



THE CR REPORT

CAESAR RODNEY SCHOOL DISTRICT BI-MONTHLY
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**Megan Szabo is
Delaware's
Teacher of the
Year**



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What's Happening?

Board Meetings

December 16: Fifer Middle 7:00 p.m.
January 13: Stokes Elementary 7:00 p.m.
February 24: Caesar Rodney HS 7:00 p.m.

Special Events

November 26-28: Thanksgiving Holiday,
Schools Closed
December 22– January 2: Winter Break,
Schools Closed

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Message From the Superintendent To Our CR "Rider" Community

Since our last CR Report, I am proud to say that our district has received both individual and school wide recognition. The Caesar Rodney School District can certainly hold its head up high.



Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald, Superintendent

First, I am so proud to say that Mrs. Megan Szabo, a seventh grade science teacher at the F. Niel Postlethwait Middle School was selected as Delaware's 2015 Teacher of the Year! Megan is a tremendous teacher and a wonderful role model. She will be an outstanding ambassador for all educators in our state as she competes to become the National Teacher of the Year.

Also, Mrs. Ruth Fuchs, our librarian at the J. Ralph McIlvaine Early Childhood Center, was recently selected as Delaware's 2015 K-8 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Educator of the Year! Mrs. Fuchs has developed interactive multi-media which McIlvaine students use to help them develop basic skills in the STEM field.

This month, we were honored to have Nellie Stokes Elementary School named as a Rewards/Recognition School for the third consecutive year. The award, created by legislation and spearheaded by Lieutenant Governor Matt Denn, carries a \$50,000 prize! A committee consisting of administration, teachers, support staff and parents will determine how the funds will be spent at Stokes.

I want to thank everyone involved in making this year's Homecoming Parade our best yet. The "Rider Marching Band" led off the parade followed by our School Board, our District Teacher of the Year, the Homecoming Court, our cheerleaders and all of the floats from the class and organizations at the high school, our middle and elementary schools, McIlvaine and our Charlton school. As is tradition, the parade ended with our volunteer fire departments blasting their horns – signaling that it was time for another Homecoming football game!

The next day was our seventh annual "Rider Pride

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Day." As in the past, our Rider enthusiasm was high. This event brought together the entire community which was entertained by chorus band and chorus performances from each of our schools, ninety vendors, outdoor demonstrations by Dover Air Force Base, Delaware State Police, DNREC and the Camden-Wyoming Fire Company and a talking school bus! What a great day to be a Rider!

I want to thank the students and staff of the AFJROTC program for once again undertaking a community-wide effort to raise awareness of breast cancer during their fourth annual "Go Pink" campaign. More than \$5,000 was raised in t-shirt sales, bake sales and donations to help CR families who are struggling with cancer.

This is the time of year where we pause to express our thanks for so many things. I want to personally thank all of the veterans who have served in our five branches of military service who live and work in the Caesar Rodney School District. Their dedication, knowledge and sacrifice have been and always will be an inspiration to us all. We are honored that they are now helping to prepare our children to become good citizens.

I want to also thank the men and women of Dover Air Force Base for their tremendous support of the Caesar Rodney School District. I am so proud of our relationship with the Eagle Wing. Many of our children have a parent or parents that are currently deployed around the world defending our freedoms. The hardships endured by these families are difficult. We at Caesar Rodney are committed to doing our part by providing the best education for their children.

And finally, as Thanksgiving approaches, I ask that we all take time to give thanks for what we have and to remember those in our district who may be less fortunate and to reach out a helping hand to those in need.

I wish you a wonderful holiday season filled with warmth, laughter and time spent with family and friends.

The Art Of A Pen

The individual written and drawn pieces of this elaborate mural were created by Mrs. Laslow's Grade 7

Visual Art class at Dover Air Force Base Middle School to showcase their interpretation of "poetry" and the imagery of nature captured through the relaxing art of the doodle.



