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CDSSH students virtually connect with other PA students to learn history and geography in new ways

On Thursday, February 16, 4th grade students from five Pennsylvania elementary schools connected with each other in a virtual environment in a webinar organized by the Chester County Intermediate Unit. All 4th grade students in the state of PA study Pennsylvania geography and history, and this project was designed to make learning hands-on using online learning and collaborative tools.

Prior to the webinar, each classroom used their computer and library classes to create a five-minute presentation consisting of clues about their city or town. During the webinar, students gave their presentations via Elluminate video conferencing. The other classrooms then used maps, the Internet, textbooks and other resources to guess the location of each participating classroom. Students from the different school asked each other questions via video conferencing, with topics ranging from the environment to local industry, transportation and history/civics. Besides Country Day School of the Sacred Heart in Bryn Mawr, the other elementary schools participating in the conference were from Pittsburgh, Wernersville, Cranberry, and Kennel Square.

The project was designed to give students practice with public speaking, to develop their research, critical thinking and technical skills, and to provide a fun way to learn about the history and geography of Pennsylvania.



Anya McDonnell'20 of Radnor guesses the location of the fourth grader on screen via video conferencing while Gabriella Seeley'20 of Bryn Mawr, Georgeanne Gorelick'20 of Berwyn, Catherine Scholl, Library Media Specialist, of Bryn Mawr, Rachel Prendergast'20 of Devon, and the other Country Day School of the Sacred Heart fourth graders listen closely and take notes.



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