

Comprehensive Counseling Plan Working Session

The goal of the Pottsgrove School District Counseling program, which is in accordance with the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) National Standards, is to promote and enhance student development in the areas of **academics, career, personal/social skills**. Educators, families, community agencies, and post secondary institutions will assist the school counseling program in the promotion of, and advocacy for, equity and access to learning for all students.



Agenda

- Introductions
- Current and upcoming Pottsgrove School District wide events
- Comprehensive Plan Working Session - Now what?

Goal Attainment

Juniors are over 95% complete for ACT 339 College and Career Readiness. Fully expect to be at 95% by the close school.

Requirement

- Grade 5 Benchmark — 6 pieces of evidence between grades K-5
- Grade 8 Benchmark — 6 pieces of evidence between grades 6-8, including individualized career plan
- Grade 11 Benchmark — 8 pieces of evidence between grades 9-11, including 2 pieces of evidence that demonstrate career plan implementation

The four Career Education and Work standards (strands) must be addressed at least once in the benchmark pieces of evidence:

- Career Awareness and Preparation
- Career Acquisition
- Career Retention and Advancement
- Entrepreneurship

Grades Kindergarten through 2nd Grade

- **Junior Achievement Goals-Work Readiness, Entrepreneurship, Financial Literacy**
K-2 Lesson Topics (K-Ourselfs, 1st-Our Families, 2nd-Our Community)
- **Community Helpers/PBIS Assemblies**
- **Community Partnerships**

West Pottsgrove Police Officers



PBIS Character Assembly: Citizenship

West Pottsgrove Township Police Department's Chief Sokolofski and Sergeant Radswillas talked about Halloween Safety.



Target's annual "Helpers & Heroes" program, which partners with first responders.





10TH ANNUAL PROJECT SECRET SANTA BINGO

Sunday, December 7, 2025

DOORS OPEN 10 AM // BINGO STARTS 11:30 AM

TRANSPLANT ALLIANCE BINGO 799 STATE STREET, POTTSTOWN, PA

Admission:

\$40 Adults

\$25 Children

5-10 years

Includes:
16 Regular Games

Extras:

★ Special Games

★ Jackpot Bingo

🎫 Raffles

🎰 50/50

🎯 Pull Tabs

Prizes for ALL Ages!

👛 Designer Purses

🔧 Tools

🎮 Electronics

🎁 Children's Gifts



SEASON OF GIVING

Proceeds from this years
Secret Santa Bingo will support:



West Pottsgrove's Helpers and Heros



The Red Corner Benefit

helping children with cancer and their families



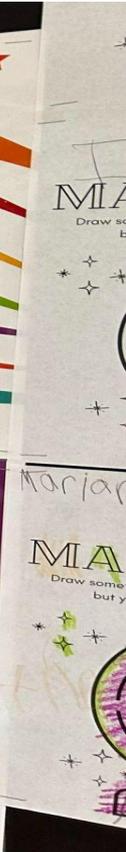
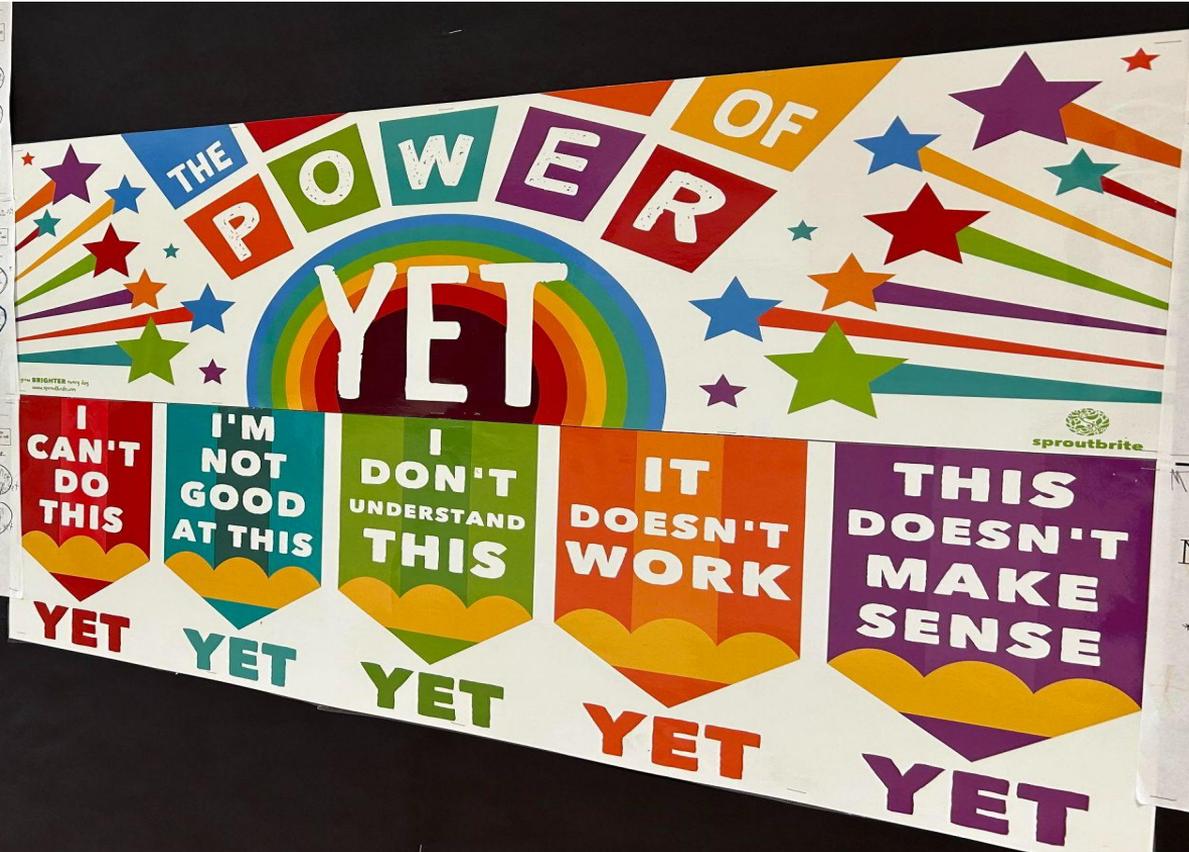
Questions? Call or Text 484-752-8985
www.TransplantAllianceBingo.com

