



Cornwall Consolidated School E-News



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EVENTS for March & April 2021

Wed 3/24	1:00 Early Dismissal for students 2:00-7:00 PM Student Led Conferences
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Thurs 3/25	1:00 Early Dismissal for students 2:00-4:00 PM Student Led Conferences
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Fri 4/2	NO SCHOOL Good Friday
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Mon 4/12 - Fri 4/16 No School Spring Break	
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“The Virtual Backpack”



Check here weekly to ensure that you are up to date with flyers and notices that have been sent home with your child!

[Click here to see Flyers & Notices That Have Been Sent Home](#)

CCS Monthly Character Building Foci

AT CCS, we focus on Habits of Mind with our children which helps them to reflect on what it means to be a strong person, academically, socially and emotionally. Below are the foci that we have covered to date.

September's focus was Kindness.



October's & November's foci were around Perseverance.



December's & January's foci were around Managing Impulsivity.



Weekly Quote

AT CCS, we will share a weekly quote with your child(ren) which helps them to reflect on what it means to be a strong person, academically, socially and emotionally. Please talk to your child about the weekly quote.

March's Focus: Listening with understanding & empathy.

Definition to be shared with students: Highly effective people spend an inordinate amount of time & energy listening. Some psychologists believe that the ability to listen to another person, to empathize with, and to understand their point of view is one of the highest forms of intelligent behavior.

This Week's Quote is:

We think we listen but very rarely do we really listen with real understanding, true empathy. Yet listening, of this special kind is one of the most powerful forces for change that I know.

~Carl Rogers



Principal Page

94% of Families are signed up for a conference this week.

In the fall, we had 100% participation and are looking for the same again! It is so important that we are all partners in the learning of our children. Please contact us if you need any assistance.

These conferences will be student led by your child. If you are new to CCS, this may be a new experience for you. There is a slide explaining the rationale and importance of Student Led Conference following the sign up slide. It is amazing to watch children present to their teacher and parent(s) about THEIR learning!



Lastly, please remember to contact the school if your family is planning any type of travel for the remainder of the school year. Our amazing school nurse, Clare Rashkoff, will assist you in ensuring that protocols are followed and distance learning is planned if needed. We need to continue to follow all the protocols that have kept us in school and not stray. I have attached the Spring Break Travel information letter that was shared with families last week. As always, thank you! We could not have had such an amazing year without all your support!

[CCS Spring Break Travel Information](#)

~Mary Kay Ravenola, Principal

CCS Spring Conference Sign Up Information



It's time to schedule a day & time to meet with your child and his/her teacher for a 20 min conference! We will be holding conferences virtually on Wed 3/24 & Thurs 3/25 You will be able to sign up for a conference online by following the directions below.

To schedule your preferred time for a conference please:

1. Go to www.myconferecetime.com/ccscoyotes/
2. Click on the name of your child's teacher (Middle School parents should sign up with their child's homeroom teacher ONLY. The other middle school content teachers will provide information to that teacher to be shared at conference)
3. Select the desired date/time by clicking on "Sign Up"
4. Submit the requested information. The date & time are now reserved for you. You'll receive email confirmation of your conference.
5. Feel free to sign up for a time to meet with Music or PE Teacher as well.
6. Teachers will share a link for the virtual conference with you the week of the conference.

There are videos on the site to assist you in signing up if needed.

If you have several children at CCS, click on "Register Multiple Conferences" and follow the prompts to schedule your children for several conferences.

If you are unable to sign up for a time and date online, please send an email to mravenola@cornwallschool.org. If you are able to see the times, please send me three preferred times. If not, I will contact you and share with you available times. Looking forward to seeing you all!

March Conference Format



As part of our continuing effort to engage even our youngest students as partners in planning, reflecting on, and celebrating learning, CCS will hold student-led conferences this March as they have in the past.

A student-led conference is a conference led by your child! This is an opportunity for your child to be responsible and accountable for his/her own learning. Your child will share work samples, speak about the learning he/she has done this year and reflect on his/her progress. Learn from your child all the amazing things he/she is doing in school and what he/she hopes to achieve by the end of the school year.



Nurse News

March 21, 2021



Hello CCS families!

It's official: Happy Spring!

This winter has been referred to as the “flu season that wasn’t,” surely a very real silver lining of pandemic inspired mask wearing. Those masks really do work!

Although I long for a future when masks will no longer be mandatory, at least there are a lot of mask options available. The most important thing is that a mask is actually worn at all times in school and when out and about. Your children have been really great about this at CCS, and they deserve recognition for their cooperative, determined attitudes. I try to remember to thank them often, and I thank you now for all you do.

Thank you for providing your children with well fitting masks. Research has recently shown that wearing two masks or a mask with a double layer of fabric is smart.. Apparently thin, flimsy masks just don't provide nearly as much protection as a thicker barrier. It could be argued that we did not need research to prove that two layers are generally better than one when it comes to protection of any kind!

As always, best wishes as we move forward...

Clare RN

Mindful Moments

Brought to you by CCS School Counselor, Brittany Perrone, M.S.

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Counseling News

The idea of spring and the upcoming April break is *beyond* exciting right now. So many of us are all feeling maxed out and tired. Even though everyone has demonstrated an incredible amount of patience, creativity, and perseverance, but so many students have expressed ‘just being over it all’.

When I feel that way, it helps me to think about things to look forward to and get excited about. Next week there will be some warmer weather which will surely brighten our spirits!

