



AROUND OUR SCHOOLS

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Teams Compete in STEM Design Challenge

How can we engineer solutions to the environmental issues impacting our world? Teams of fifth and sixth graders from King's Highway, Rainbow, and Scott tackled this question as part of the recent STEM Design Challenge hosted by the Chester County Intermediate Unit. Under the direction of Miss Kaptur, Gifted Education Teacher, teams spent several months moving through each stage of the engineering design process, from brainstorming problems, to researching existing solutions, to prototyping and testing their own creative ideas. Using K'Nex, teams built a variety of inventions from tree-planting robots to boats that filter trash out of the ocean.

Six teams were selected to showcase their teams' prototypes, design process, and blueprints in a live competition with teams from around the county. The team "Winner's Cub" from King's Highway including Paul Carpenter, Ian Porter, and Cameron Schwenk received first honorable mention (fourth place) in the elementary division and were commended by the judges for their impressive creativity and problem solving shown in their trash-collecting beach robot. Congratulations to all of our future engineers who showcased the teamwork and innovation that make Coatesville great!

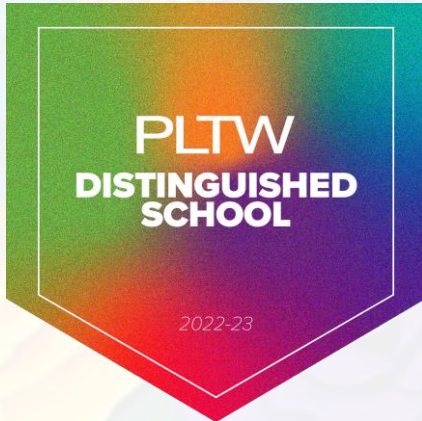


Important Upcoming Dates

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
May 9, 2023

EARLY DISMISSAL
May 17, 2023

All 5 CASD Elementary Schools Receive National Recognition for Commitment to Empowering Students



Coatesville Area School District's five elementary schools have been recognized as a 2022-23 Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Distinguished Schools. They are 5 of the 492 schools across the United States to receive this honor for providing broad access to transformative learning experiences for students through PLTW Launch. [PLTW](#) is a nonprofit organization that serves millions of PreK-12 students and teachers in schools across the U.S.

The PLTW Distinguished School recognition honors schools committed to increasing student access, engagement, and achievement in their PLTW

programs. To be eligible for the designation, schools had to have more than 75 percent of the student body participating in the program and had to offer at least one PLTW Launch module at each grade level during the 2021-22 school year.

"We are proud to recognize Caln Elementary, East Fallowfield Elementary, King's Highway Elementary, Rainbow Elementary, and Reeceville Elementary for their commitment to providing students with exceptional educational experiences while ensuring equitable access to PLTW programs," said Dr. David Dimmett, PLTW President and CEO. "We congratulate them on this achievement and celebrate their important work empowering students with the knowledge and skills to succeed, not only in STEM subjects, but also more generally in life and career."

7th Grade Students Explore Culture and Storytelling

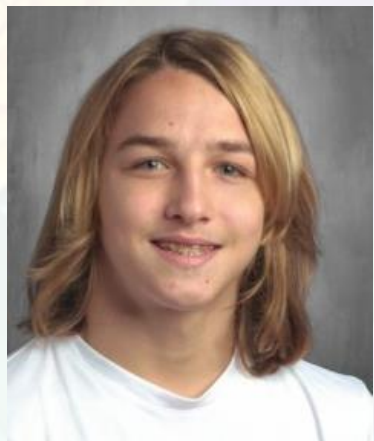
Mrs. Nafe and Mrs. Eller have been focused on Culture and Storytelling with the students at North Brandywine Middle School. Throughout a month full of events, students got to hear the choir sing "This is Me" from the Greatest Showman, participate in a scavenger hunt with the book, "Oliver West! It's Time to Get Dressed!" written by Kelly Louise and Illustrated by Rebecca Sinclair, and got the opportunity to speak with the author and illustrator of the book. Lastly, Eric McCain came to speak to our students about the power of spoken word through poetry. Keep on reading North Brandywine Students!



