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## Christina School Board to Vote on Final Budget on January 23rd

### *Balanced Budget shows a \$17.5 million improvement*

The Christina School District Board of Education will vote on the final budget recommendation for Fiscal Year 2007 at a special board meeting planned on Tuesday, January 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sarah Pyle Academy auditorium. The Board previously approved a preliminary FY 07 budget in July 2006. Public school districts are required to have a final budget approved by their school boards by the end of January each year.

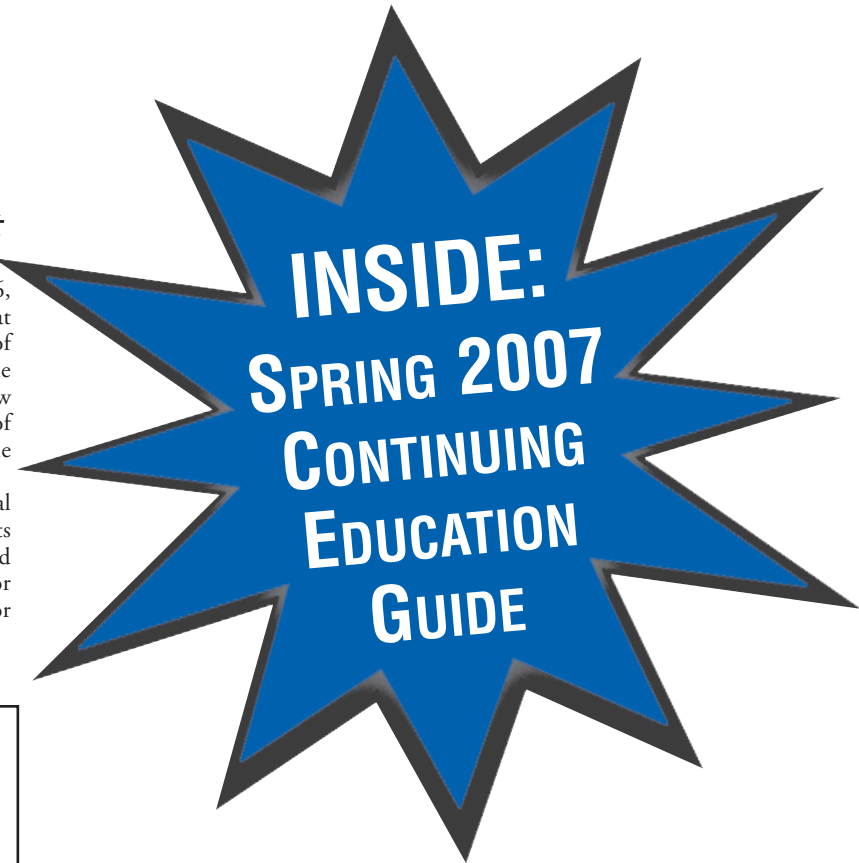
The final budget will show a \$17.5 million improvement over the FY 06 budget. It will also reflect a balanced budget that includes a \$1.2 million payment towards the state loan, \$500,000 in reserve funds, and \$1 million in contingency funds. The total budget is approximately \$221 million. The District has borrowed \$12 million from the \$20 million line of credit extended to Christina by the state Department of Education last May. The District has complied with the terms of this loan and has developed a repayment schedule that will pay back the loan by a minimum of 10% each year. Christina Budget and Finance Director Patrick O'Rourke stated that he does not believe the District will need to access additional loan funds.

The Christina Board of Education established a

District Financial Review Committee in September 2006, in accordance with Senate Bill 308. This bill requires that the Christina Board establish a committee composed of one or more members of the Board and residents of the Christina School District. The Financial Review Committee is working in collaboration with the Board of Education to closely monitor the financial status of the school district and provide ongoing oversight.

"We will be working extensively with the Financial Review Committee to review the final budget documents in preparation for the meeting on January 23," said O'Rourke. "I believe that presenting a balanced budget for the remainder of FY 07 represents a significant success for the District in regaining its financial footing."

**Special Board Meeting:  
Tuesday, January 23, 7:00 p.m.  
Sarah Pyle Academy auditorium  
501 N. Lombard Street, Wilmington**



## District Celebrates Success with State and National Recognitions

The Christina School District had many reasons to celebrate this fall. Student achievement was up, distinguished teaching was recognized, and the District earned national notice for success in serving students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

- The District received a federal rating of "Commendable." This is an improvement over 2005's rating of "Academic Review." This rating is determined by guidelines issued by the U.S. Department of Education and the Delaware Department of Education.

- Three of the six teachers in the state selected as finalists for the 2006 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching are from the Christina School District. Although Brandywine and Appoquinimink School Districts also had nominees, Christina boasted three out of a total of six teachers nominated statewide: Beverly Jordan of Wilson Elementary, Jo Anne Deshon of Downes Elementary, and Karen Fredricks of Marshall Elementary. This is a national teacher recognition program administered for the White House by the National Science Foundation.

- Two of the three schools in the state nominated as Blue Ribbon Schools are in the Christina School District. Wilson Elementary School and McVey Elementary School were the two schools nominated. This is a national competition overseen by the U.S. Department of Education.

- The only two schools in the state chosen for recognition by a national Title I organization are both in the Christina School District. Wilson Elementary School and McVey Elementary School have also been selected by the National Association of Title I Directors (NASTID) for the National Title I Schools Recognition Program. The schools will each receive a \$10,000 grant for achieving the goal of sustained student progress.

- Nine CSD schools have been selected as Positive Behavior Support "Star Schools." The District's nine Star Schools for 2005-2006 are Downes Elementary, Gallaher Elementary, Keene Elementary, Smith Elementary, Wilson Elementary, Stubbs Intermediate, Shue-Medill Middle, Delaware School for the Deaf, and Newark High School.



At left: Keene Elementary School has been recognized as a "Star School" for their Positive Behavior Support program for the past four years.

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# NEWS FROM SCHOOLS

Wilson Elementary School Literacy Teacher Mary Cleary was awarded a \$1300 MBNA Excellence Grant Award, teacher Stephanie Saggione was approved for her MBNA Grant proposal in the amount of \$4873, and Kindergarten teacher Alaine Grunow was awarded an MBNA Excellence Grant Award in the amount of \$8,585. Wilson Elementary School was also the recipient of two Superstars in Education Awards for 2006.

Wilson Elementary School second graders made five quilts as part of a school project, which were presented to the Ronald McDonald House in December.



Wilson Elementary School and McVey Elementary School have been identified as National Distinguished Title I Schools. The schools are being recognized for sustained student achievement and for significantly closing the achievement gap.

Students from a 6<sup>th</sup> grade TAM class at Stubbs Intermediate School worked with retired teacher and artist Margo Johnson to create beautiful Faberge-style eggs and other ornaments to decorate a large holiday tree at the Wilmington Train Station. Ten Stubbs students in Kherun Merchant and Dorothy Woytowich's class created the ornaments, with assistance from art teacher Nicole Sage.

Congratulations to Leasure Elementary School teachers who received grants for a total of \$8,852.00. The teachers included Samantha Cox and MaryAnn Gennusa, Cindy McGonegal, and Sally Rybachak.

Middle school students at Gauger-Cobbs Middle School have been collecting care package items to send to Delaware National Guard troops stationed in Iraq and abroad. They collected a variety of items for the soldiers, and each wrote letters to a specific soldier to encourage them for the service they are providing to our country. English Language Arts Teacher Aaron Rush coordinated this event.

On December 18, students at Brader Elementary School participated in a program called "Launching a Dream" facilitated with the help of the Delaware Aerospace Foundation. This innovative program is coordinated by Dr. Stephanie M. Gerjovich Wright, NASA Space Ambassador and Delaware State Aerospace Resource Educator.

Students and teachers at Douglass School participated in their second annual Door Decorating Contest in December. Themes included holiday images, three-dimensional art, lights, murals, and more. Winners included Room 1 and Room 9 in a first-place tie, Room 4 in second place and Room 11 in third place.

