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HAZLETON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Dear HASD Community,

As we close out the 2025-2026 school year, I want to congratulate our graduating seniors and all of our students on another successful year in the Hazleton Area School District.

To the Class of 2026, congratulations on reaching this important milestone. Your hard work, perseverance and dedication have brought you to this moment, and we are incredibly proud of all you have accomplished. As you take the next step, whether that is continuing your education, entering the workforce, serving our country or pursuing another path, please know that the entire Hazleton Area community is cheering you on.

I also want to recognize all of our students, families, teachers, staff and administrators for making this year a success. Each school year brings new opportunities, challenges and achievements, and our students continue to show tremendous growth, resilience and promise.

Thank you for your continued support of the Hazleton Area School District. I wish all of our students, families and staff a safe, healthy and enjoyable summer.



Sincerely,

Dr. Brian T. Uplinger
Superintendent of Schools

HASD HAPPENINGS

Maple Manor Holds Spring Band Concert
Maple Manor held their Spring Band Concert on May 29th. 120 students are involved in the band program, ranging from students in grades 4-8. They performed multiple works with highlights being Mary Had a Little Lamb, Ode to Joy, We Will Rock You and Eye of the Tiger. Congratulations to all students who participated. Their hard work showed with a fantastic performance!





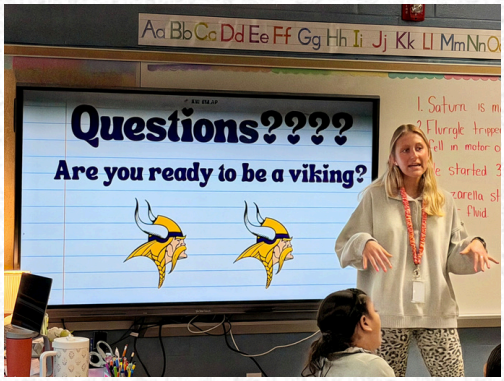
Masked Reader at Hazle Township Early Learning Center.
On May 28, Title I brought "The Masked Reader" to Hazle Township Early Learning Center. Faculty members wore costumes and read stories aloud. Students listened carefully and guessed the identity of the readers based on clues from their voices, storytelling style, and context of the story. Parents were taught strategies to make reading fun at home, such as letting children choose books that match their interests and creating cozy, routine reading times together. Adding playful elements—like acting out stories, using silly voices, or connecting books to real-life activities—can make reading feel like an enjoyable experience rather than a chore.





"Moving Up Day" at Maple Manor
On May 21, second grade students at the Hazle Township Early Learning Center had the exciting opportunity to take part in "Moving Up Day" at Maple Manor. This special visit gave students a preview of what to expect in third grade, helping ease the transition to a new school environment. During their time at Maple Manor, students explored classrooms, met teachers, and learned about the routines and expectations of third grade. The experience helped build confidence and enthusiasm as they looked ahead to the next step in their educational journey, making the transition both positive and memorable.





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MMEMS 8th Grade Graduation and Awards Ceremony









MMEMS National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony









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Author Inspires Students at Valley Elementary with Story of Rescue, Kindness, and Hope
Valley Elementary School welcomed children's author Heidi Mottin during the month of May, giving students a meaningful and memorable experience centered around storytelling, kindness, and perseverance.

Students had the unique opportunity to hear from Ms. Mottin, who visited the school to share her heartfelt book, "Rescuing Reed: The Little Dog Who Could." The visit left a lasting impression on students and staff alike, as Mottin combined storytelling with an uplifting message about perseverance, compassion, and making a difference.

During her presentation, Mottin read excerpts from her book, which tells the true story of Reed, a once-homeless dog who overcame difficult circumstances to find a loving home and a meaningful purpose. Through engaging storytelling, students were able to follow Reed's journey from hardship to a life filled with love and hope.

Adding to the excitement, Ms. Mottin brought along Jax, the real-life dog featured in her book. Students in each 2nd and 4th grade classroom had the special opportunity to meet Jax up close, making the story even more meaningful and memorable. Jax quickly became a highlight of the visit, helping students connect personally with the story being shared.

Mottin explained how Reed's story is rooted in real-life experiences. She shared how she rescued him and witnessed his transformation firsthand. What began as an act of kindness grew into an inspiring journey, demonstrating that even the most overlooked or struggling individuals can thrive when given care and opportunity.

