



AROUND OUR SCHOOLS

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Middle School Robotics Team Advances to State Finals



This year, the Coatesville High School Robotics Club mentored two *FIRST*® LEGO® League Middle School Teams. On Saturday, December 3, the Coatesville FLL Raiderbots 3-Team 54324 competed in a PA State Qualifier Competition hosted at Chestnut Hill Academy. The team advanced to the state finals by winning the Innovation Project Award. "This award celebrates a team with an efficiently designed robot, an innovative project solution that effectively addresses the season challenge, and great Core Values evident in all they do. This award celebrates a team that the judges notice and expect great things

from in the future." Congratulations to the team which includes Taylor Davis, Charles Robertson, Jacob Powalski, Kenley Crane, Jessica Davis, Imalia Azarak, and Wyatt Soden. The team was supported by CASH students Alvin Tolden, Gavin Raezer, and Chelsea Campos, who volunteered their time to assist the new team, as well as their advisor, Mrs. Octavia Warren-Ward. Congratulations Raiderbots3!

Chrissy Houlahan Recognizes CASH Student

United States Representative Chrissy Houlahan visited CASH last Friday to present Jabari Stocker with Congressional Recognition. Jabari saved the life of his classmate, Jonathan Rivera, by performing the Heimlich Maneuver. Quick thinking and courageous action made all the difference in a situation that could have played out very differently. Congratulations, Jabari. You can read their story in [The Daily Local](https://www.dailylocal.com/story/news/2022/12/16/coatesville-student-saves-life-classmate-heimlich-maneuver/7048486002/) as well.



Important Upcoming Dates

EARLY DISMISSAL
December 21, 2022

WINTER RECESS – NO SCHOOL
December 23, 2022 – January 2, 2023

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Welcome Class of 2036! Kindergarten Pre-Registration is officially open!

The Coatesville Area School District is so excited to begin its partnership with you to prepare your child for his or her future. A child's early years are the foundation for success both academically and emotionally. The kindergarten registration process can be completed online. Please access the **2023-2024 Kindergarten Registration** form by clicking on links here: [English](#) [Spanish](#)

In addition to basic information about your child, please be prepared to upload copies of the following documents: (1) Birth Certificate (2) Immunization Records (3) Proof of Residency

Please click [here](#) to determine which Elementary School your child will attend. Check that school's website for upcoming in-person registration dates.

Should you have any general questions or concerns pertaining to the online registration process, please do not hesitate to contact our central registration team at 610-466-2400.

Meistersingers Perform their 2022 Carol Service

The Meistersingers performed their annual Carol Service on Saturday, December 10. This year's Honor Soloist, Maya Feliciano, performed the traditional "O Holy Night" and Jorja Russell, the runner up soloist, performed the "Christmas Song".

Congratulations to the entire choir, Director Mrs. Rita Tingle-Lewis, Mrs. Carla Harvey, Stage Crew, Instrumental Music Instructor Mr. Gabe Hughes, Accompanist Mr. David Sheller, Photographer Mrs. Deb Herman, and Program Creator Mrs. Amy Brown. The Coatesville Parents Music Club provided a great deal of support, and many CASH Alumni joined the choir with pride. It is one beautiful example of this community coming together in celebration. Thank you to all who attended and participated.



Elementary Schools Host Spelling Bees

Continuing with tradition, students across the district in grades three through five engaged in Spelling Bees. Starting at the classroom level, every student had the opportunity to show off their spelling skills. The top three students from each class went on to participate in the building level spelling bee, which features a panel of judges and a larger audience! Although students were a bit nervous, they bravely stood up and spelled each word to the best of their ability.

Students who placed in first and second in their grade level and school will continue on to the District Spelling Bee in January. The third place winner will be an alternate in the event one of the other students is unable to compete. These students are all sure to dazzle the judges next month!

