



# CAMP HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Educational Excellence**

**Community Strength**

**Student Success**

## A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT PATRICIA S. CRAIG

Dear Community Members,

It seems that everywhere I look these days, thought leaders are not only singing the praises of empathy, they are recognizing that it is an essential job skill in the 21st century workplace. Countless articles, media reports, academic journals and social media conversations have placed a very bright spotlight on the seismic shift in importance regarding the "hardest soft skill you'll have to learn". So how is empathy defined? In my opinion, Brene Brown, research professor and author, delivers the best definition I've read: Empathy is connecting to the emotions that underpin an experience. In the book *Dare to Lead*, Brown references nursing scholar Theresa Wiseman's four critical attributes of empathy:

- To be able to see the world as others see it, or perspective taking
- To be nonjudgmental
- To understand another person's feelings
- To communicate your understanding of that person's feelings

Brown explains that empathy is a skill that strengthens with practice and encourages people to both give and receive it often. In our schools, empathy is at the core of a safe, caring and inclusive learning environment. According to Jones, Weissbourd, Bouffard, Kahn & Ross, researchers at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, students with high levels of empathy display more classroom engagement, higher academic achievement and better communication skills.

As we continue to reflect upon and move forward with our vision of Educational Excellence, Community Strength, Student Success and our commitment to providing **all** students with foundational skills, knowledge and opportunities for lifelong success, the essential questions for us are:

- *How do we as educators, community members, and trusted adults model empathy for our children?*
- *How can we improve our efforts?*

On behalf of the entire District, we thank you for your continued support, for partnering with us to empower our students to achieve their full potential, and for helping us to make every day a great day to have Lion PRIDE!

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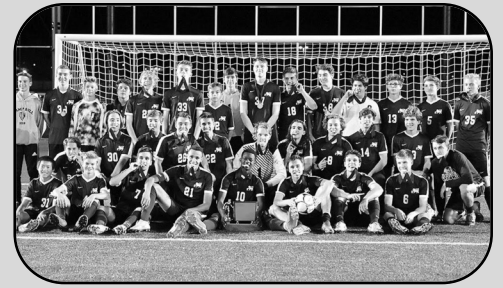
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## GREAT SEASON OF FALL SPORTS ENDS WITH 3 DISTRICT TITLES

Congratulations to the Girls Cross Country team and the Girls and Boys Soccer teams for winning District titles during the fall 2018 season! On October 27th, the **Girls Cross Country team** became the District 3 Class A Champions, winning by 25 points. Co-captains Laura Sakol and Kaitlyn Vorkaphich led the team and received medals for their 2nd place (Laura) and 9th place (Kaitlyn) finishes. The team moved on to compete at the State Championships where they finished in 5th place, the highest finish for a Camp Hill Girls Cross Country team since 1977.

The **Girls and Boys Soccer teams** both won District 3 Class A Championships on October 31st. This is the first district title for a girls soccer team in Camp Hill's history and the third district title in a row for the boys team. Members from both teams were named as Mid Penn Capital All-Stars including Ava Brackett, Hailey Dobb, Julia Raich, Sheridan Reid, Ben Brodie, Amias Colestock, Dylan Mayanja, Parker Rice and Kevin Young. Congratulations to the teams, coaches and all of our student athletes!

### MISS PENNSYLVANIA VISITS CAMP HILL SCHOOLS

Miss Pennsylvania, Kayla Repasky, visited students in November to talk about bullying and social media. At Eisenhower Elementary, she shared her book "Buddy and the Bully" along with her message to always be kind. The assembly concluded with 5th graders singing the Lion PRIDE song. At the Middle School, Kayla presented her "Think Before You Post" message and answered questions from students. The staff and students at both schools were inspired by her visit.



Kayla founded Think First America, a nonprofit organization which offers several educational programs. She was awarded the President's Volunteer Service Award and has been designated a Champion Organization with Pacer's National Bullying Prevention Center. As Miss Pennsylvania, she serves as the goodwill ambassador for all five of Pennsylvania's Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and she is an advocate for STEM Education.

### CAMP HILL TEACHERS HONORED DURING AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

Congratulations to Carrie Budman (5th grade) and Jason Jack (middle school math) who were recognized as outstanding teachers by the Shippensburg University School Study Council! The honorees were selected for their commitment to effective teaching, dedication to students, commitment to ongoing professional development, utilization of innovative practices, and serving as leaders in their schools. They were recognized at a luncheon in November where 47 teachers from school districts in South Central PA received awards.



### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2019-2020

Kindergarten Registration Day for the 2019-2020 school year is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 10, 2019**, by appointment. If you have a child who will be five (5) years of age by September 1, 2019, and will be attending Kindergarten in the 2019-2020 school year, please complete an online pre-registration form. The deadline to complete the form and secure an appointment on April 10th is Friday, March 15, 2019. For further instructions and to complete the online pre-registration form, go to [www.camphillsd.k12.pa.us/registration](http://www.camphillsd.k12.pa.us/registration) and click "Kindergarten Pre-Registration" on the left.



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## CELEBRATING LION SUCCESS!

