

THE RAM'S HORN



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South Eastern School District

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October Calendar

- 2 Committee of the Whole - 6:30 pm
- 6 Stew PTA Mtg. 6 PM
- 7 Stew Fall Pictures
Delta PTA Mtg. 4 PM
West PTO Mtg 6 PM
- 8 Sports Boosters Mtg. 5:30 PM
- 9 KD Powder Puff Game 3:15 PM
- 10 Half Day (Students Only)
Early Dismissal
Elem: 12:05 am
East: 10:45 am
K-D: 10:56 am
Homecoming Game 7 PM
- 11 Homecoming Dance 7-10 PM
- 13 NO SCHOOL – Columbus Day
1st Incent Weather Make-Up Day
York College Fair 6-8 PM
PMEA District 7 Prof. Dev.
- 13-17 Stew PTA Book Fair
West Book Fair
- 14 Diversity Summit at South Western
- 15 KD PSAT Testing
- 16 School Board Mtg. 7:30 PM
- 16-17 School Visitation
- 17 Coffee with Kaufmann 9 AM
at the Administration building.
- 21 Music Boosters Mtg. 7 PM
- 23 Delta Family Math Night 7 PM
Fawn Parent Institute 6 PM
- 24 Half Day - End of Marking Period
Early Dismissal
Elem: 12:05 am
East: 10:45 am
K-D: 10:56 am
Stew PTA Family Bingo 6:30 PM
- 25 ACT Testing
PMEA Dist. 7 Chorus Auditions
- 27 NO SCHOOL - Staff Development
- 29 Fawn Mobile Dentist
KD Picture Re-Take Day
- 30 Delta Picture Re-Take Day
- 30-31 Delta Mobile Dentist
- 31 Delta Fall Book Fair

School Board Meetings

Administration Community Rm.

October 16, 2014
7:30 PM



KD SENIOR KAYLA WHITE WINS 5K IN AUSTRALIA

Kennard-Dale Senior, Kayla White of Fawn Grove, accepted an invitation from Down Under Sports this past summer to represent Pennsylvania and the USA on the 2014 North Central Conferences Cross Country Team. Kayla participated in two races. The first was an international race, The Cold Coast Airport Marathon, where she placed 14th in her age group out of 175 runners and 5th out of her team of USA runners. In the second race - The All American 5K - Kayla took first place. Kayla brought home a total of 4 medals and was voted MVP for her team. **CONGRATULATIONS KAYLA!**



MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Education has been in a state of constant change during my entire 34 year career. Never, however, has there been so much change in such a short period of time. Economic climate and technological advances have combined to impact public education in unpredictable ways. Ironically, when revenue sources have fallen to an all-time low, the federal and state mandates (unfunded, I might add) that have impacted public education have risen to an all-time high. Nonetheless, South Eastern continues to offer a vibrant, challenging, and yes, progressive education to all students. We forge forward - making decisions in the best interest of the students we

serve - always mindful of the bottom line to the district taxpayers.

New initiatives this year include the following: the fifth grade classes at SEMS-West are engaged in hybrid learning which combines direct instruction, independent work in an online environment, and collaborative, problem-solving activities; we have implemented a one-to-one initiative at SEMS-East, which has allowed us to level the playing field by providing every student with a Chromebook; and we have expanded the South Eastern Cyber Academy and blended learning opportunities by introducing the Cyber Café at Kennard Dale. In the meantime, Delta-Peach Bottom Elementary School's renovations are proceeding according to plan while the Delta students and staff have taken up temporary residence at Chanceford Elementary School. *Camp Chanceford*, as it is now affectionately known, has become Delta's home away from home until the end of the calendar year at which time Fawn Area Elementary School students and staff will assume temporary residency. Although challenging to the adults behind the scenes (think Director of Transportation and Principals), our students seem to have adjusted to their new home quite easily.

The 2014-2015 school year is off to a tremendously smooth start, thanks to the collective efforts of parents, staff, and students. We thank you for your continued support as we focus on our mission - *providing progressive education to strengthen the global community.*

Dr. K.

AGE 3-5 PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

York County Head Start is recruiting children, ages 3 to 5, to participate in a preschool program at Fawn Area Elementary School for the 2014-2015 school year.

Head Start serves children in the community, including those with special needs or disabilities. Head Start is an income based program and there is no charge if you qualify. Proof of income for the past 12 months, verification of the child's birth date, and up to date physical and immunizations must be provided at the time of intake.

Head Start provides education, health, nutrition, social, and parent involvement services to children and families.

