed in the PIAA Middle School Boys 4x100 event. Andre, Kamal, Amir and Montez won a silver medal, dropping over a second, with a time of 47.76. It was a very close race.

Drexel Hill Middle School Jazz Band



The DHMS Jazz band completed their competitive season this past Friday at Springton 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 J. (7th Grade Vocalist), Cooper W. (8th grade alto sax) and Lucas C. (8th grade drum set). We are extremely proud of the hard work and dedication of these students.

2019 DHMS Challengers



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.

UPPER DARBY HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

UDHS Students Attend ICDC Nationals in Orlando



Congratulations to members of DECA who were eligible to attend the ICDC Nationals in Orlando, Florida recently. Seniors Allison Billie and Jasmine Rao, and Juniors Haley Campbell and Colleen Keck competed in individual events and participated in leadership workshops. This club prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs

in marketing, finance, hospitality and management.

UDHS ATHLETIC NEWS

Brandon Caban qualifies for PIAA Singles Tournament



Brandon Caban became the first boys tennis singles player from Upper Darby to qualify for the PIAA Championships. Brandon won three matches, the District 1 Class 3A Singles Championships qualifying for the state tournament in Hershey on May 24th.



Junior Kayla Thorpe qualifies for PIAA Track Championship in Three Events

Kayla achieved what no other athlete in the history of Delaware County ever has by qualifying for the state championship in all three throwing events.

At the District One Championship, Kayla placed 2nd place in the shot put, 3rd place in javelin and 3rd place in the discus. She threw a personal best in all 3 events and set school records in the

shot put and discus.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



As we approach the end of the school year the Department of Public Safety would like to take a moment and say thank you to everyone for making our schools safe. It is truly a community effort. Please continue to always be alert and mindful and report anything you may see or hear that you feel might not be safe.

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

News from our Transportation Department



SUMMER SCHOOL BUS DRIVER TRAINING SEMINAR

The Upper Darby School District Transportation Department is looking for safe, responsible and professional drivers to join our team! This summer, we are holding a full force training seminar for candidates interested in becoming an Upper Darby school bus driver. Please call us at 610-352-8632, and ask us what it's all about! We would love to hear from you.

Salary: \$17.79/hour during training period • \$20.79/hour for licensed bus drivers

Qualifications: Clean driving record • Safety conscious • Time management skills
• Good interpersonal and communication skills • Ability to meet physical/sensory demands of job

Clearances: FBI Criminal Clearance • PA Child Abuse History Clearance • PA Criminal Record Background Check. If you love working with children, or you know someone who does, consider becoming an Upper Darby School District Bus Driver!

Interested applicants can apply by visiting the Upper Darby School District website: www.upperdarbysd.org

NEWS FROM OUR FACILITIES DEPARTMENT

Summer Time means summer projects!



The school district will be undergoing a series of building improvements this summer.

Highest on the priority list is the renovation of the bathrooms in the "C" building at the High School.

This project, however, is only one at our High School over the next few months. A roof replacement on the pool is on tap, as well as Fire Door replacements throughout the building.

Playground renovations at Highland Park and Hillcrest, PA System replacement at Westbrook, Hillcrest and Primos, Partial window replacement at Beverly Hills, are all in the works too!

With a little bit of luck, we will undergo a complete renovation of the High School Football field and track to cap off a summer filled with excitement, hard work and better facilities for all!



Remembering Brian Smart

Our beloved trainer, Brian Smart, began at UDHS just nine months ago, but his positivity, caring nature and humor has impacted each of our 1400 athletes and their coaches. We are privileged to have known and worked with such a beautiful person. Our senior nights were filled with beautiful tributes to Brian. UDHS student athletes filled five buses to attend Brian's viewing in Hatboro. The students and coaches honored Brian's memory by finishing his 2.25 mile run on Sunday June 2nd and creating a memorial scholarship in his name.

Over \$3000 was raised for the Brian Smart Memorial Award. Hundreds of students, teachers, and parents came to the run as well as several members of the Smart Family. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate forcing the event to begin early finish and finished in the gym. The Philadelphia Union donated a jersey autographed by the entire team as well as hats, t-shirts and scarves. The award will be given to a graduating senior with distinguished character that has an interest in the Health Sciences. This year's recipient was Abdul Hafiz who will attend Penn State University and major in physical therapy.

Congressional Art Award Recipients



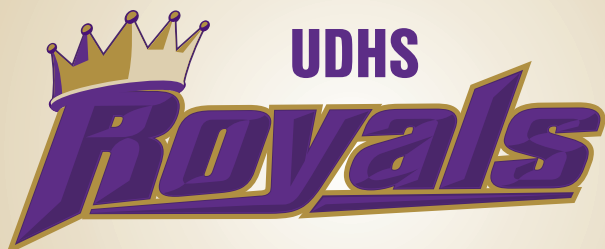
Every year the United States Congressional member of the house participate in an Art Competition for their respective Districts. This year Congresswoman Mary Gay Scanlon of the 5th Congressional District invited High School students throughout the district to participate in the 2019 Congressional Art Competition. The 5th Congressional District includes Delaware County, Montgomery County and Philadelphia. At this competition over 130 works of art were on display.

This year the Upper Darby High School entered 13 works by students from grades 9-12.

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.



If you have not already, please be sure to check out the district website at UDSD we are hiring. Please go to upperdarbysd.org

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