



AROUND OUR SCHOOLS

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Coatesville Area School District Welcomes State Legislators



The Coatesville Area School District welcomed several Pennsylvania legislators to its schools on December 16 and 17, in continued efforts to rally for charter reform and increased funding from the state.

State Representative Tim Hennessey (Republican, 26th House District) visited

Kings Highway Elementary School on Thursday, December 16. State Senator Carolyn Comitta (Democrat, 19th Senate District) visited the Scott Sixth Grade Center on Friday, December 16. She was joined at Scott by a representative from Senator Katie Muth's office (Democrat, 44th Senate District) and Beth Brindle, Chief of Staff for State Representative Danielle Otten (Democrat, 155th House District.)

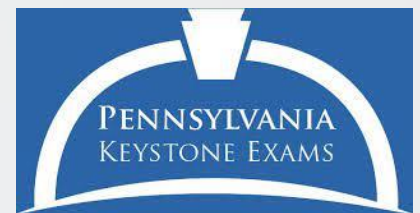
During the visits legislators met with administrators to learn about several of the school district's academic initiatives and to tour some of the school's classrooms. Administrators spoke with legislators about the inequities of charter funding and the need for increased resources for public schools.



Important Upcoming Dates

KEYSTONE TESTING WINDOW

Monday, January 3 –
Friday January 14, 2022

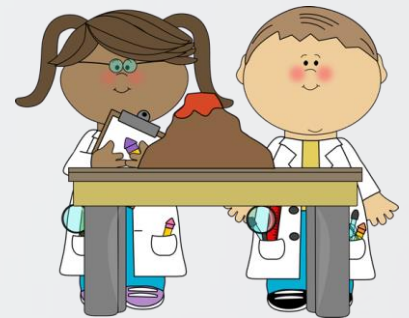


SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

DISTRICT SCIENCE FAIR

Saturday, January 15, 2022



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY (NO SCHOOL)

Monday, January 17, 2022

EARLY DISMISSAL

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

END OF 2ND MARKING PERIOD

Friday, January 21, 2022

4th Grade Tackles Energy Transfer and Conversion

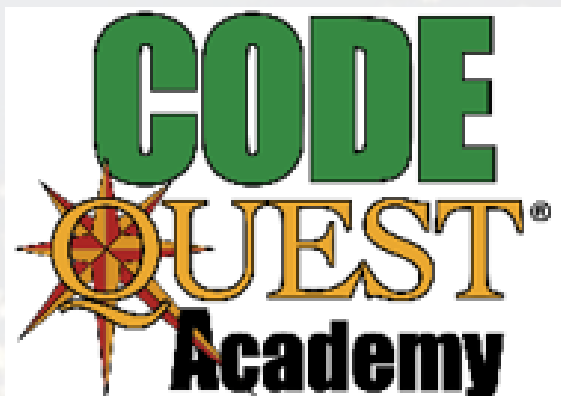
Through the example of bumper cars, 4th grade students at King's Highway were introduced to energy transfer and conversion in collisions. Students discovered a variety of ways that potential energy can be stored and released as kinetic energy. During the module, students built vehicles using VEX Kits. They used the vehicles and online simulators to explore how mechanisms change energy by transferring direction, speed, type of movement and force.

Students applied new skills and knowledge to solve a design challenge where they were asked to design and build a restraint system to protect a passenger in a vehicle collision. The passenger was represented by an egg. In the experiment, the vehicles rolled down an inclined plane and collided with a cinder block. Students evaluated if their design was successful if the egg passenger stayed in the vehicle and did not crack in the collision.



CASH Classroom Partners with Lockheed Martin

Last week, Mr. Sheehan's Business Tech class at CASH received word that they were chosen to participate in Lockheed Martin's Code Quest Academy, a free computer coding and career mentoring program for high school students. The students will participate in virtual coding practice sessions with a mentor from Lockheed Martin throughout the Spring. There is a Code Quest Competition at the end of April that students may compete in, and they will have the opportunity to apply for internship and apprenticeship opportunities after the program. We are excited to see the benefits of this partnership and the opportunities afforded to our students.



CAIHS Decks the Halls

The halls of CAIHS were adorned with festive winter doors the week before break. The PBIS team hosted a Winter Door Decorating Contest and the students and staff enjoyed the friendly competition. Students decorated the doors with their 8th Period classes and the school administrators served as the judges. The three big winners were:

1st Place: Ms. Hubiak

2nd Place: Ms. Cubit

3rd Place: Ms. Perri

Congratulations to our winners and all those who participated. It was such a great way to get in the holiday spirit and work together.



