

Rose Tree Media Reporter

Summer 2022



DISTRICT NEWS

While looking back upon celebrations, graduations, and promotions from the end of last school year, all of us in the Rose Tree Media School District are looking forward to the return of our students and staff in the coming weeks! We hope everyone had a terrific summer!

CONGRATS, GRADS!

The **Penncrest High School** Class of 2022 celebrated graduation at the Mirinda Center at Neumann University on June 10. The commencement featured members of the school board, administration, and RTMSD educators who honored the 247 graduates. Senior Aashir Khan was the keynote speaker.

Penncrest teachers flanked the seniors in two rows, dressed in their own graduation regalia, a tradition during Penncrest graduation ceremonies.

Best of luck to our graduates as they move on to a bright future!



Eighth Graders Head to High School

Springton Lake celebrated the promotion of its eighth-grade students to high school on June 14. Students participated in the promotion ceremony with their families in attendance, receiving words of advice from their classmates, along with teachers and administrators. Families gathered in the cafeteria following the ceremony for pictures and refreshments.



MAURIZI RECEIVES SUBSTITUTE PARAPROFESSIONAL AWARD

Joe Maurizi, a substitute support staff member at **Indian Lane Elementary School**, has been named one of just four recipients nationwide for the 2022 National Substitute Educator of the Year award.

The award, given out annually by **Kelly Education**, recognizes Maurizi’s outstanding performance and excellent service as a support staff member in RTMSD. He was nominated by his peers for the positive impact he has had on students, colleagues, families, and the community as a whole.

As part of the award, Maurizi received an award certificate, a \$5,000 bonus, and an additional \$1,500 to donate to the school. He was also recognized at a ceremony on May 3 at Indian Lane.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the 2022 National Substitute Educator of the Year award.



BOARD HONORS KEYSTONE TECHNOLOGY INNOVATOR AWARD RECIPIENT



At its April Legislative Meeting, the Board and Superintendent Eleanor DiMarino-Linnen recognized **Becka Cancelosi**, a fourth-grade teacher at **Indian Lane Elementary**, for being named a 2022 Keystone Technology Innovator by the Pennsylvania Association for Educational Communications and Technology. With this honor, Ms. Cancelosi joins a group of Pennsylvania teachers who are using technology in creative ways to engage learners and raise student achievement across grade levels.

District Launches New Website

The Rose Tree Media School District has launched its long-awaited, new and improved website! The redesign aims to provide families and community members with a more seamless user experience. In addition to an improved look and feel, the site features easier navigation and quicker access to the information our families, students, staff, and community need. [Check it out!](#)

