



AROUND OUR SCHOOLS

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Dear Coatesville Area School District,

As we enter November, we are nearing the halfway mark in the school year. I have been impressed by what I have learned as I make my way around our schools. First, I'd like to congratulate our Coatesville Area School District School Board of Directors Region III members President Rob Fisher and Andy Finkbohner on their re-election wins that will allow them to continue to serve our students and families and continue to lead in the governance of the District.

Speaking of winning, I'm thrilled that our Red Raiders are headed to their first 1st Round PIAA District One 6A Playoff game versus Owen J. Roberts, tonight at 7 p.m. at the Stadium at CASH. What good is a football team without spirit!? Our Marching Red Raiders, Coatesville Dance Team and Red Raiders Cheerleading squad have been getting our fans and players pumped up and ready for action – let's follow their lead! A special thanks to our seniors, who will be recognized, their parents, coaches, staff, and supporters who have contributed to such a remarkable season.

Our students at Rainbow Elementary were so excited to welcome former Rainbow alumni who are now local celebrities in their building on Thursday. Members of the Ches-Mont National Division Championship Red Raider football team visited the students and read to various classes. It was heart warming to see our Scholar Athletes connect with their fans and reconnect with their elementary teachers.

And speaking of local celebrities, Dr. Eugenia Roberts, principal of North Brandywine Middle School, and her family dominated Family Feud to make it to the final round for the battle of the grand prize! What exciting moments for our district.

The celebrities do not just stop there, I had the opportunity to visit our teachers and administrators as they engage in the implementation phases of their pilot programs and the school-based data teams. The results of this work will lead to decisions that will enhance learning opportunities for our students.

In other uplifting news, the National Honor Society's Centennial Anniversary, the Coatesville Chapter inducted 146 new members into this prestigious society! We were honored to have CASH graduate Judge Gregory Hines serve as keynote speaker. He went above and beyond the call of duty by demonstrating his Meister Soloist chops by singing *You'll Never Walk Alone*. Congratulations, you are all celebrities and I applaud you all!

Sincerely,

Superintendent Tomás Hanna

Important Upcoming Dates

COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, November 9, 2021



EARLY DISMISSAL FOR STUDENTS
Wednesday, November 17, 2021



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, November 23, 2021

THANKSGIVING RECESS
(NO SCHOOL)
Wednesday, November 24 –
Sunday, November 28, 2021



END OF FIRST TRIMESTER
(ELEMENTARY)
Tuesday, November 30, 2021

AFJROTC Pay Tribute to Retired US Air Force Colonel

A few weeks ago, CASH received a call from Willow Tree Hospice in Kennett Square about a retired US Air Force Colonel named Mary Irwin who was nearing the end of her life. They asked if we could honor her and her 35-years of service to our Nation before she died. We suggested flying a flag in her honor at the Uwchlan Township Veterans' Memorial, and at the Sunrise assisted living facility in Exton where she lived.

The cadets raised, lowered, and folded the flag at both locations, and presented it to Mary at a ceremony held at the assisted living facility. She greatly appreciated the cadets recognizing and honoring her service.

Mary died last week and according to Christina O'Brien, the volunteer coordinator at Willow Tree Hospice, her family believes the recognition had a culminating effect of pride for Mary making her feel at peace in her last days.

The Color Guard cadets were: Ashley Menas, Brooke Davis, Brandon Shilling, Russell Alexander, Nathanael Sweeney



Varsity Football Earns 6th Straight Ches-Mont Title

The Coatesville Red Raiders earned their sixth straight Ches-Mont Title with a 42-7 win over the Downingtown East Cougars last Friday night.

Please come out and support our Band, Cheerleaders, Dance Team and Football Team as they play in the 1st Round PIAA District One 6A Playoff game against Owen J. Roberts High School tonight. Tickets are \$5.00.

Coatesville Proudly Inducts 146 Students into the National Honor Society



On Thursday, October 28, the Coatesville Chapter of the National Honor Society inducted 146 new members! The National Honor Society is a nationwide organization for high school students which celebrates 100 years of history and tradition.

Student selection is based on four criteria: scholarship, leadership, service, and character. The students honored on this night were dedicated to meeting the expectations of this prestigious society. Jason Palaia, Director of Educational Services, addressed the students at the end of the night saying, "You are already hitting the mark in each of these areas, and it is for this reason that you are sitting before us today. The most important thing to remember is that each of these characteristics are the sum of many individual decisions. They embody a positive attitude backed by purpose. The only way to achieve your purpose is to take small actions everyday. In the end, they all add up."

We were also honored to have Coatesville Area Senior High School graduate Judge Gregory Hines serve as keynote speaker. He went above and beyond the call of duty by singing *You'll Never Walk Alone*.