Resources:

- [10 Ways Parents Can Bring Social-Emotional Learning Home](#)
- [What to Do \(and Not Do\) When Children Are Anxious](#)

NEW for March!!!!

Math at Home Fact Fluency & Fact Practice

Danielle Krueger & Kristi Pramuka

What does fact fluency mean to you?

We can bet that most of you were taught facts in school the same way we were - memorize, memorize, memorize!

Fact fluency can be thought of in this way - it is about understanding concepts, not just memorizing the answers. When we think of fluency with reading, it is about students using strategies to figure out unknown words. The same applies for math.

Check out the graphic below and some strategies learned by the students to help them with their addition and multiplication.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	0 +0 0	1 +0 1	2 +0 2	3 +0 3	4 +0 4	5 +0 5	6 +0 6	7 +0 7	8 +0 8	9 +0 9	10 +0 10
1	1 +0 1	2 +1 3	3 +1 4	4 +1 5	5 +1 6	6 +1 7	7 +1 8	8 +1 9	9 +1 10	10 +1 11	11 +1 12
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10	10 +0 10	11 +1 12	12 +2 14	13 +3 16	14 +4 18	15 +5 20	16 +6 22	17 +7 24	18 +8 26	19 +9 28	20 +9 29

Legend

- Add Zero facts
- Count On facts
- Doubles facts
- Doubles Plus or Minus One facts
- Make Ten facts
- Add Ten facts
- Add Nine facts
- Leftover facts

Addition Table

Addition Strategies:

If students can understand doubles they can they access the strategy of doubles plus or minus one. The same is true for add 9's. If they know how to add 10, they will understand the relationship that add 9 is one less.

Multiplication Strategies can be broken down into three categories. ([Link to Examples](#))

Facts Based on Zero & Identity Properties of Multiplication:

Zero Facts (x 0)

Ones Facts (x 1)

Doubles & Related Facts:

Double Facts (x 2)

Doubles Plus One Set Facts (x 3)

Double-Doubles Facts (x 4)

Double-Double-Doubles Facts (x 8)

Tens & Related Facts:

Tens Facts (x 10)

Half-Tens Facts (x 5)

Half-Tens Plus One Set Facts (x 6)

Tens Minus One Set Facts (x 9)

NEW for March!!!!

Math at Home Fact Strategy Games & Puzzles

Danielle Krueger & Kristi Pramuka

Here are some games and puzzles to play at home to practice the fact strategies your child is learning at school! As you play games at home with your child, ask them to explain the strategy they are using!

Create a Math Concentration Game

Create your own version using math problems or cutting up old flash cards. Have the math problem on one card and then the answer on another. So you might have 4×5 on one card, and then another card would have 20 or $4 + 5$ on one card and 9 on the other. Have the students find each answer for a correct match.

Magic Squares:

Each square is divided into cells and the rules require that the sum of any row, column or diagonal in the square are the same. Your job is to solve the puzzle by filling in the missing numbers.

[Printable version](#) - [Online version](#)

Play War!

This game can be played with a single deck of cards. Whether doing addition or multiplication, 2-4 cards can be flipped and added or multiplied depending on the level!

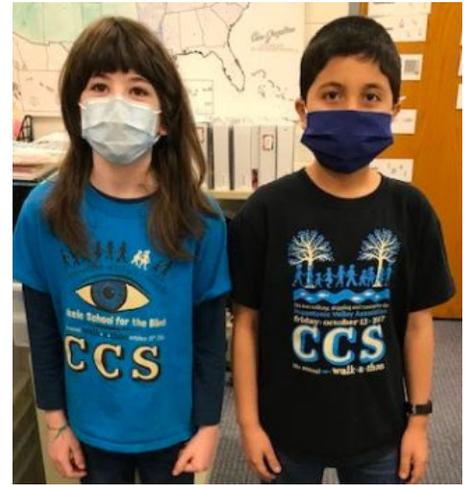
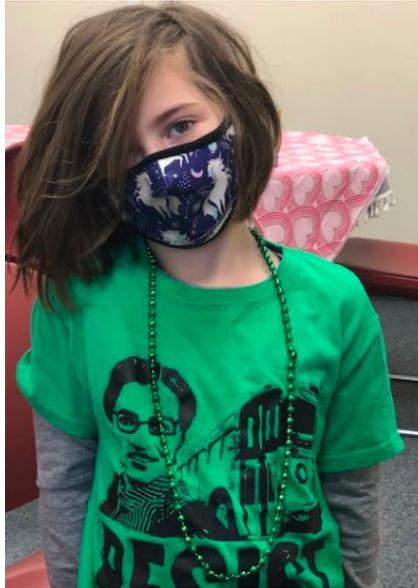
KenKen Puzzles

KenKen puzzles provide another fun way to practice fact strategies at varying levels. The puzzles can focus on just addition or subtraction or can include addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division! Check out more information and access to some sample puzzles [here](#) or check out a variety puzzles at different levels [here](#)!

24

24 is a game that provides the players with 4 numbers that must be added, subtracted, multiplied, or divided to get 24 each time. You must use all four numbers! The first person to figure out a way to make 24 wins that round! Here's a [link](#) to free printable 24 cards (The levels can be determined by the dots in the corners: 1 white dot = easy, 2 red dots = medium, 3 yellow dots = hard).

Spirit Week was a huge Success!



More School Community Photos



Academic Work Photos

