



# AROUND OUR SCHOOLS

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### Students Succeed at Special Olympics Event

On Friday, May 13th, CASH hosted and welcomed students from around our county to take place in the Special Olympics Event organized by the Chester County Intermediate Unit. Due to COVID, the Olympics had been postponed for the past two years. It was wonderful to welcome and see all the schools from around our county come together to cheer on our special students!



### Important Upcoming Dates

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, May 24, 2022

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND  
NO SCHOOL  
Friday, May 27 –  
Monday, May 30, 2022

A special thank you to Mr. Hughes and his marching band along with our Cheerleaders for being part of the opening ceremony. Thank you to Mr. Nelson on the wonderful job of making our CASD Banner and to all those who volunteered. Not even the rain, clouds and drizzle could dampen the spirits of these students.



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL &  
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION  
Thursday, June 9, 2022

# Caln Learns That "Literacy Is Equity"

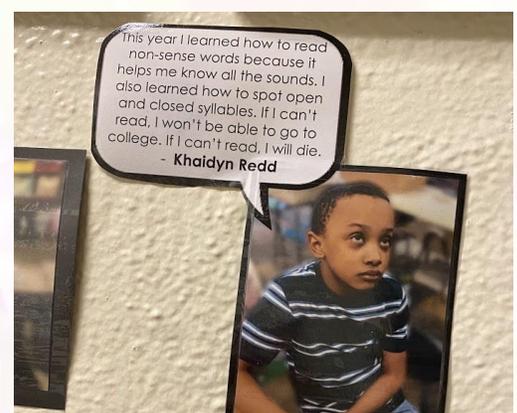
If you venture down the third-grade hallway at Caln Elementary, it is impossible to miss an inspiring display put together by the third-grade teachers (Kristina Barcus, Abigail Olsen, and Heather Shannon) and their amazing students. Ms. Casandra Jones, Supervisor of ELA & Social Studies, asked the team to share a little bit about the display, which is a perfect representation of the work being done in the district to improve literacy outcomes for all students.

"The lack of in-person instruction during the pandemic left many of our students with gaps in their foundational reading skills. In response to this need, the district implemented additional whole group phonics lessons and small group instruction to strengthen these early literacy skills.

Shortly after winter break as we returned to our normal routines, we noticed a new lack of motivation from our students. Rather than using discipline strategies to improve lesson participation, as a team, we decided that our students needed to understand the "why" behind all this increased reading instruction to get real buy-in from them.

We created a video lesson for all 3rd-grade classes to watch that focused on the equity that the ability to read will provide them in life. After the video lesson was shared, each 3rd-grade class discussed the importance of active participation in this instruction and daily practice. Each classroom came up with a different "quote starter" that the students would use to create as a personal reminder for themselves as to **why their effort during reading instruction was critical to their future success**. Finally, we took pictures of our students thinking of their quotes and hung them up along with their quotes on the main wall at the entry to the 3rd-grade hallway at Caln.

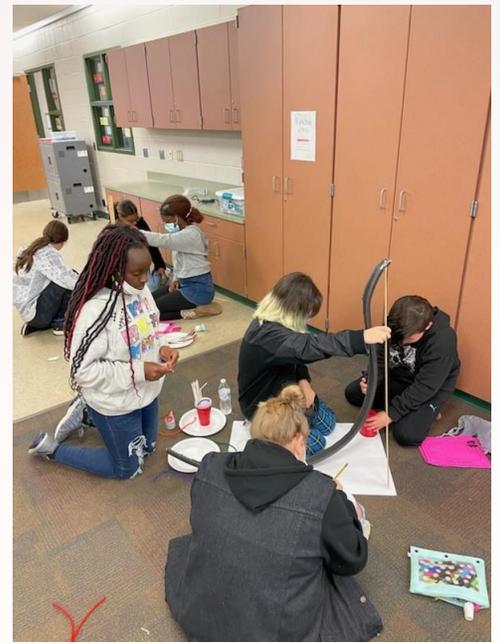
We are extremely happy to report that not only did this project turn into a beautiful work of art for our school but as a third-grade team, we have seen a renewed focus and more intrinsic motivation from our students during reading instruction. We are excited to incorporate this project into our instruction in years to come as well so that future Caln third graders can find the same motivation to achieve the success that this year's 3rd-grade group did."



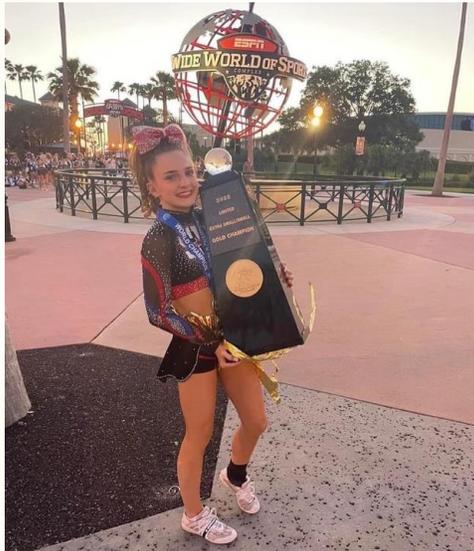


## Fifth Graders Conquer STEM Challenge

Miss Stambaugh and Mrs. Fulmer's 5th grade classes at Rainbow have been working diligently on their STEM challenge of becoming Hershey Park Engineers. Students must design Hershey's next roller coaster to complete the challenge. Check out their prototypes - it looks like it'll be a wild ride!



