



**Harlem Wizards Visit Middle School** - As part of a the Joint PTFS upcoming fundraiser featuring the Harlem Wizards basketball team, an assembly and preview was held on January 28 at Upper Perk Middle School. Middle school student Nick Sankar assists Harlem Wizard player, King Arthur, with a trick during the assembly. The Wizards take to the court at the high school on Friday, Feb 26 to play a team made up of Upper Perk teachers and principals. This event is sold out.



**Police Officers Honored** - Representatives from Vets for Vets, a veterans services organization based in Pennsburg, presented a plaque honoring the officers of Upper Perk Police Department for their service. The presentation was made January 24 at the Upper Perk police commission meeting.

**Police Athletic League to Host Free Regional College Fair**

College-bound students and their parents are invited to a Regional College Fair at the Greater Norristown Police Athletic League, 340 Harding Blvd., Norristown, on Thursday, Feb. 18. Visit [greaternorristownpal.org/college-fair](http://greaternorristownpal.org/college-fair) for a list of participating colleges and universities.

The public portion of the fair runs from 6-7:30 p.m., during which high students in grades nine through 12 and their parents can talk with representatives from more than 30 colleges and universities about admissions, financial aid, scholarships and academic programs. This portion of the event is free and is open to the community.

Earlier in the day, Norristown eighth grade students will visit the fair from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. to learn about the various institutions and programs as they begin to explore college opportunities. This portion is closed to the public.

The Regional College Fair is sponsored by Montgomery County Community College, the Pennsylvania Association for College Admission Counseling (PACAC) and the Greater Norristown Police Athletic League.

For more information, Visit [greaternorristownpal.org/college-fair](http://greaternorristownpal.org/college-fair) or call MCCC Assistant Director of Admissions Carolyn White at 215-641-6561.

**Is Your Dog Nipping Your Children?**

I love nothing more than watching a child giggling while playing with her puppy. Dogs and young children always need parental guidance to teach them how to become friends. One common problem happens when your excited dog wants to chase after and nip your excited child. Here are a few things you can do if your puppy wants to play a little too rough with your youngsters: Chaperone - never leave small children alone with even the most trustworthy dog. If you're present when play starts to escalate out of control, you are able to step in and calm things down. Chasing a squealing child is a very fun game, at least for the dog. Behaviors that are inadvertently reinforced are more likely to be repeated and are harder to modify or extinguish;

Make rules - children should be able to run around the house without getting ambushed by Rover. Set some house rules to minimize the chase-and-nip games. One house rule should be that before rowdy play happens, the dog goes away to a safe place to settle with a wonderful stuffed chew toy, so she doesn't feel punished. Another house rule is absolutely no deliberately antagonizing the dog to encourage her to chase or nip. Violation of these rules should result in loss of dog companionship;

Train your dog - the better-trained your dog is, the easier it is for you to calmly and quickly intervene. A "Come" or "Down" cue for a dog who is under control can stop the chase-and-nip game. A high-value reinforcement must be delivered immediately to your dog as soon as he responds to your cue. Behaviors that are reinforced are more likely to repeat with enthusiasm; and teach your children - the best way to teach your children how to play with your dog is to include them in your dog's training program. Teaching how to play "Drop It" by offering a treat or a toy to give up something she has in her mouth. Encourage them to play games that direct the dog's energy, and her teeth, toward something other than a child's skin or clothing, such as a ball or Frisbee. The better you are at teaching your children what to do (and reinforcing them for it!), the more they will do what you want them to. Just like dogs!

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