

AROUND OUR SCHOOLS

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'Catch Coatesville's Rainbow' at Family Fun Night at 9/10 Center



Families of elementary school students in the Coatesville Area School District and all Coatesville area community members with elementary-age children are invited to attend a fun-filled evening of parent and school engagement at "Catch Coatesville's Rainbow" on Wednesday, February 19.

This special event will feature fun activities centered around reading, math, STEM, and the arts. It will take place from 6:30-8 p.m. in the cafeteria at Coatesville Area Intermediate High School, 1425 E. Lincoln Highway, Coatesville.

Each elementary school will represent a color and offer activities and food that align with that color. Caln Elementary School's color is red; East Fallowfield Elementary School, orange; King's Highway Elementary School, blue; Rainbow Elementary School, yellow; and Receville Elementary School, green.

Students in grades K-5 and their families are invited to attend and enjoy an evening of community and learning.

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AFJROTC Program To Remain Open

The Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC) program at the Coatesville Area School District has been recommissioned and will remain at the District. The program was slated to be decommissioned this year but was saved.

CASD's program was spared, thanks to the efforts of state lawmakers, teachers, former AFJROTC students, and community members. The Air Force will re-evaluate the program in October 2021.

The District is currently trying to work out a cross-town agreement with several other school districts to expand the program. There is a long waiting list of schools that would like to have an

AFJROTC program, and a limited number that the Air Force can provide.

The AFJROTC's objectives are to educate and train high school cadets in citizenship and life skills; promote community service; instill a sense of responsibility; and develop character, leadership, and self-discipline.

Student-Athletes Recognized for Their Achievements



The Coatesville Area School District honored 23 fall student-athletes on January 25 during halftime at the Varsity Boys' Basketball Game.

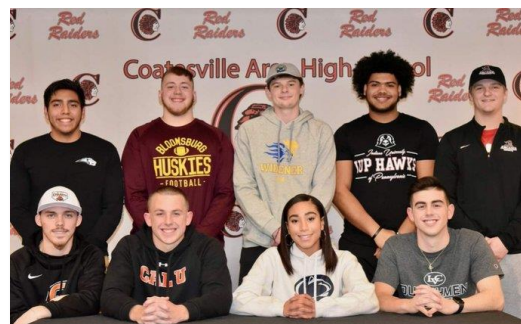
Members of the Golf, Boys and Girls Soccer, Cross Country, Field Hockey, and Football Teams were

honored for their All Chest-Mont team rankings as well as All Area, All District, and All State Honors.

Congratulations to all the players for their achievements on the field as well as being positive ambassadors for the School District and community.

CASD Athletes Are College-Bound

The list of Coatesville Area School District students continuing their academic and athletic careers at the collegiate level continues to grow. Congratulations to nine more student athletes who made their college decisions last week.



Robotics: On the Road and in the Classroom at CASD

Congratulations to the Raiderbots Robotic Team on its performance at the FTC Southeastern Pennsylvania Qualifier held at Oxford Area High School. The competition hosted 30 teams across country (one team even came as far as Ohio State). The Raiderbots won four of five qualifying matches, making it to the semi-finals and were named 4th Alliance Captain.

Good luck to the Raiderbots in their upcoming qualifier being held on Sunday, February 16 in the Lehigh Valley Qualifier.



Fifth-grade students at King's Highway Elementary School are researching different types of robots (medical, military, aerospace, research, etc.) and presenting their findings with their classmates.

Students built a testbed to explore various inputs and outputs robots use, including a color sensor, touch LED sensor, and motors. Then they applied this knowledge to build a robot that utilized the sensors and motors in a chassis.

They also learned that robots are often used to complete dangerous tasks in order to protect humans. Students worked in teams to design, build, and test a robot that could be used in hazardous situations.

At Rainbow Elementary School, fifth-graders students built mobile robots that could be driven using a remote controller. The students had to complete a course driven over a map with boundaries. The robot vehicles had sensors that pick up when they were out of bounds. Students were given a time limit to complete their course and to practice their skills.

For the project to work, students had to solve numerous problems, not be afraid to fail, and be willing to try new ideas. They learned that with a little persistence, they all could be successful.





Elementary Schools Host Black History Laser Tribute

Students and staff at Coatesville Area School District's five elementary schools enjoyed an amazing Black History Laser Tribute show during February.

Historical events, such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech and the Tuskegee Airmen, were brought to life using laser animations. Students also enjoyed listening to and singing along with musical classics from Louis Armstrong, Ray Charles, and other artists.

Students Honored at White Coat Ceremony

Fifty students were honored at the Career Connection Academy's White Coat Ceremony on January 29 at Coatesville Area Intermediate High School.



