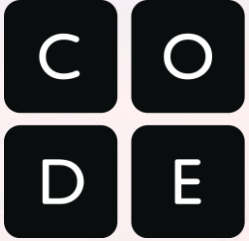




# AROUND OUR SCHOOLS

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## HOUR OF CODE



We live in a world surrounded by technology, and we know that whatever field our students choose to go into as adults, their ability to succeed will increasingly depend on understanding how technology works. However, only a fraction of us are learning how technology works. Only 51% of all high schools offer computer science.

With this in mind, on Wednesday, February 2, Coatesville Area School District joined the largest international learning event by hosting a district-wide Hour of Code event. Every student participated in fun

and dynamic coding activities, engaging students in foundational 21st-century skills. More than 100 million students worldwide have participated in Hour of Code. We encourage you to speak with your children about this great opportunity and what they learned through their activities. This is a chance to change the future of education in Coatesville! *(Continued Page 2)*

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Welcome Class of 2035! Kindergarten 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 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.



# Hour of Code, continued.

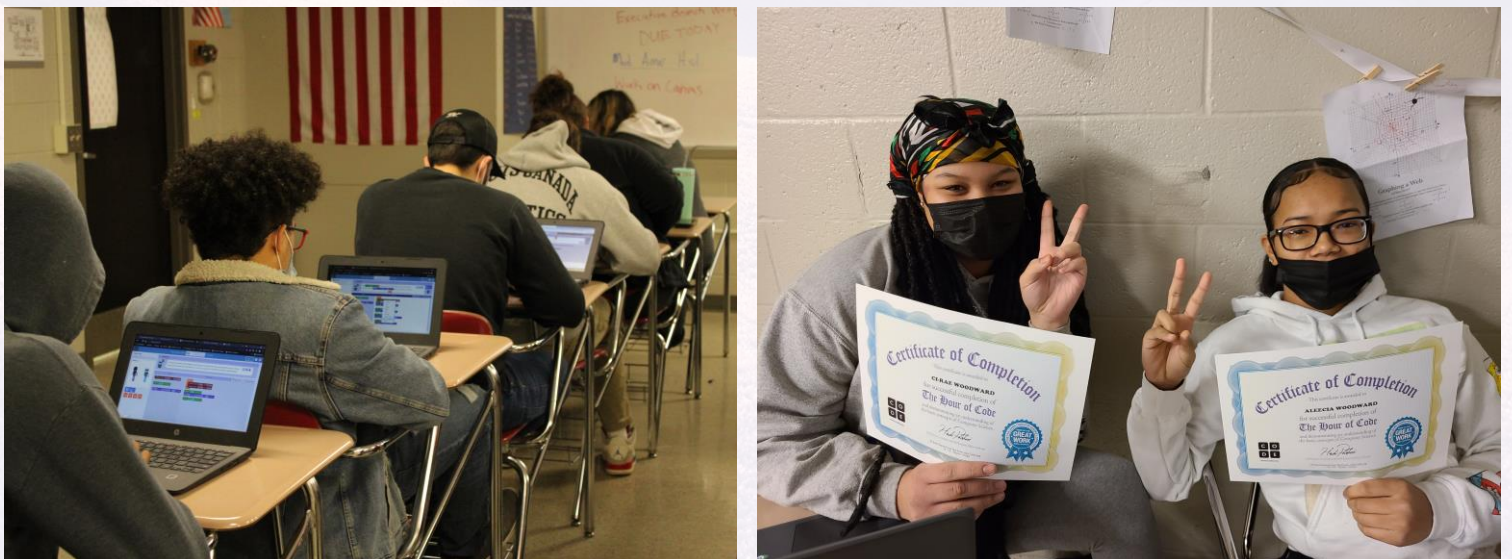
Throughout the day, students across every school demonstrated resiliency and determination when met with challenging new activities. They successfully collaborated with their peers to advance their skills. They were so proud of what they learned and had fun sharing tips and tricks with classmates.



One Rainbow Elementary parent remarked, "I can't tell you how much I love that the school is participating in this at all levels and abilities. I am an accountant and understand how vital understanding technology is in the job market today. It's more than half my job! Coatesville is doing wonderful things for these kids in advancing them into the future!"



