



AROUND OUR SCHOOLS

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Summer Spirit Days at King's Highway

King's Highway is having fun in Summer School with spirit days! So far, they have celebrated the 4th of July, National Blueberry Day, and National Freeze Pop Day!

Week 3 was Cow Appreciation Day and National Give Something Away Day. The students got a special visitor from Maggie Moo's who gave everyone coupons for free cookies! The kids loved it and are looking forward to more fun and learning at King's Highway this summer.



8th Grade Transition Day at Coatesville Area Intermediate High School

Our upcoming 8th grade families participated in a "meet and greet transition day" with the administration team and guidance counselors. Families were then taken on a building tour by some of our teachers.



The afternoon was culminated with fun activities in the gym consisting of corn hole and an obstacle course! Dr. Alston even raced one of our upcoming 8th grade students and sadly lost.



Coatesville Youth Lacrosse Camp

In July, the Coatesville High School Boys Lacrosse Team hosted a Youth Lacrosse Camp. The camp is designed for boys Grades 1st-8th who want to build skills, have fun, and learn the basics of lacrosse!

The high school coaches and players aim to build on their love of lacrosse by sharing it with the community. They want to share their experiences with upcoming Red Raiders and inspire them to love the game!



When campers were asked what their favorite parts of Lacrosse Camp have been, there were two clear answers!

“Playing with the coaches and playing games!”

In addition to the lead coaches, the camp was coached by lacrosse players from the high school. This team did a great job engaging the campers and making it a fun summer experience for everyone involved.

Camp Invention at Caln Elementary School

The students at Caln Elementary School are having a blast with Camp Invention's hands-on STEM activities! The students love the wireless microphones and the solar-powered crickets!

The kindergarteners couldn't wait to use their wireless microphones to sing Baby Shark! We also heard a few solos including the ABC's and Let It Go from Frozen. They have been asking their teachers every day when it was going to be time to take the microphones home and today was the day!



The fourth graders spent their week building a raft that needed to safely float their solar-powered cricket across a basin of water. The students cheered each other on and the cricket made it across on many of its voyages! There were a few close calls, but with a little problem-solving, adjustments were made to ensure each vessel was secure for the cricket!



Down the hall from the cricket boats, students were launching ducks around the world! “Duck Chuck” is an activity that explores the power of physics and aims to launch students’ ducks to new and exciting landmarks all over the planet. Once a duck is loaded onto the student-designed Duck Chucking Devices, the sky is the limit!



For more information about Camp Invention and the activities students are working on, please visit:
<https://www.invent.org/programs/camp-invention>

A Glimpse at Our Summer Sports Camps

Coatesville is loving the opportunity to get out and enjoy the summer weather with friends. Check out all the fun our campers have been having!



Boys Basketball Camp



Girls Lacrosse Camp



Baseball Camp



Girls Lacrosse Camp



Field Hockey Camp



Football Camp

Curriculum Corner

This past year, the Coatesville Area School District had curriculum coordinators and writers revising, editing and aligning curriculum documents making sure CASD's curriculum is aligned to PA Core Standards.

As CASD teachers, administrators, and coordinators continue this work, the first goal is to ensure the written curriculum reflects concepts and skills required in PA Core Standards not only per grade level but through the K-12 learning band. The curriculum must also focus on the priority standards.

Data from this past year has provided us with information that demonstrates a need to identify new resources and programs to support the curriculum in English Language Arts. This year, teachers will be piloting new resources to identify one that will be implemented during the 2022-2023 school year.

When pilot resources were selected, input from teachers was gathered, presentations from vendors occurred and there was a focus on programs that supported structured literacy rather than balanced literacy.

As we move into years 2 and 3 of this work, the focus for Goal 1 will continue to be on an aligned curriculum to PA Core Standards through developing a pacing chart focusing on priority standards, common assessments, and curricular units of study.

Our second goal focuses on the Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) framework. To ensure we have the necessary data to implement MTSS, we will be including NWEA MAP testing in addition to Acadience benchmark testing. Teachers and administrators will focus on the implementation of a consistent framework for MTSS grades K-7 and development of a framework for grades 8-12.

The curriculum review cycle will be implemented over a five-year period and will include a collaborative process between teachers, staff, and administration.

We have three new curriculum administrators who will be working to coordinate the successful implementation of our core instructional programs across the district.