CRHS's "Pennies For Pumpkins" Raises Funds For Breast Cancer

The Caesar Rodney High School student council recently held a pumpkin painting competition entitled "Pennies for Pumpkins" with all proceeds benefitting the Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition.

With donations of pumpkins, paint, glitter and ribbon, students, staff, family and friends donated loose change for their favorite pumpkin. The decorative pumpkins were then turned over to Kent General Hospital where they were placed in patient's rooms.

The event was a success, said CR High School social studies teacher Melissa Rapp.

At the end of the campaign, the "Pennies For Pumpkins" had raised \$150 for the Breast Cancer Coalition!



Author Rachelle Burk Visits Star Hill Elementary

Celebrated author Rachelle Burk recently visited Star Hill Elementary for a day-long event that included grade level assemblies, a 'gab' lunch fest with aspiring student authors and an evening Family Book Club.

Mrs. Burk is a celebrated author of numerous books and informational texts that have appeared in many popular children's magazines. Every Star Hill family was gifted a copy of



Mrs. Burk's book, "Treehouse in the Storm," which highlights Rachelle's and her brother's feelings of loss and hope after their treehouse is destroyed during Hurricane Betsy.

Mrs. Burk's visit was the culminating event marking many small events to teach the students about extreme weather, the writing process and interdisciplinary topics in the arts. Meteorologist Robert Guarino spoke with students about weather and signs of extreme weather patterns. Essential arts teachers also highlighted themes from the book including an in-depth study of the building of a tree house and retelling the story through music.

Prior to the author visit, students learned about Mrs. Burk's experiences with hurricanes growing up in New Orleans and in her current home state, New Jersey. Students then participated in a school-wide coin drive "Coins for the Coast" to raise money for The Hurricane Sandy NJ Relief Fund. The community project was a huge success raising \$1047.67. The winning classes presented the check to Rachelle Burk during a grade level assembly. She was deeply touched that her book sparked such a powerful chord with the students at Star Hill.

Scholastic Book Fair Held at Stokes Elementary

Once again, a bi-annual Scholastic Inc. Book Fair was recently held at Nellie Stokes Elementary School. The fair's theme was "Sir Readalot's Castle, The Kingdom of Books."

During the week, students visit the library and write down on a form a list of books they wish to buy.

The list is then brought home and payment is made to Scholastic who then provides a portion of all book sales back to Stokes Elementary. The funds will then be used to help offset the costs for bringing an author to visit the students in the spring.

In her eighth year as librarian for Stokes, Laura Wright was once again dressed up in full costume, being called by her students the "Queen Of All Books."



Rider Pride!

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Megan Szabo Chosen As Delaware's 2015 Teacher of the Year

Megan Szabo, a seventh grade science teacher at the F. Niel Postlethwait Middle School in Camden, has been named Delaware's 2015 State Teacher of the Year. Governor Jack Markell made the announcement in front of more than 475 invited guests at the Dover Downs Conference Center.

Szabo, who began her career in education 11 years ago in 2003, currently teaches a seventh and eighth grade loop at



Postlethwait. She is also team leader, head coach of the school's Science Olympiad and advisor to the National Junior Honor Society. Megan is also a Next Generation Science Standards lead teacher and a Science Coalition instructor.

She considers among her greatest accomplishments in education the traits she instills in her students. "My students may not remember every itty bitty detail about what they learned in 7th and 8th grade sci-



ence, but they leave my class as confident learners who are able to make observations, see connections, solve problems and think scientifically," she wrote in her application portfolio, later adding, "For me, teaching them how to be a scientist is just as important as teaching them science."

Szabo's philosophy of teaching is based on recognizing that "kids will not learn from teachers they do not like in classrooms they do not want to go to."

She reminds herself of this as she designs lessons. The result is a lot of hands-on activities such as creating models and carrying out investigations. "The best way for my students to really learn science is to experience it themselves," Szabo said.

