



AJHS Happenings

Abington Acorns

Thanks to a grant from the [Sandy Hook Promise](#), seventh and eighth grade students participated in assemblies during **"Start With Hello Week."** Led by school counselors and psychologists, the program strengthens the school community with direct instruction on simple social skills that make a large school feel like a small, welcoming home.



In November, eight AJHS musicians performed with 105 other musicians from high schools throughout Montgomery County under the direction of Dr. Timothy Schwartz, an Abington alumnus, in the **Montgomery County Honors String Orchestra** concert.



Student Council hosted our first "Socktober" event the last two weeks in October. This service initiative collected over 900 pairs of new socks for the homeless. Our Social Studies teachers facilitated the collection. Members of the Orange neighborhood and Chorus were the top collectors.



Students from AJHS joined ASHS students and administrators to witness the groundbreaking ceremony for the additions and renovation projects at Abington Senior High School. The ceremony took place in November.



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In November, top sellers from the **magazine and cookie dough fundraiser** traveled in style to The Pizza Box in Glenside for lunch and fun with friends. Later in the day, the top sellers joined more participants for a bingo rewards party in the Little Theatre.



The Builders Club visited Abington's Head Start Program and brought many smiles to the pre-school students as they engaged them with their Autumn activities. Members read, sang, and danced with the youngsters. The little ones made a tree, decorating the leaves with their names, and created their own Fall Bingo cards for playing Bingo.



The Green Neighborhood Thanksgiving Fun Fest builds community and beautifies the AJHS building with creative decorations!



The teachers of **The Hawks**, an eighth grade SLC, are very proud of their new bulletin board. It was created by the very talented Bulletin Board Crew Sophie Melissen, Brenna Nuyianes, Ricky O'Brien, Katy Piggot, Simona Presta, and Kamahni Stuart. They managed to include the teachers, the counselors, the assistant principal, and every student!





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The History Club recently visited the Pennsylvania Renaissance Fair. Students were transported in time, watching parading royalty and artisans blow glass and make pottery. Entertainment included a joust, a chess match, and a sensational final show!



VIBE and IMAGINE have 166 members participating in the program this year. In November the students were officially inducted into the program and listened to a dynamic speech from Mrs. Denise James, former English Department Chair and the co-founder of VIBE and IMAGINE.





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The Seventh Grade Girls Soccer team had a successful, winning season this fall. The team continued their season in the late fall cheering on the Lady Ghosts in a playoff game against Pennsbury at Schwarzman Stadium.



The Seventh and Eighth Grade Field Hockey teams dressed for a "Pink Out Game" with Upper Moreland to recognize Breast Cancer Awareness.



Abington Junior High School Chorus students sang the National Anthem on Saturday November 17th before the Temple University football game at Lincoln Financial Field.

This was the second year the choir performed before the game. Temple won both times!



In October, over 120 students were inducted into the **National Junior Honor Society**.

Students were recognized for their exceptional character, grades, and service to our school and Abington community.



Guest speaker Adam Pardes, of the Abington class of 2009, spoke of his work as the co-founder of NeuroFlow - a company which uses biofeedback technology to assist veterans adhere to their rehabilitation programs.

What a wonderful night for all!



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Seventh Grade Activity Night

attracted a record number of 323 seventh graders in October. They enjoyed mat ball, ping pong, basketball, board games, AJHS trivia game, the Skittles game and jump rope. Special thanks to the AJHS PTO for donating all snacks and to the Abington Acorn volunteers and AJHS staff who chaperoned.



During American Education Week

students and faculty showed their spirit by wearing bright colors, college attire, geographical tee-shirts, Abington clothing, and clothing from students' clubs, activities, and sports teams. Parents visited on Thursday and the library hosted a dress as your favorite literary character contest on Friday.

