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This Week's Events

Mon, May 16th	10:45-11:15 1:30-2:30 3:00 3:00-4:00	K-8 Pumpkin Kit Presentation by the Cornwall VoAg Committee Gr 3 & 4 Sharon Audubon Visit to CCS Region One MS Activities (Baseball & 4:30 Track Meet @ Sherman) K-3 Soccer Clinic (Everet's Gr 8 Exploration Project)
Tues, May 17th	3:00 3:00-4:00	Region One MS Activities (Baseball, Track & Art Garage) Gr 5-8 Basketball Clinic (Henry & Joseph's Gr 8 Exploration Project)
Wed, May 18h	7:30 AM 3:00 3:00-4:00	Gr 8 Leaves for Boston Trip Region One MS Activities (4:30 Baseball Away Game vs Gilbert) Middle School Homework Club
Thurs, May 19th	8:30-2:00 10:30-1:00 3:00 3:00-4:00	Gr 7 Old Wethersfield Field Trip Gr K, 1 & 2 HVRHS VoAg Field Trip Region One MS Activities (Baseball, Last Day for Track & Art Garage) Middle School Homework Club
Fri, May 20th	1:30-2:30 3:00 8:30 PM	Gr 3 & 4 Sharon Audubon Visit to CCS Region One MS Activities (4:30 Baseball Home Game vs IMS) Gr 8 Returns from Boston Trip

Upcoming Events To Be Aware Of

Mon, May 30th	No School / Memorial Day
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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

What a great week we have planned at CCS! Our 8th graders will be leaving on Wednesday, May 18th to have 3 fun filled days in Boston for their grade 8 trip. Their agenda is packed with museums, Boston Red Sox game, Duck Tour, Boston Harbor cruise and so much more! So happy that they are able to have this experience since the past two years this has not been possible. We will be sure to share pictures of their adventures on Instagram as well as in next week's E-News.

There are many more activities that are listed on the previous slide, *This Week's Events*, for other grades. Be sure to check them out!

I want to highlight and thank members of the Cornwall Agricultural Commission who will be coming to CCS tomorrow to present each student with a pumpkin kit. They have put together pumpkin growing kits consisting of a packet of Pumpkin seeds, some Cow Pots (made at Freund's Farm in Canaan), and some directions on how to start growing pumpkins. As you may know, the Cornwall Agricultural Fair is held each September. These "Pumpkin Growing Kits" will go home tomorrow with students so please be on the lookout. The hope is that this encourages students to try their hand at growing something of their own. Members of the Cornwall Agricultural Commission will explain to the students tomorrow what the kit is and that any pumpkins grown by them can then be brought to the Agricultural Fair in September, put on display for the town to see, and entered into a "Pumpkin Competition". This is such an amazing community opportunity for our children. Have a wonderful week!

Best,
Mary Kay Ravenola, Principal



Habits of Mind

Below is a chart with all 16 Habits of Mind that we focus on with our children here at CCS. Even though we have a monthly focus on one Habit of Mind, it is important to continually discuss these life skills when opportunities arise. Teachable moments help to ensure that children see the value incorporating these life skills in their lives to help them strive for a meaningful and happy life. Pointing out when your child used that skill successfully will reinforce their importance. It also benefits them to debrief when they had a problem or struggled with a new task/skill. Reflecting with an adult and discussing what they could have done differently often points to a Habit of Mind skill that would have helped them to solve their problem or work towards doing so. Sharing with them our struggles as adults supports them as well to see that even as adults we make mistakes and have struggles.