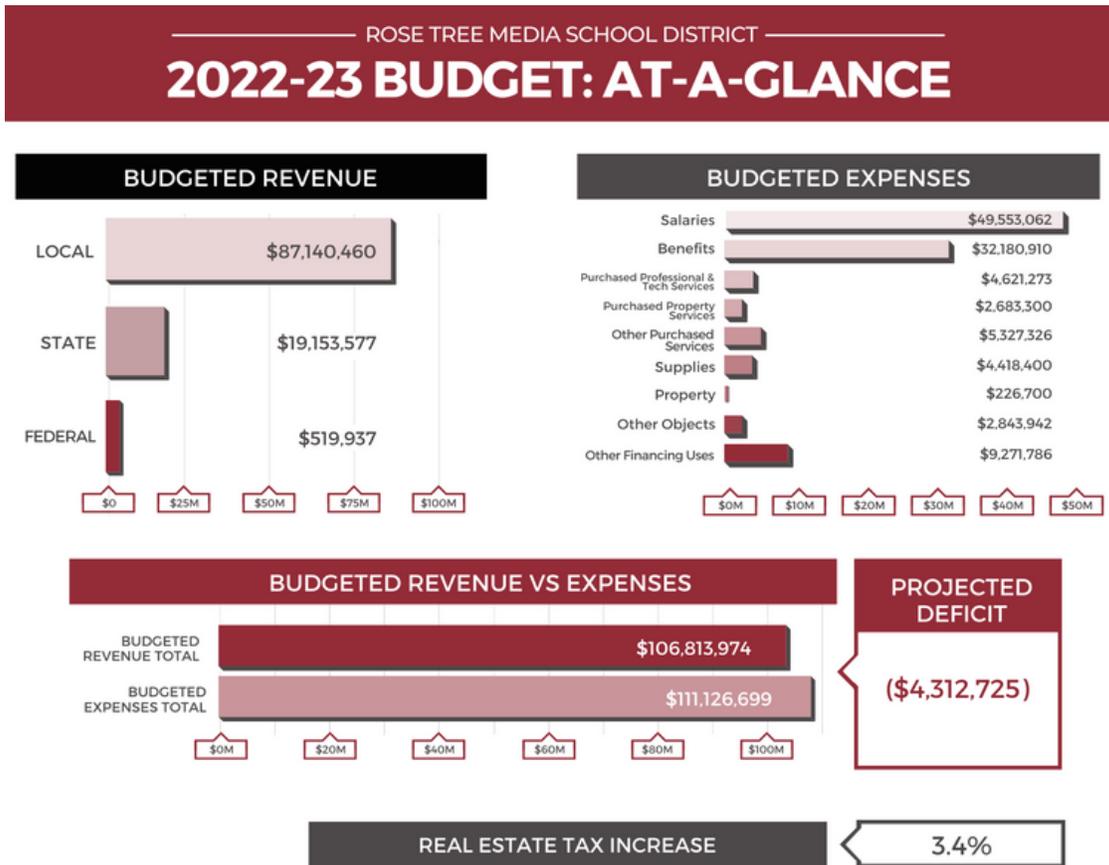




DISTRICT RECEIVES NSPRA, PENSPRA AWARDS FOR BOARD UPDATES

Improved communication has been a focal point for the Rose Tree Media School District over the past several years. Recently, the **National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA)** and the **Pennsylvania School Public Relations Association (PenSPRA)** each recognized the district for its enhanced communication efforts!

RTMSD was honored with an Award of Merit from NSPRA for its **Board of School Directors updates**, which provide monthly highlights of legislative meetings for stakeholders to review. The district also received a PenSPRA Award of Honor for the board updates.



Board Approves Final 2022-23 District Budget

The final **2022-23 General Fund Budget** for the Rose Tree Media School District includes expenditures of \$111,126,699 and revenues of \$106,813,974. It includes the use of fund balance in the amount of \$4,312,725 to balance the budget. The budget includes an Act 1 index tax increase of 3.4%.

PENNCREST HIGH SCHOOL

Penncrest Students Named Global Scholars

Five of Penncrest High School’s graduating seniors are among just 87 Pennsylvania students who have earned the 2022 PSMLA Global Scholars designation. Seniors who received the award this year are Athulya Abhilash, Charles Katz, Hallie Meyer, Arun Mohan, and Shannon Tonetta.

The Pennsylvania State Modern Language Association Global Scholars Program

recognizes students who participate in globally focused interdisciplinary studies and activities. Congratulations to these seniors on this outstanding achievement!



Envirothon Team Wins State Competition

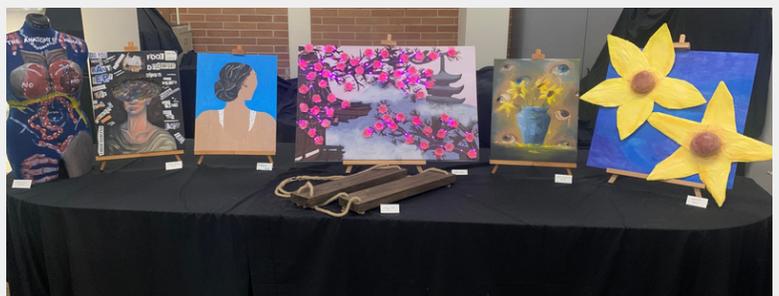
The Penncrest Envirothon team competed in and won the state competition at Camp Mount Luther on May 24! Students competed against teams from all 62 counties across Pennsylvania in events including aquatics, forestry, current issues, and wildlife. Competitions featured demonstration of knowledge, hands-on field work, and oral presentations.