Szabo, who graduated with a Bachelor of Arts and Sci-



Senator Chris Coons stopped in to visit and congratulate Megan Szabo.

ence in Biology Education from the University of Delaware also earned her Master of Education in school counseling from Wilmington University.

Megan now becomes Delaware's candidate in the National Teacher of the Year Program and will meet with President Barack Obama at a future date.

By action of the General Assembly, she will receive a \$5,000 grant to use for the educational benefit of her students, as well as two personal grants totaling an additional \$5,000. The remaining 19 school district/charter candidates each will receive a personal grant of \$2,000.

She also will receive an educational technology package valued at approximately \$18,000 from the SMART Technologies ULC, grants from DSEA, American Institutes for Research, Delaware State Chamber of Commerce, Delaware Professional Standards Board; a State of Delaware Teacher of the Year commemorative plate from the Division of Motor Vehicles; free graduate-level courses from Delaware's higher education institutions, including a full doctorate program from Wilmington University and University of Delaware; a gold watch from the Delaware State Teachers of the Year Association; a 10-karat gold ring from Jostens; and lunch in Washington D.C. with U.S. Senator Tom Carper.

Szabo's selection as Delaware's top educator makes her the 51st Teacher of the Year since Delaware's recognition program began in 1965.

Congratulations, Megan!



“Go Pink” Campaign Huge Success

\$5000 Raised to Help CR Families Battling Cancer

The Caesar Rodney High School AFJROTC Program recently wrapped up a six-week "Go Pink" cancer awareness campaign, raising \$5000 in t-shirt sales as well as AFJROTC members seeking donations during CR sporting events.

The campaign ran in conjunction with the National Breast Cancer Awareness campaign. All monies raised will help support CR school district families dealing with the disease.

“This is the fourth year we have held the ‘Go Pink’ campaign in which we have raised a total of \$15,000,” said Colonel Mitch Berger, USAF (Ret), Senior Aerospace Science Instructor with the AFJROTC program. “I can’t thank enough the incredible support of the Caesar Rodney community for their generosity and commitment to helping those in need.”



Members of the CRHS AFJROTC Program take time from their awareness campaign to pose for a group photo.

Building Teachers of the Year Honored At Annual Dinner



All 12 Caesar Rodney School District Building Teachers of the Year were recently honored at Wild Quail Country Club. A video produced by Caesar Rodney High School students highlighted the incredible work of these talented educators who work each day to provide a quality education for our students.

Student Goes Home At The End Of the School Day...In A Fire Truck!

Xia Scott, a McIlvaine Early Childhood Center kindergarten student, recently took first place in the Magnolia Volunteer Fire Department’s Fire Prevention Poster Contest.



Her prize? How about a ride home from school in one of the Magnolia Fire Department’s fire trucks. Congratulations, Xia, on a job well done!



CRHS Inducts 100 Into National Honor Society

Exactly 100 Caesar Rodney High School juniors have been inducted as members of the 93 year-old National Honor Society. Established in 1921 to recognize outstanding high school students, the National Honor Society honors those students who have demonstrated excellence in areas of scholarship, leadership, service and character.



All CRHS members are required to complete a minimum of ten hours of community service each semester. Some community activities NHS members will be involved with this year include: Book Buddies; Allen Frear Academic Olympics; Homework Club Tutoring; Coastal Cleanup; Peer Tutoring; Parent Information Night; High School Orientation Night; and Summer Success Academy.

“Go Green” at McIlvaine

In an effort to help increase "Go Green" awareness, McIlvaine families were introduced to a new station at a recent parent party which will introduce families to energy saving tips, recycling ideas for the home and school and how to reuse materials that may otherwise be thrown away. Here, Mrs. Erin Stock helps guide students and a parent through tree labeling, tree puzzles, and tree and leaf matching activities as families become more familiar with the school's tree curriculum in preparation for next month's event of reusing items found around the school's arboretum.



