



AROUND OUR SCHOOLS

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Superintendent's Message National Hispanic Heritage Month

The mission of the Coatesville Area School District recognizes that we are rich in diversity and committed to excellence. With this as a backdrop, National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from September 15 to October 15. The Coatesville Area School District proudly serves 5,400 students of which nearly 20% identify as Hispanic or Latino/a/x.

During this month, the Coatesville Area School District takes time to celebrate the history, cultures, language, and contributions of Hispanics and Latinx people to our district and this country. We look forward to sharing some of the creative ways that our schools showcase and celebrate Hispanic heritage and the innovative ways that our teachers incorporate the history of Hispanics in America into their lessons in art, literature, music, social studies, world languages, and more.

This is also an opportunity for us as a school district to affirm and demonstrate our commitment to all our students, staff, and community. The Coatesville Area School District has a rich and beautiful history of Hispanic people making profound contributions across all sectors of the county and community. One of the most profound personal and educational experiences for me was enrolling in the University of Puerto Rico after high school. This decision allowed me to become immersed in the culture, language, and history of my family's homeland. The experience confirmed the importance of education in my life which has driven my goals as a professional.

Thank you for joining us in celebrating this month. For more on Hispanic Heritage Month [click here!](#)

RED RAIDER FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

2021

- AUG 21 @ WILSON (SCRIMMAGE)
- AUG 27 @ CENTRAL BUCKS WEST
- SEP 3 PERKIOMEN VALLEY
- SEP 10 WILLIAM PENN
- SEP 17 @ AVON GROVE
- SEP 24 WC HENDERSON
- OCT 1 @ OXFORD
- OCT 8 @ DOWNINGTOWN WEST
- OCT 16 @ CHESTER
- OCT 22 BISHOP SHANAHAN
- OCT 29 DOWNINGTOWN EAST

See you at the game!

Important Upcoming Dates

FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL @ CASH
Friday, September 24, 2021 7:00pm



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, September 28, 2021



Coatesville Community Education Foundation

On the evening of September 21st, the Coatesville Area School District hosted the first Coatesville Community Education Foundation (CCEF) Board meeting. The evening started out with a meet and greet which included the district's principals, assistant principals, supervisors, central administrators and the CASD Board of School Directors with an opportunity to meet the Board of Directors of the CCEF. Many of the board members are alumni and residents of the Coatesville community. Three building administrators have joined as Foundation liaisons. The Meet and Greet ended with a presentation of the Foundation's first donation in the amount of \$2,500 by Dr. Mike Kelly of CCRES, with a commitment to match the next \$2,500 donation.

The first order of business was to swear in and to elect officers for the Foundation. The Foundation was honored to welcome the Honorable Judge Jeffrey Valocchi, who swore in our newly elected board members. CCEF's elected officers are President Robert Smith, Secretary Chuck Linderman and Treasurer Lori Diefenderfer. The newly elected Board agreed to create a small committee to review and update the Foundation's bylaws in addition to establishing a monthly meeting.

As the Board of Directors engages in its early work, there will be a focus on developing a strong foundation. The Foundation's next steps are to review and update the bylaws, which will be prepared by a committee formed at last evening's meeting. The Board of Directors have asked CASD Administration to provide the district's comprehensive plan to help guide the CCEF as it establishes its priorities for the Foundation.

There was a lot of energy and an absolute willingness to serve the students of the Coatesville Area School District. A special thanks to all administration, board members, and honored guests who helped make the Foundation's first event a great one. We are looking forward to having the CCEF serve the students of the Coatesville Area School District for many years to come.



Celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month

National Hispanic American Heritage Month is September 15th through October 15th. We celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month to recognize the achievements and contributions of Hispanic American champions who have inspired others to achieve success.

Last year, East Fallowfield Principal Melissa Willis celebrated this month by recording a read aloud each day that highlighted important individuals in the Hispanic community. She recorded each reading in English and Spanish and you can find these recordings on her Youtube Channel by clicking the image below. Thank you, Mrs. Willis!



Start With Hello Week



Rainbow Elementary art teachers, Mr. Reeves and Mrs. Gomez, helped kick-off this week's Start with Hello Week with a handprint tree!

Start With Hello Week celebrates the amazing work of educators, students, and community members in building socially inclusive learning environments for all students.

Instrumental Music for 4th and 5th Graders



4th or 5th grade students who are interested in starting a band or string instrument this year were invited to attend the district-wide parent meeting on Wednesday, September 15. The meeting was held at Rainbow Elementary School and we were astounded by the attendance! Instrumental Music Teacher Barb Simmons said, "It was a huge success! We haven't had such a big crowd in several years."