Reeceville Elementary



East Fallowfield Elementary

Caln Elementary



Kings Highway Elementary

Rainbow Elementary

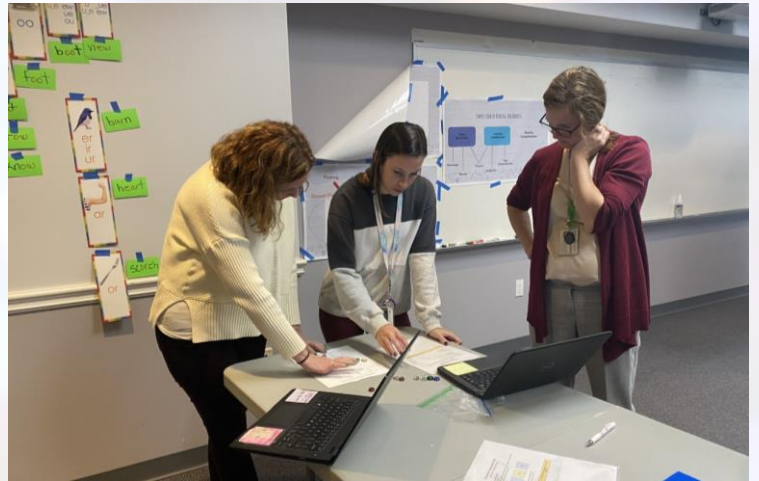
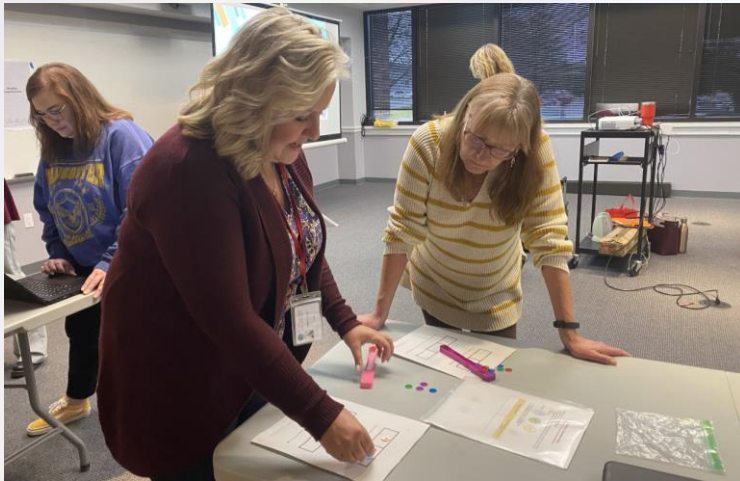


Teachers Continually Learning Literacy Instruction

Literacy outcomes are improving in the district, and we couldn't be prouder of our staff and students! In addition to realigning our district curriculum to the state standards, adopting a new core English Language Arts (ELA) program, and implementing an MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support) framework, *the district has invested in several evidence-based reading intervention programs and is committed to training staff in evidence-based literacy instruction (the science of reading).*

To review data related to K-6 literacy gains, [click here](#).

Earlier this month, a small group of special education teachers participated in their first instructional rally led by the CCIU. Teachers gained an understanding of how to apply new knowledge to assessment, instruction, and IEP development. The teachers are participating in a multi-year professional development series called Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS).



Mrs. Jenna Czibik, an elementary Special Education Teacher says, “LETRS has changed the way that I teach reading. I have a deeper understanding of my students' challenges and what I can do through instruction to help wire their brains for reading. My awareness of reading difficulties and how they occur has allowed me to tackle reading in a new way.”

This week, about 20 elementary staff members received training in RAVE-O, an evidence-based literacy intervention for students in grades 2-4. Dr. Kathleen Biddle and Dr. Donnelly Adams, two of the researchers that assisted with the development of the program, prepared staff to begin implementing the program. They will meet monthly with teachers to provide support through the end of the school year.