The students received personalized white lab coats and certificates from healthcare professionals from Tower Health-Jennersville Hospital, Coatesville VA Hospital, and long-term healthcare facilities.

Career Connection Academy, an initiative of the Chester County Economic Development Council, is an after-school program that provides students with an opportunity to explore healthcare careers and practice life skills.

9/10 Center Offers Girls Star Mentoring Program

Starting February 13, girls at the Coatesville Area Intermediate High School are invited to participate in the Girls Star mentoring program.

The free program is designed to help girls increase their self-esteem as well as their ability to cope with stress and other challenges. The program teaches skills to help girls make healthy choices. Topics include friendships, body image, stress and school, and managing emotions. Girls Star Inc. is a non-profit organization founded in 1997.

Afterschool Program Providing Bus Transportation Home

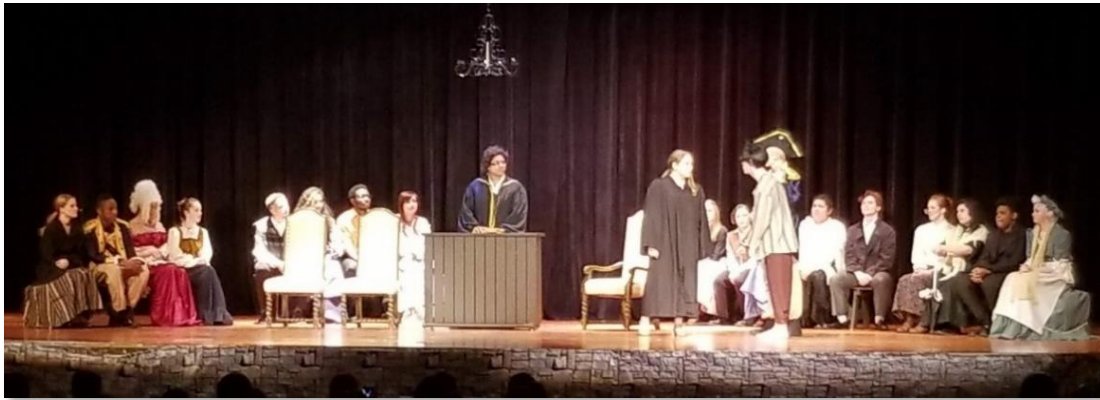
The 21st Century Afterschool Program, which is free for families, began offering bus transportation home in February.

The program provides academic support and fun activities. Students receive homework assistance, as well as extended and enrichment activities in math, reading, and STEAM activities. The program is offered weekly, Monday through Thursday.

Les Misérables Cast Delivers Outstanding Performances

The Paint and Patch Drama Club at Coatesville Area Senior High School selected the highly acclaimed “Les Misérables” for its annual production on January 31 and February 1.

The student performers, stage crew, and art production staff under the direction of Alex DiGuiseppe were outstanding. Congratulations to all on this wonderful show!



North Brandywine’s Stock Market Game Team Captures 1st Place

A stock market team, comprised of several of North Brandywine Middle School’s gifted students, entered a Fall Competition and won first place in the Eastern Division. This was an interactive experience that provided fun and collaboration among peers. The students will be recognized at an awards ceremony at Cabrini University in the spring.

Reeceville Students Show They Care

Students at Reeceville Elementary School collected canned food for the Chester County Food Bank in conjunction with Kindness Month in February. The food drive ran from February 3-13.

One second-grade class learned about adjectives that describe nouns and similes to compare using the words like and as. They created a poem, “Love Is Like a Rainbow in My Heart,” using all the colors of the rainbow to compare and describe nouns. Here are a few examples of their efforts: “Love is red like a soft, velvety rose I see in my mother's garden,” and “Love is orange as a fat, grinning pumpkin in a pumpkin patch on Halloween.”



Students Celebrate 100th Day of School

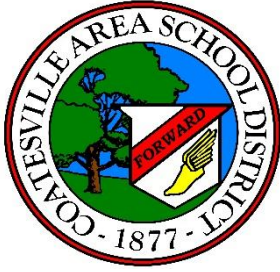
On February 6, Coatesville Area School District students celebrated the 100th day of school. Students were encouraged to dress up like they were 100 years old for the day.

Schools also marked the occasion with other events. For example, each classroom at East Fallowfield Elementary School was challenged to bring in 100 canned goods by the 100th day of school. Students took turns counting them and using various math strategies to determine how many more cans were needed to reach their goal. The school collected more than 1,000 cans, which were donated to the community.

Reeceville Elementary School students brought in 100 objects to share. Scott Middle School students took the opportunity to write 100 supportive phrases to decorate the cafeteria. Their positive messages helped brighten everyone's day!



Learn more About CASD Programs



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