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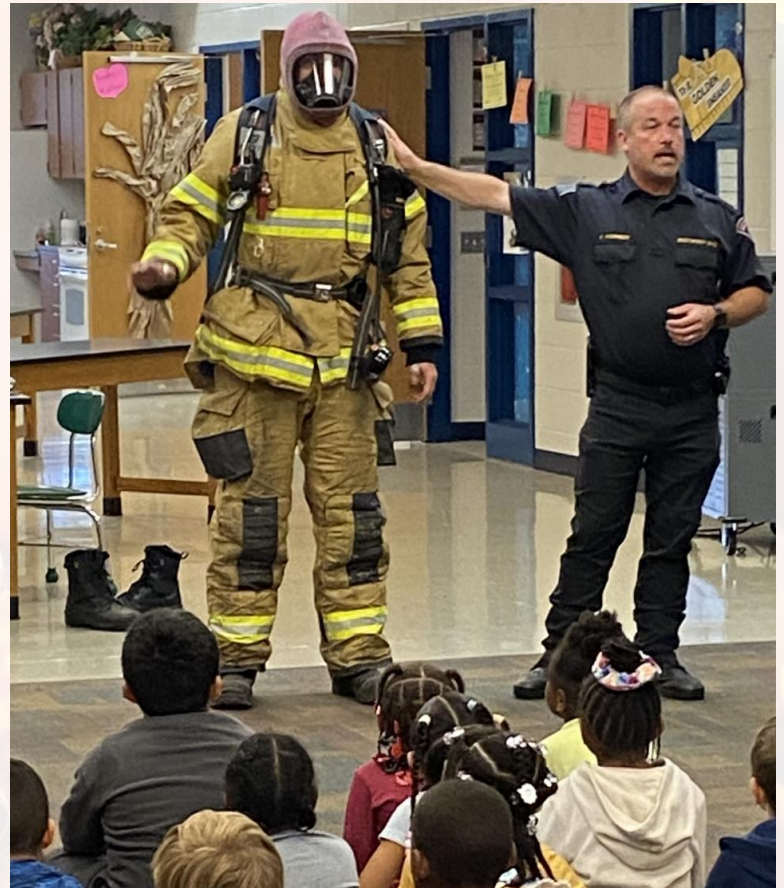
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Elementary Schools Welcome Special Visitors

October is Fire Prevention month! Our Elementary Schools welcomed visitors from the American Red Cross and local fire companies to teach students all about fire safety and prevention.

Firefighters who visited Rainbow Elementary discussed fire prevention tips, showed students what a firefighter looks like and sounds like in their personal protective equipment, and reminded students about dialing 911 for emergencies.

First and third graders at East Fallowfield and King's Highway spent time with representatives from the American Red Cross learning about fire safety. Students were deeply engaged and actively participated to share their knowledge and experiences. First graders learned how to prepare for an emergency with Pedro the Penguin and third graders participated in a lesson called the Pillowcase Project, where they decorated pillowcases that can be used to start an emergency supply kit.



Important Upcoming Dates

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, October 25, 2022

END OF FIRST MARKING PERIOD
Tuesday, November 1, 2022

Anonymous Act of Kindness at the Campus

After some difficult days at the Campus, staff arrived at work on Tuesday to a welcome they weren't expecting. Lining the Campus were signs that encouraged them and thanked them for all they do for our students, even during hard times. This community is strong, and we look forward to continuing a year full of learning, fun, and engagement. Our teachers, support staff, administrators, students, parents, and local community care deeply about the education of the students in this district and will work hard to make this the best learning environment possible. Thank you to those who contributed to this act of kindness – it meant more than you know.



King's Highway Haunted Hallways

More than 100 families attended King's Highway Elementary's Haunted Hallways event. The event was the building's first Title I parent and family engagement event for the 2022-2023 school year. Students and their families enjoyed a fun-filled night of trick or treating, games, and yummy snacks. A photo booth, tattoo station, and pumpkin toss were set up in the cafeteria along with an informational table for parents and families. The PTO also sponsored a basket raffle to raise money to support the building's PBIS initiative. "It took everyone working together to pull this off- staff, students, and parents. It was truly a team effort," shared Cathy Chanudet, the building's reading specialist. Principal Dr. Miles said, "Haunted Hallways was absolutely amazing. All of our students had an amazing time. Thank you to everyone – parents, teachers, volunteers, and especially our students. This event is definitely one to look forward to in the future." Take it from Karen Hills, a parent who attended Thursday's event, who proclaimed, "The Haunted Hallways event was by far one of the best school events for elementary school I have ever been to."