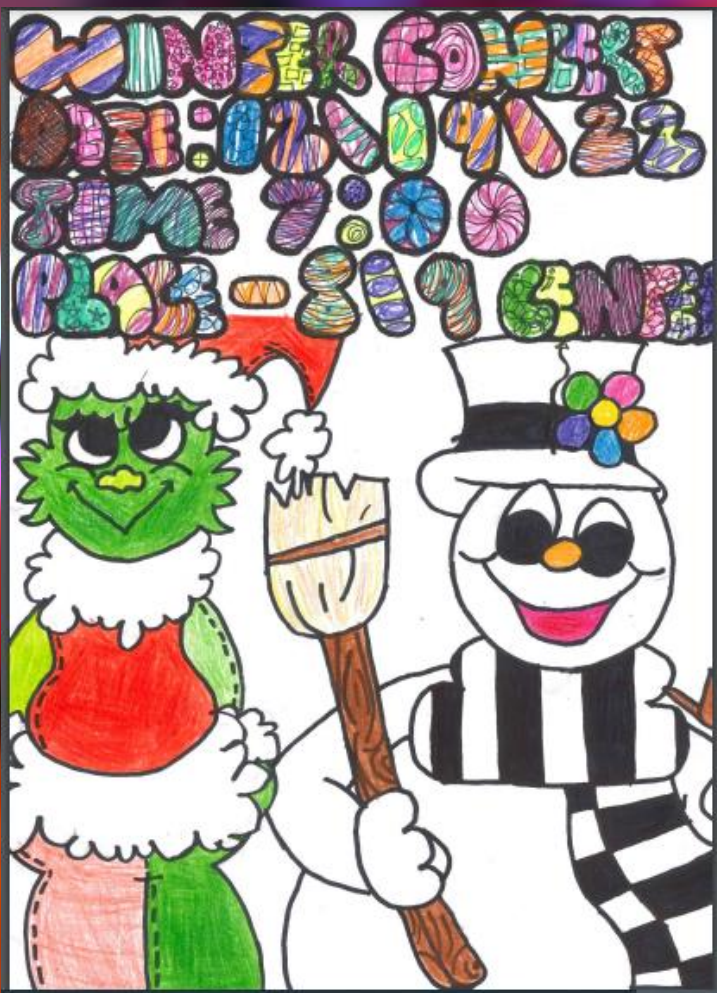
Ms. Casandra Jones, Curriculum Supervisor, can't wait to see the strides our students make with this new program. “Current research shows that 20% or 1 in every 5 people have dyslexia. While most students with dyslexia exhibit a deficit in phonological awareness skills, some present with multiple deficits which can make remediation more challenging. We are extremely excited to begin implementing the RAVE-O intervention along with a phonics-based intervention program to help our students make maximal progress.”

Rainbow Elementary Hosts Winter Warm Up

It may be cold outside, but Rainbow Elementary was warm and cozy during the PTO Winter Warm Up! On Wednesday, December 14, Rainbow families celebrated the season with shopping, making holiday crafts, and enjoying a visit from Santa. Rainbow band and orchestra students performed during the event to spread holiday cheer!



Prior to the Winter Warm-Up, Rainbow PTO invited families to show their Wildcat spirit and to channel their winter creativity by decorating classroom doors. Doors were voted on during the event and the winning door's teacher won Scholastic dollars for the Spring Book Fair!



FIRST[®] FTC Robotics Qualifiers

Hosted by

Coatesville Robotics Club

Saturday, December 17th, 2022 11 AM–5:00 PM

Sunday, December 18th, 2022 11 AM–5:00 PM

CASH Gym

Coatesville Robotics will be hosting two PA State Qualifiers. Spectators are welcome. No fee to enter.

Concessions will be available

Come see what robotics at Coatesville is all about.

East Fallowfield Chorus Attends Tree Lighting

Despite the rainy weather, East Fallowfield's chorus, led by music teacher and choral director, April Mullen, performed at the East Fallowfield Township Annual Tree Lighting. The students (and parents) were troopers during the rain and the elements didn't stop them from performing and sounding great! Each one of the students also made an ornament for the tree in art class with Mrs. Ertell. It was a great night!



CASD Students Selected for All-Chesmont League Teams

Congratulations to the following student athletes on their selection for the 2022-2023 All-Chesmont League Team:

Cross Country

Joshua Miller
Tommy Silvester

Field Hockey

Ella Pittenger
Molly Atwell
Sydney Saxton
Lorelai Lehenky

Girls Soccer

Riley Kinzeler
Marissa Walker
Julianna Hatt
Emily Rescigno

Boys Soccer

Nate DelSantro
Ryder Meinhardt
Alex Shultz
Carlos Garcia
Evan Seagreaves

Football

Harrison Susi
Spencer Ferguson
Amir Haskett
Kyle VanConia
Francisco Hall
Brendan Barthmaier
Jay Labik
Josh Miller
Connor Rickabaugh
Jacob Chmielecki
Dont'e London
Armon Richardson

Golf

Carson Holmes
Dax Shallis

Girls Volleyball

Hannah Au
Gabrielle Bookard



Citadel is pleased to announce that the nomination period for the 2022-2023 Citadel Heart of Learning Award is open and available to teachers across Greater Philadelphia.