The program operates Monday through Thursday for children turning 3 by August 31, 2014. For more information or to apply, please call 717-846-4600 ext. 266.

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WEST HONORED FOR EFFORTS IN FIGHTING CHILDHOOD OBESITY

The Alliance for a Healthier Generation, founded by the American Heart Association and the Clinton Foundation, recognized South Eastern Middle School - West (SEMS West) with a 2014 National Healthy Schools Award for transforming its environment into a healthier place. Principal, Jon Horton, received the Silver award at the Alliance's 2014 Leaders Summit in Washington, DC on September 13, 2014.

To earn the National Healthy Schools Award SEMS West improved its nutrition and wellness services and physical activity programs to meet or exceed stringent standards set by the Alliance for a Healthier Generation's Healthy Schools Program. This was accomplished through the efforts of a student-led wellness initiative.

The Healthy Schools Program provides schools guidance, professional development, access to national experts, and evidence-based resources and tools to help them create and sustain healthy school environments. Schools are eligible for Bronze, Silver, or Gold National Healthy Schools Awards based on their level of achievement. The Alliance's Healthy Schools Program has helped more than 24,000 schools increase quality physical activity, health education, and healthy eating; and this year, 250 schools are being recognized with a National Healthy Schools Award.

"We applaud the achievements of our 2014 honorees," said Dr. Howell Wechsler, Chief Executive Officer, Alliance for a Healthier Generation. "They are exemplary in their efforts to get students and staff eating better and moving more, and they prove that it is possible to build healthy school environments. We need thousands more schools across the country like SEMS West, under the leadership of administrators like Jon Horton—schools that are fully committed to promoting health and wellness, which is vital to improving students' academic performance."



Jon Horton, Tracy Fox, and Rep Scott Perry (R-PA) on Capitol Hill



Jon Horton - Senator Bob Casey, Jr.

SESD STUDENT PARTICIPATION AT THE YORK FAIR

KD students Abby Swoboda, Beatrice Fadrigon, Kortni Fœhrkolb, and Sophia Swoboda recently participated in a chalk illustration contest at the York Fair. Thanks to everyone who voted for their art work while they were at the fair. Their illustration came in fourth place.



This year the KD FFA decided to inform the public of Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea Virus for their educational FFA Display Board Entry at the York Fair. PEDV is a deadly virus that has been greatly affecting the swine industry and consumers of pork products for the past year a half. Students displayed their board throughout the entire length of the York Fair, and they won first place.



On September 5th, 18 KD FFA students participated in the York County Dairy Skill-a-Thon. They competed against three other schools and proved their knowledge in judging live dairy cattle, identifying dairy breeds and feeds, identifying dairy products, and taking a dairy management quiz. KD Students who placed in the top five: Junior Division: Hannah Dandy - 2nd place, Claire Gamache - 3rd place, and Sierra Wagner - 5th place; Senior Division: Josh Rager - 2nd place, Austin Rollhauser - 5th place.



On September 12th, 24 KD FFA students participated in the York County 4H and FFA Livestock Judging Contest. Students analyzed and placed four classes of livestock for their market qualities and readiness. Livestock species evaluated included sheep, goats, beef cattle, and pigs. KD Students who placed in the top five: Junior Division: Zack McFatridge - 2nd place, Heather Jennings - 3rd Place, Hannah Dandy - 4th place, Sierra Wagner - 5th place; Senior Division: Ken Drake - 2nd Place, Josh Rager - 3rd Place, Lydia Schlitzkus - 4th place



CONSTITUTION DAY AT DELTA

The third graders at Delta-Peach Bottom Elementary celebrated Constitution Day with the performance of an interactive play on Wednesday, September 17th. The play was performed by members of the third grade team: King Louie, Mr. Satterfield; three nobles, Mrs. Wolf, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Daisey; and narrator, Mrs. Biller. "The Tired King" taught students why it is necessary to have the three branches of government, and also showed them which governing body should take care of King Louie's problems.

Later on Constitution Day the same classes participated in a Livestream event sponsored by Discovery Education. The event involved a live tour of the National Archives and up close look at the Constitution with David Ferriero, Archivist of the United States. He was interviewed by 16-year-old Adalia Jimenez of Montgomery County. Students learned about Mr. Ferriero's job as archivist, and interesting tidbits about the historical documents housed in the National Archives. The event was entertaining and informative.