More than 340 students at Kirk Middle School earned honor roll status this marking period, and to celebrate, the school hosted an Honor Roll breakfast for the students and their families on December 19. Students and their parents filled the school cafeteria, and were served a buffet breakfast by members of the school's National Junior Honor Society and other student leaders.

Kirk Middle School hosted an Honor Roll Breakfast for the more than 340 students who made the honor roll this marking period.



After tallying more than 200 votes from across the state, there was overwhelming support for the proposal to name the "Manor" residence of the Delaware Autism Program after Jane Shumaker. Ms. Shumaker was a teacher in the DAP program who tragically lost her life last year in an auto accident.

In November, Bayard Intermediate School held its annual Family Reading Night, attended this year by 150 students and their family members. The activities consisted of storytellers, reading and writing skills games, and browsing the book fair. The book fair itself raised over \$500 that night, and all profits will be used to buy more books for the school library.

Jones Elementary School has adopted a U. S. Soldier this school year, Sergeant Billy Anderson, a paratrooper and the son of Gloria Anderson, a third grade teacher at Jones. Third and fourth grade students have completed and mailed several boxes to Billy while kindergarten, first and second grade are currently taking donations.

Downes Elementary School and Shue-Medill Middle School were chosen out of 10 schools in the state as Physical Education/Physical Activity Pilot Schools for the 2006-07 School Year. Downes' *TREK the ROAD to Fitness* will help ensure that all students receive a minimum of 150 minutes of exercise per week in school.

Marshall Elementary School's PTA recognized their participants in this year's Reflections Program on Tuesday, December 5th. The participants were: Kyle Verdi, Jocelyn Gilbert, Patrick Hoang, In'Dea Carter, Tyson Sanders, San Yog Jain, Crystal Ragin, Jaleel Ahmed Sunzar, Rachel Prettyman, Jeremy Vogel, Daysha Shamin, Tia Harris, Santoshi Kandula, Gabriella Soutar, Carlyn Steckline, Venkatasai Pamulapati, Ryan Steckline, Antonia Harris, Kiley Tucker, Shivani Devaguptapu, Roxanne Farnum, Steven Zhu, Steven Turner, and Tiara Vazquez.



The Marshall Elementary School PTA recognized their student participants in this year's Reflections Program.

On November 27, the Shue Strings hosted visiting artists from the Philadelphia Orchestra in their first of two visits to Shue-Medill Middle School. Now in its second year, the six-year program was designed to promote and nurture chamber music performance for middle school string players. The sessions are fully sponsored by the Delaware Chamber Music Festival Quartet and the Philadelphia Orchestra.

Brookside Elementary School students were engaged in a variety of community service projects during the months of November and December. All the students collected pennies to help the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society which fights childhood cancers. Kindergarten through fifth grade students collected a variety of items which were donated to local charities. Jaquelyne Saunders organized this character development service project for the students at Brookside.

Newark High School Art teacher Karen Yarnall and her students have been working with the Friends of the Newark Public Library to create four large canvases that are now hanging permanently in the Newark Public Library in the windows of the former cafe. Student artwork is also featured in two of the glass showcases in the library for the display of student artwork throughout the school year.

Second and third graders at Maclary Elementary School have been especially busy this school year. Second grade teachers collaborated to create a grade level Citizenship Unit that culminated in a mock election. Third graders at Maclary participated in a reading incentive program that allows students to get involved to help solve global issues such as hunger and poverty. Students raised \$759.55

which will be applied toward purchasing livestock for families in struggling countries.

On December 14, Principal Malvine Richard and the faculty and staff of the Sarah Pyle Academy for Academic Intensity held an Open House to spotlight their students and programs. Students shared stories of success and self-actualization, and parents and grandparents also addressed the audience with expressions of gratitude and sincere appreciation to the District for making such a difference in the lives of their loved ones.

Students in Ms. Sierra's second grade classroom at West Park Elementary School were busy learning about the meaning of Veterans Day this year. The students and parent volunteers also made a "handprint" American flag which was given to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Elsmere. Five veterans visited the class and were presented with the flag the children made for them.



Second graders at West Park Elementary School learned about Veteran's Day and made a homemade American flag for the VA Hospital in Elsmere.

Congratulations to Julie Kopay of Gallaher School who was named Patriotic Teacher of the Year by the Veterans of Foreign War Citizenship Education Department. She will receive a \$100 prize and has been invited to submit an application for consideration at the national level. Gallaher School is also a recipient of The Teacher's Corner Honor Roll Award for School and Classroom Websites. The technology coordinator at Gallaher is Laura Brace.

Pulaski School has been awarded an MBNA Grant in the amount of \$10,212. Congratulations to Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Berbeza for their successful application. In December, the school hosted a Pulaski Pride event that was fun for all. The teachers especially enjoyed sharing the gift of laughter with their students. January's event will be the Winter Beach Party.

Christiana High School's Volunteer Club was formed by a handful of students who united around a shared commitment to making a difference in the lives of senior citizens and survivors of natural disasters. Operating independently and with minimal adult supervision, the students conceived and carried out several volunteer projects last year, and will work on several more projects this year. CHS Volunteer Club advisor Judith Wiley looks forward to another successful year with this dedicated group of students.



Christiana High School's Volunteer Club won Governor Minner's 2006 Youth Volunteer Award. In one project, they helped frame a house for Habitat for Humanity.

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# CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR ADULTS, YOUTH, AND CHILDREN SPRING 2007

## TO REGISTER FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

### BY MAIL

Postmarked by Friday,  
January 26, 2007

Adult Programs Office  
Christina School District  
925 Bear Corbitt Road  
Bear, DE 19701 - 1324

(Registrations accepted two weeks prior  
for classes beginning after March 1)

### IN PERSON

Tuesday, January 30, 2007  
6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.  
ONE NIGHT ONLY  
Glasgow High School  
Center 1

(If cancelled due to weather,  
registration will only be held  
Wednesday, January 31)

### **MOST ADULT CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT GLASGOW HIGH SCHOOL**

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**Registration for classes starting in February  
ends at 8 P.M. Tuesday, January 30.**

**Registration for classes starting after February should be  
mailed up to two (2) weeks prior to the starting date.**

**NO CLASSES: February 19, April 5-12, and May 28**

**Christina Continuing Education Program  
REGISTRATION FORM**  
(May Be Duplicated If Needed)

**CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED FOR PAYMENT**  
All Payments by Check, Payable to:  
**CHRISTINA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**FEE MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION**  
\*\*Please send a separate check for each course.\*\*  
If a course is canceled, that course check can be returned.

**Mail full registration form with check(s) or credit card payment to:**

Christina School District, Adult Programs Office  
925 Bear Corbitt Rd., Bear, DE 19701-1324

\*FAX credit card registrations only to: (302) 454-2272

(\*Only clear, readable facsimiles and **VISA, MasterCard, or Discover credit cards** accepted)

For Information: Call 454-2101 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

**PRINT** all information. Use black or blue ink only.

Participant(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Course \_\_\_\_\_ Group \_\_\_\_\_ Cost \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

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Check One  I understand that I will NOT be notified of acceptance in the course. I will report to the first class unless I am contacted.  
 I ENCLOSED A STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE for you to mail my receipt to me to acknowledge my registration.

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4 - 9:15 P.M.

To Schedule an Orientation  
Call the Christina Adult  
Education Office at  
302-454-2101  
Monday - Friday  
8 A.M. - 4 P.M.  
There is a 24/7  
Message System.  
Leave Your Name,  
Number(s), and Best  
Times to Return Your Call.

Spring Classes Begin  
Wednesday & Thursday  
January 29 & 30.  
Orientation Must  
Be Completed  
Before Enrollment.

