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This Week's Events

Tues, June 14th	6:00 PM Gr 8 Graduation at CCS
Wed, June 15th	10:00-2:00 Gr 1 & 2 Sharon Audubon Field Trip LAST DAY OF AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM
Thurs, June 16th	1:00 EARLY DISMISSAL LAST Day for students 8:45- 12:00 FIELD DAY NO AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM



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](#)

Principal Page

Dear CCS Families,

The last day of school for students is Thursday, June 16th and it is an early dismissal at 1:00 PM. The last day of the afterschool program will be Wednesday, June 15th. Huge thank you to Mrs Collins and Miss Hurley for supervising the afterschool program this year. We so appreciate all their time in creating fun opportunities for the children.

Reminder that on Tuesday, June 14th at 6:00 PM, our nineteen 8th graders will be graduating in the field under a large tent. All are welcome! After the graduation, Marzano's Pizza Truck will be there serving pizza, salad and gelato. This is free for 8th grade families but others are welcome to join in after the graduation ceremony as well. We will have donation jars for those families without graduates and ask that you help defray the cost of having such a treat!

Lastly, the next slide highlights Region One Reads! Each student in K-7 will be given a free book to read over the summer. More detailed information will be sent this week about the books, expectations for students and other opportunities to keep students reading over the summer. Reading just 20 mins a day will avoid the "summer slide" (loss of learning over the summer that can be significant for students who have grown academically during the school year) for your child!

Thank you for all your support in this difficult year but together, I believe we made it a positive learning experience for our children. Have a wonderful summer!



Summer Reading!!

Join us this summer as we explore
Oceans of Possibilities!

REGION ONE *Reads*



Your mission is to enjoy the gift of reading
over the summer with your family.

Read your Region One Reads book and come
back to school ready to think about the
Habits of Mind you noticed in your book
and how you can use those habits in your
own life.

How will you
create, imagine, and innovate
when you get back to school?
We can't wait to find out!

READING SPOTLIGHT



Look into summer reading programs at your local library

Has your child joined a library summer reading program yet? In addition to being fun, research shows that kids who participate in library summer reading programs tend to keep their reading skills strong. From the Cornwall Library website:

The Cornwall Library offers two weeks of summer camp for Cornwall children: July 25 to 29 and August 15 to 19 from 9am until 5pm. We plan lots of interesting programming plus plenty of time outdoors, reading, and free time. Camp size is limited to 12 children. Ages: children entering first through fourth grades. The fee is \$150 per session.. Sign up via [this form](#)

(Remember that the CCSFEE offers scholarships on a first come basis to any Cornwall School student for summer camps!)

Rainy Day ELA adventure

Are you looking for a rainy day adventure? Visiting a nearby library can make a fun morning or afternoon. My children enjoyed going to the Farmington Library on those rainy day occasions. You can play at a lego table, can choose between a LEGO table, interactive sensory games, an oversized puppet theater area, a vibrant fish tank, and a mechanical carousel horse.

Tinker, plus more. Here is a link to other [Connecticut libraries with great play spaces for kids.](#)

Children LOVE Book Series!

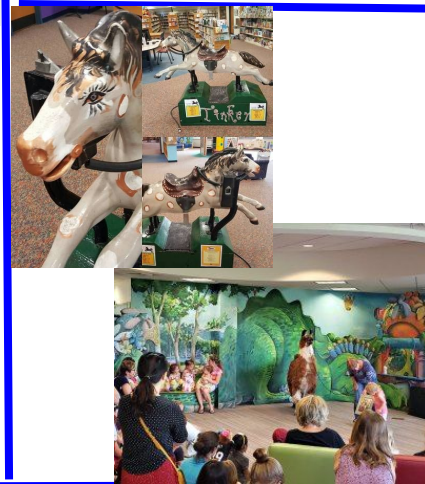
Kids like book series because there's a familiarity of characters and sometimes plot structure. From an education standpoint, this is hugely beneficial to growing readers. Two reasons series are beneficial :They build better comprehension and fluency.

