

# Hornet Happenings



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Spring 2018

## Principal's Letter

Dear Hornets,

Congratulations! We have made it through the first three quarters of the school year. Let us encourage our students to finish strong in these last nine weeks of the semester. We continue to encourage you to use Schoology as a way to monitor student progress in completing assignments. Please be sure to contact us if you need your login.

Our very first graduation ceremony will take place on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the DSU Gymnasium. There will be no ticketing system, so everyone is invited to join in on this history making event. The key note speaker is the Honorable Congresswoman, Lisa Blunt Rochester, a history-maker herself. We will also have several other dignitaries at the ceremony.

Please enjoy reading the wonderful information in this newsletter. Our students and teachers have been busy this past winter. We are looking forward to the days being longer and the sunshine and warmth that spring will bring. As always, please let us know how we can best support you and your student. Happy reading!

Sincerely,

Dr. Evelyn A. Edney  
School Leader



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## Junior Achievement Job Shadow

On Tuesday, February 13th, the following students participated in the AT&T Aspire Mentoring Academy sponsored by Junior Achievement:

Francesca Clarke  
Kattya Decembre  
Rikira Dukes  
Amia Eason  
Jada Hudson  
Daniel London  
Lashay Nicholson  
Daniel White  
Brittany Wilhelm

Throughout the day, these ECHS students along with their peers from Dover and Caesar Rodney High School heard from senior management within the AT&T corporation on a variety of topics including interview skills, the qualities of an excellent employee, and the potential impact ones digital footprint can have on future employment opportunities. Students were also given a guided tour of the Dover AT&T store where they learned about the various career opportunities that exist within AT&T. The nine students mentioned above exemplified Hornet PRIDE by displaying their determination to achieve excellence!



## Hornets in Action Volunteers



Hornets in Action traveled to Brunswick Bowlerama to volunteer for the Special Olympics Delaware in their annual bowling tournament on February 17, 2018. ECHS was represented by HIA Advisors, Mrs. Trabaldo and Mrs. Mancuso and students, Jalen Johnston, Brittany Wihelm, and LaShay Nicholson.



## *Hornet P.R.I.D.E....Catch it!*

### Senior Night



Congratulations to the ECHS Senior Athletes who were honored during the last home basketball games in February:

Jade Woodard, Girls Basketball

Darvis Epiewane, Boys Basketball Team

Camyron Jones, Boys Basketball Team

Zaria Griffith, Boys Basketball Team Manager



## Hornets



## The Carter Awards



92 years ago, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, an educator and historian, founded what was called Negro History Week. It was celebrated in February because of Fredrick Douglass' and Abraham Lincoln's birthdays. As part of America's Bicentennial in 1976, it was changed from Negro History Week to Black History Month. Today, we put forth significant effort to highlight the achievements, and sometimes, unrecognized and unknown achievements, during February.

The Carter Awards is an English 9 project in which students were assigned a category, chose a nominee, and then created a nomination package that included: a 4-5 page research paper, an image gallery, a video gallery, and an acceptance speech from the point of view of their nominee. The over 500 votes from the Google form combined with the student's earned points determined today's winners. This project totaled over 500 points, and Mrs. Savage and her student teacher, "Miss M," helped to put together a show to honor these students and the talents of all ECHS students through dance, step, poetry and song.

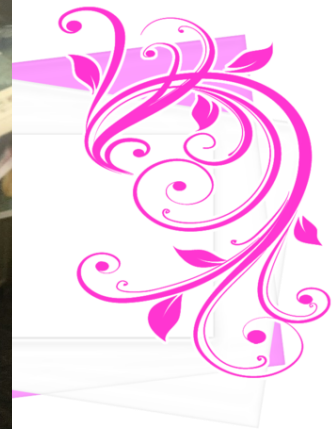
## R.Y.L.A. Conference

Kasha Hartz and Taylor Gillis-Hammond attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) in Ocean City, Maryland February 16-18. Kasha and Taylor are members of ECHS' Interact Club, which is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Dover. Here is the trip from their point of view:

Our trip to RYLA provided us with a weekend of incredibly motivating and inspiring speakers and activities. On our first night at RYLA, we were put into groups. These groups were the people that we had created our community service project with. On Friday night, we were also able to provide 10,000 meals to children and their families in Africa by packaging meals filled with rice and other nutrients! On Saturday we were introduced to two people who had created community service projects that deeply impacted their communities. The first project was "The inspire project" which is a social media based project that allows teenagers to have a safe space to talk about how their feeling and be motivated by positivity. The other project was a food pantry that the young woman had started inside of her school!