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- **Jacob Butcher, Elle Shover, August Murray, Piper Reibsane, Ethan Shamash, & Emily Bond** who won a poster contest for Fire Prevention Week and got to ride to school on a fire truck.
- The following students for being chosen as Eisenhower's Safety Advisor captains: **Cooper Kelsch, Ethan Shamash, Rachel Reichart, Cameron Gierasch & Riley Huson.**
- **Marshall Stabler, Samantha Tull, Alina Baetz & Marc Anthony Scaringi** who participated in the Susquehanna Children's Chorale concert in November.
- **Alex Dixon, Ryan Horan, & Andy Jones** who participated in the District 7 Youth Honors Band in New Oxford.
- Middle School spelling bee champion **Sarah Ginck** and runner-up **Isaiah Houssou**. Both students will move on to the regional competition.
- **Lila DiCarlo** and **Michael Moretz** who were named Students of the Quarter at CPAVTS.
- The **Marching Band & Color Guard** for an outstanding final performance of the fall season. They earned 8th out of over 30 schools.
- **Madelyn Stalter, Suzannah Bish, Leo Chapman & Dixie Dayton** for successfully auditioning for the PMEA District 7 Honor Band.
- **Cole Bayesa, Eliza Kuller, and Sydney Preston** who completed the Holy Spirit Healthcare Exploration Program.
- **Sydney Diggs** who was selected for the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award.
- **Kiana Cunningham, Audrey Edwards, Chase Gierasch, Sadie Schultz, Catherine Stalter & Madelyn Stalter** for completing the Penn State/Hershey Medical Center PULSE program!
- **Brian Loja, Jacob Nudel, Angela Dick & Kiana Cunningham** who graduated from the "Passion Through the Process" program with the JDK group.
- **Matthew Lutkins** and **Adeline Mueller** for being selected as Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership ambassadors.

- **Paige Richter** who qualified for the State Golf Championships. She is the first golfer since 2003 to qualify for the state championships.
- The **Boys Basketball team** for winning the Bermudian Springs Tip-Off Tournament and the Hanover Holiday Classic Tournament.
- **Camp Hill Swimmers** for starting off 2019 with a win over Mifflin County.

### NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT:

- The Lion Foundation funded opportunities for Hoover students in November. 1st graders had a **special visit from a Native American**, Frank Littlebear & 2nd graders **visited the Butterfly Atrium** at the Hershey Gardens.
- ABC27 news featured Eisenhower students & staff for their **Run Club season** and **STEAM Day**.
- Eisenhower Elementary students learned about backyard wildlife at Jack Hubley's **Wild Neighbors Nature Program**.
- 8th graders participated in the annual **Volunteer Day** where they went to 1 of 15 locations in the community.
- 9 students attended the 3rd annual **Middle School Forum** as part of the South Central PA Equity & Excellence Series.
- The Middle School's **3rd Annual Turkey Trot** was a great success. Students collected canned food to donate to New Hope Ministries.
- High School Vocal Music students participated in the **2018 County Choral Festival** in November.
- High school students participated in a variety of **career exploration opportunities** including the ACE Mentor Program, PennDOT Transportation Careers Exploration Day, Surgery Live!, and Kinsley Construction Career Exploration Day.

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## FEBRUARY

- 10 World Language Honor Society Induction, 4 PM
- 11 School Board Work Session, 7 PM, Green Room TPC
- 14 Eisenhower Mini Mini-THON, 3 PM
- 15, 18 SCHOOLS CLOSED
- 18 School Board Meeting, 7 PM, Green Room TPC
- 23 Mini-THON

## MARCH

- 1-31 K-12 District Art Show, TPC
- 1 K-12 District Art Show Reception, 6-8 PM, TPC
- 4 School Board Work Session, 7 PM, Green Room TPC
- 14 Delayed Opening (2 hour), Modified Kindergarten
- 15-16 HS Musical, *Once Upon a Mattress*, 7 PM, TPC
- 17 HS Musical, *Once Upon a Mattress*, 2 PM, TPC
- 18 SCHOOLS CLOSED
- 18 School Board Meeting, 7 PM, Green Room TPC

## APRIL

- 8 School Board Work Session, 7 PM, Green Room TPC
- 10 Kindergarten Registration for 19-20, *by appointment*
- 10 NHS Induction, 7 PM
- 11 Grades 3-5 Concert, 7 PM, SFA
- 15 School Board Meeting, 7 PM, Green Room TPC
- 18-22 SCHOOLS CLOSED, Spring Break

## MAY

- 1 MS/HS Band Concert, 7 PM, TPC
- 4 Eisenhower May Fair
- 6 School Board Work Session, 7 PM, Green Room TPC
- 9 Elementary Chorus/Band Concert, 7 PM, TPC
- 15 MS/HS Choral Concert, 7 PM, TPC
- 17-18 5th Grade Musical, *The Little Mermaid*, 7 PM, TPC
- 19 5th Grade Musical, *The Little Mermaid*, 2 PM, TPC
- 20-22 Canadensis, 6th Grade Outdoor Education Trip
- 20 School Board Meeting, 7 PM, Green Room, TPC
- 27 SCHOOLS CLOSED, Memorial Day
- 31 Last Day for Grade 12 and Kindergarten

### SCHOOL MAKEUP DAYS

In case of school closings, makeup days will be as follows: 2/18/19 and 4/18/19. If necessary, additional days will be added to the end of the school year, after the last day of school. Please check for updates on the school website and listen to area radio and tv stations.

## DISTRICT PBIS PROGRAMS CONTINUE SUCCESS

The Middle School, in its 6th year, and the elementary and high schools, in their 2nd year, have been implementing PBIS programs and they continue to yield positive results.

During the fall, Hoover and Eisenhower Elementaries collaborated to apply for PA State Recognition for implementing PBIS in their schools. Both schools have worked together closely to implement successful school-wide programs that include all students and staff. The PBIS teams share ideas and develop lessons to increase knowledge of expectations. They have observed hard work and progress across all settings.

In November, the Middle School PBIS team was recognized for implementing the PBIS PRIDE program with fidelity for the 6th year in a row! Congratulations to the staff and students for their efforts in providing an excellent program.

PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) is a proactive approach to discipline that promotes appropriate student behavior and increased learning. Each school utilizes the Lion PRIDE code within their PBIS program to encourage a positive atmosphere.



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