



August 18, 2009

Word from the Superintendent



A highlight of every school year for me is meeting the new teachers on their first day. Yesterday I met a group of enthusiastic teachers from a wide range of backgrounds. I am pleased to see many professionals from other fields who recently found their way to teaching. They bring a wealth of experiences to benefit our students.

We are welcoming one teacher from Scotland School for Veterans' Children, lots of football fans and golfers, two guys from North Carolina, another Michigan native for Faust Junior High, an Academic All-American, parents, and several CASHS grads. We are fortunate to have a diverse and interesting group of teachers joining our ranks.

One thing they all have in common is their desire to make a difference for our students. Several of them mentioned that they found their passion and are excited to begin a career they have worked toward for many years. We're excited, too, to see that passion on display in 2009-2010.

- Joe Padasak

New Teachers Welcomed



New teacher induction is being held this week for the following men and women who will be joining our classrooms. (See the complete list [here](#).)



(Elementary) Back row to front row, left to right: Christine Fabry, Jennifer Benedik, Natalie Saunders, Tiffany Reese, Wendy Lee, Erin Wolfe, Bethany Bunting, Stephanie Kimberly, Megan McGuire, Mary Finucane, and Rebecca Hoke



(Secondary) Back row to front row, left to right: Anthony Rose, Jeanine Zook, Elizabeth Friedle, Suwan Kongkeattikul, Mark Saunders, Matthew McKenry, Sarah Rice, Marta Hodge, Felicia Hess, Alexandria Curtis, Allison Wenk, and Tamara Costolo

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CASD to Host Countywide In-service



An in-service program for all five Franklin County school districts will be held in the new Chambersburg Area Senior High School gymnasium on Wednesday, August 26. More than 1,500 educators will be on hand to hear from former American Teacher of the Year and New York Times best-selling author [Ron Clark](#). The comedy group [Wavelength](#) will also perform.

School Bus Safety Reminders



As we get set for another school year, please remember that Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law requires motorists to stop at least 10 feet away from school buses that have their red lights flashing and stop arm extended. This applies to motorists driving behind a bus, alongside a bus, meeting a bus, or approaching an intersection where a bus is stopped.

If physical barriers such as grassy medians, guide rails, or concrete median barriers separate oncoming traffic from a bus, motorists in the opposing lanes may proceed without stopping.

School bus safety is a priority in the Chambersburg Area School District, and we all play a role in keeping students safe. Please take a moment to review these [bus safety tips](#) to help ensure our children travel to and from school safely.

H1N1 Influenza Update



In the coming days, CASD will be sending home a [letter to students' families](#) advising them of the steps we're taking to prepare for a new school year and the H1N1 flu. We're continuing to review information from federal agencies and following the recommendations that have been laid out.

Good hygiene practices are the best way to prevent the spread of the flu, including washing hands frequently and coughing or sneezing into a tissue or sleeve. Students and staff who experience flu symptoms such as fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headaches, chills, or fatigue should stay home until they are fever-free for 24 hours.

Our number one priority is maintaining healthy and safe schools with the least amount of disruption to learning. For more about H1N1, visit www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu or www.flu.gov.

Mentors Sought for Students

Our community is in need of mentors for students in the CASD, and a pair of upcoming events will provide information for those who would like to explore the possibility of mentoring a youth.



On Wednesday, August 26, Healthy Communities Partnership will host an open house with David Stoddard, author of [The Heart of Mentoring](#), from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the partnership's new location, 2312 Scotland Road, Chambersburg. To RSVP for the open house, call 264-1470 (ext. 3) by August 24.

On Thursday, August 27, HCP will join CASD and Chambersburg First Church of God in hosting a free training session and presentation on mentoring led by Mr. Stoddard. The session, "The 3 C's of Mentoring: Communication, Commitment, and Consistency," will be held from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the church, 2230 Grand Point Road, Chambersburg.

Additional information can be found at www.hcpfranklinpa.org.

