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Red Clay Holds First Annual Hall of Fame Gala



Twelve people who have devoted much of their lives to supporting the students of Red Clay were inducted into the newly-created district Hall of Fame Thursday night at a gala dinner attended by nearly 200 people. The evening served as a fundraiser for the Red Clay Education Foundation (RCEF), a non-profit organization which sponsors educational programs the regular Red Clay budget cannot support. Speakers included Superintendent Merv Daugherty, Board of Education President Kenneth Rivera and Ralph Kuebler, president of the RCEF Board of Directors. The emcee for the evening was Sam Golder, the district's Director of Secondary Schools.

The Hall of Fame will be located in the reception area at district offices, 1502 Spruce Avenue.

The first class of inductees included:

- Longtime Activist for Education and Civil Rights Bebe Coker
- Former Deputy Superintendent Diane Dunmon
- Former Speaker of the Delaware House Bob Gilligan
- Wilmington City Council President Theo Gregory
- Former Teachers and Science Olympiad Coaches Jill and Tom Hounsell
- First Red Clay Superintendent Dr. Joe Johnson
- Former Principal and Administrator Don Keister
- Former Red Clay and Delaware Teacher of the Year Joey Masiello
- Former Director of Bands at A.I. High School Paul Parets
- Former Legislator Roger Roy
- Former Principal Linda Thomas

HB Student Second in Nation in DuPont Essay Contest



H.B. DuPont Middle School 8th grader Makena Stack and Dana Wisnowski, the sponsoring teacher, were surprised the morning of April 14, 2016 with news that Makena won Second Place in the national DuPont Challenge Science Writing Competition.

Makena's essay, "Saving the Sea Turtle from Our Plastic Ocean, One Bite at a Time," was selected from nearly 10,000 entries.

The writing challenge is sponsored by The DuPont Company, in collaboration with Britannica Digital Learning, the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA), Turnitin, and A+ Media. The competition was created to honor the memory of the heroes of the 1986 Challenger space shuttle, and is true to the flight's educational mission to "touch the future."

The competition for grades 6-12, now celebrating its 30 anniversary, has inspired more than 250,000 students to research STEM-oriented developments and to communicate their ideas and personal insights in a compelling essay. Each year, DuPont receives nearly 10,000 entries from the United States, Canada, and their territories.

As the Second Place winner, Makena will receive:

- A \$3,000 U.S. Savings Bond (at maturity)
- Expenses-paid trip to THE WALT DISNEY WORLD® RESORT (for Makena and one parent or guardian)
- A private luncheon and exclusive tour of the NASA-Kennedy Space Center

As the sponsoring teacher of a Second Place winner, Dana will receive:

- \$500 Teaching Grant
- Expenses-paid trip to Walt Disney World® Resort
- A private luncheon and exclusive tour of the NASA-Kennedy Space Center

- Subscription to Britannica Online School Edition for entire school
- Britannica's *Pioneers & Innovators* Books (5 titles)

Teacher Dana Wisnowski is coach of the school's Science Olympiad Team, which recently won – for the 31st year in a row – First Place in the Delaware competition and will travel to the nationals. Dana is the daughter of the now-retired teachers Tom and Jill Hounsell, who also coached Science Olympiad teams at H.B. duPont Middle School and won First Place in the state for 24 consecutive years.

Baltz PTO to Hold Flea Market

The Baltz Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization will hold a flea market rain or shine at the school on Saturday, April 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 8x8 spaces are available for only \$15! (Table rentals are an extra \$10) Bring your own table, tent, and whatever you need to make your booth. Spaces are limited and reservations are required and due no later than April 12. Call 302-992-5560 and ask for Miss Personti.

Annual McKean Plant Sale Coming Up

Thomas McKean High School is readying for the highly anticipated annual plant sale, to run from April 30 to May 7. For sale will be plants, flowers and vegetables grown in the McKean Greenhouse by students. Hours are 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on weekends and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays. The sale is located in the Greenhouse at the school, 301 McKennan's Church Road, Wilmington DE 19808. For more information, contact Stephanie Matson at 302-992-5520, ext. 313 or Stephanie.matson@redclay.k12.de.us.

