

AROUND OUR SCHOOLS

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Mrs. McBall Wins Citadel Heart of Learning Award

East Fallowfield kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Heather McBall, was nominated for the Citadel Heart of Learning Award. She went on to win and became the representative for the entire Coatesville Area School District! She is now in the running for the final three grand prizes. Typically, this honor is celebrated with a beautiful banquet. However, with the current circumstances, Citadel held a live broadcast on Facebook instead.

East Fallowfield and Coatesville families supported and congratulated Mrs. McBall with this wonderful video!

[Click here to watch the video](#)



CASH Student's Blog Makes Local News

Mrs. Jordan, a Language Arts teacher at CASH, asked her students to create a blog about their experience with COVID-19. Amaya Boggs' essay was recognized by 6 ABC News anchor Jamie Apody. As a result, Amaya was "adopted" by three generous donors who have provided monetary and moral support through

Apody's organization "Adopt a High School Senior -2020."

[Click here to read Amaya's complete essay](#)

Thank you, Amaya, for sharing your thoughts and perspective of graduating during this pandemic. We wish you all the best as you graduate and know that you will continue to do great things!



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Coatesville Teachers are Cool!

Speaking of Mrs. Jordan, she was recently voted the *coolest teacher in Coatesville* by WMMR's Steve and Preston! Nicole Jordan has been teaching ELA (English Language Arts) in Chester County for 22 years, 21 of those were spent on the second floor, in the coveted hallways at Coatesville High School. Mrs. Jordan earned her BSED English from West Chester University, an MSED from Cabrini University, and is an Advanced Fellow of the Pennsylvania Writing and Literature Project (PAWLP). She lives in West Caln Township with her teacher husband and three sons.

"When I began teaching 21 years ago at Coatesville Area Senior High School, the building looked a lot different than it does today; there was no science wing, no portico over the entrance, no updated library, and certainly no whiteboards, Chromebooks, or smart boards. The structure of the building, always fondly referred to as CASH, has undergone many renovations and endured wear and tear over the years, but one aspect that has never changed, at least for me, is the people who work inside those brick and mortar walls along Lancaster Ave. I have always referred to my colleagues and my students as "family." We support one another when we are together and especially when we are apart. My students and parents frequently talk about the "Ville Mentality" - meaning we rise and fall together. With all the support, enthusiasm, and love that has been bestowed upon me, I cannot imagine teaching, learning, and even laughing in any other building. However, it is not lost on me that it really is not the house that is important, it is the people in it, and I can't wait to "see" my CASH family again."



... And They Go the Distance!

Jamie Lynn Sauer, a language arts teacher at North Brandywine, found one powerful way to stay connected with her students and community through distance learning.

When Mrs. Sauer's ELA class started a new book club, she got the idea to commission her best friend, Sarah Patterson (who is a CASD 2010 graduate), to create beautiful bookmarks for her students. She sent a few home with bagged



books that parents picked up and sent a few in the mail for her students as a special surprise! Mrs. Sauer says "The responses I've received from parents for setting this up filled my heart with so much pride as a teacher! They were so appreciative of me for taking the time to provide resources for their children that best fit their needs at this time. I am beyond excited for this journey my students will begin with their book club partners Monday morning!"

Thank you for your dedication to keep our students reading while at home!



Scott Principals Invite Students to a Virtual Lunch

Scott Principals, Dr. Jahnke and Mrs. Messenger, held virtual lunches with each team at Scott 6th Grade Center on Wednesday, April 29th. Dr. Jahnke writes, "It was so very nice to see some of our students! We really do miss being with them every day and were delighted that many chose to have lunch with us and catch up a bit. We will do this again soon and we are also thinking of creative ways for students to cross teams and "see" their friends from other teams as well." Scott students stay tuned for details....



CASD Young Artists

Scott 6th grade students are keeping their art skills fresh during the school closure. Enjoy this sampling of all their great work!



Coatesville's AFJROTC wants YOU!

If you are wondering what AFJROTC stands for, it is Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps. This program is open to all our high school students and instills Values of Citizenship, Service to the United States, Personal Responsibility, Sense of Accomplishment, Respect for Authority, Good Personal Appearance, Honorable Behavior, and Accountability of One's Actions.

