



AROUND OUR SCHOOLS

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Super Science Saturday at West Chester University

Last weekend, girls in grades 6-12 had the opportunity to attend Super Science Saturday, an annual event hosted by West Chester University for students interested in science or STEM fields. Coatesville had twenty-five students attend the full day event, which consisted of collaboration with students from other school districts to complete hands-on activities in ecology, biology, chemistry, physics, volcanism, and robotics. Students also enjoyed a show in the Mather Planetarium on the WCU campus. Students were given an opportunity extend their learning during a Q&A session led by the college students and professors.

Two of our students were lucky enough to win prizes including a geode kit and a tablet. We are thankful to West Chester University for hosting such an enriching day and providing this opportunity to our students and we can't wait to participate in this event again next year!



Important Upcoming Dates

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
November 7-8, 2022

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, November 8, 2022

Reeceville Elementary Family Engagement a Huge Success

Over 100 families attended Reeceville's Family Engagement Night. Students and their families shopped at the Scholastic Book Fair, enjoyed story time with Greta Rech, and showed off their costumes during trunk-or-treat. "It was such a great night. The turnout was absolutely amazing. We really wanted to emphasize the importance of reading aloud to/with your children. Greta did such a fantastic job. The students and their families were super engaged," shared Terri Brier, Reeceville's reading specialist.



Scott 6th Grade Center 3rd Annual Bingo Night

Sixth grade students and their families enjoyed a relaxing (but competitive) night of bingo. Each winner took home a themed gift bag that included a new book and a new board game. Between rounds, Heather Mochulski (reading specialist) and Karen Smith (math specialist) shared information on the 6th grade curriculum, assessment and MTSS, and cross-curricular literacy initiatives. Mrs. Lamothe was extremely excited to hold her first Title I event as principal.



CASH Preschool Students Have Fall Fun

Our amazing CASH Preschool, taught by our Child Development students in grades 10-12, under the tutelage of Ms. Tracey Parker, has been in existence for over 35 years.

Each year during student course selection, our students in grades 10-12 can sign up for Child Development. Child Development is a 1.0 credit course. Students learn about the theories surrounding a child's development and then apply those theories to our preschool laboratory here at CASH that is comprised of local children ages 3-5.

Daily, our preschoolers get to experience: Circle Time, Math, Science, Language Arts, Art, Story Time, Large Muscle and Sensory Time, all while gaining social, intellectual, physical, and emotional skills.



"The preschool program at the CASH Campus has been absolutely fantastic to be a part of. Tracey Parker and her lovely high school students take such good care of all the littles, and it is their priority to make sure the students feel safe, loved, and uplifted. As a teacher at the CASH campus, I am putting a lot of trust into this program and school, and I cannot say enough positive things about it. I am overly satisfied with the professionalism, education, and direct/active learning my daughter is provided -- she loves going to preschool, and I can honestly say I would not want to send her anywhere else."
- Sami Lynn Stem

"Our experience with the CASH preschool has been overwhelmingly positive. He has had learning or practice with so many things, and he has had the chance for additional social interaction with his peers. Sometimes he will surprise me with a fact or recognize something that I had not realized he knew, and he is so proud to have learned it from preschool. I have seen the high school students interact with him in ways that have truly warmed my heart, and believe this program offers meaningful benefits to both the students and the children." - Crystal Vitale

"This is my son Samuel's second year at the CASH preschool program. The CASH preschool is high quality, a fun atmosphere and an encouraging learning space. My son Samuel has grown in many ways since attending. Ms. Parker is very dedicated not only to her preschool students, but also to her high school students - and it shows! My son has brought home very creative pieces of artwork, has learned how to tell the weather, sound out letters, write his name, simple addition & subtraction, and is currently working on reading comprehension, and so much more! Most importantly, he is in a safe and nurturing environment that I am very confident in sending him to. He is growing in his social skills and learning how to be a good friend and classmate as well." - Erin Bateman

