
The Decatur Times

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Decatur Soccer Champs

Xavier White and Anthony Parker

Recently, the Decatur soccer team went to a tournament in Manayunk. They went into the tournament undefeated and won first place in the championship. They tied 2-2 with Farrell, and also tied 2-2 against Baldi. Luis Zamora scored in both games, Jack Dreibelbis and Mike Orellana were also goal-scorers in the tournament. Then to win the championship, they beat Greenfield, 2-1. Michael Ekundayo scored both goals to win the game. Decatur was the only team in the tournament that was undefeated. Congratulations to the Decatur Soccer Team, we are all so proud of you!

WHYY Lab

Jordan Mullen and Autumn Lovett

We have a new computer and video lab here at Decatur brought to us from a grant sponsored by WHYY. As part of the program, students learn how to create and edit videos and photos. The WHYY lab is used as part of an afterschool program. Many classes also use it to create videos. We are looking forward to what this new lab has instore for us to

P.A.E.P

Elizabeth Edmiston and Tyra Milburn

The P.A.E.P. Arts Program is back at Decatur this year. Students learn art, dance, theater, and vocal arts in an afterschool program. As the year goes by, the students have two shows to showcase their progress. They show activities such as art, dance, and theater, but they are now getting a vocal coach that also teaches guitar. All in all, P.A.E.P is a great place for kids.

Thanksgiving Feast

Rachael Dailey and Faharia Ali

Decatur once again held their annual feast on November 15th. We have the Thanksgiving Feast so that the school can come together and share a good meal. The feast includes food such as sliced ham, mac n' cheese, desserts, stuffing, turkey, and much more. Special thanks to the companies who donated things, like gift cards and essentials. The companies who donated were Walmart, Costco, Acme, Shoprite, Philly Soft Pretzel, Reens Deli, Pat's Pizza and the Restaurant Store. Our school's Thanksgiving

Parents Night Out

Chris DelNegro and James Pullman

On Friday, December 15th Decatur School had a movie night for grades K-4. The movie they showed was "Arthur's Christmas." For \$10 students got a choice of 1 hotdog, or a slice of pizza, and a water for either meal. Then they had a choice either 1 bag of popcorn or 1 bag of chips and a water for snack. They also took pictures at the picture zone. Thanks to Home and School for sponsoring this wonderful event!!

Book Club

Kristen Lawrence

This year we have a new program for the 7th and 8th graders. We have a book club. The first meeting was 9-26-17. The first book we read was "Boy On The Wooden Box" By Leon Leyson. Miss Keller and Mrs. Nolan run the book club.

We held a bake sale at the bazaar to raise money to buy books for Book Club. We will be picking our new book after the new year.

learn. We are very thankful for this special opportunity.

Habit 2 - Begin with the End in Mind

Mia Harris & Gianna D’Arcangelo

Beginning with the end in mind means thinking ahead for future things to come. Habit 2 teaches us to make a plan and set positive goals for self. When you begin with the end in mind, you can prepare for challenges you may face. This plan can help you decide what and who you want to be when you are older and how our choices will affect that in the long run. At Decatur we apply this habit to our lives everyday. For example, Decatur 8th graders “Begin with the End in Mind” by working hard at our last year here, so we can prepare ourselves for high school. Every grade at Decatur is using this habit to make the best future plan possible.

Feast is a tradition in our school that we hope will never end.

Wild Wild West Scholastic Book Fair

Somer Duren & Erika Pelikan

The Scholastic Book Fair at Stephen Decatur Elementary School, was held from November 20th-22nd, 27th & 28th. Decatur had this book fair so that everyone had a chance to purchase books. Decatur raised over \$3,000 in free books for our school library. Thank you to all the middle school helpers and parent volunteers who helped out. The Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success!

Painting With A Twist

Mark Donahue and Gianna D’Arcangelo

On December 4th we had a Golden Attitude activity called Painting with a Twist. We had the option of a lesson or a freestyle painting. We were allowed to choose a variety of paint colors. For an hour we let our inner picasso shine through and created wonderful artwork. At the end the twist, we had pretzels from the Philadelphia Pretzel Factory.

Holiday Bazaar

Kelly Phan and Joshua Jordan

Every year at Decatur has a holiday bazaar for anyone who wants to buy a gift for someone special in their life. On December 5th, 6th, and 7th, Home and School held the event. Gifts were sold from \$0.25 to \$10 so, it was pretty affordable for everyone. Each grade created a raffle basket that you could enter in to win. For anyone who wanted to enjoy a little munch while shopping, Home and School sold pretzels and candy. A big thank you for Home and School for setting up the Bazaar and for those who shopped with us.