



Cornwall Consolidated School E-News



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EVENTS for May 2021

5/3-5/7	Teacher Appreciation Week!
5/3-5/13	CT SBAC State Assessment Window (More detailed information was emailed to families last week & is also in this E-News)
Wed 5/12	Spring School Picture Day! 12:10 Early Dismissal 
Thurs 5/20	K Registration for Incoming Students for 2021-2022 School Year
Mon 5/31	NO SCHOOL Memorial Day

“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.



February's & March's Foci were around listening with understanding & empathy.



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.

April's Focus: Thinking Flexibly

Definition to be shared with students: *Successful people think flexibly in life. They look at things in more than one angle or way! They are able to change perspective, consider the input of others, generate alternatives, and weigh options. They consider the bigger picture as well as the details.*

This Week's Quote is:

No problem can be solved from the same consciousness that created it. We must learn to see the world anew.

~Albert Einstein



Principal Page



May is right around the corner and the first week is Teacher Appreciation Week (May 3rd-7th). I wanted to share a way to show appreciation for your child's teacher(s) that would mean the world to them. The most amazing thing you can do is encourage your child(ren) to write a note to their teacher(s) that states clearly what they appreciate about their teacher(s)/staff members.

As much as we do appreciate gift cards, flowers or other gift items, I can tell you that a personalized message means the world to educators. We do what we do every day because we want to make a difference for children and their families. I know myself that I often go and reread notes given to me over the years that lift my spirits when down. For those younger ones, parents can scribe the message from their child and the child can add a picture or two. So please consider this option to show appreciation for our amazing staff! Thank you!

~Mary Kay Ravenola, Principal

COVID Student Informational Sessions

In the fall, Region 1 schools enlisted the services of Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and Medicine for the Greater Good to educate students about COVID. There were four sessions and the topics were COVID-19 Biology, Physics Behind a Face Mask; Hand Hygiene; and Mathematical Models. These sessions were geared toward the grade of the students and information shared was general and not scary to students.

This spring, Region 1 schools have again enlisted the services of Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. They will host 4 more sessions to educate students about COVID. The topics of these four sessions are: Vaccines, Mental Health and Wellness (2 sessions) and Myth Busters.

Each week I will share a detailed blurb about the session being offered. Again these topics will be discussed at the appropriate level and understanding of the target audience.

The topic for this week's session is Vaccines. Students will leave the session with an understanding of how vaccines work and how the COVID-19 vaccine arrived in time to manage the pandemic.

These sessions are being presented via Zoom, and all students (in-person or distance learning) will participate with their teacher during the day. CCS and Kellogg will be in the same sessions which start this week and run through May. K-2 will be at 1:00-1:30; Gr 3-5 1:00-1:30; and Gr 6-8 2:30-3:00.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mary Kay Ravenola, Principal via email mravenola@cornwallschool.org or call the office. Thank you!

CT SBAC State Assessment Information

It is that time of year that state assessments are administered to students in grades 3-8.

We strive to ensure that all Cornwall Consolidated School students receive an education that prepares them for success in the 21st century. Connecticut has adopted challenging academic standards including the [Connecticut Core State Standards](#) in Mathematics and English Language Arts, as well as the [Next Generation Science Standards](#) (NGSS). You can click on the standards links to learn more about them.

With statewide learning goals, Connecticut needs ways to measure student progress. Assessments are like academic checkups, helping teachers and parents see where students are, compared to where they need to be. The results can reveal subject areas where a student is excelling and subject areas where a student needs extra support. The state requires assessments in the subject areas of English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics using the *Smarter Balanced Assessment* in Grades 3-8, and Science assessments in grades 5 and 8, using the *NGSS Assessment*. Additional supports are available for students with special needs, as determined by an individualized education program (IEP) or 504 Plan.

CCS students in grades 3-8 will become familiar with the testing platforms and practice tests beginning next week. Only students in grades 5 and 8 will participate in the NGSS Science testing.

Our testing window is Monday, May 3rd through Thursday, May 13th, 2021. We are striving to maintain a low-stress testing environment for all students throughout this period, placing more emphasis on classroom learning and assignments.

Below are the days, times and assessment schedule for your reference. Please make every effort for your child to be at school on time for these days. If you have further questions about the assessment information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Date	Grades	Time	Assessment
5/3	3-8	9:00-10:00	SBAC Mathematics Computer Adaptive Assessment
5/4	3-8	9:00-10:00	SBAC Mathematics Computer Adaptive Assessment
5/6	3-8	9:00-10:00	SBAC Math Performance Task Assessment
5/7	3-8	9:00-10:00	SBAC Math Performance Task Assessment
5/10	3-8	9:00-10:00	SBAC English Language Arts Computer Adaptive Assessment
5/11	3-8	9:00-10:00	SBAC English Language Arts Computer Adaptive Assessment
5/13	Only 5 & 8	9:00-10:00	SBAC Next Generation Science Standards Assessment

Nurse News

April 25, 2021



Hello again CCS families,

This past week has brought warm temperatures, unseasonably cold temperatures, rain, wind, hail and snowflakes. Connecticut meteorologists are now predicting temperatures to soon top 80 degrees!

