



AROUND OUR SCHOOLS

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Season's Greetings Coatesville Area School District Families!

The holidays are among us, and we are halfway through the school year. As we prepare for 2022, CASD is welcoming change. On December 7, 2021, our School Board Directors voted on new bus routes that will allow us to eliminate morning Transfer Points for students in grades 6-12, effective January 3, 2022. New schedules have been distributed and are available on Home Access Center. We look forward to improving the morning routine and continue to examine our transportation procedures as we prepare for next school year.

Our schools are celebrating the holidays. We were excited to attend the concert by the legendary Meistersingers. And, at the Intermediate High School, our students put on an outstanding production of Bah Humbug. That said, throughout our schools there have been so many activities to bring the spirit of the season alive through learning and fun.

I have engaged with our Parent Teacher Organizations (PTOs) to learn about their experiences within our district. During our initial meeting, PTO leaders spoke glowingly about the pilot programs that have been implemented. In addition, they acknowledged the data conversations that are driving how our schools support their children's learning. Our PTOs do so much to support our schools, students and staff to enhance the experiences within our schools. Thanks to those families who dedicate their time to our schools to ensure our schools are wonderful places to be and learn.

The district also hosted a number of our local legislative delegation. On Thursday, December 16 we hosted Representative Tim Hennessey at Kings Highway Elementary School and on Friday, December 17th we hosted State Senator Carolyn Committa, Representative Dan Williams and representatives from State Senator Muth and Representative Danielle Friel-Otten's offices at the Scott 6th Grade Center. During their visit our partners learn about the work in which our students and staff are engaged. In the future we look forward to welcoming legislators from across the Commonwealth so they, too, can experience our district.

As you gather with your loved ones, please continue to practice mitigation strategies while celebrating the holidays with your families and friends.

On behalf of the Board of School Directors and the CASD administrative team, I want to wish all of our families, students, faculty, and staff a very Happy Holiday and looking forward to bringing in the New Year with you all.

Stay safe, stay healthy and stay warm!

Superintendent Tomás Hanna

Important Upcoming Dates

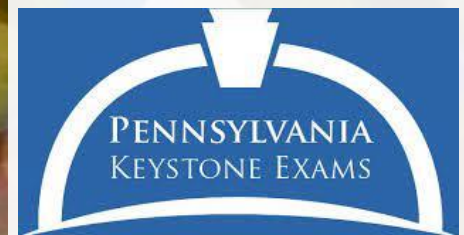
WINTER RECESS (NO SCHOOL)

Thursday, December 23, 2021 –
Sunday, January 2, 2022



KEYSTONE TESTING WINDOW

Monday, January 3 –
Friday January 14, 2022

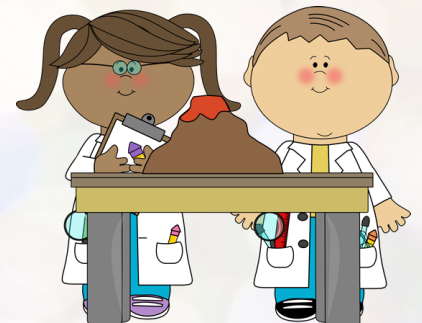


SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

DISTRICT SCIENCE FAIR

Saturday, January 15, 2022



Coatesville Students "Shop with a Cop"

On Saturday, December 11, students from CASD were invited to the City of Coatesville Police Department's 19th Annual Shop with a Cop event. In partnership with Hope Beyond Borders and Coatesville Kids to College, the Police Department was able to make this day one that our student will always remember.

The day began at Olivet United Methodist Church for breakfast, music, and photos with Santa. After that, students boarded busses and headed for the Parkesburg Walmart to do their holiday shopping. Each student is paired with an officer who serves as a personal shopping consultant and escort around the aisles of Walmart. Students can pick out gifts for themselves and others to prepare for the holidays while getting to know their officer. The hope with this event is that our students develop positive relationships with the police officers and understand that they are trustworthy and there to help.

Corporal Paul Antonucci remarked, "I look around this room and it makes me extremely proud to be a part of this community. I look at the faces and the kids and it's special. And it's not just Coatesville Police here. No matter what patch you see on our shoulder, our heart is the same for you guys."

Thank you to everyone who made this possible. Happy Holidays!



