

Cocalico Pride

Fall 2012

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SAVE THE DATE:

Cocalico Education Foundation Events:

March 13 - Cocalico Iron Chef Competition

April 13 - Community Yard Sale

Cocalico High School Events:

October 19 - Homecoming Game

October 21 - Open House
New Gym 1:00-3:00 pm
& Fall Concert 3:00 pm

November 30 - Fall Art Show & Play
(Shakespeare's "The Tempest")

Evening Library Hours
every Thursday evening
from 6:00-8:00 pm
(Open to the Public)

Denver Elementary Events:

October 21 - Open House
1:00 - 3:00 pm



Goals of the Cocalico Alumni Association

- ◆ Let people know about upcoming events and reunions
- ◆ Help Alumni get in touch with other alumni
- ◆ Raise awareness of the Cocalico Education Foundation and all of the great things the organization does for the community
- ◆ Keep alumni connected to what is happening



Welcome to the first edition, Volume 1, Issue 1, of the Cocalico Pride Newsletter. It has been a goal of the Alumni Association Committee to publish a newsletter informing all Cocalico Alumni of activities of the Alumni Association and Education Foundation, and to keep Alumni informed of what is happening currently in the halls of the Cocalico High School. We hope you will enjoy this first edition and will share it with other Cocalico alumni and encourage them to register their contact information on our website so they can receive newsletters in the future.

For the past two years, a small group of alumni have been working on launching the Cocalico Alumni Association. To date we have established a mission and goals, designed a website, created a Facebook page, started a directory of contact information, and had a presence at events to spread the word about our organization.

Greetings Fellow Alumni and Friends of Cocalico,

I am excited about the recent efforts of the Cocalico Education Foundation (CEF) to create an inclusive alumni group for all classes, graduates, and friends of Cocalico School District. The CEF is working hard to reconnect individuals to their alma mater. It seems like only yesterday we were singing, "... and to the white and blue forever we'll be true."

As the current Superintendent of Cocalico Schools, I invite you to participate where you can. The goals of the alumni endeavor are altruistic from my perspective. They are trying to build relationships and connect graduates and friends of the district. In doing so they hope to create relationships that generate better understanding and appreciation of today's educational system. They desire to promote interest and support for today's schools and students. They hope to cultivate an enthusiasm that will contribute to the common good of all. Simply stated they want to provide new opportunity to have people help people through an alumni group.

I invite you to "Remember Cocalico". Check out the district's website. Attend some Cocalico school events. Call me and set up tours of the current facilities.

Cocalico has given many opportunities to many alumni. Look for ways to reach back in memory and reconnect with the past. However, more importantly look for ways to extend forward and touch the future by providing for the children of today. Society and democracy will be better for your effort.

Sincerely,
Bruce L. Sensenig, Ed. D.

Go Eagles!

We now need your help to carry this organization forward. We need volunteers to serve on the following committees:

- 1) Membership - reaching out to alumni and getting them to register their contact information.
- 2) Website/Facebook - keeping our website/Facebook current.
- 3) Newsletter - help with writing articles for the newsletter.
- 4) Events - This is an area that can always use help. Currently we have information tables at school events, and we would like to start organizing annual events.

If interested in serving on a committee, please email the Association at alumni@cocalico.org.

The Alumni Association has a website <https://sites.google.com/site/cocalicoalumniassociation>.

This is a place to register your contact information and find out if your class is having a reunion. For those organizing your class reunion's, please send your information to alumni@cocalico.org and we will post on our website and Facebook.



Cocalico Alumni Association

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Alma Mater

*To thee, dear Alma Mater,
This song we proudly raise,
A song that's filled with gladness,
A song that's filled with praise.
Cocalico, we remember you
And to the White and Blue forever we'll be true.
Though future years may find us
In places far away.
As loyal sons and daughters
Our thoughts to thee shall stray.
Cocalico, we'll remember you
And to the White and Blue forever we'll be true.*

We're on the Web!

sites.google.com/site/cocalicoalumniassociation

Thank you to the Class of 1967

Recently, the Cocalico Class of 1967 held their 45 Year Reunion. With money they collected at this reunion, they donated \$200.00 to the Cocalico Family Fund. The students and the families of the Cocalico area are deeply grateful for your generous donation.

What is the Cocalico Family Fund?

The Cocalico Family Fund was started in 2009 as a way to provide families with financial assistance for items that are often not covered by other systems. Since its inception, the Cocalico Family Fund has helped Cocalico students and their families by funding numerous services like the following: eyeglasses, prescription medication, rental assistance, food, uniforms for the CTC, supplies for school graduation, educational trips, summer school, medical supplies and numerous other items. We will also be using the fund to support a new dental program for our students. 100% of all donations received goes to support Cocalico students. If you are interested in making a tax-deductible donation to the Cocalico Family Fund, donations can be sent to P.O. Box 800, Denver PA 17517.

EVERY CHILD. EVERY CHANCE. EVERY DAY. - CSD MISSION STATEMENT



OPEN HOUSE

On Sunday, October 21, the Cocalico School District will be hosting an Open House of the newly renovated High School gymnasium/physical education facilities and the Denver Elementary classroom addition from 1:00-3:00 pm.

Come on out and take a tour of the recently completed projects. Refreshments will be served in both cafeterias. The High School will also be hosting their Fall Concert at 3:00 pm.

"The mission of the Cocalico School District and its larger community is to provide educational experiences and opportunities for our students that successfully prepare them to meet the challenges of a continuously changing world."



WHO IS THE COCALICO EDUCATION ASSOCIATION?

The Cocalico Education Foundation (CEF) was established in 1998 by a group of school and civic leaders that believe that community support and adequate resources are essential to the success of public education. The CEF actively supports the following activities and endeavors:

Iron Chef – Fundraising event where three area chefs compete for the title of Iron Chef. Always held in March and is noted on the school calendar.

5K Run/Walk – Fundraising event held in September.

Alumni Association – Supports the efforts of the Alumni Association.

Classroom Grants – Provide funding for unique ideas that go beyond the everyday curriculum.

Cocalico Family Fund – For individuals to achieve tax savings by donating to the Family Fund

EITC Program – For businesses to achieve tax savings by donating to the Foundation.

Literacy/Early Childhood Program—Provides books to preschool-age children in our school district.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Are contributions tax deductible? Yes. The Foundation's status as a public charity has been formally recognized by the Internal Revenue Service. Contributions received for the Alumni Association, Cocalico Family Fund, and Education Foundation would all be tax deductible.

How many scholarships have been awarded? In the recent graduating class of 2012, 23 students received scholarship, through the Foundation totaling \$11,550.

How many grants have been awarded to teachers? Last school year, 28 grants were awarded to teachers to create unique teaching opportunities for Cocalico students. The amount totaled \$33,314.

How many preschool children have benefited from the Literacy Program? During the calendar year, 953 preschool children received free books totaling \$2,020.

Where can I get additional information? <https://sites.google.com/a/cocalico.net/cocalico-education-foundation/home>