Coatesville's National Honor Society was chartered in 2004 and named in honor of Angela M. Cristoforo, a prominent member of the Coatesville community. Angela Cristoforo spent countless hours working for the students of Coatesville High School, first as a Spanish teacher and secondly as a guidance counselor. It is in her name that we strive for excellence both academically and personally.



Super Science Saturday at West Chester University

Girls in grades 6 through 12 attended a Super Science Saturday at WCU's Merion and Schmucker Science Centers on Saturday, October 30th. CASD was well represented by 26 young scholars at this event. Mrs. Mancinelli and Mrs. Messenger were pleased to accompany the girls and to observe the various explorations.

Each student participated in three different hands-on science and STEM based activities related to the fields of biomedical engineering, computer science, chemistry, biology, and statistics. This event provided an opportunity for the students to explore careers in science. The day culminated with a question and response discussion with real women scientists. Three of our students also won prizes that were provided by sponsors of the event including a geode kit, a science-based game, and a tablet. We appreciate the WCU team of educators and college students who led the activities, and we look forward to participating in this annual event!



Varsity Football Team Reads at Rainbow



Students at Rainbow Elementary had a few very special visitors on Thursday. Members of the Ches-Mont National Division Championship Red Raider football team visited the students and read to various classes.

The students at Rainbow were so excited to meet the players and hear them read stories. Our Scholar Athletes are an inspiring group and great role models for our younger students!





Schools Enjoyed Dressing Up to Celebrate the End of Red Ribbon Week!



North Brandywine Principal Stars on Family Feud

North Brandywine Middle School Principal Dr. Eugenia Roberts is usually too tired to consistently tune into any one TV show at home after work, but she tuned into Family Feud on Friday, October 29. Her family was featured on the game show in an experience that she says was phenomenal and fun.

“It was fantastic to meet Mr. Steve Harvey, bond with my family, and see what goes on behind the scenes,” said Dr. Roberts. “My sisters and brother-in-law are together every weekend, so we find time to laugh, pray, and have fun,” said Dr. Roberts. She thinks this kind of camaraderie helped her family make it to the finals.

When her sister came to the family with the idea of [auditioning](#) for the show, Dr. Roberts never expected they’d make it all the way. The audition process took nearly a year. “We were treated like movie stars behind the scenes,” she said. “We met a lot of families, everyone supported each other, and I was impressed by the number of people and the long hours needed to create a successful show.”

The Roberts Family were on the show for five days total winning \$61,745 and a [new car](#)! Congratulations!



Studying Bats at King's Highway

On pajama day at King's Highway, Ms. Pandosh's Kindergarteners learned about bats! They made and wore bat hats because they were studying bats, their life cycle, their similarities and differences to birds, and their significance in our everyday lives. They even read [Stellaluna](#) by Janell Cannon together!



King's Highway also had a pumpkin decorating contest and each classroom decorated a pumpkin. Mrs. Swisher's first graders learned about bats in Science. A few facts they learned are: bats are nocturnal, baby bats are called pups and they have fingers! They decorated their pumpkin like a bat for the contest.



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.

Barbara March Reeceville Elementary

Nominated by Reeceville Parent LaToya M Morton

“Mrs. March is a wonderful teacher who has worked in the district many years. She gained the trust and love of my son the first day of school and has helped him grow tremendously with his positive behaviors and learning. They worked so well together in second grade that now they are completing 5th together too. My son is so excited and happy to finish his elementary career with such a caring and loving teacher.”



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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](#)



Fall Reading Challenge at North Brandywine

North Brandywine Middle School Library held a Fall Reading challenge. Participants were challenged to read a book in the month of October and record a synopsis of the main aspects upon completion. We are so proud to have students so dedicated to reading! Pictured are a few of the participants along with the Library Secretary, Mrs. Eller.

The Impact of Charter School Funding



The Coatesville Area School District recently received a request to pay two Charter Schools nearly \$5 million dollars based on a belief that CASD underpaid them during the last school year. We fundamentally disagree and plan to address this. Under the terms of Pennsylvania Charter School Law, the request made by the two Charter Schools could lead to funds being redirected from the CASD budget to the Charter schools. This was

an unexpected request that was not budgeted for this 2021-2022 fiscal year and would be detrimental to the operations of the CASD. The District is firm in its belief that the charter schools' legal position is clearly contrary to law, and the District will take the necessary steps to protect its interests and the interests of the residents of the District. While we are hopeful that a resolution will be reached, the District will be steadfast in protecting its rights and interests.

