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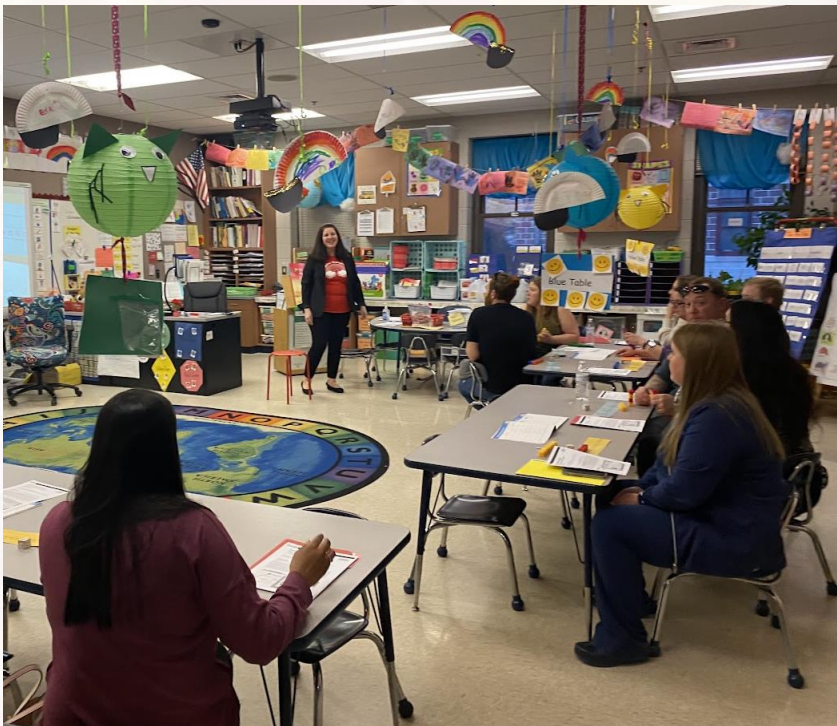
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Class of 2036 Learns More About Kindergarten

On Wednesday, March 22, the Coatesville Area School District elementary team hosted *Keys to Kindergarten Success*, which allowed for families to hear more about what to expect in kindergarten from the teachers, counselors, and principals who know it best! While future students met new friends in the gymnasium, parents attended sessions about our reading program, math program, related arts classes, technology, and social skills for attending school for the first time.

One parent remarked, "The presentations by all the teachers were great! I like how the classes all sync with each other. Every teacher just radiated with pride of how much they enjoy teaching kindergarten, especially in the CASD." Each session was led by a district kindergarten teacher, and we were thrilled to meet future students of all five of our elementary schools!

Alicia Winther, the Director of Sandy Hill Preschool, reached out the following morning to pass along praises from some of her families. "Some of my preschool families attended your Keys to Kindergarten event last night and loved it! Several moms told me this morning how impressed they were with the event. They said it was well organized, very informative, and one mom commented, 'Coatesville really stepped up their game!'" We look forward to welcoming these future students in the Fall!



Important Upcoming Dates

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
March 28, 2023

SPRING RECESS (NO SCHOOL)
April 5-10, 2023

Chester County Science Research Competition Winners

Congratulations to our students who placed in the Chester County Science Research Competition this week!



Emily Biedenkapp – 1st Place Chemistry (Grade 10)

Harley Zdankowski – 1st Place Botany

Aubree Lawrence – 1st Place Chemistry (Grade 9)

Stanley Michalski – 3rd Place Zoology

Colby Palomeque – Honorable Mention: Medicine & Health

Eisa Azarak – 1st Place Microbiology

Zoe Everitt – 3rd Place Computer Science

Jazlynn Rivera-Foster – 3rd Place Microbiology

Julia Russo – 3rd Place Microbiology

Ryan Witkowski – 2nd Place Environmental Science & the Dave Jarvie Award for Life Science

Holden Cressman – 2nd Place Computer Science

Kedron Eschborn – 2nd Place Team Projects

Meredith Grinwis – 2nd Place Team Projects

Several students will be moving on to the Delaware Valley Science Fair, which is a three-day event held April 4-6. Best of luck to those participating!

[Click here to provide your input on the Master Facilities Plan.](#)



COATESVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Facilities At A Crossroads

Master Facilities Plan Task Force Update – March 2023

The Coatesville Area School District is at a financial and facilities crossroads. The District's facilities are aging and facing numerous challenges, despite a significant preventative maintenance plan. More than 60 staff, parents, and community members are considering options for the District's schools, as prepared by architectural and facilities use firms that specialize in K-12 facilities and that have studied our buildings.