Administrator Receives Doctorate



CASD Director of Educational Structures, Programming, and Curriculum Implementation Tod Kline has received his doctorate of education (Ed.D.) from Widener University, completing his dissertation, "Teacher Perceptions of a Staff Development Model for Co-Teaching: A Case Study." Congratulations, Tod!

The dissertation was a two-year study of a staff development model and plan Tod designed to implement co-teaching at CAMS. The study showed that long-term commitment, on-going training, comprehensive evaluation, staff involvement, and a tie to district goals are essential to a successful staff development initiative.

Tod received his bachelor's degree in music from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts, master's degree in education administration from Western Maryland College, and superintendent letter of eligibility from Shippensburg University. He's also the author of two books for music education: *Classic Tunes & Tales* (Prentice-Hall/Pearson) and *Music Today & Every Day* (Pearson).

CASD Partners with Camps to Beat Summer Slide



We're not talking about the slide on the playground! Summer slide is what happens when young minds sit idle for three months, and CASD partnered with three agencies this summer to prevent this slide for about 110 students.

[EAP \(Educational Assistance Program\)](#) reading tutoring was offered at three camps for students going into grades K-5 who scored non-proficient on district testing. "The tutors and I analyzed student needs by reviewing 2008-09 DIBELS and 4Sight data," explains Shannon Raines, CASD supplementary programs coordinator. "The tutors then planned their lesson per students' needs with research-based intervention materials in reading."

The camps included **BOPIC** (Building Our Pride in Chambersburg) at Stevens, **LIU Migrant Camp** at Falling Spring, and **Sam's Club** at the YMCA. Tutoring was provided by

CASD teachers and aides, funded through a grant. Each student received 45 hours of instruction and took a post-DIBELS or 4Sight assessment during the last week of tutoring.

Back to School Tips for Parents



With the first day of school less than two weeks away, here are some [great tips](#) for parents and guardians from the CASD Guidance Department for helping students transition from summer back to school.

Also, don't forget that **school day start and end times have changed for this fall**. Under the new schedule, the secondary day will run from 8:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., and the elementary day will run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Watt's Up by Connie Kelley, CASD Energy Manager



For electric/gas/oil consumption since September 2007, we've notched a 20% program savings, or \$647,501. (Last year at this time, our program savings was 15.9%, or \$226,201.) This reduction of more than 4,200 metric tons of CO2 is equivalent to removing 766 cars from the road for one year or growing 109,194 tree seedlings for 10 years.

See the August 2009 [Watt's Up](#) for more information and a list of the top energy saving buildings in our district.

Web Wisdom: Curriculum Connections



In the last eNewsletter, you read about the progress being made in curriculum writing last year and this summer. Hundreds of CASD educators have collaborated to revise curriculum in all content areas. As the work is being completed, you can find the updated curriculum documents online.

The new literacy curriculum is available on the new English Language Arts (ELA) website, along with the CASD Literacy Vision, discussion boards, online resources, and more. The website is www.chambersburg.k12.pa.us/literacy.

To view the ELA curriculum, select the K-12 Literacy Curriculum link from the main menu, and don't forget to review the Vision for Literacy. As teachers use the curriculum in the classroom, adjustments and revisions will be made based on teachers' expertise. The goal is to develop every CASD curriculum document as a living, practical guide for quality instruction.

District Calendar Review

CASHS new student orientation: 8/19
 CAMS new student orientation: 8/20
 Faust self-guided tour: 8/20



CAMS self-guided tour: 8/25
 Scotland kindergarten open house: 8/25
 Hamilton Heights kindergarten open house: 8/25
 Lurgan open house (grades 3-5): 8/26
 Hamilton Heights open house (grades 3-5): 8/26
 South Hamilton open house (grades 3-5): 8/26
 School board meeting: 8/26
 Grandview open house: 8/27
 Lurgan open house (grades K-2): 8/27
 Scotland open house (grades 1-5): 8/27
 South Hamilton open house (grades K-2 and ES): 8/27
 Hamilton Heights open house (grades 1-2): 8/27
 First day of school: 8/31

[Complete district calendar](#)



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[Personnel actions for August 12](#)

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