

What's In A Name?

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Q: The Brandywine River that passes through Wilmington may have gotten its name from what seventeenth-century streamside landowner?

A: Andrew Brandwyn

Delaware School Districts

Appoquinimink
Brandywine
Caesar Rodney
Cape Henlopen
Capital
Christina
Colonial
Delmar
Indian River
Lake Forest
Laurel
Milford
New Castle County Vocational
POLYTECH
Red Clay Consolidated
Seaford
Smyrna
Sussex Technical
Woodbridge

Evaluating the Name "Brandywine"

EDITORIAL - This year, the Brandywine School District celebrates 27 years of education. In 1978, a Federal District Court ordered the 11 school districts in northern Delaware (including the Mount Pleasant Special School District 1830-1978) to merge and become one single district. The newly formed New Castle County School District found it difficult to function as a large district and this later resulted in the formation of four separate school districts.

In 1981, Brandywine, Christina, Colonial, and Red Clay Consolidated became the four school districts of the county. Dr. Frank J. Furgele was the first superintendent of the Brandywine School District. Superintendents following Frank Furgele would include Carl W. Smith, Joseph P. DeJohn, Bruce Harter, and Jim Scanlon. The Brandywine School District would originally consist of four high schools: Brandywine, Claymont, Concord, and Mount Pleasant. Claymont High School was closed in 1990. With new leadership and the formation of a public relations committee, it may be time to evaluate the name of the school district.

The pros to keeping the name "Brandywine" may simply be both local tradition and costs involved with changing the name. Buses and other signs would need to be updated. There would also be the political and legal processes to obtain a district name change.

There are several reasons to evaluate a name change for the district. First, the literal name itself represents two forms of alcohol. People not familiar with the area have commented that a school district should not reference

alcohol in the name. Can you imagine the 'Vodka Martini School District'?

Second, there is a Brandywine Heights Area School District in the Borough of Topton, Pennsylvania. Every winter snow storm has local television viewers confused which of the Brandywine districts are closed due to inclement weather.

Third, the name "Brandywine" does not necessarily inspire educational excellence. More recent school districts in the United States have chosen names that reflect inspiration, motivation, or character. Such names could include Discovery, Innovation, Freedom, Liberty, Independence, Heritage, Integrity, and Patriot.

Fourth, a school district should not reflect the name of one of its schools. There has always been a feeling of favoritism to the high school bearing the name of the district. Feelings of inferiority have resulted within the other schools.

Finally, there are many other communities within the school district. The geographical name Brandywine leaves other towns feeling excluded.

A school district should have a name that not only motivates, but creates unity with feelings of equality for all. A name change could symbolically reflect a new era of good feelings and prosperity for our community. Changing the district name would certainly cause the community to take a fresh look at our schools. This could be the best 'PR'.

The Hundreds of Delaware

The Hundreds are unincorporated subdivisions of counties, equivalent to townships, and were once used as a basis for representation in the Delaware General Assembly. While their names still appear on all real estate transactions, they presently have no meaningful use or purpose except as a geographical point of reference.

The divisions, or 'hundreds' as they are called, come from the times when Delaware and Maryland were colonial holdings of Great

Britain. While Delaware alone retains the use of hundreds, the origin of most 'place names' in both states can be traced back to the times of British rule. [Information taken directly from Wikipedia.com]

Brandywine Hundred

Created: 1682

Primary Town: Bellefonte

County: New Castle County

Origin of Name: Brandywine Creek

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brandywine_Hundred

List of school districts in the United States

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lists_of_school_districts_in_the_United_States

Brandywine School District TM Logo

A student created the mill logo for the Brandywine School District circa 1981. Since then, this same logo and font has been used as the primary visual identity.

The mill logo was taken from the water mill at Hagley on the Brandywine River. Ironically, Hagley Museum and Library are located in the Red Clay Consolidated School District.



The Brandywine School District has only this logo featuring the iconic mill. The organization does not have a flag or coat of arms.