Rainbow Celebrates the Holidays

Rainbow Elementary School's PTO hosted a Winter Warm-Up on Thursday, December 9, 2021. Rainbow Families visited the holiday shop, completed a craft, and enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies. Santa Claus even came to the event! The Rainbow family wishes your family a wonderful holiday season.



Scott 6th Graders Learn About Internet Safety

Scott 6th Grade Center welcomed Detective Ben Martin from the Chester County District Attorney's office on Wednesday for a presentation about cyberbullying and how to use the internet safely. Students learned about the various ways cyberbullying can manifest and the steps to take if they feel uncomfortable with something online. We appreciate Detective Martin for taking the time to address such an important topic.



East Fallowfield Township Christmas Tree Decorating



East Fallowfield Township and East Fallowfield Elementary School are partnering for a fun holiday event. In preparation for the event, each East Fallowfield student made an ornament that was used to decorate the Township tree. On Friday afternoon, some of our students and staff were able to help decorate the tree and it looks great!

Scott's Return to Live Concerts

Ms. Gamber and her sixth grade students have been working hard to prepare for the annual Holiday Concert. This was the first live concert at the 6th Grade Center in over two years, and it was a delight to see families in the audience enjoying the performance. The chorus and band helped to get everyone in the holiday spirit with their selection of music and we appreciate the time and commitment all of the students put forth under Ms. Gamber's direction.

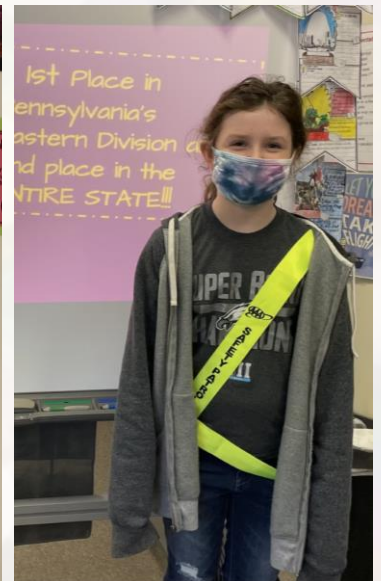


Fifth Graders Master Finance and Investing

During the fall competitive season, CASD fifth graders claimed first place in the Eastern PA elementary division of the Stock Market Game and second place in the entire state of Pennsylvania! Daniela Colin Lopez from East Fallowfield and Kenley Crane from King's Highway competed in a simulation against teams from around the region and the state under the guidance of their advisor, Miss Kaptur. After learning about key concepts in finance and investing, these young ladies developed and managed an investment portfolio of stocks, bonds, and mutual funds that outperformed the market by nearly 4%, earning almost \$6,000 in interest over just 10 weeks. Beyond their success in the competition, these students gained a major head start with practical knowledge that will help them manage their finances wisely over the course of their lives. Keep up the great work ladies!



FOUNDATION



Remembering Henry Assetto



The Coatesville Area School District mourns the loss of former School Board member and lifelong educator, Henry Assetto. Mr. Assetto died peacefully at his home in Coatesville on December 5, 2021, at the age of 75. He will be remembered for a life of kindness and service to his students and community.

A passionate and talented educator, Mr. Assetto spent a total of 52 years in the classroom. He began his teaching career in Harrisburg Public Schools, but soon returned to his hometown of Coatesville where he taught at Gordon Middle School. Over the next 32 years, Mr. Assetto taught in the Coatesville Area School District where his list of accomplishments included being named National History Teacher of the Year in 1999. He also served as Awards Chair for the PA Council for Social Studies, was a Member of the House of Delegates National Council for Social Studies, a Member of the National Social Studies Instructional Committee, and a content advisor and editor with both McDougal Littell and Houghton Mifflin curriculum and textbook companies.

After a brief retirement from teaching, Mr. Assetto returned to the classroom at Twin Valley High School, as an inaugural faculty member of the Charter High School for Architecture and Design (Philadelphia, PA). Mr. Assetto was also a member of the Education Department at Longwood Gardens, where he served for 15 years in a role that combined his passion for education with his love and skill of gardening.

Mr. Assetto was a graduate of West Chester University, completed graduate work at Penn State University, and a Fellowship at Kings College of Oxford in England.

His life of service to his community continued through his tenure as an elected member of the Coatesville Area School Board for three and a half years (September 2018 - September 2021), until he fell ill.