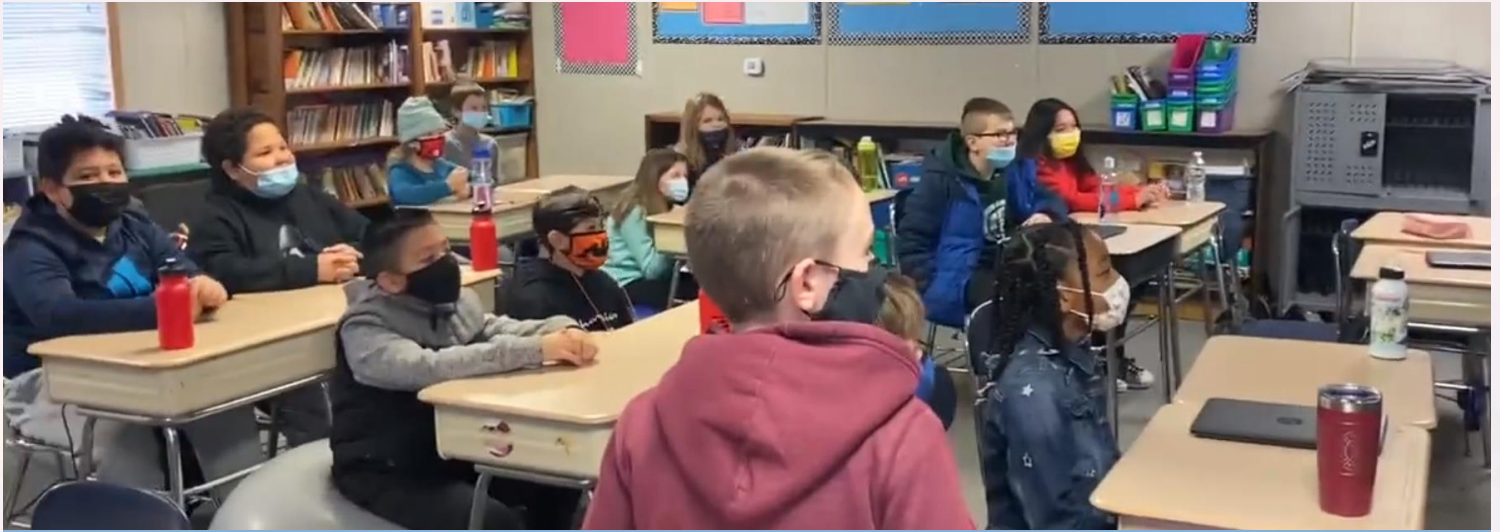
We look forward to making this an annual event and working to provide students with the tools and confidence they need to explore new areas of interest. Thank you to all those who participated at school and those who encouraged curious minds at home!





# Honoring Black History Month with Music

Mr. Dupre's 4th grade class at East Fallowfield Elementary is starting every day of Black History Month with music from an African American artist. On Monday, the artist was Michael Jackson and the kids sounded awesome singing along to Man in the Mirror! Students then shared how they can make a change for the better.



*Click the image to view the video on Twitter.*

# Campus Safety Director of the Year Finalist

Congratulations to our very own Chief Galbraith on being named as one of this year's Campus Safety Director of the Year finalists for Campus Safety Magazine!

Chief Galbraith serves as the Director of Safety and Security and Chief of Police for Coatesville Area School District. Some of his notable accomplishments include:

- Researched, applied for and won grants to pay for officers and their equipment, security/technology/emergency preparedness programs, a new security gate and bulletproof vests.
- Implemented the Incident Command System in the district, taking administrative leadership through FEMA ICS 100, 200 and 700 training levels. He is currently planning for the 900 level.
- Developed close working relationships with the district's local police departments.





# Scott 6<sup>th</sup> Graders Visit Fluxspace



The students of Scott 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center had a blast at Fluxspace. Twenty-Five students were invited to attend a field trip to Fluxspace after they wrote an essay about, "Why STEM was important?" Upon arriving at the center, students were greeted and encouraged to become inventors. Students were presented with real world problems and challenged to create something that would help to solve this problem using the Design Thinking Process; Empathize, Define, Ideate, Prototype, Test. They worked in "small business teams" to design their products. Their designs were phenomenal and truly could make a difference in the world. It was a great experience for all. We look forward to seeing these students grow their passion for STEM.



## What is Design Thinking?

[Design Thinking](#) is a design methodology that provides a solution-based approach to solving problems. It's extremely useful in tackling complex problems that are ill-defined or unknown, by understanding the [human needs](#) involved, by re-framing the problem in human-centric ways, by creating many ideas in [brainstorming](#) sessions, and by adopting a hands-on approach in [prototyping](#) and testing. Understanding these five stages of Design Thinking will empower anyone to apply the Design Thinking methods in order to solve complex problems that occur around us — in our companies, in our countries, and even on the scale of our planet.





# Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service



Coatesville Area School District would like to extend our thanks to the W.C. Atkinson Memorial Community Services Center, Inc. for thinking of our students when planning their Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. They challenged local non-profits, faith-based & civic organizations, and community partners to join in a collaborative initiative to assist the Coatesville Area School District's COVID-19 relief efforts.

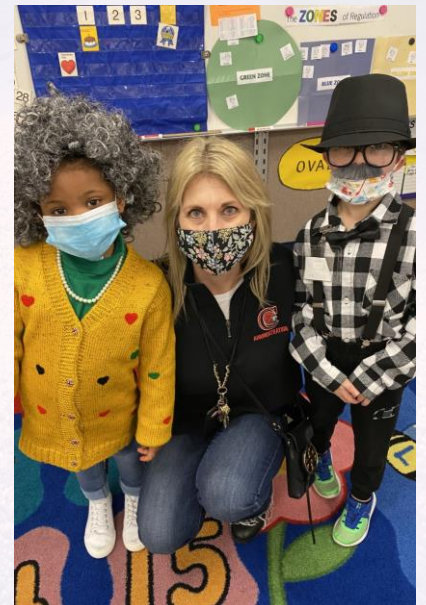
As the Omicron variant spreads throughout the nation, they recognized that the surge in positive cases has not only impacted adults;

but its rates have also been rising steadily among elementary & middle school-aged students. Dr. Vincent E. Miles, a W.C. Atkinson Board Member, said, "It was a "no brainer" for the W.C. Atkinson Center to take the lead and dedicate our Dr. MLK Day of Service efforts toward targeting these youth. The organizations [we reached out to] unanimously accepted our challenge!"

Assistance was provided through funding items such as children-sized masks, tissues, hand sanitizer, face shields, activity books (focused on COVID-19), crayons, and a book marker (that would feature Rev. Dr. M. L. King Jr., and local activist, Dr. W. C. Atkinson). As a result of these efforts, they were able to provide 250 bags of COVID-19 relief items to every elementary and middle school in the District. This donation will go a long way in the District's effort to keep our students safe. Thank you to all those who contributed.

## 100 Days of School

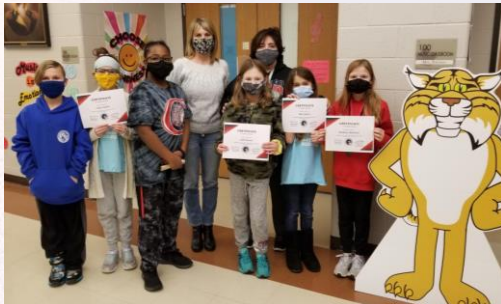
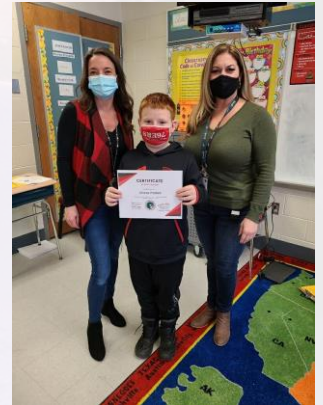
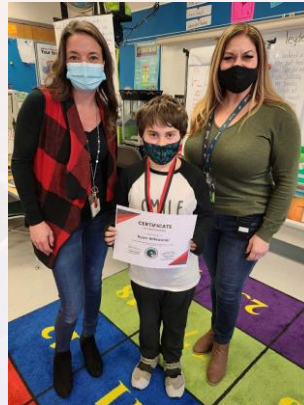
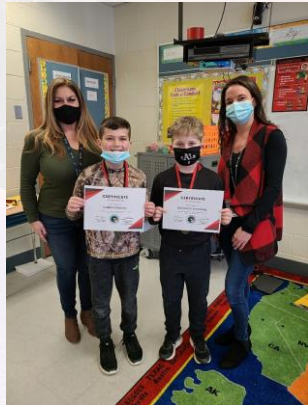
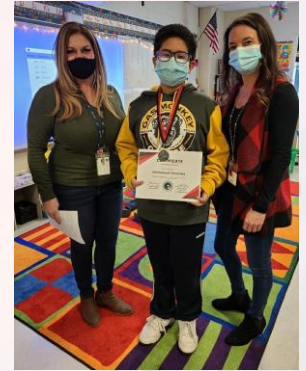
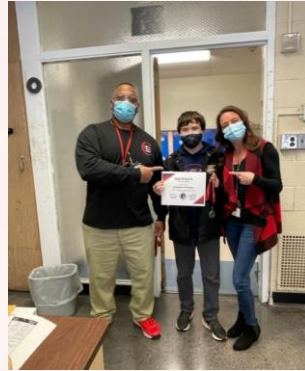
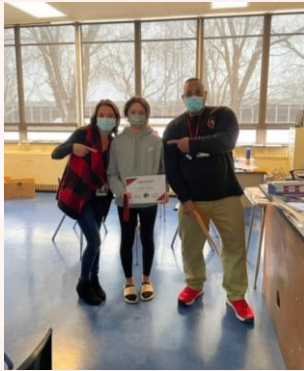
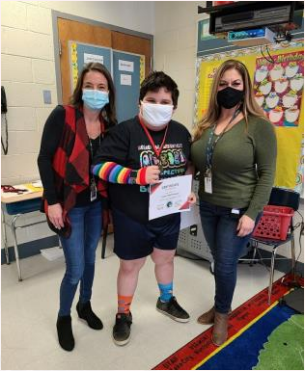
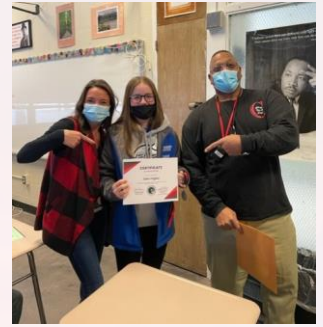
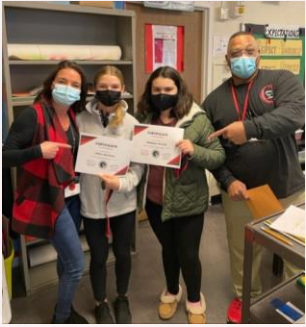
We are so proud of our students, as we have made it to our 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. Students were so excited to celebrate across the district and dress up for the occasion!