The Task Force has agreed that:

- ➔ The District's facilities are in a state that requires action. This cannot be delayed or deferred. Improving the District's facilities will help us to save money on operating costs and attract families back from charter schools (which will in turn further improve our financial outlook.)
- ➔ The plan for facilities must reconfigure our grade structure to better meet educational needs.
- ➔ We must find a plan that stays within our financial borrowing capacity.

What will happen if we do not improve our facilities?

Our financial stability is at stake.

While Coatesville is making significant progress in returning students from charter schools, we must invest in our facilities if we are to continue to bring students into our schools!

Currently, the District sends about **\$67 million** to charter schools each year. More than half of every tax dollar goes to charter schools.

Research shows that high-quality facilities, particularly at the elementary level, is one of the primary draws for families who are deciding where to educate their children.

Coatesville is already making significant progress on academics, culture, and safety. *We must also focus on our facilities if we are going to remain financially viable and attract students.*

After significant study and discussion, the Task Force worked with architects and a facilities use firm to come to this recommended plan, to be phased in over the next six to seven years, with thorough planning and communication to parents and staff:

Four K-5 Elementary Schools

- Renovate Kings Highway and Reeceville Elementary Schools
- Build a new South Brandywine Elementary School
- No significant work at Rainbow Elementary
- Close Caln and East Fallowfield Elementary Schools

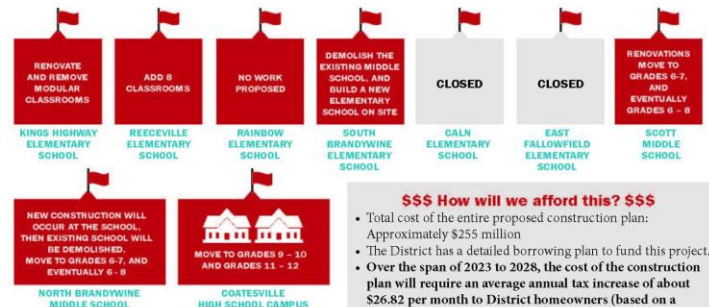
Two 6 – 8 Middle Schools

- Scott Middle School would be **renovated**. In 2024, it would house grades 6 – 7, and eventually grades 6 – 8.
- In 2025, North Brandywine would educate grades 6 and 7 while **construction** is completed next to the building. It would then house grades 6 – 8. The old North Brandywine would be demolished.

One 9 – 12 High School

- Coatesville Area Intermediate High School would educate grades 9 – 10
- Coatesville Area Senior High School would educate grades 11 – 12

Attendance boundaries (Redistricting) for students will change at elementary and middle school as grade levels are reconfigured and a new school is built. This will be done thoughtfully and with consideration for all.



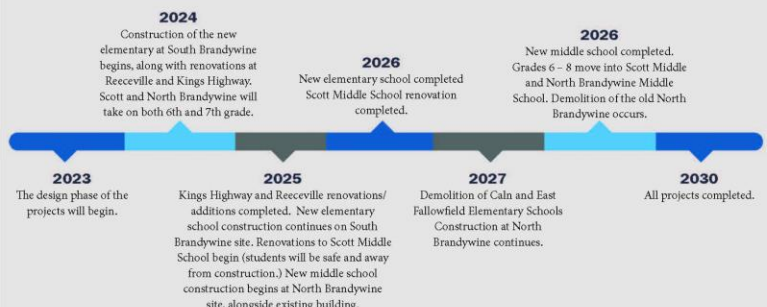
\$\$\$ How will we afford this? \$\$\$

- Total cost of the entire proposed construction plan: Approximately \$255 million
- The District has a detailed borrowing plan to fund this project.
- Over the span of 2023 to 2028, the cost of the construction plan will require an average annual tax increase of about \$26.82 per month to District homeowners (based on a median assessed home value of \$123,000.)

Why must we make a decision – now?

- The District has delayed work on our facilities for years, and it is costing us money – both in expensive repair work and in lost enrollment as families choose charter schools that have newer facilities.
- It's important to rebalance the equity in our facilities; Some district buildings are updated while others are outdated, cramped, and in serious need of repair.
- A stronger school system with high quality school buildings will positively impact property values in the District.
- New home developments are bringing more students to our District. We need quality facility space to educate them.