SESD OFFERS SEMINAR ON ASTHMA

South Eastern School District Health Advisory Committee presents Asthma 101, a special information seminar for parents and guardians of students with asthma. The free seminar will be held on Tuesday, October 21, 2014, at 7 pm, at the SEMS West LGI. Susan Kirkpatrick, RN, who is the Certified School Nurse at SEMS West, and Eileen Miller, RRT, a respiratory therapist and SEMS West parent, will facilitate the class.

Participants will learn:

- The difference between "quick relief" and "controller" medication used in asthma management
- How to manage an asthma episode
- How to respond to an asthma emergency

Each family will receive a *free asthma toolkit*, containing a spacer and a peak flow meter. Childcare will be provided by the SEMS East Red Cross Club.

To register for the seminar:

- Send an email to kirkpatrick@sesd.k12.pa.us, or
- Leave a message at 382-4851 ext. 3820, or
- Register at the door.

SCIENCE WITH MR. FILIZZI

The third grade students of Stewartstown Elementary School were given the opportunity to participate in a Science Assembly sponsored by The Engineering Society of York. Mr. Filizzi made science come alive with experiments and activities. The third grade students learned about force, pressure, and an object's center of gravity.



STEM MUSEUM

The Mobile Ed Productions brought the brand new STEM museum to 'Camp Chanceford' aka Delta-Peach Bottom Elementary, sponsored by their own P.T.A.

The completely interactive set up was hosted by the single presenter and several parent volunteers. With multiple activities, the *STEM Museum* has something for all grade levels and interests. Students are encouraged to explore the museum at their own pace and manage their time between stations that appeal to their individual interests.

The activities included Build-an-Arch, a 3D Printer, Friction Raceway, Structures Building Station, Newton's Cradle, Bike Generator, and more. Classes had forty-five minutes to explore displays, and interact with the materials. There certainly was a lot of discovery going on.

Please visit Mobile Ed Production's website to learn more at <http://www.mobileedproductions.com/stem-museum>.



WHO TO CALL?

Follow these guidelines when questions or problems arise during the school year:



- **Classroom related question:**
Contact the school office where the classroom is located. The office will connect you with the teacher or leave a message for the teacher to return your call.
- **School related questions (curriculum, procedures, discipline, etc.):**
Contact the appropriate school administrator.

Delta-Peach Bottom Elem.	456-5313	SEMS West	382-4851
Fawn Area Elem.	382-4220	SEMS East	382-4851
Stewartstown Elem.	993-2725	Kennard-Dale	382-4871
- **Any issues regarding cafeteria meals:** 382-4843, ext. 6850.
- **Questions regarding transportation:** 382-4843, ext. 6227.
- **Questions regarding Tax Bills:** *Contact your local tax collector or SEDS's Business Office, at 382-4843, ext. 6221.*

KD GRADUATES - NOW IN PENN STATE BAND



Congratulations goes out to two 2014 Kennard-Dale graduates Matthew Moore and Noah Krechel for making the Penn State University Marching Blue Band! Watch for them at games or on TV!

STUDENTS PICKED FOR YORK JUNIOR SYMPHONY



Three SEMS East students successfully auditioned for the York Junior Symphony Orchestra. Tess Leighty, Annie McPherson, and Grace Anne Shaw all made the county-wide orchestra as 7th graders. For more information, including concert dates, visit www.yjs.org. Congratulations, girls!

STEWARTSTOWN WELCOMES FAMILIES BACK



Stewartstown Elementary started the school year by inviting families to enjoy a Welcome Back Popsicle Party on September 5th sponsored by the PTA. Over 500 attended and enjoyed an evening playing outside and visiting with other families.

Happy Halloween!



As our students venture out this Halloween, we remind everyone to always be safe, courteous, and above all - HAVE FUN!

MATILDA ON BROADWAY - NY BUS TRIP

The Drama Club is sponsoring a trip to New York City on April 11th. Tickets are available to see the Broadway show "Matilda." The cost is \$180.00, which includes the transportation, front mezzanine seating show tickets, and gratuities. There are also tickets available to go to NYC without going to the show. The cost for that is \$75.00. A \$30.00 deposit is due before Oct. 10th and is filled on a 1st come 1st served basis. Contact Mr. Craley at Kennard-Dale for more information.

NAT'L HONOR SOCIETY HELPS CANCER PATIENTS

The Kennard-Dale National Honor Society participated in the 19th Annual Bike Hike and Butterfly Release on Sunday, September 21st. Money raised benefits the Cancer Patient Help Fund and the Cancer Screening & Outreach Fund. This Fund was created in 1995 to lessen the impact on individuals and families who battle with cancer, making funds available for everyday expenses such as rent, utilities, groceries, and transportation. The Bike Hike was an opportunity to combine recreation and exercise with the satisfaction of helping area residents in need. Our group raised over \$400.