East Fallowfield Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

Mrs. Norton's first grade class celebrated the end of Hispanic Heritage Month by performing "La Raspa" in Mrs. Mullen's music class! They learned that mariachi music is music from Mexico, they talked about the instruments that make up a mariachi band, and then learned this dance. They did a great job!



Click the image above to see their dance!

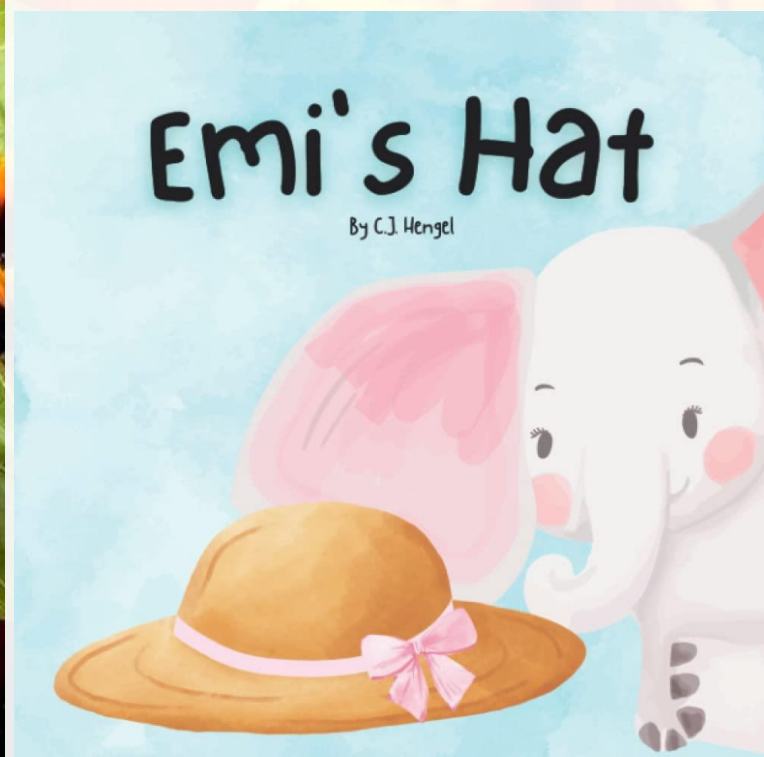
Throughout the month, Principal Melissa Willis also did various read alouds and shared a Hispanic Heritage Month fact over the loudspeaker every morning. Below, you can see Ms. Lombardo's second grade class listening to one of these read aloud videos about the queen of salsa – *My Name is Celia* by Monica Brown. You can listen to the read aloud too by clicking the image of the class below!



Ms. Rodriguez's first grade class spent the month sharing their family traditions with one another. Together, they started a Padlet, which is a virtual bulletin board where they can post and share about traditions that are important to them and their culture. Ms. Rodriguez says that she cannot wait to teach her students how to add their own ideas to the board! "Last year my students really got into it. The families as well. We learned a LOT about each other." This will be a work in progress throughout the school year and can be added to at any time to help everyone get to know each other's backgrounds.

King's Highway Teacher Publishes Her First Book

Carol Hengel, a Special Education Teacher at King's Highway Elementary School, has published her first children's book! You can find Emi's Hat on Amazon by clicking the images below. If you see Ms. Hengel at King's Highway, make sure you give her a high five and a big congratulations!



PA INVENTION CONVENTION

Join us for a K-12 Student Invention Competition! Creativity, critical thinking, innovation, teamwork, and communication skills are recognized as the skills that prepare students for increasingly complex school, work, and life environments. The Pennsylvania Invention Convention gives students recognition for creating inventions to solve real-world problems.

How Can A Student Participate?

1. Visit - www.pa-inventionconvention.org
2. Read and understand the "Framework for Invention."
3. Start an **Invention Log** (a journal of your process).
4. Find a **problem** to solve.
5. Find **solutions**.
6. Create a **prototype**.
7. Test & refine your prototype.
8. Make a **short video** about your video (up to 3-minutes).
9. Complete and submit the **online application**.

There is no fee to participate.