Conrad Community Day

Conrad has always been a school with its roots in the community and a deep sense of tradition so it is with pleasure that the school's PTO and Sports Booster announce the 4th annual Community Day on Saturday, April 16, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., following the annual 5K race.

This year a portion of the proceeds will be donated to a memorial for the late CSS 6th Grade Teacher Oliva Hannig and breast cancer research.

The goal of the day is to showcase health and sports clinics, school clubs, and career pathways. It is open to the public and will be held on the CSS Football Field.

Interested vendors and sponsors can find additional information at www.conrad.digitalpto.com or email communitydaycss@gmail.com.

More than 30 Workshops at Dropout Convention

More than 30 workshops will be offered at the Red Clay Consolidated School District Dropout Prevention Conference: Partnering for Success on April 26, 2016 at Cab Calloway School of the Arts. The conference will be held from 7:30a.m. - 3:30p.m.

Educators, administrators, parents, and community members and professionals invested in student success are invited to attend. This conference provides an opportunity for school and community professionals to share information about strategies, techniques and programs that are effective in the prevention of school dropouts. It will focus on ways interventions can assist students.

Some of the topics include: "The Impact of Trauma on Learning," "Successfully Engaging Youth to Reach their Highest Potential," "Keeping English Language Learners in School," "Restorative Practices to Save our Boys of Color," "Supportive Interventions for Students Unwilling to Attend School," and "The Power of Family, School, and Community Partnerships." The presenters are from a diversity of backgrounds and represent not only RCCSD staff, but also, community partners looking forward to sharing strategies on how to support our most vulnerable students.

Registration will be open until the day of the conference and costs \$40 per person. A group rate for a minimum of four persons is \$130. To register call Rhonda Henry-Carter at (302) 552-3751 or register online at - <http://www.rcdop2016.com>. Lunch will be provided by the McKean culinary department, along with entertainment from Red Clay student musical groups.

The Partnering for Success Conference will highlight intervention and recovery strategies used across the Red Clay K12 system. Best practices for Red Clay's most vulnerable students will be discussed and educators will learn how to implement strategies used for students identified at risk. A variety of Red Clay partners including Communities In Schools, Accelerated Ed., Brandywine Counseling, Latin American Community Center (LACC), DAPI, and the City of Wilmington, will present workshops centered upon their efforts in supporting kids. For further details, contact Dropout Prevention Specialist April Anderson at 302-552-3714 or april.anderson@redclay.k12.de.us.

High School Band Festival April 21

2016 High School Band Festival

April 21, 2016

Cab Calloway Theater

7:00 pm

Free Admission



The 2016 High School Band Festival will be held on April 21, 2016 at the Cab Calloway School of the Arts Theater at 7:00 pm. Admission is free. Concert bands from each of our five high schools will be participating. The evening will also feature an exhibit of student artwork from AI DuPont, Cab Calloway, Dickinson, and McKean High Schools.

This program gives Red Clay the opportunity to showcase the abilities of our students and their directors. Musical and artistic experiences offer students a lifetime of personal enjoyment and meaningful expression. Parents, friends, and community members play a vital role in supporting the Performing Arts Curriculum for all students. Please join us to share in the joyful sound created by these talented students.

Board Meeting Locations

The Red Clay Board of Education will hold meetings at the following locations:

- April 20, 2016 at Cab Calloway School of the Arts
- May 11, 2016 at Warner Elementary School
- June 15, 2016 at Warner Elementary School

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Parent Advisory Council, April 18, 6 p.m., Richey Cafeteria
- Board of Education, April 20, 7 p.m., Cab Calloway
- Staff In-Service Day, No School, April 26
- Numbers Bee, April 30, Dickinson, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