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Coatesville Raiderbots Set Robotics World On Edge

Submitted by Coach Andy Moscarelli

The Robotics world was turned upside down with a stunning performance from a little known team from Coatesville High School. The Coatesville Raiderbots were invited to the prestigious MTI Invitational Robotics Competition in Maryland.

This Invitation is only given to the top 32 teams in the world. This year, because of Covid, 30 of those teams were from the US. These are typically the state champions from most of the US states. This event would be comparable to March Madness in college basketball.



From right to left: Joseph Hughes, Coach and former Raiderbot. Ryan Mendenhall, Team Captain, Driver and Co-valedictorian. Alvin Tolden, Operator. Princesa Villa-Luca, Human Player. Chloe Crane, Human Player. Chaelee Crane, Human player and Team Spokesperson. Octavia Warren-Ward, Coach. Andy Moscarelli, Coach.

Other members on the team who could not make this event: Michael Williams, Operator.

As far as I can tell from the teams list that I was given, the Raiderbots were the only high school team at the event. The other teams were all independent club teams. The event consisted of two days of competition. At the end of the first day, after 6 meets, the Raiderbots were in 4th place.

As in most sports, there is a list of the top 10 teams that are expected to win the event, and Coatesville was ahead of all but 2 of them. You can imagine the buzz around the hotels. Everyone was trying to figure out who this unknown high school Raiderbots 13669 team was.

After Sunday morning competition, Raiderbots narrowly held on to the 4th position with the favorites right at their heels. In robotics competition, like in most sports, the top 4 teams go to semi-finals with the winners of those rounds going on to finals. Since Raiderbots came in 4th, we were the team captain of the 4th seed and were responsible to pick two other partner teams. One of those teams was our mentor team, Out of the Box Robotics. With the team selections in place, Raiderbots with their partner teams strategized for the semifinal rounds. As the 4th seed, we played the 1st seed in a best of three rounds to advance to the finals. In a surprise to all, the 4th seeded Raiderbots alliance won and moved on to the finals. The entire ballroom of people went crazy; it was a very exciting moment for the Raiderbots Team. In the Finals, competition went to the third game but the Raiderbots alliance came up a little short and went home excited with a 2nd place win.

To give some perspective, in the robotics world, this showing would be better than the football team coming in 2nd in states. Remember, there were about 532 robotics teams in this league this year. These students should really get acknowledged for what they have accomplished. They have each spent well over 400 hours from design to build to programming to competition. The amount of work going into a program like this is not well understood but needs to be acknowledged. I am sure each of these students will walk away with a sense of accomplishment in knowing that with persistence and hard work you can accomplish almost anything.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE RAIDERBOTS QUALIFYING MATCH](#)

[Raiderbots 13669 is the red robot starting on the left side in the Blue Alliance.]

Facilities Update

We are excited to announce the installation of new flooring this summer at Reeceville Elementary School for the 2021-2022 school year. The contractor, Continental Flooring, is finishing up several areas and we will have all classrooms completed for the first day of school on August 30, 2021!



Important Upcoming Dates



CAMPUS (GRADES 8-12) BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Monday, August 23rd, 2021

Food Trucks & Vendors 5:30pm - 6:40pm

Welcome & Program begins at 6:45pm

NORTH BRANDYWINE MIDDLE SCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Wednesday, August 25th, 2021

6:00pm - 8:15pm

SCOTT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Wednesday, August 25th, 2021

6:00pm - 8:00pm

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Thursday, August 26th, 2021

6:00pm - 8:00pm



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Monday, August 30th, 2021

LABOR DAY - NO SCHOOL

Monday, September 6th, 2021



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Care is available from 6:30 am to the start of the school day and from the end of the school day until 6 pm.

