



# AROUND OUR SCHOOLS

## ISSUE 8 – NOVEMBER 19, 2021

### Aidan's Heart Foundation Event

Last week, student athletes in Coatesville had the opportunity to meet with representatives from Aidan's Heart Foundation. Over 100 athletes were trained by the Foundation in CPR and AED skills on Thursday, and on Friday, over 140 athletes received EKG screenings to detect symptoms or conditions that may warrant further tests with a specialist. Early detection of an underlying condition is extremely important, as Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) is the leading cause of death in young athletes on school grounds. We cannot begin to express our gratitude to this Foundation for their dedication to keeping our students safe and giving them the tools to keep each another safe.



### Important Upcoming Dates

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
Tuesday, November 23, 2021

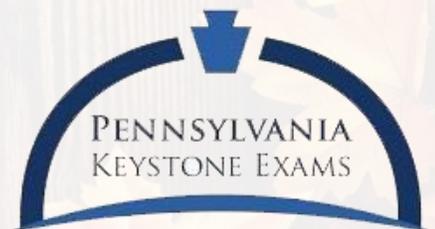


**THANKSGIVING RECESS  
(NO SCHOOL)**  
Wednesday, November 24 –  
Sunday, November 28, 2021



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

**KEYSTONE TESTING  
(SECONDARY)**  
Wednesday, December 1 –  
Tuesday, December 14, 2021



# Algebra is Sweet at CAIHS

This week Mrs. Pearson's and Mrs. Barlip's Algebra classes explored the part-to-whole relationship of proportional situations to make real-world predictions. Each student received a small bag of M&Ms and used the small bags to help make predictions about a larger bag of M&Ms. They used the collected data from their small bags to predict how many total M&Ms were in the big bag and how many of each color were in the big bag. From this activity, students learned how to use small quantities to make predictions about large collections of things using proportional relationships. This simulates the processes used for studies like ecological and medical predictions (ie. invasive species populations and disease incidences).

2.2.3  
2-108

Two Bags: 27g (small)  
Big Bag: 303.3g

Two Small Bags:

Anabelle's Bag		Morgan's Bag	
	Total		Total
1.5	3	1.5	4
3	Red	4	Red
3	Orange	4	Orange
8	Blue	3	Blue
0	Green	0	Green
1	Yellow	1	Yellow
0	Brown	3	Brown

Together

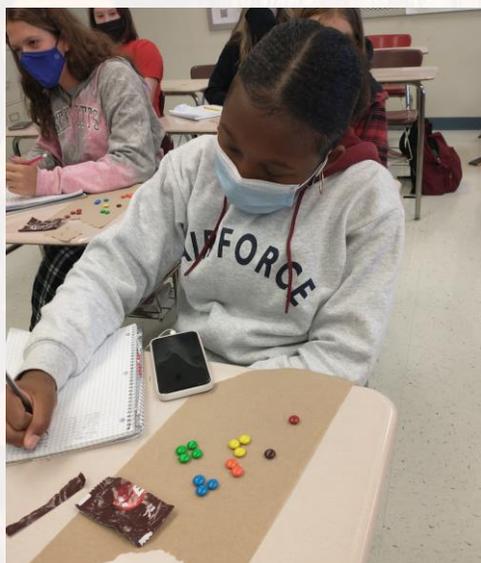
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Yellow: 2 m&ms  
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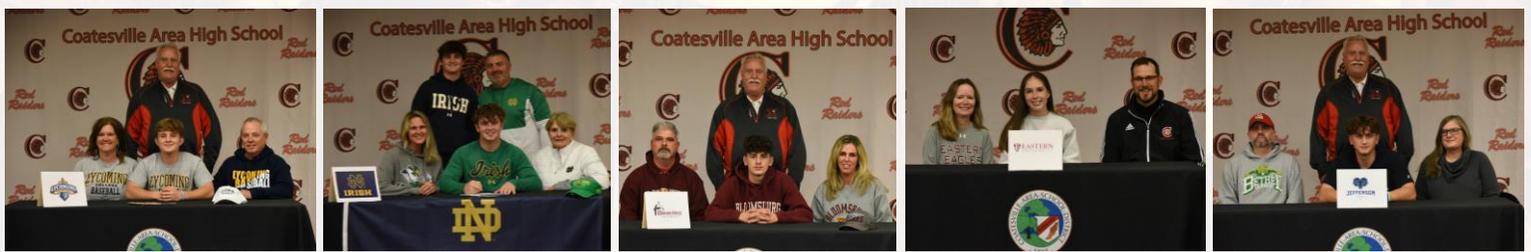
Summary  
M&M's in big bag  
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Red: 78.6 m&ms  
Orange: 78.6 m&ms  
Blue: 116.5 m&ms  
Green: 0 m&ms  
Yellow: 22.2 m&ms  
Brown: 38.5 m&ms