The elementary instrumental music staff and representatives from Menchey Music were at the meeting to explain and answer questions about the instrumental music program and how to rent an instrument. Instruments were available to rent that evening, and students were welcome to attend with their parents. We're looking forward to a great year of instrumental music!



Friday Night Football at CASH

On Friday, September 10th, the Coatesville Area Senior High School Football team took time to honor the 20th Anniversary of September 11, 2001. Everyone in attendance participated in a moment of silence in memory of the victims and their families as well as the servicemen and women around the world who protect our freedom every day.

We appreciate all those who played a part in this beautiful tribute including our marching band, AFJROTC Cadets, and football players. We are Coatesville Proud of our students, players, and community members for their involvement.



REMINDER for FOOTBALL GAMES

We are excited to see our Red Raider fans at our home football games, but want to remind our students and parents that students in grades 7 or younger *must be accompanied by an adult chaperone at all times at our games, and must enter only through the home gate.* Everyone is eager to get out and socialize after the year we've just been through, and we are happy to see our students of all ages. However, for safety reasons, we must ask that adults stay with students in grades 7 or younger throughout the entire game. We ask that students and parents respect the rule that spectators remain in the bleachers throughout the game unless using the restroom or visiting the concession stands. Please don't stand along the fences in front of the bleachers. We also ask spectators to remain on the appropriate side of the field.

North Brandywine's Non-Traditional Opening Day



North Brandywine Middle School was excited to open their doors on Monday, August 23. Principal Dr. Eugenia Roberts said, "We are proud to state that we are not re-opening to normal, but re-opening for better. We decided over the summer to create a non-traditional opening. We understand and recognize that a lot has transpired over the last year and half in schools and families. We also recognize that the social and emotional wellbeing is important for learning."

The students started in the auditorium with a welcome. The keynote speaker was Mr. Albert Jones, Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion officer for Bloomsburg, Lock Haven and Mansfield Universities. In his current role, Mr. Jones advocates for diversity, equity, and inclusion within the learning, living, and working environment in higher education.

The North Brandywine Middle School faculty took an active role in presenting student sessions of approximately 30 students throughout the day. The students participated in sessions that included: We Need you! (Athletics & Sports lead by Mr. Chenger, CASD Athletic Director); Where Do I Fit In? (Creating a puzzle piece that describes the student.); How to get good grades?; How to prepare for a good academic year?; Why is attendance important? (Mr. Darian Smith, CASD Pupil Services Supervisor); Let's collaborate! (Students presented ideas for student engagement.); Positive Behavior (What does positive behavior look like?); Are you ready to Connect? (Diversity and Acceptance); Building Healthy Relationships; The Auction (Ms. Trisha Prince - Chester County School Based Juvenile Probation Officer - Students collaborated and paid for the characteristics they valued the most.); and creating inspirational wall art.



Our opening was a success, and we are North Brandywine Middle School Proud!

Doug Ballard is Spreading Music Across the Country



We know Doug Ballard as our music teacher at Reeceville Elementary, but bands across the country know him as a composer and marching band drill designer. Ballard got started composing music in college at West Chester University. He took a course focused on composition, and his talent for it was quickly recognized by those around him.

This encouraged him to pursue a minor in the subject.

Ballard credits Coatesville Area School District with allowing him to attend the Midwest International Band & Orchestra Clinic annually, where he says he is surrounded by some of the best in the business. Here, his talent and dedication has been recognized and has provided his business with a wider audience. Over the years, Ballard has had the opportunity to work with bands in California, Michigan, Maine, Arizona, Maryland, Delaware, and Pennsylvania on improving the music they're playing and designing drills for their marching bands.

When asked what level he most enjoys composing for, Ballard quickly said Middle School. "I really understand that level and a lot of the music that's out there today is not entertaining for them. My goal is to write music for middle school bands that they want to play and that's challenging for them." Often, music at this level is watered down to a point where it's too easy and doesn't sound like the original song. Ballard enjoys the challenge of taking the intervals that students are able to play and mixing them together to make something great.

More recently, Ballard has joined the CWJ Music House team, which is a publishing company where he can maintain his catalog of compositions. One of his most notable moments was when a band director tracked him down to thank him for creating music that his students were excited to play. Ballard said, "He took the time to find a way to contact me and it was important enough for them to say, 'Your piece did something for my band.' Having a band director approach me that way was a very proud moment."

You can view Ballard's composer catalog at [CWJ Music House Publications](#) and listen to his most recent composition, "[Variations on America the Beautiful!](#)" on YouTube.