As we continue to take on the issue of fair funding, our intent is to ensure law makers are reminded how the Charter School Law adversely impacts the District and your child's education. You can also click [here](#) to write to your local legislators requesting support in this matter. It's simple, enter your contact information and your letter will be automatically sent to your corresponding legislative office. For more information on this topic please visit the Fair Funding section of our website by clicking [here](#).

Coatesville Area School District

NOW HIRING!



Positions Available:

Full-Time	Part-Time
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Assistant Business ManagerBiology/Chemistry TeacherESL TeacherMath TeacherSpecial Ed Teachers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Cafeteria/Playground AidesCoaching PositionsESL AideFood ServiceSpecial Ed Aide

Apply Today!
<https://bit.ly/CASDjobs>



Please join us for our District Science Fair!

Saturday, January 15, 2022

10:00am - 3:00pm

CASH Cafeteria





COATESVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

District Job Fair

Thursday, November 11, 2021



Sponsored by



SUBSTITUTE TEACHER SERVICE, INC.

Thursday, November 11, 2021
4:00PM - 6:00PM

Coatesville Area School District
Administration Building
3030 C.G. Zinn Road
Thorndale, PA 19372

Unable to attend the event?
Contact Sarah Laxton
610-566-6466
s.laxton@thesubservice.com

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Kindergarten Registration 2022-2023 School Year

Welcome Class of 2035!

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 **2022-2023 Kindergarten Pre-Registration** form by clicking on links below:

[English](#)

[Spanish](#)

In addition to basic information about your child, please be prepared to upload copies of the following documents:

- Birth Certificate
- Immunization Records
- Proof of Residency

Please click [here](#) to determine which Elementary School your child will attend.

Coatesville Area School District Elementary Schools

- Caln Elementary: 610-383-3760
- East Fallowfield Elementary: 610-383-3765
- King's Highway Elementary: 610-383-3775
- Rainbow Elementary: 610-383-3780
- Reeceville Elementary: 610-383-3785

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.



Kindergarten Registration



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SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

Before and After School Programs at the YMCA



WE ARE HIRING!

We are looking for energetic, fun loving educators and mentors to lead students through activities and learning in the Coatesville Area School District.

Earn \$14 to \$18 per hour.

Take advantage of great benefits, including:

- Nights and weekends to yourself
- Part time and a flexible schedule
- FREE Y Membership
- Reduced rates on YGBW programs
- Professional Development

The YMCA of Brandywine proudly partners with the following schools:

- Caln Elementary
- East Fallowfield Elementary
- Rainbow Elementary
- Reeceville Elementary
- Kings Highway Elementary

BRANDYWINE YMCA
285 Hurley Road, Coatesville, PA
a branch of the
YMCA of Greater Brandywine

Please visit our career page for location and qualification information:

YMCAGBW.ORG/CAREERS

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.



NOMINATE YOUR FAVORITE TEACHER

Tell us how your teacher makes a difference!
Scan the QR Code to nominate a teacher.
Submit your nomination by January 15.



At Citadel Credit Union, building strength in our community is at the heart of everything we do. That's why we started the Citadel Heart of Learning Award program – to honor outstanding teachers throughout the Greater Philadelphia area. We encourage students, parents, faculty and administration to nominate their favorite teachers. Winners will receive our glass heart award, \$500 to spend in their classroom, and be honored at our Awards Ceremony in May.

School Board Updates

The Coatesville Area School Board met on Tuesday, October 26, 2021. The full meeting agenda can be found [here](#) and you can watch the recording [here](#).

The meeting began with a presentation from East Fallowfield Principal Melissa Willis about Cub Scout Pack 219, who has been meeting at the school for almost 40 years. Throughout the years, Pack 219 has performed various acts of service in support of East Fallowfield including maintaining garden boxes, cleaning exterior school grounds, serving as tour guides during Back to School Night, presenting the colors at the annual Patriots Day Ceremony, supporting the PTO during events, and constructing a picnic table for the school. We are so grateful for their service.

There were two candidates for the unexpired term in Region II, Brandon J. Rhone and Jennifer Shaut. To view the interviews conducted by the Board of Directors, click [here](#). Brandon Rhone was selected to fill this vacancy with a vote of 7-0. Congratulations Mr. Rhone.

Superintendent Hanna provided a report on COVID mitigation protocols, the district-wide safety threat we experienced on October 7, and what is happening in our schools. You can review his report [here](#).

Brenda George, Director of Pupil Services, along with GT Freeman, CEO of The Lincoln Center, made a special presentation about the TLC Leadership Academy. View that presentation [here](#).

Several public comments were made concerning last meeting's discussion about Policy 137, which proposed new guidelines for homeschool students attending TCHS. You can hear those comments [here](#).

CATA Leadership made a public comment requesting that the School Board and Administration work with them to agree to a fair and equitable contract for our teachers. Listen [here](#).



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