# District Science Fair Winners

Congratulations to all our students who placed in the District Science Fair! On Friday, January 28, students were surprised at their schools with their medals and certificates. Keep up the great work and best of luck to those going on to compete in the Chester County Science Fair!





# Lace Up 4 Cancer

On February 2, the Coatesville Red Raiders and Avon Grove Devils were Lacing Up 4 Pediatric Cancer to support the Go4theGoal Foundation, which helps kids battling cancer.

Lace Up 4 Pediatric Cancer began in the fall of 2011. Since then, professional, college and youth teams have participated in raising funds and awareness for this disease. To date, over a half million athletes have supported the cause. \$4 from every \$5 pair of laces and 100% of all donations directly benefit kids and families in the state where the funds are raised.

Go4theGoal works to improve the lives of children battling cancer by providing financial assistance, granting special wishes, developing unique hospital programs, and funding innovative research. Learn more about Go4theGoal and how you can help to make a difference by visiting [Go4theGoal.org](http://Go4theGoal.org).



*Coatesville defeated Avon Grove 42-29.*

## 2u 4 Home: Rainbow Student Starts Business

Rainbow 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade student, Jazlynn Rivera-Foster, is following her dreams and is building her future!

With the help of her dad, Jazlynn created 2u 4 Home, LLC. Jazlynn creates candles, air fresheners, and bath salts. Rainbow is so proud of their future business leader!



Click the icons here to visit their website and Facebook page!





## Bugs for Lunch

Would you eat an insect? The AP Environmental Science class at CASH is currently discussing sustainable practices. To kickstart the unit, the students researched the sustainability of our current diet and agricultural practices. They also investigated more sustainable alternatives. In other words, instead of chicken or beef, try some bugs!

The purpose of the research was to compare how much water, land, and carbon it takes to produce 1 kg of wheat, insects, chicken, and beef. Not only did the students learn that it takes less land, water, and carbon to produce insects, but insects provide more protein per serving than beef. To culminate the research, the class held a "Bugs for Lunch" day. The students had the opportunity to eat various flavors of crickets and an assortment of other insects. In case you were wondering, "Hickory Smoked Bacon" crickets was this year's favorite. So, if you are looking to live more sustainably, try substituting your next batch of beef tacos for some Spicy Cayenne Cricket Tacos.

## North Brandywine Engages in Teamwork

Students in Mr. Riker's 7th grade STEM class learned the value of teamwork by building the highest tower they could build. Each student started with 5 cups and the simple instruction of "build a high tower". When all resources were shared and utilized as a team the goal was accomplished. Thanks to Wawa for providing the cups!



## "Paint and Patch" Drama Presents



Join us as Coatesville Area Senior High School's "Paint and Patch" Drama Club presents "Peter Pan - A Musical Adventure" on February 25th and 26th, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the CASH Auditorium.