**EMERGENCY CLOSINGS**

Afternoon and Evening  
Classes are cancelled if the  
Christina District schools  
do not open for the day  
or close early **because  
of inclement weather.**

For Christina Continuing  
Education class emergency  
closings, listen to WDEL  
(1150), KYW (1060),  
or WILM (1450) on AM;  
WJBR (99.5) or WSTW  
(93.7) on FM after 4 P.M.  
and on the website at  
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**REGISTER EARLY  
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# Please Read Carefully

- **In-person registration** Tuesday, January 30, 2007 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Glasgow High School. Enter the middle set of double doors on the front of the building. Follow the signs to the registration location. If cancelled due to weather, registration will be **Wednesday, January 31**.
- **Location, time, and starting date** of classes are listed with each course offering. Classroom locations are posted on signs in the halls on the first night of class. **Save the catalog information.**
- **Most classes begin the week of February 5, 2007.** See the class description for the specific starting date. **A minimum of ten students is required for a class to convene.**
- **Books and materials** are required in some courses. The student pays the additional cost of these items to the instructor, unless otherwise specifically stated in the course description.
- **Park** in the school parking lot as you approach Glasgow High School from Route 896. Park only in marked spaces; do not obstruct the flow of traffic. Overflow parking may use the side or rear lots. Please lock your car before entering the building.
- **Smoking is not permitted in the school or on school grounds at any time.**
- **Public transportation** is generally NOT available for these classes. Call DART to ask if any bus schedules might meet your needs. Otherwise, you must provide your own transportation.
- **Senior Citizens** 65 years of age and older may attend **one** course for 20% off the regular rate with the exception of Driver Education, Basic and Advanced Defensive Driving, and Area Day Trips.
- **Acceptance in classes:** Enrollments are limited. Classes are filled as registrations are processed. No mailed registrations accepted if postmarked after **Friday, January 26, 2007.** **Confirmation of registration** is only made if you provide a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your mailed registration. If there is a problem, you will be called. Otherwise, report to the class as scheduled.
- **Refunds:** Course fees are automatically refunded if the course is canceled for lack of enrollment. **Fees will not be refunded after registering for the class,** except for extenuating circumstances. Requests for refunds must be in writing and accompanied by a copy of the front and back of the canceled check.
- **Class cancellations:** In the event of severe weather or emergency situations, **information** will be given on the following radio stations: WDEL-1150, KYW-1060, WILM-1450 on AM, and WJBR-99.5 and WSTW-93.7 on FM and on the website at [www.christina.k12.de.us](http://www.christina.k12.de.us).

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## LOOKING FOR NEW TALENT!

The Christina School District Adult Education program invites people with specialized skills and interest to share their talents with the community. If you are interested in joining the Adult Education staff, or would like to see a particular course offered, please contact our office. Send description and/or resume to:  
 Adult Education program, Christina School District  
 925 Bear Corbitt Road, Bear DE 19701-1324.

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## ADULT DANCE, MUSIC, AND RECREATION

### PIANO FOR ADULTS

Nicole Yetto

Participants will be introduced to basic piano skills in reading, rhythm, and finger techniques for intervals and chords. The purchase of lesson books and sheet music is required. **Alfred's Level 1A** lesson book can be obtained from the Accent Music store. Students must have their own portable keyboard (61 full-sized keys).

Cost: \$86/ 8 wks - \$68/6 wks

|   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| Leasure Music Room                                      | Limit: 5                  |
| Beginners – Group 1                                     | Thursday 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. |
| 8 Classes   | Feb 8 – Mar 29            |
| Advanced – Group 2                                      | Thursday 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. |
| 6 Classes   | April 19 –May 24          |
| Beginners – Group 3                                     | Thursday 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. |
| 8 Classes   | Feb 8 – Mar 29            |
| Advanced – Group 4                                      | Thursday 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. |
| 6 Classes   | Apr 19 –May 24            |
| (Advanced students must have completed Beginning Piano) |                           |

### GUITAR FOR ADULTS

Paul Sedacca

Students will be introduced to basic guitar skills including playing chords and reading music. Strumming and finger picking will be taught. Students will learn various songs and styles by end of course. Must bring a guitar and note-book to class. (Adv. students must have completed Beg. Guitar)

Cost: \$86/8 wks - \$68/6 wks

|                  |                           |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| McVey Elementary | Limit: 5                  |
| Beginners        | Thursday 5:00 –6:00 p.m.  |
| 8 Classes        | Feb 1 – Mar 22            |
| Advanced         | Thursday 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. |
| 6 Classes        | Apr 19 –May 24            |

### BANJO FOR ADULTS

Paul Sedacca

Students will learn the basics of playing the banjo. Three finger rolls and picking styles will be taught. Left hand chords and melody playing will also be covered. Students must bring their own banjo. Advanced students will review the basics of playing and progress at their own rate.

Cost: \$86/8 wks - \$68/6 wks

|                  |                           |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| McVey Elementary | Limit: 5                  |
| Beginners        | Thursday 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. |
| 8 Classes        | Feb 1 – Mar 22            |
| Advanced         | Thursday 6:00 – 7:00 pm   |
| 8 Classes        | Apr 19 –May 24            |

## ADULT DANCE, MUSIC, AND RECREATION

### ROUND DANCING - Beginner Level

John and Pattie Toll

Round dancing is a choreographed dancing activity. This is a continuation of the Fall Beginners class focusing on building dance steps already learned. Couples learn steps that are prompted or "cued" to the dancers in several rhythms such as Two Step, Waltz, and Tango. While Round Dancing is an enjoyable independent activity, most opportunities to Round Dance occur at square dance functions. Participation in the fall class OR some previous round dancing experience is required.

No Class Feb 19, Apr 9, May 28

Cost: \$90 /couple

Shue - Medill Middle

15 Classes

Monday 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Jan 29 – May 21

### ROUND DANCING - Intermediate Level

John and Pattie Toll

This is a continuation for couples who have completed the beginner levels. Additional steps, dances, and rhythms such as Jive, Cha-Cha, Fox Trot, and Mambo are taught. Participation in the fall class is required. Couples with appropriate previous experience may register at the first class with instructor's approval.

No Class Feb 19, Apr 9, May 28

Cost: \$90 /couple

Shue - Medill Middle

15 Classes

Monday 8:00-9:30 p.m.

Jan 29 – May 21

### SQUARE DANCING III – PLUS

Clay Goss

Continue the fun! This course is a continuation for those who completed Basic and Mainstream level classes in modern western square dancing or who have had previous experience dancing at the Plus level and want a "refresher" course. The caller will instruct you in the Plus movements of modern square dancing. Members of the **Two by Fours Square Dance Club** will assist you. Upon completion, you will be able to dance at the Plus level, which is the level danced by clubs in the area.

No Class Apr 10

Cost: \$90/couple

Shue - Medill Middle

15 Classes

Tuesday 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Jan 30 – May 15

### SQUARE DANCING II - MAINSTREAM

Clay Goss

This is the next course for those who took the Basic class in the fall, who have previous square dance experience or just want a "refresher" course. The caller will instruct you in the Mainstream movements of modern square dancing and members of the **Two by Fours Square Dance Club** will assist you. Upon completion, you will be able to dance at the Mainstream level.

No Class Apr 10

Cost: \$90/couple

Shue - Medill Middle

15 Classes

Tuesday 8:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Jan 30 – May 15

**The following dance classes held at Leasure Elementary, are limited to 20 students and cost \$50 per person: Register today!**

### SWING/JITTERBUG

Dancetime Productions

You've heard it called the Lindy, Boogie Woogie, or Swing. No matter what it's called, the Jitterbug is still a classic American dance. Jitterbug is done to the music of Big Band, Rock N' Roll, and Country. Learn the timing, basic movements, turns and more. Partners are not required.

No Class Feb 19

Monday 7:00 – 8:00 pm

5 Classes Feb 5 – Mar 12

### COUNTRY LINE DANCING

Dancetime Productions

Country Western line dancing is fun, easy to learn, and partners are not required. Instructions will include Tush Push, Flying 8's, Trashy Women, 10-Step, El Paso, and more. Come have fun while learning the country western standards that never go out of style!

