CR WEEKLY NEWS UPDATE
Friday, December 21, 2018 at 2:05 PM

WINTER BREAK INFORMATION

Monday, December 24 - Schools & Offices Closed
Tuesday, December 25 - Schools & Offices Closed
Wednesday, December 26 - Schools Closed; Offices Open
Thursday, December 27 - Schools Closed; Offices Open
Friday, December 28 - Schools Closed; Offices Open
Monday, December 31 - Schools Closed & Offices Closed
Tuesday, January 1 - Schools Closed; Offices Closed

Wednesday, January 2 - ALL SCHOOLS REOPEN

COUNCIL ROCK BOARD SEAT TO OPEN: APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

At the December 20, 2018 meeting of the Board of School Directors, Mr. Jerold Grupp (Region #5-Northampton Township, Districts #9, #14, and #16) submitted his letter of resignation, with the
intent to officially resign on January 6, 2019. As such, applications are being accepted to fill the pending vacancy.

To be considered as a candidate, the following process and requirements apply:

1. The candidate must be an elector of Council Rock School District Region #5 and be eligible pursuant to Sections 3-322 and 3-323 of Public School Code 1949, as amended.

2. The candidate must submit a letter of interest by US mail, personal delivery or email to:

   Dr. Robert Fraser, Council Rock Superintendent of Schools
   The Chancellor Center
   30 North Chancellor Street, Newtown PA 18940

   OR

   rfraser@crsd.org

Letters of interest and any supporting documentation submitted may be distributed to the public and should not include information the applicant considers confidential.

Letters of interest must be received by Dr. Fraser by January 24, 2019.

The Board will review candidate applications with the intent of interviewing candidates and appointing a new board member at a Special Board Meeting to occur on January 31, 2019.

REGION 5 BOUNDARY MAP

DECEMBER 20TH BOARD MEETING NOTABLE ACTIONS
**APPROVED:** Acceptance of Mr. Jerold Grupp’s Resignation Letter as a member of the Council Rock Board of School Directors, with a resignation date of January 6, 2019.

**APPROVED:** Retirement of Mr. Barry Desko, Director of K-12 Education, effective June 30, 2019

**APPROVED:** Appointment of Mr. Andy Sanko as Director of K-12 Education, effective July 1, 2019

**GREAT CR NEWS TO SHARE**

**COUNCIL ROCK NORTH’S NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR STUDENTS RECOGNIZED BY SCHOOL BOARD**

At their meeting on December 20th, the Council Rock Board of School Directors recognized 26 Council Rock North students who have risen to the top of the National Merit Scholarship competition. Congratulations to the following CR North students who have achieved this illustrious academic distinction.

**Semifinalists** Aparna Dev, Blake T. Eshelman, Frank T. Kim, Abbey J. Kollar, Josee H. Li, Kelly E. Orr, Shakti P. Ramnath, Finley S. Walden, Davis Wojnovich, Margaret M. Zheng.


**not all students pictured in photo**
The Council Rock South Orchestra enjoyed a wonderful day at the White House on Wednesday, December 19. This year marks the 10th performance at the White House for the Council Rock South Orchestra. CR South music teacher, Mr. Chris Simon, first escorted students to the White House in 2011, and he and his orchestra have performed every year since, including twice in 2016 and 2017. The 2018 performance included a combination of holiday songs, rock/pop selections, and classical pieces the orchestra is preparing to perform in Spain next year.
COUNCIL ROCK SOUTH'S VOCAL ENSEMBLE PERFORMS FOR WHITE HOUSE ON DECEMBER 20TH

On Thursday, December 20th, the Council Rock South Vocal Ensemble performed at the White House for staff members, their families, and special guests. This is the ninth time this group has been invited to perform and each year is wonderful and unique to previous years. In addition to traditional holiday music, four auditioned seniors, Noah Inchausti, Katie Treese, Hailey Brown, and Alayna Frank, performed solos. Congratulations to CR South's Mr. Corey Axler and to the members of the South Vocal Ensemble for their 2018 performance opportunity!