Universal Concrete Products

For over a decade, Universal Concrete has set up an Angel Tree to provide Christmas gifts to our families in need, bringing joy to many children's holiday celebrations.



THE POWER OF YET



PBIS Friendship Award



1st Grade
Junior Achievement
School Board Presentation



This year students will participate again in Peter's Place groups from Pottsgrove Elementary Schools.



Mission Kids Lessons (K-3)



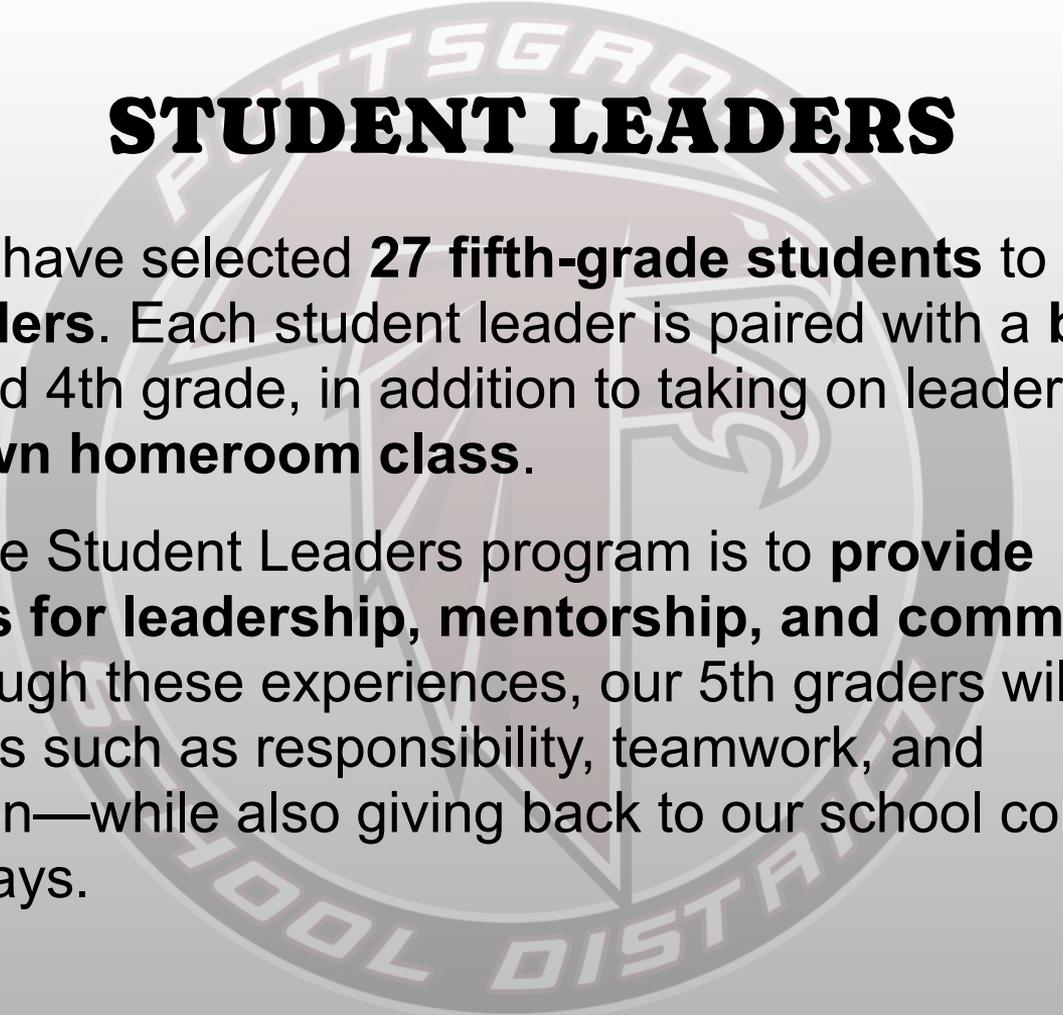
MissionKids
CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

Elementary Student Assistance Team & Creative Health

- Discuss and determine interventions for students (counselor check-ins, small groups, soft start, big buddies, HS buddies, Bus Boot Camp, refer to HOPE).
- Liaison connects with families to help connect them with outside services (e.g., IBHS, Family Based)
- Liaison provides MH-3 Sessions and Small Group Sessions.

