



AROUND OUR SCHOOLS

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Scott 6th Grade Mental Health Fair

On Friday, November 4, the 6th graders at Scott participated in a Mental Health Fair. Organizations such as the YMCA, the Community Youth and Women's Alliance (CYWA), the Child Guidance Resource Center, the Chester County Food Bank, the Coatesville Youth Initiative (CYI), and the CCIU provided students with a variety of opportunities to discuss and learn coping strategies for stress.

The students practiced yoga and breathing exercises, received stress balls and identified what causes stress for them before shooting their stress ball into a basket as a form of stress release, took a stress test and colored a coloring page with a motivational phrase, discussed a healthy diet and ate apples while they spun a wheel for prizes, and talked about ways to manage stress. Students were engaged throughout the event and took away many great tips to use in the future!



Important Upcoming Dates

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, November 22, 2022

NO SCHOOL: THANKSGIVING
November 23-25, 2022

Connecting Coatesville

Coatesville Area School District hosted its first annual Connecting Coatesville event last Thursday evening. The purpose of this event was to provide resources and information while building connections between our families and the local community.



Families who attended the event had the opportunity to play games, get their faces painted, test their luck in various raffles, complete an obstacle course, hear from a local author, meet our CASD sports teams, bounce in bounce houses, and enjoy good food. The free event hoped to provide a fun evening for our families to enjoy together while also providing important information.



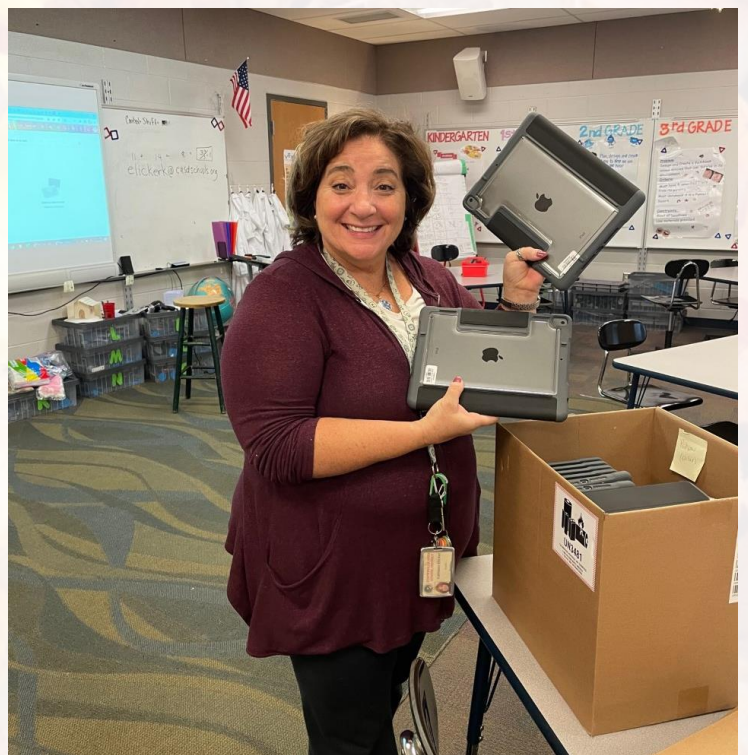
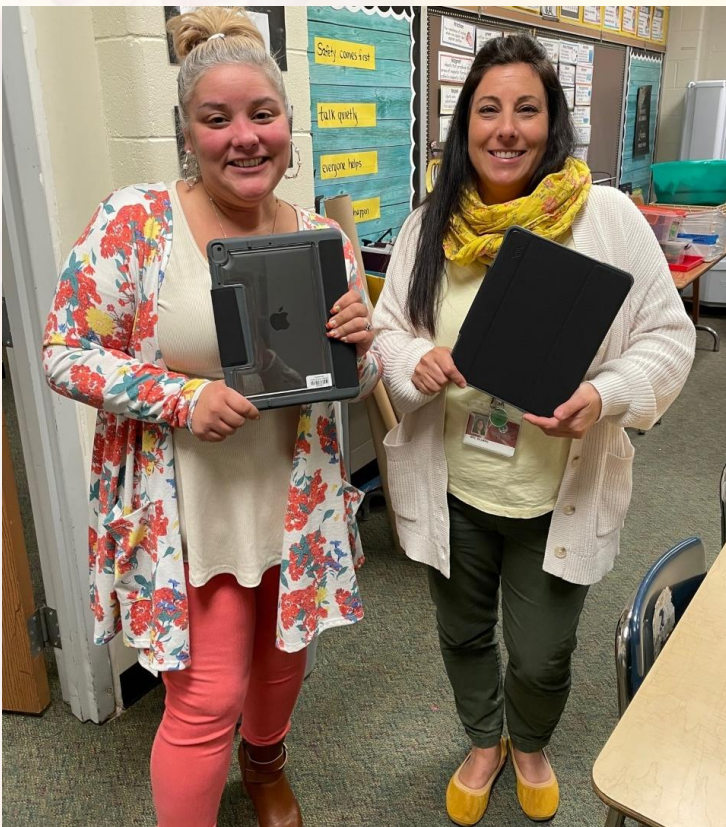
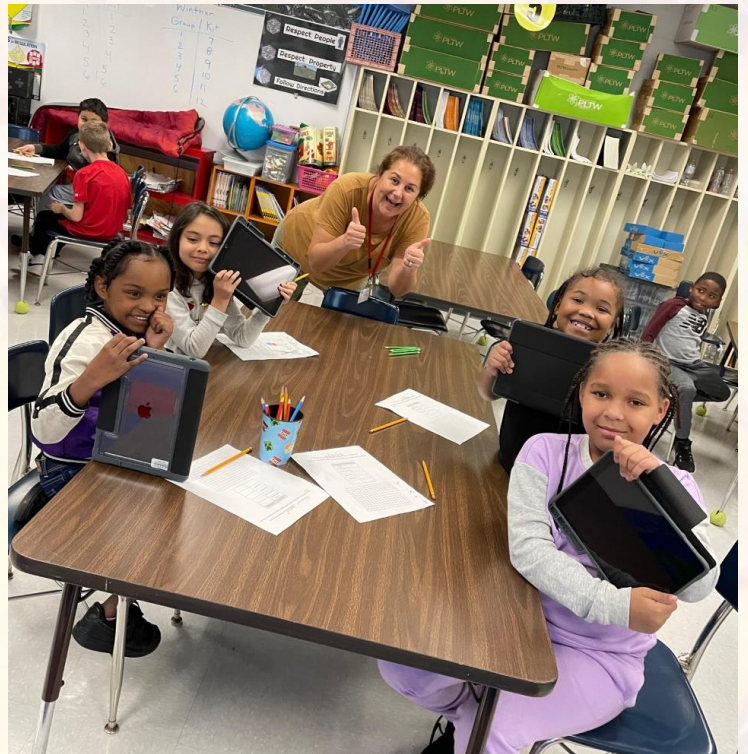
Guests at the Connecting Coatesville event could learn more about our district offerings, whether their interest was in academics or extracurriculars. Event organizers also invited several local agencies that can provide resources. If a family has needs that cannot be met by the district alone, it is important for them to understand the resources available right here in our community. Overall, it provided an amazing opportunity for the district and community to collaborate and support the families at the heart of everything we do!



