

Scene: Art Dart 5K benefits Arts Academy school



Greg Muhr (left), John Kelley, Mike Smale and James Schwartz connect the dots before the Arts Academy Charter Middle School Art Dart 5K, a race and costume contest Oct. 22 in the Lehigh Parkway. (ARTS ACADEMY CHARTER MIDDLE)

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Nearly 250 costumed runners and walkers gathered at 9 a.m. Oct. 22 in the Lehigh Parkway in Allentown for the Arts Academy Charter Middle School's first annual Art Dart 5K.

The event gave students, parents, friends, faculty and staff the opportunity to show off their creativity and their athletic prowess as they vied for best individual costume, best group costumes and best running times.

"I wanted to create a fundraiser for the school that involved physical fitness and demonstrated the assortment of creative energy that we see every day at the Arts Academy Charter Middle School. I figured what better way to lure fellow artists, runners, walkers and costume enthusiasts, than a costume run/walk?" says Nick Woodward, the school's physical education teacher.

The runners with the best times by age group included: 9-14 — **Mickey Rimbey and Ryan Dauter; Jordan Blouse and Jordyn Dauter;** 15-20 — **David Goundie and Ryan Dougherty; Paige Nicholas and Elaine Huang;** 21-30 — **Ryan Smale and Pat Sweeney; Rachel Ashton and Bethan Detwiler;** 31-40

— **Derek Wallen and Ray Sullivan; Heidi Downey and Catherine Zauacki;** 41-50 — **Erik Dauter and Mark Kinsey; Jackie Kardow and Nicole Meyer;** 51-60 — **John Kelley and Greg Muhr; Lori Sustak and Gail Tranbaugh.**

Costumed runner winners included: Best group — **Consuelo Ramos Deyesso, Mark Deyesso, Xiomara Alfinex and Consuelo Ramos;** Best male — **Mike Detweiler;** Best female — **Sydney Meyer.**

This colorful event is one of the only 5K runs that tests the endurance of the costumed characters as well as the costumes. Spooky level sponsors included **Danabella Foods, Emmaus Run Inn and Grand Jete.** Frightful level sponsors included **Aardvark Sports Show and Villa.** Shocking level sponsors included the **Banana Factory Arts Center, DeSales University Performing Arts, Elias Market, Now & Then Books, G.S. Oswald Jewelers and the Steel Ice Center.**

The Arts Academy Charter Middle School, now in its fifth year, is an arts-enriched public middle school serving students from more than 20 school districts in grades 5 through 8. The school offers an arts integrated approach to learning, with opportunities to explore dance, visual arts, theater, figure skating, vocal or instrumental music.

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