<p>1. Persisting</p>  <p>Stick to it! Persevering in task through to completion; remaining focused. Looking for ways to reach your goal when stuck. Not giving up.</p>	<p>2. Managing Impulsivity</p>  <p>Take your time! Thinking before acting; remaining calm, thoughtful and deliberative.</p>	<p>3. Listening with Understanding and Empathy</p>  <p>Understand others! Devoting mental energy to another person's thoughts and ideas; Make an effort to perceive another's point of view and emotions.</p>	<p>4. Thinking Flexibly</p>  <p>Look at it another way! Being able to change perspectives, generate alternatives, consider options.</p>
<p>5. Thinking About Your Thinking (Metacognition)</p>  <p>Know your Knowing! Being aware of your own thoughts, strategies, feelings and actions and their effects on others.</p>	<p>6. Striving for Accuracy</p>  <p>Check it again! Always doing your best. Setting high standards. Checking and finding ways to improve constantly.</p>	<p>7. Questioning and Posing Problems</p>  <p>How do you know? Having a questioning attitude; knowing what data are needed & developing questioning strategies to produce those data. Finding problems to solve.</p>	<p>8. Applying Past Knowledge to New Situations</p>  <p>Use what you learn! Accessing prior knowledge; transferring knowledge beyond the situation in which it was learned.</p>
<p>9. Thinking & Communicating with Clarity and Precision</p>  <p>Be clear! Strive for accurate communication in both written and oral form; avoiding over-generalizations, distortions, deletions and exaggerations.</p>	<p>10. Gathering Data Through All Senses</p>  <p>Use your natural pathways! Pay attention to the world around you. Gather data through all the senses, taste, touch, smell, hearing and sight.</p>	<p>11. Creating, Imagining, and Innovating</p>  <p>Try a different way! Generating new and novel ideas, fluency, originality</p>	<p>12. Responding with Wonderment and Awe</p>  <p>Become intrigued! Finding the world awesome, mysterious and being intrigued with phenomena and beauty.</p>
<p>13. Taking Responsible Risks</p>  <p>Venture out! Being adventuresome; living on the edge of one's competence. Try new things constantly.</p>	<p>14. Finding Humor</p>  <p>Laugh a little! Finding the whimsical, incongruous and unexpected. Being able to laugh at one's self.</p>	<p>15. Thinking Interdependently</p>  <p>Work together! Being able to work in and learn from others in reciprocal situations. Teamwork.</p>	<p>16. Remaining Open to Continuous Learning</p>  <p>Learn from experiences! Having humility and pride when admitting we don't know; resisting complacency.</p>



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: Questioning and Posing Problems*

Asking questions and posing problems can be a signal of your genuine curiosity and commitment to wanting to understand what your family member may be experiencing. An attitude of curiosity acknowledges that there are usually many different contributing factors to the situation, and that we don't yet know all of them. If we approach an encounter with our family member with curiosity instead of certainty, it is important to use an invitational tone when questioning — one that invites thinking. It is easy for a child to feel defensive and shut down rather than feeling comfortable sharing their thoughts. Here are some tentative language sentence stems that may be helpful to invite your child's thinking:

- *How might we...*
- *When could...*
- *Perhaps it might be...*
- *What do you imagine an alternative might be...*

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

This Week's Quote is: The scientist is not a person who gives the right answers, he's one who asks the right questions. ~Claude Levi-Strauss

**NEVER
STOP WONDERING
& ASKING
QUESTIONS**



READING SPOTLIGHT



Kindergarten Highlights

Kindergarteners are learning to identify different types of texts such as poems, storybooks, and non-fiction. They are reading common sight words in a snap and writing opinion pieces. Their latest opinion piece is about whether they thought the character in Duck! Rabbit! by Amy Krouse Rosenthal and Tom Kichtenheld is a duck or a rabbit.

Learning Targets:

- I can identify different types of texts
- I can read common sight words
- I can write an opinion piece using words and pictures to tell my opinion.

Raz-Kids Reading Challenge, Part 2

Our first and second graders met the 1000 book challenge and had an awesome pizza party on April 14th. Mrs. Hill challenged them to another Raz-Kids challenge of reading 2,200 books by the end of the year. They are working for an ice cream party! Go first and second graders!



TODAY A READER. TOMORROW A LEADER!



Reading at Home

Now that the weather is getting nice, plan a trip to visit a local site of interest. Then read an article or book to learn more about the history. Cathedral Pines in Cornwall has a lot written about it and it's a nice place to take a hike. Other parts of the Appalachian Trail are scenic and worth an afternoon trek. Much is written about the Appalachian Trail too. Dudleytown has a lot of history. You can get here by walking the Mohawk Trail. Or if the weather isn't cooperating, some indoor fun can be found at the Sharon Audubon or the Institute for American Indian Studies Museum in Washington. The American Indian Studies Museum even has a book club for several different age groups. Follow this [link](#). And who doesn't like red pandas. Read a book about red pandas or otters and visit the Trevor Zoo for a fun filled day. There are so many good books about our natural world and Earth Day celebrated in April is a great opportunity to explore them.