Work

$\frac{2.7g}{303.3g} = \frac{7}{78.6}$	Small bag (red m&ms)
$\frac{2.7g}{303.3g} = \frac{7}{78.6}$	big bag (red m&ms)
$\frac{2.7g}{303.3g} = \frac{7}{78.6}$	Small bag (orange m&ms)
$\frac{2.7g}{303.3g} = \frac{11}{116.5}$	big bag (orange m&ms)
$\frac{2.7g}{303.3g} = \frac{0}{0}$	Small bag (blue m&ms)
$\frac{2.7g}{303.3g} = \frac{0}{0}$	big bag (blue m&ms)
$\frac{2.7g}{303.3g} = \frac{2}{22.2}$	Small bag (yellow m&ms)
$\frac{2.7g}{303.3g} = \frac{3}{38.5}$	big bag (yellow m&ms)
$\frac{2.7g}{303.3g} = \frac{3}{38.5}$	Small bag (brown m&ms)
$\frac{2.7g}{303.3g} = \frac{3}{38.5}$	big bag (brown m&ms)





# College Decision Day for Student Athletes

Wednesday, November 17 was the first College Decision Day for the CASH Class of 2022. Nine student athletes participated and signed their letters of intent to attend and compete at the collegiate level next year. Congratulations to each of you for your continued athletic and academic success!

**Tommy Ortega**

Lacrosse, Lindenwood University

**Alex Kuehn**

Baseball, Millersville University

**Lorelei Eberly**

Track and Field, Bloomsburg University

**RJ Rickabaugh**

Baseball, University of Notre Dame

**Joey McGann**

Baseball, Penn State University – Berks

**Will Dean**

Baseball, Bloomsburg University

**Zach Kudlacik**

Baseball, Lycoming College

**Emma Bennett**

Soccer, Eastern University

**Roman Reed**

Baseball, Thomas Jefferson University



# Thanksgiving Tradition Continues

For the seventh year in a row, Coatesville Area School District participated in our own Thanksgiving tradition. Each year, district employees come together to donate items to give families in our area the staples of a Thanksgiving dinner. Items including mashed potatoes, stuffing, corn, green beans, cranberries, yams, gravy, and pies were donated and organized to benefit forty families. Administrators from across the district each take a few families from the list and personally deliver these donations. Many of this year's families were those who were impacted by the flooding from Hurricane Ida.



Again this year, the tradition received incredible support from Giant in Thorndale. Store Manager Mike Smith met administrators before their deliveries and provided \$1,000 in gift cards to support the recipients. This will allow families to purchase a turkey or other necessary food for their holiday meal. The ongoing partnership with Giant Thorndale is invaluable and allows us to provide more to each deserving recipient.

The tradition will continue next month with our holiday meal donations!

# Spirit of America Youth Leadership Conference



and experiential workshops all designed to develop leadership skills and deepen an understanding of the rights and responsibilities of engaged citizenship.

AFJROTC Cadet Brandon Shilling attended a 4-day residential Spirit of America Youth Leadership Conference held at Valley Forge Freedoms Foundation from November 4 - 7, 2021. The conference uses experiential learning and critical thinking exercises to inspire the next generation to take up the responsibilities of citizenship and develop character. Students interacted with experts on citizenship, democracy, the judiciary, the political process, and the free enterprise system. The program included thought-provoking lectures, historical tours,

## Teachers Make a Positive Impact

A new tradition was started this year by our senior football players. They each chose a teacher who made a positive impact on them over the years. The teachers were each presented with the player's "jersey" and a note of recognition. Each of the teachers were also announced during Senior Night as the players walked across the field with their families and met the players at the 30 yard line for a picture.