JAZZING IT UP AT FIFER

Musician Dave Adams, a member of the Young Razzcals Jazz Project, offered instruction and advice to a handful of aspiring jazz musicians during a workshop at Fred Fifer III Middle School. Dave had the students play select music, then critiqued their performance and offered advice on how to become the best they can be with their music aspirations.



Spirit of Caesar Rodney Awards Given to Staff Members and Volunteer

Two teachers and one volunteer have been recognized by the Caesar Rodney School Board at the November monthly board meeting.

Teacher Teresa Arndt (McIlvaine ECC), Lynda Keyser (Fifer Middle) and volunteer Georgia Roll (Brown) were thanked by the Board for their continued professionalism and going above and beyond to provide the best education for our children.

Arndt was praised for showing outstanding commitment to students and staff; Keyser for going above and beyond the call of duty with her students; Roll for assisting teachers and supporting community events.



Teresa Arndt with CR School Board



Teacher Lynda Keyser



Volunteer Georgia Roll poses with CR School Board following recognition.

“Principals for a Day” Visit Several CR Schools

The Delaware Principal for a Day program began 21 years ago by the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce and continues to be a learning experience for CEO's and business leaders to better understand the day-to-day operations of a public school by observing the daily responsibilities of a principal. Another goal of the program is to create a closer connection between school, college and career.

During this year's program, State Representative Andria Bennett, Tidewater Utilities President Jerry Esposito, Delaware Economic Development Office (DEDO) Director Ken Anderson and United Way President John Moore visited Caesar Rodney schools, talked with staff and interacted with students during the day.



John Moore, Vice President at United Way, visits with Principal Brian Smith and students at Fifer Middle.



Dr. Dave Santore of DAFB Middle School talks with Tidewater Utilities President Jerry Esposito and Community Affairs Manager Carol Murphy.



State Representative Andria Bennett stopped by George Welch Elementary visiting with Principal Jason Payne and Welch students.



DEDO Director Ken Anderson meets with Principal Derek Prillaman, Assistant Principal Dr. Kris Failing and students at Postlethwait.

99 Years and Counting!

Schools Praise Veterans For Service To Their Country

Numerous schools in the Caesar Rodney School District recently stopped to thank veterans for their unselfish service to their country. Veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the War On Terror were guest speakers and lunch guests at Welch, Simpson, McIlvaine, Stokes and Dover Air Base Middle schools.

At DABM, World War II Navy Captain Charles Cooper III, 95, was an invited guest along with active duty and retired members of the Navy, Army, Marine Corps and the Air Force.

Cooper explained he was on the USS Hornet when attacked and eventually sunk by Japanese Kamikazi aircraft. Swimming for his life, the Naval veteran stated, “I realized I was safer on the other side of the water.” He would eventually transfer into submarine service and would help sink the last Japanese vessel in World War II.

At Simpson Elementary, the chorus sang for the many veterans present, while at Stokes Elementary, veterans were asked to come in and enjoy lunch with sons and daughters, grandsons and granddaughters.

Over at Welch, a school assembly honored veterans and several classes created signs and banners for invited veterans.

Thank you to all of our veterans and active duty service members living and working in the Caesar Rodney School District.



Captain Charles Cooper



W. B. Simpson Chorus



Signs From Welch Students





Traditional Homecoming Parade A Community Hit



Mom Returns From Afghanistan At Varsity Football Game To Surprise Her Band Member Sons

At most home varsity football games, halftime is usually a time to get a snack, talk with someone nearby or listen to the sounds of the Caesar Rodney High School Marching Band. However, halftime during the CR versus Cape Henlopen game turned out to be anything but routine.

During halftime, the huge band split in half while performing, leaving a wide path down the 50 yard line. Unbeknownst to two band members (and brothers) senior Tre' Warren and freshman Cortez Warren, Master Sergeant Jamie Smalls, United States Air Force, had returned home from a lengthy deployment to Afghanistan and now was running down the 50 yard line to surprise and hug her sons.