No Class Feb 19

Monday 8:00 – 9:00 p.m.

5 Classes Feb 5 – Mar 12

### R & B LINE DANCING

Dancetime Productions

You've seen it on TV – now is a good time to jump in and learn! This freestyle form of dancing is done in a group setting. You'll learn some of the favorites like the Electric Slide, the new Cha Cha Slide and oldies like the Wanderer, Soul City Walk, and more. Soul Line Dancing is a good workout for the cardio vascular system as well. Come join the fun, bring a friend(s)! Participants should wear comfortable footwear.

No Class Apr 9

Monday 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

5 Classes Mar 26 – Apr 30

### DANCES FOR WEDDINGS

Dancetime Productions

Whether you are the bride and groom or are invited to a wedding, this course will help you be more comfortable on the dance floor. First learn the basics: Swing, Fox Trot, and Latin rhythms. You will then move on to basic slow dancing, traditional first dance of the bride and groom, the Electric Slide and other popular line dances (e.g. the new Cha Cha Slide). Come alone, bring a friend, or bring your whole wedding party!

No Class Apr 9

Monday 8:00 - 9:00 pm

5 Classes Mar 26 – Apr 30

### LATIN DANCING

Dancetime Productions

This course is an introduction to Latin dancing. Rhythms include Cha Cha, Salsa, Rumba, and Merengue. Partners are not required. Come join the fun!

No Class Apr 5 & 12

Beginners

5 Classes

Advanced

5 Classes

Thursday 8:00 – 9:00 pm

Feb 8 – Mar 8

Thursday 8:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Mar 22 – May 3

### BALLROOM DANCING

Dancetime Productions

Shall we dance? Of course! Our techniques make learning to dance fun and easy for everyone. Unlike movies or TV, there is no emphasis on competition. The course will help you feel confident to get up on the dance floor at any social gathering. The beginner class will teach the basic steps: Fox Trot, Waltz, Tango and Jitterbug. The advanced class will expand on those steps and introduce Latin steps. Partners not required.

No Class Apr 5 & 12

Beginner

5 Classes

Advanced

5 Classes

Thursday 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Feb 8 – Mar 8

Thursday 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Mar 22 – May 3

## ADULT EXERCISE AND FITNESS

### FITNESS AEROBICS

Nick Palka

Here's a good way to firm up your body and strengthen the cardiovascular system. The instructor will guide you through the steps at a comfortable pace. Use of free weights for the upper or lower body is optional.

No Class Feb. 19

Cost: \$74/8 wks \$55/6 wks

Leasure Elem.

Group 1-Beg.

8 Classes

Group 2-Adv.

6 Classes

Group 3-Beg.

8 Classes

Group 4-Adv.

6 Classes

Limit: 15

Monday 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Feb 5 – Apr 2

Monday 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Apr 16 – May 21

Tuesday 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Feb 6 – Mar 27

Tuesday 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Apr 17 – May 22

### YOGA

Donna Harkins

Gain flexibility and strength while using breathing techniques for relaxation with a qualified instructor. It's a wonderful experience for the mind and body. Beginners will be introduced to basic yoga techniques. The advanced class continues to build on those techniques. Participants must wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat to class.

No Class Apr 5, 10, 12

Cost: \$74/8 weeks, \$55/6 weeks

Kirk Middle

Group 1- Beg.

6 Classes

Group 2 – Adv.

6 Classes

Group 3 – Beg.

6 Classes

Group 4- Adv.

6 Classes

Limit: 15

Tuesday 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Feb 6 – Mar 13

Tuesday 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Mar 27 – May 8

Thursday 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Feb 8 – Mar 15

Thursday 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Mar 29 – May 17

**COED VOLLEYBALL**

**John Connor**

This volleyball class is for men and women in an open gym for recreational fun. Teams will be formed according to the number of participants. Join the fun!

Cost: \$60/8 wks \$45/6 wks

|               |                            |
|---------------|----------------------------|
| Leasure Elem. | Limit: 12                  |
| Group 1       | Tuesday 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.   |
| 8 Classes     | Feb 6 – Mar 27             |
| Group 2       | Tuesday 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.   |
| 6 Classes     | Apr 17 – May 22            |
| Group 3       | Wednesday 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. |
| 8 Classes     | Feb 7 – Mar 28             |
| Group 4       | Wednesday 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. |
| 6 Classes     | Apr 18 – May 23            |

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

**Staff**

Men are welcome to come to an open gym for recreational basketball. Teams are formed according to the number of participants.

**No Class Apr 5 - 12**

Cost: \$60/8wks \$45/6wks Limit: 15

**Gauger Middle School**

|                        |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Group 1 (Ted Mitchell) | Tuesday 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  |
| 8 Classes              | Feb 6 – Mar 27            |
| Group 2 (Ted Mitchell) | Tuesday 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  |
| 6 Classes              | Apr 17 – May 22           |
| Group 3 (Ted Mitchell) | Thursday 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. |
| 6 Classes              | Feb 15 – Mar 22           |
| Group 4 (Ted Mitchell) | Thursday 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. |
| 6 Classes              | Apr 19 –May 24            |

**Kirk Middle School**

|                 |                           |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Group 5 (Staff) | Tuesday 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  |
| 8 Classes       | Feb 13 – Apr 3            |
| Group 6 (Staff) | Tuesday 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  |
| 6 Classes       | Apr 17 – May 22           |
| Group 7 (Staff) | Thursday 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. |
| 6 Classes       | Feb 15 – Mar 22           |
| Group 8 (Staff) | Thursday 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. |
| 6 Classes       | Apr 19 –May 24            |

**POPS HOEDOWN**

The sweeping Grand Canyon Suite evokes the beauty of the Western terrain, and the foot-stomping music of the Wild West comes to life as Peter Nero and the Philly POPS do-si-dos along with the dynamic, young string trio Time for Three. Come on along for a musical journey out West!

Program C Newark High School  
Sunday, 1:15 – 6:45 p.m. April 1

**SOPHISTICATED LADIES**

Join us in a salute to some of the greatest jazz vocalists of all time – Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughn, and Billie Holiday – and their famous orchestras led by Duke Ellington, Count Basie, and Benny Goodman. Peter and The POPS and special guests toast the great ladies who brought us sultry ballads and hot jazz in unforgettable performances.

Program D Newark High School  
Sunday, 1:15 – 6:45 p.m. April 22

**IRVING BERLIN AND FRIENDS**

Sometimes called the Dean of American Songwriters, Irving Berlin wrote more than 1,500 songs and his influence on the development and performance of American popular music is immeasurable. The season closes with Peter Nero and the POPS proudly paying tribute to this musical icon.