Lower Pottsgrove Grades 3rd through 5th Grade

- **Student Leaders**
 - **Breast Cancer Bracelet Fundraiser**
 - **Unity Day**
- **Community Service Projects**
 - **Giving Tree Grant (carry over to K-2)**
 - **Student Leaders & Peace After School club**
- **Hunger & Homelessness Food Drive (District wide)**
- **Kindness Week**



STUDENT LEADERS

This year, we have selected **27 fifth-grade students** to serve as **Student Leaders**. Each student leader is paired with a **buddy class** in both 3rd and 4th grade, in addition to taking on leadership roles within their **own homeroom class**.

The goal of the Student Leaders program is to **provide opportunities for leadership, mentorship, and community service**. Through these experiences, our 5th graders will build important skills such as responsibility, teamwork, and communication—while also giving back to our school community in meaningful ways.

Fight Against Breast Cancer

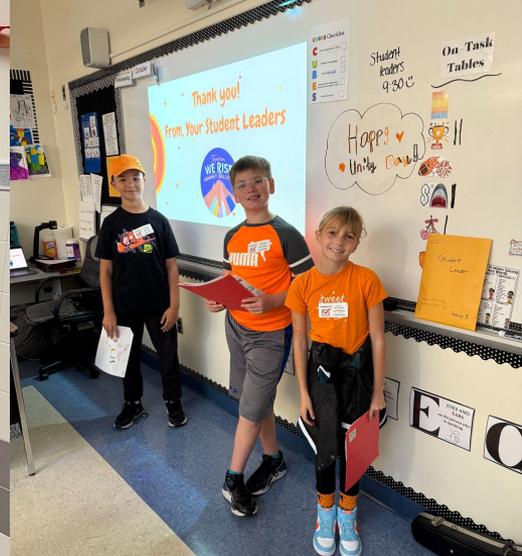
Giving Back to our Community!

Student Leaders ran a fundraiser at Lower that supported the High School Football Booster's "Pink Out".

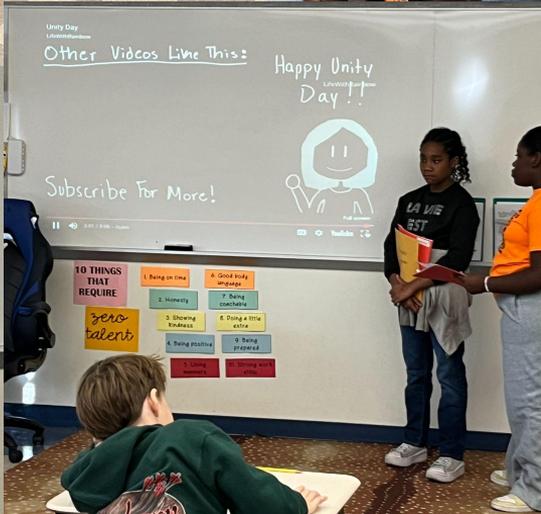
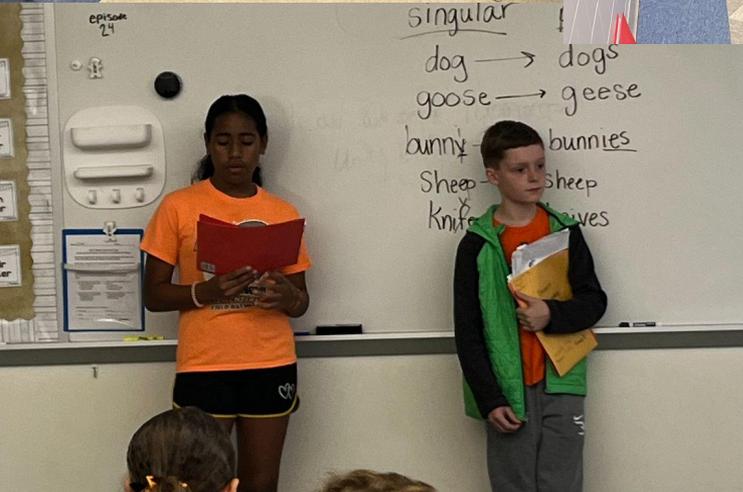
They designed bracelets to say "**Real Falcons Wear Pink**," the same logan as the High School's theme.

The student leaders were able to donate \$688 to The McGlinn Institute at Phoenixville Hospital.





Unity Day 2025



Hunger & Homelessness Food Drive

LPES has collected over 1,000 items so far to be donated to our Pottsgrove Families!



Kindness Week
11/10-11/14

Kindness Week

LPES hosted a series of activities throughout the week to promote kindness for World Kindness Day!



COMING SOON



Mission Kids Visit

Mission Kids will visit our 3rd grade classes to discuss child safety in the spring



Career Day

High school students will visit Lower Pottsgrove Elementary in May to talk with our 5th grade students about different career paths and activities students can choose



SOUP-er Bowl Can Drive

Student Leaders will run a canned food drive to donate to Operation 143 in February