Beyond the story itself, Mottin emphasized powerful life lessons that resonated with her young audience. She spoke about the importance of kindness, reminding students that even small acts can have a big impact. She encouraged students to treat others with compassion and to believe in their ability to make a difference in the world.

Rescuing Reed: The Little Dog Who Could is more than just a story about a dog; it is a true-life lesson about love, rescue, and hope. The message is clear: just like Reed, even the toughest individuals are valuable and capable of success. With support, perseverance, and kindness, anyone can overcome obstacles.

Students responded enthusiastically to the visit, asking questions and sharing their own stories about pets and acts of kindness. Many left inspired, carrying with them an important reminder of empathy and resilience.
Ms. Mottin's visit was a meaningful and engaging experience that reinforced the power of storytelling. Through Reed's journey—and Jax's visit—students were reminded that kindness truly matters and that everyone has the ability to make a positive difference.







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Remake Learning Days
Recently, McAdoo's 1st and 3rd grade students recently showcased their creativity and engineering skills by participating in discoverED 2026, a statewide virtual school swap and STEAM design challenge. This exciting event served as the official Pennsylvania launch for the 10th anniversary of Remake Learning Days (RLD), a global festival celebrating innovative, hands-on learning for youth and families.

On Tuesday, May 5, 2026, our classrooms connected virtually with partner schools across the state. The unique collaboration allowed students to experience how maker pedagogies thrive in different learning environments while working together on real-world design challenges. From foundational lessons on biomimicry and aerodynamics, students explored how flying squirrels glide through the air. Putting these biological principles to the test, they engineered custom hoop gliders. By stepping into the roles of scientists and engineers, our students demonstrated incredible perseverance and collaborative spirit.





Annual Color Run
The McAdoo-Kelayres Elementary/ Middle School Southside PTA hosted their annual color run. Students pictured raised $100 or more for their school and got to participate in the VIP color blast to culminate the day's activities. A very big thank you to all the adults, faculty, parents, and volunteers who helped make the color run successful, and a SUPER Shout Out to all of the families and students who donated to this special day!

MKEMS Spirit Day
On Friday, May 8th, MKEMS celebrated their annual Spirit Day. This tradition has been an annual event for the last 8 years. This event celebrates the students and staff of MKEMS and all they accomplished over the year. The Hazleton Area High School Marching Band made an appearance playing tunes to excite the students and the MKEMS cheerleaders did cheers to help they show off our school spirit. Several instrumental students were invited to play along with the marching band. The students and staff were treated to a BBQ cookout outside by the cafeteria workers and some volunteer PTA parents. Throughout the day, students from K-8 participated in stations set up around the school that had several activities to take part in. It was a great day for all! Let's go Mustangs!





Autism Acceptance and Awareness at McAdoo-Kelayres
On April 24, 2026, the McAdoo-Kelayres Middle School Community Service and SADD clubs, along with National Junior Honor Society students, hosted a special event dedicated to autism acceptance and awareness. This celebration was designed to go beyond simply raising awareness—it placed a strong emphasis on acceptance, respect, and inclusion within the school community. During the event, students participated in activities that encouraged interaction and building connections. The event created an inclusive environment where all students felt valued! The Collaborative Autism Movement (CAM) contributed to the event by offering a sensory friendly photo shoot, making the experience accessible and enjoyable for all participants. Additionally, each student received a specially made crayon from Christian's Crayons for Autism.

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West Hazleton Elementary Middle School had their Spring Chorus and Band Concert
On Wednesday, May 20th, West Hazleton Elementary Middle School had their Spring Chorus and Band Concert. There were over 50 students who participated in this music performance with a wonderful audience turnout! Congratulations to all the students who participated! They sounded great!






PMEA District 9 Band Festival
On Friday, May 15, multiple band students from Arts and Humanities, Heights Terrace, West Hazleton, Maple Manor, Valley, Freeland, Drums, and McAdoo were selected to perform in the PMEA District 9 Band Festival held at Riverside High School. They practiced all day and put on a concert in the evening. They performed with students from 30 other schools in Northeast PA. Congratulations to all students involved!"





Rapping About Prevention (RAP)-PBIS Program at MKEMS
On May 19, 2026, MKEMS had motivational speakers from Rapping About Prevention (RAP) visit to speak with students in grades K-6 about bullying. RAP delivers a high-energy performance that combines facts, humor, personal experiences, teamwork exercises, and audience participation. Their program emphasizes the importance of maintaining a positive, drug-free, safe, healthy, and active lifestyle while creating a memorable and engaging experience. During the presentation, students were actively involved through rapping, dancing, and connecting with the presenters' messages. This engaging program was funded through ACSI funds as part of our PBIS initiative.







