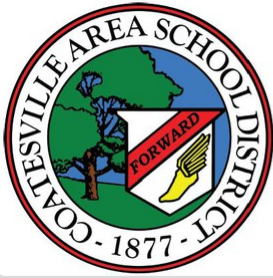


District Update

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Coatesville Area
School District
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Reopening Update

Dear CASD Parents, Staff, and Community Members,

At this week's Board Meeting, the Board of School Directors approved a plan to begin the 2020-2021 school year virtually for the first marking period, until November 5th. This decision was not made lightly. Ultimately, we felt we had to prioritize the health and safety of students and staff. The power point from Tuesday's board meeting can be viewed [here](#), and the video of the meeting can be viewed [here](#).

Starting the school year virtually is not the outcome we had hoped for. We will do our very best to support all of our students, staff and families and hope to return to in-person school after the first marking period. Please check your email and our website frequently for updates.

Best, always.

Tomás Hanna

Superintendent of Schools

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Time for Kindergarten Registration!

We are pleased to announce that the 2020-2021 Kindergarten Pre-Registration form is available online. Please visit www.casdschools.org and under the "Quick Links" tab click on "2020-2021 Kindergarten Pre-Registration Form".

Should you have any general questions pertaining to the online registration process, please do not hesitate to contact our central registration team at 610-466-2420.

Please use the [School Finder](#) to find out what school your child will attend.

Coatesville Area School District Elementary Schools:

Caln Elementary - 610-383-3760

East Fallowfield Elementary - 610-383-3765

Reeceville Elementary - 610-383-3785

Kings Highway Elementary - 610-383-3775

Rainbow Elementary - 610-383-3780

Summer Tips for Readiness

1. Talk to your child about the fun things they are going to do in school
2. Talk positively about school
3. Share your experiences that you loved about school
4. Ease their worries and if they are nervous, encourage them to be excited
5. Establish night and morning routines
6. Talk about lunch and develop a plan for lunch.
7. Discuss how they will get to school.
8. Shop for school supplies.
9. Contact your child's school and set up a tour to help them feel more comfortable.
10. Reinforce how proud you are of your child.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the start of this school year will be different than what we are all used to. The CASD remains dedicated to all our students and families. We will do our very best to support our students and help them be successful, during virtual instruction. We look forward to seeing each other in our school buildings soon!

Kindergarten Registration 2020-2021

Now Open For
Registration

Coatesville Area School
District Welcome
family!



P-EBT Card Update

The P-EBT cards are a benefit and function of the state through a collaboration between the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the PDE Division of Food and Nutrition. The district is not involved in the issuance of the P-EBT cards. We are occasionally provided an update from PDE, which we share via our website - this may be accessed through the CASD website (www.casdschools.org) or directly at <https://www.casdschools.org/domain/35>. Originally, the P-EBT cards were expected to all be distributed by the end of June; that deadline has now been extended through the end of July; should the timeframe be extended again, or if we receive additional information, we will update the link on the website.

We are able to verify that students were in our system during the pandemic timeframe (March through June) and confirm the address we have on file. Please see below FAQs that has been provided from

PDE.

Guidance and Resources for assisting parents with P-EBT questions.

Q: How can families check card balances?

A: 1-888-328-7366 or www.connectebt.com

Q: How can a family request a replacement card due to a lost or damaged card?

A: Parent should complete the P-EBT Inquiry Form at <https://www.emergencymealsurvey.com/>

Q: What should a family do if they believe they should have received a benefit and did not.

A: All benefits will be processed and mailed by the end of July. If a parent believes they should have received a card and has not after July 31st, have the parent complete the P- EBT Inquiry Form at <https://www.emergencymealsurvey.com/>

Q: Who can assist parents that are having issues with the card's PIN?

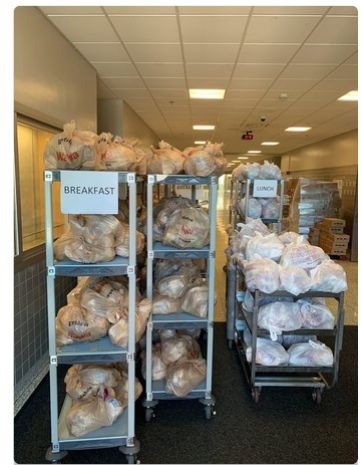
A: Parents should email RA-PWPEBTQuestions@pa.gov for assistance.

Q: Where does one obtain additional information on P-EBT (How much will the household receive, information for pinning P-EBT cards, and much more)?

A: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/Coronavirus-Pandemic-EBT.aspx>

Food Service Staff and Volunteers Continue to Serve

Mr. Hanna took the time this week to stop by the CASH cafeteria to greet our amazing food service staff and volunteers. The District food service staff has been working hard during the entire quarantine to make sure our families have access to food if they need it. In addition, many dedicated volunteers have joined in to help with distribution. "I am so proud of our volunteers and staff for all they have been doing to support the community," said Hanna. "Witnessing these folks come together to serve our students and families is truly special."



Food service staff striking a pose



Curbside pickup



Amazing volunteers coming together

Rotary Donates Earbuds to Caln Students!

Caln Elementary School is excited for the donation of earbuds through the Caln PTA from the Downingtown-Thorndale Rotary Club. The Downingtown-Thorndale Rotary Club worked with our Caln PTA to find a way to provide support for Caln Elementary students, in a way that would benefit them in their educational endeavors. With the 1:1 technology initiative and with each student receiving a Chromebook, they thought of a wonderful way to ensure that each student would have access to earbuds to have for use with their Chromebooks. Caln Elementary school is so appreciative of the Caln PTA and the Community Organizations, like Downingtown-Thorndale Rotary Club, that support the education of our students!