## CASH Student Wins at The Cheerleading Worlds



Congratulations to CASH sophomore, Kinzie Haiko, who is a member of an All-Star Cheer Team from Cinnaminson, NJ. She has competed with her team, Fab 5, from the New Jersey Spirit Explosion gym, for three seasons.

Recently, Fab 5 competed at The Cheerleading Worlds at ESPN at Disney World and won the World Championship!

This local small gym traveled there and did an amazing job competing. The athletes and coaches work hard every single practice year-round. Kinzie travels 73 miles one way to train and practice with this team, along with being a student in the 10th grade!

Way to go, Kinzie! Congratulations to you and your team.

# 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.

# Spring Music Concerts Return to CASD

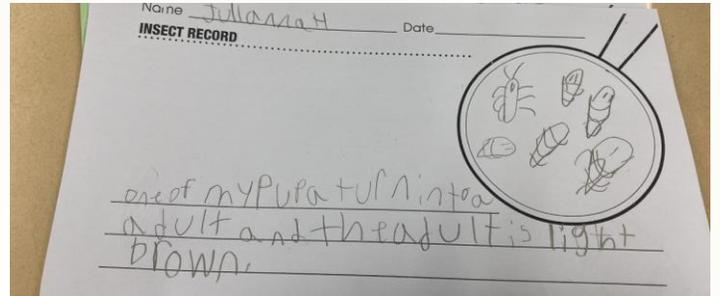


Our schools were once again alive with the sound of music! For the first time since COVID, our elementary students were able to have Spring Concerts to show off their beautiful voices and expert instrumental skills. Parents, guardians, family, friends, and neighbors of our young musicians gathered to enjoy a night of fun. Congratulations to all who practiced hard for their performances and thank you to the teachers who made it all happen.



# From Worm to Beetle

Mrs. Sebastianelli's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class at Caln Elementary is exploring the life cycle of the mealworm beetle through a hands-on learning experience that integrates science, reading, writing, and math objectives. Students have observed their mealworms grow and change over time. They are documenting the changes that they observe in their personal insect journals. The students share their observations daily.



Emily, a student in Mrs. Sebastianelli's class, was excited to explain to district staff how a larva turns into a pupa before becoming an adult beetle. How exciting (and gross)!



# Career Connection Academy Explores Possibilities

This spring, fifty 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students had the opportunity to explore healthcare and STEM possibilities along with practical life skills. For 2 hours per week for 10 weeks, these students experienced hands-on workshops, visits from medical and business partners, and field trips paired with topics like Communication, Teamwork, Etiquette and more.

Our Healthcare students received stethoscopes, had an opportunity to watch a live robotic surgery, met nurses, and received their white coats at a ceremony honoring them.

Our STEM Students learned about coding, bank fraud, and cyber security, met local law enforcement, and took a trip to Fluxspace.

Both programs attended a combined field trip to TCHS Brandywine Campus and explored their career pathways in Healthcare and STEM. May 10<sup>th</sup> was their last day and completed their program with a visit from Maggie Moo's! Congratulations to these students for participating in this exciting opportunity!



## PATHWAYS TO GRADUATION



[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

## Tie Dye Day

On Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, East Fallowfield celebrated Tie Dye Day. Every student had the opportunity to make their own tie dye shirt that will later be worn for Field Day!



# Countdown to Summer

Kindergarten students at King's Highway have been popping balloons each day to celebrate the last 20 days of school. Inside each balloon is a paper with a fun activity they will do that day. Tuesday was Books and Bubbles. Students brought towels to school that day and we read outside and had some fun blowing bubbles. Each day is a new surprise until the very last day of school.



# CCIU Reading Olympics

Our elementary students did an excellent job competing in the Reading Olympics hosted by the CCIU on May 5. The purpose of the Reading Olympics is to encourage students to read more high-quality texts for enjoyment and learn how to work together as a team. We are so proud of these students for representing our district at the county level and being excellent role models to encourage other students to read for fun.



The Alliance for  
**HEALTH**  
**equity**  
STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

The Alliance for Health Equity, in collaboration with **The Greater Coatesville Hospital Closure Group**, made up of 20 local and county organization leaders, are working toward rebuilding a strong and equitable healthcare system for Greater Coatesville.

