

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



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BOYERTOWN – Eighty students from Boyertown Area School District’s Boyertown, Colebrookdale, Earl, Pine Forge, and Washington Elementary Schools spent six weeks this summer enriching their education, thanks to a donation from Ambler Savings Bank.

Roger Zacharia, President and CEO of Ambler Savings Bank; along with Bally Branch Manager, Bonnie Eckenrode; and Ambler Savings Bank Trustee and President of the Foundation for Boyertown Education, Greg Herb, presented a check for \$10,000 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, with two locations for students: Bally Community Park and Boyertown Community Park. This is the second year for the program at Bally Community Park. The program ran for six weeks and focused on reinforcing skills learned during the school year. The locations provide a non-traditional learning environment that enables students to explore a broader curriculum scope.

“This unique summer program is a priceless asset to students in our community,” said Mr. Zacharia. “We are proud to have partnered with the Boyertown Area School District for a second summer for the Bally Community Park program.”

Tessi Melchior, Executive Director for the Foundation, added, “This program allows students to start school on a level playing field with their peers. Studies show that, over the summer, students lose 20% of what they were taught the previous year. The TIPS program ensures that the students start school with the knowledge they need to be successful. We are so grateful to Ambler Savings Bank for investing in the future of BASD students.”

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

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