

# October Newsletter



Dear Community member,

As we showcase our kindergarten program for utilizing innovative and responsive methods, we realize it serves as a representative example of our education district-wide. The variety of stories we're able to share with you reflects a lively and dynamic community that fosters a love of learning from the first year to graduation.

Best wishes,

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SCASD Communications

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## Planting the seeds for lifelong success

If there's one constant in SCASD kindergarten classes, it's change. Whole group activities. Small group learning. Projects with partners. Guided readings. Imaginative play. Makerspace time. Math games. Singing. Dancing. Nothing stays the same for long, and that's by design. [Read More](#)

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## Inspiration for kindness

When it comes to cheering up sick children, Lisa Copenhaver figured the more the merrier. Copenhaver enlisted the help of her officemates to create Jared Boxes, plastic containers filled with games, crayons, books and toys for young Mount Nittany Medical Center patients. [Read More](#)

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## Student day proposal

Our mission includes preparing students for lifelong success. In that spirit, we are proposing two key elements that will improve learning across our district — to start the elementary school day earlier, extending it by 44 minutes, and begin the middle and high school days 30 minutes later. [Read More](#)

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## Elementary teacher wins math award

Attitude, creativity and drive have added up to a Pennsylvania Council of Teachers mathematics award for Radio Park Elementary fourth grade teacher Kate Hallinger. [Read More](#)

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## Pillar of football success

"The same thing that made Doug Arnold so effective as a classroom teacher also made him very effective as a coach," AD Chris Weakland said. "He related really well to the kids. He brought incredible passion. He left his fingerprint on a lot of



## First day of school

Across the State College Area School District our teachers, staff and 6,847 students are embarking on their shared journey this year. [Read More](#)

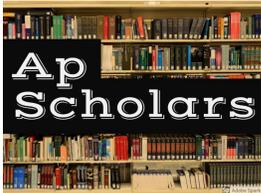
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## Congressional visit to State High

It no longer matters politically for Jim Slatter and Donald Manzullo, but the former congressmen received high approval ratings from a State High visit recently. [Read More](#)

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## State High AP Scholars

For 23 State High students, the 2017 College Board Advanced Placement exams yielded high marks and their performances qualified them for the National AP Scholar Awards. [Read More](#)

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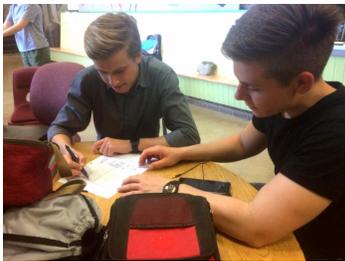


## Meet Jonathan Klingeman

Our new Director of Gifted Support and Learning Enrichment: "I am a strong believer in blended learning opportunities and transforming education to meet the social, academic, and technological needs of the 21st century learner." [Read More](#)

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From the *Lion's Digest*, the student voice of State High - By Sarah Ambrose



## German exchange students visit State High

"For a few weeks, it's like having a sibling, a twin sibling, where they're doing everything you're doing and with you almost all the time. It's really cool because you always have someone you can bounce ideas off of and make jokes with," Daniel Cullin said. [Read More](#)

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Our district continually has events happening at all grade levels. Please view our [district calendar](#) for up-to-date information.

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