

Boyertown's Teachers in the Park Summer Program Receives Donation from Ambler Savings Bank



Melissa Woodard, Assistant Superintendent; Tessi Melchior, Foundation Executive Director; Erin Cohen, Ambler Savings Bank Retail Officer; Roger Zacharia, President and CEO of Ambler Savings Bank; and Greg Herb, Ambler Savings Bank Trustee & Foundation Board President.

BOYERTOWN – Boyertown Area School District students from Washington Elementary and Colebrookdale Elementary will be spending six weeks enriching their education this summer, thanks to a donation from Ambler Savings Bank.

Roger Zacharia, President and CEO of Ambler Savings Bank, along with Retail Officer, Erin Cohen, and Ambler Savings Bank Trustee and President of the Foundation for Boyertown Education, Greg Herb, presented a check for \$20,000 to the Foundation for Boyertown Education for the summertime program.

The Teachers in the Park program is the Boyertown Area School District's summer learning program and will add a second location this summer at Bally Community Park, while also continuing the program at Boyertown Community Park. The program will run for six weeks and focuses on reinforcing skills learned

during the school year. The locations provide a non-traditional learning environment that has enabled students to explore a broader curriculum scope.

Last summer, 38 students attended the Boyertown location. The district is hoping to have 50 or more students enrolled in the program this summer.

“Boyertown Area School District’s Teachers in the Park program is an invaluable asset for the students in the Bally community,” said Mr. Zacharia. “We are genuinely excited to partner with the District for this unique and innovative summer program.”

“This donation will allow the Foundation to work with the District to ensure that all students will be ready to start the new school year prepared,” said Tessi Melchior, Foundation Executive Director. “The students will not begin school at a disadvantage, losing approximately 20% of what they learned the previous academic year to the ‘summer slide’ caused by summer vacation.”

The donation from Ambler Savings Bank will cover the entire cost for the Bally program.

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