



The DEVON DISPATCH



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DEVON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO NEWSLETTER

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From the PTO President

Welcome Back and Happy New Year!!

I hope everyone had a wonderful and relaxing vacation. Right before Winter Break there was a flurry of activity at Devon. The winter concert and winter holiday parties put the children in the spirit of the season. As a kick-off to Devon's Martin Luther King Jr. service project students made winter cards and tied fleece blankets which will be placed in breakfast bags. Look for details soon about how your family can contribute to the breakfast bags. Breakfast bags will be donated to the Jerusalem Community Food Pantry in Schwenksville to benefit families in need. Our own librarian, Mr. Stever, is the director of the food pantry.

January is a busy month for the PTO. On the 13th, the fourth graders will experience "A Day in the Life of a Soldier" an interactive day with the Chester County Historical Society. This assembly complements the 4th grade's study of the American Revolution. The Chinese Paper Cutter will be visiting the 2nd grade this month. His paper cutting skills always amaze both students and teachers. Our monthly PTO meeting is on the 18th at 9:30am in the large group room. Please come if you can. On the 19th at 7pm Katie Koestner will be speaking to parents. Katie will be speaking about technology and the risks it may pose to our children. Topics such as cell phones and popular websites will be discussed. Katie is a very interesting and engaging speaker. You should have received a "save the date" flyer before break. The same flyer can also be found in this issue of the Dispatch. This presentation is for parents only, plan to get a sitter for your children and try to attend.

Camp Fair is January 25th beginning at 5:30pm at Conestoga High School. Devon's Camp Fair is one of the PTO's largest fundraisers and it is absolutely free to attend! How is that possible? Camps near and far, day and overnight pay an entrance fee to be a part of our camp fair, families then come to find out about the camps, pick up brochures and meet camp representatives. Please plan on stopping by as the success and popularity of our camp fair has been based on how many people attend. Spread the word, even if camp is not part of your summer plans; it is interesting to see what is being offered.

As you can see there is a lot happening at Devon throughout the month of January. All of these events could not take place without the dedication and support of Devon parents. Thank you for all you have contributed thus far and let's continue throughout the new year. Happy 2012!

Tricia Jennings

Mark the Date



Friday, January 13, 2012

- 4th Grade : A day in the Life of A Soldier

Monday, January 16, 2012

- No School: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Wed., January 18, 2012

- PTO Meeting 9:30 a.m.

Thurs., January 19, 2012

- Speaker at Devon 7 p.m. Ms. Katie Koestner, "The Mobile Lojack: Tech Savvy for Parents"

Wed., January 25, 2012

- DES Camp Fair at CHS

Devon School Store

Did You Know?

The Devon School Store is operated by 4th graders three mornings per week in the front lobby before the start of school. The store sells small school supplies and provides a great opportunity for 4th grade students to learn the basics of operating a business while making it fun for all students to do some shopping on a small scale.

Each grade has a designated day to buy from the School Store:

Monday—Kindergarten & 3rd

Wednesday—2nd

Friday—1st & 4th

If you have any questions about the School Store, please contact Brenda Hess or Cindi Overton.

Important Phone Numbers

School Office 610-240-1450

Attendance 610-240-1465

Emergency Closing 610-240-1970

School District www.tesd.net

PTO www.devonpto.org

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From the 'Green Corner'...



Electronics Recycling Event at Wilson Farm Park !!!

Tredyffrin and Easttown Townships are excited to announce they will be holding a FREE Electronic Collection Event



When: Saturday, January 7th from 9:00am – 1:00pm

Where: Wilson Farm Park at 500 Lee Road in Wayne

What: Bring anything with a plug including TV's, computers, computer peripherals and accessories, CRT monitors, cameras, cell phones, fax machines, printers, air-conditioners and small appliances.

<http://www.tredyffrin.org/>

PTO Meeting

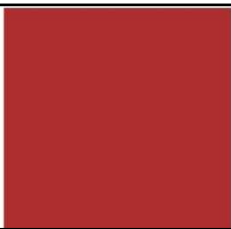
Wednesday, January 18th at 9:30am

All Welcome!