PROPOSED Construction Timeline



NEXT STEPS:

- The District will gather and review public input via surveys on this proposed Master Facilities Plan.
- A final recommendation will be presented to the Coatesville Area School Board in April 2023.
- The Board must approve this Master Facilities Plan, as well as funding to support the plan, before it can begin.

CASD and The Record Grow a Partnership

From Seed to Salad, Kindergarten through 5th grade students from Rainbow Elementary's Garden Club had the exciting opportunity to support a new local restaurant, The Record! They grew romaine lettuce from seed hydroponically and harvested it on Tuesday night. After enjoying a delicious salad, they donated the remaining harvest to a brand-new local restaurant, The Record, where customers will be able to enjoy the fresh lettuce on the menu!



AFJROTC Explores the History of Aviation

On Wednesday, March 15, 41 JROTC cadets visited the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly VA. The museum houses a variety of historical aircraft that the cadets were able to see up close. The visit helped reinforce lessons learned in this year's JROTC course of History of Aviation.



Thank You to Our Reading Specialists

In honor of National Reading Month, we want to take a moment to acknowledge our district reading specialists for all that they do to support literacy instruction within our schools. "The role of the reading specialists has changed over the past few years to include additional tasks and duties to ensure our students, staff, and families have the necessary supports for literacy," says Jason Palaia, Director of Educational Services. "The CASD reading specialists have been a huge asset to the school district community."

Our reading specialists provide intensive small group reading instruction to students and are responsible for implementing a comprehensive literacy program at their assigned school building. They provide coaching, lead professional development, guide staff to use data to inform instruction and intervention as part of an MTSS framework, and foster student and parent engagement through coordinated events and activities. Curriculum Supervisor Casandra Jones shares, "Our reading specialists work hard to ensure that all CASD students receive high-quality literacy instruction, providing direct services to students as well as serving as a resource for staff. We are grateful for their service and commitment to the district."

The district would also like to acknowledge and thank the contracted professionals that work closely with our special education staff to support our most striving readers. These staff members are Ginger Hale, Cheryl Kirk, Andrew Snyder, Mary Black, and Lynda Wilkinson.



Lori Witman | Caln Elementary | *32 Years of Service to CASD*

"Mrs. Witman is such an important member of the Caln family. She puts in countless hours of her own time to ensure that our MTSS ELA meetings are well-planned and facilitated. As the lead at these meetings, Lori ensures that the teachers not only understand the data, but that they are able to take corrective actions to meet the individual needs of the students. Lori is also an active member of our PTA. Lori has volunteered and facilitated reading family nights by bringing books and teacher volunteers to read to our students. Mrs. Witman goes above and beyond to support the love of reading for all Caln students, staff, and families. Caln is very fortunate to have Lori Witman as our devoted reading specialist." - *Dr. Lennon, Principal*

Dana DiSands | East Fallowfield Elementary | *25 Years of Service to CASD*

"Dana is such an important member of our school family. She is super organized and runs all of our ELA data meetings. She is always willing to help her colleagues and has such a kind spirit. Best of all is watching Dana with her students. She is such an amazing teacher, and we are so fortunate to have her here at EF"

- *Melissa Willis, Principal*



Dr. Pam Bisazza | Rainbow Elementary | *19 Years of Service to CASD*

"Pam and Sue Ann are Rainbow's dynamic duo! Rainbow recently celebrated Readers are Superheroes Spirit Day. Dr. Bisazza and Mrs. DeLorenzo wore Incredible superhero shirts. The shirts represented them- Incredible. From meeting with students during Reading MTSS, to supporting Rainbow's staff, to running data meetings they are indeed incredible! We are happy that they are #teamrainbow and appreciate all that they do each day to support reading at Rainbow."

- *Maria Stauffer, Principal*



Sue Ann DeLorenzo | Rainbow Elementary | *19 Years of Service to CASD*



Catherine Chanudet | Kings Highway Elementary | 2.5 Years of Service to CASD

"Cathy is an amazing asset to the whole King's Highway learning community. After only being here for two years, she has taken complete ownership of her responsibility as a reading specialist with high confidence. She goes above and beyond daily to meet the needs of the staff and students. With Cathy on board, KH is gaining the love of reading!"

- Dr. Bridgette Miles, Principal

Terri Brier | Reeceville Elementary | 2 Years of Service to CASD

"Terri is a rockstar of reading. She commits countless hours to helping students and teachers, frequently being the first person at school and the last one to leave each day. Her expertise in analyzing data and programming for the needs of our students is second to none. Her passion for learning and her love for our students knows no limits. Terri, you have been an integral part to the success of the MTSS structure at Reeceville and to the amazing growth our students have experienced. Thank you for teaching our students to love learning."