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Math Masterpieces

On Monday, May 11, HTELC first-grade students and their families participated in the first annual Math Masterpieces parent involvement event. Guided and taught by Mrs. Williams, HTELC Art Teacher, along with Mr. Juka and Ms. Scalleat, HTELC Title I Interventionists, students explored math concepts such as symmetry, patterns, and shapes through painting. Each student received their own canvas, brush, and paint to create a unique masterpiece.

Families also learned ways to incorporate math into everyday activities at home and in the community. In addition, HAHS Math and Spirit Club students supported the event by working with students whose families were unable to attend and sharing how studying math and working hard in school will help them reach their future career goals.







Wacky Science Show

Title 1 Sponsored The Wacky Science show for fourth and fifth grade students at Hazleton Elementary School on Thursday April 9th. The program promoted science skills as well as literacy and math for the upcoming PSSAs. Students and parents enjoyed learning about The Scientific Method through humor and hands-on experiments and lessons. Student volunteers were chosen throughout the show!





Introducing Volume 7: Season of Adventure!

The ConColor staff has completed our End-Of-Year issue. This quickly grew into our biggest issue yet! We hope that everyone enjoys the incredible talent of our students! Please spread the word so that their art can be appreciated by as many as possible!.

Introducing Volume 7: Season of Adventure!
https://publuu.com/flip-book/528268/2453049

Math Painting Puppy Event

Our Kindergarten students at MKEMS had a wonderful time participating in a Math Painting Puppy Parent Engagement Activity, sponsored by Title I! During this engaging event, students created a painted puppy while exploring important math concepts such as shapes and symmetry in a fun, hands-on way.

Families can continue this learning at home over the summer by encouraging children to draw, paint, or build pictures using shapes, look for symmetry in everyday objects, and talk about math during creative activities. Simple art projects like this are a great way to keep young learners practicing math skills while having fun together!









Anthracite Model Railroad Society Visit

Students in grades 3 through 10 from the Hazleton Area Cyber Academy recently visited the Anthracite Model Railroad Society in Hazle Township for an educational, hands-on learning experience. During the visit, students explored a model railroad layout depicting the Hazleton area and Carbon County as they appeared around the 1940s and learned about the region's rich railroad and coal mining history. The trip also included an interactive mining and math activity, allowing students to connect historic industrial practices with their real-world problem-solving skills, as well as a scavenger hunt to find the miniature details hidden around the layout.









Maple Manor's 7th grade Myon Reading Challenge Winner

Maple Manor Elementary Middle School is proud to announce having won the Myon districtwide reading challenge for the months of February and March with 168,344 minutes of reading. Students from Maple Manor Elementary Middle School in seventh grade were recognized for reading the most minutes in the school with a total of 61,360 minutes. Great job to Mrs. Reyes and Miss Sherwood, seventh grade reading teachers, teaching our middle school students about the importance of reading. Students earned this special achievement by working diligently in the classroom and at home. Students were presented with a trophy and congratulated for their hard work. The winning trophy is displayed in the front of the building for all students to enjoy.

All grade levels worked consistently to master their literacy skills while also celebrating Read Across America during the month of March. This academic achievement motivates all students to read and try their best!

Maple Manor is under the direction of Mr. Jason Lagowy, principal, and Mrs. Heidi Klish, assistant principal. Pictured along with the 7th grade students are seventh grade teachers; Mrs. Reyes, Miss Sherwood, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Kringe, and Mrs. Gaughan. Interventionists are Kristy Porambo and Ronnie Tutko, and Dr. Michelle Zukoski is the director of Federal Programs for the HASD.



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Title I PSSA Math Bingo Afterschool Parent Engagement Program
Our third through sixth grade students, parents, and guardians, enjoyed an educational family night out full of fun while playing an interactive math bingo. Students and parents learned ways they can use math, in their everyday life while participating in this activity. Students practiced and solved multiplication and division problems. This program motivates students for the state standardized assessment while also enjoying time spent with family and friends. Thank you, Mr. Lagowy, Mrs. Klish, Mr. Mishinski, Miss Rossi, Engels Caba, Ms. Festa, security, maintenance, cafeteria staff, and our 8th grade helpers for making this event a success.