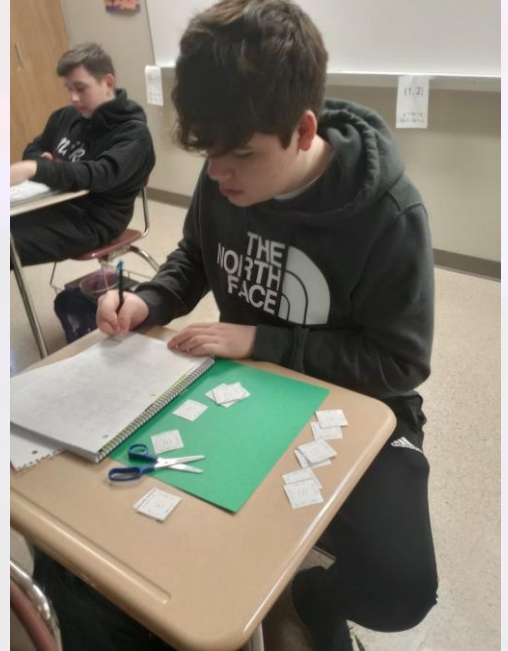
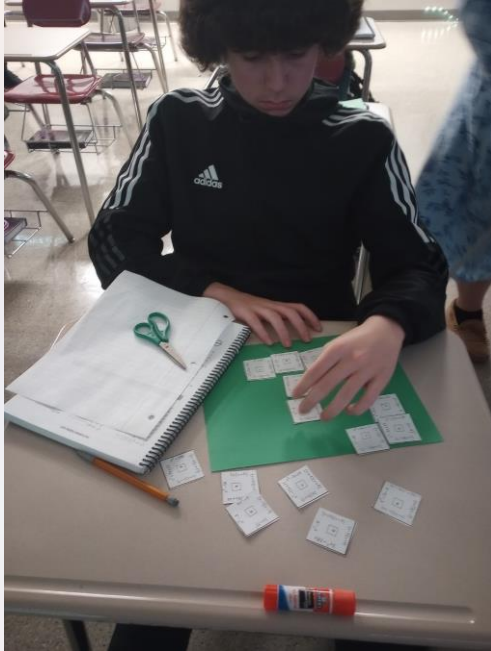
Since the program's inception, thousands of teachers, who truly go above and beyond, have been nominated. The nominations speak volumes about the significant impact teachers have in our community.

The deadline for nominations is **January 15, 2023**. We encourage you all to take the time to nominate a teacher who has truly made a difference in your life or the life of your student(s). You can find the nomination form [HERE](#).



Algebra Classes Prepare for Keystone

Mrs. Pearson's and Mrs. Barlip's Algebra classes prepared for the Keystone Algebra Exam by solving a puzzle using their factoring skills. Each side of each small square of paper had a mathematical expression that equaled an expression on another square. Students worked against the clock to match everything and get it glued to their paper. We're sure these students did a great job on their Keystone Exams last week!



PA INVENTION CONVENTION

Join us for a K-12 Student Invention Competition! Creativity, critical thinking, innovation, teamwork, and communication skills are recognized as the skills that prepare students for increasingly complex school, work, and life environments. The Pennsylvania Invention Convention gives students recognition for creating inventions to solve real-world problems.

How Can A Student Participate?

1. Visit - www.pa-inventionconvention.org
2. Read and understand the "Framework for Invention."
3. Start an **Invention Log** (a journal of your process).
4. Find a **problem** to solve.
5. Find **solutions**.
6. Create a **prototype**.
7. Test & refine your prototype.
8. Make a **short video** about your video (up to 3-minutes).
9. Complete and submit the **online application**.

There is no fee to participate.

The Pennsylvania Invention Convention is sponsored by PETE&C and PAIU/PAIMS and is an affiliate organization of The Henry Ford - Invention Convention Worldwide.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Registration Opens: December 1, 2022

Virtual Submission Due Date: January 12, 2023

Statewide Competition Finalists Notified: January 19, 2023

Pennsylvania Invention Convention Statewide Competition (Finalists Only) – Wednesday, February 15, 2023

**Contact Heather Messenger
if you are interested in
representing CASD!**



Rainbow Garden Club Makes Holiday Gnomes

Leave it to the Rainbow Garden Club to see tree trimmings and be inspired to create something! Dr. Chrisman and her gardeners created holiday gnomes to place around the school and get everyone excited for the upcoming break. The students have loved seeing these little creatures around the school and had a fabulous time bringing them to life!