Read Aloud Books

Grandma Gatewood by Jennifer Thermes

At age 67 Emma Gatewood decides to take a long walk and ends up completing the Appalachian Trail. A true story of grit and adventure.

The Frog Mother by Bret D Hudson

The Frog Mother is an American Indian tale of life and cycles and the truths we learn about ourselves from nature.

Highlighted Literacy Game

Our highlighted literacy game this month is Bananagrams. This game is quick and easy to play. It requires no pencil, paper, or board, and comes in a small banana shaped pouch. The game is fast paced with each player trying to build on the word grid and get rid of all of their letters first. There are no taking turns, everyone plays when they see an opportunity.



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.

Middle School Social Studies

I feel lucky as a teacher to be able to see the same students and their growth for four years! While I will miss the soon-departing Class of 2022, I'm excited to continue teaching history, culture, geography, economics, civics and citizenship with the current fifth, sixth, and seventh graders next school year. I'm looking forward to the fourth graders joining the middle school as fifth graders next year, too. Below you will find a brief overview of curricular happenings in each grade.

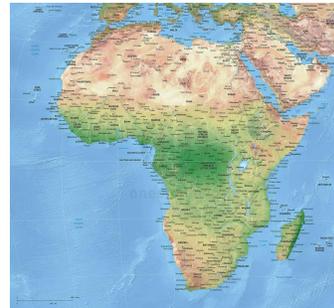
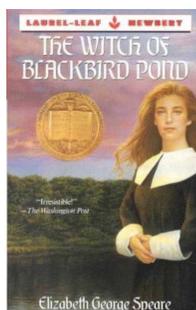


5th Grade

- Fifth graders recently researched and presented on important individuals from the Revolutionary War. George Washington, Benedict Arnold, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and King George III were the chosen biographies.
- Fifth graders will end the school year by examining and analyzing the beginning of our country and the establishment of our federal government.

7th Grade

- Seventh graders have completed a unit about Native Americans. They compared pre-Columbian civilizations, the clash with Europeans, and the consequences of colonialism.
- Currently, we are reading the Newbery Winning novel, *The Witch of Blackbird Pond*. On May 19, we will be traveling to Old Wethersfield - the setting of the story.



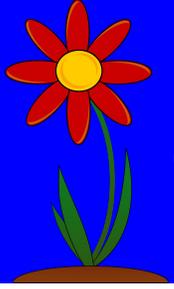
6th Grade

- Sixth graders completed their studies into Latin America. They created “kid books” about individually chosen countries, and recorded and shared their books using a program called flipgrid.
- The current focus in 6th grade is on the culture, geography, and history of Africa. Students are acting as travel agents with specific African countries as destinations.
- The Great Rift Valley is being explored, as we discover the dawn of humanity, as well.

8th Grade

- CCS 8th graders are in the process of piecing together video clips for their Civic Life Project documentary films. There are four groups with self-chosen project topics: Bear Hunting in NWCT, Masks and Vaccines in Region One, Bike Safety in Cornwall, and Homework Load and Student Mental Health.
- We are also ending the year with studying the many aspects of the Civil War and how it changed our country.





Math at Home

Outdoor Measurement Activities!

Danielle Krueger & Kristi Pramuka



Looking for some fun outdoor activities now that the weather is warming up? Explore the world outside and practice some measurement skills at the same time! Check out some ideas below.

Measuring Tools

Nonstandard Measurement Tools:

Have your child try measuring spaces or objects using nonstandard measurement tools such as their own feet, a branch, a blade of grass, etc.

Rulers:

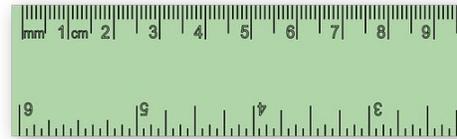
What child doesn't love using a ruler? Start off by giving your child a ruler and having a discussion about inches and centimeters. Turn them loose and let them measure anything and everything! After a little while, you can turn it into a more structured conversation. Practice ordering items found from smallest to largest. Give your child a specific measurement (i.e. 10 inches or 18 centimeters) and have them find objects that match the given measurement.