The great outdoors is very appealing as it warms up, and we typically begin to shed layers of clothing. With the exposure of more skin comes an increased chance of making contact with ticks of all kind. Tiny deer ticks are a particular concern because, as we know, they spread Lyme and other diseases.

Most tick bites won't make you sick, but the ones that do can be serious.

Please be sure to check your children for ticks after school. Ticks may be found anywhere on the body. I have found they seem to gravitate towards scalps, ears, armpits, and groins.

If you do remove a tick from your child wash the site thoroughly, apply antibiotic ointment, and check it daily until completely healed. Be on the lookout for a rash. A classic bull's eye rash may appear around the bite when Lyme disease has been transmitted, but **a new rash noted anywhere on the body following a tick bite is reason to contact your child's primary care physician. Fever, general achiness, and joint pain should also be noted and reported.**

As always, thank you for all you do to support our school. Stay well and safe!

~Clare RN

Mindful Moments

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

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Counseling News

Happy Spring!

I hope that everyone had a joyful & relaxing break!

One focus in the counseling office this week was: Thinking Flexibly. The ability to think flexibly includes skills that help us: think of new, creative solutions to problems, adapt to changes more easily, and find the silver lining when things don't go how we intended. Even as an adult, I find myself actively practicing flexible thinking all the time! Phrases like, "Is this really something worth worrying about right now?" and "I know I can figure this out- I just have to slow down and take my time" really help when things feel stressful or overwhelming. We can help kids think flexibly by reminding them that even if things don't go how they want, they can switch their frame of mind and adapt before big emotions take over.

Resources:

[Flexible Thinking: How to Encourage Kids to Go With the Flow](#)

[FLEXIBLE THINKING, Socially Skilled Kids](#)

The fifth grade Hearts for Haines fundraiser was an amazing success, thanks to everyone's incredibly hard work and generosity! We earned about \$3,000 and truly made a difference for the Haines community!! THANK YOU!



CCS YEARBOOK INFORMATION

CCS Yearbooks!

2021 YEARBOOKS ARE ON PRE-SALE NOW!

YEARBOOKS INCLUDE BEAUTIFUL PHOTOS, ARTWORK,
WRITING, AND LASTING MEMORIES FROM EVERY CLASS
AND EVERY STUDENT IN THE SCHOOL.



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Community Opportunity

Paceline Junior Cycling

A Junior Cycling Team for youth between the ages of 8-18



Informational Meeting

When: April 21st 2021—5:30 pm

Where: Foote Field Pavilion

65 Furnace Brook Rd, West Cornwall, CT

For more information Email Coach Keith: Pacelinejuniorcycling@gmail.com

www.pacelinejuniorcycling.com

www.facebook.com/pacelinejuniorcycling



Community Opportunity

Cornwall Park & Recreation

2021 SUMMER

BASEBALL



Major League

Minor League

Farm League

K-1st Grade Baseball

**REGISTER ON LINE AT THE CORNWALL PARK
& RECREATION WEBSITE**

www.CornwallParkRec.org

**QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS EMAIL JEN MARKOW AT
PRCORNWALL@GMAIL.COM**

Community Opportunity



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REGION ONE BABE RUTH BASEBALL

ALL YOUTHS 13-15 YEARS OF AGE IN THE SIX REGION ONE TOWNS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE **REGION ONE BABE RUTH SUMMER BASEBALL LEAGUE**. THIS TEAM WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE TRI-TOWN BASEBALL LEAGUE OUT OF LITCHFIELD, CT. LEAGUE PLAY BEGINS IN EARLY JUNE, THROUGH JULY. THE COST TO PARTICIPATE IS \$50.

REGISTRATION FORMS AND INFORMATION OBTAINED BY CONTACTING SHARON PARKS AND RECREATION 860-364-1400 sharon.rec.ctr@snet.net PLEASE REGISTER BY MAY 17TH.

Audubon Center Experience



Audubon Center Virtual Maple Sugaring experience for first & second graders!



Ellen Moon, Storyteller Experience



Storyteller, Ellen Moon, came to CCS on Friday to share her love of stories, music and puppets with our grade one & two students!



Academic Pictures

