



Cornwall Consolidated School E-News



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This Week's Events

Mon, March 21st	Mismatched Sock Day for World Down Syndrome Day 
Tues, March 22nd	3:00-4:00 Middle School Homework Club
Wednesday, March 23rd	1:00 Early Dismissal for Students 1:30-7:00 PM Student Led Conference Time
Thursday, March 24th	1:00 Early Dismissal for Students 1:30-3:30 PM Student Led Conference Time

Upcoming Events To Be Aware Of

Wednesday, March 30th	6:30-7:30 Regional MS Spring Parent Meeting Information (See Slide in E-News for meeting Link & more information)
Monday, April 4th	NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS ; Teacher Professional Learning Day
Friday, April 15th - Fri April 22nd	NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK

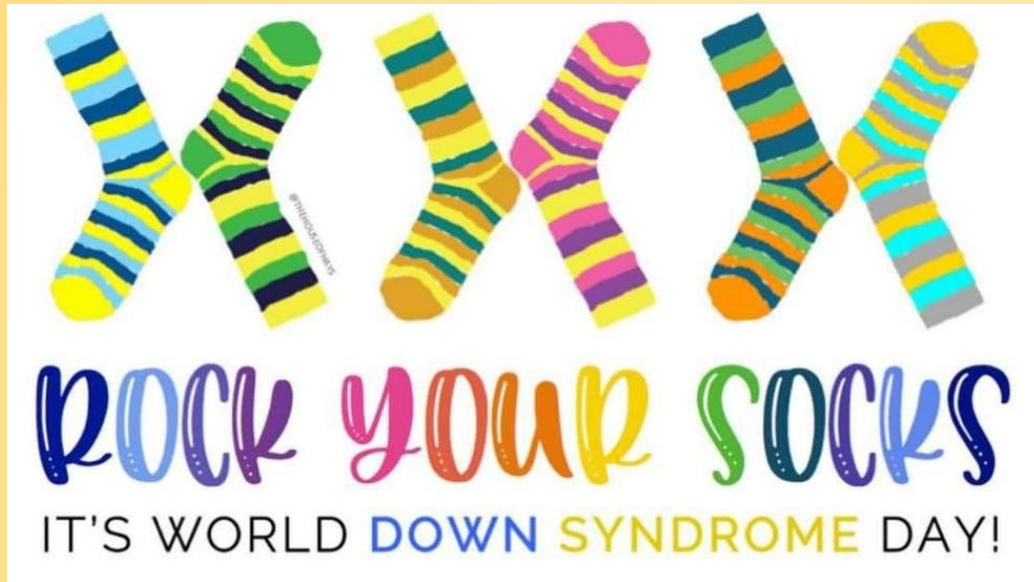
Virtual Backpack



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](#)

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY



On Monday, March 21st,
wear your mismatched
socks and bring in \$1 for
the Miles & Smiles for
Hadley Fundraiser.

Principal Page

Dear CCS Families,

Happy Spring! The next few days look warm and sunny! Sorry for the short notice about our Mismatched Sock Day tomorrow for World Down Syndrome Day but we felt it was important to observe and honor this day. World Down Syndrome day is observed every year to raise awareness and create a single global voice advocating for the rights, inclusion and well-being of people with Down Syndrome. So why is March 21st World Down Syndrome Day? March 21st was selected because Down Syndrome is a genetic disorder caused by the presence of a third copy of chromosome-21 (March=3rd month and 21st day). Most people have 46 chromosomes in all of their cells, but in people with Down syndrome they have 47 chromosomes and because of that they look differently and learn differently. The theme of World Down Syndrome Day this year is "CONNECT". The message of the theme is to find new ways for people with Down syndrome to connect with others equally. The positive change will help them to have equal rights and be more empowered. Why do people wear bright/mismatched socks on this day? Chromosomes are shaped like socks, and since those with Down syndrome carry an extra chromosome, mismatched socks are a great symbol for the day

Lastly, we are looking forward to student led conferences this week on Wednesday, March 23rd and Thursday, March 24th. Please remember that your child needs to attend with you as they will be leading the conference to share what share work samples, speak about the learning they have done this year and reflect on their progress. If you need childcare during your child's conference for their siblings, please click the link below to sign up.