Come and learn about some of the activities and events that will be happening at Devon such as Camp Fair, Friendraiser and upcoming assemblies. Young children are always welcome. The meeting will take place in the large group room. Hope to see you there!

From the desk of Mrs. Noel:

Thank you to all of the students who participated in the ConKerr Cancer/Wall of Smiles service project. Thank you to Mrs. Dutkiewicz's class for their leadership on this project. The project was a huge success and Devon donated \$400 to ConKerr Cancer. Mrs. Kerr, the founder of ConKerr, met with Mrs. Dutkiewicz's students to tell them more about the organization and to accept the donation and smiles for hospitalized children. Way to go Devon students!



Mark Your Calendars...

January 19th, 2012

7pm, Devon Elementary school Auditorium

For a Special Parent Education Program, brought to you by the PTOs of
Beaumont, Devon, Hillside, New Eagle and Valley Forge Elementary schools

Ms. Katie Koestner, founder of Campus Outreach Services, presents:

THE MOBILE LOJACK:
TECH SAVVY FOR PARENTS

Have you decided to purchase a cell phone for your child? What are parental control options on a phone?

Should you be concerned that the next slumber party will be filmed and put up on YouTube?

Can photos of your children online compromise your family's safety and privacy?

What are the best websites for children, and what are the most addictive? Understand how web companies keep our children online and what tactics are used to sell their products.

Learn more about gaming and gaming devices. Consider how your child's use of technology may impact their college and employment options years later.

Know more about types of cyber-bullying, fomenting cyber-resiliency and positive cyber-socializing for young people.

No matter your personal technology comfort level, this program will keep you updated and in control of technology. "The Mobile Lo-Jack" is a fun, informative program on everything parents need to know about cutting-edge technologies. Participants are led through a tour of popular websites while we discuss their risks of use for children. In exploring the technologies that have grown up alongside their children, participants will better understand how to protect them from possible addictions and exploitations.

Katie Koestner is a national student safety expert, has appeared on Oprah, Larry King, CNN, Good Morning America, NBC News, the cover of TIME Magazine and as the subject of an HBO Movie.

DEVON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MARTIN LUTHER KING SERVICE PROJECT

Sponsored By The Devon Elementary PTO

A Community Out-Reach Project

WHAT:

Breakfast items, blankets, and cards from Devon's students and families will be donated to the Jerusalem Community Food Pantry, run by Mr. Joel Stever, our school librarian, and his wife Loretta. Classes already made blankets and cards during the Winter Parties before the break.

Suggested items to send in to school include:

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| • cereal | • jelly | • non-dairy creamer |
| • pancake mix-needs only water | • apple sauce | • syrup |
| • cereal/granola bars | • canned fruit | • baby formula |
| • instant oatmeal | • juice boxes | • baby cereal |
| • pop tarts | • coffee | • toothbrushes |
| • crackers | • tea bags | • toothpaste |
| • peanut butter | • hot chocolate mix | |

WHEN:

Donations will be collected during the weeks of **January 2nd and 9th**, and on **Tuesday, January 17th**. There will be collection bins in the Devon Lobby.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Our goal is to collect enough food items to assemble 40 Breakfast Bags. These bags will be assembled by parent/student volunteer teams on Tuesday, January 17th at 3:20 pm in the Large Group Room. Please return the form below if **you and your child** can help to assemble the Breakfast Bags. Please note that parents must participate with their child. (The snow date for breakfast bag assembly will be Tuesday, January 24, 2012.)

Thank you in advance for your help with this service project!

Denise Cooper, M.D., Chairperson, Devon MLK Project
610-220-5544/ md-mom@comcast.net

Please return to Devon Elementary School Office.

MLK Project Volunteer Form

We can help to assemble Breakfast Bags on January 17th at 3:20 p.m. in the Large Group Room. (Parents MUST attend with children.)