The crowd roared its approval, cried and chanted "USA" as mom and her sons reunited after a lengthy absence. Welcome home, MSgt. Smalls and thank you for your service to our country!

A very special thanks to student Emily Halliday for submitting these pictures of the special homecoming.



Welcome Home!

Stokes Raises Funds To Benefit Returning Veterans

Nellie Stokes Elementary School honored Veterans Day and the men and women who have died defending our country by raising funds for military veterans and their families.

Stokes teachers and staff took part in the 2014 "Jeans For Troops" fundraising drive benefiting the "GI Go Fund," an nonprofit organization that helps veterans returning home find employment, go to college, access their health care and financial benefits, and link to housing.

During the drive, which has schools and companies from all across the country participating, Stokes Elementary gave their employees the opportunity to wear jeans to work in exchange for a \$5 donation to the "GI Go Fund." The Stokes family raised \$170 for this cause.

Students Become Firefighters During Fire Prevention Week

Students at both the John S. Charlton School and the J. Ralph McIlvaine Early Childhood Center recently were able to get up close and personal with fire apparatus as part of National Fire Prevention Week.

Thanks to the efforts of the Camden-Wyoming Fire Company, volunteers brought out a fire engine at both

schools where students were able to get up close to a fire engine, open and close a fire hose, climb in the cab, "drive" the truck and more importantly to learn about smoke detectors and what to do if a fire occurs.





Fall Parades Bring Out the “Beast” in Costumes

At the annual fall parades throughout the Caesar Rodney School District, children and staff dressed up as their favorite story or cartoon characters, heroes (both fiction and non-fiction), or simply dressed up as sports figures, ballerinas, princesses and kings. Some costumes were simple; some were quite elaborate. Some were creative; some were bizarre! But in the end, everyone had a great time!

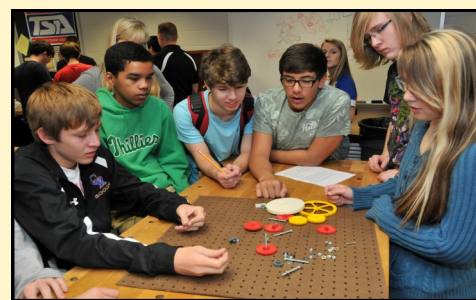
Over at Frear Elementary, a “Trick and Read” night was held where author Rachelle Burk stopped by to read a story and sign several of her books. Frear Students were dressed up in their favorite characters as well and participated in several school activities following the reading by Mrs. Burk. A fun time was had by all!



A Real “MESS” Over at The High School

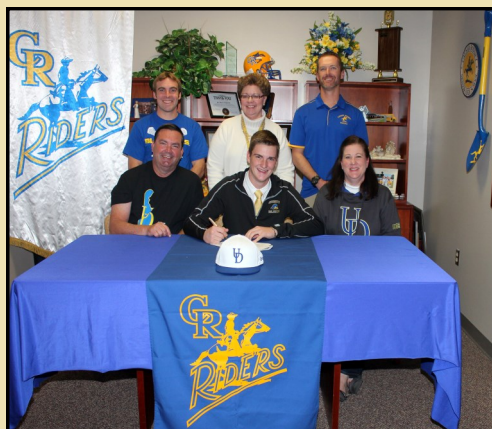
Three University of Delaware students enrolled in the school’s Mechanical Engineering Student Squad (MESS) program recently paid a visit to Caesar Rodney High School teacher Tim Elmer's class to offer some insight to his students interested in pursuing engineering work after graduation.

The MESS students discussed gears, links and cams with the future engineer aspirants and had groups of students working together tackling engineering tasks and problems assigned to them.



Sheahan Signs Letter of Intent to play Lacrosse at UD

Senior Kevin Sheahan has signed a Letter of Intent to play Lacrosse at the University of Delaware following graduation. We wish Kevin all the best for a successful future as he attends UD in the fall.