[CCS Conference Childcare Request Form](#)

Best,

Mary Kay Ravenola, Principal

Wonderful Community Support Opportunity

A Celebration of Joy!

GRUMBLING GRYPHONS

TRAVELING CHILDREN'S THEATER

Come Join Us!

**ANANSI THE
TRICKSTER
SPIDER:**



A West African Folktale
Saturday March 26, 3-4pm
Drama Workshop
Sunday March 27, 3-4pm
Performance
at "Joy's Place"

24 Kent Rd South, Cornwall Bridge, CT 06754

Join Grumbling Gryphons in honoring our friend, the beautiful and wonderful Joy Setton, in a special performance for children and the greater community in celebration of her life!

Come, show support and have fun!

Leslie Elias, Daniel Saed and participating children and adults will engage families in this delightful tale of the infamous trickster *Anansi The Spider* from the Ashanti people of Ghana. Marvelous masks and costumes made by Ellen Moon of Cornwall Bridge will bring this story to life!

To register in the pre-performance drama workshop and be in the show, please contact Leslie Elias (Artistic Director) at 860-672-0286 or email grumblinggryphons@gmail.com

GrumblingGryphons.org - grumblinggryphons@gmail.com - 860-672-0286

CCS Spring Conference Sign Up Information



Thank you for signing up for a conference if you have done so. We are very close to our goal is 100% participation to honor our children's learning and support their progress. Please sign up today if you have not done so yet. Thank you!

We will be holding conferences **IN PERSON** (if you would prefer virtual just let your child's teacher know & that can be arranged) on Wednesday, March 23rd & Thursday, March 24th. 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.myconferencetime.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.

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 call the office or send an email to provezzi@cornwallschool.org

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 we 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 their own learning. Your child will share work samples, speak about the learning they have done this year and reflect on their progress. Learn from your child all the amazing things they are doing in school and what they hope to achieve by the end of the school year.



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.

This Month's Focus: *Thinking Interdependently*

Thinking Interdependently is collaborating with a sense of purpose & mission. It is the ability to speak up, contribute to the discussion, & to advocate for a particular position or plan. As we collaborate & cooperate — not just finding a solution but discovering many different ways to approach problems — the power of our thinking is increased exponentially by the dynamic interchanges between ourselves & others in the group.

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

This Week's Quote is: Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much.

~Helen Keller





Nurse News

March 20, 2022

Hello CCS Families.

Happy Spring!

A marker of mud season in the northwest corner: many students of all ages have recently been asking for waterproof footwear to borrow when it is time for recess. Unfortunately there is rarely anything available in a suitable size. Please encourage your child(ren) to come prepared! And if you have any **waterproof footwear** not being put to good use that might fit any of our students, we'll happily accept donations. Thank you.

The spring equinox is a reminder that **incoming sunlight is significantly stronger** as the Earth's northern hemisphere begins to tilt toward the sun. Most dermatologists advise applying sunscreen to all exposed skin year round. If you are not in the habit of doing so, you may want to **consider sunscreen** now.

Finally, please remember that optional PCR COVID testing continues every Wednesday at CCS. Please let me know if your child is not being tested and you are interested; I can add them to the list anytime. Conversely, you may of course withdraw consent anytime and your child will no longer be tested.

As always, best wishes.

Clare RN

crashkoff@cornwallschool.org

860-672-2939 x 304



READING SPOTLIGHT



7 and 8 Class Highlights

Grades 7 and 8 have just completed a novel study in which they ran their own book clubs. Their final project was to craft theme statements connected to the novel, and explain how the theme was developed.

Learning targets:

- I can prepare discussion topics for my book club.
- I can define theme, and recognize themes in a novel.

Raz-Kids Reading Challenge

Our reading interventionist, Mrs. Hill, has challenged the first and second grader students to a 1,000 books on the reading app Raz-Kids. They earn prizes for being the top weekly readers, reading 25 books, and for leveling up to a new reading level! The students are working to earn a pizza party when they reach the goal of 1000 books!

