



AROUND OUR SCHOOLS

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Students Experience Cultural Traditions

Our five elementary schools had the privilege of welcoming Sistah Mafalda and her drumming troupe to perform at each school. The assembly mesmerized our students and teachers as her interactive performance got everyone to their feet – dancing and moving to the rhythm of the music. Her captivating storytelling and historic teaching wowed everyone as she danced on stilts and kept everyone feeling the energy she exuded. Many said it was one of the best assemblies they have ever had!

Sistah Mafalda was accompanied by Ms. Marcy Francis and Jan Jeffries of the iconic first female band from Philadelphia, entitled *Better Days*. Also present was the Mass Confusion champion drill team drummers from Southwest Philadelphia. We were truly honored to have Sistah Mafalda teach us about the legacies and cultural traditions from Africa to Americas through Song, Rhythms, Dance, and Stories.

If you are interested in seeing this amazing performance, they will be featured at our next Connecting Coatesville event, held at CASH on April 13, 2023. Mark your calendars – this is not one you want to miss!



Important Upcoming Dates

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
February 28, 2023

END OF TRIMESTER (K-5)
March 7, 2023

March on Kings Highway

Yesterday, the students and staff at Kings Highway Elementary assembled for a reenactment of Dr. Martin Luther King's March on Washington. As students gathered at the start of the march, the whole school sang *We Shall Overcome*, which was a key anthem of the American Civil Rights movement.



In the weeks leading up to this event, each class learned about the civil rights movement and the March on Washington. Following these lessons, students made signs to carry in their own march to express their desires for equal rights, love, and justice for all.

Led by students portraying Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King, everyone participated in the march while reciting words in unison – Justice, Equality, Freedom, Love, and Peace.



The march concluded in the auditorium where fifth grade students performed a rendition of *Lift Every Voice* under the direction of music teacher, Ms. Poyer. Chaeli Alston, portraying Coretta Scott King, then introduced Lamar Murray, portraying Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Lamar delivered the *I Have a Dream* speech and astounded the room with his passionate delivery of this historical moment.



CASD Students Visit Lincoln University



School Board Member Dr. Harvel Brown arranged for Coatesville students to attend a presentation by Dr. Julius Garvey, the son of the United Negro Improvement Association and publisher of the Negro World weekly newspaper. Dr. Garvey talked to students from Coatesville and Lincoln University about the life and legacy of his father. He encouraged them to be conscious of their actions, bring positive energy to everything they do, and to constantly seek knowledge and wisdom. While at Lincoln, students went on a brief

tour of the campus and ate lunch with Lincoln students who discussed the benefits of an HBCU (historically black college and university) education and their transition experiences from high school to college. We are grateful to the University for providing more information to our students to help them make important decisions regarding their post-secondary goals.

CAIHS Celebrates Black History Month

The students at the Intermediate High School celebrated Black History Month this morning with a look at important figures throughout history as well as various performances. Assistant Principal Dr. Alston led this presentation, which was comprised entirely of Coatesville students, staff, and community members. This assembly acknowledged that culture and talent exist in abundance within our own community and is something to celebrate every day.

Click the bottom photo to see the beautiful performance from the CASH Chorus, led by Directors Rita Tingle-Lewis and Roland Holmes.



AP Language and Composition Class Reflects on *Letter from Birmingham Jail*

Advanced Placement students in Mr. Jordan and Mrs. Groff's English class took a closer look at *Letter from Birmingham Jail* (1963), by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The class discussed Dr. King's purpose and tone throughout the letter and analyzed the rhetoric he utilized to convey his position. Mr. Jordan stated that, "this letter is an exceptional piece to analyze the structure and delineation of an argument."

Three student analyses were selected by peer vote for their remarkable examination of this important historical document.