Students who join this program participate in extra curricular activities such as Model Rocketry/Drone Club, Presentation Teams, Physical Training Club, and the annual Military Ball. There are also field trips to drill competitions, military aircraft flights, Washington D.C., museums, and more.



The CASD program is led by Lieutenant Colonel James Turnbull and Master Sergeant Christopher Sidoli. Retired Lieutenant Colonel James E. Turnbull served 30 years in the US Air Force as both an officer and enlisted member. He worked primarily in the aircraft maintenance career field, but also served as an ROTC instructor and a squadron commander. He served at numerous bases through-out the United States and Europe and deployed to various warzones.

Retired Master Sergeant Christopher J. Sidoli served over 24 years in the US Air Force. His career fields included Nuclear Missile Maintenance Technician, KC-135/KC-10A Inflight Refueling Specialist, Project Manager and Academic Instructor. During his career he directly supported operations in numerous theaters including Iraq, Afghani-stan, Somalia, Kosovo, and Bosnia.

For more information, please see the attached brochures ([AFJROTC Brochure](#) and [AFJROTC Myth Busters](#)) or contact Lt. Col. Turnbull at turnbullj@casdschools.org or MSgt. Sidoli at sidolic@casdschools.org.

Please also enjoy this recruiting video their team put together! [Coatesville AFJROTC Recruiting Video](#)

Emergency Assistance Program

A graphic for the PA Department of Human Services Emergency Assistance Program. It features a dark blue background with a yellow horizontal band. At the top left is the seal of Pennsylvania State Senator Jim Keeney, number 26. The text reads: "PA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM". Below this, it asks "Has your family lost income due to the COVID-19 pandemic?" and provides the website "www.compass.state.pa.us" for applying. At the bottom, a light blue banner states "APPLICATION OPENS: MONDAY, MAY 11".

If your family lost income due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the PA Department of Human Services is offering an Emergency Assistance Program. Applications opened May 11th. You can apply online at www.compass.state.pa.us.

Mental Health Relief eBooks

Dominick Macolino, a 2017 graduate of Coatesville Area Senior High School, is reaching out on behalf of **Activated Life**, a 501 C 3 Not 4 Profit organization that works to provide individuals that need mental and economic help.

Activated Life has been working on COVID-19 relief programs to help people of all ages cope with the hard times and help maintain a positive attitude and mind set. They recently teamed up with New Heritage Properties, the Coatesville Area School District and the Coatesville Police department to distribute over 200 school desks and supplies to students around the Coatesville area to provide students with a stable place to complete their schoolwork under new online learning conditions.

Their efforts did not stop there. The team, led by Mr. Parveen Panwar, recently created online e-books that were made to help guide people in maintaining a good, positive attitude during these tough times. The books consist of techniques to deal with stress and other emotions, interactive goal strategy, self-care calendars, meditation techniques and more. Below you will find links to copies of the e-books, one for kids estimated ages of 5-12 and one for older kids up through the adult age.

[Youth eBook 1 \(ages 5-12\)](#)

[Youth eBook 2 \(ages 5-12\)](#)

[Adults and Children over 12 eBook](#)

CASD Announcements

Food Distribution

The Coatesville Area School District is continuing to offer Grab-and-Go Breakfast and Lunch for Coatesville kids. Meals will be distributed every Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the following locations: Coatesville Area Senior High School, Scott, and Rainbow Elementary. Meals must be pre-ordered at <https://bit.ly/CASDmeals>. As a reminder, meals are for children under the age of 18 and are free of charge.

West Chester Food Cupboard

The West Chester Food cupboard has started serving individuals and families outside the West Chester Area School District. Please use the link below for food distribution information.

<https://westchesterfoodcupboard.org/>

Kindergarten Registration Underway

CASD Kindergarten registration for the 2020-2021 school year is now available under Quick Links on the District's website. Please go to:

<https://www.casdschools.org/Page/1>



Sign Up to Receive District Emails

If you would like to keep up to date with communications from the district, you can enter your contact information using the link below. This link is for taxpayers who live within the District who are not already on our distribution list.

<https://forms.gle/E5qeajmWEZjxi2zv8>.

Learn More about CASD Programs

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