Congratulations to all of the recipients of this year's Positive Impact Teacher Award. We can't wait to see who next year's seniors nominate!

- Lebron Bessick - **Ms. Elicker** (Rainbow)
- Rodrigo Castaneda - **Ms. Coletti** (CAIHS)
- Gavin Homnack - **Ms. Carpi** (North)
- Bryan Lacey - **Ms. Perry** (CAIHS)
- Ryan Massey - **Ms. Sorber and Mr. Black** (CASH)
- Keesan Mathis - **Ms. Dohmson** (CASH)
- Dowayne Molina - **Mr. Olseski** (CASH)
- Nolan O'Hara - **Mr. Carson** (CASH)
- Tommy Ortega - **Mr. Warren** (CAIHS)
- Oscar Ortega - **Mr. Raibley** (CAIHS)
- Ozzie Ortega - **Mr. Ritter** (CASH)
- Colton Rhoades - **Mr. Jordan** (CASH)
- RJ Rickabaugh - **Ms. Bright** (CAIHS)
- Chayse Scott - **Mr. Carpenter** (CASH)
- Brayden Shaffer - **Mr. Sheller** (CASH)
- Billy Sharpe - **Mr. Vietri** (CAIHS)
- James Taylor - **Mr. Bonner** (CASH)
- Ashon Wesley - **Mr. Bonner** (CASH)



## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Rock Day

On Friday, November 5th, East Fallowfield Elementary School welcomed Roger Parker from Lucky Treasures and Triple B Mine for their first in-house assembly. Our 4th grade students had fun learning about and identifying rocks, reading Stone Soup, and building volcanoes!



## Fire Safety at Rainbow



On Friday, November 5th, firefighters from Westwood and Sadsburyville brought their fire safety and prevention message to students at Rainbow. Firefighters spent generous time with our students discussing their role, explaining fire-fighting equipment, and emphasizing life-saving tips like, “stop, drop and roll.” To help children feel safe in their care and know what to expect in the event of a fire rescue, fully-outfitted firefighters demonstrated what they look and sound like when they search the scene of fire. Rainbow express our appreciation to our local fire departments for their continued commitment to the safety of our students, and for all they do to help keep our homes and families safe, year round.



# Letters for Veterans



Last week, classes across the district learned about Veterans Day, which was celebrated on November 11. Ms. Adamski's second grade class at East Fallowfield wrote letters and drew pictures to send to veterans. We thank all the military veterans of the United States Armed Forces for their dedication and service to our country.



# CASD Cyber Academy

The CASD Cyber Academy has grown significantly over the last three years to accommodate the rising need for virtual learning options in our school district. Currently, the cyber program has 8 full-time staff members, including teachers, special education case managers, a school counselor, and Cyber Academy Principal, Heather Messenger. The 2021-2022 school year saw a spike in enrollment and the program currently serves approximately 240 students!

Although instruction is delivered virtually, students who attend the Coatesville Cyber Academy are welcome at the Drop-In Center located behind North Brandywine Middle School. There, they can receive additional support from the Cyber Academy team.

The Coatesville Cyber Academy has also hosted three in-person events for elementary students so far this year. These events focused on assisting the students with navigating the Accelerate Education platform, completing work submission, socializing with their peers, and participating in fun activities. The Cyber Academy plans to expand these events to include specific days for each level: middle school, high school, and senior days.

The growth and success of this program would not be possible without the dedicated team in place there. Thank you all for everything you do for our students!



# AFJROTC Color Guard Honors Veterans

The PA-771 AFJROTC Color Guard was extremely busy around Veterans Day. They performed five flag presentations over a 3-day period. On Thursday, November 11, they presented the colors at a Veterans Day ceremony at Veterans Plaza in Coatesville. Later in the day they travelled to Philadelphia to meet and recognize Veterans at a nursing home. On Friday, November 12, the Color Guard presented the colors at a Veterans breakfast in Exton. Later that night, they presented the colors at the Coatesville Area High School home football playoff game. On Sunday, November 14, the Color Guard presented the colors during a Veterans recognition ceremony in West Bradford where they honored a Korean War Veteran among others.