Program E Newark High School  
Sunday, 1:15 – 6:45 p.m. May 13

**\*Sorry you missed attending this series? If you would like to be a new subscriber and receive an “early bird” listing for the 2007-08 series, call our office (454-2101) with your name and address. Information will be mailed in August (this does not pertain to current subscribers).**

**CHILDREN'S CLASSES**

**TUMBLING FOR TOTS**

**Cristina Valcarcel**

Tumbling skills will be introduced. Fun activities for children will include obstacle courses with lots of climbing up, over, and through various objects; musical games enhancing basic motor skills, body, and special awareness and fitness. **Ages 3-4**

Cost: \$55/8 wks \$48/6 wks

|                |                            |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| Marshall Elem. | Limit: 12                  |
| Group 1        | Wednesday 6:15–7:15 p.m.   |
| 8 Classes      | Feb 7 – Mar 28             |
| Group 2        | Wednesday 6:15 – 7:15 p.m. |
| 6 Classes      | Apr 18 – May 23            |

**LITTLE TUMBLERS**

**Cristina Valcarcel**

Learn the fundamentals of tumbling; improve balance, strength, and flexibility. Wear loose fitting clothes. **Ages 5 - 6**

Cost: \$55/8 wks \$48/6 wks

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|----------------|----------------------------|
| Marshall Elem. | Limit: 12                  |
| Group 1        | Wednesday 7:15 – 8:15 p.m. |
| 8 Classes      | Feb 7 – Mar 28             |
| Group 2        | Wednesday 7:15 – 8:15 p.m. |
| 6 Classes      | Apr 18 – May 23            |

**CHEERLEADING**

**Lisa Stasio**

Instruction for cheerleading will include popular cheers, jumps, and formation techniques. **Ages 6 - 10**

**No Class Apr 5 & 12**

Cost: \$ 48

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|----------------|---------------------------|
| Marshall Elem. | Limit: 12                 |
| Group 1        | Thursday 6:00-7:00 p.m.   |
| 6 Classes      | Feb 1 – Mar 8             |
| Group 2        | Thursday 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. |
| 6 Classes      | Mar 22 – May 10           |

**TENNIS**

**Mark Staniec**

This course covers the basic strokes used in tennis. Students will play many fun activities to perfect their strokes and game. Bring one can of tennis balls to class. Must wear sneakers. **Ages 6 - 12**

**No Class Apr 5 & 12**

**AREA DAY TRIPS**

**PETER NERO AND THE PHILLY POPS -**

**At the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts**

**Staff**

Welcome to the 2006-07 season of Peter Nero and the Philly Pops! Join us for another season of Sunday afternoons in Philadelphia for the wonderful “Philly POPS” series. Enjoy the fantastic programs seated in the comfort of Verizon Hall. Program prices include reserved seat ticket, motor coach transportation, tips, and a knowledgeable escort. Seating priority will be given to previous participants. Save money by signing up for all four trips.

Cost (per person, based on the number of different programs included on the same order): 1 Program \$65 2 Programs \$125  
3 Programs \$175 4 Programs \$230

**Note: The trips are sold out but we are taking “waiting list” registrations with payment. \***

**THAT'S AMORE !**

Philadelphia's own Mario Lanza's music will fill the hall this afternoon! From the passion of a Puccini aria to the thrill of a fantastic Frank Sinatra tribute, you'll hear the songs that captivate hearts and touch the soul.

Program B Newark High School  
Sunday, 1:15 – 6:45 p.m. Feb. 18

## CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Cost: \$55/8 wks \$48/6 wks

|                   |                           |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Marshall Elem.    | Limit: 12                 |
| Group 1 Beginners | Thursday 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. |
| 8 Classes         | Feb 1 – Mar 22            |
| Group 2 Advanced  | Thursday 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. |
| 6 Classes         | Apr 19 – May 24           |

(Advanced student must have had a Beg. Tennis course or has played basic tennis.)

### T-BALL

Mark Staniec

This class will teach the basic skills for playing T-ball: base running, batting, throwing and fielding the ball. Students need to wear sneakers. **Ages 4 – 5**

Cost: \$55/8 wks \$48/6 wks

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|----------------|--------------------------|
| J. Smith Elem. | Limit: 12                |
| Group 1 - Beg. | Wednesday 6:00 – 7:00 pm |
| 8 Classes      | Feb 7 – Mar 28           |
| Group 2 - Adv. | Wednesday 6:00 – 7:00 pm |
| 6 Classes      | Apr 18 – May 23          |

### BEGINNING SOCCER

Nick Palka

This class will teach the basic skills for playing soccer - kicking, passing, dribbling, and stopping. Some rules will be covered. Wear sneakers. **Ages 4 - 5**

**No Class Apr 5 & 12**

Cost: \$48

|               |                           |
|---------------|---------------------------|
| Leasure Elem. | Limit: 12                 |
| Group 1       | Thursday 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. |
| 6 Classes     | Feb 1 – Mar 8             |
| Group 2       | Thursday 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. |
| 6 Classes     | Mar 15 – May 3            |

### BEGINNING BASKETBALL

Mark Staniec

This class will cover the following basic basketball skills: dribbling, passing, and shooting. Wear sneakers. **Ages 5 - 8**

Cost: \$55/8 wks \$48/6 wks

|                |                            |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| J. Smith Elem. | Limit: 12                  |
| Group 1        | Wednesday 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. |
| 8 Classes      | Feb 7 – Mar 28             |
| Group 2        | Wednesday 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. |
| 6 Classes      | Apr 18 – May 23            |

### BEGINNING PIANO

Kelly Harding

Students will be introduced to basic piano skills in reading, rhythm, and finger technique for intervals and chords. At the conclusion of the course, students will prepare and perform 1 or 2 selections for a final recital. The purchase of lesson books and sheet music is required. Alfred's Level 1A lesson book can be obtained from Accent Music. Students must have their own portable keyboard (61 full-sized keys). **Ages 9 and up**

Cost: \$86/8 wks \$68/6 wks

|                          |                            |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Leasure Elem. Music Room | Limit: 5                   |
| Group 1                  | Wednesday 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. |
| 8 Classes                | Feb 7 – Mar 28             |
| Group 2                  | Wednesday 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. |
| 6 Classes                | Apr 18 – May 23            |

### PIANO II

Kelly Harding

Students will review basic piano skills in reading, rhythm, and finger technique for intervals and chords. At the conclusion of the course, students will prepare and perform 1 or 2 selections for a final recital. The purchase of lesson books and sheet music is required. Instructor will consult with students for specific lesson book title required. Lesson book can be obtained from Accent Music. Students must have their own portable keyboard (61 full-sized keys). **Ages 9 and up**

Cost: \$86/8 wks \$68/6 wks

|                          |                            |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Leasure Elem. Music Room | Limit: 5                   |
| Group 1                  | Wednesday 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. |
| 8 Classes                | Feb 7 – Mar 28             |
| Group 2                  | Wednesday 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. |
| 6 Classes                | Apr 18 – May 23            |

## COMPUTER CLASSES FOR ADULTS

**(Computer classes are held at Glasgow High School. Seating is limited so register early!)**

### EXPLORING WINDOWS

April Williams

Explore the Windows XP operating environment! Examine the Windows XP desktop. Learn to organize files and folders, customize your desktop and acquaint yourself with the most frequently used applications. **KEYBOARDING skills are required for this class.**

**No Class Feb 19 & Apr 9**

Cost: \$100 (plus text)

Monday 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

10 Classes Feb 5 – Apr 23

### INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT OFFICE

April Williams

Learn the basics of Word, Excel, Access, and PowerPoint in the introductory class in the Microsoft 2003 environment. No one part will be examined in depth, but a working knowledge of each will be acquired. **KEYBOARDING skills are required for this class.**

**No Class Feb 19 & Apr 9**

Cost: \$100 (plus text)

Monday 7:45 - 9:15 p.m.

10 Classes Feb 5 – Apr 23

### EXCEL BASICS

April Williams

Improve your workplace skills!! Learn to work with multiple workbooks, explore features such as IF functions and consolidating data, set up a worksheet with links to data from another worksheet, and finally, design charts.

**INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT OFFICE required for this class.**

Cost: \$80 (plus text)

Thursday 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

6 Classes Feb 8 – Mar 15

### POWERPOINT

April Williams

Learn to prepare a slide show presentation! This class will teach you how to import graphics from other sources, create graphs and add special effects to your show. You'll learn how to personalize your presentation and captivate your audience!

**INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT OFFICE is required for this class.**

Cost: \$80 (plus text)

Thursday 7:45 - 9:15 p.m.

6 Classes Feb 8 – Mar 15

### COMPUTER CONCEPTS

Ginny Redmond

Explore the basic components of a computer - hard drive, monitor, keyboard, mouse, software, windows, printers, etc. Learn how to enter and exit programs, use a mouse, and create simple text documents. Gain "hands on" experience as you learn to use a personal computer.

