



Weekly Update from Superintendent
Dr. Mary Catherine Reljac

‘PITTSBURGH VOICES’ UNITE

FCASD hosts multilingual learners symposium

The Fox Chapel Area School District held a summit Monday - “Pittsburgh Voices: Building Bridges, Building Futures,” aimed at teaching educators best practices when it comes to serving multilingual learners and their families.

Attendees heard a keynote address by Dr. Javier Ávila, an award-winning professor of English and poet who delivered his one-man show, “The Trouble with My Name,” about his experience growing up in Puerto Rico and the

cultural differences he found after moving to the United States as an adult.

Participants then attended sessions on topics including language development, communication, and AI tools.



Dr. Javier Avila

JUNIOR’S ESSAY WINS BIG

Fox Chapel Area High School junior Karsten Buchert was named



Karsten Buchert

a winner in the Congressional Essay Contest sponsored by the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America. The essay topic was “Explain whether existing defamation and libel laws are or are not sufficient to prohibit baseless AI generated and distributed content.” Karsten will receive a scholarship to attend the 49th Congressional Seminar in June.



O’HARA’S BEST BUDDY

O’Hara Elementary surprised school resource officer Dennis Lynch on Friday by dedicating a new playground bench in his honor. “Officer Lynch is always the first to reach out to students who may be sitting alone and provides immediate comfort to those around him. We hope the students will be inspired to spread similar kindness and comfort to those in need of a buddy,” according to the O’Hara PTO.

8 STUDENTS EARN HONOR AT BEATTIE

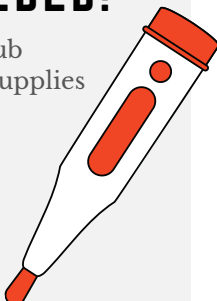
Eight Fox Chapel Area High School and A.W. Beattie Career Center students will be inducted into the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) on March 4: seniors Derrick Clements, Brianna Hnatow, Cecily Sarra, Gretchen Shelestak, and Nathan Yeske, and juniors Jackson Biehl, Casey Byrne, and Gracen Patterson.



To be considered for the honor, students must maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or higher, have a grade of at least 95% in their career training program, and belong to a service organization or participate in an extracurricular activity.

HELP NEEDED!

The FCAHS HOSA club is collecting medical supplies throughout February for Global Links. More information can be found at www.fcasd.edu.



KEY EVENTS

- 2/20: Grade 5 Band Concert
- 2/23: HS Kaleidoscope Concert
- 2/25: 8th-Grade Parent Night
- 2/26: Orchestra Buddy Night
- 3/1: Elementary Math Pentathlon
- 3/1: HS Orchestra Disney Concert

Complete details: www.fcasd.edu

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