Elementary STEM Classrooms Receive iPads

Elementary STEM classrooms received a very special delivery last week! Thanks to funds allocated in the Title IV grant to enhance the STEM program in the Coatesville Area School District, Ms. Heather Messenger was able to deliver a classroom set of iPads to each of our five elementary schools. The iPads will be utilized by students accessing the coding application, [Code.org](https://code.org), which has now been incorporated into our STEM curriculum for kindergarten through fifth grade. The STEM curriculum is currently being finalized and will be presented to the School Board approval in the coming months.

To say the students and teachers were excited would be an understatement! We are looking forward to seeing how our students explore the world of Computer Science.

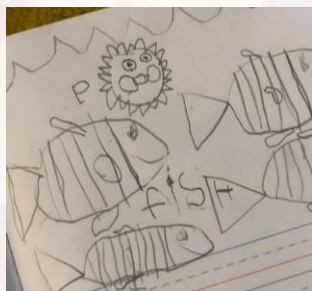


Future Coatesville Students Have a Night of Fun

The Children's Treehouse Early Learning Center, located in Thorndale, hosted an event at Urban Air in Downingtown on Monday, October 24. The event was based around kindergarten registration and served as an opportunity for parents to learn more information about the district and the registration process. Rainbow Principal Maria Stauffer and Rainbow Assistant Principal Jeff Kuciapinski attended to greet possible incoming 2023-2024 Coatesville Area School District students!



