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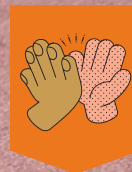
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UPCOMING EVENTS

May to June 2023

- May 8** - 4:00PM - School Board Curriculum Council
- May 8** - 5:00PM - School Board Policy Committee
- May 8** - 7:00PM - School Board Meeting
- May 8** - 7:30PM - HHS Choirs Spring Concert
- May 9** - 7:00PM - HMS Choirs/Orchestras Concert
- May 10** - 7:30PM - HHS Orchestras Concert
- May 15** - 7:30PM - HHS Bands Concert
- May 16** - 7:00PM - HES Spring Band Concert
- May 18** - 7:00PM - HMS Spring Concert
- May 19** - 5:30PM - Elementary PTO Spring Family Event
- May 19** - 7:00PM - HHS Senior Prom
- May 20** - 6:00PM - 5th Grade National Anthem at Harrisburg Senators Game
- May 22** - 4:00PM - School Board General Services
- May 22** - 5:00PM - School Board Finance Committee
- May 22** - 7:00PM - School Board Meeting
- May 22** - 7:00PM - Elementary Spring Chorus & Orchestra Concert
- May 24** - Senior Breakfast and Walk
- May 24** - 6:30PM - HHS Senior Awards
- May 29** - Memorial Day - No School for students and staff
- May 31** - 5:30PM - HHS Senior Dinner
- June 1** - 116th Annual Commencement Ceremony
- June 2** - Last Day of School, Early Dismissal

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PBIS IN OUR ECC & ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Hershey Elementary Students Attend PBIS Assembly



Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support

By Mrs. DeCicco, 2-3 Assistant Principal & Mrs. Cara Garner, Special Education Teacher

Hershey Elementary's Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is an approach to support students in being successful in school. PBIS was developed from research in the fields of behavior theory and effective instruction. PBIS supports all students through interventions ranging from school-wide plans to developing individualized plans. School-wide PBIS focuses on the development and implementation of proactive procedures and practices to prevent problem behavior for all students and improve the school climate. We aim to foster and

promote a safe, positive, and respectful environment in which all students can achieve social, emotional, and academic success.

At Hershey Elementary School, we use The Trojan Way, which includes responsibility, respect, and safety. It is a set of expectations for all students to follow. Around our school, students see matrices posted that define expected behaviors in different school settings. Having a few simple, positively stated rules facilitates the teaching of behavioral expectations across school settings, as it aids students and staff in using the same language. Focusing on 3 simple expectations makes it easier for students and staff to uphold. Positively stated expectations are important because research has shown that being proactive is more beneficial to learning than being reactive to unexpected behaviors. By saying rules positively, staff will be more likely to use the expectations to catch students engaging in the appropriate behavior. With the expectations selected, the PBIS team believes that we can teach all specific behavioral expectations across all school settings.

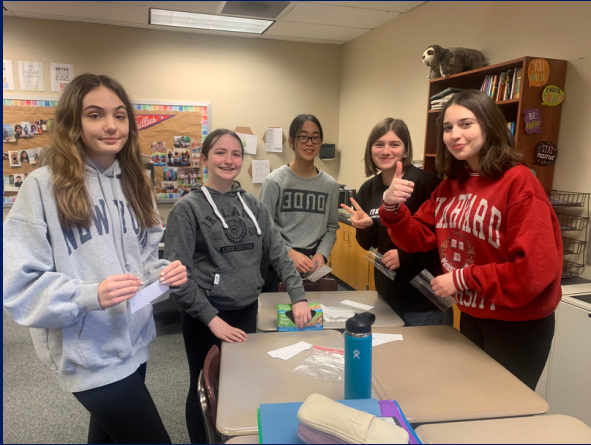
Our elementary staff provides

students with what we call Hershey passes. They are utilized as an incentive to students as when they receive a pass, their name is placed in a raffle. Names are picked weekly out of the raffle to pick a prize from the treasure chest or to pick a Trojan Elementary Experience (TEE) with a staff member.

The PBIS team is representative of the entire school staff across grade levels, classified staff, Special Education staff, etc. Having a representative team improves communication and feedback about PBIS programs in our school and also improves involvement and commitment throughout our school community. Our PBIS team meets once monthly as a large group and various times throughout the month as sub-committees, it is a large system and takes a village. We also have a partnership with our PTO that we meet with once monthly as our system evolves and develops.