Reading at Home

Vocabulary is important to academic success. Children who hear more spoken words at home learn more words and enter school with better vocabularies.

Children learn word meaning indirectly in three ways:

- They engage in daily oral language
- They listen to adults read to them
- The read extensively on their own

Some direct instruction would include:

- Instruction on specific words related to a content area
- Teaching students general word strategies such as base word meaning

So as often as you can allow your children to hear you talking with friends and other adult family members. Use elevated vocabulary when talking directly to your child. Provide them with opportunities for quiet time to read on their own and remember we are never too old to enjoy a good read aloud.

Source: Reading Rockets. WETA Public Broadcasting. 2022



Pie by Sarah Weeks

PIE is a tender story about Polly and her best friend, Charlie who try to discover the lost pie crust recipe. The recipe is written in the book!

The Hero Next Door edited by Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich

Heroes come in many shapes and sizes. But they all have one thing in common: they make the world a better place. This is a diverse collection from 13 acclaimed authors. This is recommended for middle grades.

Our highlighted literacy game this month is Scrabble. This game can help anyone stretch their word base. Play in teams, one-on-one or using a mixed age method of creating a finish line goal for each family member based on their age. Grab the book and have students look for words and their meaning. There are so many ways to play!



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[Bookflix](#)

[Freckle](#)

[Storyline Online](#)

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

[Sora](#)

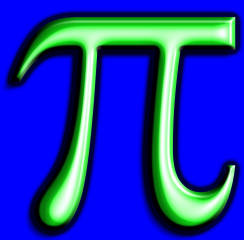
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if your child is home sick during school hours.

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

TODAY A
READER.
TOMORROW
A LEADER!





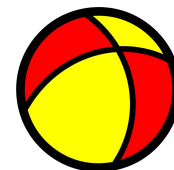
Math at Home

Pi Day!

Danielle Krueger & Kristi Pramuka

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The month of March includes a very special day in the world of math! Pi Day! March 14th! 3.14! Here are some activities to try at home with your child around the idea of Pi.



Find Circular Objects!

- Have your child find as many circular objects as they can.
- Use a string to measure the circumference (around the object) and the diameter (distance across the center of the circle). Have your child divide the circumference by the diameter. The kids will be amazed that it is always 3.14! For younger students, the division can be done on a calculator.

Pi Day Art!

- This can be done inside with a compass, color pencils and paper or outside on the driveway with a chalk compass and chalk. Talk with your child about what makes a circle a circle. Then define circumference and diameter. Students can then use the compass to create a work of art by drawing overlapping circles and coloring in the different sections!



Play Race to Pi!

- All you need is a deck of cards (remove 10s, Queens, and Kings)! Deal 7 cards to each player, the rest of the cards are placed in the middle face down. Taking turns, each player must play the next digit of Pi or draw a card (Ace = 1, Jack = 0). The first player must play a 3, then a 1, then a 4, and so on. The first player to get rid of all their cards wins!

Graph the Digits of Pi!

- Create a bar graph to track the frequency of each digit of pi. Work together to graph the first 50 digits of pi. Talk about which number occurs most frequently or least frequently.
- For younger students, make a tally for the digits 0-9 as you look at the first 25 digits of pi!

Regional Middle School Program Spring Sign Ups

The online registration for the Regional MS Athletics and Activities Spring Program is now open.

Please log onto <https://regiononeschools-ct.finalforms.com> to set up an account (for first time users), please go to the Athletics tab on the hvrhs.org website for instructions.

The Team Parent Meeting with the Coaches is Wednesday, March 30 at 6:30pm. This meeting will be virtual. The link can be found below.