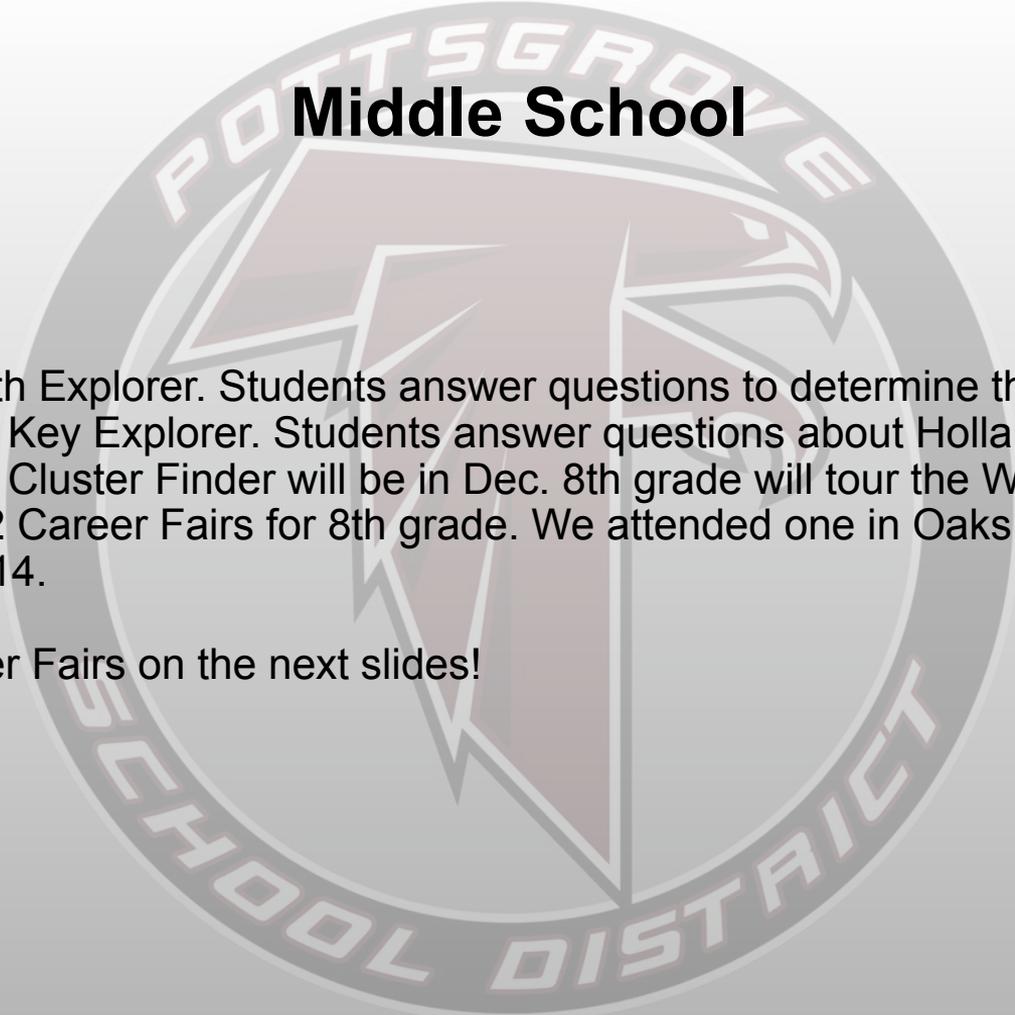
Job Visitor

An individual from our community will come to talk about their career to our 3rd and 4th grade students in the spring



Community Service

Student Leaders and the Peace Club will be joining the Giving Tree with a community service project - Poverty & Hunger Campaign in November & December



Middle School

Our Year so far:

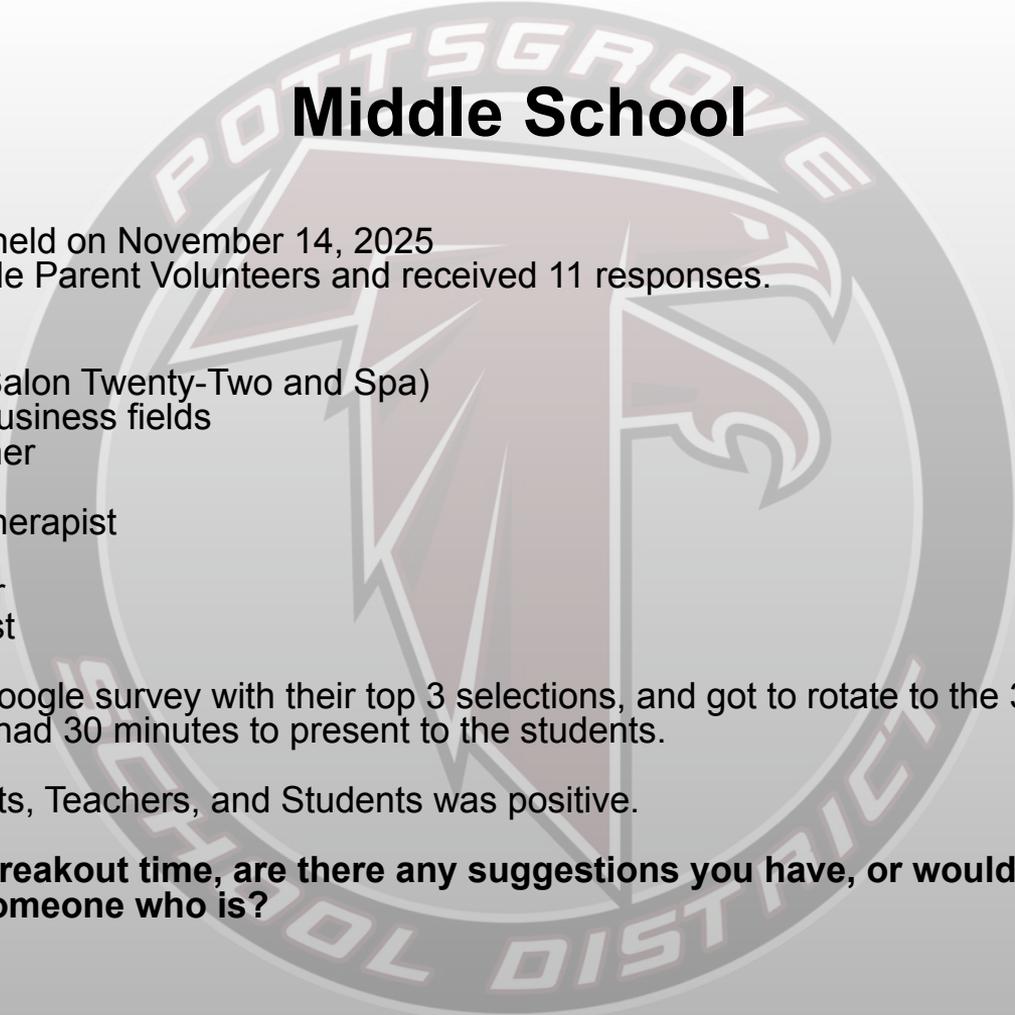
Naviance lessons:

6th Grade- Strength Explorer. Students answer questions to determine their top 3 strengths.

7th Grade- Career Key Explorer. Students answer questions about Holland Themes.

8th Grade- Career Cluster Finder will be in Dec. 8th grade will tour the Western Center in Dec, and we had 2 Career Fairs for 8th grade. We attended one in Oaks on 10/21, and hosted one on 11/14.

More on the Career Fairs on the next slides!



Middle School

Our Career Day was held on November 14, 2025
We asked for 8th grade Parent Volunteers and received 11 responses.

Careers included:

- Cosmetology (Salon Twenty-Two and Spa)
- 4 speakers in Business fields
- Nurse Practitioner
- Electrician
- Occupational Therapist
- Dietician
- Fire Investigator
- Leather Scientist

Students filled out a google survey with their top 3 selections, and got to rotate to the 3 speakers.
Each Guest Speaker had 30 minutes to present to the students.

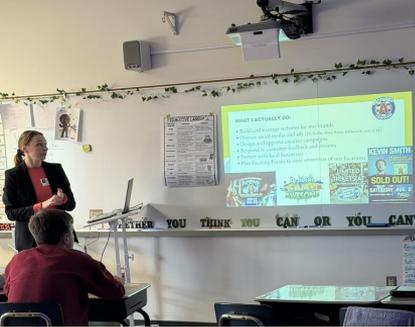
Feedback from Parents, Teachers, and Students was positive.

When we have our breakout time, are there any suggestions you have, or would you be willing to present? Or know someone who is?