- Kerry Myers, Principal



Heather Mochulski | Scott Middle School | 28 Years of Service to CASD

"Heather goes above and beyond for the students and staff here at Scott. She has been exceptionally helpful to the ELA team and has tried her best to assist staff/students on numerous occasions."

- Daysha Hall, 6th Grade ELA Teacher

"Heather is an amazing team member. She works tirelessly to help students and teachers grow. She is professional, caring, and always goes above and beyond. Scott would not be the building that it is without her."

- Kathryn Lamothe, Principal

Nikki Nafe | North Brandywine Middle School | 2 Years of Service to CASD

"Nikki goes over and above to support the students and staff at North Brandywine. She identifies each student's specific need(s) and gears her instruction to each student. Nikki is an asset to our building and the district."

- Sean Noonan, 7th Grade ELA Teacher

"Ms. Nafe is AWESOME! Ms. Nafe allows NBMS to check every box that we need to try and close the student achievement gaps. Ms. Nafe is dedicated, committed, loves to help all students, loves challenges, understands diversity, and knows how to meet students' needs based on data. Ms. Nafe exhibits passion, communication, and transparency with administration, faculty, students, and parents. Ms. Nafe organizes and facilitates our MTSS data meetings with fidelity."

- Dr. Eugenia Roberts, Proud NBMS Principal



Lauren Bird | Intermediate High School | 17 Years of Service to CASD

"I love being in Ms. Bird's class because she is always willing to help me. She is my favorite teacher because of the bond we have."

- Aslinn Cava, CAIHS Student

"Ms. Bird has brought so much more than support, knowledge, and dedication to our building. Her energetic, patient, positive and joyful disposition encourages our students and staff to remain committed to growth. We've found that the students she teaches look forward to attending her class, despite the challenge, because of the relationships she has built. She is a crucial part of our success here at Coatesville Area Intermediate High School!"

- Allie Appleman, Supervisor of Special Education

"Mrs. Bird has joined the Intermediate High School this year and she is a team player who is dedicated to students' growth and development. She develops relationships with students that foster trust and respect. She is determined to provide instruction that will enhance their reading abilities and improve the student's self-confidence. We were lucky to add her to our team and our students will reap the benefits."

- Cliff Maloney Principal

Erica Polk | CASH | 18 Years of Service to CASD

"Thank you, Mrs. Polk, for all that you do for us. Your sacrifices don't go unnoticed. You truly care about your students. With all that you do for us and the school, you are having a huge impact, and we want to say thank you!" - *Brinton Durnell, CASH Student*

"Erica is so enthusiastic and encouraging with her students. She was able to build strong relationships with students that help to foster their success with reading."
- *Michele Snyder, Principal*



Hillory Rusnak | CASH | 18 Years of Service to CASD

"Mrs. Rusnak has made a significant impact on her students. She is kind and caring. Reading has become a safe space for our students. I love that students are embracing literacy. Thank you, Mrs. Rusnak, for your passion and dedication." - *Michele Snyder, Principal*

"Mrs. Rusnak is a great teacher. When we need help she is there for us. She helps us with work in our classes, even if it's not specially for her. She's a great listener and we all know we can go to her with our concerns. We love having her at CASH." - *Jennifer Conroy, CASH Teacher*

Thank You
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Students Receive New Bikes for Doing Their Best

The City of Coatesville Police Department have been catching our students doing something right! Recently, some students have been "ticketed" with bicycle and helmet as recognition for their positive contributions to our community. These students have been observed making good choices, trying hard in school, and being respectful towards friends, neighbors, and family. We are Coatesville Proud!



Pi Day Celebrations

Pi (π) is the most famous irrational number in mathematics. Pi (π) is a symbol and not a measurement because it doesn't repeat and doesn't end. Pi is the ratio of the circumference of any circle to the diameter of that circle. Pi Day is celebrated on March 14 each year, to recognize use of "3.14" as pi in many calculations.

A few years ago, there was a controversy regarding the amount of "Stuf" inside the Original, Double Stuf and Mega Stuf Oreos. To celebrate Pi (π) Day, Mrs. Pearson's classes calculated the volume (which uses Pi) of the 3 types of cookies to see if the claim made by Nabisco holds true.

Students in Mrs. Pearson's and Mrs. Barlip's math classes also celebrated Pi Day by making cards for people in their life that INS π RE them to learn. Students enjoyed creating and delivering these Pi Day cards!