GUEST SPEAKER, ELENA GONZALEZ, VISITS K-D

Mrs. Snyder's Spanish classes had the opportunity to enhance their auditory Spanish skills as they listened to a guest speaker. Elena Gonzalez, a native from Spain, visiting the United States for one month, spoke with KD Spanish students about the culture and people of Spain. After her presentation, Spanish students enhanced their Spanish-speaking skills by asking her questions. She works as a translator and is also a tour guide in Spain. Listening, speaking, and interacting with native speakers is a great way to develop language skills.



AREA HS VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS GOING TO ITALY

Recently the girls volleyball team hosted Peter Russell of the Penn State Men's Volleyball Team for a four hour volleyball clinic at Kenard-Dale High School. In 2014 Peter and his brother, Junior Aaron Russell, helped lead PSU to the EIVA League Championship and to the semi-finals of the NCAA Men's Volleyball Championship.

KD Coach, Jim Keirn, has been selected by Americas Teams Sports to lead a team of area girls high school volleyball players to Italy in July of 2015 for a 9 day, 3 city tour to play against other Italian high school teams. Currently there are four KD players signed up to go on this trip. The girls and their chaperones will also get to do sight-seeing during the day before their matches and during their off days. The Italy trip is open to anyone that is interested in going, not just volleyball players. If you are interested in going on this trip of a lifetime and want more information, you can contact the coach at keirns4@verizon.net. The trip is being organized by ACIS.



AGGRESSIVE PLAN FOR ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT

Physical changes in the school environment are a normal occurrence. As we have launched into our elementary renovations project, we have become aware of an item that is of the utmost importance to all - asbestos. Asbestos is a common building material that may be present in many buildings constructed prior to 1981. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has determined the mere presence of asbestos materials does not pose a health risk to building occupants and that such materials are safe as long as they are not disturbed or dislodged in a manner that causes the asbestos fibers to be released. EPA rules do not require the materials to be removed. Federal law requires that reasonable precautions are taken to minimize the chance of damage or disturbance of asbestos containing materials.

The Asbestos Hazardous Emergency Response Act (AHERA) mandates that all of our District facilities are inspected to locate, identify and appropriately address the various types of asbestos that may have been used during the original construction of our schools. Asbestos can be found in Chanceford Elementary School, the building that is serving as temporary housing for district students, in pipes in the boiler room and underground tunnel, as well as at Delta-Peach Bottom Elementary School in transite roof decking. These areas are monitored by district maintenance staff monthly for deterioration, protected from incidental damage, and repaired as necessary.

The building principal has on file in his/her office a copy of a Board of Education approved Management Plan identifying the type, amount, and location of any asbestos-containing materials in the school. In addition, copies of all plans in the district are also maintained at the Administration Offices of the South Eastern School District and may be reviewed upon request. The district will continue to maintain an extensive and aggressive asbestos management plan to protect the health and welfare of our students, staff, and community members who use our facilities.

For more information on asbestos, we recommend the Environmental Protection Agency website at <http://www.epa.gov/iaq/asbestos.html> or contact them by calling (202) 554-1404. Should you have questions related to AHERA or South Eastern School District's Management Plan, please call the District Administration Office at 717-382-4843.

EAST - GOTCHA ASSEMBLIES KICK-OFF

SEMS-East is off to a great start this school year! On August 29th we kicked off our Gotcha assemblies with an ice bucket challenge. Several teachers and our principal participated in the challenge - all getting soaked on that chilly morning! Check our SEMS-East's Facebook page to see a video. The monthly Gotcha assemblies are part of our School-Wide Positive Behavior Support Program (SWPBS) and each assembly rewards students for good behavior and celebrating their successes. Throughout the



month students who show acts of kindness, good behavior, or good manners may get a "Gotcha" ticket from a staff member. There is no

limit to the number of tickets a student may receive. The tickets are gathered and during the assembly, 5-6 tickets are drawn. Students are excited to have the chance to receive a \$10 gift card to places like Game Stop, Subway, Chick Fil-A, iTunes, Rita's, or Sweet Frog.