Featuring Kai Hallenbeck and Joseph P. Keeshan as the spirited Peter Pan, our show will take you places "never" seen before where dreams are born and certainly remind us to stay young at heart and never grow up. Under the Direction of Mr. Alex DiGuiseppe assisted by Student Directors Kirstyn Jones and Kai Hallenbeck, we invite you to follow that star to the right for tickets at the door (\$5.00) to fly with us!



# 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.

## Anna DeAngelo Rainbow Elementary

"Ms. D as the kids call her is an outstanding, energetic communicator and a fierce competitor. You can feel the love she has for educating our children. She ensures that parents know what is happening with their children. Her actions give me the confidence that my child is not only getting a good education, but she has built her confidence."

- Anonymous

"She has gone above and beyond to help my daughter and she truly cares for her students!"

- Rainbow Parent Chaunte Scrafford



## Jack Morales Facilities Department

"Jack saved the day! Reeceville was having a huge event - giving every student a winter coat! The coats were supposed to be delivered on a Friday, but since we were out due to the snow, they were not delivered, and they could not guarantee delivery in time for the event. Jack popped in the day before the event, and without hesitation, he said he would pick up the delivery from FedEx. It was A LOT of boxes he had to load, unload and transport to our library. Without his help this event wouldn't have been possible!"

- Cheri Southcott, Reeceville Principal Secretary



## 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](#)



# Day Camp for a Day

No school and nothing to do? Come to Day Camp For a Day and get a taste of summer camp in the middle of winter! Day Camp For a Day is for campers in 2nd grade through 6th grade. Camp includes games, Surprise Time, team competition, an exciting Bible story and missionary story, Quiz Down, snacks, prizes and more! Camp is free, but campers should bring their own lunch. Snacks and water will be provided. Enrollment is limited.

**Monday, February 21, 2022, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Gateway Church**

**160 Cowan Road, Parkesburg, PA**

[REGISTER HERE](#)



# CALN LITTLE LEAGUE

**2022 Spring Season Registration  
Now Open at [www.calnaa.com](http://www.calnaa.com)**



**Little  
League**  
Official Program



Caln Little League of the Coatesville Area, has partnered with the Coatesville community for over 60 years! We pride ourselves on providing a FUN and SAFE environment for our children to enjoy and learn the game. Our volunteer coaches take great pride in their jobs, with focus on teaching the game to all players at all skill levels. **We invite you to join us this spring and play with all your friends.**



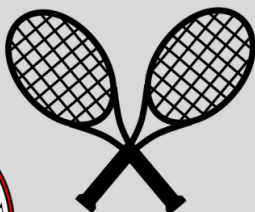
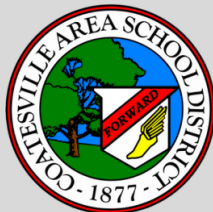
**Register Now at [www.calnaa.com](http://www.calnaa.com)**

**Season runs April 9th to June 4th**



## Eligibility Requirements

- Boys & Girls, ages 4 to 18
- ATTEND** any school in the Coatesville Area School District or Pope John Paul Regional Catholic School
- Or **LIVE** in Caln, West Caln, West Brandywine, Coatesville, South Coatesville, Valley, East Fallowfield, Modena or Sadsbury municipalities.



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## 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](mailto:adopt-a-teacher@outlook.com).



## 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 cancelations 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".



## School Board Updates

The Coatesville Area School Board met on Tuesday, February 8, 2022. The full meeting agenda can be found [here](#) and you can watch the recording [here](#).

The Education Committee approved the AFJROTC Crosstown Agreement, which will allow students from Downingtown Area School District to enroll and participate in the Coatesville High School Air Force Junior ROTC Program.

Enrollment reports run on January 31, 2022 show a decrease in Charter School Enrollment (-97) and an increase in CASD Enrollment (+141) over the previous year.

Superintendent Tomás Hanna and Director of Business Administration Lori Diefenderfer provided a 2022-2023 School District Budget Update which can be viewed [here](#). The goal is to adopt a preliminary budget in April and a final budget in June.

One item on the Operations Committee Agenda was tabled during the meeting: "CCIU Bus Rodeo - Request to Waive Fees." President Fisher asked to table this item until there is further clarification on the custodial fees.

Several policies were approved during the Special Board Meeting. A public comment was made asking for formatting changes to improve consistency and accessibility for community members.

A public comment was made requesting that Muslim holidays be recognized as excused absences for students and that consideration be made in coming years for these holidays when planning the CASD School Year Calendar.

Chief Galbraith, the Director of Safety and Security and Chief of Police for Coatesville Area School District, was recognized as one of six finalists for Campus Safety Director of the Year. Thank you for all you do to keep everyone safe!



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