

AROUND OUR SCHOOLS

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CASD Food Distribution Continues

The Coatesville Area School District continues to be out in the community providing Grab-and-Go Breakfast and Lunch for Coatesville kids.

CASD's Food Service Department is being assisted by a dedicated team of volunteers, including teachers, administrators, staff, Board members, and other community members. During the first full week, from March 16–20, CASD provided breakfast and lunch to 5,545 students at 12 locations. During the second week, from March 23–27, CASD provided both meals to 6,873 students.

During the week of March 30, distribution days will be held on Monday and Wednesday. The Food Service Department will also put together a set of five meals (breakfasts and lunches) to distribute on Friday, April 3 to last the entire week of Spring Break, April 6–10. If schools remain closed past April 14, meals will continue to be distributed twice weekly on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Current locations include Coatesville Area Senior High School, Scott Middle School, Benner Building Rainbow Elementary School, Modena (at Veteran's Constructions), the West End (at Little Chef), and deliveries to Indian Run and Regency Park Apartments. Distribution dates and locations are subject to change.



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Channel 6 Features Essay by CASD Senior Class Secretary

6abc Action News' Jamie Apody featured an essay written by Amaya Boggs, Senior Class Secretary at Coatesville Area Senior High School, in the station's Senior Spotlight on March 24. Crystal Boggs-Jennings, Amaya's mother, wrote to us, saying that Amaya "got so many positive comments that I thought it would be good to share with the community as well." We agree. Here is Amaya's essay to seniors.



for the last few months, graduation is something that we have been working towards since kindergarten. How do we prepare when we don't know what the final outcome will be? Do we rent tuxes, buy dresses, order flowers? So many questions remain. One thing we know is that we will graduate, but what that will look like is the question. Our dream was to walk across that stage in front of all our friends and family. A walk that will exude confidence and proudness. We dream of sitting amongst the 451 classmates and listening intently as our Valedictorian attempts to deliver a speech about just how wonderful the Class of 2020 is and all that we achieved over the years. Finally, we dream of taking our tassels and flipping them from right to left, signifying the completed high school journey.

"Who would have thought that one virus could totally interrupt my senior year? This year was supposed to be the year for so many memories, so many lasts, and so many firsts. The coronavirus, since entering the United States, has sent many into a panic. However, as a child of post-9/11, I know that we can handle it and come out stronger than before.

"The past couple of weeks have changed so many lives for the Class of 2020. For those who play sports, they are missing out on their final spring sport high school seasons. They are missing out on one last chance to impress college recruiters. For those who work with Student Council, they are missing out on meetings to schedule spring events and finalize big-event planning for the proms, graduation, and end-of-the-year celebrations. For students as a whole, they are missing out on face-to-face interactions with their friends, peers, and teachers. With the word of cancellations every day, the Class of 2020 fears the worst may happen. The cancellation of prom and graduation are two of the biggest fears.

"Two things that the Senior Class look forward to the most are prom and graduation. While prom is something that we may have only been preparing

"Those dreams are now filled with thoughts of not sitting amongst our classmates, not having our families there to support us as we complete our high school journey. We are faced with a very real reality of getting our diplomas in the mail, never being able to put on our caps and gowns, and never putting on the formal dress or tux that makes us feel like royalty, even if just for one night. We are feeling robbed.

"However, we know that we are strong, and that we can overcome anything. We were born in the wake of 9/11 when citizens felt insecure and powerless, and we are now facing similar times with the COVID-19 Pandemic. There are a lot of unknowns, but one thing I do know is the Class of 2020 will come out stronger than ever because of it. We may miss some monumental events, or they may not happen the way we dreamed, but that won't take away from all that we accomplished during our high school career.

"People call us the class with the clearest vision, and I think they are right. If anyone can make [the best] of a bad situation, it is the Class of 2020."

Amaya Boggs will attend Indiana University of Pennsylvania next year.

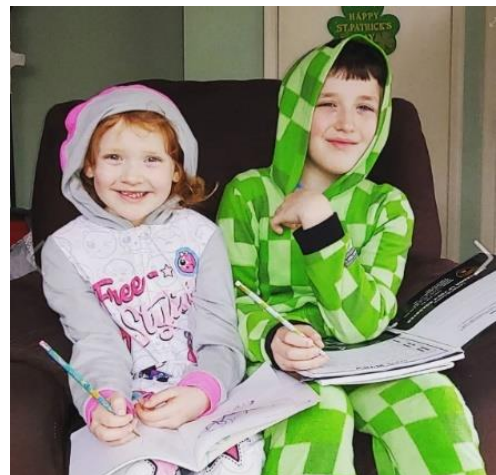
CASD Raises Spirits with Virtual Spirit Week

The Coatesville Area School District held a Virtual Spirit Week from March 23–27. Students were encouraged to participate by tagging CASD in their Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter photos, or by emailing their photos to the District to share on its social media pages. Numerous students, teachers, Board members, and their pets participated in the event.