THE LIBRARY BOOGIE SHOW- Title I Parent Engagement Reading Program
On Tuesday, April 14th students and families enjoyed an educational and fun way to spark interest in reading and to help students gain confidence in an engaging way when reading at home. Students and families took part together using techniques through music while having fun exploring new books and reading at home. This engaging experience also showed students how books can open doors to discovery while incorporating puppets, song, music, dance, and expression. Families enjoyed this energetic and interactive experience with their child.



The Castle Welcomes Heidi Mottin
The Castle was happy to welcome a Title I sponsored program featuring Heidi Mottin, the author of the children's book, Rescuing Reed, a story based on her rescue dog. It is a true story of love and second chances showing that we all can make a difference.

The story taught a valuable lesson: Everyone has worth and a purpose. After reading her story, Heidi shared slides of her rescue dogs and had a question and answer session. Teachers, parents, and students enjoyed this heartwarming program. Parents were given information on how to implement writing activities at home to improve their child's literacy.



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Hazleton Area Students Named Greater Hazleton Concert Series Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to the ten Hazleton Area School District students selected as this year's Greater Hazleton Concert Series Scholarship winners.

All ten scholarship recipients are Hazleton Area students, and each will receive $400 to support private instrumental lessons. The students were honored during the Greater Hazleton Concert Series' final performance of the season, "Buckets and Boards," held on April 11 at the Hazleton Area High School Auditorium.

The scholarship winners are:

Back row, left to right: Autumn Garber, Cove Rossi, Aalahia Rijo Solano and Emerson Tavarez
Middle row, left to right: Liz Andujar Casado, Melody Cavallo, John Sirkot and Jouriel Elena Lapaix
Front row, left to right: Adaia Acosta Mordan and Ayleen Toribio



Hazleton Area School District is proud to celebrate these talented student musicians and grateful to the Greater Hazleton Concert Series for supporting music education and helping students continue to grow their skills through private instruction. Congratulations to all of the winners!

Book and a Bagel

Freeland Elementary recently welcomed Kindergarten families to a parent engagement event, Book and a Bagel, celebrating the joy of reading and the importance of learning together. Parents and students gathered to enjoy a bagel, share books, and spend quality time connecting through literacy.

Book and a Bagel also provided an opportunity for families to connect with teachers and staff, ask questions, and learn about resources available to support student learning. This event highlights the important role families play in education and helps build a strong and supportive school community.







Help ensure all children in the Hazleton Area have access to summer meals

Many children in the United States don't have access to foods needed to thrive. Kids that miss out on proper nutrition during the summer are more likely to experience learning loss and develop long-term health consequences. The Seamless Summer Food Service Program is about serving kids across the community free lunch all summer long when they do not have access to school lunch. The program provides free, nutritious meals to children 18 years of age and under at approved sites in areas with high concentrations of low-income children.

We are asking for your help in spreading the word that meals will be available through the Hazleton Area School District from June 15, 2026-August 6, 2026. If you know of any locations that may be willing to operate as a site, please reach out to the Food Service Department at any time.

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FBLA Breaks New Records at States
What an incredible showing for our chapter at this year's State Leadership Conference in Hershey. With thousands of students from across Pennsylvania, long and demanding competition days, and incredibly fierce competition, our students rose to the challenge and delivered outstanding performances. We are extremely proud of their hard work, preparation, dedication, and professionalism throughout the entire conference experience.

National Qualifiers (Top 4 in Pennsylvania)
These students and teams have earned the opportunity to compete at the national level:

* Parliamentary Procedure —Alexis Lutz, Lauren Lamanna, Sophia Andrae, Madison Matteo, Serena Novotney (1st in the State — State Champions)
* Local Chapter Annual Business Report — Sophia Andrae, Lauren Lamanna, Alexis Lutz (2nd in the State)
* Community Service Project — Matteo Feola, Malia Graziano, Alexis Staffin (4th in the State)
* Future Business Leader — Matteo Feola (4th in the State)
* Data Analysis — Marc Zellin (4th in the State)
* Event Planning — Ruby Myers & Lauren Harmonosky (3rd in the State)
* Introduction to Business Presentation — Mercede DeLorenzo, Kaitlin Filler, Alanna Filler (4th in the State)
* Digital Animation — Jonas Kozlek & Santino DeLorenzo (1st in the State — State Champions)

Top 10 State Finalists
We are equally proud of our students who placed among the best in Pennsylvania:

* 5th — Alexis Staffin (Future Business Educator)
* 5th — Chase Kaschak & Mariannyi Brache (Network Design)
* 6th — Brookelynn Keeler (Healthcare Administration)
* 6th — Emily Fancher (Career Portfolio)
* 7th — Kailyn MacCollum, Emme Zanolini, Sophia Moran (Digital Video Production)
* 8th — Riley Mastantuono (Introduction to Programming)
* 9th — Malia Graziano (Future Business Educator)
* 9th — Kaitlyn McAlarney (Business Communication)
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10th — Mya Taveras (Technology Support & Services)

Special Recognitions

* Congratulations to Dr. Allison Yourechko on being named Administrator of the Year.
* Our chapter was also recognized as the 3rd Largest Chapter in Pennsylvania, with over 214 members.

Beyond Competition
All of our students rose to the occasion throughout the conference. While not all were competing, they supported one another, cheered on their peers, and fully engaged in the experience. Students attended a wide range of workshops and leadership sessions, including a Shark Tank innovation workshop featuring FBLA alumni connected to NBC's Shark Tank. They also participated in college and career fairs, visited career exploration booths, and attended sessions on personal finance, resume building, and hospitality careers.

Each evening, the awards ceremonies were held at the Giant Center in Hershey, where students networked with peers across the state and celebrated competitors who will be representing Pennsylvania at nationals.

It was truly an unforgettable experience, filled with growth, hard work, networking, and celebration of career-ready skills.

Next Stop: FBLA National Leadership Conference
San Antonio, Texas : end of June!
We couldn't be more proud of our students and everything they have accomplished.

A Special Thank You
We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all of the advisors, business partners, and education staff who supported our students throughout this journey, including Mrs. Kozlek, Mrs. Chyko, Mr. Buehring, Mr. Arndt, Mr. Turri, and Mr. Kesselring, along with Mrs. Laura Barletta and Dr. Allison Yourechko. And a huge thank you to our technology department for equipment!

These individuals played an essential role in supporting students by monitoring events, serving as judges, and celebrating alongside them as they succeeded.

We also extend heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Allison Yourechko, who was named Administrator of the Year for her outstanding leadership and dedication. She continues to support Hazleton Area students as well as students across Pennsylvania through regional judging, state-level events, and conference leadership. Her commitment helps elevate FBLA and ensures Pennsylvania continues to shine statewide.

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Maple Manor Celebrates Earth Day

🌎 Earth Day Poem 🌱

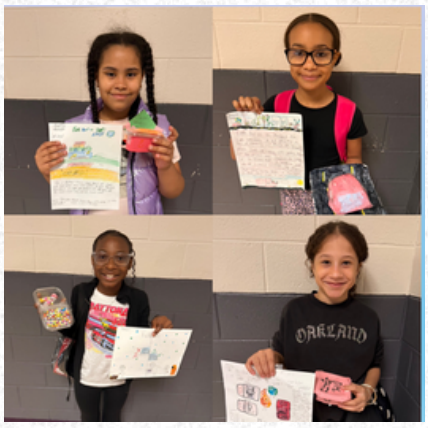
In Mrs. Correll's class for Earth Day, We found new ways to help Earth stay! We reused plastic, old and small, And turned them into things for all.

Some became planters filled with green, The coolest projects ever seen! Some held treasures, beads, and toys, Created by our girls and boys.

We learned to care, reduce, reuse, And make smart Earth-friendly choices too. Our planet matters every day, So we all helped in our own way! 🌍

4C students picked up over 100 pieces of litter outside of Maple Manor and made a graph to display in the hall for all to see . We must all do our part in keeping Earth clean.







Ms. Harrison's Reading Class Published a Book Our Story, Our Colors

We are incredibly proud to share a very special accomplishment from our classroom - the publication of our book, Our Story, Our Colors. This project has been a true labor of love, reflecting each student's unique story, heritage, appearance, and identity. Through their writing and creativity, students explored what makes them who they are and discovered how our differences come together to make our community stronger.

This book did not come together overnight. It represents weeks of thoughtful reflection, hard work, collaboration, and determination. Each student dedicated time and effort to crafting their story, revising their work, and supporting one another throughout this process. Their commitment and perseverance were evident every step of the way.

Watching this project unfold has been incredibly rewarding. I am beyond proud of the courage, honesty, and creativity my students demonstrated. Our Story, Our Colors is more than just a book - it is a celebration of identity, respect, and beauty of diversity within our classroom. I could not be more grateful for each and every one of my students for the heart, effort, and dedication they poured into creating this meaningful work.



