
The Decatur Times

Back to School Edition 2017

Decatur Football

Sam Lankin & Matt Kling

This year Decatur is having a Rookie Tackle Football Team. Girls and boys from grades 6, 7 and 8 are eligible to play. They must have passing grades of a C or above to play.

The team will play on a 40 yard field. They wear full football equipment(helmet, shoulder pads, cleats, pants and a girdle). The uniforms are royal blue and gold. There are 20 teams in the league (10 in the North division and 10 in the South).

Every day there will be practice, where they do push-ups, sit-ups, crunches, and leg exercises. Also they will watch videos on safety and how to play. We are looking forward to a great season which begins on October 5th.

Clubs And Activities

Erika Pelikan & Bella Steiger

This school year at Decatur we have many fun clubs and sports such as Co-ed Football, Co-ed Soccer, Robotics, Student Government, Softball, Baseball Co-ed Track, Co-ed Basketball, Choir, News Media, and Book Club. These sound like some fun clubs to join!

Stop Bullying

Hannah Pirolli & Kylie Simon

What is bullying? People often use the term but do they really know what it means? To start, bullying is intentional harm over a period of time. Bullying can happen for many reasons such as people showing off for friends or personal problems. Bullying can take place anywhere like online or at school. Unfortunately, bullying could lead to self harm.

According to the School District code of conduct, anyone who bullies can experience consequences such as exclusions in school activities or a suspension. Bullying is not okay, kids can get embarrassed and upset. Anyone can be a bully ... are you?

Welcoming The Kindergarten

Kristen Lawrence & Kristen Hancock

Welcome Kindergarten! Our Kindergarten started on Wednesday, September 13, 2017. On the first day, they learned classroom routines and rules. We welcome our new kindergarteners to Stephen Decatur Elementary School. Your child will have a

Library Lovers

Tyra Milburn & Davina Hazzard

This year we have upgraded the library. We now have an easier way to take out books. All of the books have barcodes that we'll use to scan and take out books. Mrs. Jordan is the new librarian, so each class will see how the new system works.

Also, some sixth, seventh, and eighth graders are going to help Mrs. Jordan sort and scan the books. You could be lucky and help out with the library, and learn how to put new books into the system. So, gather library lovers and join us to help the new library system.

First In Math

Daniil Salimov

First In Math is helping a lot of children improve their math skills. This helps students develop procedural fluency by building equations. Students earn stickers by solving math problems. Our school has been a top school in the city for the past few years. FIM is one of the best programs for kids to get better at math.

High School Fair

Michele Elias, Kylie Simon & Nyantekyiwaa Akyeampong

On September 15 and 16, 8th grade students were invited down to the Philadelphia Convention Center for the Philly High School Fair. They got an opportunity to explore over 100 different Philadelphia High Schools. As the students walked around to different tables many schools gave out bracelets, water bottles, pens and pencils. Students and teachers from the schools were there to tell what the high school experience is like. Many students attended and they know their options for high school now. It was an enjoyable experience for everyone that went.

great time here.

Commemoration for Our Workers

Gianna D’Arcangelo & Kelly Phan

On September 5th, we celebrated the hard workers in America. Schools and workers all across America were off to reflect on the hard work that they do. Labor Day was started to honor the hard work and strength the American laborers have. The first Labor Day holiday was held by the Century Labor Union in 1882. Labor Day is a time to appreciate all the hard work you and everyone else in America does. So relax.

“Some people dream of success, while others wake up and work hard for it.”

- Mark Zuckerberg

The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People

Mia Harris & Jordan Mullen

Every day since the first day of school, we have started a new program called The Leader in Me. We are learning the 7 habits of highly effective people. Every student was given a book about the 7 habits that we use in class. Teachers and staff were also given books so they also can complete the habits.

The first habit is “Be Proactive”. Being proactive means you're in charge of your life. You are responsible for your life choices. The second habit is “Begin with the end in mind”. This habit helps you define your goals in life. The 3rd habit is to “Put first things first”. This habit helps you learn to do the most important things first. All three habits are a part of the private victory.

The fourth habit is “Think win-win”. With learning this habit, it's all about having a winning attitude. The fifth habit is to “Seek first to understand, then to be understood”. The meaning of this is to listen to people sincerely. The sixth habit is “Synergize”, which is working together as a group to achieve much more. These habits are part of the public victory. The last habit is “Sharpen the saw” meaning renew yourself regularly which is part of renewal.

In conclusion, the 7 habits are to help us improve our lives. The habits are worth the time and money if it's going to help us improve.