Surrounded by his mother Lee Ellen and dad Kevin, Kevin Sheahan signs his Letter of Intent with coach Peter Moran, Principal Dr. Sherry Kijowski and coach Matt Faircloth looking on.

Rider Pride!

Holocaust Survivor Speaks to Entire Sophomore Class About Overcoming Hatred

Ann Jaffe, survivor of the Nazi Holocaust, recently spoke to the entire sophomore class of 500 students at Caesar Rodney High school about the need to live together, protect our rights and learn not to hate one another.

Invited by English teacher Kathleen Swierzbinski to share her experiences, Ms. Jaffe explained the horror of the Nazi Holocaust.

"The Germans occupied my village in western Poland in 1941," said Ms. Jaffe. "There was no way to escape. Our horse, cow and bicycle were all taken away from us. We could not escape from a mechanized Nazi army."

"As a Jew, we were hated. They took away our civil rights. We were forced to wear yellow stars to indicate we were Jews. We were not allowed to walk on sidewalks. We had no police protection and curfew for the Jews was dusk. My dog was better off than me."



In September 1942, Jaffe and her family escaped from their occupied village and hid in an "impenetrable" forest from the horror of genocide. Through two brutal winters and twenty months with little food, shelter or clothing, Ms. Jaffe and her mother, father, infant brother and older brother and sister lived on potatoes and cabbage for the next 20 months! During that time, her older brother would be captured and killed.

Ms. Jaffe told her silenced audience that they are the last generation that will hear the horrors of the Holocaust from a survivor. She also asked each student to bring up their children by teaching them tolerance and not hatred.

As the bell rung, not a single student moved as they were riveted by the words of this remarkable survivor. "Hatred will destroy you. You must be tolerant of others. Over the years, and later in life, I have learned not to hate. You must too."



McIlvaine Participates In "Read For The Record"

At the ninth annual national Jumpstart's "Read For The Record" program with a theme of "Stop, Drop and Read," students at the J. Ralph McIlvaine Early Childhood Center listened to Caesar Rodney Superintendent Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald read "Bunny Cakes," a comical story of sibling bonding and birthday shenanigans, by best-selling author



and illustrator Rosemary Wells, in support of Jumpstart's mission: to work toward the day every child in America enters kindergarten prepared to succeed.

Since 2006, the "Read For The Record" campaign has engaged 11.5 million children, raised more than \$8.6 million for early education programs and has provided more than 1.6 million books for children in low-income neighborhoods.

Youngest Principal For A Day?

Wesley Cohee, a student at Allen Frear Elementary School, recently won "Principal For The Day" after raising \$485 for the PTA sponsored Academic Olympics.

Congratulations on a job well done!



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Stokes Receives Third Consecutive Reward/Recognition Award

Nellie Hughes Stokes Elementary School has once again been recognized as a Reward/Recognition School.

Stokes has been a recipient of this prestigious award for the past three years. This year's award is based on the 2013-14 DCAS testing results.



The award, created by legislation and spearheaded by Lieutenant Governor Matt Denn, carries a \$50,000 prize along with much discretion in how it will be used.

A committee consisting of administration, teachers, support staff and parents will determine how the funds will be spent at Stokes. A school cannot receive the \$50,000 award in consecutive years; Stokes received \$50,000 in 2012, but not in 2013.

Congratulations to the students and staff on a job well done!

Jones Signs Letter of Intent To Play Softball at Bryant University

Senior Chaney Jones has signed a Letter of Intent to play softball at Bryant University in Smithfield, Rhode Island.

Congratulations to this academic athlete. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors at Bryant University.



Chaney Jones, center foreground is surrounded by dad Avon, mom Nicole, coach Paul Damask, Principal Dr. Sherry Kijowski and coach Casey Shelor.

