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Middle School Academy Spots Available

Wilmington Mayor Dennis P. Williams and the City of Wilmington, in partnership with the Red Clay Consolidated School District, is offering a Middle School Academy for rising 6th grade students planning to attend either H.B. duPont Middle, A.I. duPont Middle, Skyline Middle, or Stanton Middle schools. The academy will be held at A.I. duPont High School and runs from June 27 – July 21, 2016 7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Courses offered include Math, Reading, Character Education, Youth Development and Career Development. Transportation and meals will be provided. \$25.00 registration fee is required which is refundable if parents attend Orientation scheduled for June 25th and the Closing Celebration being held on July 23, 2016. Please contact Rhonda Henry-Carter at (302) 552-3751 at Red Clay or Dr. Jacqueline Jenkins at (302) 576-2103 at the City of Wilmington.

Inclusion Survey Still Open

There is still time to make your thoughts known on how things progressed during the first year of a more inclusive environment in Red Clay. The district has taken several steps this year to gauge how the transfer of Students with Disabilities and English Language Learners to their feeder pattern schools has impacted students, parents and staff, including public meetings and a mid-year survey. You can find surveys and more information [here](#).

Free Online Summer Reading Program Available for Elementary Grades

This summer, Red Clay students in grades K-5 will be able to read digital books on any computer or mobile device for free. The personalized literacy program myON allows students to select books at their reading and interest levels and take them wherever they go.

Students will be introduced to the program at school where they will receive a username and password. At school, many will have completed a short online assessment to determine their interest and reading level. If

not, the assessment will be presented after sign-in. Upon completion of the interest inventory, students will select the books they want to read and download them on any computer or mobile device. If the app is used, books can be downloaded wherever they go, even when no internet connection is present. During their summer vacation, students will have access to more than 8,000 enhanced digital books. By offering book selection at a student's interest and reading level, the myON program keeps students reading all summer long. Their reading skills will be as sharp at the end of the summer as they were in June. A letter was mailed home in May that contained the username and password. To get started, students can go to the website <http://myon.com/login> and enter their school name, username and password. Once the reading inventory has been completed, students select the books they want to read and enjoy the convenience of reading them on their own computer or mobile device.

Deadline June 15 to Register for RCEF Golf Outing

Play a round of golf for a good cause at the Red Clay Education Foundation (RCEF) 5th Annual Golf Tournament, to be held on Friday, June 17, 2016 at the Deerfield Golf Course. For information on registration click [here](#)

A single golfer registration, with buffet dinner after golf at 2 p.m., costs \$95. For more information contact Eric Loftus at eric.loftus@redclay.k12.de.us or 302-552-3822. The deadline to register is Wednesday, June 15, 2016.

Proceeds will benefit the RCEF, a non-profit organization which supports Red Clay educational programs that the regular budget cannot. Through the years, the RCEF has provided for distance learning labs, computer labs, travel to academic competitions and school trips to Junior Achievement and the Grand Opera House, among many other projects.

Brandywine Springs Reaches Out to Special Olympics

Students in Ms. Kate Cassidy's 4th grade class were reading a story in their teacher's Schoology lesson about Special Olympics. In the story, students read about students in another state writing letters of encouragement for athletes in the Special Olympics. One of Ms. Cassidy's students asked, "Could we do that too?" After contacted Delaware's Special Olympic committee, a challenge was put forth for the students, "Could they come up with enough letters to support 700 athletes?" The challenge was on. Students in Ms. Cassidy's class created posters to place around the school and made daily announcements to encourage BSS students and staff to write letters. When it was all said and done on June 8th, when Kylie Melvin, Director of Youth and School initiatives for the Special Olympics, came to pick up the letters of encouragement to the athletes the students handed over not 700 but 902 letters! Mission accomplished! Just another example of the spirit of service that is such a part of the core value system at Brandywine Springs!

School Offices Open During Summer Break

Most school offices are open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. during the summer months. Some schools may be undergoing construction renovation during this time. It is advisable to call the school to check whether it is open before visiting.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Staff In-service Day, June 10,13
- Facilities Committee Meeting, June 13, 6:00p.m., District Office Board Room
- Last Teacher Day, June 14
- Community Financial Review Committee Meeting, June 14, 6:30-9:00p.m., Brandywine Springs library

- School Board Meeting, June 15, 7:00p.m., Warner Elementary School
- Report Cards Mailed – Grades 4-11, June 17