Parks within the Brandywine School District

- Alapocas Woods
- Allen Tract
- Bechtal School
- Bellevue State
- Bonsall
- Brandywine Creek State (half within district)
- Brandywine
- Brandywine Perry
- Bringham Woods
- Devon
- Hanby
- Harvey Mill
- Jester
- Perkins Run
- Prior Road
- River Road
- Rockwood
- Sellers
- Talley Day
- Woodley
- Woodshaven / Kruse

Schools in the Brandywine School District

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| 1. Brandywine High | 10. Hanby Middle |
| 2. Brandywood Elementary | 11. David W. Harlan Elementary |
| 3. Bush Early Education Center | 12. Lancashire Elementary |
| 4. Carrcroft Elementary | 13. Lombardy Elementary |
| 5. Claymont Elementary | 14. Maple Lane Elementary |
| 6. Concord High | 15. Mount Pleasant Elementary |
| 7. Darley Road Elementary | 16. Mount Pleasant High |
| 8. Pierre S. duPont Elementary | 17. Springer Middle |
| 9. Forwood Elementary | 18. Talley Middle |

Communities in the Brandywine School District

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| 1. Afton | Arden | 36. Ebright | 71. North Minister |
| 2. Alapocas | Brandywine | 37. Edenridge | 72. Northshire |
| 3. Arden | Claymont | 38. Edgemoor | 73. Overlook Colony |
| 4. Ardencroft | Concord | 39. Edgemoor Terrace | 74. Pembrey |
| 5. Ardentown | Talleyville | 40. Fairfax | 75. Penarth |
| 6. Ashbourne Hills | Wilmington | 41. Forest Hills Park | 76. Penn Rose |
| 7. Augustine | | 42. Foulk Woods | 77. Pennyhill |
| 8. Barkely | | 43. Gordon Heights | 78. Pennyhill Terrace |
| 9. Beacon Hill | | 44. Graylyn Crest | 79. Perth |
| 10. Bellevue | | 45. Green Acres | 80. Quarryville |
| 11. Birch Knoll | | 46. Green Meadow | 81. Radnor Green |
| 12. Blue Ball | | 47. Grubbs Corner | 82. Ridgewood |
| 13. Brandywine | | 48. Grubbs Landing | 83. Rockland |
| 14. Brandywine Estates | | 49. Gumwood | 84. Rolling Park |
| 15. Brandywine Forge | | 50. Gwinhurst | 85. Sharpley |
| 16. Brandywine Hills | | 51. Hampton | 86. Shellburne |
| 17. Brandywood | | 52. Hanbys Corner | 87. Shipley Heights |
| 18. Buckingham Heights | | 53. Highland Woods | 88. Shipley Woods |
| 19. Cardiff | | 54. Hillcrest | 89. Silverside |
| 20. Carpenter | | 55. Hillendale | 90. Stockdale |
| 21. Carrcroft | | 56. Hilltop Manor | 91. Surrey Park |
| 22. Chatham | | 57. Holiday Hills | 92. Talleys Corner |
| 23. Chalfonte | | 58. Holly Oak | 93. Talleyville |
| 24. Claymont | | 59. Holly Oak Terrace | 94. Tavistock |
| 25. Clifton Park Manor | | 60. Indian Field | 95. The Timbers |
| 26. Concord | | 61. Landlith | 96. Twin Oaks |
| 27. Concord Hills | | 62. Liftwood | 97. Ways Corder |
| 28. Concord Manor | | 63. Log Run | 98. Webster Farm |
| 29. Cragmere Woods | | 64. Longwood | 99. Welshire |
| 30. Darley Woods | | 65. Lynnfield | 100. Westwood Manor |
| 31. Dartmouth Woods | | 66. Mayfield | 101. Wilmont |
| 32. Deerhurst | | 67. McDaniel Heights | 102. Windy Bush |
| 33. Delaire | | 68. Naamans Gardens | 103. Woodbine |
| 34. Devonshire | | 69. Naamans Manor | 104. Woodbrook |
| 35. Duponts Landing | | 70. Normandy Manor | 105. Woodside Hills |
| | | | 106. Wynnwood |