Thank you from The Hazleton Area LifeSavers!

The Hazleton Area LifeSavers would like to take the time to thank all of you for your continued support of all awareness days this past year. Your donations totaled over $3500 for various organizations!



MMEMS End of the Year Parent Advisory Committee Meeting

On Wednesday, May 20th parents gathered to discuss and improve communications and events at Maple Manor. Parents provided input and ideas for next school year as we reviewed our school policies. Summer opportunities in our district and community were also discussed. The students were invited to attend after the meeting as a thank you to parents for their continuous support throughout the school year.

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Title I Sixth Grade Poetry and Parent Engagement Program
On Thursday, May 7th, 2026, Maple Manor Elementary Middle School's 6th grade students created and presented "I Am" poems to their peers and families as part of a parent engagement program while promoting literacy and preparing students as they transition to middle school. Students read their poems in English and in Spanish and were presented with Poetry certificates.

The guest speaker was Destiny Rodriguez, an eleventh-grade student from the Hazleton Area Arts and Humanities Academy. Other guest speakers included Maple Manor's seventh and eighth grade students from previous years involved with the poetry program sharing their experience and how it is has helped them grow and be confident readers, writers, and speakers in the classroom. Title I Federal Funds sponsored poetry books, journals, certificates, and other writing materials for each student. PTA sponsored carnations for each reader to present to their mother for Mother's Day.

Maple Manor is under the direction of Mr. Jason Lagowy, principal, and Mrs. Heidi Klish, assistant principal. 6th grade reading teachers; Miss Donadi, Mrs. Rafalli, Mrs. Halpin and Mr. Ivkovic. Interventionists; Mrs. Porambo, Mr. Tutko, and Director of Federal Programs is Dr. Michelle Zukoski.





3rd Grade STEAM Science Program sponsored by PTA
The students of Maple Manor Elementary Middle School participated in a STEAM Science Program sponsored by the PTA in lieu of a field trip. The Davinci Science Center came to the school and provided a hands-on science program. Students were able to see to see science come alive in a way that supports what they learn in the classroom. The day was rounded out with a barbecue lunch and fun games on the outdoor field.






MMEMS
7th and 8th Grade
Anti-Vaping
Program



MMEMS
Math Club
Popcorn Sale
Fundraiser

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RED & WHITE CLUB

Dear Hazleton Area School District,

The Hazleton Area Education Foundation would like to congratulate Lisa Yurek for being selected as this month's Red & White Club Classroom Mini-Grant Recipient. (Arthur St.)

We would also like to recognize Jason Turri as this month's Staff Appreciation Gift Recipient. (Hazleton Area High School)

These monthly drawings are part of the Red & White Club, the Hazleton Area Education Foundation's staff giving program that supports classrooms, teachers, and students throughout the district.

Through the generosity of our staff members and supporters, the Red & White Club continues to help fund the Foundation's Beyond the Classroom Grant Program, which provides financial support for innovative classroom projects, educational experiences, and resources that may not otherwise be possible through the regular school budget.

Over the past several years, the Beyond the Classroom Grant Program has awarded more than $50,000 to teachers across the district.

Beyond the Classroom Grant Program Timeline

* Application Portal Opens: September 14, 2026
* Application Deadline: December 1, 2026

We encourage all staff members to consider applying for a grant opportunity this fall.

Interested in Joining the Red & White Club?

Participation is simple and starts at just $1 or more per month through payroll deduction.

How to Join:Edulink Comply <https://comply.edulinksolutions.com/login>

1. Log in to Comply
2. Select "my items"
3. Click "request tab" then available request blue button
4. Open the Pledge Form
5. Complete and submit your application

Red & White Club members receive:

* Two (2) school dress-down days
* Monthly classroom mini-grant drawings
* Monthly staff appreciation gift drawings
* Official Red & White Club membership card

Every contribution helps create new opportunities for our students and classrooms while continuing to strengthen programs throughout the district.

To learn more about the Red & White Club or view the member list, please visit:
The Red & White Club | Hazleton Area School District <https://www.hasdk12.org/page/the-red-white-club>

Thank you for your continued support of the Hazleton Area Education Foundation and our students.