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- Character development activities
- Childcare matched to most school days off

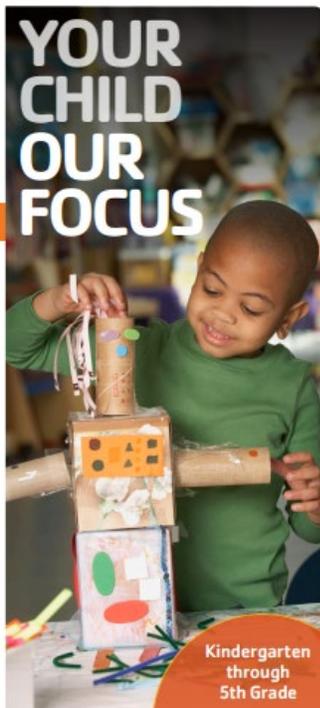
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 - East Fallowfield Elementary
 - Kings Highway Elementary
 - Rainbow Elementary
 - Reeceville Elementary

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Kindergarten through 5th Grade

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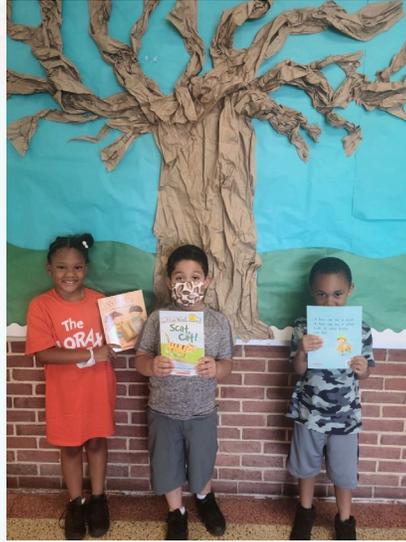
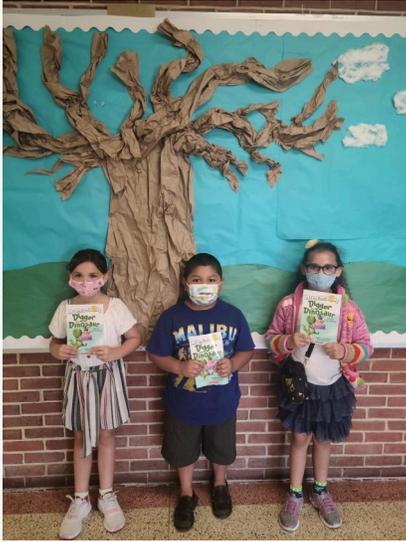
For more information or to register, please contact:
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Keep Reading, Coatesville!

Check your school website or click below for more information on completing your summer reading activities!

ELEMENTARY SUMMER READING ACTIVITIES



We have a new website!

Click the image below to visit our brand new website and explore all it has to offer!



Welcome

Coatesville Area School District

The mission of the Coatesville Area School District, rich in diversity and committed to excellence, is to create innovative educational experiences which are funded by the taxpayers, supported by the community, delivered by dedicated teachers and administrators, to ensure all students will become responsible, contributing global citizens.

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Our hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Tomás Hanna, Superintendent of Schools

Adopt a Teacher

Just a reminder that there are still time to adopt a teachers and/or staff member! Make sure to check the '[Teacher Lists](#)' to see if the staff member you want has already been adopted.

If you are new to this program and would like to learn more about how you can adopt, please head over to the Adopt-a-Coatesville Teacher [Facebook Page](#) or read more about this program on their [website](#). If you have any questions about the program, you can also email them at adopt-a-teacher@outlook.com.



School Board Updates

The Coatesville Area School Board met on Tuesday, August 10, 2021. The full meeting agenda can be found [here](#).

The Board of School Directors approved the pilots of many new curricular programs. The proposed Curriculum Review Cycle was also approved, which outlines a 5 year plan for evaluating, revising, and implementing curriculum resources.

There will be two ELA programs piloted in grades K-5 and two ELA programs piloted in grades 6-7. Each program was chosen for its alignment to PA State Standards and efficacy data.

There will be two general music pilot programs at Caln and East Fallowfield this school year. Both programs include a comprehensive set of curriculum resources that will engage students in music and the arts.

The Spanish Curriculum has been updated to align to standards and provide a logical flow from Spanish I to Spanish V. This curriculum will provide students with skills to be successful as they progress through the various levels and course requirements.

Tomás Hanna, Superintendent, made a presentation updating the School Board and community on the reopening plan for a safe return to in-person learning. Please find his presentation [here](#).

The Board of School Directors is seeking candidates for a Region I vacancy. More information can be found [here](#).

Recognizing Raiders

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! This year, we want to highlight a few of our favorite teachers and staff who help us learn and grow every day.

Nominations are welcome from anyone who recognizes the excellence in someone who dedicates their time to our schools and always goes the extra mile! Please use the form below to nominate someone to be recognized in our next issue!

[EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION FORM](#)



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