On Saturday, we also participated in a team building activity where we had to build a contraption that would protect an egg from cracking while being dropped from the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd floors of the hotel. Despite the look on Taylor's face, our team was successful and our egg did not crack. On Sunday, we presented our community service project idea to the other groups as well as, listened to their ideas. At the end of the presentations, we all voted for the best project. The project that was voted the best was able to make a \$500 donation to the charity of the group's choice. Even though our group did not win, we weren't too upset, because we knew the money was going to a good cause.

The RYLA conference helped us gain an understanding of the importance of giving back to the community and helping others who are not as fortunate to have guaranteed access to things like clean water, free education, clean clothes everyday, etc. We would love to go again next year!



# We Need You!!!!

## PTSA

Event	Type	Description	What we need from you:	Date
College Readiness Incentive	Service	Sponsor the ECHS College Readiness Incentive for the 4th Marking Period Interim.	We will need donations of water ice, cups, spoons, and napkins. We will need volunteers from 2:30-3:30 to help give out to the students.	04/25/18
Office Professionals Day	Service	Present a gift to the two office professionals at ECHS.	Think of a gift and donate items/money to get the gift. People to present the gift.	04/25/18
Teacher Appreciation	Social Event	Provide Lunch and Gifts to teachers	Inquire about donating lunch and a cake from local vendors. Present the lunch for the staff on May 11, 2018. Think of a gift to give to the staff.	May 7-11
Graduation	Academic Event	Provide ECHS and DSU Staff with assistance.	Help secure donations of water and reception items. Volunteer to help with seating. Help secure donations. Help with the mailing list.  **For more information, contact Dr. Edney at <a href="mailto:evelyn.edney@ech.s.k12.de.us">evelyn.edney@ech.s.k12.de.us</a> .	05/15/18
Honoring Our Legacy	Fundraising	See donations, help with mailers, etc.	Help to secure Program Booklet Advertisements. Help to secure donations. Help with the mailing list. Be a part of a committee.  **For more information, contact Dr. Edney at <a href="mailto:evelyn.edney@ech.s.k12.de.us">evelyn.edney@ech.s.k12.de.us</a> .	06/02/18
Direct all questions regarding PTSA and donations to PTSA President Crystal Gillis-Hammond at <a href="mailto:tan1tay@msn.com">tan1tay@msn.com</a> .				



Did you know that you can help fundraise when you shop? Download the **Shop-a-Roo** app on your phone, shop at your favorite stores and restaurants, and take a photo of your receipt.

Also, ECHS participates in **Amazon Smile**. Go onto Amazon for details and choose ECHS as the recipient and shop! It's that easy.

## Important ECHS Testing Dates

Testing Date	Grade 9		Grade 10	Grade 11
April 4	Advisories go to DSU: Testa, Mann, Hudson, Ide	Advisories go to Junior Achievement Jordan, Whitley Trabaudo	PSAT 10 administered at ECHS	Regular Day of School
April 10	Advisories go to Junior Achievement: Testa, Philmon, Huson, Ide	Advisories go to DSU Jordan, Whitley Trabaudo	No School	SAT administered at ECHS
April 18	PSAT 8/9 Administered at ECHS			DeSSA Social Studies Test at ECHS
May 7	Regular Day of School		DeSSA Science Test at ECHS	

On April 4th and April 10th, ECHS is in need of 9th grade parent chaperones to attend the Junior Achievement Business Park field trips with the 9th grade Advisory classes. Please let us know if you are interested. April 4th will be for Ms. Jordan's, Mrs. Trabaudo's, and Ms. Whitley's Advisory classes, and April 10th will be for Mr. Hudson's, Mrs. Ide's, Mr. Mann's, and Mr. Testa's Advisory classes. Please contact Dr. Edney if you can chaperone!



## Junior Achievement

A chance for junior high and high school students (Grades 9 – 12) to gain knowledge on how to run a business, by creating a company of their own, electing an executive team, developing a product and taking it to the market with the help of business advisers, ECHS students have been participating in the Junior Achievement Company Program this year.

Seniors Nakira Quail, Jamilah Greene, Kendrick, Hicks, Jessica Talley, Imani Blake, and Jordan Whaley with the guidance of DSU Professor Knolan Rawlins created a T-Shirt Company called A. C.C.E.P.T. (Absolute, Creativity, Culture, Excellent, Power, Talented) which produces t-shirts that bring cultural awareness and equality.

The students participated in the Piranha Pond, where they competed with other schools in the state to see who is best! Congratulations on a great year!



