







# CAMP HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Educational Excellence** 

**Community Strength** 

Student Success

# A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT PATRICIA S. CRAIG

Dear Community Members,

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) requires all PA Districts to submit a Comprehensive Plan every 3 years. The Comprehensive Planning process is designed to help schools develop shared goals and a shared vision through communication and collaboration. It is grounded in the theory of continuous improvement to ensure that all students are achieving at high levels. Innovative, exemplary, and research-based programs, coupled with staff development, focused and aligned resources, and public participation in planning, are critical factors in districts that demonstrate continuous growth. The implementation cycle for our current plan is July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021. If you are interested in reviewing the current plan, it can be accessed by following the *Our District* tab located on the home page of our District website.

The Camp Hill School District will embark on the next 3-year cycle of the Comprehensive Planning process in February of 2020, for submission to PDE in November 2020. Input from our stakeholders is always very important to us and is essential in the Comprehensive Planning process. To that end, we have formed a Comprehensive Planning Steering Committee comprised of 28 members including teachers, building and central office administrators, support staff, parents, community members, School Board Directors and students.

To inform the Comprehensive Planning process, we are partnering with BrightBytes, an educational research organization, to collect data regarding our District's climate and culture. We have asked parents, students and staff to take part in the Whole Child survey, which is aligned to the ED School Climate Surveys developed by the U.S. Department of Education National Center for Education Statistics. Participation in the survey is essential to help us form a more complete picture of the safety, discipline, physical and learning environments in our buildings. The data from the survey will be analyzed for strengths and concerns by the Steering Committee. The draft plan will be shared with all stakeholders via the District website during the 28-day public review period in the fall, prior to Board approval. The final plan will be posted once it has been approved by PDE.

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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#### **OUTSTANDING CAMP HILL TEACHERS HONORED**

Congratulations to Suzanne Carter (Hoover Elementary Reading Specialist) and Tim Crane (High School English Teacher) 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 received awards at a luncheon in November along with other teachers from school districts in South Central PA.



#### **JANUARY IS SCHOOL DIRECTOR RECOGNITION MONTH**

Providing a quality public education takes a team of dedicated people - teachers, administrators, staff, parents and other community members. The 9 members of our School Board are an important part of that team, making informed decisions that shape our schools. On average, school directors dedicate 10 hours each month to responsibilities that include adopting policy, voting on budgets, evaluating school security issues, and reviewing hiring decisions.

As January is School Director Recognition Month, Superintendent Patricia Craig took the opportunity to recognize the commitment of our school board members. During the January 13th board meeting, she took a moment to express gratitude for our school directors' time and efforts year-round on behalf of our community.

January also brings new faces to the Camp Hill School District Board of Directors. The Board welcomed new members Neil O. Connelly and Geoffrey S. McInroy. Outgoing Directors, Beth Ellis and Mollie McCurdy were honored at the December 11th board meeting for their service and commitment to Camp Hill School District. They will be sorely missed.

#### HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND AND GIRLS SOCCER TEAM EARN CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES

For the first time in Camp Hill history, the Marching Band won 1st place at the Cavalcade of Bands Championships. They competed in the Liberty Open Division and earned a score of 94.85 for their championship performance. The band was led by Eric Palmquist who was nominated for Director of the Year by the Cavalcade of Bands Association.

The Girls Soccer Team, in another first, became the PIAA Class 1A State Champions, ending their season undefeated (25-0). Head Coach, Jared Latchford was named as the Girls Soccer Class A Coach of the Year. The CHHS girls soccer team was established in 1994. There were only 15 players and they played both JV and Varsity games. Four members of the 1994 team were in attendance to witness the 2019 state championships. Liz (Boswell) Skolnicki said "We all cried! We felt like we were out there on the field." The head coach of the first team, Jeff Boswell, and team members Liz, and Molly (Haas) Cowan attended the team's year end banquet and shared their story of perseverance.

Both groups of students were recognized by the School Board at the December 2nd meeting for their outstanding accomplishments. Congratulations to the students, staff and volunteers on an incredible season!

# KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Kindergarten Registration Day for the 2020-2021 school year is scheduled for **Wednesday**, **April 1**, **2020**, by appointment. If you have a child who will be five (5) years of age by September 1, 2020, and will be attending Kindergarten in the 2020-2021 school year, please complete an online pre-registration form. The deadline to complete the form and secure an appointment on April 1st is Friday, March 20, 2020. For further instructions and to complete the online pre-registration form, go to www.camphillsd.k12.pa.us/registration and click *Kindergarten Pre-Registration* on the left.



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# **CELEBRATING LION SUCCESS!**

