



AROUND OUR SCHOOLS

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Scott 6th Grade Students Present to the School Board

At last Tuesday's School Board meeting, six students from Scott 6th Grade Center presented on the benefits they received by leading their own parent-teacher conference at the beginning of November. The idea of student-led conferences is to empower the students to take ownership in their learning by presenting what they have accomplished from the beginning of the school year. Throughout the 1st marking period, students compiled artifacts of their learning, selected those pieces that they would present to their parents, and explained their learning process at their conference with their teachers and parents.

Amelia D., Naomi M., Ava R., Charles, R., Kayla R., and Ellias R. did a fantastic job speaking to the Board of School Directors and highlighting their individual processes in leading their conferences. They spoke with pride, confidence, and passion as they addressed our important leaders on the stage. They even answered questions from the board.

We are proud of these students, as they demonstrated their leadership and represented the Scott 6th Grade Center in such a positive light.



Important Upcoming Dates

KEYSTONE TESTING
(SECONDARY)

Wednesday, December 1 –
Tuesday, December 14, 2021



REORGANIZATION, SPECIAL POLICY
COMMITTEE MEETING, AND
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, December 7, 2021



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, December 14, 2021

EARLY DISMISSAL FOR STUDENTS
Wednesday, December 15, 2021



Project Lead the Way: Animal Adaptations

Mrs. Billman has been working with first grade students at East Fallowfield on animal adaptations during Project Lead the Way time. Last week, students had the opportunity to play, "What Beak is it?" Students were first introduced to a pelican, hummingbird and woodpecker. During the investigation portion, students used tweezers, spoons and clothespins to represent different bird beaks and had to pick up marbles, straws and toothpicks which represented the different foods that the featured birds eat. It was a fun and engaging lesson for the students!



CASH Preschool Learns About Fire Safety

Fire fighter Kim Mattson is the trainer for Caln Fire Department and every year, CASH schedules time for her to visit our preschoolers and teach them about fire safety and fire prevention.

The preschoolers learned about:

- home escape and safety plans
- how to get low to the floor, stop, drop, cover face and roll in the event of a fire or heavy smoke
- what number to call in the event of a fire or an emergency 9-1-1
- Not to play with matches
- Smoke detectors (what they look and sound like)
- Never go back into a house that is on fire has heavy smoke

The kids received fire hats and fire safety coloring books. They were very excited to see a fire truck and fire fighters.



Reeceville Honors Children's Grief Awareness Day

Reeceville students honored Children's Grief Awareness Day by reading "Chester Raccoon and the Acorn Full of Memories" by Audrey Penn and decorating butterflies (the symbol for Children's Grief Awareness) honoring family members they lost or support classmates who lost loved ones.



Fifth graders Siyaa Thompson and Shay'la Smith

Coatesville Graduates Share Military Academy Experiences

AFJROTC cadets recently learned about the US Military Academy at West Point New York and the US Naval Academy at Annapolis Maryland when two Coatesville graduates came back to share their experiences and explain the application process. Cadet Patrick McManamon who is attending the US Military Academy and John Clifford III who is attending the US Naval Academy took time from their Thanksgiving break to speak with the cadets and enlighten them on the opportunity to attend these prestigious institutions.



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TODAY!**

Scott 6th Grade Center is looking for a
Library Secretary!

Apply online at:
<https://bit.ly/CASDjobs>

Rainbow's Hydroponic Garden

Dr. Chrisman's kindergarten class and the Rainbow Garden Club have been growing lettuce in their hydroponic garden! They started with seeds and harvested the lettuce on Tuesday, November 23rd. For the first harvest, they tasted the lettuce and enjoyed a delicious salad. When they grow their second crop of lettuce, they will be looking for a place to donate the crop. Check out some great pictures of their progress with this wonderful garden project!



International Day of Tolerance at Reeceville



Reeceville Elementary celebrated International Day of Tolerance on November 16, defining 'tolerance' as respect, acceptance and appreciation of the rich diversity of our world's cultures, our forms of expression, and ways of being human. Reeceville students focused on how listening to others is a great way to open your perspective - even when someone has a different viewpoint.



Meistersingers Announce Honor Soloist

Congratulations to Niema Willis who will serve at the Honor Soloist for Meistersingers. Javen Miller will serve as runner up Honor soloist. You can enjoy performances by both singers at the annual Carol Service being held on Saturday, December 11 at 7:00 PM.