## Mrs. Neff's Class Gets New Books



Mrs. Neff's second grade class was super excited to receive their November book, *The Bad Guys*, from one of our favorite authors, Aaron Blabey. We had so much fun reading this book together that we couldn't put it down and read the whole thing during reading on Friday! They are excited to bring their new books home and read it to someone special!



## Pajamas For a Cause

Reeceville students dressed in their pajamas last Friday to support the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. The school raised \$650!! This donation will greatly impact so many children and families. Way to go Reeceville!

## A Special Gift

On Monday, November 8th, 5th grade student, Jahdir Johnson was presented with a new bike from the Coatesville Police Department in conjunction with Mr. Walker Marks. Thank you to Officer Antonucci and Officer Ollis for reaching out to East Fallowfield Elementary School to coordinate this special recognition, and a special thank you to our school counselor, Ms. Stover for engaging with our supportive community organizations. Jahdir is an amazing student who works hard, is kind and respectful to others, and is worthy of this special gift! Keep up the great work, Jahdir.



# North Brandywine Principal Dr. Roberts Honored by the NAACP

North Brandywine School Principal Eugenia Roberts will be honored by the Coatesville Area Branch of the NAACP with a Pathfinder Award this Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Freedom Fund Banquet. The Pathfinder Award honors individuals who have created a path for others to follow, and whose efforts have been ongoing and consistent within the community. Dr. Roberts will be recognized for promoting and creating programs that produce positive change through education.

“Dr. Roberts’ dedication has transformed the lives of countless students in our community,” said President Keith Bond.

Mr. Earl Johnson and Elder Roland Holmes, Jr. will also be honored at the award banquet for their dedication and service to the greater Coatesville community.



## Ms. Van Horn Takes the (Summer) Stage



Tori Van Horn, a Special Education Teacher at East Fallowfield Elementary, doesn't skip a beat when the school year ends. She heads straight to Upper Darby Summer Stage, a youth theatre program where she has been involved since 2003.

In 2003, Van Horn joined the program as an apprentice and quickly realized she had found a place she could be herself. She says, “I am who I am today because of Upper Darby Summer Stage. I found myself, my voice, my passions, and lifelong friends there.”

A few summers later in 2007, she discovered the costume shop and hasn't looked back! She has now spent fifteen summers coordinating schedules, assisting with fittings and measurements, teaching students to sew and complete crafts, making patterns and costumes from start to finish, helping designers with delegating tasks, maintaining the costume stock, and assisting with the adult mainstage show, among other responsibilities. Some of her most memorable productions have included *Hairspray* and *Hunchback of Notre Dame*, because the costumes for characters Amber and Esmerelda were some of the most exciting to create.



At the conclusion of the 2021 season, Van Horn received the *Fill the World with Love Award* for her “dedication to making the costumes fabulous and for her always positive, cheerful attitude.” This dedication and positivity is something she has shown at Summer Stage for nineteen seasons, and she brings those same qualities to her students on a daily basis.

# CAIHS ROCKs Their Ice Cream Party

There were 515 ROCKs given out over the 1st marking period. Those ROCKs were earned by 238 students. We celebrated all our students that earned ROCKs this quarter with an ice cream party in the cafeteria during 8th period. Students were able to choose from popsicles, water ice, ice cream cones, ice cream sandwiches, chocolate covered ice cream bars and much more. We are very proud of all their hard work and their consistent modelling of respect, ownership, courage and kindness. They ROCK!



# Kindergarten Celebrates 50 Days of School



Kindergarten at King's Highway celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> day of school with math, 1950's outfits, treats (root beer floats and pineapple upside down cake) and a dance party! The students have done a great job in their first 50 days!



## C.A.S.H. SCHOOL STORE HOLIDAY OPEN-HOUSE

The CASH Student Council will be hosting holiday open-house at their school store-located outside of the gymnasium! Stop by to pick up a Coatesville Hoodie, long-sleeve t-shirt, lanyard, travel mug, ornament and much more! There will also be other "goodies" available for purchase!



Please join us:

Monday, 12/6 from 6-8pm

Tuesday, 12/7 from 6-8pm

Monday, 12/13 from 6-8pm

Tuesday, 12/14 from 6-8pm



We hope to see you there!