Parent and Student Volunteer Names: _____

Phone Number _____ e-mail address: _____

Staff Appreciation Lunches November 21 and 22, 2011

It is with sincere gratitude that so many Devon families wanted to participate in providing delicious lunches for our faculty and staff on the conference days before the Thanksgiving Holiday break. We all know that our school and students are well taken care of because of the great staff members at Devon who make our kids their priority each and every day.

We would like to give special thanks to the following families who generously contributed their time, cooking skills and kitchen labor to make these two days an amazing experience for our Devon staff and faculty: Tricia Jennings, Karen Rosan, Emilie Steigerwald, Lara Penny, Nicole Bennyhoff, Allison Hayden, Georgann Barnabeo, Suzanne Kinkel, Sandy Nissenbaum, Yingzi Wu, Dori Dimassimo, Kelly Graver, Amy Holzapel, Stephanie Lantz, Kim Ashman, Bryn Fox, Cindy Sillhart, Brad McLaughlin, Stephanie Thibault, Amy Hewitt, Lindsey Wisch, Stephanie Baumgardner, Kim Carey, Coleen Hillman, Jennifer Collin, Teresa Buttorff Conley, Trish Connell, Kathy Meaney, Diane Hoey, Tracey Sloan, Leena Kolluru, Sameer Gaikwad, Kim Rayer, Liz Denney, Roberta Blazejewski, Preeti Dikshit, Gowri Bandi, Ashley Smith, Tina Verrelli, Liz Ward, Ame Austin, Becky Caldwell, Carolyn King, Dana King-Butler, Susan Stuber, Jen Neely, Wendy Sharkey, Tiffany Hoyt, Ricka Jenkins, Tricia Petrane, Barbara Schiff, Barbara Todd, Becky Doyle, Cat Huang, Carli Younce, Sree Vadlamani, Ernestine Epouhe, Amy Susanin, Rebecca Emory and Lori Piccone.

We would also like to express our thanks to Chrissy Bennett and Sarah Keyes for their beautiful seasonal flowers and decorations that they donated to make the Teacher's Lounge look so inviting and festive for the lunches!

Kelly Walker and Suzanne Emerson
Staff Appreciation Co-Chairs

REMINDER

Call Attendance Line if Your Child is Absent

Please remember to call the attendance line at

610-240-1465

when your child is out sick, or going to be late. This will save our office staff from making phone calls to you. Thank you.

Devon Dispatch

Publication Schedule

<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Publication</u>
01/13/12	01/20/12
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GUIDELINES FOR A TWO-HOUR**DELAYED OPENING**

The following procedures have been established for operating the elementary schools on a two-hour delayed opening.

BREAKFAST

- No breakfast is served on a day where there is a two-hour delayed opening.

KINDERGARTEN PROCEDURES

AM and PM Kindergarten sessions will follow a modified schedule on days when inclement weather results in a two-hour delayed opening. Each Kindergarten session will be reduced by one hour when there is a delayed opening to provide equal instructional time for both sessions.

AM Kindergarten classes will begin at 10:45 am and will conclude at the modified pick-up time of 12:40 pm. Parents of PM Kindergarten students should drop their children off at the modified start time of 1:25 pm. School dismissal time for PM Kindergarten students remains at 3:20 pm. As a result, AM Kindergarten students who use bus transportation to school will be picked up at their bus stops two hours later than usual and PM Kindergarten students will ride the bus home at their regularly scheduled time.

Parents are asked to make note of the change in the mid-day pick-up and drop-off times on days when there is a two-hour delayed opening.

MODIFIED KINDERGARTEN SCHEDULE

AM Kindergarten: 10:45 am – 12:40 pm

PM Kindergarten: 1:25 pm – 3:20 pm

PROCEDURES FOR GRADES 1-4

Buses will pick up children two hours later than the usual regular day schedule. The school day begins at 10:45 a.m. Dismissal will be at the normal time of 3:20 p.m.