CPCU FIRE SAFETY AWARDS PRESENTED ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

The Philadelphia Chapter of the Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriters Society (CPCU), announced the winners of the 35th Annual Fire Safety In the Home Contest on Wednesday, December 19th as part of the meeting of the Northampton Board of Supervisors. Students in Council Rock elementary schools were invited to write essays or create posters on the subject of fire safety during National Fire Prevention Week, October 7th-13th. Each school in the district submitted its top entrants for the final judging. This year’s panel of judges was comprised of Council Rock School
CPCU awarded contest winners with an impressive plaque, a monetary prize, and complimentary movie tickets. Additionally, each contest winner was presented with special citations from State Senators Tomlinson and McIlhinney, State Representatives Tai and Warren and Representative-Elect Thomas, Congressman Fitzpatrick, and Newtown Township Board of Supervisors Chairman, Phil Callabro. Congratulations to all of our 2018 CPCU Fire Safety in the Home Winners!

COUNCIL ROCK STAFF AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS CONTINUE HOLIDAY ANGEL TREE TRADITION

The Holiday Angel Tree Project is a cooperative effort of Council Rock nurses, social workers, staff, and members of the community. Now in its 15th year, the 2018 project saw 856 gifts distributed to 225 children. Council Rock Holiday Angel Tree volunteers collect the fronts of used holiday cards which are then lovingly recycled into angel gift tags by Council Rock students with special needs.
Council Rock social workers and nurses select families from their schools and send them a “wish list” to fill out, along with an invitation to Breakfast with Santa and an offer for food from the Wrightstown Food Cupboard. The angel gift tags are then distributed to the Newtown Post Office, Northampton Library, and various local schools. The Youth Group at Newtown Presbyterian Church sorts the gifts and the church donates their space to store the gifts until families pick them up on a specified date.

COUNCIL ROCK SOUTH STUDENTS ARE HOLIDAY HELPERS FOR BACHE MARTIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN PHILADELPHIA

The Council Rock South SEB had the opportunity to hand deliver a variety of toys and school supplies to students and teachers at the Bache Martin Elementary school in Philadelphia recently. With the help of the Student Council officers, CR South’s student leaders raised over $1700 and were able to purchase gifts to help fill the new school store and restock classrooms with essential school supplies.
COUNCIL ROCK NORTH STUDENTS PARTAKE IN WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA HOLIDAY REMEMBRANCE EVENT

On Saturday, December 15th from 10:15 until 1:00, fifteen Council Rock North students attended the Wreaths Across America event to honor veterans at Washington Crossing National Ceremony. This is the Veterans Service Club's 3rd year attending the event. This year, the Veterans Service Club invited the Men's Lacrosse Team and Ro Kappa (Social Studies Honor Society) to join in the efforts.
COUNCIL ROCK NORTH STUDENT IMPACTS OVER 600 FAMILIES WITH HOLIDAY TOY AND CLOTHING DRIVE

For a second year, Emily Navazio, a Council Rock North 10th grader was able to provide toys and clothing to the over 600 families and 1600 children of Mercer County in need. Working with Major Elijah Kahn of the Salvation Army in Trenton, she identified a need then sent out letters to her neighbors at River Crossing and Meadow Wood. Thanks to her neighbor's generosity and her hard work, Emily delivered over three hundred new toys and was told by the Major that an additional 250 families, who lined up that morning, would be served.
COUNCIL ROCK DELIVERS GIFTS OF JOY AND MORE AT FRIENDS HOME AND VILLAGE HOLIDAY SUPPER FOR RESIDENTS

Friends Home and Village in the heart of Newtown was a buzz with special holiday activity on Tuesday, December 18th. This year's Holiday Supper for Residents was made extra special thanks to the support of Council Rock students, staff, and PTO members. Newtown Middle School got in the spirit early when its PTO organized a robust collection drive for personalized gift boxes that would get wrapped, tagged with resident names, and hand delivered by the one and only Santa. Since Santa was obviously busy getting ready for December 25th, he asked Newtown Middle School's Principal, Tim Long, to stand in for him for the night. As a special thank you, residents with a history of serving our country received medallions from Santa's helper, Mr. Long. The evening also featured a special dinner with Newtown Middle School students assisting with service of holiday punch and cookies. Council Rock South High School student volunteers joined the activity by clearing the dining room after dinner so that residents and staff could enjoy a special holiday performance. The Council Rock South students even went as far as to set up the dining room for the following
morning’s breakfast seating. While they were busy giving staff a very welcome helping hand, Newtown Middle School singers, under the guidance of their choral instructor, Mr. Mark Dolan, performed a series of beautiful holiday tunes that saw residents singing along.
HILLCREST ELEMENTARY HELPS OTHERS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON BY JAMMIN' FOR JAMMIES