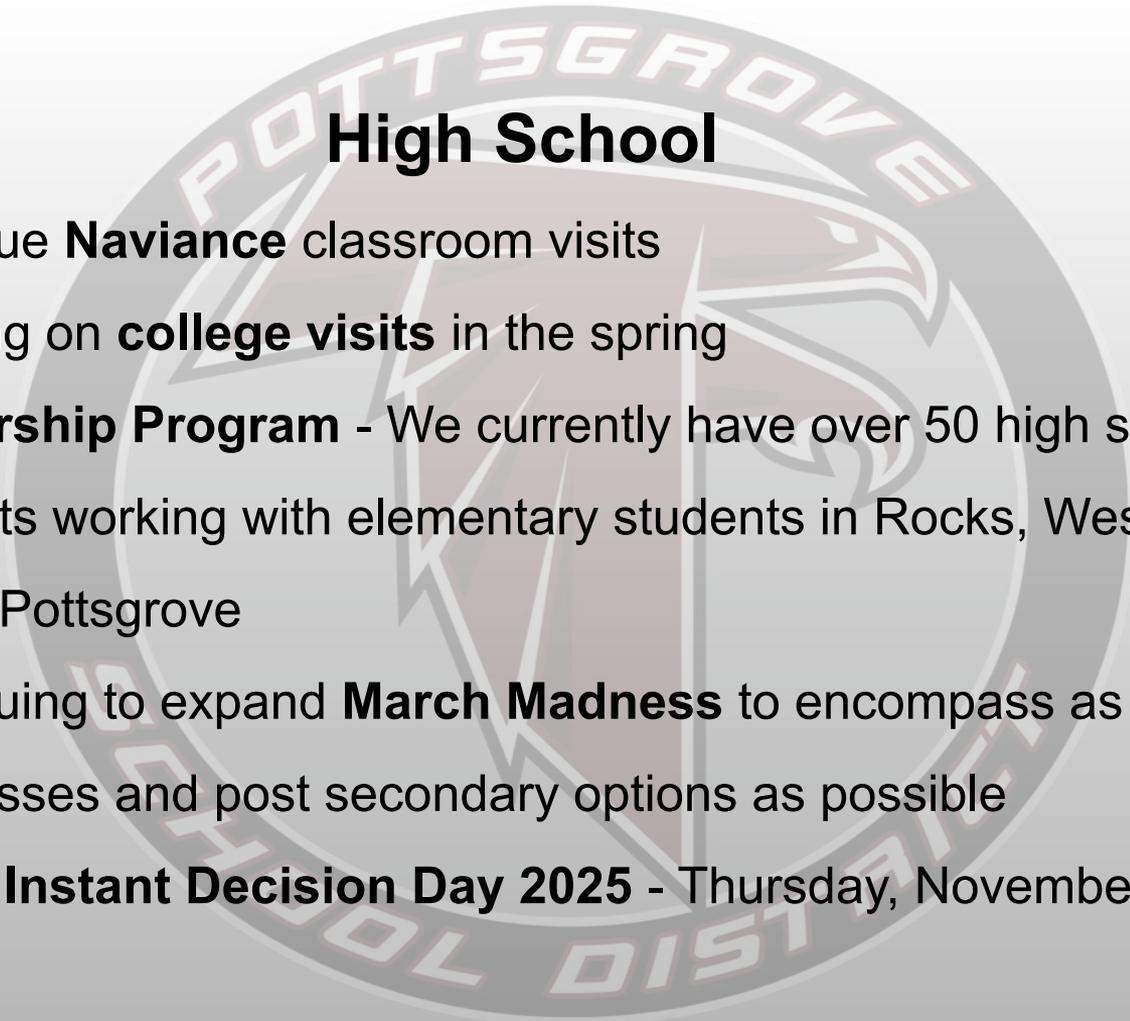
8th Grade Career Expo





Career Day 2025





High School

- Continue **Naviance** classroom visits
- Working on **college visits** in the spring
- **Leadership Program** - We currently have over 50 high school students working with elementary students in Rocks, West and Lower Pottsgrove
- Continuing to expand **March Madness** to encompass as many businesses and post secondary options as possible
- **PGHS Instant Decision Day 2025** - Thursday, November 20th

High School - Pathways and Partnerships

Tracy Heebner, 1995 Pottsgrove Graduate and Owner of Salon 22 partnered with Pottsgrove Middle School to be part of their 2025 career day.

In addition, Tracy has worked with our high school digital arts and video teachers, **Mrs. Pierce** and **Mr. Horry** to target interested students for a possible marketing internship.



Students have interviewed and are working on their project to determine which student will work with Salon 22 going forward.

PLEASE CHOOSE A LOCATION

High School - Pathways and Partnerships

Expanding Possibilities

Field Trips to Limerick Generating Station and
The Steamfitters Local 420
MADE - Free Training in the Trades

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Jordan R.,
Senior



March Madness

Year two - Students are beginning to understand the importance of this event and request specific options be available to them.



High School - Pathways and Partnerships

ESL Leadership Program -

20 PGHS students are reading to, encouraging and mentoring our growing ESL population at Ringing Rocks and West Pottsgrove. Special thanks to ESL teacher, Mrs. Jen Godinez and senior Savannah VanHorn



Fall College Update

52 Post Secondary Schools have visited PGHS - 106 student visits
Over 500 applications have been submitted for the class of 2025

Job Shadowing Program -

Current Partnerships with 10 local businesses. 8 students have shadowed at 4 local businesses.



MADE (Making a Difference Economically) - Recruiting students in 8th grade through 12th to complete a FREE 10 week pre-apprenticeship program where they can earn industry certifications in Electrical, Plumbing and Carpentry. Cohort should begin in February.

19 PGHS students participating in our internship program



High School - Pathways and Partnerships

ESL Leadership Program -

Looking to expand the ESL leadership program to all students and all buildings. Rising Senior Brooke Perfetto is looking to bring this program to the next level.

Brooke P. -
Rising Senior



Thank you to the Board of School Directors for amending school board policy to allow the school counseling budget to support trips to postsecondary institutions.

Job Shadowing Program

- Current Partnerships with 13 local businesses. Over 15 students have shadowed at local businesses.

Addison M. - Rising Senior
Pottstown YWCA - Pre-K



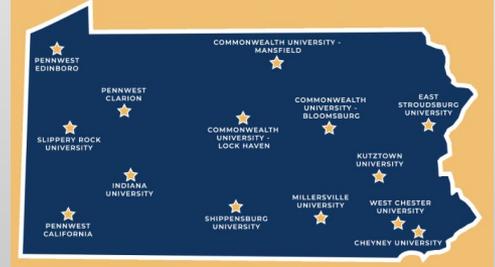
30 PGHS students participating in our internship program 25-26



Rising Seniors Giana V. and McKenzie K. - Pottstown Hospital Internship

PASSHE Universities

Click university locations below to learn more.



Post 12 and Community Based Job Training

MCCC Office of Disability Services -
meeting with students
OVR Monthly Meetings
MCIU MontcoWorks

