



GARRETTFORD GOOD NEWS

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**COMMUNITY
SUPPORT MAKES
OUR WORK
EASIER**



WAWA Store 212 treated our staff to a welcome back treat of coffee and doughnuts this September. What a difference this gift made for everyone's spirits that day! "Our WAWA" is a

great community partner for Garrettford Elementary and often supports us with special events and fundraisers. We are so appreciative of this positive relationship.

Also this month, our friends from Action Karate surprised us with several loaded backpacks, as well as extra school supplies and backpacks for students who may be in need. Another community member, who wishes to remain anonymous, also provided cartons of school supplies for the children. We are so fortunate to have tremendous community support at Garrettford.

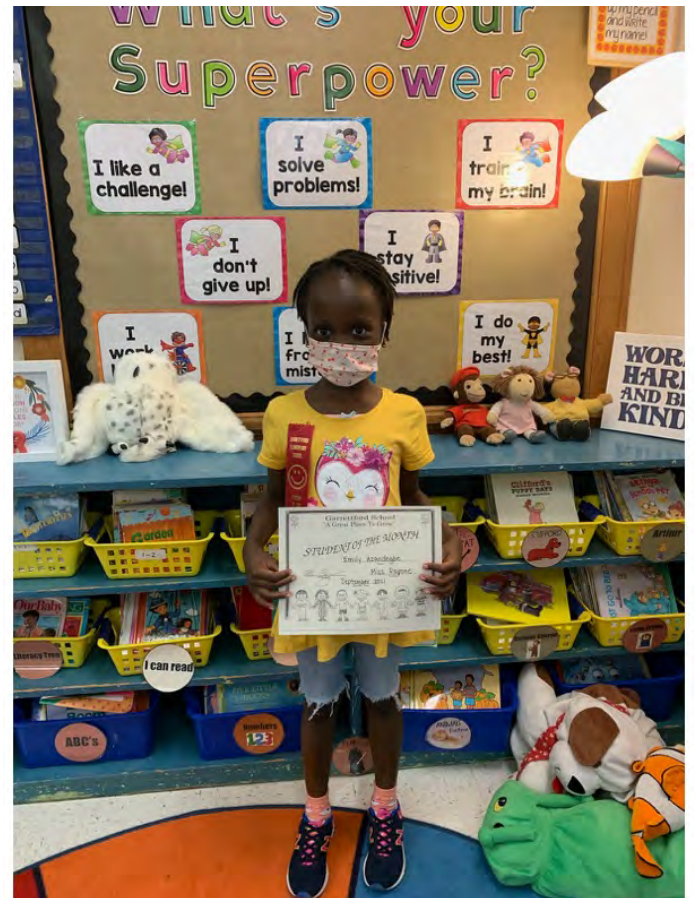


GARRETFORD STAFF USE MANY TOOLS TO PROMOTE POSITIVE STUDENT BEHAVIOR

The Upper Darby Elementary School Code of Character embodies the basic principles of responsibility, respect, and safe student behavior. We provide a restorative approach to student concerning behaviors, and the importance of stakeholder relationships are integral to this approach.

The PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support) and restorative approach are at the foundation of our program. We promote positive behavior through Student of the Month Awards, the Bucket Bucks Store and the We Are All Here Program.

This month's Student of the Month Awards featured the trait "Responsibility." Children who exhibit accountability, pursuit of excellence and exercises self-control were identified. These students were honored in a school-wide video, awarded a certificate and ribbon.



The "We Are All Here Program" is an initiative created by our Social Worker, Mrs. Monachello, to promote regular attendance and arriving on time

for school. Each day that the entire class is present and arrives on time, the teacher affixes a stamp on the monthly chart. At the end of the month, the charts are turned in to Mrs. Monachello. The classrooms which have the most stamps are awarded a prize. This month's winners were Mrs. Murray's room and Miss Stritzinger's room.

The opening of the Bucket Bucks Store was an exciting event for our students. The store features prizes and activities, such as extra art class, which the students can purchase with their "Bucket Bucks." Students earn the bucks as rewards for positive behavior. This activity not only promotes positive behavior, it teaches students patience, planning and goal setting as they work toward purchasing an item they really want.

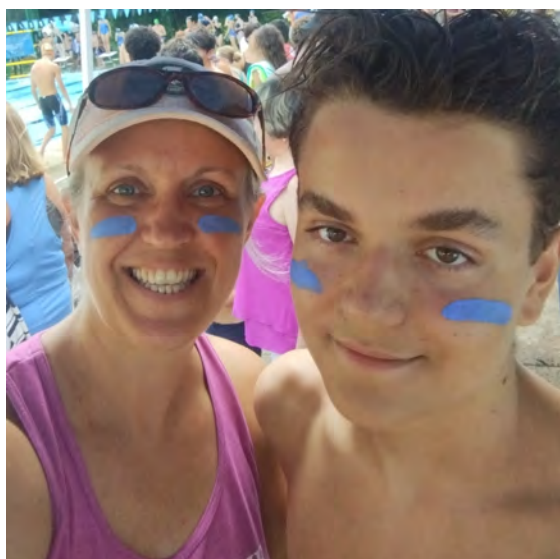


WELCOME TO NEW STAFF MEMBERS



Sarah Thomas recently started as the School Counselor at Garrettford. This is a new position for our school, and

Ms. Thomas is very excited to be able to support the students and families in our community. She has been working as a School Counselor in New Jersey for the past 6 years, and is happy to be working back in Pennsylvania, where she resides with her husband and 2 sons. Ms. Thomas looks forward to meeting students through classroom lessons, small groups, and individual check-ins. Welcome to Garrettford!



Karen Cooley is new to our office, but not new to Garrettford. Mrs. Cooley is a former Garrettford parent (for 11 consecutive years!), who loves spending time with her family. Competitive swim takes up a lot of her family's time, so you can find Mrs. Cooley at either "our summer home" (Lansdowne Swim Club) or being a swim taxi for her son Logan to the Lansdowne Y. She loves hiking, camping, kayaking, sailing, and just being outdoors in general. Mrs. Cooley

is happy to be here and excited to get to work with such an amazing group of people!



Another homecoming happened when Mrs. LaVecchio transferred back to Garrettford from Hillcrest. She is a former Home & School Association President, parent and PCA at Garrettford. Mrs. LaVecchio returned when Mrs. Flynn retired and now serves as Garrettford's second building assistant. For Chrissie it was like returning to family and she excitedly said, "Garrettford is where my own kids went to school and being back feels like coming home." When Mrs. LaVecchio is not in school you can find her spending time with her family, her dog Ginny or reading a book.