First Graders Get Creative

Mrs. Swisher's first grade class at King's Highway was treated to a guest reader. Mrs. Crane is a retired Coatesville teacher. She read the class *The Legend of the Poinsettia*. They learned that the Poinsettia comes from Mexico and it was named after Dr. Joel Poinsett. The class painted their own beautiful Poinsettias.



Elementary Students Rock Their Winter Concert

On Thursday, December 16, elementary students came together for the District Combined Band and Orchestra Concert hosted at the Coatesville Intermediate High School Auditorium. The concert was opened by the chorus students from East Fallowfield Elementary, followed by the instrumental students from our five elementary schools.

The students were excited to have the opportunity to show off the skills they have learned so far, and everyone in attendance was ready to experience live music again! Many of these students had their initial instrumental lessons over zoom due to the pandemic, and their determination to learn has been wonderful to witness. These students have worked so hard and will continue to grow as musicians for years to come.



Kindergarten Celebrates with a Festive Favorite

On Friday, December 17, students in kindergarten at Rainbow Elementary participated in the annual gingerbread house day. Teachers and parent volunteers worked hard to ensure the students had a fun and festive day at school that surely enhanced their excitement for the upcoming winter break.



East Fallowfield Township Lights the Tree

On Saturday, December 18, East Fallowfield Elementary School partnered with East Fallowfield Township for the tree lighting ceremony at East Fallowfield Park. Many of our families came out to the event and in support of East Fallowfield chorus, who performed. We are so proud of chorus members, under the direction of Mrs. Mullen, for spreading holiday cheer to our community and representing our district so well.

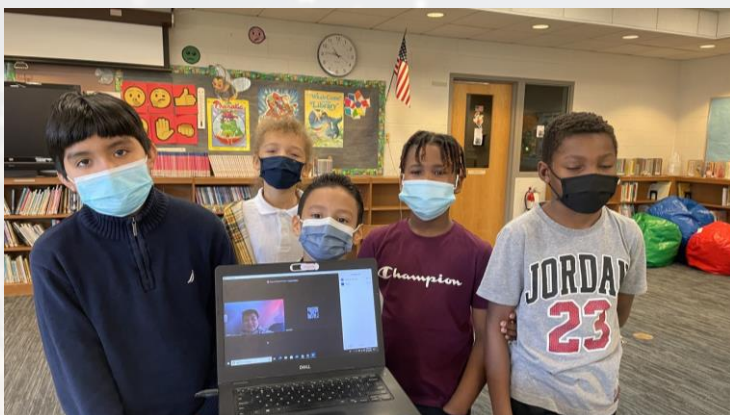


Elementary Students S-P-E-L-L Their Way to the District Spelling Bee

Each of our elementary schools hosted a spelling bee for students in third, fourth, and fifth grade during the month of December. These students practiced their spelling at school and at home, putting in extra time to prepare for the event. A big thank you goes out to the teachers and families who supported them along the way.

Each grade level at each school identified a first and second place winner, and alternate winner who will continue on to compete in our district-wide spelling bee on January 7, 2022. King's Highway Principal Dr. Miles said, "All students did a great job and should be very proud of themselves to represent their grades and class."

Congratulations to everyone who worked hard and participated in their School Spelling Bees and good luck to those preparing for the District Spelling Bee!



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.

Ronald Benner - CAIHS

Nominated by Assistant Principal Dr. Jamar Alston

"Mr. Benner is an excellent teacher at the Intermediate High School. Mr. Benner takes pride in his work and constantly looks for ways to improve his instruction and help our school. He steps up in the cafeteria and takes charge when it is needed. He also stepped up and took on the responsibility of being our school's Junior National Honor Society Coordinator."



Shirley Coleman King's Highway Elementary

Nominated by Principal Dr. Bridgette Miles

"Mrs. Coleman goes ABOVE and BEYOND to ensure that our building is the absolute cleanest. Every morning upon entrance into King's Highway, the smooth sounding jazz and the smell of fresh disinfectant throughout the halls surely adds to a great start of the day. She is available for every call she receives whether a paper towel refill, a "clean up on aisle 4", or to vacuum some carpets. Her calm attitude is always positive as she has many times had to complete areas of the building that are out of her realm of responsibility. Miss Shirley, as she is affectionately known by students and staff, provides a safe, clean, and organized learning atmosphere. She is a gem to King's Highway!"



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

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

CASH Cafeteria



Adopt a Teacher

Just a reminder that there is still time to adopt a teacher 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.

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.



Kindergarten Registration