Tape Measures:

You can do the activities as above but with larger objects or spaces now. You can also measure the circumference of trees with the tape measure.

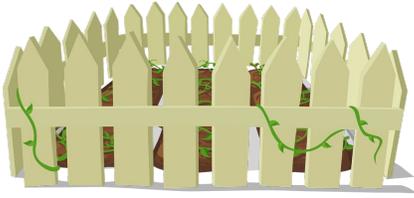
Scales:

You can bring a kitchen scale outside and measure the weight of different objects. These objects can then be compared to one another and lined up by their weight. You can then compare the height or length of the objects too and see how that measurement compares to their weight.



Math at Home

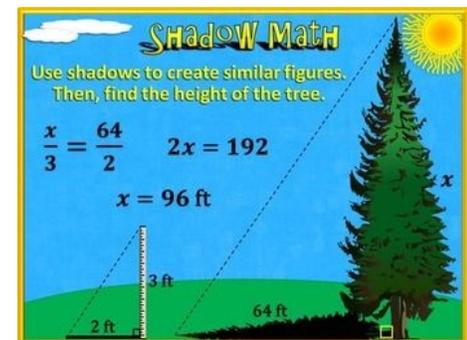
Measurements in the Garden



- Talk about how best to determine the area of your garden in the backyard. What measurements do you need? What unit should you measure in - inches, centimeters, feet, yards, etc.? What formulas should you use? Is the garden a composite figure that you should break into smaller parts to determine the total area? Once you've come up with a plan, execute it and determine the area!
- Now that you've determined the area of the garden, how much mulch do you need to cover the garden? How deep does the mulch need to be? Based on that decision, determine the total volume of the mulch that will be needed.

Using Shadows to Measure

- Have you ever wondered how tall that tree in the yard really is? You can figure it out with a few measurements and similar triangles! (Don't worry - you don't need to climb the tree!) You'll need to find your height, the height of your shadow, and the height of the shadow of the tree. Draw a quick diagram of two similar triangles representing you and your shadow and the tree and its shadow. Now you can use the proportional relationship between those two similar triangles to figure out how tall that tree really is! Try it again with another tree or a flagpole!



CCS Yearbooks!

On sale now! \$15 each

Yearbooks include beautiful photos, artwork, writing, and lasting memories from every class and every student in the school.

To purchase a yearbook, please complete the form below and send in to school with \$15 cash or a check. Checks should be made payable to Town of Cornwall. There is a limited amount of Yearbooks available so please send in asap.



Note: 8th Graders are given a FREE Yearbook as a graduation gift.