Pig Out Fundraiser

On the Tuesday before Thanksgiving break, the Reeceville students watched as Mr. Scangarella kissed the pig in our Pig Out for PBIS fundraiser. We raised \$792 for our PBIS program! Thank you to all of our students' generosity and the McCafferty family for bringing their potbelly pigs to Reeceville!



Thankfulness at King's Highway

Students in Mrs. Pandosh's Kindergarten class at King's Highway have been learning about long ago and present day through a study of how people lived almost 400 years ago – how it is different and how it is the same. Students were very happy that TVs have been invented and that they don't have to go to the bathroom in a pot! Others said they enjoy food much better now than what the Pilgrims had to eat.

To finish off the unit they worked as a class to make butter. They learned a poem about making butter and after a lot of hard work and tired arms they tasted the butter they made. About half the class liked it, the other half prefers modern butter from the store.

Kindergarteners learned there are many things to be thankful for these days.



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.

Conor Kavanaugh East Fallowfield

“Mr. Conor has been working in our cafeteria for two years. Conor brings so much energy and joy to our cafeteria. He takes the time to learn the name of each student and greets them by name at breakfast and lunch. He is aware of student allergies to keep our students safe. Our students love Mr. Conor and we are so appreciative of his positive attitude each day.”



Carolyn Alessandro Rainbow Elementary

Nominated by Kathy Elicker

“Carolyn is relatively new to the district, but she goes above and beyond for everyone who works at Rainbow. She juggles multiple things at one time and does it all with a smile! Carolyn comes to work early and stays well after her day is done. She deserves so much more than simple recognition!”



Recognizing Raiders

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](#).



Please join us for our District Science Fair!

Saturday, January 15, 2022

10:00am - 3:00pm

CASH Cafeteria



Coatesville Holiday
POP-UP & SHOP
NOV. 27-28TH * DEC. 4-5TH * DEC. 11-12TH
228 E. LINCOLN HWY.
OLD ARMY & NAVY
4-8PM
SIX DAY VENDOR FEE \$100
SHOP LOCAL THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!
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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!!

Sign up or Opt-Out of CASD Text Alerts

Sign up for text messaging from the Coatesville Area School District to receive information about weather cancelations/delays and other important district-wide updates. You can participate by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to 67587. You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".

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

Coatesville Area Intermediate High School
8th-9th Grade "Center-Stage" Drama Club
presents



Bah, Humbug!

Scrooge's Christmas Carol

DECEMBER 13th & 14th, 2021 CURTAIN 7:00 PM
CAIHS 8-9 Auditorium
TICKETS AT THE THEATRE DOOR \$5.00

Mr. Alex DiGiuseppe, Director

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.

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School Board Updates

The Coatesville Area School Board met on Tuesday, November 23, 2021. The full meeting agenda can be found [here](#) and you can watch the recording [here](#).

The School Board conducted candidate interviews for the three open Board seats and appointed individuals to these positions. Harvel Brown, Holly Charest, and Jennifer Shaut will be sworn in at the Board's Reorganization meeting on December 7, 2021.

Dr. Christopher Jahnke and Ms. Kristen DelGrippe, administrators at Scott 6th Grade Center, presented on their use of student-led parent conferences. Students were present to share their experiences, and one said, "I really liked the student-led conferences, because you got to show off your work to your parents and you got to tell them what you did over the semester and how you felt about it."

Student Representatives provided their reports, which you can listen to [here](#).

Superintendent Tomás Hanna delivered his report, thanking the staff in this district for their hard work and dedication. He also touched on internal communications, his visit to Harrisburg, Thanksgiving food donations, and partnerships with local organizations. You can listen to his presentation [here](#).

The first drafts of the 2022-2023 School Year Calendar and Course Selection Guides for grades 6-12 were reviewed and approved. Additional drafts will be brought to future Board meetings for final approval.

CATA made a public comment during the Board meeting concerning continued contract negotiations. That comment can be heard [here](#).

This night was the final meeting for two members of our School Board, as new members will be sworn in at the next meeting. We extend our sincerest thanks to Mr. Tom Keech and Mr. Josh Crans. Their remarks can be heard [here](#).



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