CHILDREN ENTERING T/E ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SEPTEMBER 2012

Registration for kindergarten and first grade students new to T/E will be held during the week of **January 30, 2012**. Children who plan to enter the T/E School District in grades two through four in September are also encouraged to register at this time.

◀ AGE REQUIREMENTS ▶

Children are eligible to attend kindergarten if they have reached the age of five years on or before September 1. Children who have reached the age of six years on or before September 1 will normally be enrolled in first grade. For students who reach the age of six between September 2 and November 30 and who have completed an academic kindergarten program, the principal, in consultation with staff and parents, will determine whether the child shall be placed in kindergarten or first grade.

◀ REGISTRATION DATES ▶

Registration will be held in each elementary school on the following days:

JANUARY 30-31 (MON & TUES):
Beaumont (Phone: 610/240-1400)
Hillside (Phone: 610/240-1500)

FEBRUARY 1-2 (WED & THU):
Valley Forge (Phone: 610/240-1600)

FEBRUARY 2-3 (THURS & FRI):
Devon (Phone: 610/240-1450)
New Eagle (Phone: 610/240-1550)

Hours for registration for all schools will be from 9:15 to 11:45 AM and from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Questions regarding elementary school attendance boundaries may be directed to the Transportation Department (610/240-1680).

◀ ITEMS NEEDED FOR REGISTRATION ▶

Verification of birth date (*original documentation*), 2 proofs of residency and all records regarding dates that vaccines were administered **must be presented at the time of registration**. Documents accepted as proof of age include birth certificate, notarized copy of birth certificate, baptismal certificate or copy of the record of baptism - notarized or duly certified and showing the date of birth, notarized statement from the parents, guardians or relatives indicating the birth date, prior school record indicating date of birth - if none of the aforementioned proofs are obtainable - or a valid passport. Documents accepted as proof of residency include two (2) of the following provided address is clearly indicated in or on document and provided document is validly issued and genuine as to the resident presenting the document: deed for home, current lease, current credit card bill, property tax bill, PENNDOT identification or driver's license, PENNDOT vehicle registration, Affidavit of Multiple Occupancy, current utility bill for home, copy of a current paycheck stub with the address of employer as well as employee, or copy of state/federal program enrollment. Legislation enacted by the state of Pennsylvania on April 11, 1974, amended on May 28, 2010, and effective on August 1, 2011, makes it mandatory for children entering school for the first time to have the following immunizations:

- 4 doses of diphtheria and tetanus vaccine with 1 dose on or after the 4th birthday
- 2 doses of mumps vaccine given after 12 months of age
- 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine given after 12 months of age or verification that child has had chickenpox
- 3 doses of polio vaccine
- 2 doses of measles vaccine given after 12 months of age
- 1 dose of rubella vaccine (German measles) given after 12 months of age
- 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine

It is important to note that under the law, children who have not received the above immunizations may not attend school. Provisions are made for exceptions for certain medical or religious reasons. Further explanation regarding the exceptions may be obtained from the school principals.

Please share this schedule with a friend or neighbor who may not have access to this information.

Are you ready for the summer?



Main Line Camp Fair

Celebrating 25 Years!

Wednesday,

January 25, 2012

5:30pm – 8:30 pm

**Conestoga High School
200 Irish Road, Berwyn**

(Snow Date – February 1st, 2012)

Families with children ages preschool
thru 18 are welcome to attend.

Representatives from approximately 100 day and
overnight camps will be available to answer questions
and discuss their program in detail.

Admission is FREE

Looking for summer employment opportunities?
Stop by to talk to camp representatives,
many of which will be hiring.

Sponsored by the Devon PTO

For more information and a list of camps attending visit: www.mainlinecampfair.org

**FIND YOUR SUMMER
ACTIVITIES HERE!**

DAY & OVERNIGHT CAMPS

PRESCHOOL CAMPS

SPORTS CAMPS

ACADEMIC & ARTS CAMPS

TRAVEL & ADVENTURE



Save the date for Kindergarten Math Night!