In his 1963 *Letter from Birmingham Jail*, the well-known civil rights leader and minister, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. refutes the claim that he is an "outside agitator" and that his protest in Birmingham was "...unwise and untimely..." (2). King supports his argument through the use of various rhetorical appeals, personal anecdotes, repeated use of metaphor, and antithesis, as well as both historical and biblical references. King aims to convince the clergymen in Birmingham to view his protest as a necessary means to the just end of desegregation in order to gain their support of his movement for equality. Ultimately, King's tone is not only calm but also assertive, and he is respectful towards the clergymen who have imprisoned him. King willingly assumes that they had good intentions despite their criticism towards him. –*Sam Campos*

When first introduced in *Letter from Birmingham Jail*, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. responded negatively to being labeled an "extremist". This is evident when King asserts that he was "...rather disappointed that fellow clergymen would see [his] nonviolent efforts as those of an extremist" (27). However, King eventually grew to accept and embrace the label of "extremist" and used biblical allusions to act as justification: "Was not Jesus an extremist for love...Was not Amos an extremist for justice...Was not Paul an extremist for the Christian gospel" (30). Then, King continues to ask the following questions: "Will we be extremists for hate or for love? Will we be extremists for the preservation of justice or for the extension of justice" (30). His repeated use of the word "extremist" contributes to the sincere, rational, and honest tone of the letter because King assigns the word a positive connotation. Instead of allowing the label to affect him negatively and diminish his cause, King draws power upon it, and he utilizes the label to reinforce his fight for equality.

–*Isabella Imburgia*



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., advances his purpose throughout his *Letter from Birmingham Jail* by employing metaphor and personal anecdote in order to refute the criticism that his protest in Birmingham was "unwise and untimely" (2). King describes that some critics tell him to "Wait!" to take direct action against the forces of segregation. In response, he juxtaposes the speed of political and social progress in the United States with other areas of the world. He employs metaphor, explaining that "The nations of Asia and Africa are moving with jet like speed toward gaining political independence, but [African Americans] still creep at horse and buggy pace toward gaining a cup of coffee at a lunch counter" (15). King frequently uses metaphor in his rhetoric, as it creates clear imagery of the issue for the audience. The metaphor develops King's argument that his protest in Birmingham was timely by revealing that the United States is moving at a sluggish pace at achieving equality compared to the rapid political progress of other countries. Additionally, a personal anecdote of his experiences with racial segregation advances his purpose by evoking pathos and establishing his ethos. Further refuting his audience's claim that his protest was hastily made, King recalls when he had to explain to his six-year-old daughter "...why she can't go to the public amusement park that has just been advertised on television, and see tears welling up in her eyes when she is told that Funtown is closed to colored children..." (15). Vividly describing his daughter's tears and disappointment is an emotional appeal which, ideally, garners compassion from the audience. Moreover, this anecdote establishes King's ethos as someone who has experienced racial discrimination. His rhetorical appeals underscore the urgency to take direct action against segregation and censure the argument of the clergyman that his protest was ill-timed. –*Andrew Kline*



CASH Visits London

CASH students and teachers are having a wonderful experience in London. They are visiting many historic landmarks, including Big Ben, which is pictured in the background here. Their tour guide has fifteen years of experience and told the chaperones that the students from CASH are one of the best groups she has ever worked with. The students are representing Coatesville well and having an unforgettable experience!

East Fallowfield Celebrates Black History Month

Miss Kriston's kindergarten class at East Fallowfield has been spending Black History Month celebrating the lives and important work of prominent figures throughout American history. A class favorite was learning about Rosa Parks, an American activist in the civil rights movement.



CASH Student Performs in PMEA Band Festival



Earlier this month, Samuel Campos travelled to Great Valley High School to represent Coatesville High School in the PMEA District 12 Band Festival. The three-day festival culminated in an awe-inspiring concert directed by West Chester's Dr. Andrew Yozviak. Congratulations to Sam on this amazing accomplishment!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Welcome Class of 2036!

Kindergarten Pre-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 **2023-2024 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.



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Greater Coatesville Girl Scouts Service Unit 607

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and your Daisy (Grades K-1) can become Girl Scouts at

https://www.gsep.org/en/events/recruitment-events/learn_more.html

Crystal Arnold - Service Unit 607 Manager
Email: gsep-serviceunit607@gmail.com
Mobile: 610-996-0135

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Correo electrónico: gsep-serviceunit607@gmail.com
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The Coatesville Youth Initiative's
Youth & Community Clothing Closet and Resource Outlet

The Benner Building
545 E Lincoln Highway
Coatesville, PA 19320

The "Outlet" was developed in partnership with the Coatesville Area School District, as a place for youth and community members to get free clothing, school supplies, non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies and other resources.