"I currently have my third and youngest child enrolled at CASH Preschool. There are so many positive experiences I would like to highlight; from the amount of one on one my child receives in the program, to the special holiday celebrations, safety precautions, affordability, and the amount of fun they have day-to-day. I was surprised to learn how prepared my oldest was for kindergarten after attending the program so this has always been an important part of my kids' education. I always say how endearing it is to see how seriously CASH Students take their job as preschool teachers. It is clear how well Ms. Parker has prepared her students for the program, and we are so grateful to be a part of it." - Alyssa Walker



East Fallowfield Falls Into Reading

East Fallowfield hosted their "Fall Into Reading" parent engagement night last Wednesday night. Students were able to attend the fun-filled event with their families, which included a pumpkin walk, shopping the book fair, completing crafts, and snacking on delicious treats!

Each classroom, inspired by one of their favorite children's books, decorated a pumpkin for the event. Parent and families were able to vote for their favorite during the event! The winners were: Ms. McElroy's Pinnocchio Pumpkin for Funniest; Ms. Stover and Mrs. MacKale's The Witches Brew Pumpkin for Most Creative; Miss Boettger's Bumblebee Pumpkin for Cutest; the Office's Pumpkin Porcupine for Most Detailed; and Miss Kriston's Rainbow Fish Pumpkin won the student's vote!



Congratulations to the Red Raider Marching Band

Last Saturday, the Red Raider Marching Band won first place in their division at the Cavalcade of Bands in Manheim, PA. Congratulations to the drumline, who also won first place for high percussion. The Marching Red Raiders have been on an outstanding winning streak this season, placing first or second in each competition thus far! Keep up the good work!



Caln Makes a Difference



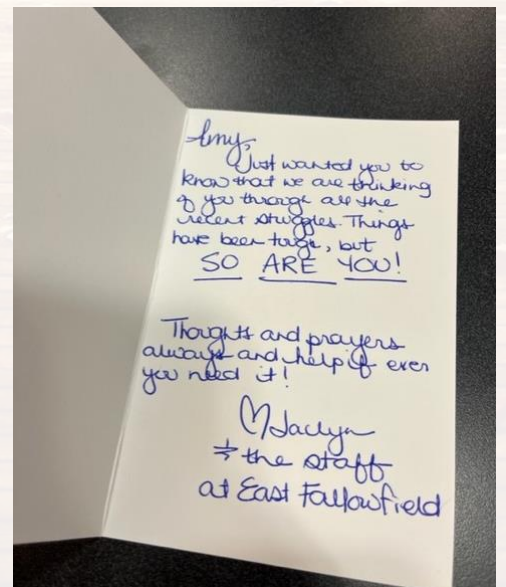
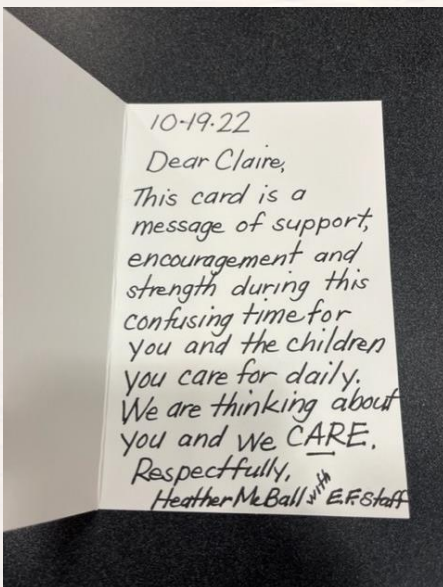
Every year, Caln Elementary School has a tradition where they support a cause during the month of October to Make A Difference in the community. This year, students and staff built and supplied a drive-up pantry for people in need.

Altogether, Caln collected 2,278 canned goods for the pantry box at Thorndale Methodist Church. Congratulations to second grade for winning the grade level competition!



CASH Receives Surprise Delivery

After some difficult weeks, the faculty and staff of CASH were so grateful for a surprise delivery from East Fallowfield Elementary. They opened an envelope filled with nearly 100 cards! Secretary Amy Brown said, "to open the beautiful cards in our mailboxes showed us all the support we had from our community. Thank you, East Fallowfield!"



