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To have your activity or achievement included in this newsletter, email Rebecca Smith at rsmith@dciu.org
Thank you all for your hard work throughout February! We had many wonderful opportunities this month to see our Vision in action.

February is National Career and Technical Education month, and I can proudly say that DCTS is a wonderful example of INSPIRING limitless possibilities, because they do so for their students every single day. A group of LPN students graduated this month, and I wish them the best of luck as they embark into the world. I hope they continue to be inspired by the limitless possibilities before them and to inspire others.

The Governor’s STEM Challenge also occurred this month, where students were challenged to CREATE dynamic, innovative solutions with this year’s theme of “Making Our Lives Better Through STEM.”

March is going to be another busy month with many events, and I’m looking forward to all the ways we’ll be able to live our Mission and Vision through those events.

Dr. Maria Edelberg
Executive Director, DCIU
Access everything from your available vacation, personal, and sick time to your W2 using the DCIU Employee Access Center!

All employees can get to the Employee Access Center through the IU Staff drop-down on the DCIU website. If you haven't used this wonderful tool, your User ID is your employee number and the default password is your Social Security Number. Once you log in, you can see a whole myriad of useful information, such as past payroll checks, your salary & benefits, leave information, continuing education information, and your W2s. Never live in doubt about your remaining sick and personal days again!

Eligible to all staff!

The DCIU offers all employees the opportunity to enroll in a tax sheltered annuity (403B) plan. A 403B is a retirement plan that allows public school employees to make tax deferred contributions to annuity contracts or custodial accounts. The employee elects to make contributions to an approved vendor by use of a salary reduction agreement. For more info, please contact Joanne Matteucci at jmatteucci@dciu.org or 610-938-9000 ext. 2003.
With the Delaware County Public Schools Healthcare Trust approaching a whopping $200 million in annual receipts, the fiscal oversight and management provided by the Business Office is a key component of healthcare administration in Delaware County.

The Business Office team played an integral role in the work leading up to the creation of the Healthcare Trust in early 2013. DCIU was appointed Fiscal Manager at the first meeting and continues to serve in this role today. The financial management services provided by the dedicated Business Office staff include meetings with the Finance Committee and monthly updates to the Trust Board. The Business Office staff take pride in the fact that the Trust has received a clean audit report every year.

Pat DiFiore, Accounting Specialist, has had an important role in the administration of the Healthcare Trust since joining DCIU in 2015. Pat is responsible for many day to day accounting functions for the Trust, including invoicing and general ledger updates. She closely coordinates with staff at member districts and participating municipal entities to ensure financial record accuracy for the Trust. Pat effectively handles the increasing volume and complexity of Trust-related transactions and is a key contributor to the Business Office.
The Trust formed in 2013 to help control health insurance costs for the school districts of Delaware County.

The Business Office coordinates with Gallagher Benefit Services to provide this cost saving option to our member districts. Over the first three years of operation, the cost savings/cost avoidance for member districts and DCIU exceeded $54 million! At DCIU, employees can see these savings in the form of lower healthcare costs. Organizational savings on healthcare enables DCIU to provide more cost effective services to our districts.

In 2015, the Public School Healthcare Trust expanded its operations to include 33 municipalities and municipal authorities throughout Delaware County. Participating municipalities saved taxpayers in the county $8 million in healthcare costs during the first full year of participation. This arrangement has also resulted in an annual savings of members of nearly $700,000 in administrative fees!

Great work to Pat & everyone working on the Business Office team!

In 2016, Healthcare Trust operations expanded once again to include Prescription Benefit Management Services for 19 districts in Delaware and Chester Counties. The anticipated cost avoidance for prescription expenses among these districts over the term of the agreement with CVS Caremark will approach $16 million!
Autistic Support goes to ACME

21 shopping carts, 16 classrooms, 3 teams of students, and 1 class to do all the shopping for Marple Education Center.

On First Fridays, ACME in Broomall gets some very special shoppers - Secondary Autistic Support students from Marple!

Once a month, Evelyn McIlvaine’s entire class goes shopping for all 16 classrooms at Marple Education Center. They shop for snacks for the classes and special items for classroom activities. Once they’re all done, the class gets lunch from McDonald’s as a reward.

Shopping Like Pros
Immediately getting off the bus, the class springs into action!

The students get carts ready and split up into teams, each taking 4 classrooms’ shopping list. Mrs. McIlvaine and her teaching assistants, Avenia Tyler and Debbie Cubler, each head up a team of two students.

Students expertly move through the aisles, recalling where everything is in the store, and efficiently find everything from apples to yogurt.

The trip teaches students skills like how to shop from a list and how to compare prices to get the best deal.

At the checkout line, every student has a job, and the students work together to make everything move seamlessly. Some students unload the carts, some take the bagged groceries to the bus, and some load the bus up.

In the end, all of the students do a great job and have a fun time on these outings.
While many might associate the Friday before Super Bowl Sunday with a different wing bowl, for students at Haverford High School, it means the Best Buddies Wing Bowl, where students take on teachers in the Best Buddies' biggest fundraiser of the year.

The student competitors, from left to right above, are "The Wing Slinging Slasher" Leo Goldszal, "Briyonce & Destiny's Mild" Brianna Blair, "Wing Ette" Cecilia Katcavage, "Lil Wing" Josh Cunningham, and "Ken Bone" Scott Hayward.

THE CONTEST
Students had 10 minutes to eat as many wings as they could. It was a close match, but in the end, Josh won the round with an impressive 22 wings!

