



October 9, 2009

Word from the Superintendent



The CASD family has suffered some difficult losses over the past year. As we grieve the loss of students and colleagues, I am reminded of the important role we play in helping every child become the best of themselves in the short time we are present in their lives.

The words spoken at Kacy Straub's memorial service yesterday by some of our students and staff members celebrated the life she lived and shared with everyone in our schools and community. I was struck again by the awesome responsibility and honor we have to interact with every student as individuals worthy of our best selves.

- Joe Padasak

Parent Advisory Council Meeting



The CASD Parent Advisory Council will meet at 7:00 p.m. this Monday, October 12 in the administration building board room. K-12 Math Supervisor Tom Knepper will give a presentation on Power Math, and Director of Curriculum Chris Bigger will discuss curriculum issues. Other agenda items include:

1. Special needs/honors program
2. AP classes and college classes
3. Optimum class sizes
4. Before- and after-school programs
5. Stevens Elementary
6. New elementary curriculum (what the process was for its development, training, and implementation; status of changes; where help is needed; and language arts)

CAMS to Hold Used Book Sale

The Chambersburg Area Middle School will hold its annual used book sale from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 20 in the 7th grade locker area. Pricing has changed a little this year: picturebooks and young adult books are 25 cents (paperback) and 50 cents (hardback), adult novels, cookbooks, etc. are 50



cents (paperback) and \$1 (hardback), VHS tapes are 50 cents, DVDs are \$1, and books on tape are 75 cents.

Students Meet National Guard Pen Pals



Fourth graders from Buchanan Elementary who exchanged letters with members of the Pennsylvania National Guard had the chance to meet their pen pals during a special visit last week.

The students were 3rd graders in Susan DeVos' class in 2008-2009 when Sgt. Ronald Grove, a member of the Stryker Brigade and the father of 3rd grader Kayla Grove, arranged for the students to write to the guardsmen and women deployed in Iraq.

Sgt. Grove and five of his National Guard colleagues visited Buchanan on October 1 to meet the students, answer their questions, and present them with certificates of appreciation. They also brought with them an American flag for the school that was flown from an Apache helicopter.

Superintendent Dons 'Apple Hat'



Marianne Talhelm's 1st grade class at Hamilton Heights Elementary invited Dr. Padasak to be a guest reader last week as part of a lesson on apples. Dr. Padasak spent about an hour talking to the students about the flavorful fruit and his experience working in the apple business. He also donned a homemade Johnny Appleseed hat and read *Johnny Appleseed: A Tall Tale* by Steven Kellogg.

Annual College and Career Night



The annual Franklin County College and Career Night sponsored by the Chambersburg Area Senior High School Counseling Department will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 27 in the CAMS gym. (Please note that the location has been changed from CASHS due to ongoing construction.)

This event is open to all students and families in the county. More than 100 colleges, universities, technical schools, and military branches will be represented. ([See the list here.](#)) This is a great chance to talk to college representatives and military recruiters and get first-hand information about their programs.

If you have any questions, please contact Lucinda Rebuck at 261-3332 or rebucluc@chambersburg.k12.pa.us or Heidi Lebitz at 709-4024 or lebithei@chambersburg.k12.pa.us.

Ironman Triathlete Promotes Healthy Habits



Students at Fayetteville Elementary were jumping rope, jogging in place, and demonstrating their hula-hooping skills during an assembly Wednesday afternoon with Andy Baldwin, a U.S. Navy lieutenant commander and Ironman Triathlete.

Dr. Baldwin, a Lancaster County native who was featured on ABC's "The Bachelor," is riding his bicycle from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia this week and stopping at schools along the way to share about the importance of healthy eating and active living. He challenged the students to eat nutritious foods and get one hour of physical activity each day.

As part of the event, Fayetteville Fire Co. donated two boys' bikes and two girls' bikes to the school, which will be used as prizes in an upcoming Read to Ride competition. The Fayetteville PTA also presented sports equipment to each classroom, and Horace Mann representatives were on hand to give out kickballs.

For more information about the Cross Pennsylvania Health Ride and Dr. Baldwin's efforts, visit www.healthride.org.



CASHS Class Hosts County Judge



Students in Adam Whisel's business law class at CASHS were treated to a guest speaker from the Franklin County Courthouse last week: Judge Carol Van Horn, who serves as a judge for the 39th judicial district in Franklin and Fulton counties. Judge Van Horn shared about how the court system is structured and what kinds of cases she hears. She also emphasized the importance of judges being held to a high ethical standard.

Several students told Van Horn they're interested in pursuing a career as an attorney, and she encouraged them to keep academics in the forefront to be prepared for law school. She also encouraged the entire class to visit the courthouse and watch the legal system in action.

Buchanan Reads!

Students at Buchanan Elementary participated in [Read for the Record](#) on Thursday, an annual event where schools try to break the world record for the largest shared reading experience. Wilson College education majors volunteered to read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* with all the Buchanan classes as children across the U.S. and as far away as Brazil and Japan also read the book.



In addition, Target stores in Chambersburg and Carlisle each recently provided \$500 grants for books in Buchanan's classrooms and library. The retailer also painted the school's "reading pit" with the school mascot, reading strategies, math strategies, and good citizenship characteristics.



Halloween Hike Set for Caledonia



Project TEAM will be sponsoring a Halloween hike at Caledonia State Park on Saturday, October 31, complete with lunch and a DJ. This family-oriented event will raise money for maintaining and expanding the Project TEAM program, which provides students with an opportunity to connect with and help the local community and nonprofit organizations at large.

For more information about the hike, please see the [attached flyer](#) or contact Linsey Covert at 267-4479 or coverlin@chambersburg.k12.pa.us.

CASHS Construction Update



New kitchen equipment arrives Wednesday, which means the cafeteria will be ready before summer. The Food Services Department will have time to set up the cafeteria for next fall.

Second floor cabinetry work is close to completion in the science wing, and the third floor cabinets go in afterward. Masonry and rough-ins are continuing in the new performing arts wing, and masonry, grade beams, and stud work are occurring in the admin wing. The steel for the admin wing and library/pupil services wing will be on site in early November.

School Liaison News



The [most recent issue](#) of School Liaison News from Summit Health features a short profile of our very own Stephanie Flagle, a senior at CASHS, as well as H1N1 flu information and a career spotlight on clinical laboratory workers.

School Liaison News is geared toward students and teachers interested in health care careers.

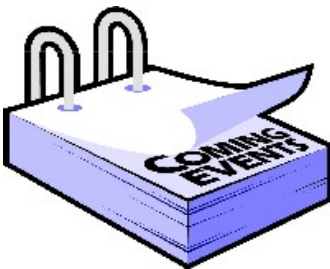
Web Wisdom: Share the News

A new page on the district website makes it easy for parents, students, and community members to pass along information about student accomplishments, classroom activities, upcoming



events, and other school-related information. Visit www.chambersburg.k12.pa.us/sharethenews and use the form provided to submit ideas for the district calendar, News Flash, eNewsletters, and media coverage.

District Calendar Review



SATs at Faust: 10/10
 Schools closed/professional development: 10/12
 Parent Advisory Council meeting: 10/12
 CASHS Homecoming: 10/23
 Franklin County College and Career Night: 10/27
 School board meeting: 10/28

[Complete district calendar](#)



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