Mr. Assetto was a devoted and loving family man. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Angelina, and their five children and 10 grandchildren. He was known as an amazing cook and for his award-winning gardens. He was an active member of St. Peter Church in Coatesville. He was also an active member of The Men of Malvern at St. Joseph in the Hills - Retreat House, a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus, and a member of the Order of Sons and Daughters of Italy.

Mr. Assetto will be deeply missed by his friends, family, students, and community. He left an indelible mark on the Coatesville Area School District, which extends its condolences to his family.



Reeceville Raptors are Role Models

Colbin Charron, a fifth grader at Reeceville Elementary, used his PBIS Raptor points to volunteer in Mrs. Cerra's first grade classroom. Colbin's act of service demonstrates his genuine kindness. He is a great role model for our younger students. Keep up the great work, Colbin!

East Fallowfield Pops Each Sound

Miss Kriston's students at East Fallowfield are using fun tools to help them learn. The famous toy "Pop Its" have become a kid favorite, so Miss Kriston wanted them to be incorporated into instruction, so students can see how this fun toy can be used academically. In small groups, students used "Pop Its" to help with CVC words (consonant-vowel-consonant words, such as cat, sit). The students had a picture of a CVC word then had to use the "Pop Its", to sound it out. As they were sounding out it each letter in the word, they were pushing one time on the "Pop It". Then the students had to write the letters that they popped out on their CVC working mat. The small groups really enjoyed this and asked if we could do this again tomorrow. The activity was very hands-on for the students and some even shared they can use their "Pop Its" at home to sound out CVC words.



Click the image below to see a short video of Caln Elementary's Hydroponic Harvest Party!



Holiday Card Contest

Ryan Snow, an 11th grade CASD art student, won the 29th annual CASD Holiday Card Contest. Ryan's painting of a snowy road leading into a tunnel captures the beauty of the winter season. This painting was on display for all to see last week and for the Winter Concert on December 11, 2021. Congratulations Ryan, and to all the art students that participated in this wonderful annual event.



Reeceville Holiday Shopping

Students had the opportunity to shop for their friends and family for the holidays during Reeceville's PTA Holiday Shop last week. It would not have been possible without the efforts of the PTA, parent volunteers, and all the CASD National Honor Society members who volunteered their time to assist our students in choosing, paying and wrapping up their items.



RaiderBots Provide Community Service



On Tuesday, November 22 some of the members of the RaiderBots, RaiderBots 2 and Mrs. Warren-Ward went to the Neighborhood Community Center in Coatesville and participated in providing a Thanksgiving Dinner for the homeless. The RaiderBots & RaiderBots 2 helped to serve the meals and clean-up of the center after the event. Mrs. Warren-Ward was truly impressed with their willingness to serve the community of Coatesville. Thank you students and Mrs. Warren-Ward for your service and support.

AFJROTC Marches in Coatesville Parade

On Saturday December 4, 2021, 33 AFJROTC cadets from PA-771 marched in the Coatesville Christmas Parade. They were led by Cadet Colonel Brandon Shilling who kept them solidly in formation and led them in singing military songs known as "Jodies" throughout the parade.



Recognizing Raiders: Employee Spotlights

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.

Lisa Adamski Scott 6th Grade Center

"Ms. Adamski is a teacher who goes far above and beyond the expectations for a classroom teacher. She spends hours outside of school preparing for IEP meetings with parents to ensure each child receives the individualized instruction they deserve and need."



Brenda Spinelli – CASH

Nominated by Assistant Principal Jarvin Williams

"Ms. Spinelli goes above and beyond to ensure students' academic success and parents' understanding of their child's progress. She frequently attends IEP meetings, mentors students who are struggling, and collaborates very well with co-teachers & interventionists. Ms. Spinelli is a super star!"



Recognizing Raiders

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](#)

The Impact of Charter School Funding



The Coatesville Area School District recently received a request to pay two Charter Schools nearly \$5 million dollars based on a belief that CASD underpaid them during the last school year. We fundamentally disagree and plan to address this. Under the terms of Pennsylvania Charter School Law, the request made by the two Charter Schools could lead to funds being redirected from the CASD budget to the Charter schools. This was

an unexpected request that was not budgeted for this 2021-2022 fiscal year and would be detrimental to the operations of the CASD. The District is firm in its belief that the charter schools' legal position is clearly contrary to law, and the District will take the necessary steps to protect its interests and the interests of the residents of the District. While we are hopeful that a resolution will be reached, the District will be steadfast in protecting its rights and interests.