Best regards,

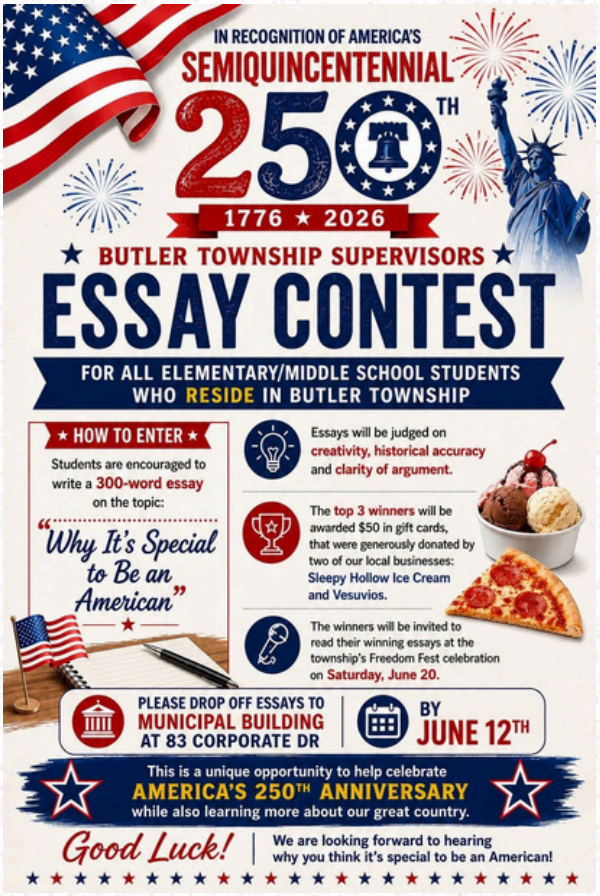
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Butler Township Recreation Board to Host America 250th Celebration on June 20
The Butler Township Recreation Board is excited to invite the community to celebrate America's 250th anniversary on Saturday, June 20, from 4 to 10 p.m. at Freedom Park. The America 250th Celebration will bring residents together for an evening of community pride, patriotism, and family-friendly activities as Butler Township joins communities across the country in marking this historic milestone.

As part of the celebration, the Recreation Board will also host an essay contest for all elementary school students who reside in Butler Township. The contest will give young residents an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of America's 250th anniversary and share their thoughts on community, history, and civic pride.





The Mike Joseph Basketball Skills Camp
The Mike Joseph Basketball Skills Camp returns this summer at the CVCO Gymnasium the week of August 3rd through 6th. The camp is open to boys entering third through ninth grade this fall. The morning session will run from 10:00 am until noon and is for campers entering third through sixth grade this fall. The afternoon session will run from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm and is for campers entering seventh through ninth grade in the fall. Each session will be limited to thirty campers. The camp will focus on the fundamentals of the game through the use of stations, drills, competitions, and games.

Mike Joseph brings over thirty years of coaching and camp experience to this opportunity. He was a High School Head Coach for sixteen seasons, a college assistant at Marywood University, and most recently became a USA Basketball Gold licensed coach to work in the USA Basketball Youth programs. He will also have other experienced counselors to help provide a fun overall experience for any young basketball players in the area.

21st Annual Lady Cougar Basketball Camp hosted by the Hazleton Lady Cougar Booster Club
The camp will take place June 22–25, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Maple Manor Elementary School. The camp is open to girls entering Fall 2026 grades 2 through 9. The cost is $80, and checks should be made payable to the Hazleton Lady Cougar Booster Club. For more information, families can contact Coach Alyssa Shamany at 570-751-3773 or shamanya@hasdk12.org.

