Greetings,

I hope you are all enjoying the beautiful spring weather and exciting end of year celebrations! It was wonderful honoring employees at the Recognition Dinner this month, as well as seniors at the DCTS Recognition night. We look forward to June when the many of our students will get their time to shine as they wrap up the school year and begin the summer fun.

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Upcoming Events

Coffee with the Exec
June 3 | 8AM | Rockbourne Falls
June 10 | 7AM | Aston - CTE
8AM | Aston - HS, EI, SS
June 17 | 8AM | Morton

Join Dr. Maria Edelberg for coffee and conversation!

DCTS Informational Sessions and Tours
May 29 | 5PM | Aston Campus
June 5 | 5PM | Folcroft Campus

For those interested in learning more about the programs the Delaware County Technical High Schools have to offer!

Summer Robotics Camp
August 12-16, 2019
Registration is now OPEN for the LocoSummer Modern Robotics Camp! Click HERE for more information.

Delaware County Hero Bowl
May 30 | 7:30PM
Cardinal O'Hara High School

Come out at support this football game to raise money for the Hero Scholarship Fund. Players from 25 Delaware County High Schools will be competing!
Staff across the Intermediate Unit are constantly working to develop new and innovative practices for their students. This school year, a group of Early Intervention staff took part in a pilot program for Practice Based Coaching. The participants included four teachers: Vicky Lewis, Christal Reinsel, Nadine Felice, and Lisa Conner. They met on a monthly basis and were led by Aimee Newswanger in Early Intervention and Stephanie Szczepkowski in Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development.

The project will end in June, but the group held a final meeting and celebration on May 10 to review their findings from the year. The group shared their thoughts on the program and the benefits of using a coaching model instead of direct service immediately. Many participants commented on the need for special education teachers to think differently about consultations and the need for domain-specific teaching practices. The meeting produced great discussion about the best ways teachers can use assessments and coaching to help their students succeed.

The participants had a very positive experience and were glad a program such as this was being offered to teachers. Ms. Newswanger plans to reintroduce the Practiced Based Coaching program next year and hopes to continue working with the dedicated teachers in Early Intervention, as well as build collaborative partnerships with school districts and other regional agencies. The willingness to step out of their comfort zone and seek growth in their teaching skills is what makes DCIU educators so great!
On Thursday May 16th, the middle school and high school Life Skills and Autistic Support classes participated in the Phillies and NBC 10 Weather education day. Tammi Souza, Glenn "Hurricane" Swartz, Bill Henly, Brittany Shipp, Krystal Klei, Steve Sosna, Violeta Yas, and Alondra Anaya demonstrated science experiments on the field. Some of their demonstrations included Diet Coke Detonation, solar bags and the sun, cool clouds, baseball and air-pressure and showed off the different weather vehicles. Phillies players Odubel Herrera and Adam Morgan answered the students’ questions. After weather education day activities, classes got their picture taken with Glenn Hurricane Swartz, Bill Henly and Krystal Klei. The students were able to watch a couple innings of baseball and see a Phillies home run!

On Friday, May 17, the DCIU Low Incidence Program held their annual Prom for students. This year’s theme was Around the World. Ms. TC Hagee, DCIU Art Teacher, painted a beautiful Paris background including the Eiffel Tower that served as the focal point of the cafeteria. The Prom is held annually for students ages 14 and older that attend the Marple Education Center Low Incidence Program and alumni. Low Incidence students from Marple Newtown High School, Penncrest High School, Haverford High School, and Springfield High School were also invited. Each student received a gift to leave with that included a personalized picture frame, a t-shirt, and some candy. Student Nicholas Scali drew the artwork for this year’s prom t-shirt that all students and staff were given as a keepsake of the evening. The students had a great time relaxing and dancing with friends and family!
On Thursday, May 9 a representative from the Philadelphia Flyers visited the students at the DCIU Aston Education Center. He presented the Flyers Face-Off For Fitness program. The Flyers Face-Off for Fitness program was developed for kids in grades 2-5 and stresses the importance of living a healthy lifestyle through nutrition and physical activity. The objective of the program is to heighten awareness and provide information to help kids make positive nutritional and behavioral choices.

All of the students received a folder with healthy living ideas printed on the inside and pictures of Flyers on the outside.