Cost: \$85

Wednesday 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

8 Classes Feb 7 – Mar 28

### ADVANCED COMPUTER CONCEPTS

Ginny Redmond

This is the next step in learning to operate a computer. Learn how to burn files to a CD, personalize your computer's desktop and screensaver, use a scanner and more. Understand file compression and zip and unzip a file! You will also learn about computer file security, file passwords and locking a computer, folder, and file. Register now to continue to improve your computer knowledge!

**No Class Apr 11**

Cost: \$85

Wednesday 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

8 Classes Apr 4 – May 30

### SURFING THE INTERNET for Beginning Adults

Ginny Redmond

Understand the various ways to connect to the Internet, including becoming familiar with the necessary hardware. Create a dial-up connection, an email account to send/receive messages, send a message with an attachment, and an email address book. Explore instant chat programs, search engines, favorites and bookmarks.

Cost: \$85

Wednesday 7:45 - 9:15 p.m.

8 Classes Feb 7 – Mar 28

**SURFING THE INTERNET – PART 2****Ginny Redmond**

If you have familiarity with the Internet but would like to learn more, this is the course for you! Our knowledgeable instructor will teach you to download text, graphics and programs, and understand copyright issues. Learn about Internet resources: freeware/shareware programs. Find out how to locate, subscribe and unsubscribe to mailing lists. Clear website history, cookies, cache and temporary internet files. Protect your personal information on the Internet!

**No Class Apr 11**

Cost: \$85

Wednesday 7:45 – 9:15 p.m.

8 Classes Apr 4 – May 30

**INTRODUCTION TO MS PUBLISHER****Ginny Redmond**

If you are interested in learning how to create brochures and flyers, this is the course for you! Our knowledgeable instructor will help you to develop text and graphic objects, add color and style, and produce a professional-looking finished document.

Cost: \$60

Tuesday 6:00 – 8:00 pm

2 Classes Feb 20 &amp; 27

**LANGUAGE CLASSES FOR ADULTS****BEGINNING ESL (English as a Second Language)****Staff**

This class is for students who are not proficient in English. Students will learn to read, write, and speak every day English. Pre-registration is required by calling the **Bear Library - 838-3300**.

Cost: free

Limit: 20

Bear Library

Mon/Wed 10 am – 12 pm

20 Classes Apr. 16 – June 27

**CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH for Beginners****Elizabeth Stafford**

Beginning Spanish is for those with little or no experience with the language. Interaction between teacher and students will help you become more familiar with Spanish. Some class topics will include: “In the Home”, “In the Community”, “Family and Friends”, “Food”, and the final class ends with a fiesta! Bring a notebook to class. Space is limited – sign up today!

Cost: \$75 (plus text)

Limit: 18

Tuesday 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Glasgow High School

8 Classes Feb 6 – Mar 27

**CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH – PART 2****Elizabeth Stafford**

This class is for those who have completed the fall Beginners class or have some conversational Spanish background. Emphasis will be on grammatical structures. Increased participation in speaking Spanish in the classroom will be encouraged.

**No Class Feb 19**

Cost: \$75

Limit: 18

Monday 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Glasgow High School

8 Classes Feb 5 – Apr 2

**AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE****Diane McBride**

There is always a need for interpreters and this beginner class will get you started. During the 8- week session, you will learn the alphabet and basic communication signs.

**No Class Apr 5 & 12**

Cost: \$75

Limit: 15

Thursday 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Glasgow High School

8 Classes Feb 22 - Apr 26

**OCCUPATIONAL and RECREATIONAL SAFETY****DRIVER EDUCATION****Wendy Johnson /Chris Distefano**

This course satisfies Delaware Driver Education requirements by providing thirty (30) hours of classroom instruction on Delaware traffic laws, related safety topics, and driving instruction in an automatic transmission car. Seven hours of road work are scheduled with the driving instructor. This class provides participants with an opportunity to drive in a professional program. **After completing this course, adults (age 18 and older) are required to successfully complete Delaware Motor Vehicle testing in order to obtain a Delaware driver's license.** Students between ages 15 years, 6 months and less than 18 years old must have written consent of parent/guardian and **MUST** show evidence of five high school credits earned in the previous marking period or in the marking period following the end of the driver education course. (This state law was effective 7/1/00.)

Course meets two nights a week. **Participants may not miss more than 2 classes.****No class Feb 19**

Cost: \$440

Glasgow High School

Limit: 18

Group 1

Mon &amp; Wed 6:00-8:00 p.m.

15 Classes

Feb 5 – Mar 28

Group 2

Tues &amp; Thurs 6:00-8:00 p.m.

15 Classes

Feb 6 – Mar 27

**DEFENSIVE DRIVING****Delaware Safety Council**

Learn to avoid possible accident situations by learning a safer way to drive. Topics include hazard recognition, understanding the defense and quick reaction to driving situations. Successful completion of this class qualifies the driver for a 10% reduction on the LIABILITY portion of the car insurance for three years and a three-point credit on the Delaware driving record.

Cost: \$35

Limit: 25

Group 1

Glasgow High School

Monday &amp; Wednesday 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Must attend both Feb 12 &amp; 14

Group 2

Glasgow High School

Tuesday &amp; Thursday 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Must attend both Mar 13 &amp; 15

**ADVANCED DEFENSIVE DRIVING****Delaware Safety Council**

This refresher course is for those who took basic Defensive Driving in **Spring 2004**. The three hour course results in a 15% reduction on the LIABILITY portion of the car insurance and three points credit on the Delaware driving record for three more years. Class interaction and exercises cover safe driving practices. This course may be taken within 90 days of the expiration of the basic course three-year period.

Cost: \$30

Limit: 25

Group 1

Glasgow High School

Tuesday 6:30-9:30 p.m.

1 Class Feb 20

Group 2

Glasgow High School

Tuesday 6:30-9:30 p.m.

1 Class Mar 20

**TUTOR AN ADULT****VOLUNTEER TUTOR TRAINING****Literacy Volunteers Serving Adults**

**Urgently needed** – One-to-One Volunteer Tutors! One in five adults in Delaware does not read at all or reads at all or reads at a level inadequate to meet his/her needs. Literacy Volunteers serving Adults/Northern Delaware, Inc. trains adult volunteers to tutor in basic reading and conversational English skills. One-to-one tutors are urgently needed to meet an expanding waiting list. Once trained, tutors may also volunteer to tutor either a basic reading or foreign-born adult. **The winter 2007 tutor training begins Monday, January 22 at the Bear Library (Route 40 & Route 7).** Sessions continue Tuesday, January 23, Thursday, January 25, Tuesday, January 30 and Thursday, February 1, from 12:30 pm – 4:00 pm. The next tutor training session will begin April 18 and continues until May 16. Please call 658-5624 for information and to register for either session.

**Do not call the Christina School District.****TUTOR TRAINING WORKSHOP****New Start Literacy Program**

You can help an adult improve basic reading skills. **Volunteers are needed** in the Bear/Glasgow area. No experience is necessary. Share your love of reading with an adult. For information about the next workshop call **NEW START** at 378-3444.

**Do not call the Christina School District.**

## YOUTH CLASSES

### SAT MATH REVIEW

A comprehensive review of mathematical and reasoning skills needed for the SAT. Students will learn specific problem-solving strategies for typical SAT questions, test-taking skills, mathematical vocabulary, geometry, and algebra. Pre-and post-assessment will pinpoint student strengths and needs. Participants will be advised regarding course textbook before the first class.

Cost: \$65 (plus text)

Glasgow High School  
5 Classes TBA

Limit: 15

SAT TEST DATES: Jan. 27, Mar 10, May 5, & June 2, 2007

### SAT VERBAL REVIEW

High school students will get intensive preparation for the verbal section of the Scholastic Achievement Test. Instruction will focus on vocabulary development, analogy analysis, and reading comprehension. Simulated testing is included. Participants will be advised regarding course textbook before the first class.