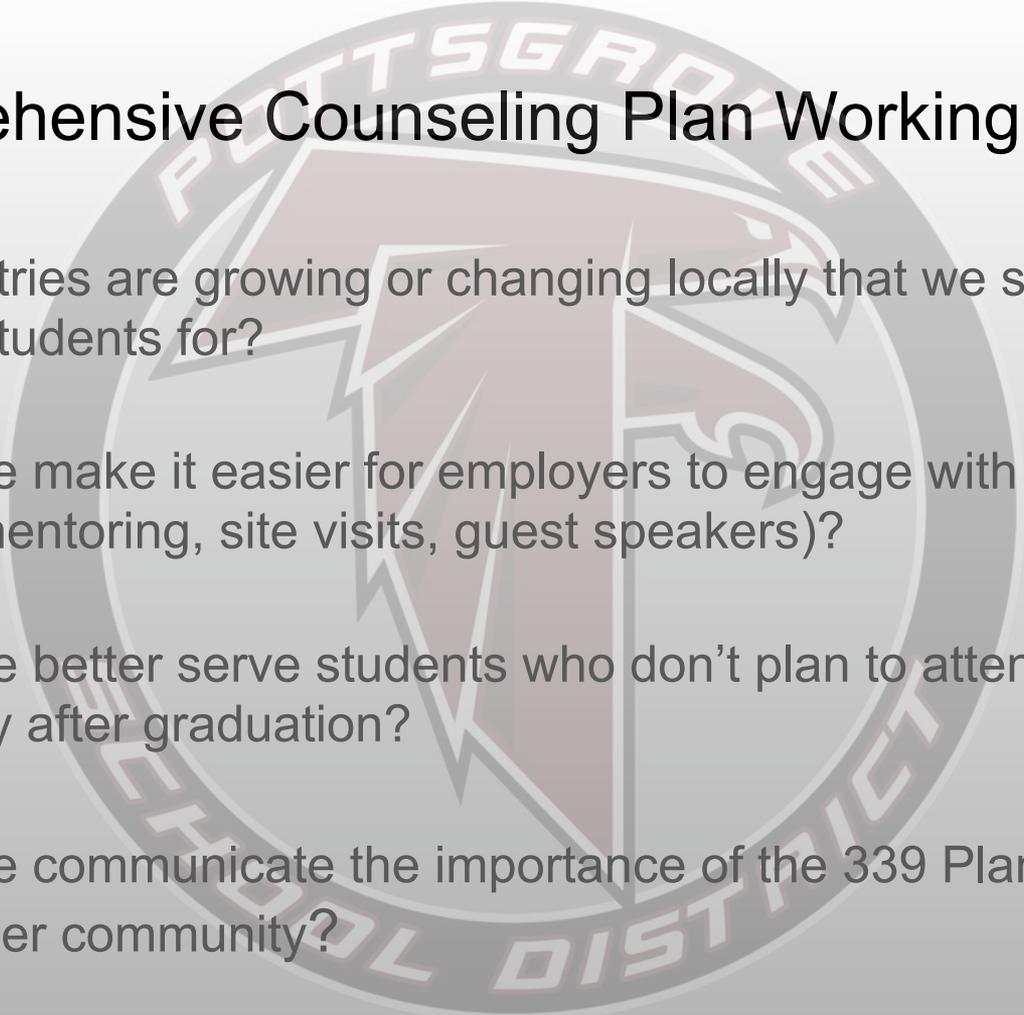
12 (and counting) PGHS
students participating in
our work program -
looking to increase
opportunities for our
students

Expanded Work Opportunities in the
Local Community:

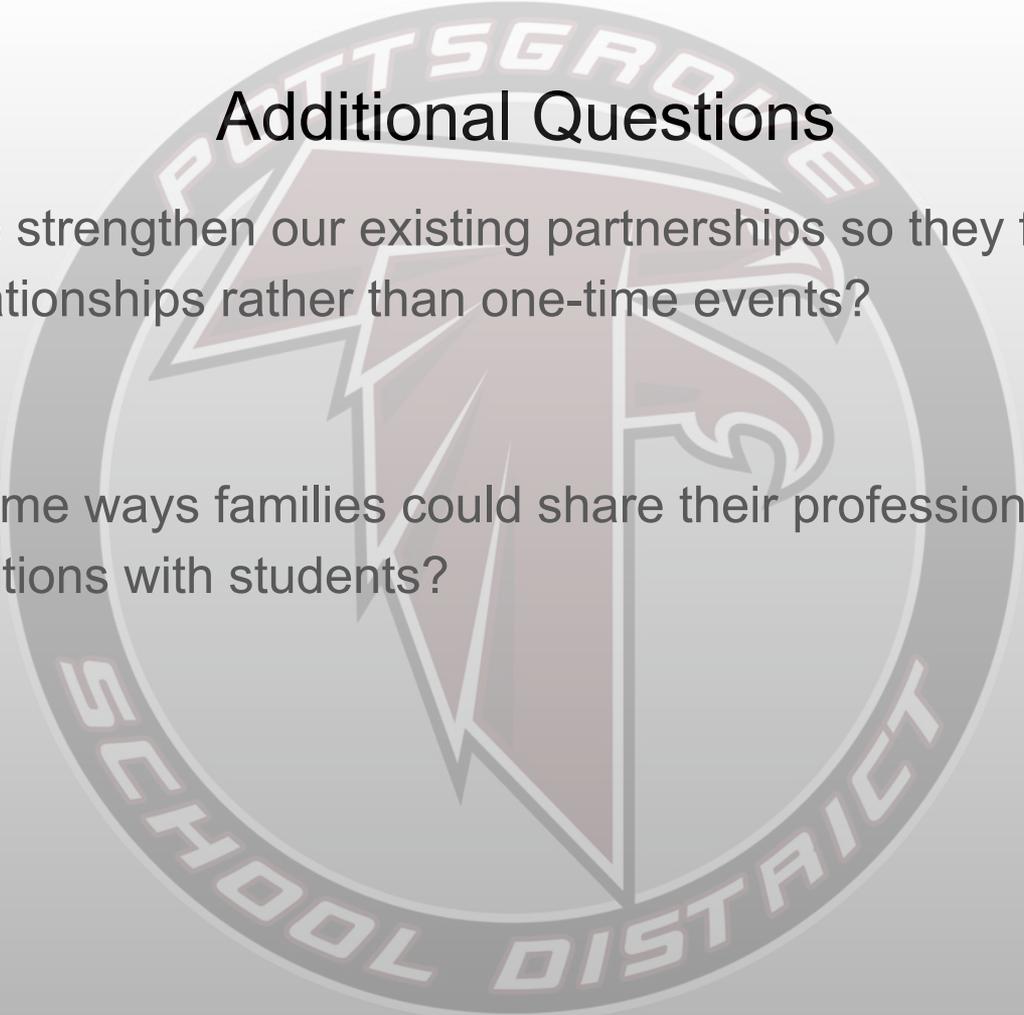
Care & Share
Tractor Supply
Liberty Thrift
Elementary Schools and Cafeterias
Redner's
Pottstown YMCA
Landis Market
Grocery Outlet
Zimmer's Pets
Pottstown Cluster - Food Pantry