To do this, **we need to know your current and future health needs.**

Please complete a confidential survey relating to healthcare to help in understanding the health care needs of the community **by June 17, 2022**. The survey should take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

**Take the Community Health Survey** →

**SURVEY**

# 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.

## Trina DiFrancesco Rainbow Elementary

"Mrs. DiFrancesco defines empathy and compassion. Her ability to connect with the students and parents is something that truly sets her apart from others. She is kind, humble and genuine. Her ability to multi-task, remain detail oriented, and provide weekly communication to parents has really helped ease my mind as a new grade school parent that my child is safe and in good hands during the day. THANK YOU, MRS. D for your unwavering dedication to the children and parents, whose lives you will forever impact."

- Submitted Anonymously



## Cara Mayan King's Highway Elementary

"Mrs. Mayan is amazing! My son doesn't always have the greatest day or there are days that he doesn't look forward to going into school. However, Mrs. Mayan always is there to greet him with a positive outlook and makes him feel appreciated. There are times where my son brings something to school and she allows him to talk to the class about it and that makes him feel like he matters which I love."

- Submitted by Casey Eno



## 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 Strawberry Festival is Back!

**ROTARY CLUB of COATESVILLE**

## 2022 Strawberry FESTIVAL

**Thursday, June 2 • 5-10pm (Wristband Night)**  
**Friday, June 3 • 5-11pm (Fireworks)**  
**Saturday, June 4 • 12noon-11pm**  
**Sunday, June 5 • 12noon-6:30pm**

**Rides**  
**Music**  
**Games**  
**Delicious Food**  
**Fireworks**  
**So Much More!**




Held on the grounds of the former Tower Health/Brandywine Campus  
 Parking is available at the school lots of Reeceville Road. \$2.00 parking fee.  
 Proceeds from the Strawberry Festival go directly to support local non-profit organizations.

[coatesvillerotarystrawberryfestival.com](http://coatesvillerotarystrawberryfestival.com)

Presenting Sponsor: **CITADEL** CHESTER COUNTY

Facebook: @rotarycoatesvillestrawberryfestival  
 Instagram: @CoatesvilleStrawberryFestival

NOTE: Parking is NOT available at CVS or Wawa and should not be used as a drop-off or pickup location.

Festival Guidelines: To make the festival enjoyable for all, please follow these guidelines: No smoking, alcohol or drugs on the festival grounds. No pets on the festival grounds, including but not limited to dogs, cats, snakes, etc. Shoes and shirts are required.

# School Board Updates

The Coatesville Area School Board met on Tuesday, May 10, 2022. The full meeting agenda can be found [here](#) and you can find the recording [here](#).

The evening began with a presentation from Joseph P. Lubitsky concerning a proposal of land purchase by the CCIU. You can watch his presentation [here](#).

Dr. Dunlap and Lori A. Diefenderfer provided a [2022-2023 School District Budget Update](#) presentation. Listen to that presentation [here](#).

Heather Messenger, Supervisor of Online and Innovative Programs, presented an update on Innovative Learning, STEM, and Cyber initiatives in the district. Watch that presentation [here](#).

Amy Scroggin, April Thomas, and CFO Michael Quintiliano from The Lincoln Center discussed [CASD Initiatives and Collaboration](#). You can view that presentation [here](#).

Brenda George, Director of Pupil Services, presented the [Student Services Plan](#). This plan is a comprehensive and integrated blueprint for support to help students feel safe, connected, and successful. You can watch this presentation [here](#).

During the Operations Committee Meeting, Mike Lang from Provident Energy Consulting, L.J. Petroni from Siemens, and Director of Operations and Facilities Dan Pellegrin presented a PA Guaranteed Energy Savings Act Project Recommendation. Watch this presentation [here](#).

Five policies were approved during the Special Board Meeting:

- Policy 228 Student Government
- Policy 229 Student Fundraising
- Policy 230 Public Performances by Students
- Policy 231 Social Events and Class Trips
- Policy 232 Student Involvement in Decision Making



**Coatesville Area School District**  
 Inspiring. Educating. Advancing.

**Penn Medicine**  
 Chester County Hospital

**Saturday, June 18**  
**11:00 AM-3:00 PM**  
 Rain or Shine

## Community Wellness + Colon Cancer Prevention Event



### Juneteenth Drive-by

**LOCATION:**  
 Jubilee Evangelistic Ministries  
 920 Lincoln Hwy E, Coatesville, PA 19320

Join us and our community partners as we host a health and colon cancer prevention event for our Coatesville-area community!

- Drive-through or walk-up
- FREE at-home colon cancer screening kits (\$20 gift card for returned kits)
- FREE blood-pressure screenings
- Giveaways

Let's tackle cancer together...  
 block by block and neighborhood by neighborhood!

**Did you know:**

- African Americans/Blacks between the age of 45-70 are more likely to get and die from colon cancer?
- Colon cancer is easy to treat if found early?
- There is a test you can do at home to check if you are at risk for colon cancer?

**To Register for a Screening Kit:**  
 Scan the QR Code or call the W.C. Atkinson Memorial Community Service Center at 610-380-6193



<https://redcap.lnk/329zrra8>

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