Wrestlers Receive Statewide Academic Recognition

Each year, the Pennsylvania Wrestling Coaches Association (PWCA) selects an All-Academic Team of student athletes who excel both on the mat and academically. Students are honored by being selected for First Team, Second Team, or Honorable Mention. Any current high school wrestler who is enrolled in a public or accredited private school in PA, meets the GPA eligibility standard, and is planning to continue their education beyond high school can apply for recognition.

Congratulations to the following Red Raider wrestlers who were recognized by the PWCA as members of the All-State Academic Team!



Andrij Szczesniuk
1st Team



Evan Seagreaves
3rd Team



Matt Luton
Honorable Mention



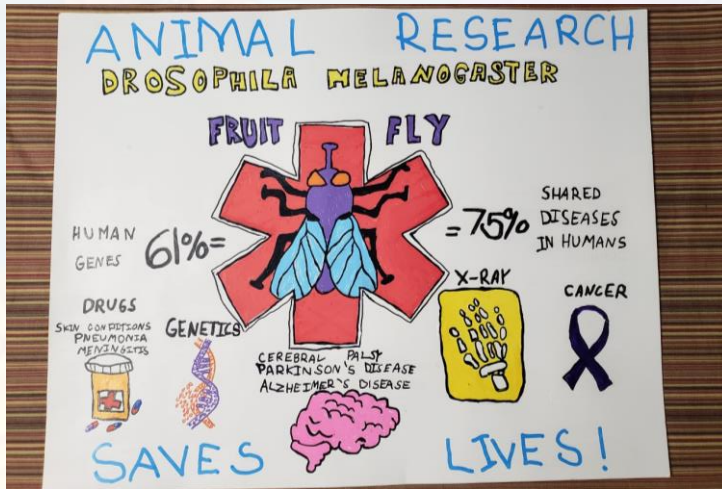
Dylan McGuire
Honorable Mention

Coatesville Youth Initiative Hosts Mental Health Fair

Scott 6th Grade Students had the opportunity to attend a Mental Health Fair hosted by the Coatesville Youth Initiative (CYI). The theme of the Mental Health Fair was "Wellness." Students listened to speakers discuss strategies to help them maintain physical and mental health. The weather even cooperated, and students got some time outside to learn to juggle! Thank you to CYI for sponsoring this event and working with our students!



Student Wins Biomedical Research Poster Contest



The Pennsylvania Society for Biomedical Research (PSBR) recently sponsored a contest to encourage students from Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and New Jersey to explore the connection between biomedical research and their lives. The contest provided the opportunity for students to conduct research and illustrate different aspects of biomedical research and science through art. Scott Sixth Grade Student Colby Palomeque selected the topic "Animal Research Saves Lives," and learned all about how research with fruit flies has allowed us to learn more

about pharmaceuticals, genetics, cancer, and even brain diseases that affect humans. Colby's impressive poster was selected as a winner. In addition to receiving a cash prize, his work will be featured in PSBR's annual calendar. Congratulations Colby!

King's Highway Hosts STEM Night

On April 18, King's Highway Elementary hosted a STEM Family Night, hosted by Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Bentley, with the help of the Student Council and STEM Club. All the students involved in Student Council and STEM Club hosted their own STEM related stations where families could visit and learn through a fun and engaging hands-on activity!



Earth Day Family Night

On Thursday, April 20, Reeceville hosted its Earth Day Family Night. Families had a chance to visit the book fair before a special presentation titled "Insects Rule!" with Keith Williams of the Lancaster Conservancy. Families enjoyed a gallery walk of student artwork and poetry on their way to visit information tables for ESL summer resources, district literacy information, and our Garden Club. Children also had an opportunity to create their own craft insects! Even if you don't like real bugs, you would love the beautiful and colorful creations our children made.

A special thank you to Mrs. Brier, Mrs. Williams, and Ms. DeRita for organizing such a wonderful evening. Also, thank you to members of our Future Leaders Club for acting as student ambassadors for the evening.