The Penncrest team qualified for the national Envirothon competition on July 24-30 at Miami University in Ohio. The team is led by faculty advisors Mark Samilenko and Chrissa Kuntz.



PHS Celebrates the Arts

In May, the Penncrest Art Department held its annual Celebration of the Arts for the first time in more than two years. Student artwork was displayed throughout the school for the entire month. The exhibition highlighted all the student artwork that was completed during the school year, and included hundreds of pieces in a variety of media. This year’s artwork also included works of art celebrating Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month.





Pride Day at Penncrest

Penncrest held its annual Pride Day on May 27! Staff members organized and worked both indoor and outdoor activities for the students to participate in throughout the day. Students chose events based on their interests—both athletic and academic.

In addition, each of the four grade-level classes competed for points to become crowned Pride Day champions. The event also featured multiple service activities, culminating with a pep rally-style event. Way to show that Penncrest pride!

PHS Graduates 'Clap Out!'

On May 11, 2022, PHS graduates participated in the annual “clap out” tradition at the high school. Following the Senior Awards Ceremony, the Class of 2022 walked the halls and were applauded on the way out to their Garden Party. Seniors then proceeded to their respective elementary schools to visit their former teachers one last time before graduation.



School Spirit at Penncrest's Pep Rally!

In May, Penncrest held its first indoor pep rally since the start of the pandemic. The event recognized Penncrest athletes and included class competitions in basketball, scooter relays, and class banner presentations. Students from each grade worked together to develop a theme for their respective class color and designed banners. They then participated in the traditional Lions Cheer competition to conclude the pep rally!



SPRINGTON LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Springton Lake Art Show Returns

The Springton Lake Art Show returned (in person) on May 25! The artistic talents of SLMS students were showcased as families enjoyed an evening of fine art. The Springton Lake Quartet also provided a lovely musical ensemble while families checked out the displays.



Students' Law Day Essays Recognized

Law Day is held annually on May 1 throughout the nation to celebrate the rule of law. It was established in 1958 by President Dwight Eisenhower and codified by Congress in 1961. The Delaware County Bar Association sponsors annual contests to honor the law.



Two seventh-grade Springton Lake students, Katherine Reitz and Phoebe Woo, were recognized and awarded prizes for their Law Day essays that addressed the theme this year: "Toward a More Perfect Union: The Constitution in Times of Change." Congratulations to both students on their recognition!

SLMS Students Learn Online Safety



In early June, Mr. Anthony Luker from the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office visited for an assembly with all three grades. He provided students with important safety considerations when using their personal electronic devices, sharing content, and engaging with peers and others online.

Girls' Relay Team Competes in Penn Relays



The SLMS girls' relay team competed in the Penn Relays at the University of Pennsylvania, the oldest and largest track and field competition in the United States!

They placed third in the 4x100 race. Way to go!



Spartans Conquer Spanish Exams

SLMS students attained national recognition for their excellent performance on the 2022 National Spanish Examinations. Aditya Murthy and Yamu Xi earned gold medal placement, while Ellee Bruce, Kyle Chen, Melody Chen, Sophia Chhour, and Ai-Linh Nguyen earned silver medal placement.

Simone Gilbert, Nour Khoury, Rebecca Rust, Olivia Stroup, and Shane Wolff all placed at the Bronze Medal level. Students receiving honorable mention included Adam Ciuca, Amna Irfan, Jason Kesling, Sarah Kesling, Matthew Roberts, Emma Watson, Reese Wickman, Sydney Wittman, and Ethan Krall.