## Cupcake Bar

Congratulations to the 183 students who were college ready for the 3rd MP interim. They were treated to a Valentine's Day Cupcake Bar with all the fixins!



# March & April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11 Daylight Savings Begins	12 4 <sup>th</sup> MP Begins School Resumes	13	14 3 <sup>rd</sup> MP Report Cards/College Readiness Reports Distributed to Students Hornet Hello 6pm	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day
18	19 PTSA 5:30	20	21 3 <sup>rd</sup> MP Honor Roll Celebration	22 Board Meeting Day	23	24
25 Palm Sunday	26	27	28	29 Spring Sports Pep Rally @ DSU	30 Good Friday No School	31 First Day of Pass-over

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Easter Monday No School		PSAT 10 Junior Achievement ½ Grade 9			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		SAT Grade 11 Junior Achievement ½ Grade 9	4 <sup>th</sup> MP Interim Ends		4 <sup>th</sup> MP Grades/ College Readiness Due 11pm	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	PTSA 5:30		PSAT Grade 9  4 <sup>th</sup> MP Interims/ College Readiness Reports Distributed  Spring Music Concert 6pm @DSU			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	10th grade Advisory Presentations	10th grade Advisory Presentations	10th grade Advisory Presentations Administrative Professionals Day 4 <sup>th</sup> MP College Readiness Incentive (Sponsored by the PTSA)	10th grade Advisory Presentations Last Day DSU Classes Board Meeting Day	Arbor Day No School Grades 9 & 10 Capstone Day 11 & 12	
29	30					
8	DSU Finals Week; 10th grade Advisory Presentations					



# May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	Cinco de Mayo 5
		DSU Finals Week 9th & 10th grade Advisory Presentations	DSU Finals Week 9th & 10th grade Advisory Presentations	DSU Finals Week 9th & 10th grade Advisory Presentations	DSU Finals Week 9th & 10th grade Advisory Presentations	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Teacher Appreciation Week	Teacher Appreciation Week  Moving Up Day	Teacher Appreciation Week ECHS Exams: Periods 1 & 2 (1/2 Day)	Teacher Appreciation Week ECHS Exams: Periods 3 & 4 (1/2 Day)  National Honor Society Induction 6:00 p.m. Hornet Awards 7:30	Teacher Appreciation Week (Lunch sponsored by PTSA) Make-up Exam Day Teacher Grading Day  Grades/College Readiness due 4pm	DSU Graduation
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Staff Professional Development 8-4 Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal 8:00am Senior Party 10-12  All-Sports Banquet 6pm	Staff Professional Development 8-4  ECHS 1 <sup>st</sup> Graduation & Senior Awards 7pm DSU Main Gymnasium	Ramadan  Staff Professional Development 8-4			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	PTSA Planning 5:30			Board Meeting 5:15		
27	Memorial Day 28	29	30			



# Stay Connected!

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**Dream Big Dreams**

## Feel the Buzz

- Students can catch the *Hornet Daily Buzz* each morning complete with announcements!
- Parents can read too! It's on Schoology

## Other ways to communicate in school:

Phone calls, e-mails, Home Access Center (HAC), web, Twitter...Are you receiving Dr. Edney's Sunday Night at 8:00 p.m. calls with school news and announcements? Make sure: Call Mrs. Rodriguez to update phone numbers, addresses, etc. Stay in the know!

## Receive Text Message Reminders

The teachers and the principal are using a system called Remind, where text messages go out to remind students of homework assignments or events in school. Parents can also receive these messages either for classes so they are seeing the same texts as their students or from the principal to receive texts about school.

Just text to **81010** and plug in the **codes** below as a text message. Then you will start receiving reminders

**For Principal Messages @ECHSDSU**

### For Bus-Specific Information

@ECHSB1 for Bus 1  
@ECHSB2 for Bus 2  
@ECHSB4 for Bus 4  
@ECHSB6 for Bus 6  
@ECHSB7 for Bus 7  
@ECHSB8 for Bus 8  
@ECHSB9 for Bus 9

Please speak to individual teachers and coaches regarding class and team codes.

## Zoom in for PTSA Meetings

**Topic: PTSA Monthly Meeting**

**Time: April 16 at 5:30 PM**

**Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:**  
[https://zoom.us/j/389258678?pwd=UOpcI4NGn\\_c](https://zoom.us/j/389258678?pwd=UOpcI4NGn_c)

**Password: hornets**

**Or Telephone:**

**Dial (for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):**

**US: +1 646 558 8656 or +1 669 900 6833**

**Meeting ID: 389 258 678**