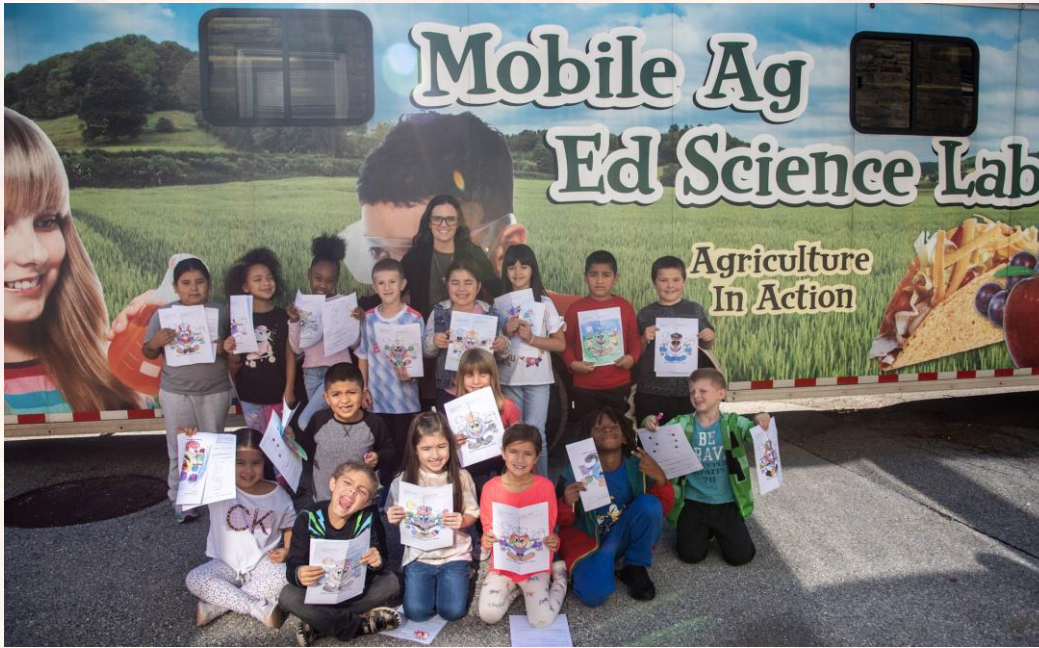
Learning To Write About Places



Students in Ms. Pandosh's class at King's Highway took a field trip into the ocean! Students practiced how to describe a place through illustrations and words with as much detail as possible. Once they illustrated the scene, they labeled aspects of their drawing with the beginning sounds of the words they wanted to use. These students were very observant and are already showing great attention to detail in their descriptive writing!



Mobile Classroom Visits East Fallowfield



The Mobile Agriculture Education Science Lab paid a visit to East Fallowfield Elementary during the first week of November. The lab travels across Pennsylvania, visiting schools and bringing the experience of being on a field trip straight to school grounds. Each class was able to visit the mobile classroom and engage in a hands-on STEM-based science experiment.

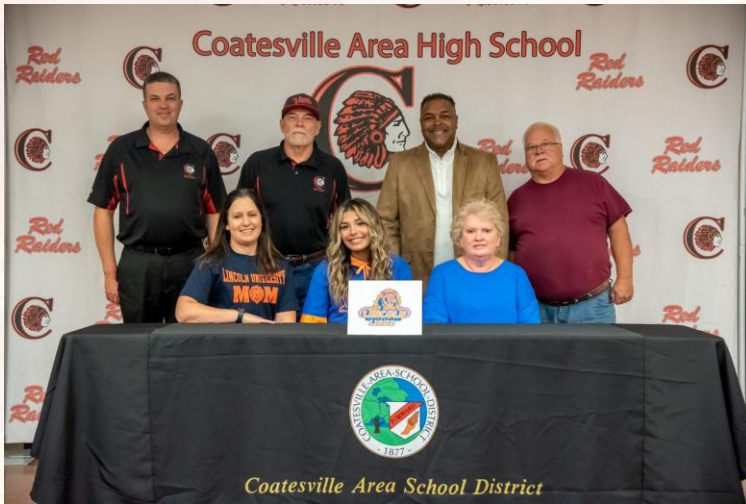
Miss Lombardo's second grade class conducted an experiment comparing two types of crayons: Crayola and Prang. They learned about the difference between renewable and non-renewable resources and their impact on our environment. Prang crayons are primarily made from soybean oil, which is a renewable resource and better for the environment than crayons that utilize petroleum oil for production, which is a non-renewable resource.