CCS Yearbook Order Form

Student Name _____

Parent Name _____

I have enclosed \$15 _____ **CASH** or _____ **Check**

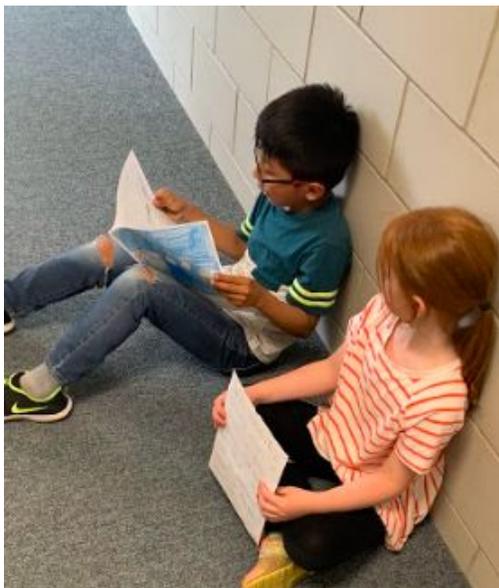
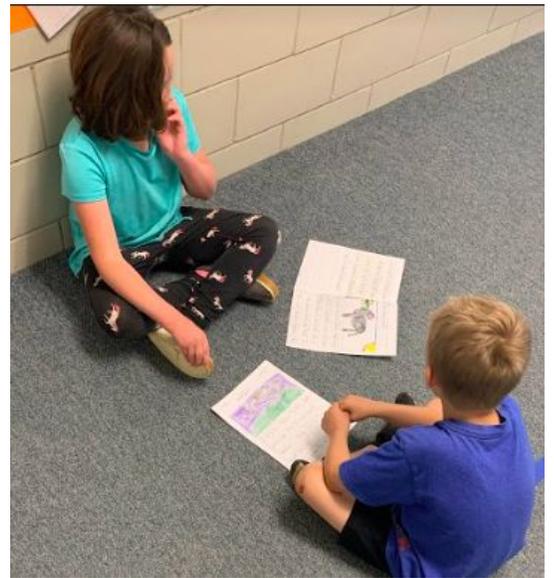
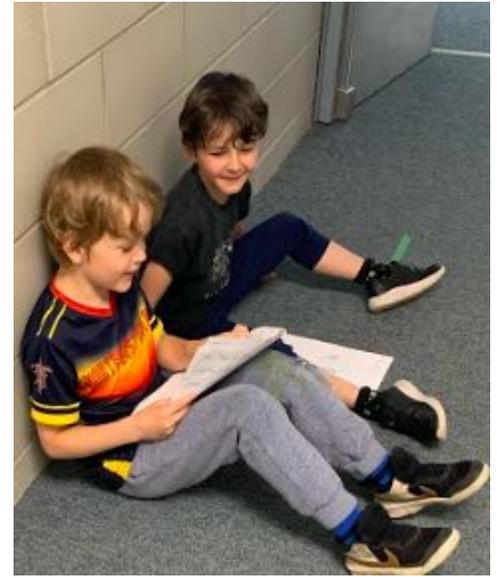
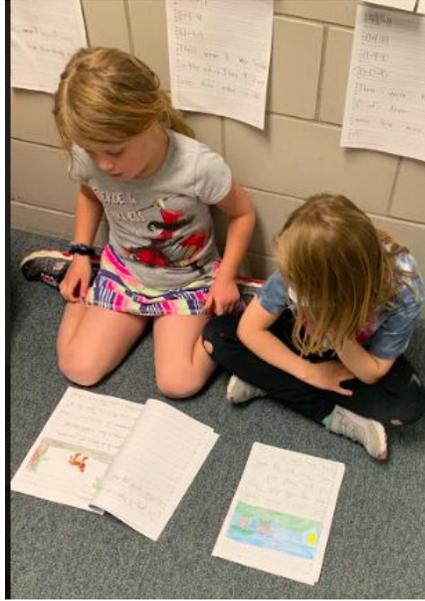
Gr 1 & 2 Sharon Audubon Field Trip



Gr 4 Science Photos



Gr 1 & 2 Sharing Their Writing



CCS Gr 8 Exploration Projects Pics



Touch EMT & Fire Truck Experience for Kindergartners organized by 8th grader, Colton.



K-3 Soccer Clinic run by 8th grader, Everet



CCS Community Photos



Free Vaccination Clinic



Cornwall Town Hall

Free Vaccination Clinic

MAY 19TH, 2022

1:00 pm-6:00 pm

Ages 12+ and up.

Pfizer, Moderna and J&J

First, Second, and Boosters Available

A vaccination clinic will be at 24 Pine Street,
Cornwall providing **FREE COVID-19 vaccinations**

Open to all area town residents,
walk-ins welcome, no appointment required.

Please bring a health insurance card and photo ID if you have them, but it is not necessary to have health insurance or ID to receive the vaccine. No one will be turned away for lack of insurance or ID.



Friday Family Fun Event!