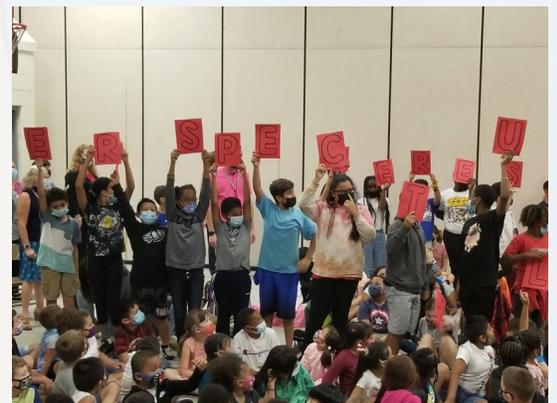
Reeceville is Ready for a Great Year

Students at Reeceville Elementary celebrated the beginning of the school year with a Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) kick off assembly! Students were reminded of the three school expectations in all areas of the school:

BE RESPONSIBLE
BE RESPECTFUL
BE READY



Students got the chance to meet our mascot, Ref Raptor, and were introduced to all staff members in the building, so they could all recognize their "school family." The assembly concluded with our new chant, "WE ARE. . . RAPTORS!"



Aidan's Heart Foundation & Uwchlan Ambulance Corps Partnership for Training

The Coatesville Area School District recently partnered with Aidan's Heart Foundation and the Uwchlan Ambulance Corps to provide CPR training to the majority of our district's coaches. Coaches who participated in this training were certified through the American Safety and Health Institute, which is accredited by ASHI (equated to AHA and ARC). This certification course included a 4-hour online module for individuals to complete at their own pace, as well as a 30-minute in-person skills check. The course includes how to recognize the signs of Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA), basic knowledge of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and how to effectively use an automated external defibrillator (AED).



Sudden Cardiac Arrest is the number one cause of death among teen athletes, according to the American Heart Association. We are grateful to Aidan's Heart Foundation and Uwchlan Ambulance Corps for funding and providing this unique opportunity for our coaches to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to save a life.



The CASD is also partnering with Aidan's Heart Foundation to provide team trainings on "how to restart a heart". The team trainings already began with almost 70 football players being trained through the assistance of numerous volunteers organized through Aidan's Heart Foundation. Victor Brace, CASD Athletic Trainer, who attended the training commented, "To see all the players come and work together to gain some training in AED use and CPR was amazing.

My hope is these athletes will be able to help someone in the future because you never know when you will need CPR. I feel confident if an event happens while they are not on campus during the sports season that they will be able to look out for each other and save a life thanks to this training. It was great to see our kids enjoying this learning experience and actually taking things from it."

The district is also working towards arranging a heart screening event sometime in the near future so that students can be screened thoroughly through a pediatric cardiologist and a team of professionals.

Flashlight Friday Reading with Ms. Pandosh

Kindergarten at King's Highway is having so much fun learning to read with finger flashlights! On Fridays, Ms. Pandosh's class uses flashlights as pointers during independent reading time. Pandosh says, "We dim the lights, bring out our finger flashlights and dive into reading. Students enjoy the change of pace. We do Flashlight Friday just to show another way we can point to words as we read."

Students Weston, Kiralynn, and Bennett love reading and the flashlights add a fun new twist. Bennett shared, "I like that you can read with the flashlights."

Keep reading, Kindergarten! You're doing a great job!



Summer Reading Celebration

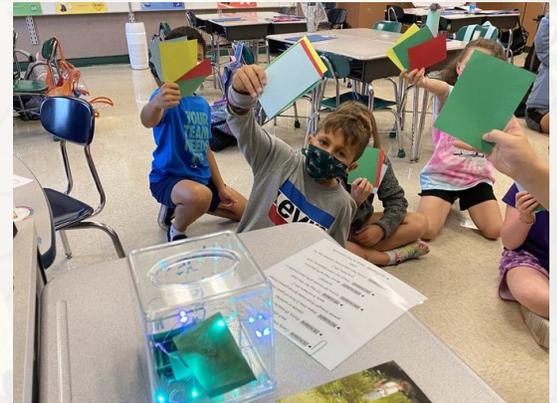
East Fallowfield students who completed their summer reading were rewarded with a popsicle treat. Great job, readers!



Rainbow is in the Zone... The Zone of Regulation

Rainbow students are participating in the Zones of Regulation social-emotional learning curriculum. The goal of the curriculum is to teach children about self-regulation and how to strengthen their self-regulation skills. Self-regulation can go by many names such as self-control, self-management, and impulse control. Self-regulation is an essential skill in life and in all learning environments.