In reading a series, with its familiarity of plot and characters among other features, reluctant readers are able to take what they have learned from reading previous books in the series and apply it to what they are currently reading to better comprehend.

Because they don't have to work so hard to understand the characters or plot structure, readers have more energy to dedicate to higher-level comprehension. Also, series reading replicates the proven benefits of repeated reading.

Book series come in two types, either sequential books where the plot is connected through the books chronologically and non-sequential, where each book has an independent story with recurring characters and settings.

TOO CHALLENGING? If you find a book series that is interesting but challenging for your child, read it aloud at bedtime. Kids still need to be read to and hear stories and vocabulary. This is a great way to spend time together and to read more difficult books.



May Assessments

May is a month full of assessing for our region. This month our 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders completed the Smarter Balanced Assessments for Connecticut (SBAC) in ELA and Math. In addition our 5th and 8th graders completed an assessment for Science.

The whole school is also completing FastBridge Reading and Math screeners. 3rd through 8th graders are even completing My SAEBRS (Social, Academic, and Emotional Behavior Risk Screener).

Our students were focused and dedicated to doing their best on these assessments. We are very proud of them.

Highlighted Literacy Game

Our highlighted literacy game this month is Scattergories. Through Scattergories, students can learn vocabulary actively and in an enjoyable way. Students think beyond their original ideas for more unique words for answers. To start one player rolls a die which lands on one of 20 letters from the alphabet. Then players have a determined amount of time to write down words in 10 different defined categories that begin with the chosen letter.



Online Reading Resources

[Newsela](#)

[Bookflix](#)

[Freckle](#)

[Storyline Online](#)

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

[Sora](#)

[Nutmeg Award Winners](#)

[Epic](#)

if your child is home sick during school hours.

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

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.

****NEW** This Month's Focus: Creating, Imagining & Innovating**

When we are building the capacities for creating, imagining, & innovating we are skillfully learning how to push the boundaries of our thinking. Creating is giving form to ideas with the goal of taking something that is possible & making it come to life. Imagining is generating new ideas without concern for the possible. Innovating is taking an existing system or idea & making improvements. Some of these strategies might help children build their skills in small moves & more formal products:

- **Go ahead, take a risk!** Encourage your child to try something new. If it doesn't turn out the way they hoped, help them understand that it isn't a failure. Rather, it is a rich opportunity to analyze what went wrong, to learn, & to generate alternative strategies
- **Brainstorm unexpected ideas.** Encourage your child to think outside the box. When they are imagining, they move toward the fantastical or the "seemingly" irrelevant in order to create new insights rather than taking an "obvious" direction.
- **The power of play.** Pretend play gives children opportunities to work through situations in their real lives that may be causing anxiety or concern. It can be an ideal training ground for the development of creativity.

(Cited from the [Habits of Mind Website](#) by Costa and Kallick)

This Week's Quote is: Everything you can imagine is real. ~Pablo Picasso



CCS Band Photos

Gr 6-8 students played for the first time last week as a band. Their music was videotaped by Steven Barber in grade 8 and Jacob Johnson, CCS Alumni, who has been supporting our morning announcement team with technology support throughout the year. We hope to share with you a recording of their first "performance" soon!

