

# FLITE continues to soar in the T/E School District

"FLITE gives you height, so stay and get an A," recently commented one Tredyffrin/Easttown School District student.

After just one year, FLITE, the Foundation for Learning in Tredyffrin/Easttown, is making a difference for kids in the district.

FLITE-supported after-school homework and tutoring programs were held in both middle schools and all five elementary schools last year, and all have been re-approved for this year.

It was clear that the programs are worthwhile, as many teachers and parents have made positive comments on the improvements of many of the kids. One teacher recently reported, "I had a student last year who struggled with her spelling homework and rarely completed nightly reading assignments. After joining the after-school FLITE program, she became motivated to become more organized. Through her organization and motivation, she began to complete her spelling and reading assignments. This student became more confident and had a real sense of pride in her work."

FLITE is an education foundation that supports the Tredyffrin and Easttown School District. But unlike most education foundations, FLITE focuses on supporting programs that help those kids who struggle to succeed because of various obstacles thrown in their path. FLITE is totally funded by private donations, relying on the community to understand how important it is to help these kids. "Helping all T/E students to be successful ultimately makes the community a better place to live," said FLITE chair, Tom Colman.

FLITE also developed a partnership with the Delaware Valley Friends School, that allowed several T/E middle school students to get extra help with reading during the summer. FLITE has also partnered with some area preschools so local kids who might not have the opportunity to attend preschool can now have that chance. And through the Tredyffrin Easttown Music Parents Organization, FLITE makes musical instruments available to children who need them in order to participate in the band or orchestra. Additional new programs are being discussed and planned for this year, including a program designed to provide books for children who can't easily get them.

"It's been so exciting to hear about the programs and how the kids are getting so much help," said Ayuko Siegel, who is one of the new members of FLITE's Board of Trustees.

The annual meeting, held on Sept. 20, included the election of three other new board members: Sheryl Roche, Paige Skelly, and Joye McDonald-Hamer.

Siegel will be the Finance & Investment Chair and Roche will be the School Community Chair. Janet Buton and Dante Coles joined the Advisory Board as well.

Check out FLITE's Web site ([www.FLITE-pa.org](http://www.FLITE-pa.org)) for additional information and to find out how you can help make a difference for our local kids!

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Helping spread the word about FLITE are Janet Burton, advisory board member; Ayuko Siegel, Finance & Investment Committee Chair; Sheryl Roche, School Community Chair and Joye McDonald-Hamer, Board of Trustees.