Rainbow Wildcats are gaining an increased vocabulary of emotional terms, skills in reading other people's facial expressions, perspective about how others see and react to their behavior, insight into events that trigger their behavior, calming and alerting strategies, and problem-solving skills.



Zones of Regulation groups the ways that children feel and act into four "Zones".

Blue Zone—when your body is running slowly, such as when you are tired, sick, sad, or bored.

Green Zone—when you are "good to go." You feel happy, calm, and focused.

Yellow Zone—when you feel your engine running high, such as when you are frustrated, overwhelmed, silly, wiggly, excited, worried, anxious, or surprised.

Red Zone—when you have "have extreme feelings such as terror, uncontrolled anger, aggression, or elation.



The ZONES of Regulation®

BLUE ZONE	GREEN ZONE	YELLOW ZONE	RED ZONE
Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly	Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn	Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control	Mad/Angry Terrified Yelling/Hitting Elated Out of Control

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.

Carmen Sano - Rainbow Elementary

“Carmen is a Health and Physical Education teacher at Rainbow Elementary School. He is actively involved in volunteering within our community through coaching at various levels within the Caln Little League of the Coatesville Area organization as well as various levels within the Caln A's Travel Teams. He served as Vice President of the Caln LL Minors Division in the Spring and continues to put forth numerous hours of volunteering to organize and coordinate schedules within the Little League as well as outside with the SEPFTA League so that our community's youth have opportunities to participate and compete with teams within our school district and beyond. He is often seen at the fields preparing them to ensure that our community's young baseball players have a safe and enjoyable environment to play. In addition to Caln, Carmen also volunteers additional hours with many CASD elementary students in flag football divisions at the United Sports Training Center. His dedication to the district's elementary students outside of school hours and many hours of volunteer service should be commended in improving our community!”

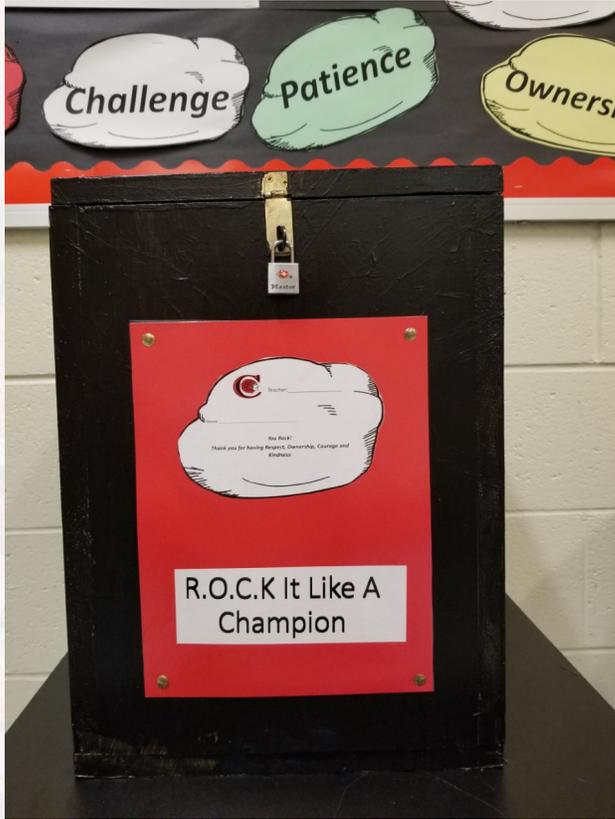


Kathryn Lamothe - CAIHS

“Mrs. Lamothe has been nothing but SUPER supportive to me and my colleagues in the 8-9 building. She goes over and beyond to make things easier, to be more supportive and available and truly listens to what the teachers are asking for to be completed. For example, letting the teachers know (and physically showing them) who the employees of EBS are in the building as well as initiating getting markers added in eSchools to label the English Language Learners so the teachers can modify assignments to help them learn more effectively. She is always visible in the halls and lunch duty. Finally, she listens to the ideas the staff have in order to help the building run smoothly. I am glad Mrs. Lamothe was moved to secondary education because she is making an impact not only on the students but on the teachers as well! Here is a ROCK and DIAMOND for you Mrs. Lamothe!”



Students at the Intermediate High School ROCK



Our Positive Behavior Support System is in full swing at the Intermediate High School.

The four character traits that our students and staff are working to master are:

Being **R**espectful
Having **O**wnership
Having **C**ourage
Being **K**ind

We **ROCK** here at CAIHS!