McIlvaine Librarian Wins First-Ever STEM Award

The Delaware STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Council has announced that Ruth Fuchs, librarian at the J. Ralph McIlvaine Early Childhood Center, has won their first STEM Educator Award for all K-8 schools in Delaware.

Fuchs created interactive multi-media for the more than 500 students at McIlvaine to learn basic science skills while using scientific tools such as microscopes and hand lenses.

Along with the winners from the high school level, Fuchs will receive a \$7,500 cash prize from the chemical company Ashland, Inc., headquartered in Covington, Kentucky.



In a press release, Governor Jack Markell stated, "These teachers are doing some incredibly innovative work in our classrooms and I am thrilled we are able to recognize them for it." The STEM Council was created by Governor Markell to increase science and engineering teaching in schools across the state.

Aloe Signs Letter of Intent To Play Lacrosse at the University of Delaware

Senior Thomas Aloe has signed a Letter of Intent to play lacrosse at the University of Delaware in Newark. Congratulations to yet another academic athlete from CRHS.

We wish Thomas all the best as he moves on with his academic and athletic journey at UD.



Thomas Aloe, center foreground, is surrounded by his mom Judy, dad Michael, coach Peter Moran, Principal Dr. Sherry Kijowski and coach Matt Faircloth.

Basketball Special Olympics Held At Caesar Rodney High School



Veterans Praised For Unselfish Service To Their Country

As Veterans Day once again reminds us of the incredible sacrifices made by the men and women who serve to defend our freedom, students and staff showed their appreciation by opening their schools (and their hearts) to veterans around the district. At Stokes Elementary, stu-



dents sat with their parents and grandparents during lunch.

At Star Hill Elementary, veterans were entertained by the school's chorus then shared their experiences with students in many classrooms throughout the school.



Over at the McIlvaine Early

Childhood Center, veterans were treated to a video presentation



honoring their sacrifices made while serving in the five branches of the U.S. military.



Safety Patrol at Brown Pinned by Dover Police

W. Reily Brown Elementary recently held a Safety Patrol Installation Ceremony where Dover Mayor Robin Christensen and members of the Dover Police Department pinned safety patrol badges on 16 students.

The new safety patrol members vowed to report for duty on time; perform their duties faithfully; strive to prevent crashes and always setting a good example for themselves; obey teachers and officers of the patrol; report dangerous student practices and strive to earn the respect of fellow Brown Elementary School students.



Dover Mayor Robin Christensen pins a Safety Patrol Badge on a W. Reily Brown student.

NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK KICKS OFF AT WELCH

At George Welch Elementary School, members of Dover Air Force Base's Fire Protection Services and Sparky" visited the students during



National Fire Prevention Week to talk about fire prevention, including having smoke detectors, creating an evacuation plan and testing it, and "Stop, Drop, Roll!" As you can see by the reaction, Welch Elementary School students enjoyed the visit!

You're In Rider Country!

"Hotdogs For Heroes" Once Again A Huge Hit At Welch Elementary

George Welch Elementary School's student council have once again hosted a "Hotdogs For Heroes" event where more than 500 students, parents, aunt's uncles,



grandparents, staff and airmen from Dover Air Force Base came together to "salute" the heroes in their lives.

Creating a makeshift outdoor theater in the pumpkin patches at Fifer Farms, everyone brought lawn chairs or blankets, ate hotdogs and apples and watched "It's The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown."

Welch began doing the "Hotdogs For Heroes" last year since they don't have "Father/Daughter dances" or "Grandparent Breakfasts" because many of the student's parents are deployed or grandparents live in other states. Just another way of saying thank you to our men and women in uniform who are defending our freedoms.

Fifer Middle School Students Meet Mrs. Markell

Fred Fifer III Middle School Student Council Officers (Avalon Fortt, Chandler Robinson, Audrey Wells) recently participated in Delaware's Student Council Leadership Conference at the Modern Maturity Center. At the conference, the students learned leadership skills, participated in student led group activities, and were able to meet Delaware's First Lady Mrs. Markell.