Additionally, Kathy Peralta-Gonzalez and Rahonel Tejada earned Bronze Medal placements in the Bilingual category, while Alejandro Fuentes and Pablo Strine received honorable mentions. Felicidades, Spartans!

MEDIA ELEMENTARY



First & Second Graders "Move Up!"

Students in grades 1-2 gathered in early June for a special picnic and "Move-Up Day" to celebrate the end of the year. The move-up day gives the rising students of all grade levels a first-hand glimpse into what the next year will be like. Students learned about what they will study—and they even met some of their potential teachers!

Friendly Fun at Field Day!

In late May, Media Elementary's Field Day allowed students in grades 1-5 to highlight their movement skills in a cooperative manner. The classes were divided into teams of the two school colors (blue versus white), and the teams worked together to earn points for playing the games and showing good sportsmanship!



Celebrating Dr. Voshell's Service

At the end of the 2021-22 school year, Media Elementary Principal Dr. Paula Voshell retired from the field of education after 35 years of service. She spent the past eight years of her career at Media Elementary. We wish her the very best in her retirement!

A Marvelous Media Musical

Under the direction of Media Elementary music teacher Mrs. Jeanette Verdeur, students performed an awesome Spring Concert! The children's singing (and dancing) was the perfect way to end a spring evening.



Students Showcase their Talents

This spring Media Elementary held a showcase allowing students to perform their talents in front of their peers and staff. Student performances included ukulele playing, violin, piano, solving a Rubik's Cube in under two minutes, dancing performances, and more. The range of talents on display was certainly impressive!

GLENWOOD ELEMENTARY



Glenwood Students Get Moving at Field Day

Glenwood Field Day 2022 was a huge success thanks to physical education teachers Mr. Leahan and Mrs. Leiberman. Students in grades K-5 competed in various games and activities, working together as a class. It was a great way to celebrate the end of another successful school year!



One Student CAN Make a Difference

Jayzlyn Yeboah, a fourth-grade student, was the recipient of the Making a Difference Award for Glenwood Elementary! Nominated by her peers and staff, she was recognized for being kind, persevering through challenges, and working hard. Keep making a difference and inspiring others, Jazlyn!



24 Math Club Shows Their Smarts

Mrs. Grace-Green ran the 24 Math Club this spring for fourth- and fifth-grade students. In May, the students had a chance to compete in front of their peers. Congratulations to the four winners!



Young Scientists Share their Findings

At this year's science fair, fifth-grade students chose and tested their own hypotheses. They then had the chance to share their findings with fellow students, parents, and staff. Stay curious, Huskies!

ROSE TREE ELEMENTARY



Rose Tree Elementary Celebrates Spring Fest

Rose Tree Elementary celebrated its first-ever Spring Fest in May. Students had a great time playing outdoor games, entering one of the many raffles, selecting prizes, and enjoying a barbeque lunch. Thank you to Mrs. Michelle Lindenmuth and Mrs. Kathy Valtos who did an outstanding job organizing the event!

Friendly Fun at Field Day!

In May, all grades at Rose Tree Elementary enjoyed a fun and busy Field Day, participating in activities that promoted cooperation, teamwork, and respect. The theme of RTE's Field Day this year was Dr. Seuss. Mrs. Heiland, the PE teacher, planned and facilitated an extremely successful event. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped run the different activities as well as all the families who came out to support their children. The water ice provided by the PTG was much appreciated by the students!



Annual Young Poets of Delaware County Contest



Congratulations to Kylie Thomas, a 4th-grade student in Miss Loughlin's class at Rose Tree Elementary, for being awarded 2nd place in the Young Poets of Delaware County Poetry Contest for her poem "Question." Kylie's poem, which was selected from over 900 entries, will be published in an anthology to be released by Delaware County Libraries. In addition, she will have the opportunity to record a reading of her poem for posting on social media.