Mark your calendars!

**ALL PURCHASES ARE CASH ONLY!!**

# 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.

## Reeceville Elementary Principal Nikki Celotto

*Nominated by Reeceville Parent LaToya M Morton*

“Mrs. Celotto is a wonderful principal. she is always willing to help and answer any questions in a timely and quick manner. She has been involved from day one of starting her position and shows her Coatesville pride proudly! My son loves seeing her around school as she has helped him make great strides in school.”



## Lori Witman – Caln Elementary

*Nominated by Caln Principal Rebecca Vietri*

“Lori has taken initiative with our MTSS Implementation. She has done an amazing job collaborating with teachers and with providing data analysis and support through our data meetings. Lori has prepared materials, progress monitoring resources, and additional tools for teachers to utilize, while also providing support to our students as well. She has worked to establish Title I literacy initiatives for students and writes parent communication with her Reading Corner in the Monday Morning information.”



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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](#)

# 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

- Assistant Business Manager
- Biology/Chemistry Teacher
- ESL Teacher
- Math Teacher
- Special Ed Teachers

### Part-Time

- Cafeteria/Playground Aides
- Coaching Positions
- ESL Aide
- Food Service
- Special 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



# Vaccine Appointments for Children Ages 5-11



As you know, U.S. officials recently gave the final signoff on Pfizer's kid size COVID-19 shot for children ages 5 to 11. The Coatesville Area School District will partner with Woodlyn Pharmacy to offer eligible CASD students access

to the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. There is no charge. The vaccines will be administered by licensed health care professionals. Choosing to get vaccinated not only protects students and school staff from COVID-19 but it also helps to reduce the risk of family members contracting the virus as well.

The Pfizer Vaccination Clinic will be held at the Coatesville Area Senior High School auditorium lobby. The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine requires two doses 21-days apart for maximum protection against infection. **Please click links below to schedule your child's first and second dose appointments.**

**First Dose: November 22, 2021, 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm**  
Registration link with preferred language option:  
<https://hipaa.jotform.com/213114725137145>

**Second Dose: December 13, 2021, 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm**  
Registration link with preferred language option:  
<https://hipaa.jotform.com/213115208025138>

All participants will be required to remain in high school auditorium for 15 minutes following administration of the vaccine for observation. All students must be accompanied to appointment by parent or legal guardian.

Thank you for your help in keeping our school community safe and healthy.

# 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.



# 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](mailto: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.

[CitadelHeartOfLearning.com](http://CitadelHeartOfLearning.com) #HeartOfLearning

# School Board Updates

The Coatesville Area School Board met on Tuesday, November 9, 2021. The full meeting agenda can be found [here](#) and you can watch the recording [here](#).

Jason Palaia, Director of Educational Services, along with Casandra Jones, Administrator on Assignment, presented a Data Review and MTSS Implementation Plan. That presentation can be found [here](#).

Superintendent Tomás Hanna and Lori Diefenderfer, Director of Business Administration, made a presentation on Budget Planning for the 2022-2023 school year. That presentation can be found [here](#).

During the Policy Committee Meeting, Superintendent Tomás Hanna made a statement concerning the Social Media and Cellular Telephones Policies. "There will be a training component with this where we will have legal come in and work with our administrators with regard to these policies."

The Policy Committee will be the only Committee to meet on Tuesday, December 7. An ad was put in the Daily Local to this effect.

2018 CASH Alumnus, Midshipman First Class John Clifford III was highlighted by Board President Rob Fisher. You can hear more about him [here](#).

The Board of School Directors of the Coatesville Area School District is hoping to fill three Board seats after two candidates who were elected notified the Board they are unable to serve. The Board is accepting applications for residents to fill two Board seats in Region 1 (Valley Township and City of Coatesville) and one Board seat in Region 2 (Caln and West Brandywine Townships.) The deadline for applications is **Friday, November 19, 2021, at 5 p.m.**

The Board will interview applicants, consider, and appoint candidates to the Board seats at its regular Board Meeting on **Tuesday, November 23, 2021, at 7 p.m.** The appointed candidates will be sworn in at Board's Reorganization meeting on December 7, 2021.



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