The students and staff from Delaware County Intermediate Unit Education Center raised $338 for the Delaware County Literacy Council. On Tuesday May 7, Susan Keller, Communications and Technology Specialist from the Literacy Council came to the DCIU Education Center to accept the donation. In the attached picture are many of the students and staff who participated in the fund raising. In the center of the picture Lisa Kirk, Assistant Supervisor is presenting Susan Keller with the cash. Behind them are Tonya Hargrove, School Social Worker and Stacey Cooper, Teaching Assistant who were involved in the organization and running of the fundraising event.
On May 16, The Delaware County Technical High School held its Senior Recognition Night at Neumann University. The seniors were recognized for completing all of their requirements at DCTS. Congratulations Class of 2019!

On May 14, DCIU held its annual Employee Recognition Dinner at the Springhaven Club to celebrate all of the hard work and achievements of our wonderful employees. Honorees included retirees, years of service, STARS, Excellence in Teaching nominees, and special DCIU awards.
Legislative Breakfast

On May 17, DCIU and the Delaware County School Boards Legislative Council held its annual Legislative Breakfast. Board members and school administrators from all fifteen Delaware County school districts were present, along with eight members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly. The focus this year was on cyber charter reform with presentations by Larry Feinberg, Haverford School Board President, Marc Bertrando, Superintendent of Garnet Valley, and Susan Spicka, from Education Voters PA.

Attendees enjoyed the informative presentations and were able to engage in productive conversations with their elected officials.

Annual Employee Notice

Video Surveillance Cameras

Pursuant to Board Policy 709 and Administrative Directive 709-AD, DCIU has a responsibility to maintain order and discipline on DCIU property and in buildings operated by DCIU/DCTS. DCIU recognizes the value of video surveillance for monitoring activities on DCIU/DCTS operated properties and uses video surveillance to monitor activities to assist in protecting the health, welfare, and safety of students and staff and to safeguard DCIU buildings, facilities, equipment, buses and property. Accordingly, video surveillance may occur at any time in any DCIU building, facility, buses, and property.
The Information Technology and Systems Department recently provided some updates to their Help Desk system. The first change to ITS support services is a name change – we are moving from a Help Desk to a Service Desk. What is the difference? Under the Service Desk IT support model, we have implemented new processes and tools for our tech team that will allow you to get your problems resolved more quickly. Our goal is to, where possible, resolve your issue in real time as we are on a call with you.

One big change in our system that is important to note: All requests for IT service must come through the Service Desk (by phone or email) in order for us to deal with them in a timely manner. In the past, you may have called different members of our team directly for service. To be fair to all of our customers and to resolve problems quickly and efficiently we ask that you direct ALL requests for service to our new system.

How can you get in touch with us?

You can send us an email at servicedesk@dciu.org and our new support system will automatically create a ticket on your behalf. You will also be notified of our responses and status changes to your tickets via email as well, and your replies will be directly received into the system and will be a part of the request.

You can call us at ext. 1234. We have more people to answer your call now and they can (with your permission) remotely control your PC with you on the phone to resolve problems quickly! When you call, you will hear an announcement and be put in a brief queue. Our goal is to answer every call without having it go to voicemail.
Patricia Bell

Patricia Bell is an Early Intervention Supervisor.

Guess Who

Time to guess again! Can you guess the administrator in this photo? He or she will be featured in our next Staff profile!

Click HERE to take your guess.
Stay Active Every Day

Sitting Down: It's an Epidemic

No matter what your intentions are, it can be difficult to avoid sitting. We sit during morning and evening commutes, while attending meetings and sending emails, and at home to relax or socialize. But even if your job keeps you tied to a desk most of the day, it's important to keep moving—a sedentary lifestyle has been linked to heart disease, diabetes, obesity, poor circulation, loss of muscle and hypertension and other health risks. Even worse, people who sit the majority of each day are at increased risk even if they exercise in the evening!

Short, Intermittent Walks Not an Option?

1 Have walking meetings or brainstorming sessions to remain productive while you get your heart rate up.

2 Set an alarm on your phone or office email calendar to get up and walk for five minutes every hour or hour and a half.

3 Step away from your desk to eat lunch and during shorter breaks. Take advantage of any opportunity to squeeze in some activity.

4 Have face to face conversations instead of emailing. You'll most likely get your answer faster, and you'll get to know your teammates.

5 Do you spend time listening to conference calls while muted or watching training videos? Put on your headphones and pace at your desk (or in a small conference room) instead of sitting.