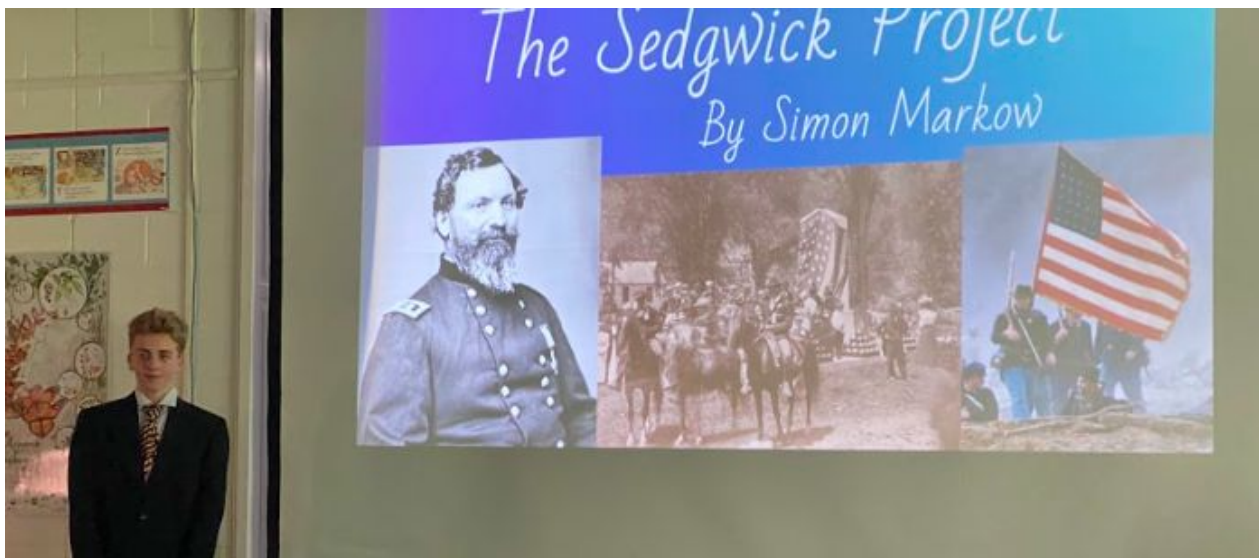
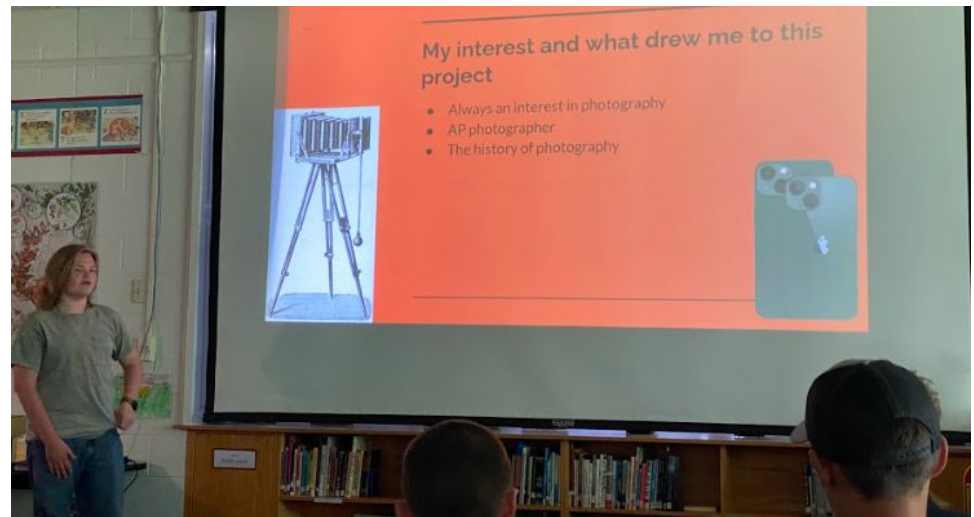


More CCS Music Photos



Gr 8 Explorations Presentations

Congratulations to the 8th graders who presented their Explorations projects last week. It was two days of interesting presentations and learning from all their hard work! Special thanks to Mrs Hart who not only mentored a student but also made each student a bookworm with a graduate hat!



CCS Community Pictures



The Lakeville Journal Summer Writing Contest for Students Entering Gr 6-8!



You're invited to join us as we celebrate 125 Years of The Lakeville Journal

Dear Rising Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Graders,

A long time ago... like, 19th century long ago... August 14, 1897... to be exact, the very first issue of The Lakeville Journal was hot off the printers and ready to be delivered. **That was 125 years ago.** This summer we're celebrating this big anniversary for our small town newspaper. Did they know when they started just how far it would go? Probably not, but nevertheless, it did. Our little newspaper has gone out every week, four weeks a month, 12 months a year, for 125 years.