Compass Mark Positive Action Program

East Fallowfield is happy to partner with Compass Mark for the Positive Action program. Presenters visit 4th and 5th grade classrooms once a week to promote healthy life choices. Pictured here, Mrs. Hines and her 4th grade class used puppets to learn how we all have the power to pull our own strings. Each student received a green piece of string as a reminder that they can control their own destiny!

Employee Spotlight: Tennille Bunch



"Ms. Tennille has been an amazing addition to our staff this year. Ms. Tennille is one of the first faces our students see each morning as they come through the breakfast line and she always greets them by name and with a smile. She is always happy and spreads positive energy wherever she goes. She goes above and beyond for our students, even attending after school events to support them! It is a true blessing having Ms. Tennille as part of our East Fallowfield family!"

- Submitted by Melissa Willis, East Fallowfield Principal

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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Reminder: Keystone Exams This Month

Our students in grades 3-8 have been working hard over the last few weeks taking their PSSA tests. We are so proud of their hard work throughout this school year and for always doing their best!

High school students, it's your turn! Keystone Exams will be given May 15 - May 18, with makeup exams taking place immediately following that. Contact your principal or school counselor with questions or concerns about the exam.

ROCK THE TEST!



**COATESVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
PARENTS AND STUDENTS:
GET READY TO SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW!**

The PSSA's and Keystone Exams are coming up this spring.

Coatesville must have enough students taking these exams to fulfill our PA Department of Education requirements.

Who takes these tests and when?

- Grades 3-8** Pennsylvania students in grades 3 through 8 take the PSSA in English Language Arts and Math, given over a period of a few weeks in the spring.
- Grades 4 & 8** Fourth and 8th graders also take the Science & Technology PSSA test.
- High School** The Keystone exams are given in high school, in the subjects of Algebra 1, Literature, and Biology. In some cases, younger students who have taken these classes may take the tests, generally at the end of the course. They are offered in the winter, spring and summer. Students with high scores on Advanced Placement Algebra, Biology or Literature courses can skip the Keystone test in that subject.

How are the test results used - why do they matter?

Under state requirements, the PSSA scores are used to evaluate teachers and schools. The scores factor into a school's rating on the state's School Performance Profile ultimately can impact a school district's future.

Beginning with the Class of 2023, students must demonstrate proficiency on the Algebra I, Literature, and Biology Keystone Exams to graduate or they must fulfill one of the alternate pathways to graduation. Students will be offered multiple opportunities to take the Keystones throughout their high school career.

Questions or concerns?

Reach out to your child's counselor or school principal about PSSA tests, and to your child's teacher or counselor about Keystone Exams.

Thank you for helping Coatesville to show Harrisburg that we are Coatesville Proud!

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**Algebra 1, Literature, and Biology Exams
May 15 - May 18, 2023**

Keys to Success



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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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MAY 6, 2023
10am-12pm

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Contact us to find out how YOU

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

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

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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.

School Board Updates

The Coatesville Area School Board met on Tuesday, April 25, 2023. The full meeting agenda can be found [here](#) and you can watch the recording of the meeting [here](#).

Alison Scheivert, Senior Class Representative, provided her report. You can hear that [here](#).

Dr. Van Vooren provided her Superintendent's Report. You can hear her report [here](#).

There were three presentations at this meeting:

1. [King's Highway Elementary](#) – Dr. Bridgette Miles
2. [Financing Options for the Master Facilities Plan](#) – RBC Capital Markets, LLC
3. [2023-2024 School District Budget Update](#) – Lori A. Diefenderfer

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



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FAMILY DINNER EVENT

HOSTED BY COATESVILLE YOUTH INITIATIVE

Have a fun and free night out with your family and join us for an outdoor Italian style dinner!

Space is limited and registration is required.

Families must live within the boundaries of the Coatesville Area School District and include at least one school age child living in the household.

May
13
at 4pm



REGISTER HERE

Contact Sydney for more info:
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