Students Complete 2023 Science Buddies Engineering Challenge

Students in Mr. Nelson's Computer Aided Design class engaged in the engineering design process by participating in the 2023 Science Buddies Engineering Challenge. This is an international challenge that encourages students to use their problem-solving skills to design, build, and test contraptions. Students worked through the engineering design process in groups to brainstorm, plan, and draw the devices in AutoCAD. Once the group agreed on a design, they manufactured the device out of paper, string, tape, and paper clips to pick up a ping pong ball and return it to a start line. The object was to pick up a ball from the furthest distance using the least number of materials. Many groups created devices that worked over 150cm, with the winning device coming in at 212cm.



GIANT Round Up Program Benefits CASD



We are excited to announce that Coatesville Area School District is a recipient of GIANT's Feeding School Kids Round Up program! Thanks to GIANT's support, we will receive \$8,818.24 to grow school feeding programs to help eliminate child hunger within our schools. Thank you to all who rounded up at the register! Together, we are ensuring students have access to the nutrition they need to grow and fuel their education.

Meet the CASD Police Department Staff

Get to know our CASD Police Department Staff: School Police Officer Lauren Trego and District Safety Officer Bambi Ott. They are led by Chief of Police Frank Galbraith. Each of the school police officers is a sworn police officer with specialized training in school police work. The Department's goal is to form relationships with students while promoting safety and security.



*School Police Officer
Lauren Trego*

What would you like students, staff, and parents to know about school police in the Coatesville Area School District?

What I enjoy and value the most about school-based policing is the ability to build relationships and be a consistent support system for students. I would like to act as a mentor to help students make the right choices, but also be able to have that important conversation when a student needs support the most.

What interests you most about being a school police officer in Coatesville?

I want to impact today's youth the way that I was impacted by officers I encountered who helped me in a time of need.

Where did you grow up and attend school?

I grew up in Honey Brook, PA, and attended the DCCC Police Academy.

What do you enjoy doing when you're not at work?

Outside of work you can find me with friends, at the gym, or nestled into a good book.



*District Safety Officer
Bambi Ott*

What would you like students, staff, and parents to know about school police in the Coatesville Area School District?

I would like them to know that this is a very complex and rewarding role. We are not here to discipline students; it's about providing a safe learning environment; building relationship and helping our students when they are in need.

What interests you most about being a school police officer in Coatesville?

I love creating relationships with students and staff. Every day I learn something new and interesting. I also love that there is no routine, every day is different.

Where did you grow up and attend school?

I grew up in Coatesville and I'm a CASH graduate. After graduation, I went right into the workforce and then got married. I was a stay-at-home mom for many years before going back to work.

What do you enjoy doing when you're not at work?

When I'm not at work I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, reading, and playing with our dog, Angel.

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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The Coatesville Youth Initiative's
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The Benner Building
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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

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



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School Board Updates

The Coatesville Area School Board met on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. The full meeting agenda can be found [here](#) and you can watch the recording of the meeting [here](#).

The Master Facilities Plan Task Force members were present at the meeting and shared important updates regarding where they are in the planning process. You can watch that presentation [here](#).

Superintendent Dr. Van Vooren presented a [2023-2024 School District Budget Update](#). You can watch that presentation [here](#).

Principals Michele Snyder and Cliff Maloney presented an update about the use of Smart Pass digital hall pass system. You can watch that presentation [here](#).

Brenda George, Director of Pupil Services, provided an [update](#) on the Comprehensive Plan.

Public comment can be heard here:

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Saturday Story Time

"The more you read the more things you know. The more that you learn the more places you'll go."
-Dr. Seuss

Join us for a virtual story each Saturday on Facebook

| Date | Book | Read By |
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| March 4 | Chase Can Do It All | Noah Willett |
| March 11 | Ben's Best Friend | Sherriff Fredda Maddox |
| March 18 | Nurse Nancy | Leslie Holt-A Child's Light |
| March 25 | Are You My Mother? | Margo Gonzales-Deputy |
| April 1 | Green Eggs and Ham | Rev. Kyle Boyer |
| April 8 | We Live with Nana and Grandpa | Author Best Jester |
| April 15 | Rosie Revere, Engineer | Charity Willett |
| April 22 | Olivia Saves the Circus | Carol Metzker |
| April 29 | A GrandFamily for Sullivan | Author Beth Tyson |
| May 6 | The World Needs More Purple People | Maryann McEvoy-PA Office Child Advocate |
| May 13 | A Splash of Red | Mayor Lillian DeBaptiste |

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