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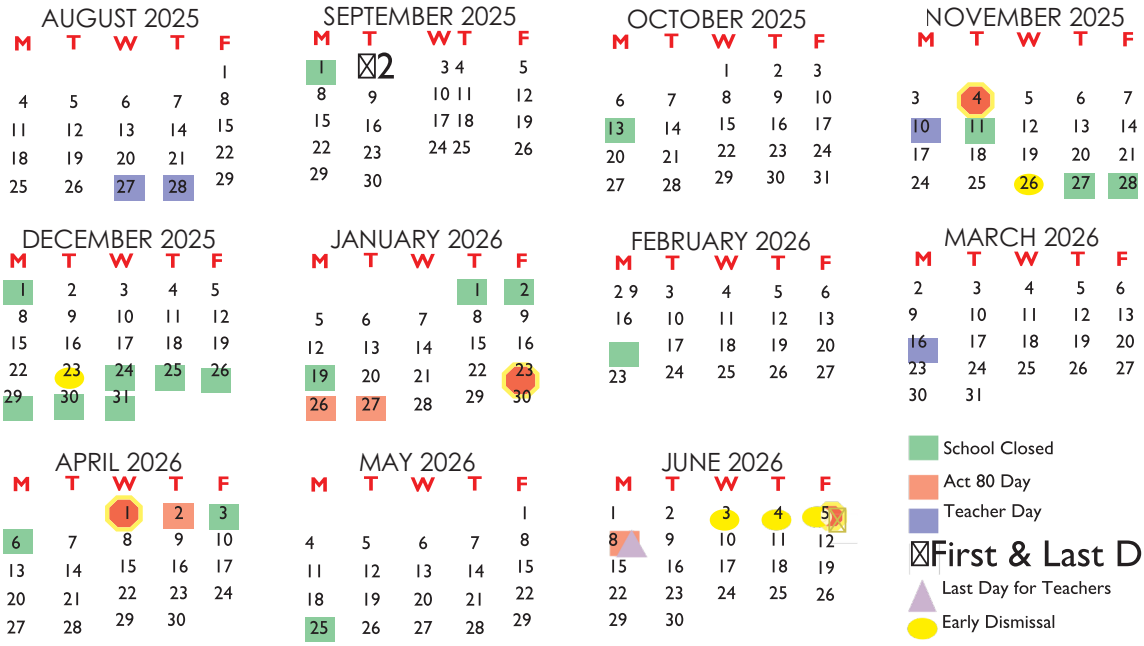
The Hazleton Area Boys Basketball Team will host our Annual Golf Tournament

The Hazleton Area Boys Basketball Team will host our annual golf tournament on July 25, 2026, at Sugarloaf Golf Club. Anyone who is interested in playing or sponsoring our event can register online using the link below.

https://app.eventcaddy.com/events/hazleton-area-boys-basketball-golf-tournament

HAZLETON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

2025 - 2026 CALENDAR



Aug.	27-28	–	Teacher Training Days
Sep.	1	–	Labor Day
Sep.	2	–	First Day For Students
Oct.	13	–	Columbus Day
Nov.	10	–	Teacher Training Day
Nov.	11	–	Veterans Day
Nov.	26	–	Early Dismissal for Students & Teachers
Nov.	27 - 28	–	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec.	1	–	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec.	23	–	Early Dismissal for Students & Teachers
Dec.	24 - 31	–	Winter Break
Jan.	1-2	–	Winter Break
Jan.	19	–	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan.	26	–	Act 80
Jan.	27	–	Act 80
Feb.	16	–	Presidents' Day
Mar.	16	–	Teacher Training Day (Snow Make-Up Day 1)
Apr.	2	–	Act 80
Apr.	3 - 6	–	Spring Break
May	25	–	Memorial Day
June	3 - 5	–	Early Dismissal - Students & Teachers
June	5	–	Last Day for Students
June	8	–	Act 80 Day
June	8	–	Last Day for Teachers
June	9	–	

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MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT (See Attached)
OPEN HOUSE (See Attached)
GRADUATION (June 5)

NUMBER OF SCHOOL DAYS (ORIGINAL CALENDAR)

	STUDENTS	TEACHERS
August	0	2
September	21	21
October	22	22
November	16	17
December	16	16
Januar y	17	19
February	19	19
March	21	22
April	19	20
May	20	20
June		6
Totals:	5 176	 184

November 4 - **End of 1st Quarter** -
January 23 **End of 2nd Quarter** -
April 1 **End of 3rd Quarter** -
June 5 **End of 4th Quarter**

EARLY DISMISSAL TIMES - For Students

10:30 AM - Academy of Sciences (STEM)
10:45 AM - High School & Career Center
11:15 AM - Middle Schools
12:00 PM - Elementary Schools

PSSA (Grades 3 - 8) April 20-24, 2026 (English / Lang. Art.)
May 4 - 8, 2026 (Science)
April 27 - May 1, 2026 (Math)

KEYSTONE Dec. 3-17, 2025; Jan. 5-16 & May 11-22, 2026

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The Hazleton AreaSchool District doesnot discriminate on the basis of race,color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programsand activitiesand providesequal access to all designated youth groups per the Boy Scouts Act. Inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies may be directed to the Title IX Coordinator at (570) 459-3221 ext. 81566 or the Section 504 Coordinator at (570) 459-3111 Ext. 3156 at 1515 West 23rd Street, Hazle Township, PA 18202.

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