The Pennsylvania Invention Convention is sponsored by PETE&C and PAIU/PAIMS, and is an affiliate organization of The Henry Ford - Invention Convention Worldwide.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Registration Opens: December 1, 2022

Virtual Submission Due Date: January 12, 2023

Statewide Competition Finalists Notified: January 19, 2023

Pennsylvania Invention Convention Statewide Competition (Finalists Only) – Wednesday, February 15, 2023

**Contact Heather Messenger
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representing CASD!**

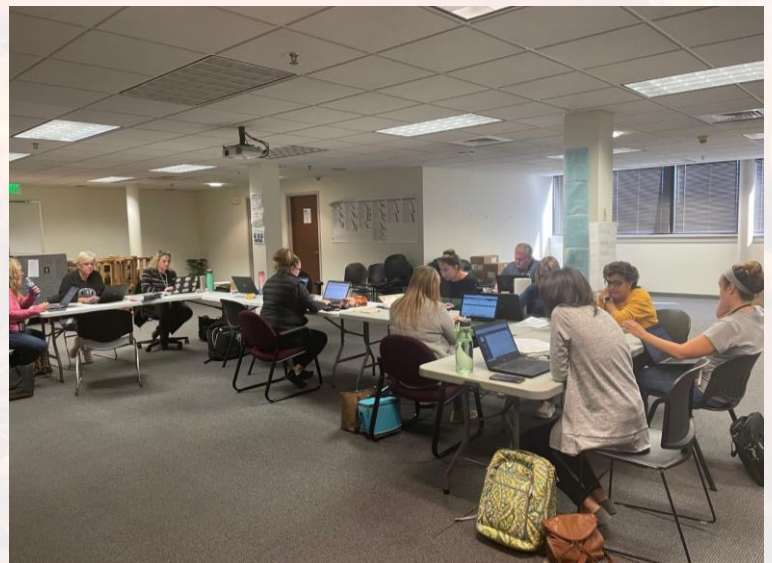
Cyber Academy Supports Breast Cancer Awareness

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the Cyber Academy teachers came out ready to support those impacted by breast cancer. This small but mighty team does great work with our Cyber Academy students every day and we love to see them doing the work of spreading awareness as well!



School Counselors Work on 339 Plan

The Coatesville Area School District School Counseling team continued to work hard on our professional development day to develop the district-wide Chapter 339 Plan, which will outline all the counseling services provided throughout the district. They started this work last year and have been extremely diligent in developing a plan that ensures they are serving all students within the district.



North Brandywine Experiences the Renaissance Fair

North Brandywine Middle School visited the Renaissance Fair and had a great time. The Renaissance Fair consisted of students journeying back to a 16th century English country faire and becoming immersed in the culture of their 35-acre Elizabethan village. The students gained knowledge of medieval armor from knights of old, witnessed the sport of falconry, cheered their champion at the Tournament Jousts, and encountered nobles and peasants from the pages of history books while exploring the Shire of Mount Hope.



2022 YMWIC 17th ANNUAL COLLEGE & CAREER EXPO



**Saturday, November 12, 2022
9:00AM – 2:15PM**

**B. Reed Henderson High School
400 Montgomery Avenue
West Chester, PA 19380**

College & University Representatives and Corporate & Community Partners will be available to interact one-on-one with Scholars and Parents and provide valuable information on:

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES WILL COVER

- Being a 1st-Generation College Student
- College Essays
- FAFSA (Financial Aid)
- Living on Your Own
- Goal Setting

CORPORATE & BUSINESS PARTNERS WILL COVER

- STEM Careers
- HR (Human Resources) Careers
- Career Readiness

COMMUNITY PARTNERS WILL COVER

- Financial Literacy
- Social Services
- And much more!

EVENT SCHEDULE

MORNING WORKSHOPS

Registration: 8:30AM - 8:50AM

I: 9:00AM - 9:30AM

II: 9:40AM - 10:10AM

III: 10:20AM - 10:50AM

IV: 11:00AM - 11:30AM

COLLEGE & CAREER EXPO: 12:00PM - 2:15PM

Scholars will attend from school districts in:

Pennsylvania: Abington, Chester Upland, Coatesville, Norristown, Philadelphia, Phoenixville, Upper Darby, West Chester and William Penn

New Jersey: Camden, Newark

Delaware: Wilmington



Scan the QR code below or [click here](#) to register.

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Coatesville Area School District Presents



Special Education Parent Nights

Date	Time	Location	Topic
September 21, 2022	6:00 – 7:00pm	CASH Large Group Rm	IEP 101: Understanding the Special Education Process
October 5, 2022	6:00 – 7:00pm	CASH Large Group Rm	How to Know if My Child is Making Progress
November 9, 2022	6:00 – 7:00pm	CASH Large Group Rm	How to Communicate with School District Staff
December 7, 2022	6:00 – 7:00pm	CASH Large Group Rm	Transition to Kindergarten
January 11, 2023	6:00 – 7:00pm	Virtual	Understanding Disabilities (Autism)
February 8, 2023	6:00 – 7:00pm	CASH Large Group Rm	Preparing for Graduation
March 8, 2023	6:00 – 7:00pm	CASH Large Group Rm	Transition Planning-Post Secondary Resources
April 12, 2023	6:00 – 7:00pm	CASH Large Group Rm	How to Help My Child Learn to Advocate for Themselves



Employee Spotlight

Marlena Ruser Rainbow Elementary

"Miss Ruser is new to the district, and she is my son's 2nd grade teacher. She is an amazing teacher. My son is new to Rainbow Elementary and he just loves her. He was out sick, and she made sure to check on him. Anytime I need to get ahold of her with an issue she responds back right away. She is a very caring teacher. We definitely look forward to an amazing year with her!!"