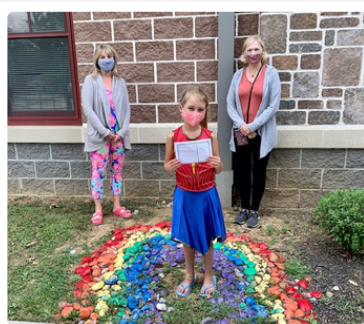


Rainbow Elementary Keeping Busy!



Yearbook Distribution

Yearbook distribution went off without a hitch! Students were excited to be able to pick up their yearbooks this past Monday.



Summer Reader

Rising Rainbow 1st grader, Hanna Miller, stopped by to drop off her summer reading post card for July. Hanna came dressed as a super hero and was recognized for her "super" efforts.



Honor Roll Students Rewarded

Rainbow's PTO made sure to have special gifts available for pick-up to all of our Honor Roll Students.

Caln Elementary is Looking for New Musicians!

Caln Students and Families, become involved in our Music Program and reap the benefits of musical training! Contact Rebecca Vietri at vietrir@casdschools.org or Barb Simmons at simmons@casdschools.org. Please watch this video from Principal Vietri explaining the benefits of musical training!

Music Involvement: The Benefits to Students



Mrs. Snyder takes a trip inspired by Harriet Tubman

CASH principal Mrs. Snyder has always admired Harriet Tubman as one of her favorite historical figures. "To me, she is a true hero, whose strength of character, love for family and community, and sheer determination are so admirable. Her roots in the Eastern shore of Maryland and ties to Philadelphia, have always made me curious to learn more and to visit the same places that she once walked and lived."



As a former history teacher, this is the stuff that Mrs. Snyder loves; experiencing the environment, seeing the landscape, which gives a true appreciation for the accomplishments of Harriet Tubman. Everyone can read her story in a book, but to see the terrain and the tremendous distance that she walked, not once but thirteen times for freedom is truly amazing.

For this trip, Mrs. Snyder used the app "Harriet Tubman Byway, Heart of Chesapeake", which includes a map, directions and narrated historical accounts of Tubman's journey, her life and of African American History. The tour starts in Cambridge, Maryland and ends in Delaware.

For more information on the life of Harriet Tubman, please check the resource below:

[Harriet Tubman Byway.](#)

Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world. – Harriet Tubman



HARRIET TUBMAN

1820-1913

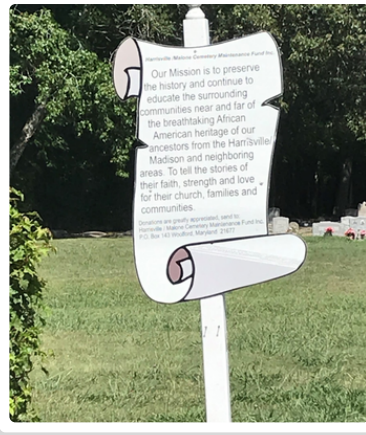
THE "MOSES OF HER PEOPLE," HARRIET TUBMAN OF THE BUCKTOWN DISTRICT FOUND FREEDOM FOR HERSELF AND SOME THREE HUNDRED OTHER SLAVES WHOM SHE LED NORTH. IN THE CIVIL WAR SHE SERVED THE UNION ARMY AS A NURSE, SCOUT AND SPY.

MARYLAND CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL COMMISSION



Bucktown General Store

This is where Harriet was struck by a weight that was thrown by an overseer at another slave. He hit Harriet in the head, causing a fractured skull. Harriet was 13 when she received this injury. Her injury caused blackouts throughout her lifetime, making her accomplishments even more extraordinary.



African American History

The recognition of African American Culture and History is noted well during this tour. All along the Eastern Shore of Maryland, there are many thriving communities founded by free African Americans. The importance of the church as the meeting place is integral to this story. The sign below shows a cemetery where many of Harriet's ancestors are buried.



Chesapeake Bay

The farm that Harriet escaped from is surrounded by the Chesapeake Bay and the Blackwater Swamp. This gives a sense of what she had to cross to escape slavery.

Notice to Visitors During Coronavirus Pandemic:

In order to keep our staff, students and community safe, please do not enter district buildings if you answer Yes to any of the following symptoms:

1. You have visited any states or countries considered COVID-19 hotspots within the last 14 days.
2. You came into contact with a person(s) with COVID-19.
3. You and/or persons you live with are presently under a Quarantine Order.
4. You exhibit symptoms such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, body aches, or flu-like symptoms.

Please be aware prior to entering our buildings you will be temperature checked. If you have a temporal temperature of 99.5 degrees Fahrenheit, you will not be permitted to enter the premises. We will be happy to meet with you later.

We also suggest making an appointment before you come to a building.

District Office - 610-466-2400

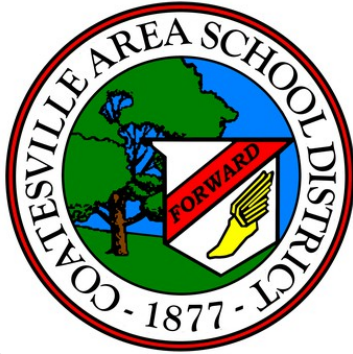
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Coatesville Area Intermediate High School - 610-383-3735

North Brandywine - 610-383-3745





Scott 6th Grade Center - 610-383-6946.

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