Each year, Hillcrest’s Student Council works with the Salvation Army to collect new pajamas for children in our area. The Salvation Army benefits children in need, whether they are residents of the Salvation Army’s homeless shelters, victims of fire or other emergency disasters, or simply children whose parents have come upon times of hardship. Our Hillcrest school community was able to present Major Willie Mae Lyle of the Salvation Army with or over 300 pairs of new pajamas for boys and girls.
ROLLING HILLS ELEMENTARY AMBASSADORS SAY A SPECIAL THANK YOU WITH SWEET HOLIDAY GIFTS

The Rolling Hills Elementary Ambassadors spread joy this holiday season to some very special people in their school community. The Ambassadors baked cookies and candies and distributed them with a note to bus drivers, Sage volunteers, and their school crossing guard. The students are very thankful at this time of year and wanted to show their appreciation to these important people!
WRIGHTSTOWN ELEMENTARY AND NORTHAMPTON SENIORS PARTNER FOR GIGI PROJECT THIS HOLIDAY

For a second holiday season, Wrightstown Elementary School has paired with one of our families to help with a project named after their daughter, Gigi. With this project, the Wrightstown Elementary School staff and community donate requested items for Point Pleasant Specialty Care Facility. The Point Pleasant Specialty Care Facility provides care for individuals with special needs where approximately 70% of the individuals at the facility are orphans. On Wednesday, December 19th, members from the Northampton Senior Center collaborated with the Wrightstown Student Council and a few WES parents to wrap the donated gifts which will be delivered on December 25th.
Mr. Anthony Tabasso, President and CEO of KVK Tech, presented a check for $5,000 in support of the Council Rock District Science Night 2019 and innovative STEAM projects to the Council Rock Education Foundation at the December 20th Board Meeting. KVK Tech, a pharma company headquartered in Newtown, renews their partnership as a key sponsor for district science this coming May 2019. Also, KVK Tech partners with our Education Foundation’s through the STEM Ambassadors program which brings career professionals into the classrooms to talk about their jobs and to teach students hands on industry applications like dissolution and timed release modalities. KVK and CREF are working on creating summer intern projects for Council Rock students interested in sciences. On behalf of all of our students, thank you Mr. Tabasso and KVK. We are very grateful for your partnership.
COMMUNITY EVENTS AND FLYERS
Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General Josh Shapiro
invites you to a community event:
WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT THE
OPIOD & MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS
FOR YOURSELF OR OTHERS
Hosted by Lubavitch of Bucks County

Thursday, January 17, 2019
Lubavitch of Bucks County
25 North State Street, Newtown, PA 18940

4:30-6:00pm Resource tables and event check-in
Tour the “Behind Closed Doors” truck display,
a Mock Teen Bedroom with Bensalem Police Department

6:00-8:00pm Presentations by:
- Attorney General Josh Shapiro
- District Attorney Matthew Weintraub
- First-hand stories of survivors
- Advice and guidance from experts presenters

This event is in conjunction with the Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission and is open to the public.
RSVP is strongly recommended. Please RSVP to Sarah A. Charles at PublicEngagement@attorneygeneral.gov or 215-970-8324
CR CAMP INVENTION INFORMATION

Who: For children entering grades K–6

Location: Maureen M. Welch Elementary School 750 New Road, Churchville, PA 18966

Date & Time: June 24 - 28, 2019 from 9:00am - 3:30pm Price: $265 (before discount)

Director: Christine Marsden cmarsden@crsd.org | (215) 944-1100

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