# **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

- 5th graders Payton Beck, Holden Stapp, Logan Clarke, & Anderson Charland and 6th graders Alina Baetz, Alex Dixon, & Noah Schneck who participated in the PMEA District 7 Youth Honors Band.
- Middle School spelling bee champion Garrett
   Molesevich and runner-up Samuel Stahl. Both students advanced to the regional competition.
- 7th grader Ty Kirchhoff who spoke in front of thousands of people at the Project ALS Fundraiser in honor of his father.
- Regan Parno, Isaiah Houssou, & Della Hawkins who won 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place (respectively) in the 2019 Patriot's Pen Youth Essay Contest.
- **Emily Moody** for winning the student art contest for the Central Pennsylvania American Cancer Society.
- **Shae McKee** and **Susan Sayed** for receiving Honorable Mention awards at Shippensburg University's Scholastic 144 regional art exhibition for high school students.
- the High School Culture Club for raising \$235 for the PA Center for Refugees and Immigrants by hosting a CHMS Pinata Party. Special thanks to Sadie Schultz & Ava Spitzer for their organizing efforts.
- Annie Newman, Parker Rice, & Hailey Vorkapich who graduated from the Holy Spirit Career Exploration Program.
- the HS Math Team who has placed in the top 2 in Cumberland County by competing monthly in the PA Mathematics League.
- the CHHS students who participated in the Cumberland County Honor Band: Suzannah Bish, Leo Chapman, Gavin Davis, Dixie Dayton, Audrey Edwards, Gavin Hoffman, Sarah Jones, Addie Mueller, & Maddie Stalter.
- New staff member: **Cassandra Casale**, Special Education Teacher (Hoover Elementary).
- the **Girls Cross Country Team** who won District Championships for the 3rd year in a row.
- the Boys Basketball Team who won the Bermudian Springs Tip-Off Tournament. Connor Trumpy named MVP & Jake Perry named to the all-tournament team.

- Bella Zarcone, Julia Tomalis, Lily Sohonage & Nora Klapkowski who were selected for the Capital Division Field Hockey All Star Team.
- the Varsity Wrestling Team who placed 3rd out of 8 teams at the Newport Holiday Tournament. Christian Doi was named most outstanding wrestler of the tournament.

#### **NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT:**

- Hoover Elementary students participated in the 4th annual "The Hoover Mile" Fun Run.
- Jonathan Sprout presented his American Heroes
   Concert for Hoover students. Thank you to CHEPTO for sponsoring this special assembly.
- Mrs. Puzdrak's 2nd grade class & art teacher, Ms.
  Hemming, created a Lion PRIDE guitar in a sponsored activity for Hospice Month & Homeland Hospice Center.
  Their design was featured on Good Day PA.
- Eisenhower students participated in the school's 5th STEAM Day. Activities focused on science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics.
- **Eisenhower's Mini Mini-THON** was a huge success with students raising \$15,385.88 to donate to Four Diamonds.
- Students raised \$8,684.98 to donate to Four Diamonds during another successful **Middle School Mini-THON.**
- A small group of middle school students attended ABC Keystone Construction Wars, an interactive career exploration program. Students experienced several skilled trade occupations including electrical, pipe-fitting, and construction.
- 8th grade students participated in the annual
   Volunteer Day where they volunteered at one of fifteen different locations around the community.
- Eisenhower students and MSHS Latin students were featured by ABC 27 News reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Newsletter photos courtesy Samuel Getty & CHSD



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#### **FEBRUARY**

2 K-8 Talent Show, 1 PM

**3** School Board Work Session, 7 PM, Green Room TPC

10 School Board Meeting, 7 PM, Green Room TPC

14, 17 SCHOOLS CLOSED

28 K-12 District Art Exhibit Opening, 6 PM, TPC

29 High School Mini-THON

#### **MARCH**

5-7 HS Musical, *The Addams Family*, 7 PM, TPC8 HS Musical, *The Addams Family*, 2 PM, TPC

**9** School Board Work Session, 7 PM, Green Room TPC

**12** Delayed Opening (2 hour), Modified Kindergarten

16 SCHOOLS CLOSED

**16** School Board Meeting, 7 PM, Green Room TPC

#### **APRIL**

**1** Kindergarten Registration for 20-21, by appointment

**2** Grades 3-5 Concert, 7 PM, SFA

**6** School Board Work Session, 7 PM, Green Room TPC

9-13 SCHOOLS CLOSED, Spring Break

13 School Board Meeting, 7 PM, Green Room TPC

**24-25** MS Play, The Twelve Daughters of Hercules, 7 PM, TPC

MS Play, The Twelve Daughters of Hercules, 2 PM, TPC

# MAY

**4** School Board Work Session, 7 PM, Green Room TPC

6 MS/HS Band Concert, 7 PM, TPC

**8** Eisenhower May Fair, 4 PM

11 School Board Meeting, 7 PM, Green Room TPC

13 MS/HS Choral Concert, 7 PM, SFA

14 Elementary Band & Chorus Concert, 7 PM, TPC

**18-20** Canadensis, 6th Grade Outdoor Education Trip

25 SCHOOLS CLOSED, Memorial Day

#### **SCHOOL MAKEUP DAYS**

In case of school closings, makeup days will be as follows: 2/17/20 and 4/9/20. 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.

# SCHOOL SCHEDULE SURVEY: WHAT WE HEARD FROM YOU

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the School Scheduling Survey conducted in May 2019. As part of an in-depth analysis of our current school schedules, we asked for feedback from parents and guardians about all aspects of school scheduling. The data from that survey is currently being used by the leadership team to inform the work they are engaged in regarding school scheduling. A brief summary of the results is below and can be found on our website, www.camphillsd.k12.pa.us.

#### **249 RESPONDENTS**

Respondents by child's grade level:

Gr. K-2 Gr. 3-5 Gr. 6-8 Gr. 9-12 17.27% 18.07% 30.12% 34.54%

#### **KEY FINDINGS**

53.01% of respondents were satisfied with the current school schedule.

Strengths of the current school schedule (most common themes): Ideas for CHSD to consider (most common themes):

Length of periods (secondary) (secondary)

Small class sizes Add variety to the curriculum

Staggered start/end times Re-evaluate the district's school year calendar

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