Regional MS Spring Parent Meeting Information

Wednesday, March 30 · 6:30 – 7:30pm

Google Meet link: <https://meet.google.com/ehu-axha-wct>

Or dial: (US) +1 402-726-1162 PIN: 493 013 379#

More phone numbers:

<https://tel.meet/ehu-axha-wct?pin=6699483205401>

The first day of practices is Tuesday, April 5. Baseball and Softball will be at Veterans Field in Sharon. Track and Art Garage will be at the High School. Baseball and Softball will meet Monday through Friday; Track will meet Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Art Garage will meet Tuesday and Thursday.

All students participating in Spring Sports must be academically eligible, have a current physical on file with the school nurse and not owe any uniforms from a previous season.

Please contact Anne MacNeil at amacneil@hvrhs.org with any questions.

Cornwall Library & Social Services Info



The following message is from Eiseley Kotchoubey, Children and Young Adult Program Coordinator at The Cornwall Library: *Please join The Cornwall Library for a Winter Reading Challenge! Join the challenge by April 1st, and you'll receive an invite to a springtime ice cream social at the library in mid-April! Prizes will be awarded for most pages read by age group (under 5/read to by a parent, age 6-9, age 10-13). To enter, please email CornwallLibraryYA@gmail.com or ask for a registration form at the library front desk! Happy reading!*



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

If you are in need of food / household items, it is very easy to put in a request. Just complete the form linked below by 3pm on Thursdays, and your items will be ready for pick-up / delivery on Monday afternoon. Please share with your Cornwall friends and neighbors who might need a little support! No questions asked, just need to be a resident of Cornwall to make a request. Questions? Call/text Heather, Social Service Director- 860-671-9315

[Cornwall Food / Household Item Request Link](#)

Upcoming Vaccination Clinic

HVRHS will be hosting Pediatric (Ages 5-11) Vaccination Clinics on **Friday, April 1, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.**, in partnership with Griffin Health. These 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 each clinic.



Housatonic Valley Regional High School
246 Warren Turnpike Road

Free Vaccination Clinic

Spring Baseball & softball

Still time to sign up!



NWCTSBLL

Little League Baseball

OFFICIAL LITTLE LEAGUE

BOYS AND GIRLS

We are Still Looking for You.....

- **MAJORS** 10 – 12
- **JUNIORS** 13 – 15



**Questions Email -
nwctl.pres@gmail.com**

**All residents of Region 1 and Norfolk are welcome to attend. Please sign up online
at <http://northwest-ct-steve-blass-little-league.siplay.com/site/> Proof of residency is required.**

Registration Ends March 17, 2022

Games begin on Opening Day Saturday, April 23, 2022

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Spring Baseball & softball



Region 1 Park and Recreation 2022 Spring Baseball/Softball



PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!!

Region 1 Park and Recreation Departments will be offering a regional spring baseball program for 2022. These programs are for players who reside in a Region One Town. Registration deadline is April 3, 2022. To register please go to **the Cornwall Park and Recreation Website, CornwallParkRec.org**

These baseball programs are dependent on volunteers and volunteer coaches. Interested volunteers should complete the volunteer coaching section when registering.

Programs are tentatively scheduled to start in mid to late April. Dates, times and locations will be announced after the registration deadline.

For further information, please contact Jen Markow 860-480-0600 or email prcornwall@gmail.com

K-1st Grade Program - Coed with players from Region One Towns. This program focuses on skill development and learning the game fundamentals. This program will take place on Saturday mornings and run for 5-6 weeks. Location TBD - \$25.00 REGISTRATION FEE

2nd & 3rd Grade Program- Coed teams with players from Region One Towns. This program works on skill development, team play (coach pitched), development of game rules. This program will take place on Saturday mornings and run for 5-6 weeks. Location TBD - \$25.00 REGISTRATION FEE

4th, 5th & 6th Grade Program- Coed teams with players from Region One towns. This program will focus on skill development and games. Games are player-pitched. This program meets two times a week, the group is broken into teams and practices are complimented with weekly games. Location TBD - \$25.00 REGISTRATION FEE

Summer Little League Program - This program starts in early July and is offered for those youths who will be in grades 4-6 the following spring. There are usually two sessions a week, mixing games and practices. This program is over in early August. \$25 REGISTRATION FEE

Summer Babe Ruth Baseball Program - Babe Ruth baseball is offered for all youths who are ages 13-15 years old and for those 12-year old's who just finished their last spring of the Major/Minor program. This program will start play in early June and finish up league play in late July or early August. This is a regional team. There are usually two games each week with a practice. - \$25.00 REGISTRATION FEE

3rd-8th Grade Softball Program - Please go to: <https://north-canaan-recreation.sportssignup.com/site/> Deadline to register is April 3, 2022 please contact Adam Bunce at abuncencrecdin@hotmail.com or 860-248-0970.