What's in the Outlet?

In the Outlet you will find

- School Supplies
- Clothing –youth, adults, male & female.
- Bicycles
- Cleaning Supplies
- Non-perishable Food Items
- Miscellaneous Items



If you are interested in volunteering or donating to *The Outlet*, please contact Charlotte at 610-380-0200 ext. 205 or charlotte@coatesvilleyouthinitiative.org

Youth & Community Clothing Closet and Resource Outlet



Hours of Operation

Monday – Thursday
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Friday
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Tuesdays
4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Tuesday evenings are By Appointment Only!



Operated by
The Coatesville Youth Initiative
545 E Lincoln Highway,
Coatesville PA 19320.

www.coatesvilleyouthinitiative.org

The Coatesville Youth Initiative is an independent 501(C)3 organization.

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, February 14, 2023. The full meeting agendas can be found [here](#) and you can watch the recording of the meeting [here](#).

There were seven presentations this evening:

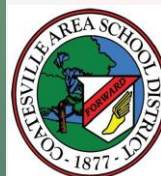
1. Comprehensive Plan
 - a. You can watch this presentation [here](#).
 - b. Attachments: [\[1\]](#) [\[2\]](#) [\[3\]](#)
2. Audit Review
 - a. You can watch this presentation [here](#).
 - b. Attachments: [\[1\]](#)
3. RBC Capital Markets, LLC – Financing Options for Master Facilities Plan
 - a. You can watch this presentation [here](#).
4. 2023-2024 School District Budget Update
 - a. You can watch this presentation [here](#).
 - b. Attachments: [\[1\]](#)
5. Compass Mark
 - a. You can watch this presentation [here](#).
6. Technology Update
 - a. You can watch this presentation [here](#).
 - b. Attachments: [\[1\]](#)
7. Crossroads to Success
 - a. You can watch this presentation [here](#).

Board President Rob Fisher took a moment at the conclusion of the meeting to welcome Dr. Van Vooren and express his gratitude for the work of Dr. Dunlap over the last several years. You can hear Mr. Fisher's comments [here](#).

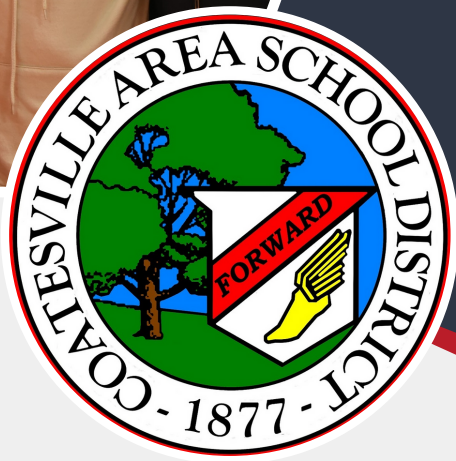
Board Member Amelia Mills shared several comments about the exciting happenings she has witnessed around our schools in recent weeks. You can hear her comments [here](#).

Public comment can be viewed here:

[\[1\]](#) [\[2\]](#) [\[3\]](#) [\[4\]](#)



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PLEASE JOIN US FOR

Connecting COATESVILLE

In honor of Diversity Month, we are celebrating the cultures that connect us.



DETAILS

Thursday, April 13, 2023

6:30PM – 8:30PM

*Families can check in starting at 6:00PM.

CASH (Auditorium Entrance)

1445 E Lincoln Highway

Coatesville, PA 19320

JOIN US FOR THIS FREE EVENT

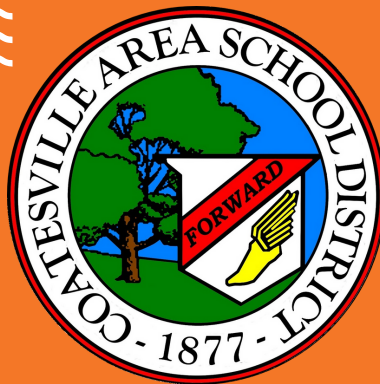
Resource Fair | Food | Basket Raffle

Activities | Entertainment

PLEASE RSVP

Please RSVP [here](#) to help us prepare a great evening for all attendees.

Translators will be available at this event.



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