Students made predictions, conducted an experiment where they colored two sides of a picture with different brands of crayons, and drew conclusions about what they observed in terms of the brightness, flakiness, and coverage of each brand of crayon. The class favorite based on those factors was the Prang crayon! Our students were excited to participate in the experiment and had a great experience in the mobile classroom!



Four Student Athletes Sign Letters of Commitment

Congratulations to the four student athletes who signed their letters of commitment on Wednesday. Friends, family, and coaches joined the athletes for their college decision day photos at the Senior High School. These students have been recognized by colleges for their athletic ability as well as their academic success. We have no doubt that they will go on to do great things next year!



Ashley Stringer
Lincoln University – Softball



Ben Jones
West Chester University – Baseball



Dax Shallis
Pennsylvania College of Technology – Lacrosse



Owen Ellis
Seton Hill University – Lacrosse

HOURL OF CODE

Thursday, December 8

Our entire school district is joining in on the largest learning event in history: The Hour of Code, on December 8, 2022.

Our Hour of Code is making a statement that the Coatesville Area School District is ready to teach these foundational 21st-century skills. To continue bringing programming activities to our students, we want to make our Hour of Code event huge. We encourage you to speak with your children about this great opportunity. We are looking forward to sharing our students' engagement in this event on December 8, 2022.

Congratulations, National Honor Society Inductees



On Thursday, November 3, the Coatesville Area Senior High School's National Honor Society Chapter inducted 67 new members. Students who demonstrate the values of the Society: Scholarship, Service and Citizenship, Leadership, and Character, are invited to become members of this prestigious group. At the ceremony, the current leaders of the 2021-2022 Induction class lit candles to represent each of these values before new members walked across the stage and accepted their certificates and NHS pins. Congratulations to all inductees – your hard work and dedication do not go unnoticed!

2022-23 Inductees

Senior Inductees

Reis Battle

Kristina Kaiser

Elayna Querey

Junior Inductees

Isabella Agatone

Anna Hillman

Ogunda Ondiek

Jada Alvarado

Sarah Horne

Eilis O'Neel

Connor Bagent

Kyle Houck

Aaron Poling

Gia Boccio

Isabella Imburgia

Alexander Ramil

Hailey Burke

Jayda James

Flor Ramos Abreu

Evan Byerley

Ryan Jeffers

Connor Rickabaugh

Carlos Calle

Madison Keen

Anna Rutledge

Samuel Campos

Katelyn Kelly

Logan Schott

Gianna Cava

Bryce Kerrigan

Breanna Scimone

Emily Claydon

Riley Kinzler

Connor Sipprell

Chloe Crane

Andrew Kline

Kylie Smith

Nerissa Deschambeau

Clayton Krieger

Abigail Traband

Steven Evans

Lorelai Lehenky

Jacob Van Orden

Alexis Fields

Elizabeth Madsen

Fancy Wah

Taylor Gasbarro

Jenna McCafferty

Kaitlyn Ward

Elijah Green

Paige McKim

Kylie Warmiak

Seth Haak

Alexis Michalski

Luke Williams

Kinzie Haiko

Matthew Murray

Logan Wolf

Michael Harris

Isabella Natalie

Parker Zook

Makayla Harvey

Jordan Nichols

Neven Zurcher

Julianna Hatt

Maria Nino Mendez

Shya Hill

Austin O'Connor



8th Annual Thanksgiving Meal Donation

Coatesville Area School District employees came together to carry out the district's eighth annual Thanksgiving meal distribution. On Wednesday evening, administrators made personal deliveries to the fifty families who were chosen this year. Meals included a turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, gravy, cranberry sauce, rolls, and pies for the upcoming holiday.



District employees donated many of the items included in the meal, but continuing with tradition, Thorndale Giant also played a huge role in making this possible. Giant provided fifty turkeys to serve as the centerpiece of the Thanksgiving meal that these families will enjoy next week. This partnership with Store Manager Mike Smith and the Thorndale Giant is a critical piece of CASD's ability to carry out this tradition year after year.