The themes were:

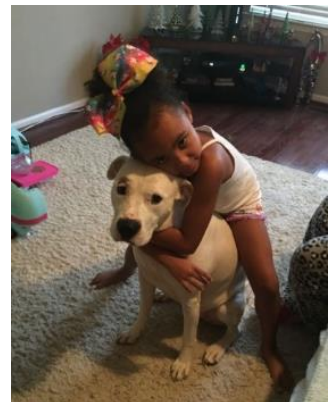
- Monday – **Pajama Day**. Students were asked to send us their coziest shots.
- Tuesday – **Pet Pals**. Students sent us photos with their pets or stuffed animals helping them study.
- Wednesday – **Wacky Wednesday**. Students got creative with shots of their tackiest, most clashing attire.
- Thursday – **What ya reading?** Students shared photos of the current book they're reading.
- Friday – **School Spirit Day**. Students showed their Coatesville spirit by wearing red and black, or their favorite spirit wear.

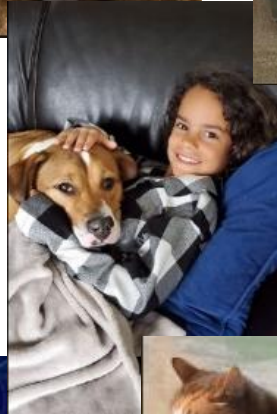
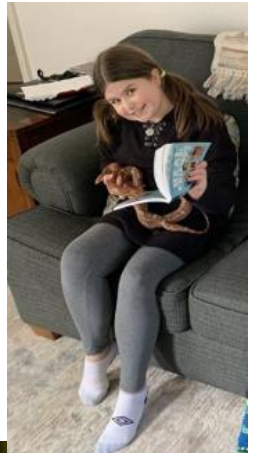
Please enjoy this selection of photos from Monday's Pajama Day!



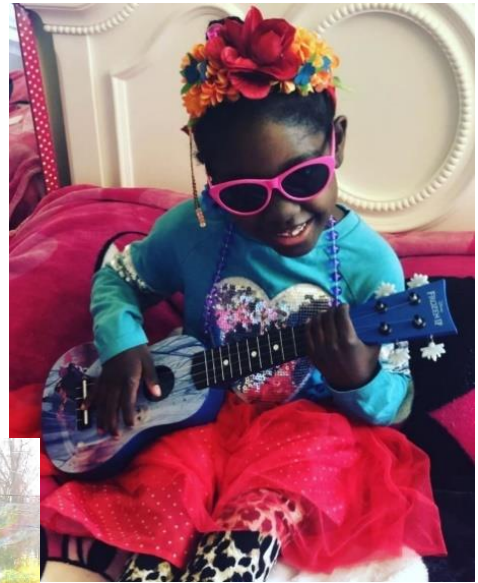


Tuesday's Pet Pals were fan favorites!

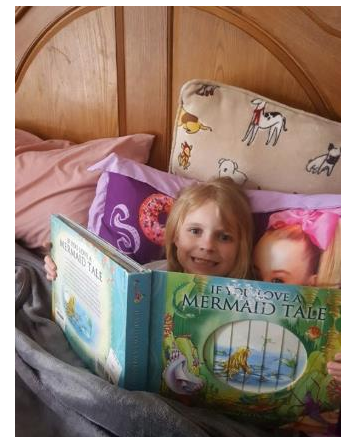
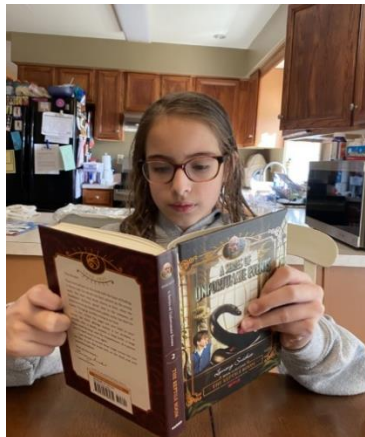
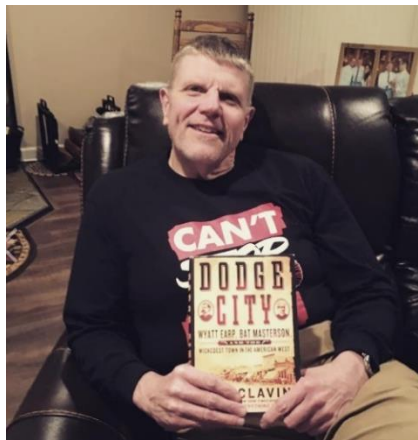




Wacky Wednesday inspired some creative apparel choices!

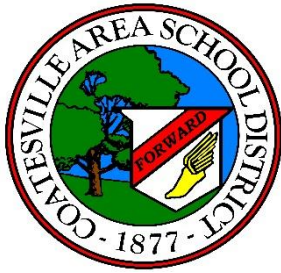


Thursday's What ya Reading brought out everyone's literary side!



Friday's School Spirit Day lifted our spirits!





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