Reeceville Elementary Joins the Kindness Quest

Reeceville students earned a PBIS End of Trimester Celebration for being Respectful, Responsible, and Ready. Prismatic Magic Educational Laser Assemblies visited Reeceville Elementary School on Friday, December 2 and engaged students in their Kindness Quest program. Students participated in a forty-minute interactive laser adventure that explored community and friendship. Focusing on character education and foundational qualities, the presentation combined tunes with teamwork to emphasize awareness, empathy, and compassion. Students had a blast!



COMING SOON

Our entire school district is joining in on the largest learning event in history: The Hour of Code.

Our Hour of Code is making a statement that the Coatesville Area School District is ready to teach these foundational 21st-century skills. To continue bringing programming activities to our students, we want to make our Hour of Code event huge. We encourage you to speak with your children about this great opportunity. We are looking forward to sharing our students' engagement in this event.

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CODE

Employee Spotlight

Peter Altland Scott 6th Grade Center

"Mr. Altland, our Assistant Principal, has been so helpful already with my students. His quick communication is very supportive. I can't wait to continue working with him throughout this school year."

- LaToya Morton, Scott 6th Grade Center Parent



We are so lucky in the Coatesville Area School District to have some of the most dedicated and caring teachers and staff in the world! We want to highlight the teachers and staff who are making a big impact on our students and families. If you have a special story to share about someone who works in our district, REACH OUT! Your story could land them a spotlight in a future issue of Around Our Schools.

[CLICK HERE TO MAKE A NOMINATION](#)

Students Perform at Candlelight Service

Members of the Caln Elementary chorus, along with the high school Meistersingers, performed at the annual Caln Meeting House Candlelight Service yesterday. Mrs. DiPiano and Mrs. Tingle-Lewis were happy to continue this tradition with their choral groups and represent the Coatesville Area School District Music Department by sharing our talents with the Caln Community.





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Special Ed Aide
ESL Aide
Cafeteria/Playground Aide



Coatesville Area School District Presents



**Special Education
Parent Nights**

Date	Time	Location	Topic
September 21, 2022	6:00 – 7:00pm	CASH Large Group Rm	IEP 101: Understanding the Special Education Process
October 5, 2022	6:00 – 7:00pm	CASH Large Group Rm	How to Know if My Child is Making Progress
November 9, 2022	6:00 – 7:00pm	CASH Large Group Rm	How to Communicate with School District Staff
December 7, 2022	6:00 – 7:00pm	CASH Large Group Rm	Transition to Kindergarten
January 11, 2023	6:00 – 7:00pm	Virtual	Understanding Disabilities (Autism)
February 8, 2023	6:00 – 7:00pm	CASH Large Group Rm	Preparing for Graduation
March 8, 2023	6:00 – 7:00pm	CASH Large Group Rm	Transition Planning-Post Secondary Resources
April 12, 2023	6:00 – 7:00pm	CASH Large Group Rm	How to Help My Child Learn to Advocate for Themselves



School Board Updates

The Coatesville Area School Board met on Tuesday, December 6 and Tuesday, December 13, 2022. The full meeting agendas can be found [here](#) and you can watch the recordings of the meetings [here](#).

The Board Meeting Schedule for the calendar year 2023 was approved. You can find that schedule [here](#). One important change to note is that Board Meetings will now start at 6:00pm, which is an hour earlier than scheduled in previous years.

The School Board held elections for the President and Vice President positions for 2023. Robert J. Fisher was reelected to the position of President and Brandon J. Rhone was reelected to the position of Vice President. You can watch the vote [here](#).

The Board of School Directors approved the creation of a Director of Technology position. This position is currently outsourced. You can hear the vote for this item [here](#).

Student Representatives Alison Scheivert and Isabella Imburgia provided their report. You can hear that report [here](#).

Dr. Richard F. Dunlap, Interim Superintendent, provided his report. You can listen to that report [here](#).

Mr. Clifford Maloney, Principal of the Intermediate High School, provided an update on the Air Force Junior ROTC Program. You can watch his presentation [here](#).

Board President Robert J. Fisher provided an update on the Superintendent Search. The next Superintendent has been chosen and the contract is currently being negotiated with that individual. A Special Board Meeting will be called to vote on the candidate once the contract is settled. That update can be heard [here](#).

Public comment can be heard here: [\[1\]](#) [\[2\]](#) [\[3\]](#) [\[4\]](#) [\[5\]](#)



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