When: January 31, 2012

Where: New Eagle Elementary School

What time: 5:30 to 7:30



Plan to join us on Tuesday, January 31 for a fun filled evening of math. You will be able to share in the types of games and activities your child experiences in class, and play some of the exciting computer games designed to help enhance kindergarten math skills.

More information will be coming soon. Look for the invitation in your child's backpack and online.





*Are you trying to think of an extra special end of year gift?
Do you want to honor a teacher, counselor or school nurse
who helped your child in a special way?
Think about the individuals who inspire your children to
learn or who provide encouragement when your child
struggled with a difficult subject.*

With a Staff Tribute, you can recognize these special individuals by making a tax-deductible donation to FLITE.



Your honored individual will receive a note card thanking them for their dedication and positive impact they have made on your student and family. This is an important year to make your tribute. The school budget is in crisis and FLITE will be called on to help fill the gaps.

FLITE works in partnership with the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District to help all district students reach their potential. FLITE promotes academic achievement with programs from preschool tuition assistance to college preparation.

Simply fill out the form below. Your chosen recipient(s) will be notified by letter of the honor (but not the dollar amount). Your donation will go a long way toward helping FLITE fulfill its mission.

Thank you!

Please accept this gift of \$ _____ for FLITE in honor of the staff member(s) listed below.

Staff member honored	School	Student's name

*Additional names can be attached on a separate page

Name _____ Date _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Email _____ Phone _____

All checks should be made payable to FLITE and mailed to: PO Box 806, Southeastern, PA 19399-0806

Please visit www.FLITE-pa.org to learn more about FLITE.

If you have any questions about Staff Tributes, please call Chris Caine at 610-644-0686 or cdcaine@yahoo.com



New Online Option for Staff Tributes

How would you like to find a gift for your child's teacher that helps students in our district at the same time?

It is hard to find a unique and meaningful way to say thank you to the teachers and school staff that make a special effort to educate our children. We would like to suggest that you honor these special individuals with a donation to FLITE's Staff Tribute program. The Staff Tributes are an appreciated way to recognize teachers who have inspired your child to learn or who have provided encouragement when your child struggled with a difficult subject. This gift is perfect for a teacher, counselor or school nurse who has helped your child in a special way. The honored individuals will receive a note card thanking them for their dedication and the positive impact they have made on your student and telling them of the donation you made to FLITE in their name.

New this year and for your convenience, we are offering an online Staff Tribute form. **For the online form, click here** http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=z8dgmkdab&et=1108897748533&s=46&e=00145QDzED4vqHUMwORLIK2bOqxf0O556kA04HwE1jakh4ODpGzY_5hj2CCAUCiYdRv69xL8FDekluJx7llxatkife3aBT9GN1PQ5p1oYm2k1YoYF2XWtknlitse_yt69e4fxsbIBnxVJyM=> to make a Staff Tribute donation with your credit card or check.

For a printable Staff Tribute donation form, **click here** http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=z8dgmkdab&et=1108897748533&s=46&e=00145QDzED4vqHbBjPiZwp2LC1xRaMH77EinCRRAYrrzQ5SJhnmUzhfFXJnt_U1fGZvianhvf78veg7A_SLuEvWitjkVwYHEI173msLXIG3KVcvRSrbUY9FF_WnYzXV3u0hizAniqY3SsE0KUtWXia7NKfswLsSs8MMTif2L3RXvCZN7Nj0oK-71q1mrf3L58j> and you can send your request through the mail.

Thank you for considering FLITE's Staff Tribute program. This donation to FLITE is a wonderful way to recognize a valued teacher and at the same time help students in the district who need your support. If you have any questions about this program, you can contact Evelyn Shreve at ewshreve@msn.com or 610-688-3005.

FLITE partners with TESD to help students reach their potential by promoting academic achievement programs. FLITE is a non-profit organization under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) -- **your donation is tax deductible.**