

AJHS Happenings

Abington Acorns

At the **24th Annual Abington Junior High School Science Fair** this past December, over 250 students presented to students, parents, teachers, administrators, and community visitors.



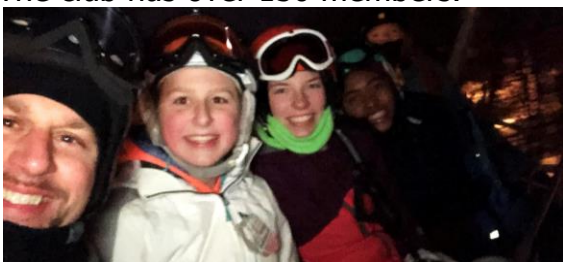
Abington Junior High School's **National Junior Honor Society** visited Overlook Elementary School for the "Kindergarten Book Trip." The older students read books, conducted interviews, built relationships, and played sight-word games with their kindergarten buddies! A fun time was had by all!



Green Thumbs students learned how to safely make pickles in December.



In January, **Alternative Sports Club** students had Great Tuesday Nights on the Slopes of Blue Mountain Ski Area. The club has over 150 members.



AJHS students worked the Philadelphia Marathon to help raise funds for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Thirty-one 9th graders, two 10th graders, and their parents worked at water station #8 until 2:00 p.m., raising money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. In spite of the pouring rain, students demonstrated positive attitudes and helped a worthy cause.



Over 300 **TADA** members enjoyed a Karaoke Dance in December! Then, in January, at the annual BRING IT ON! event, the boys' team snapped a three-year losing streak to top the girls' team. Also in January, was TADA's Unique Board Game event. Three teams competed, and the Red team emerged victorious over the Blue and Green teams. It was an evening full of team spirit!



ART CLUB

Over 60 members have enjoyed meeting on Wednesdays this quarter to work with drawing, ceramics and weaving.



Each week over 25 students enjoy culinary treats as part of the Pride Rewards for Positive Behavior.



The Social Studies Department congratulates all students who participated in the National Geography Bee in January. This year, in the championship round, Max Farma faced-off against Todd Grosh. Todd Grosh claimed the school champion title and maybe even a spot at the state level competition in Harrisburg. Congratulations on a job well done!





Thirty **German 2 Honors students** visited the German Village at City Hall in Philadelphia in December.

Students had a history lesson, enjoyed a German lunch of bratwurst and potato pancakes, and had time to shop the 70 or so huts for authentic German items.



The Franklin Institute's Travelling Science Show informed and entertained seventh graders in December with the topic "How to Build a Storm: The Weather Show."



History Club Members enjoyed an informative visit from Christopher Columbus. He is pictured with one of our club officers, Kate Slavin.



Abington graduate Julie Wertheimer, spoke with current students from both Law & You and Topics in World Affair courses. Ms. Wertheimer works as the Chief of Staff of Criminal Justice for the City of Philadelphia. Her effort has been pivotal with the initiative for prison reform in the city. Students were quite engaged asking excellent questions to this stellar Abington alumnus!



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During American Education week from November 13 – 17, students showed their spirit by wearing bright clothing, college attire, geographical tee-shirts, maroon and white clothing, and clothing from students' clubs, activities, or sports team.



V.I.B.E and I.M.A.G.I.N.E students visited City Hall in Philadelphia and met several elected officials, including Mayor Jim Kenney. They also visited the newly erected statue of Octavius Valentine Catto, a Philadelphia leader, activist, and a champion for voting rights.



In November, seven AJHS Baritones joined over 100 other students in ACDA's Vocal Thunder Festival at Pennsbury High School. The singers did an amazing job representing Abington and performed with exceptional skill, musicianship and behavior.