"I'LL JUST EAT ONE." SAID NO ONE EVER
Following the student round, 5 teachers took each other on with the hopes of scoring a coveted spot in the third and final round of the wing bowl.

The teacher competitors included “The Processed” Mr. Lutes, “La Wingadora” Mrs. MacConnell, “King in the North” Mr. Perez, “King Wing” Mr. MacConnell, and “Crispy Chicken Crispin” Mrs. Crispin.

In another extremely competitive round, Mr. MacConnell barely nudged out Mrs. MacConnell for the final seat in Round 3, with 30 wings in 10 minutes.

In the final face-off between student and teacher, each had 3 minutes to, again, eat as many wings as possible. As a rule, competitors had to clear all the meat off the bone in order for the wing to count.

While it seemed that Mr. MacConnell would be the victor, Josh came out with the win, having 7 clean wings against Mr. McConnell’s 4.

Josh won a trophy and $100, and will also have his name engraved on the school’s trophy alongside the names of past winners (including Mr. MacConnell).
On February 15th, Delaware County Council recognized February as Career and Technical Education Month. To mark the event, Councilman Dave White, a graduate of DCTS, recognized several students and staff for their hard work and dedication.

The students recognized included Sindy Palma, an 11th grade student at Radnor High School studying Health Sciences. Sindy also led the Pledge of Allegiance at the meeting; Dakota Alexander, a senior at Strath Haven High School pursuing Apple Systems & Design; Jalen Grayson, a senior at Upper Darby High School studying Advertising Design & Commercial Arts; and Jordan Small, a senior at Academy Park, who is pursuing a career in Cosmetology.

The following instructors were named Classroom Innovators: Monica Millio and Diann Stoume, Health Sciences instructors, Barbara McGinnis, Cosmetology instructor, and Joe Fick, Building Trades Instructor.

Chef John Maier, a Culinary Arts and Food Management instructor at DCTS Aston, made breakfast pastries for all the honorees and attendees to enjoy.

This was a great way to recognize some of the hardworking and dedicated DCTS students and staff for all that they do.

I commend all of you for your dedication and I know you’ll all be very successful. The education and training you are receiving will give you the edge you need to get quality jobs in a field you’re passionate about.

-Councilman Dave White
HAPPENING AT HEAD START

GROSS MOTOR PLAY
Stuck indoors this winter? No worries! Pupils in this activity were trying to show off their motor skills by balancing items on various parts of their bodies with one foot up. What skill!

OUTDOOR PLAY
All the DCIU Head Start sites have been taking advantage of the mild February weather and getting their students outdoors.

DCIU HEAD START USES THE CREATIVE CURRICULUM!
Yeadon Regional just finished their Buildings unit.

CHOICE TIME
Yeadon is learning about Roads. Davonte made a road using music sticks during Choice Time.
The IRS recently issued a warning to employers regarding a W-2 scam in which spoofing techniques are used to make an email appear it's coming from within the organization, looking for a list of all employees and their W-2 forms. Some iterations have also included a request for a wire transfer. If you receive a W-2 scam email, forward it to phishing@irs.gov with W2 Scam in the subject line.

Learning to recognize and respond to potential internet scams is one of the most important steps you can take to protect yourself while online.

Recognize fraud:

- **Know your seller:** If you don't know who you're buying from online, do some research.
- **Protect your personal information:** Don't provide it in response to an email, a pop-up, or a website you've linked to from an email.

**Phishing** is a scam in which you receive a fraudulent e-mail designed to steal your identity or personal information, such as credit card numbers, bank account numbers, PINs, and account passwords.

**Legitimate companies never ask for your password or account number via email. If you suspect fraud:**

- **Don't click on any links in the email:** They can contain a virus that can harm your computer.
- **Don't reply to the email directly:** You can report it by forwarding it to the

Federal Trade Commission at spam@uce.gov

- **If you believe the email is valid:** contact the company using the phone number on the company's website or phone book.
- **If you clicked any links:** Contact the company directly to let them know about the email and ask to have fraud alerts placed on your accounts, have new credit cards issued, and set new passwords.
Healthy Recipe: Truffles

Yield: 22 Pieces

Nutrition Info Per Serving (1 truffle):
30 calories, 2g total fat, 1.5g saturated fat, 0g trans fat, 1g protein, 1g total carbohydrate, 1g fiber, 1g sugar, 0mg cholesterol, 0mg sodium

Ingredients:
- 6 tablespoons soy milk, unsweetened
- 2 Earl Grey tea bags
- 3.5oz of 72% dark chocolate
- 1 teaspoon orange zest
- 1.5 tablespoons cocoa powder

Instructions:
1. In small saucepan, bring soy milk to a boil. Remove from heat & pour into a cup over Earl Grey tea bags, allowing the mixture to steep for 20 minutes.
2. Place chocolate, orange zest, and infused soy milk in a double boiler, heating on low. Stir until chocolate is 2/3 melted. Remove the bowl from the heat and wisk the soy milk and chocolate until smooth.
3. After whisking the chocolate and soy milk, place the bowl in the refrigerator to cool; once cooled, cover with plastic wrap and put back in the refrigerator to set for 1 hour.
4. To form the truffles, scoop out the mixture with a measuring teaspoon, leveled off. Then form into a ball, and place each formed truffle on a plate. Spread the cocoa powder onto another plate and roll each truffle in the powder.
5. Cover finished truffles and refrigerate at least 1 hour before enjoying.