Cost \$65 (plus text)

Glasgow High School  
Tuesday 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Limit: 15  
5 Classes Feb 6 – Mar 6

Julie Hockersmith

### DRIVER EDUCATION

This course satisfies Delaware Driver Education requirements by providing thirty (30) hours of classroom instruction on Delaware traffic laws, related safety topics, and driving instruction in an automatic transmission car. Seven hours of road work are scheduled with the driving instructor. This class provides participants with an opportunity to drive in a professional program. Adults 18 years of age or older are required to successfully complete Delaware Motor Vehicle testing after completion of this course in order to obtain a Delaware driver's license.

Students between ages 15 years, 6 months and less than 18 years old must have written consent of parent/guardian and **MUST** show evidence of five high school credits earned in the previous marking period or in the marking period following the end of the driver education course. (This state law was effective 7/1/00.) Course meets two nights a week.

Participants may not miss more than 2 classes.

No Class Feb 19

Cost: \$440

Glasgow High School  
Group 1  
15 Classes  
Group 2  
15 Classes

Limit: 18  
Mon & Wed 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
Feb 5 – Mar 28  
Tues & Thurs 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
Feb 6 – Mar 27

Wendy Johnson /Chris Distefano

### DEFENSIVE DRIVING

Learn to avoid possible accident situations by learning a safer way to drive. Topics include hazard recognition, understanding the defense and quick reaction to driving situations. Successful completion of this class qualifies the driver for a 10% reduction on the LIABILITY portion of the car insurance for three years and a three-point credit on the Delaware driving record.

Cost: \$35

Glasgow High School  
Group 1  
6:30-9:30 p.m.  
Group 2  
6:30-9:30 p.m.

Limit: 25  
Monday & Wednesday  
Must attend both Feb 12 & 14  
Tuesday & Thursday  
Must attend both Mar 13 & 15

Delaware Safety Council

## WISH YOU HAD A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA?

You can earn one now at the James H. Groves Adult High School! James H. Groves is an evening secondary school for adults and/or out-of-school youth who are at least 17 years old and who have not finished high school.

The school is approved by the Delaware State Board of Education and accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

For more information, call 454-2101 during the day, or 454-2438 in the evenings.

## DELAWARE ADULT EDUCATION DISTANCE LEARNING OPTIONS

These programs are for adult learners 16 and older who are no longer in school. Instruction is given via computer on the Internet and the telephone. Distance learning is not for everyone. Find out if it fits your work habits and learning style. We hold a few orientations in New Castle County. Call NOW for program information and to be scheduled for an orientation.

### Groves Diploma-At-A-Distance

Phone toll free 1-888-321-GRAD • [www.jhgroves.org](http://www.jhgroves.org)  
Offers high school credit courses to help adults earn the Groves Adult High School diploma.

### ABE-At-A-Distance

Phone toll free 1-888-297-DABE • [www.abeatadistance.org](http://www.abeatadistance.org)  
Offers intermediate level basic skills improvement and a program for preparing for the GED.

## GED PREPARATION OR IMPROVE BASIC SKILLS

For more information,  
call New Castle County Learning Center at 368-0318  
3101 Drummond Plaza, Newark  
(Kirkwood Highway & Polly Drummond Hill Rd.)  
Bus Route #6  
Monday – Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
Tuesday and Thursday: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

## BASIC SKILLS CLASSES FOR ADULTS

### *READING, WRITING, MATH*

**FREE Individualized Instruction for adults and out-of-school youth 17 and older.**

**For Information Call 454-2101**

### CLASS LOCATIONS

**Bancroft Intermediate School**  
T, W, Th 9 am – 2:30 pm

**Neighborhood House**  
Tues & Thurs 9 am-12 Noon

**Bethel Villa**  
W, Th 9 am – 1 pm

**YMCA Central Branch**  
Tues & Thurs 9 am - 12 Noon  
Thurs 7 - 9 pm

**Kingswood Community Center**  
Mon & Wed 9 am - Noon  
Mon & Wed 5:30 - 8 pm

**YWCA Home Life Center**  
T, W, Th 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

**Glasgow High School**  
Mon & Thurs 5:45 - 9:15 pm

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### **Teaching Adult Learners**

Basic Skills (ABE & GED) and High School Credit Classes.  
Flexible Hours/Day and Evening

Send Resume describing teaching experience to:  
Adult Education Office, 925 Bear Corbitt Road, Bear, DE 19701

# DISTRICT NEWS

## New Board Members

Dr. Karl B. Brockenbrough was appointed to the school board in December 2006, serving District G. Karl holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Norfolk State University, a master's degree in management from Pennsylvania State University, and a doctorate in education from Wilmington College. He is also a certified public accountant, and has completed the Management Development Program at Harvard University and participated in the Oxford Round Table in Oxford, England. He presently serves as the controller for Wilmington College. Karl previously served on the board of the Forum to Advance Minorities in Engineering (FAME) and was the 2003 recipient of the Newark, Delaware Branch of the NAACP's Education Award. Karl and his wife, Deborah, have two daughters, who were educated in the Christina School District.



Ms. Gina Backus was elected to the board in May of 2006, serving District F. Gina was educated at the University of Wisconsin and has a corporate background in Medical Management and healthcare receivables. She currently works as a Human Resources Corporate Trainer. She is involved with multiple organizations such as the State Parents Advisory Council (SPAC), Innovative Educational Resources (IER), Title I Parents Advisory Council (PAC), ACORN, and Pencader Hundred Community Center (PHCC). She lives in Newark with her teenage daughter who attends high school in the Christina School District.



Mr. David Resler was elected to the school board in May 2006, serving District B. Dave received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and Finance in 1980 from Ohio State University, and is currently a Sales Consultant for Itron, Inc. He resides in Pike Creek with his wife and five children whose ages range from 21-15. Three children graduated from Newark High School and are attending college, and two currently attend NHS. Dave's involvement with the CSD has been through numerous school committees and organizations at all grade levels, booster organizations, CSD task force and ad hoc committees. He is the VP of the NHS Athletic Council and a member of the NHSAC Sportsmanship Committee which has been awarded the DIAA Sportsmanship Award for NHS three consecutive years.



## Patrick O'Rourke Named Chief Financial Officer

Patrick T. O'Rourke began in the position of Chief Financial Officer for Christina on October 30. He has a total of sixteen years of diversified experience in financial analysis, budgeting, project management, and process engineering. O'Rourke holds an MBA degree from The College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA, and a bachelor's degree in Marine Engineering from the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York. O'Rourke previously for Public Service Enterprise Group (PSEG) of Salem, NJ since 2001, serving as Senior Financial Analyst from 2001-2005 and as Controller

from 2005-2006. During his time with PSEG he was responsible for an \$80 million budget, coordinated all financial reporting functions, and identified \$10 million in cost savings as part of a merger integration effort with an acquiring company. Prior to his work at PSEG, O'Rourke served from 1999-2001 as a Financial Analyst for GenTek, a spin-off company of General Chemical Group based in Claymont, Delaware. From 1990-1999, he worked in the Business and Strategic Planning Department as a Financial Administrator and Nuclear Engineer at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, Virginia.

## HELP PLAN THE FUTURE OF OUR DISTRICT!

Parents, students, and community members are invited to join staff in the Christina School District in developing a three-year Strategic Plan. Two concurrent Community Forums are planned for February. Refreshments will be served.

