



# Cornwall Consolidated School E-News



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## This Week's Events

Mon, Nov. 29th	3:00-4:00	Middle School Homework Club
Tues, Nov 30th	3:00-4:00	Middle School Homework Club
Wed, Dec 1st	3:00-4:00	Middle School Homework Club
Thurs, Dec 2nd	3:00-4:00	Middle School Homework Club
Fri, Dec 3rd	3:00-4:00	Middle School Homework Club

## Upcoming Events To Be Aware Of

Mon, Dec 6th	Region One Middle School Winter Art Garage & Basketball start for registered students
Wed, Dec 8th	12:10 Early Release for Students
Thurs, Dec 23rd - Fri, Dec 31st	Holiday Recess
Mon, Jan 3rd	No School for Students due to Regional Professional Development for Teachers

## 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](#)

# *Support Our 8th Graders & Get Some Holiday Shopping Done at the Same Time!*

Please enjoy viewing an amazing video showcasing Cornwall apparel that is being sold as a fundraiser for our 8th graders. Funds from this sale will be used for an 8th grade trip if possible in the spring. If not, the funds will still help send off our graduates in style!

Below is a link to the video created by 8th grader, Simon Markow. There is also a link for the order form that you can print, complete and return to the school office. If you need a hard copy of the order form please call the school office and we will be happy to send one home. Huge thanks also to 8th grader, Steven Barber and his mother, Valerie Barber for leading the charge in this apparel sale for our students.

Video Link: [CCS Gr 8 Cornwall Apparel Sale & Thank You!](#)



Order Form Link: [CCS Gr 8 Cornwall Apparel Sale Order Form](#)

# Principal Page

Dear CCS Families,

I hope you all had a restful Thanksgiving break with your children. We are so excited to be returning tomorrow, Monday, 11/29! Both buses will be running starting tomorrow. Your child may need to wait to return if you have been contacted and informed otherwise by Clare Rashkoff, School Nurse.

Please continue to do a daily home screening with your child using the [Daily Home Screening Checklist](#). If your child has **ANY** of those symptoms, please air on the side of caution and **keep them home**. I suggest calling Clare and discussing with her when this happens. You can always bring your child in late if Clare feels it is safe to do so after speaking with her. We know this has not been easy for anyone and we sincerely thank you for your continued support.

Lastly just a reminder that each of our elementary schools will be holding Pediatric (Ages 5-11) Vaccination Clinics in their buildings in partnership with Griffin Health. All are open to the public and no appointments are necessary.

**ONLY PEDIATRIC (AGES 5-11) VACCINATIONS WILL BE ADMINISTERED AT THESE CLINICS - NO ADULT (12+) DOSES WILL BE AVAILABLE.**

A parent or guardian must accompany the child, ages 5-11, and only the pediatric Pfizer vaccination will be administered. A [Pediatric Intake Form.pdf](#) must be completed - you may print and complete it in advance, or forms will be available to complete at the clinic. Here are the clinics that we have scheduled at this time:

- Kent Center School: December 8th, 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- North Canaan Elementary School: December 8th, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- Lee H. Kellogg: December 21st, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Information will be forthcoming regarding clinics at Cornwall Consolidated, Salisbury Central, and Sharon Center Schools once the clinic dates are confirmed at those locations.

Best,

*Mary Kay Ravenola*

# Job Opportunities at CCS

Wouldn't you love to be a part of our caring community! The Cornwall Consolidated School is seeking motivated and energetic **educational paraprofessionals** to support teachers and students in grades K-8. One position is full time starting Monday, January 3rd and the other is part time which we would like to start asap but can be flexible. Please consider for yourself or share with others who you think would be a good fit for the position. We really need these positions filled to support our children! Contact Mary Kay Ravenola with any questions.

## Competencies and Qualifications:

- Earned a high school diploma, or its equivalent.
- Completed 2 years of study at an institution of higher education, or earned an Associates Degree (or higher), or achieve at least a score of 457 on the [ETS ParaProAssessment](#).
- Sensitive to and aware of student needs.
- Courteous verbal communication.
- Team approach.
- Computer skills: using software to monitor student performance; communicating with teachers via email.
- Positive human relations, ability to build rapport with children is essential.
- Knowledgeable and understanding of child development.
- Able to operate office machines such as copiers, and/or computer or the willingness to learn.
- Required by State of CT to be fingerprinted.

**Application Procedure:** Apply [online](#) - JobID: 1090

# 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.

## ***This Month's Focus: Thinking About Our Thinking (Metacognition)***

**Definition to be shared with students:** Metacognition is our ability to know what we know and what we don't know. It is our ability to plan a strategy for producing the information that is needed, to be conscious of our own steps and strategies during the act of problem solving, and to reflect on and evaluate the productiveness of our own thinking. (Cited from The Institute for Habits of Mind Website)

***This Week's Quote is:*** **Nothing is more difficult, and therefore more precious, than to be able to decide.**



***Use this model to explicitly teach your child to think through these steps when making decisions. With practice, this could become a habit for them and be very beneficial in life! One way to do this is to “think aloud” your process for making a decision with them in real time. It’s estimated that adults make 35,000 decisions in a day! Plenty to choose from in a day!***



# Nurse News

November 28, 2021

Hello

everyone!