As we continue to take on the issue of fair funding, our intent is to ensure law makers are reminded how the Charter School Law adversely impacts the District and your child's education. You can also click [here](#) to write to your local legislators requesting support in this matter. It's simple, enter your contact information and your letter will be automatically sent to your corresponding legislative office. For more information on this topic please visit the Fair Funding section of our website by clicking [here](#).

Sign Up or Opt-Out of CASD Text Alerts

Sign up for text messaging from the Coatesville Area School District to receive information about weather cancellations or delays and other important district-wide updates. You can participate by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to 67587. You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".



Please join us for our District Science Fair!

Saturday, January 15, 2022

10:00am – 3:00pm

CASH Cafeteria





Our students are making great strides this year and we can't wait to watch them continue to grow as learners! Here, East Fallowfield teachers meet for a Data Meeting, where they examine student performance and discuss ways to meet the needs their students are demonstrating.

Kindergarten Registration 2022-2023 School Year

Welcome Class of 2035!

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 **2022-2023 Kindergarten Pre-Registration** form by clicking on links below:

[English](#)

[Spanish](#)

In addition to basic information about your child, please be prepared to upload copies of the following documents:

- Birth Certificate
- Immunization Records
- Proof of Residency

Please click [here](#) to determine which Elementary School your child will attend.

Coatesville Area School District Elementary Schools

- Caln Elementary: 610-383-3760
- East Fallowfield Elementary: 610-383-3765
- King's Highway Elementary: 610-383-3775
- Rainbow Elementary: 610-383-3780
- Reeceville Elementary: 610-383-3785

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.



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FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

Before and After School Programs at the YMCA



WE ARE HIRING!

We are looking for energetic, fun loving educators and mentors to lead students through activities and learning in the Coatesville Area School District.

Earn \$14 to \$18 per hour.

Take advantage of great benefits, including:

- Nights and weekends to yourself
- Part time and a flexible schedule
- FREE Y Membership
- Reduced rates on YGBW programs
- Professional Development

The YMCA of Brandywine proudly partners with the following schools:

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

BRANDYWINE YMCA
299 Purkey Road, Coatesville, PA
a branch of the
YMCA of Greater Brandywine

Please visit our career page for location and qualification information:

YMCAGBW.ORG/CAREERS



Kindergarten Registration

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.



NOMINATE YOUR FAVORITE TEACHER

Tell us how your teacher makes a difference!
Scan the QR Code to nominate a teacher.
Submit your nomination by January 15.



At Citadel Credit Union, building strength in our community is at the heart of everything we do. That's why we started the Citadel Heart of Learning Award program - to honor outstanding teachers throughout the Greater Philadelphia area. We encourage students, parents, faculty and administration to nominate their favorite teachers. Winners will receive our glass heart award, \$500 to spend in their classroom, and be honored at our Awards Ceremony in May.

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School Board Updates

The Coatesville Area School Board met on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 and Tuesday, December 14, 2021. The full meeting agendas can be found [here](#) and you can watch the recordings [here](#).

Board President Rob Fisher began the December 7 meeting by recognizing the life and accomplishments of Mr. Henry Assetto. We are grateful to him for his service to our school district and extend our condolences to his family.

Board Members Andrew C. Finkbohner and Robert J. Fisher were re-elected to their positions. Three additional residents, Harvel L. Brown, Holly Charest, and Jennifer Shaut, were appointed as Board Members at the meeting on November 23, 2021.

Rob Fisher was elected as Board President and Brandon J. Rhone was elected Board Vice President.

The Board Meeting Schedule for 2022 was approved and can be found [here](#).

Morning transfer busses have been eliminated for most students in grades 6-12 starting January 3, 2022. Learn more [here](#).

There were four presentations during the December 14 Board meeting.

1. Casandra Jones and Dr. Rebecca Daugherty presented on the English Language Arts Pilot Programs we have in place this year. View that presentation [here](#).
2. Tomás Hanna and Lori Diefenderfer presented the 2022-2023 School District Budget Update, which can be found [here](#).
3. Tomás Hanna provided an update on the Health and Safety Plan and considerations that will be taken before any changes occur. View that presentation [here](#).
4. King's Highway Principal Bridgette Miles [presented](#) on their use of Lexia to show student growth. Great job King's Highway students!



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