Saturday, February 10: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
Strategic Planning Community Forum  
Newark High School

Saturday, February 10: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
Strategic Planning Community Forum  
Bancroft Intermediate School

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*Parents, It's time for ...*



**Kindergarten  
Registration  
for the 2007-2008  
School Year**

**March 5, 6, 7 and 8  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
At Each Elementary School  
(Evening registration will be held on  
Wednesday, March 7 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM)**

*If you would like to know your child's school assignment, contact the Public Information Office at 552-2670 or visit our Website: [www.christina.k12.de.us](http://www.christina.k12.de.us)*

*If you plan to submit a Choice application, you must register your child for Kindergarten at his or her assigned school FIRST, and then submit the Choice application to the Education Options Office. For more information, please call 552-2618.*

**TO BE ELIGIBLE for Kindergarten, students must be 5 years old on or before August 31, 2007.**

## Financial Review Committee Named

In September, 2006 the Christina Board of Education established a District Financial Review Committee, in accordance with Senate Bill 308. This bill requires that the Christina Board establish a committee composed of one or more members of the Board and residents of the Christina School District. The Financial Review Committee meets monthly and works in collaboration with the Board of Education to closely monitor the financial status of the school district and provide ongoing oversight.

### Financial Review Committee Members:

**JOSEPH BRADY (2006-2009 – Committee Monthly Reports Planning)** is a resident of Newark. He is an Instructor in the Business and Economics, Accounting and Management Information Systems department at the University of Delaware.

**KATRINE HUTCHISON (2006-2008)** is a resident of Newark and a District parent. She has been employed since 1985 with Wilmington Trust Company, where she has held positions as a Teller, Customer Service Representative, and Personal Financial Advisor, and she currently serves as Branch Manager of the Fox Run Plaza branch bank.

**KEVIN F. KELLY, SR. (2006-2009 – Committee Monthly Reports Planning)** is a resident of Wilmington and a representative to the 6<sup>th</sup> District of Wilmington City Council. He is employed by the State of Delaware as a Budget Analyst.

**JUNE KIRK (2006-2008 – Committee Secretary)** is a resident of Newark, a parent of a NHS graduate, and an employee of Christina School District. She presently serves as a secretary in the Facilities Management department and has 18 years of financial secretary experience.

**FRANK McINTOSH (2006-2009 – Committee Chair and Media Liaison)** is a District resident and a parent of Christina School District alumni. He serves as the President of Junior Achievement of Delaware.

**ERIC RATCHFORD (2006-2008)** is a District resident (Bear area) and parent. He has been employed by the State of Delaware for 16 years and currently serves as the Acting Director of the Audit & Recovery Management Services unit for the Delaware Department of Health & Social Services.

**ROBERT SILBER (2006-2009 – Committee Vice Chair and Media Liaison)** is a resident of Newark, a parent in the Christina School District, and serves as Senior Business Advisor with the Bastianelli Group. He is also past chairman of the board for the New Castle County Chamber of Commerce and served on the advisory board for the State Chamber of Commerce Small Business Alliance.

**JOHN A. WORTON (2006-2009)** is a resident of Newark and a retired engineer. He has over 40 years of experience in the private sector in business related activities, including management, cost analysis, and the preparation of budgets and contracts.

Board of Education Liaisons:  
**GEORGE EVANS** - District C  
**BEVERLY HOWELL** - District A  
**JOHN MACKENZIE** - District D  
**DAVID RESLER** - District B

For more information about the Financial Review Committee, please visit the District website: [www.christina.k12.de.us](http://www.christina.k12.de.us)

# NEWS FROM SCHOOLS

## Forty-seven Christina School District Students Accepted into 2007 Delaware All-State Music Events

Congratulations to the forty-seven Christina School District students who were accepted into the 2007 Delaware All-State Music Events. The students achieved their positions in each performing ensemble through competitive auditions. Each festival will consist of three days of intense rehearsals and culminate with a concert on the date, time and location listed below. For more information, visit the Delaware Music Educators' website: [www.delawaremea.org](http://www.delawaremea.org)

### • ALL-STATE ORCHESTRA

#### JANUARY 27 ~ DOVER CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL ~ 6:00 P.M.

- CHRISTIANA HIGH SCHOOL: Ingelora Terpnig, Director
  - Jason Keller
  - Brandon Parris
  - Travis Peterman
  - Melissa Soberanis
- NEWARK HIGH SCHOOL: Rosaria Macera, Director
  - Casey Davis
  - Melissa Kitchen
  - Laura Newhard
  - Abby Stenner
  - Sharon Song
  - Connie Tan
  - Jason Thomson
  - Emma Yang
- SHUE-MEDILL MIDDLE SCHOOL: Rosaria Macera, Director
  - Connie Chen

### • ALL-STATE JAZZ BAND

#### JANUARY 27 ~ DOVER HIGH SCHOOL ~ 8:30 P.M.

- CHRISTIANA HIGH SCHOOL: Jeffrey Dombchik, Director
  - Larry Scotton

### • ALL-STATE CHOIR

#### FEBRUARY 3 ~ DOVER CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### JUNIOR CHORUS ~ 4:00 P.M.

#### SENIOR MIXED AND WOMEN'S CHOIR ~ 7:30 P.M.

- CHRISTIANA HIGH SCHOOL: Wendy Dobroski, Director
  - Samuel Carter
  - Caitlin Layton
  - Kyle Layton
  - Krissa Weissert
- GLASGOW HIGH SCHOOL: Christopher Celfo, Director
  - Ashley Hampel
- NEWARK HIGH SCHOOL: Penny Carmack, Director
  - Dan Booker
  - Monica Hanson
  - Sara Schwartz-Glassner
  - Joey Spence
  - Michael Twardus

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Elbert-Palmer School hosted an event this fall for its K-3 Reading First families. While the parents learned tips for building their children's vocabulary, the kids, who were encouraged to come in pajamas and to bring a favorite stuffed animal, were treated to a special story. Finally, the families came together for some social time and to share a dinner provided by the district.

The law firm of Richard, Layton, and Finger continues to contribute many hours of dedicated service to the students at Bancroft School. There are presently 54 mentors from the firm, which has been very successful in helping Bancroft students. The school welcomes the participation and dedication of these community members.

Every year Keene School students raise money to help save koalas through a program sponsored by the Australian Koala Foundation. The students raised enough money this year to adopt an adult koala and her joey. In addition, the Foundation will use part of the school's donation to plant three new trees that will help replenish the forests where koalas live.

Journalism students at Glasgow High School will have the opportunity to work with professional mentors from the Wilmington News Journal this year, as part of a \$3,000 grant awarded to GHS by the American Society of Newspaper Editors Foundation. Glasgow is one of only 43 schools in the country to receive this grant and participate in the partnership with a local newspaper. This is also the first time that the News-Journal has participated in the program.



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The Citigroup Corporation based near Wilmington reached out to the Delaware School for the Deaf (DSD) this fall as part of their corporation's efforts to raise awareness about people with disabilities. During the month of October, DSD staff members attended employee lunch sessions with Citigroup employees to provide them with a variety of informational sessions about school programs, deaf awareness, deaf culture, and ASL (American Sign Language).

## Strategic Planning Process - continued from page 11

The strategic planning process includes 14 future meetings with key groups planned between January and March, as well as multiple vehicles for staff, students, and the public to share feedback. The process is intended to meet the following objectives:

- To develop a thoughtful and comprehensive Strategic Plan
- To engage a wide range of community stakeholders
- To create opportunities for District staff to share ideas and feedback
- To create opportunities for the public to

share ideas and feedback

- To meet a deadline of March 13 to present a finalized plan to the Board for approval

A Strategic Planning Stakeholder Committee has been formed that includes representatives of the business community, elected officials, Region III PTA Council, Special Needs PTA, Vision 2015, community organizations, and employee unions. Many of those on the Stakeholder Committee are also Christina parents, taxpayers, and employees. The Stakeholder Committee will work with staff to provide a variety of perspectives in

developing the Strategic Plan. The overall goal of the Strategic Planning Process is to develop a 3-year Strategic Plan for Christina that will reflect the priorities of our families and our community, and will serve as a true plan of action and not just a static document. The plan will hold the district accountable for meeting specific goals.

For a complete timeline and schedule of events and activities related to the Strategic Planning Process, please visit the following link: <http://www.christina.k12.de.us/StrategicPlanningProcess/>