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- What industries are growing or changing locally that we should be preparing students for?
- How can we make it easier for employers to engage with our students (mentoring, site visits, guest speakers)?
- How can we better serve students who don't plan to attend college immediately after graduation?
- How can we communicate the importance of the 339 Plan to parents and the wider community?

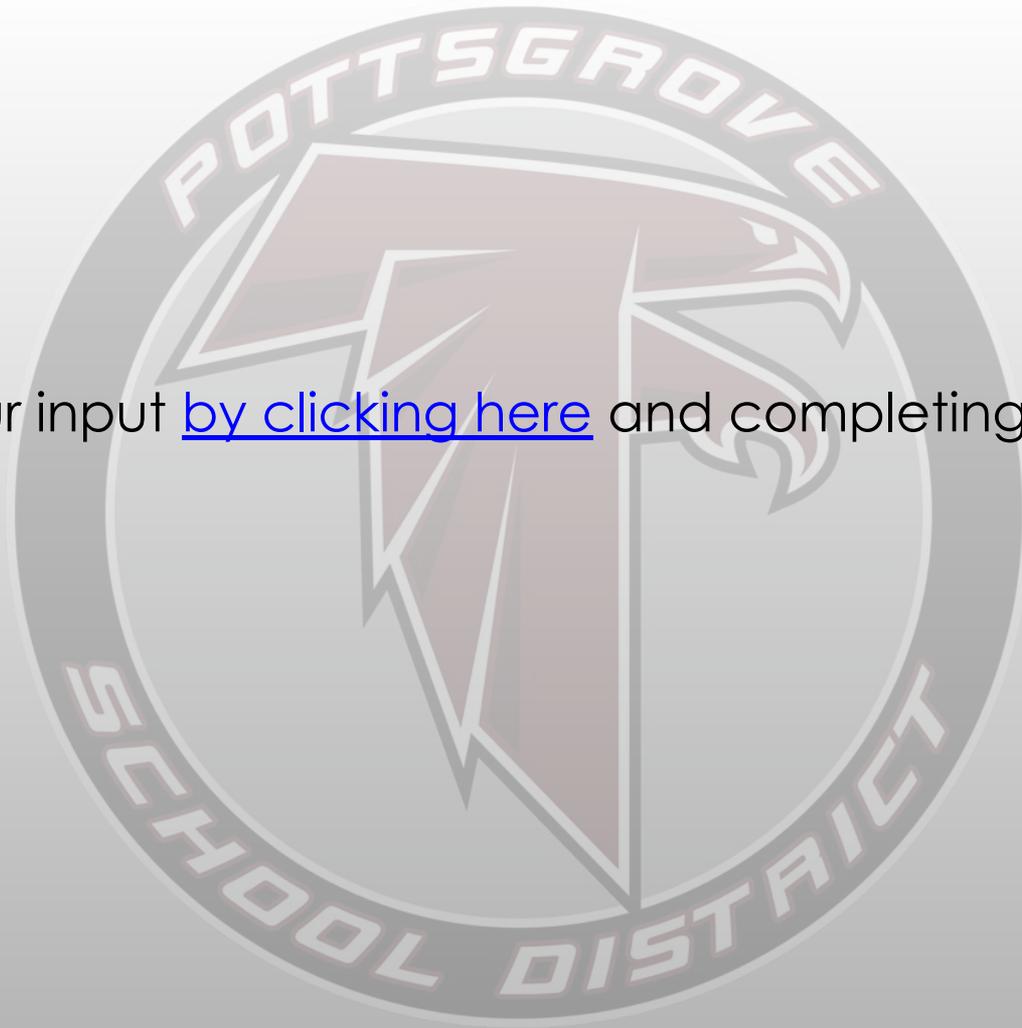
The logo of Pottsgrove School District is a circular emblem. It features a central shield with a stylized eagle or bird design. The words "POTTSGROVE" are written along the top inner edge of the circle, and "SCHOOL DISTRICT" is written along the bottom inner edge. The shield is divided into several sections with different colors and patterns.

Additional Questions

- How can we strengthen our existing partnerships so they feel more like ongoing relationships rather than one-time events?
- What are some ways families could share their professions, skills, or cultural traditions with students?

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- Do you know people who would be interested in sharing their career experiences with our students? Please provide the team with contact information.
- Do you have any contacts with local businesses that would allow our students to job shadow? Please provide the team with contact information.
- Knowledge Share



- Share your input [by clicking here](#) and completing a brief survey.