CASD Welcomes University Students

Coatesville welcomes student teachers and practicum students from several universities each semester. Each university student is in a specific program where they are working towards teaching certification in their desired content area.

CASD's strongest teachers open their classrooms to these students, who bring all of the knowledge and skills they have been studying to our schools. As they learn through the experience of being in a real-world classroom, our staff and students learn from them as well.

Student teachers who come to Coatesville have such positive experiences – sometimes they don't want to leave! We have had the pleasure of hiring several former student teachers into full time positions over the years. The CASD Human Resources department always is sure to reach out to former student teachers upon their graduation with positions pertinent to their area of certification. We love welcoming them back and making them an official member of the team!



West Chester University Reading Practicum student, Madelyn Zielinski, reads to her first grade class at East Fallowfield.

McGraw-Hill Supports Open Court Reading Implementation



Students in Mrs. Swisher's first grade class at King's Highway Elementary were fully engaged during a whole group phonics lesson with McGraw-Hill consultant Denise Williams.

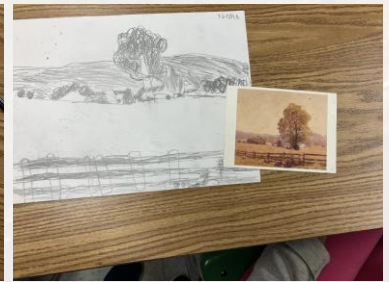
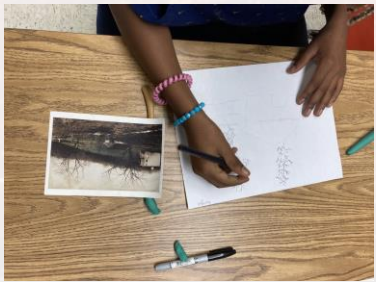
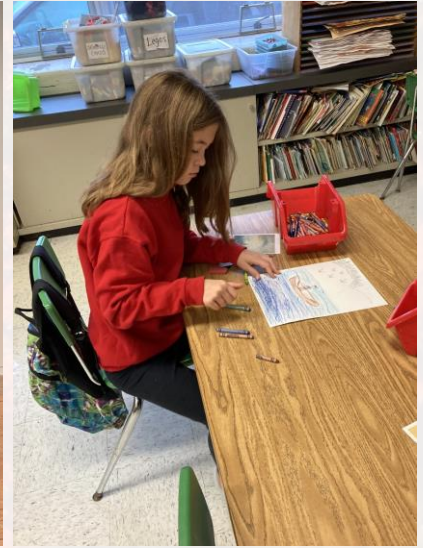
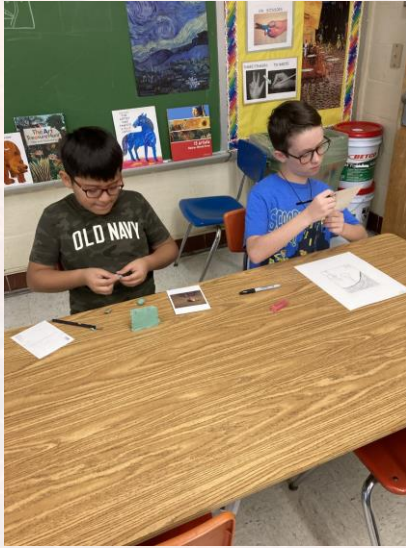
Teachers in grades K-5 received additional coaching to support implementation of Open Court Reading, the district's new core ELA series for elementary students.

Denise Williams, a consultant for McGraw-Hill, visited 42 classrooms across the K-5 division and modeled lesson procedures and instructional routines for staff. Modeling is such a critical component of instruction, and it is no different for teachers who are learning to implement a new program with fidelity. Teachers reported that the opportunity to observe Denise was very helpful.

Additional coaching and support will be provided throughout the school year.

