



Fall Newsletter



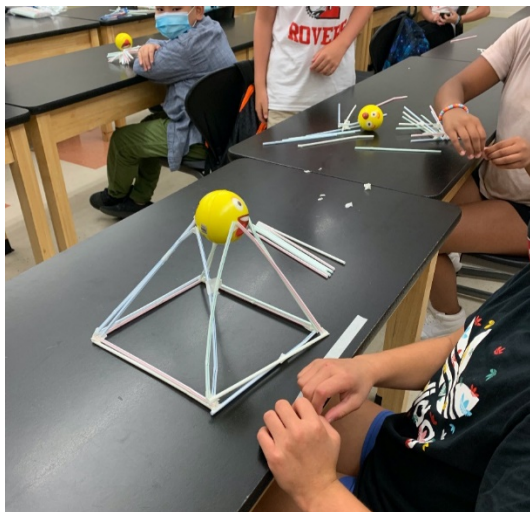
New Look!

It's been a busy summer and we are overdue for an e-newsletter update! The staff have been busy returning to our offices full-time and preparing for another school year. Hopefully you've seen our new agency logo! Updates to our website will be

coming soon! We're excited to re-energize our brand--don't forget to like us on Facebook and Instagram @familyconnectpa

Rover Renaissance Camp

Our first Rover Renaissance Camp, coordinated in partnership with EASD, was a huge success! Nearly 200 incoming 6th grade students **attended the enrichment week in July and toured the school, met teachers and fellow students from all elementary schools and participated in STEAM activities like Art, Robotics, Animal Science, Coding and more!** Guest speakers included a St. Luke's ER doctor, Wildlands Conservancy, Suburban EMS and local law enforcement. Our Forensics group used evidence collection techniques to crack the case of 'Who Stole the Principal's Lunch?!'



Summer PALs Program

After School Programs were held virtually in 2020-21, leaving a bit of extra funds in the budget to offer a summer enrichment program at Paxinosa. Held in partnership with EASD, summer PALs program students participated in 4 weeks of academic enrichment and fun, team-building activities. And since it was summer, the playground was active with obstacle courses, water balloon contests and tie-dye creativity!



ParentChild+ Summer Reading Program

Not to be outdone by our school-aged children, the 2-4 year olds in our ParentChild+ Program also got the chance for summer fun! Staff leading our 6-week Summer Book and Play Club read books and led children in crafts and chalk drawing. Every child got a free copy of the book that was read each week. Parents and children were able to make important social connections with each other after having been home much of the year.



Summer Food Distribution

Even when school is out, families are always able to receive food through our Backpack Pals program. Bags are made available as needed. In addition, we held a large giveaway day for Palmer and March families in August in the parking lot of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in downtown Easton. Food, clothing, school supplies and toiletries were available. Thanks to the Palmer and March staff members who came out to assist and reconnect with families.



Tucker Silk Mill

While we are on the topic of food insecurity...

You probably know the Tucker Silk Mill as an Aussie-owned provisions store and

café with outdoor dining that offers fresh produce, groceries and unique specialty food products. But did you know that Jason, the owner of Tucker Silk Mill, has spent the last 18 months buying thousands of tons of produce to get fresh vegetables and fruit in the hands of families in need every week at Paxinosa Elementary School?

You can donate a \$15 produce bag or other needed items to help Tucker help Easton families. Visit their order form [HERE](#) and select 'Donate to a food bank' in the drop-down menu.

Since January they've purchased, picked, packed and delivered over 20,000 pounds of fresh fruit and vegetables and counting! Thanks also to the Paxinosa Community School Coordinator and West Ward Community Initiative for their hard work on making this a reality. Please support this truly worthwhile initiative!



Bursting with Backpacks

Thanks to Berkshire Hathaway Home Services-Fox & Roach Bethlehem, Eagle Scout Alex from Troop 29 and NHI Industries, Tobyhanna for their great donations of school supplies and backpacks!