- Submitter wishes to remain anonymous.



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! We want to highlight the teachers and staff who are making a big impact on our students and families. If you have a special story to share about someone who works in our district, REACH OUT! Your story could land them a spotlight in a future issue of Around Our Schools.

[CLICK HERE TO MAKE A NOMINATION](#)

DVASBO Award Winner

Congratulations to our Director of Business Administration (and CASD graduate), Lori Diefenderfer, on winning the DVASBO Advocacy Award, which recognizes one school or intermediate unit business professional for their outstanding guidance and service to their school district and community. We are so proud to have such a dedicated individual leading our district Business Office. Congratulations Lori!



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- No experience necessary - training provided

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www.casdschools.org





What is MTSS?

How is it Helping Our Students?

MTSS stands for Multi-Tiered System of Supports. It is a framework used by many schools nationwide to screen all students throughout the school year to provide targeted support and instruction.

The goal of MTSS is to help schools know when to intervene early so students can catch up with their peers.

MTSS includes increasing levels or 'tiers' of targeted support for those who are struggling, and integrated plans to support them.

MTSS focuses on the "whole child," and looks at not only academics but behavior and social and emotional needs.



The Coatesville Area School District's staff in grades K - 7 began implementing MTSS in the 2021-22 school year, with support from the Chester County Intermediate Unit.



- We began in the 2021-22 school year with Reading and English Language Arts. Our teachers evaluate student progress, group students according to need for targeted support, and determine whether students need to move in or out of a certain level of targeted instruction, based on their changing needs. Teachers are focusing on phonemic awareness (letter sounds), phonics, decoding, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.



- The goal for the 2022-23 school year is to incorporate an MTSS model for math to support math concepts such as number sense, spatial sense, estimation, measurements, patterns, and problem solving.
- We plan to expand MTSS to grades 8 - 12.

MTSS tiers are about specialized support - not a placement or an identity.

MTSS tiers may change based on a student's response to the interventions they are receiving.

How do teachers monitor student progress?

Teachers use short assessments in class that help them to know where a student is struggling or excelling. Coatesville teachers use tests that are part of a national program called Acadience, designed specifically for schools using models like MTSS. Coatesville teachers meet twice a month in groups to evaluate student data and determine which students may need to move to a different tier. This allows them to track student progress and communicate that progress to parents and to other teachers.

Our Schools Use Positive Behaviors Interventions and Supports (PBIS), a proactive approach to support student behavior.

PBIS works hands in hand with MTSS. In Coatesville, students are rewarded in various ways for positive behavior. This program helps us to improve climate and culture, strengthen student-teacher relationships, increase student expectations, intervene early, and provide opportunities for students to be recognized and supported. It is part of the MTSS framework that includes the 'whole child.'

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**NOVEMBER 3
3 - 5:30 pm**

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School Board Updates

The Coatesville Area School Board met on Tuesday, October 11, 2022. The full meeting agenda can be found [here](#) and you can watch the recording of the meeting [here](#).

Interim Superintendent Dr. Dunlap started off the meeting by addressing the Board and community. He discussed recent threats made against our schools and clarified some recent misinformation on social media. He also took time to congratulate our Director of Business Administration, Lori Diefenderfer, for being awarded with the PASBO Advocacy Award for Business Management. You can listen to his address [here](#).

Director of Athletics, Brian Chenger, was asked to provide additional information about the middle school boys lacrosse pilot program. You can hear more about this proposal [here](#).

Director of Pupil Services, Brenda George, provided additional context for the CCIU Service Agreement for the Gifted Consortium. You can hear her explanation [here](#).

The IT Department included a [Chromebook Inventory Summary](#) document under informational items during the Operations Committee Meeting. You can hear Dr. Dunlap describe what we can expect in terms of updates from the IT department in upcoming meetings [here](#).

Interim Superintendent Dr. Dunlap provided a brief explanation as to the status of our district policy updates. For each policy on the agenda, Dr. Dunlap described the changes that were recommended by PSBA if there were any. You can hear those explanations [here](#).

Public comment can be heard here: [\[1\]](#) [\[2\]](#) [\[3\]](#) [\[4\]](#) [\[5\]](#)

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 in the CASH Auditorium.



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