Caln Fifth Graders Explore Art at the Museum

Caln Elementary fifth graders took a field trip to the Brandywine River Museum with their art teacher, Ms. Wilson. When they returned to school, the students had to recreate one of the works of art they observed that day by drawing, playacting, or working with clay. Everyone had a great time!



It's a Pumpkin Extravaganza!

Students in kindergarten have been studying pumpkins and their life cycle. They have explored what sinks and floats, compared them to the way apples grow, and even watched them rot! They read fiction and nonfiction books about pumpkins and incorporated them into math lessons.

Last week, students measured their pumpkins, counted their ribs, and counted handfuls of seeds. Those seeds went home with the kids to continue the life cycle in the spring. We didn't forget the sense of taste in our studies. Students tasted roasted pumpkin seeds as well!



East Fallowfield is Phanatic About Reading

East Fallowfield is participating in the Phanatic About Reading initiative sponsored by Xfinity and the Philadelphia Phillies. The Phanatic About Reading program presented by Xfinity is a free, incentive-based program that encourages students in grades Pre-K through 8 to read or be read to for a minimum of 15 minutes a day to improve their literacy skills.

Each classroom received a classroom book, poster, a bookmark for each student and reading logs that were sent home. This is a fun way to track our students' reading at home and an awesome way to make time for families to read together! Let's go Phillies!



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**.

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
if you are interested in
representing CASD!**

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.

Employee Spotlight

Delores Hines East Fallowfield

"We all wish we could bottle up the energy and positivity that Mrs. Hines has. She is outgoing and friendly to everyone in the building. She greets students and staff with a smile every day and goes out of her way to bring joy to others. Her personality is as big as her heart! She is super thoughtful and is known for her random acts of kindness. East Fallowfield is a better place because of 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](#)

PROVIDED TO YOU BY CASD PUPIL SERVICES & ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

CONNECTING COATESVILLE

Nov. 10th
6:00pm
to
8:00pm

**SENIOR HIGH
AUDITORIUM &
GYMNASIUM**

Join us for a community resource event and a night full of fun and activities. Building connections between CASD families and the community.

BOUNCY HOUSES - RAFFLES - GAMES - MUSIC
GUEST SPEAKERS - FOOD - FACE PAINTING
CASD TEAMS/CLUBS - AND MORE!

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Food Service Positions

- Work while your children are in school & be home when they are off
- Starting pay rate \$16.08 per hour (\$17.08/hour after 520 hour probation)
- No experience necessary - training provided

Apply online through the Human Resources Department page at:
www.casdschools.org



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



School Board Updates

The Coatesville Area School Board met on Tuesday, October 25, 2022. The full meeting agenda can be found [here](#) and you can watch the recording of the meeting [here](#).

Student Representatives Alison Scheivert and Isabella Imburgia provided their report. You can listen to that [here](#).

Interim Superintendent Dr. Dunlap was unable to attend this Board meeting, so there was no Superintendent's Report.

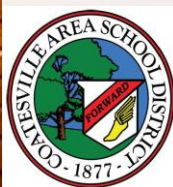
Dr. Eugenia Roberts, the proud principal of North Brandywine Middle School, led a presentation to the School Board about all the great things they are accomplishing there. This presentation included recognizing students for their academic and activity achievements, music from their school band, and a performance from their cheerleaders. You can view the presentation [here](#).

An item within the Human Resources Report was removed during the meeting and the Board conducted a roll call vote. The motion was denied. You can view that vote [here](#).

CAIHS Principal Cliff Maloney provided the Board with additional information regarding the SmartPass hall pass system. After visiting a district which is currently using the system, Mr. Maloney was able to speak on those observations. You can hear this discussion [here](#). The quote and contract were approved following the discussion.

At the conclusion of the meeting, School Board Member Amelia Mills recognized the work of Casandra Jones and Jason Palaia in Harrisburg last week. Additional funding has been secured to continue working towards our initiatives related to the Science of Reading. Congratulations!

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



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