Students receive ROCKs from staff when they notice these character traits, and we have drawings for prizes weekly and monthly. We will also celebrate with all students that earn ROCKs each quarter.

Each day of the week students are bringing in their ROCKs to the office because they displayed one of these four character traits. The students are excited to receive the rocks and they look forward to being recognized and receiving their rewards.

Technology FAQ

Do you have questions for our Technology Department about your Chromebook?

Try checking our Frequently Asked Questions page for more information about your device and how to use it!

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)



Opportunity Fair

October 2, 2021 / 12pm-5pm

Coatesville & Chester County Residents Looking for a Job!

Employers



Location: New Life in Christ Fellowship/Parking Lot

1 S. Fifth Avenue, Coatesville, PA 19320 (if rain event moves inside)

You must REGISTER please text "JOB" to 484-378-9033 / or dwillkerson@cc-oic.org.



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Consent forms, registration information, and other important details are located on the [Chester County Health Department website](https://www.chesco.org/flu).

Make Our School a Safe Place for Everyone!



Flood Relief for the City of Coatesville

The Coatesville Red Umbrella Response Initiative is a collaborative effort of the City of Coatesville, Brandywine Valley Active Aging, Brandywine Health Foundation and a host of nonprofit partners collectively coordinating and working together. Pulled from the street after the flood water receded, the tattered and torn 'red umbrella' quickly became a symbol of hope and restoration for residents in the hardest hit section of the City of Coatesville.

Now, the Red Umbrella Response Fund has been launched to raise funds in support of:

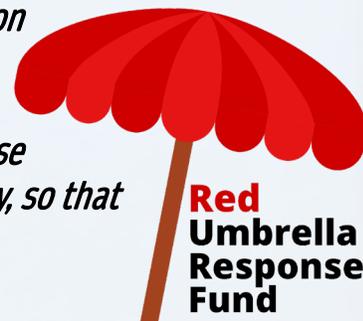
1. Assessing the urgent, safe and immediate housing needs in areas of the City of Coatesville that were hit the hardest by the flooding; Don't forget to look for Jen Manthey sitting under the Red Umbrella on 5th Ave.
2. Meeting urgent basic needs like personal care items, diapers, nonperishable food and much more.
3. Providing a donation - Due to the overwhelming response of donated goods, in lieu of basic need items, please consider giving a gift card from our preferred list of stores, Walmart, Giant, Lowe's, Home Depot, and Wawa.

Gift cards can be mailed or dropped off at:

Brandywine Valley Active Aging-Coatesville Campus
Attn: Bill Pierce, Executive Director
250 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
Coatesville, PA 19320

DONATE ONLINE NOW

The Brandywine Health Foundation will match dollar-for-dollar to double all cash donations in support of residents' needs. Please consider making a donation today, so that we can put your dollars to work immediately, thank you!



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WORK?**

**PLAYGROUND,
LIBRARY,
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AIDES NEEDED!**

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Adopt a Teacher

Just a reminder that there are still time to adopt a teachers 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.



School Board Updates

The Coatesville Area School Board met on Wednesday, September 14, 2021. The full meeting agenda can be found [here](#) and you can watch the recording [here](#).

Joshua Young and Mark Evans, Caln Township Commissioners, made a presentation about the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act (LERTA) which can be reviewed [here](#).

Mike Sobczak, Director of Technology, provided a Technology Update concerning Chromebook distribution, collection, insurance, and inventory. To see this presentation and the Q&A that followed, click [here](#) to view the recording of that segment.

Brian Chenger, Director of Athletics, along with Mike Rudy, Owner of Academy Sports Complex (ASC) presented on the proposed Turf Field Project at Caln Elementary School. That presentation can be reviewed [here](#).

Superintendent Tomás Hanna addressed strategies the district is employing to improve Transportation services. To listen, click [here](#).

Several policy updates and their impact on our schools were considered. That discussion can be viewed [here](#).

Three new Long-Term Substitute positions were approved to support increased enrollment at the Campus. Several new extra duty positions were approved to support transportation transfer points and supervision of early arriving students to the Campus.

Due to personal reasons, Mr. Henry Assetto has made the difficult decision to resign his position of School Board Director for Region II. This position will be posted once an official letter of resignation has been received. We thank Mr. Assetto for his service to our district.

Recognizing Raiders

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.

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](#)



WE LEARN, WE LOVE, WE LAUGH...
Thank You Teachers & Staff!



Coatesville Area
School District
Inspiring. Educating. Advancing.