In addition to the positive supports in place, SEMS-East is in the fourth year of implementation of the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program. As part of the program, monthly classroom meetings are held to instill messages of respect, responsibility, and kindness. Words of Wisdom are read on the morning announcements with each month carrying a different theme. On our Gotcha assembly days, students are given new goals to follow. The goals, messages, and classroom meetings are tied together and help create a positive school environment where students can learn. All of the staff are involved in developing the goals so that everyone plays an active role. Parents are even more important as they have a huge influence on their child. We are thankful for their support throughout the year, and look forward to this new school year!





LETTER FROM YORK ADAMS TAX BUREAU FOR YORK COUNTY RESIDENTS

INFORMATION FOR ADAMS OR YORK COUNTY RESIDENTS:

Greetings! Whether you have recently moved to the area from out-of-state, or if you have resided in Pennsylvania all your life, it is important for you to understand Pennsylvania local taxes that may impact you.

In Pennsylvania, in addition to the state personal income tax collected by the PA Department of Revenue, municipalities, school districts and the county may each levy several different types of taxes. These may include the following:

Real Estate Tax - levied by the county, school district and municipality on real estate owned within their jurisdictions. Each taxing authority will levy a different millage rate, and bills are mailed in the spring for county and municipal tax and in the summer for school district tax. This tax may or may not be paid through your mortgage company. Your municipality has a locally elected real estate tax collector who will collect this tax.

Earned Income Tax - levied by the municipality and school district where you reside. It is a tax on gross wages and net profits. Tax rates are 1% or higher depending on the school district where you live, and the tax is shared between the municipality and school district. If you work within Pennsylvania your employer is required to withhold the tax and remit it to the collector where the employer is located. The York Adams Tax Bureau collects the tax for most of York and all of Adams Counties. If you are self-employed or work out-of-state, you are required to make estimated quarterly payments of the tax due. An annual Individual Earned Income Tax Return must be filed with the YATB by April 15 following the end of the tax year. A return must be filed even if you had no earned income. Only permanently retired or disabled individuals are exempt from filing.

Local Services Tax - levied by some municipalities where you work. It is an occupational privilege tax of a maximum of \$52.00 per year, withheld by your employer at no more than \$1.00 per week. YATB is the LST collector for certain municipalities in York and Adams Counties. In other cases, the locally elected tax collector has been appointed to collect the tax. Low income exemptions may apply.

Per Capita Tax - This is an annual head tax of \$5.00 or \$10.00 levied by some municipalities and school districts. It is collected by your locally elected tax collector. YATB collects delinquent per capita tax for some municipalities and school districts in York and Adams Counties.

Other Taxes - Depending on where you live, you may also pay a street light tax, a fire hydrant tax, an occupational assessment tax or some other special taxes. Check with your municipal office regarding these taxes.

The York Adams Tax Bureau is the appointed collector of Earned Income Tax (EIT) for the following school districts:

Adams County:

Bermudian Springs School District
Littlestown Area School District

Gettysburg Area School District
Fairfield Area School District

Conewago Valley School District
Upper Adams School District

York County:

Central York School District
School District
Eastern York School District
West York Area School District
Northeastern School District

South Eastern School District
Dover Area School District Southern
Spring Grove Area School District
Northern York School District
York Suburban School District

Dallastown Area School District South Western
York Co. School District
Hanover Public School District
School District of the City of York
Red Lion Area School District

Individual Annual Earned Income Tax forms and payments may be filed online at www.palite.org. Additional forms and information may be found at www.yatb.com.

All residents of the above districts who are not permanently retired or disabled must file an earned income tax return with the York Adams Tax Bureau by April 15 of each year, even if they had no earned income. Earned income tax (EIT) is a tax on gross wages and net profits and is levied by the municipality and school district where you reside.

Individuals who are self-employed or whose employers do not withhold the tax are required to make estimated quarterly payments of the tax due. (Due dates: April 30, July 30, Oct. 30 and Jan. 30.) Quarterly return forms may be found at www.yatb.com.

Questions? In York County please contact our Taxpayer Services Department at 717-845-1584, option 1, or by email at info@yatb.com. Adams County residents may call 717-334-4000.

NEW RESIDENT/CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

Name of Taxpayer A: _____ Taxpayer A Social Security Number: _____

Name of Taxpayer B: _____ Taxpayer B Social Security Number: _____

CURRENT ADDRESS INFO: Street Address (must include house #): _____

P.O. Box (if used): _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

FORMER ADDRESS INFO: Street Address (must include house #): _____

P.O. Box (if used): _____ City, State, Zip: _____

(Mail or fax the completed form to the address on the letterhead above.)

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