
The Decatur Times

Autism Awareness

*Leah Carroll and Hannah
Pirolli*

April is a very important month at Decatur because it is Autism Awareness Month. Our school sold Autism Awareness t-shirts and earlier in the month we had an assembly about a girl named Mikayla. This taught us about all disabilities, including Autism. Her mom explained how Mikayla lives her life with disabilities and how this affected her.

At Decatur, we have a mural with puzzle pieces to represent Autism. This year they are adding puzzle pieces for all the new students and staff. Overall April has been a very special month here at Decatur.

Student Athletes Trip

Mia Harris

On April 18th, 2017, all student athletes were able to attend the trip to the Philadelphia Talen Energy Stadium. The trip was a reward for all the student athletes for their hard work and determination throughout the seasons.

When we got there we were divided into 5 teams and given a bracelet and a t-shirt.

After the stations, we got to meet one of the Union players. Overall the trip was amazing. We would like to thank Ms. Stankiewicz and Mr. Boyd for taking all of the student athletes on this trip.

Jeans for Troops

*Alyssa Donnelly, Diamond
Thompson, and Janessa Dauber*

Jeans for Troops was on May 25, 2017. To honor our troops, students donated \$1 to wear jeans. This money helped our troops with: employment, healthcare, and housing. Decatur students raised \$384.00 for Jeans for Troops and \$681.50 for Red, White, and Blue Day on May 26, 2017. We thank and appreciate all the troops. Thank you for joining the Nation's Largest Dress Down Day!

Plant Sale

Kelly Phan & Taylor McNamee

Mother's Day is a celebration honoring mothers. It started in 1914, on the second Sunday in May. It was created by Anna Jonas. It has been around for 103 years.

On Thursday May 11, 2017, we had our Plant Sale for Mother's Day. We sold many types of plants. If you wanted to buy more than 1 plant, you were suggested to bring a shoebox. Thank you to Home & School and the Horticulture Elective students for sponsoring the sale.

The Phillie Phanatic Birthday

*Christopher DelNegro and
Taylor McNamee*

The Phillie Phanatic Birthday was on April 24, 2017. The Phanatic is one of the most famous mascots. The Phillie Phanatic has been the mascot for 39 years since 1978. On the Phanatic's Birthday the Phillies had a game against the Braves and they won 5-2. There was cake and all the mascots were there. They all had a great day celebrating the Phanatic's Birthday.

Career Day

Kylie Simon, Tyree Gaines and Christopher Del Negro

Career Day is when parents of Decatur Students volunteer to come to our school and discuss their jobs with the students.

This year, Career Day took place on May 10, 2017. Students had an opportunity to ask questions and learn about a variety of jobs. Some jobs that were included were food services, locksmiths, mechanics, wildlife biologist, print designers, police officers, military, paramedics, and store managers.

Decatur students are grateful that they got a chance to discover more about different jobs.

Golden Attitude Trip

Mia Harris and Kelly Phan

On May 30, 2017, all Golden Attitude members from grades 2-8 were able to attend the amazing trip to Neshaminy Shore Picnic Park. When they arrived, students had options of going to different activities, such as swimming, sports, and the arcade. They were offered a choice of hamburgers and hotdogs for lunch. They were also given snow cones and popcorn afterwards. They had a DJ who played games with the students. All students had a blast at the Golden Attitude Trip and hope we get to do it again.

Mrs. Wasielewski and

Mrs. Torjman

Celeste Weiner

Jordan Mullen

This upcoming school year will be much different because we will be losing two very special teachers. Mrs. Torjman and Mrs. Wasielewski will be retiring this year but they say they will miss Decatur. "Decatur is like my second home", says Mrs. Torjman. As for Mrs. Wasielewski, she says how teaching is her life, but she would like to discover more things in this world and feel free.

Both teachers had a very big impact on our school. They have taught many classes here at our school. They also taught many kids and enjoyed every second of it.

Famous Person Wax Museum

Celeste Weiner & Kylie Simon

On Friday, June 2nd, 2017, Mrs. Anderson's 2nd grade class performed a famous person wax museum. It included a presentation, props, a costume and a display board. All the kids had their very own person they were representing. For example one student was Alexandra Scott and she explained her life story, dates born and died and even some background information. Some classes and parents were invited to this event. Other presenters were Jackie Robinson, John F Kennedy, Abraham Lincoln, Justin Bieber, Taylor Swift, Donald Trump, and even Gabby Douglas, just to name a few. This event was very fun and educational for the kids. Everyone enjoyed it!!!

Decatur Girls Softball Team

Alyssa Harris

Decatur's Girls Softball Team went 3-1 in the regular softball season. They started off their season with a great home game against Meehan, with a score of 16-5. Their second game was a forfeit. Since Greenberg did not have enough players, we decided to scrimmage them as a practice for our next games.

Another great game played by the girls was against LaBrum, with a score of 11-0. Then the girls finally got to play Baldi. Unfortunately they lost 12-8 but it was a great game played by all. The girls had some great news they got into playoffs.

Their first game was against McCall. The girls came out with a big win with a score of 12-0 which advanced them to semi-finals. They played Juniata Park Academy and won 14-1. The Girls Softball Team made it to the championship. The girls played at LaSalle University against Baldi. Unfortunately, the girls lost 10-7. It was still a great game. We want to congratulate all the 8th graders on a great last season on the field. We also want to thank our coaches Ms. Stankiewicz and Mrs. Parker for all the help this season.

Memory Lane

Madison Ray and Caitlin Quirple

The 8th grade year at Decatur has been a very memorable time on their 8th grade trip . To celebrate our success, we have been rewarded with many fun activities. One activity was our trip to Pocono Valley. There we were able to zip line, swim, play sports, and have fun with all the 8th graders. We are moving onto a new chapter of our lives and we are very excited. We will miss Decatur very much and we will carry the memories with us forever.

Fun Run

Hannah Pirolli and Michele Elias

The Fun Run took place on June 8, 2017. The fundraising started on May 31 and ended June 7. We ran to raise money for extracurricular activities. All grades participate in this activity. This year we raised over \$8,000. We hope the Fun Run continues throughout the years to come because it is fun for everyone.

Principal Dance Party

Celeste Weiner and Diamond Thompson

Stephen Decatur School had their very own Principal's Dance Party. Everyone was dancing and there were so many children spending time with their friends or showing everybody their dance moves. Mrs. O'Kane was not able to be there but the teachers who attended had a great time. This Principal's Dance Party most definitely gave a great impact and the kids who came really enjoyed it. Hopefully next time, it's even bigger, better and tons more fun. This Principal's Dance Party was awesome and the next one we have should be even better. The students really deserved this.

Decatur Baseball

Alyssa Harris
Joey Scott
Sean Miller

The Decatur Baseball Team had a great season. Their overall record was 3-2 and they played their hearts out. They lost against Baldi in the playoffs and that ended their season. All in all, they had so much fun and we can't wait for next year's baseball team!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
OUR 8TH GRADERS!!
GOOD LUCK IN HIGH
SCHOOL!!**

**HAVE A GREAT
SUMMER!!!!**