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving! I am looking forward to seeing your children in school tomorrow unless we talked in the past few days about an alternate plan.

I have nothing further to add at this time, other than to reiterate:

~ Stay well!

~ Keep sick kids home. PLEASE! (call anytime with questions or concerns when this happens.)

All I want for Christmas is a COVID-19 free school!

Thank you as always for your support and diligence to keep our  
children healthy and safe!

Clare RN

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**NEW**

# READING SPOTLIGHT



## K ,1, and 2 Class Highlights

**K-** Working on concepts of print (left to right) word to word, understanding that sentences and where they end) Favorite books are Scarecrow and When I was Young in the Mountains

**1st grade-** Working on comprehension and being able to name/describe all story elements. Favorite book- Big Red Lollipop

**2nd grade-** Working on asking and answering questions and reading with accuracy and expression. Favorite book- This is Not My Hat

## Library Lookout

There is a "Little Library outside the Milk and Honey Grill) formerly known as the Goshenette Diner) in Goshen Center. You can drop off a book and take a book. Such a great and fun idea!!!



**TODAY A READER. TOMORROW A LEADER!**



## Reading at Home

In this newsletter we'd like to give you a few ideas of promoting reading at home, which are sure you already do. Talk to your children everyday to discover what excites them and fill your house with books on topics your children love... ice fishing, kids adventures when camping, the lives of baseball players, the Titanic or Mount Vesuvius, hero dogs or long lasting friendships including the tribulations associated with them. You don't have to buy any of the books either. You can go to the Library even a "free little library" where you take or leave a book. Lastly, remember to read to your children at night. Reading together is a long lasting gift you can share with each other.

### Read Aloud Books

- Turkey Trouble by Marc Maron
- A Turkey for Thanksgiving by Eve Bunting
- The Scarecrow by Cynthia Rylant
- Pete the Cat Falling for Autumn by James Dean
- Sarah Morton's Day- A Day in the Life of a Pilgrim by Katie Waters
- Coyote in Love with a Star by Marty Kreipe de Montano

### Highlighted Literacy Game

Our highlighted literacy game is Boogle. In this game you shake up the 16 letter dice and then try to find as many words as possible in one minute. All letters must touch to make a word. Each player shares their words. Only words that are original get points. This is a really fun game!



### Online Reading Resources

[Newsela](#)

[Bookflix](#)

[Freckle](#)

[Storyline Online](#)

[Nutmeg Books \(Grades 2-8\)](#)

[Sora](#)

[Epic](#)

if your child is home sick during school hours.

If you need codes for these apps, please contact your child's teacher.

# Cornwall Social Services

The following messages are from Heather Dinneen,  
Director Of Cornwall's Department of Social Services:

1. ***Holiday Gift Program Sign Up Form*** *If you have not yet signed up for Christmas gifts for your child(ren), please use this link below and submit your requests as soon as possible. Gifts and Christmas food will be distributed on 12/19/21. [2021 Holiday Gift Program Sign-Up](#)*
2. ***Christmas Dinner Request Link*** *Any Cornwall resident can request Christmas dinner supplies by 12/3/21 - the link to sign up is: [Here](#)*
3. ***WINTER CLOTHING FOR CORNWALL KIDS SIGN UP***  
*We have many generous donors willing to donate winter clothing Please complete the form below by November 1. Please note that we will not necessarily be able to honor all specific requests (like if you ask for a teal and purple jacket, we might just be able to get a purple jacket), but will do our best! Please be specific regarding sizes - list each item requested and the size for each - "Jacket- Size 8" "Boots - Size 10" etc. [Winter Clothing Sign-Up](#)*
3. ***Weekly Food Request Link*** *Any Cornwall resident can request food using the link in this message with no questions asked. Please use this [LINK](#) to request food. Please submit requests by Thursdays at 3pm.  
**REMEMBER THIS INCLUDES FAMILIES THAT ARE QUARANTINED***



# Community Opportunity



## **CHILDREN'S SHOPPING ROOM**

*Saturday, December 4*

**10:00 – 1:00**

**UCC Parish House  
8 Bolton Hill Road  
Cornwall Village**

Opportunity for children to shop for their friends and family at *very* reasonable prices. Elves will help the children shop and wrap while parents wait! Masks are required for age 3 and older. Open for children up to age 14.

*Subject to be cancelled at the last minute if there is an uptick of Covid cases again.*

Questions? Call Tracy at the church office 860-672-6840, T- TH, 9 - 1