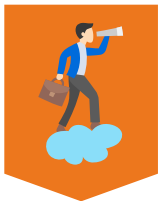
As we close out our school year, we reflect on our largely successful community night, where we had over a thousand members of the school community come together to connect the school and community after not being able to due to the pandemic.

PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT



Want to see more photos from around our district? Follow us!

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COCOA PRINCIPLE: OPPORTUNITY

To the Graduating Class of 2023,

Congratulations on reaching this incredible milestone in your academic journey! You have already come so far and taken advantage of the many opportunities that surround you inside our walls and in your community. As you prepare to leave Hershey High School and embark on the next chapter of your lives, we want to remind you that the world is full of opportunities waiting for you to seize.

Whether you choose to continue your education, enter the workforce, or pursue a passion project, there is no one right path to success. Remember to stay true to yourself and your values. Take the time to reflect on what truly matters to you and what you hope to achieve in the long-term. Don't be afraid to take risks and make mistakes along the way – these experiences will help you grow and learn.

Above all, remember that you have the power to create your own opportunities. We are proud of all that you have accomplished so far and look forward to seeing the amazing things you will accomplish in the future.

With Trojan Pride,
Derry Township School District

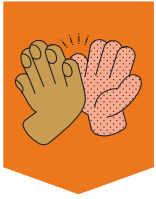


Senior Sunrise, Class of 2023



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HHS CLASS OF 2023





MEET THE CLUB: TROJAN BUDDIES

By Ms. Erin Rosensteel, Trojan Buddies Advisor and HHS teacher

Trojan Buddies is a Hershey High School club that is making a difference in the lives of individuals with disabilities. The club, modeled after the international organization, Best Buddies, provides opportunities for people with disabilities to form lasting friendships, develop leadership skills, and live a more inclusive life. The Trojan Buddies club organizes two major events per year, including a K-12 track and field Day within the district and a community prom.

The K-12 track and field day is an exciting event that brings together students with disabilities and their peers from across the district for a day of friendly competition and fun. The event is open to all students and provides a safe and inclusive environment for students with disabilities to showcase their abilities and talents. The club also organizes a prom that is open to Best Buddies clubs from other schools in the area. The event provides an opportunity for students to dress up, dance, and have a good time with their friends.

In addition to these major events, the Trojan Buddies club also organizes various inclusive opportunities during study halls or after school to facilitate relationships between regular education and special education students. These opportunities provide a chance for students to get to know each other in a relaxed and informal setting, and build friendships that last beyond the school year.



One of the unique aspects of Trojan Buddies is that anyone is welcome to join. The club is open to all students, regardless of their background or level of ability. This inclusivity is what makes the club so special and creates a community where everyone is valued and respected.

The club is run by a group of dedicated staff and student volunteers, who work tirelessly to organize events and activities that promote inclusion and friendship. These students serve as mentors and role models to their peers and inspire others to get involved and make a difference.

Led by Ms. Rosensteel and Mr. Krause and with a current membership of 100 students, Trojan Buddies is making a real impact in the lives of individuals with disabilities and their families. The club provides a sense of belonging and community and helps to break down the barriers. Together, we can create a more inclusive and welcoming community for everyone.



UPCOMING EVENTS

May to June 2023

June 12 - 4:00PM - School Board Curriculum Council

June 12 - 7:00PM - School Board Meeting

June 26 - 4:00PM - School Board Communications Committee

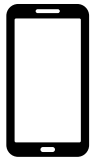
June 26 - 5:00PM - School Board Finance Committee

June 26 - 7:00PM - School Board Meeting

H SPORTS SCHEDULE



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CELEBRATING OUR STAFF

May 1 - School Principal's Day

May 1-5 - Teacher Appreciation Week

May 5 - School Lunch Hero Day

May 10 - National School Nurse Day

Thanks for all that you do!



Catherine Hershey Schools for Early Learning continues to accept applications for enrollment at its first-ever Early Childhood Education Center being built at the corner of Governor and Homestead Roads. Opening in the fall, CHS Hershey will provide non-residential weekday care and early childhood education, with all costs covered for qualifying families. If you know a child who may benefit from the CHS Hershey program, visit chslearn.org for additional information.