Little League Travel Baseball - Please go to <https://northwest-ct-steve-blass-little-league.splay.com/site/> Deadline to register is March 17, 2022. Email nwctllpres@gmail.com.

Summer Camp Opportunity



ROCK BAND CAMP

West Cornwall, CT

***Play and perform in
a band this summer!***

ROCK BAND CAMP

@ The Union, West Cornwall, CT

For young musicians ages 9-18

Two Sessions:

- July 18-22 10:00-2:30
- July 25-29 10:00-2:30

**PERFORMANCE
FRIDAY!**

more info & to register:

replayrockschool.com/rock-band-camp-ct/

email: info@replayrockschool.com

call: 917-821-4188



Art After School Opportunity in Kent



AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM for K-5 artists

PRINTMAKING MON 3/14 - 6/6

Printmaking is an amazing way for artists to explore layering, color theory, and how to utilize having multiples of one piece of artwork. Projects include vibrant monoprints, intricate collagraph portraits, and making one-of-a-kind stamps with found objects.

No class 4/4, 4/18, 5/30

SKETCHBOOK CLUB TUES 3/15 - 6/7

DAILY DROP INS WELCOME

Join us for drawing and collage prompts that will spark the imagination, develop concentration, extend attention span, relax the mind and most importantly expand your artist's understanding of creative 2-D art-making.

No class 4/19

SCULPTURE THU 3/17 - 6/9

Sculpture taps into young artists' innate interest in building while exploring the form, space, texture, and color. Projects include abstract sculptures made from wood and found objects, 3-D portraits of family members, and miniature museums of complex clay sculptures.

No class 4/21



DAILY FLOW

3:15PM

Students from Kent Center School are picked up and walk together to the Kent studio.

3:15 - 4:00PM

Kids can arrive anytime for snack, homework help or creative play. We provide a healthy nut-free snack.

4:00 - 5:30PM

Art Class: Printmaking, Sketchbook Club, or Sculpture

5:30PM

Pick up for all students from the Studio.
(Early pick up at 5PM is available)

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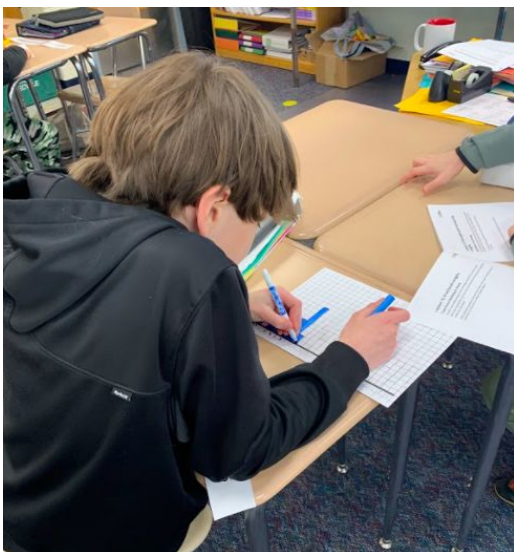
- 1 day/week: starting at \$80/month
 - 2 days/week: starting at \$159/month
 - Use code kent2days to save 10%
 - 3 days/week: \$218/month
 - Use code kent3days to save 20%
- Drop-in (Sketchbook Club only): \$32/day

SCHOLARSHIPS & PAYMENT PLANS AVAILABLE

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE NEED BASED
PAYMENT PLANS AVAILABLE TO ALL

Sign up here

CCS Working Interdependently



CCS Spirit Week Pictures