STEAM Building at Rose Tree Elementary

In June, the RTES community celebrated STEAM Day. After a review of the meaning of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) provided by parent Mr. Bob Valtos, all students were involved in activities ranging from building button and bucket towers to creating Hexbug mazes and roller coasters. Once completed, all projects were displayed in our MAKERSPACE. Students in grades 3-5 also created Flipgrids to explain their process to plan, design, test, revise, and result.

Thank you to Mrs. MaryJo Miller for planning and facilitating an inspirational day!



Rose Tree Elementary celebrates AAPI Heritage Month

During May, in celebration of Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, artwork completed by first-grade students at Rose Tree Elementary was included in a special art display at Penncrest High School. The artwork depicted the Indian Mehndi Design, which is a traditional body art practiced in India and Pakistan. In addition, many Rose Tree AAPI families shared stories about their culture or personal experiences with the RTE students.

Students, Families 'Run the Lane'

Indian Lane hosted its annual "Run the Lane" event on Saturday, June 4. The 5K run and two-mile walk supported the PTG, the NK Smiles Scholarship Fund in memory of Norman Kelly, Jr., and Penncrest seniors interested in pursuing a career in education.



INDIAN LANE ELEMENTARY

Family Fun at Indian Lane Field Day

On the rain date of June 15 (which was also the last day of school), Indian Lane students and their families gathered for a fun-filled Field Day! There were approximately 20 stations, including inflatable obstacle courses, tug of war, gaga ball, and a water slide.



5th Grade Artists Celebrated at Artist Breakfast

On May 26-27, Indian Lane's Artist Breakfast celebrated many of the school's fifth-grade artists and their accomplishments in art class this year. In the 2021-22 school year, fifth graders learned the reasons an artist may create art, including functional, ornamental, religious/ceremonial, realistic, or expressive purposes. They explored mediums like watercolor, pastel, and yarn.

INDIAN LANE ELEMENTARY



Communication Board Encourages Acceptance

On May 15, Indian Lane students in the Unified Intramurals Club participated in the 2022 Special Olympics Montgomery County/AMBUS Track and Field Invitational Meet at Plymouth Whitemarsh High School. The club was developed in partnership with the Special Olympics of Delaware County, whose Unified Sports program joins people with and without intellectual disabilities on the same sports teams.

This year, students participated in the 50-meter dash, 4x100 relay, javelin, and standing long jump. In the 50-meter race, student athletes of all abilities earned gold, silver, and bronze medals. Students also participated in the 4x100 relays with four teams that included two athletes and two fifth-grade buddies.

The inclusion of all players supports the development of empathy, understanding, lifelong friendships, and most of all – fun!



Winnie-the-Pooh KIDS Performed by 5th Graders

Indian Lane's fifth-grade students performed Disney's Winnie-the-Pooh KIDS for their peers during the school day and families on the evening of April 7. The cast and crew did a fantastic job under the direction of music teacher Mr. Joe Fisher!



Information from the District

Information about the Rose Tree Media School District is available on our website at www.rtmsd.org.

District Overview: <https://www.rtmsd.org/domain/61>

Meet our Board of School Directors and learn more about the Board's work: <https://www.rtmsd.org/domain/60>

Employment: <https://rtmsd.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx>

District and School Calendars: <https://www.rtmsd.org/Page/2>

Archived Newsletters: <https://www.rtmsd.org/Page/153>



Options for Viewing Board Meetings

The Rose Tree Media School District community is able to watch Board of School Directors meetings on the district's YouTube channel, [RTMSD Media](#). These meetings are both aired live and archived for later viewing. In addition, board meetings are aired on the school district's cable channel on Tuesdays and Fridays at 1:00 p.m. Board meeting agendas, calendars, minutes, and summaries are available on the [district website](#).



Room to Learn, Room to Grow

Increasing enrollment has led to the need to create a responsible, sustainable, and beneficial growth plan for the Rose Tree Media School District. Our Board of School Directors has concluded that a staged investment plan over the next decade is the most responsible plan for our District and communities.

Learn more about our new elementary school building project at our Room to Learn, Room to Grow website: <https://www.roomtolearnroomtogrow.org>.