*Housatonic Valley FFA
Open House*

May 18th

6 - 8pm

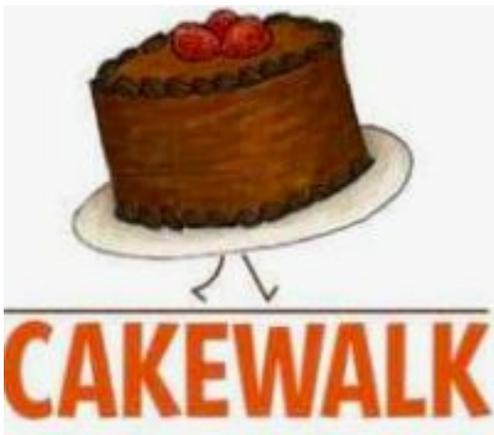
HVRHS

**246 Warren Turnpike
Falls Village, CT**



Cornwall Cakewalk Request

Memorial Day is coming up on Monday, May 30th. Cornwall has a tradition of a Memorial Day fair where there is a cake walk in which one or two people win a cake each time the music stops and this goes on for as long as they have cakes. Susan Saccardi, the Memorial Day Cake and game coordinator, is seeking donations of cakes. She is hoping for 100 cakes! It can be a box cake or homemade. She just needs **CAKES**. Please let her know if you are able to donate a cake by emailing her at ssbbddsaccardi@gmail.com



Region One FREE Summer Fun

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REGION
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Berkshire Taconic
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Proudly present:

REGION ONE SUMMER FUN MIDDLE SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Who: Region One students entering grades 6-8

Where: Housatonic Valley Regional High School,
with bus transportation provided to and from your local district.

When: Monday, July 18- Friday, July 22

9:15 AM- 3:15 PM program time

Bus pick-up and drop-off times will vary by location

Region One Summer Fun is an exciting one-week enrichment program designed to bring together middle school students from throughout the Region to enjoy engaging programming from Flying Cloud Institute, HVRHS Agricultural Education, Art and Athletics Departments. We thank the Northwest Corner Fund of Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation for their generous funding and collaboration in the creation of this opportunity.

There is a limit of 40 slots for this special program. Registration closes May 23.

[Click Here](#) to register your student for this new program!

Hammond Beach Summer Swim Program

Hammond Beach Summer Swim Program 2022

Pre-registration is required for Swim Lessons so we can effectively plan. Once registration is complete we will finalize lessons and times so that we can accommodate as many people as possible. **Please return your registration form and payment (via check) to Ms. Rovezzi. You must register by June 10th.**

Swim Lessons

The Town of Cornwall offers a swim program open to children ages 3-18. The fee for the program is \$10.00 per child or \$25.00 per family.

We offer 6 levels of the Red Cross Learn to Swim program. They are as follows:

- Level 1 Introduction to Water Skills
- Level 2 Fundamental Water Skills
- Level 3 Stroke Development
- Level 4 Stroke Improvement
- Level 5 Stroke Refinement
- Level 6 Swimming Skills and Proficiency

We will offer 2 sessions of swim lessons with dates. You may register for one or both sessions. The fee for this program is \$10.00 per child or \$25.00 **per family per session.**

Session 1: July 5th - July 19th

Session 2: July 25th - August 8th

Checks can be made out to Town of Cornwall. Unfortunately, we cannot accept cash. Please contact Marina Kotchoubey with any questions
mkotchoubey@gmail.com

Hammond Beach Swim Lesson Registration

Swim Lesson Registration

Please indicate your child's level and the preferred time below. We will finalize times closer to the start of the sessions so that we can accommodate the most participants. Please note that we may not be able to always schedule for your preferred times, but we will try our best!

Level 1	Introduction to Water Skills
Level 2	Fundamental Water Skills
Level 3	Stroke Development
Level 4	Stroke Improvement
Level 5	Stroke Refinement
Level 6	Swimming Skills and Proficiency

Please indicate your time preferences by noting (1 – 4) next to the time slots below, 1 being your first choice

Session 1: July 5th – July 19th

Monday – Friday: 10am-1pm ()

Monday – Friday: 2pm-4pm ()

Monday – Friday: 4pm -6pm ()

Saturday – Sunday: 10am-1pm ()

Session 2: July 25th-August 8th

Monday – Friday: 10am-1pm ()

Monday – Friday: 2pm-4pm ()

Monday – Friday: 4pm -6pm ()

Saturday – Sunday: 10am-1pm ()

Name of Participant: _____

Swim Level: _____ Session: _____

Name of Parents: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Email Address: _____

Preferred method of contact in case of cancellation: _____

Emergency Contact (other than parents): _____

Allergies or limitations (please explain): _____

Parent signature

Date

Fee paid: _____

Check number: _____

**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@tcceschool.org or at 860-824-5774.

The application deadline is May 15, 2022