On **Sunday, August 14, 2022**, the birthday of the paper, The Lakeville Journal is hosting our **Anniversary Day Summer Fair on Academy Street in Salisbury**, and everyone's invited to join in and celebrate with us — think snow cones, think popcorn, think games, flower crowns, live bands and summer break.

Along with the street fair, we're also opening a museum exhibit, **"Life of A Community: The Lakeville Journal Celebrates 125 Years"** at The Salisbury Association. The exhibit opens August 13 and runs through September. It's about the history of this newspaper, from the old-timey printing press all the way to the online edition of today — but it's also about **you**, and **us**, and **everyone who came before us** in these small towns we call home.

The Lakeville Journal Summer Writing Contest Slide 2

Newspapers are most of all about people. People make the stories, and those stories change the way we see the world — even just the little world of Litchfield County.

So we want to know the next chapter. We want to know **your story**.

This summer write us one page on your life being a kid in a small Connecticut town in 2022. What makes it unique? Is growing up in such a rural place where everyone knows everyone strange? Special? Or even spectacular? Use your honesty and observations to give us the scoop from a reporter (that's you) so close to the story that only you can tell it right.

We'll choose **Three First Prize winners — One rising Sixth Grader, one rising Seventh Grader, and one rising Eighth Grader** — and their winning essays will be featured in the **125 Exhibit at a special honorary opening night**.

The three winners will also get to be **Honorary Youth Chairs (basically summer fair royalty) at the Anniversary Fair** and each will receive the **Mystery Prizes** that awaits them...

Consider this invitation your Golden Ticket. *So get writing!*

Completed one-page essays can be turned in at your town library:

Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon

David M. Hunt Library of Falls Village

Cornwall Memorial Library

Kent Memorial Library

Douglas Library in North Canaan

Label them with your name, town and one parent's email address.

Essays can be turned in at any time before July 24.

Need Financial Help to Send Your Child to a Summer Camp? CCSFE is there to help!
Applications are also available at CCS. Just call the office!



**Cornwall Consolidated
School
Fund for Excellence**

The Cornwall Fund for Excellence is providing scholarships to Cornwall families with children in kindergarten to 8th grade for summer activities, summer camps, or summer programs.

Applications will be approved as they are received, on a first come, first served basis.



If interested in applying-
Please email Nancy Berry for a scholarship application.

nancy.g.berry@gmail.com



**No Applications will be accepted
after June 20th, 2022**

Another Financial Support Opportunity for A Summer Arts Program



Are you interested in taking classes in the Arts this summer?



Are you concerned about the cost of the programs?

The Arts Fund for Region One (Susan Fillman Memorial Scholarship) wants to help!

The Arts Fund for Region One is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing arts related experiences for all students in Region One. To date the Arts Fund has granted more than \$ 70,000 in scholarship assistance to Region One students pursuing interests in the arts.

The Arts Fund for Region One does not offer classes for students. It provides funding for students to attend classes of their choice. Students are free to choose programs in and outside the region which pertain to their interests. In the past the Arts Fund has provided funding for students to attend programs and workshops in dance, drama, music, art, photography and writing. Some programs students have attended in the past are:

- The Center for Creative Youth at Wesleyan University
- Performance Plus
- The Youthatre Camp of TriArts in Sharon
- Falls Village Children's Theatre
- The Litchfield Jazz and Performing Arts Center
- Buck's Rock Camp
- The Digipen 3-D Animation Workshop
- Hartford Art School
- Berklee Music School
- Stage Door Manor House
- Grumbling Gryphons
- Barrington Stage
- National Guitar Workshop
- The Pre College Summer Institute
- The American Dance Festival at Duke University
- The Nutmeg Conservatory for the Arts
- Arts in Motion
- Red Barn Art Program
- Creative Kidz
- Kent School Writing Program
- Individual music and voice lessons.



If you are interested in applying for an Arts Fund for Region One ([Susan Fillman Memorial](#)) Scholarship please visit www.berkshiresaconic.org to fill out an application. Questions may be directed to Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation at 413-229-0370 or Linda Peppe at lpeppe@mtceschool.org or at 860-824-5774.

The application deadline is May 15, 2022