Students in STEM Tour Facilities

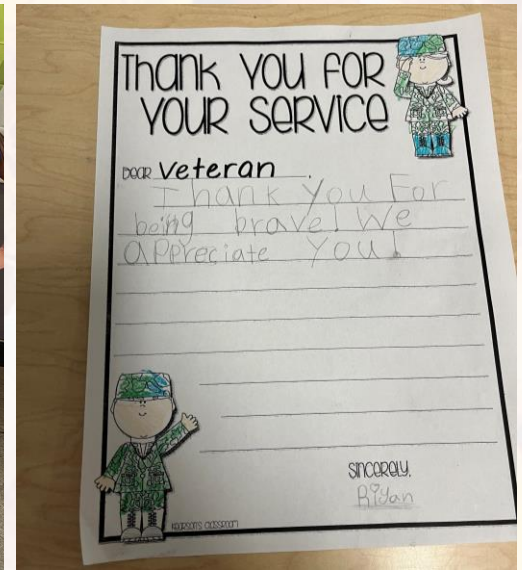
9th and 10th grade students currently enrolled in the STEM program had the opportunity to tour two facilities that could provide insight to what a career in the healthcare field may look like. The students visited Simpson Meadows, a retirement community in Downingtown, and ProMedica Rehabilitation, a skilled nursing facility in Exton.

The students did a phenomenal job representing CASD and participating in the tours. They asked great questions and were engaged throughout their time there. Students encountered real-life situations that they would face on the job at these types of facilities, which is an invaluable experience for those who intend on pursuing similar work in the future.



Kindergarten Celebrates Veterans Day

For Veterans Day, Miss Kriston's kindergarten class at East Fallowfield wrote letters to veterans and colored a Veterans Day picture. We wrote how much we appreciate them and how brave they are. The letters and pictures will be sent out before December 1st, so the veterans will receive the letters for the holidays. They also made crowns to celebrate all the branches of the military.



Are You EXCITED About Science?

Rainbow held a Science Fair Assembly on November 3 to showcase ideas for the upcoming District and County Science Fairs for grades 3, 4, and 5. The assembly highlighted how the students can be involved. Mrs. Elicker, Rainbow STEM teacher, discussed how to answer a "testable" question and show and explain the results. The students in attendance were able to see three experiments take place and answer questions pertaining to the experiment they saw.

Why should you participate in the Science Fair?

It's fun to do cool experiments!

You get to explain what you did!

You can figure out how things work!



Employee Spotlight

Allie Appleman CAIHS

"Ms. Appleman, Special Education Supervisor, is a true asset to the 8-9 building. She joined the building permanently this year and has been advocating for our students non-stop. Ms. Appleman has been working hard with our students; encouraging them be successful in school and helping them with the life skills that late middle school/early high school aged students are learning and need to become active, successful members of our community. Big SHOUT OUT to Ms. Appleman!"

- 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.

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Open Court: Cycles

East Fallowfield fifth graders prepared for their next Open Court theme – Cycles – where they will explore the question, "Why are cycles important in nature?"



PBIS "Get to School on Time" Reward Days

CASH students who arrived at school on time each day were in for a treat! Students who arrived to their first period class by 7:15 almost every day for a month were treated to an ice cream and yard game social. Students received an ice cream sandwich and had free time during period 8 to play games and hang out with friends.



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.



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<https://bit.ly/CASDjobs>

Teacher's Classroom Aide
Special Ed Aide
ESL Aide
Cafeteria/Playground Aide



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, November 8, 2022. The full meeting agenda can be found [here](#) and you can watch the recording of the meeting [here](#).

The meeting began with the presentation of the Delaware Valley Association of Business Officials' Advocacy Award to Lori Diefenderfer, CASD Director of Business Administration and School Board Secretary. Congratulations Lori! You can watch the presentation [here](#).

Interim Superintendent Dr. Richard Dunlap and Director of Business Administration presented on the 2023-2024 School District Budget planning process and when future updates can be expected. You can watch their presentation [here](#).

Rick Sandos and Dave Childs from CEIA Weapons Detection System presented on their OPENGATE system, which is available for installation for school security. You can watch their presentation [here](#).

CASD Technology Director John DeAnna from Logic Choice presented a technology update. You can view that presentation [here](#).

Director of Educational Services Jason Palaia presented a review of data from PSSA, Keystone, and Acadience testing. You can watch that presentation [here](#).

Administrator on Assignment Heather Messenger presented the district Chapter 339 Plan, developed by the school counselor team. You can see that presentation [here](#).

A Memorandum of Agreement with Elliot Y. Merenbloom was approved by the School Board, which will support the process of scheduling for the 2023-2024 school year at the high school campus. You can hear more about that agreement [here](#).

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



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