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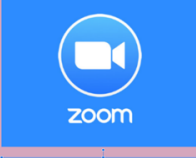

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Principal Report 5/11/20

Principal Communication

PTG COFFEE HOUR

Meeting ID: 914 4847 2304

Thursday 5/14 at 6:00 pm

*Let's get together and relax! Find out what is happening, and enjoy some coffee and conversation with parents, teachers and Mrs. Fogg.
BYOC - Bring Your Own Coffee!*

UPCOMING DATES

5/11 - 9:30 to 10 a.m. School Assembly

5/14 – PTG Coffee Hour

5/25 - Memorial Day - No School

5/26 - In Service - No School

May 8, 2020

Happy Friday!

Reports for Critical Indicators are being mailed out today. Thanks to all the teachers and Kim Leonard for figuring out this unique reporting system. I hear it was a challenge to get all the information on one document. We will use this same report at the end of this school year.

We will have an All School Assembly on Monday morning at 9:30am. The link to the assembly will be sent to you by your teacher. Mr. Kelloway is putting together a really fun video for us. If you want to participate in this activity you should send him a video of yourself saying the Pledge of Allegiance. You could have a sibling or a family member join if you like. Mr. Kelloway is going to slice the videos together so we see lots of people saying a line or two each.

A huge thank you goes to The Schilling family, Blueberry Hill Farm, Mr. Kelley, Chris Meyer and Chester Helping Hands for the veggie plants that are being given to families to help them to grow their own garden!

The tomatoes, peppers, zucchini, lettuce can be grown in containers or in the garden. Each family can pick up one six pack of plants at CAES between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Friday, May 8th. The plants will need to live in a sunny window until the weather warms up. Stop by the Grateful Garden at CAES on Friday. If you can not make it and still want plants, email Frank.Kelley@trsu.org to arrange pickup.





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There will be no food delivery on Monday the 25th as it is a holiday. On Tuesday May 26th teachers have an in-service day. We are going to have different adults deliver food to students on that day so those who have been dedicated to this work can have a day off.

We have received confirmation that the last day of school will be June 17, 2020. We will not be able to do our traditional 6th grade graduation or end of year celebration. We will need to think about being creative for our 6th graders to celebrate them by possibly doing a cookout at the beginning of next school year. Fourth grade teachers have notified families through Seesaw that there are learning packets here at the school to be picked up. You may pick them up today when you come to get your veggie plants.

Have a wonderful weekend and a Happy Mother's Day.

~Katherine

Front Porch Pick Up at Whiting Library - Press Release

The Whiting Library announces Front Porch Pick Up will begin on Wednesday, May 6 from 10 a.m. to 2p.m. Front porch pick up will then be available on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by other arrangements. To support community health, the Whiting Library building is currently closed to the public. Whiting librarians are still providing services to the community despite our closed doors and we are eager to continue to find ways to assist our patrons from a distance. Front porch pick up is a welcome addition to our many online offerings, free books and movies, and kids craft projects.

How Will Front Porch Pick Up Service Work?

1. Browse our catalog online. You can find a link to the catalog on the library website: www.whitinglibrary.org
2. Place items on hold by calling the library at 875-2277 or emailing whitinglibrary1@gmail.com.
3. Remember, there is a ten item check out limit.
4. Library staff will ask you for your library card number when you call or email, so be sure to have it with you. If you don't have a library card, let's get you set up over the phone!
5. Once your item(s) are available for pick up, you will be notified.
6. Once notified, come to the library and pick up the bag with your name on it off the cart on the front porch.
7. Please, only one person at a time on the front porch. Only items placed on hold will be available for porch side pickup. There is no interlibrary loan available at this time. Please do not use the pickup service if you are feeling sick in any way. For more details about front porch pick up, visit the library website. While the library is closed, please keep your currently checked out materials at home or feel free to return books to the drop box on the front porch at any time. Due dates will be extended and no overdue fines will be charged during this period. We sure miss all of our patrons while we stay closed to the public due to Vermont's Stay at Home Order. Contact-less front porch pick up of our collection will be a great way to bridge the gap until you can safely return to browse the stacks.



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MANDALAS From Mrs. Sheere

These circular designs are called Mandalas and were created by students in grades 4-6. Mandalas date back to ancient times and can be found across many cultures. They symbolize the universe and the idea that life is never ending and that we are all connected. People create mandalas as a way to relax and focus.

Violet Haight, Dominic Thomas Isidora Gibson, Annika Brunning
Caroline Wade, Kaiden McCarthy, Ava Anderson, Kaylee DeBartolo

May 4, 2020

Dear CAES Families and Staff,

I hope you all have enjoyed this beautiful weekend and had a chance to get outside in the sunshine. I did not have a parent Coffee Hour on Friday morning since we had the zoom meeting with Meg Powden on Thursday evening for parents. It was great to see so many of you in attendance. I would like to hold our next one as a PTG Coffee Hour in the evening so that teachers are able to attend. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for when we will have this scheduled.

We have two GMUSD Board meetings this week to discuss the budget for next year. Tuesday evening at 6:00 will be just our board and Thursday evening at 6:00 there will be a joint meeting with the LMHUSD Board and the TRSU Board. The Zoom invitations are on our webpage.

This is Teacher Appreciation week. The CAES PTG has given gift certificates to the Free Range to everyone who works in our school. Normally they would put on a beautiful luncheon for us but I think it's really special this year that our bus drivers are included in the appreciation! Special thanks to Erica Smith for coordinating the efforts with the Free Range and for making each of the certificates!

~Katherine

A Note from Mrs. Sheere

I will be leaving drawing paper in the entryway between the two front doors of the school. This paper is available to be used for the Art





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lessons I am assigning to your student on Seesaw. Please feel free to stop in anytime to take what your family needs!

Happy drawing,

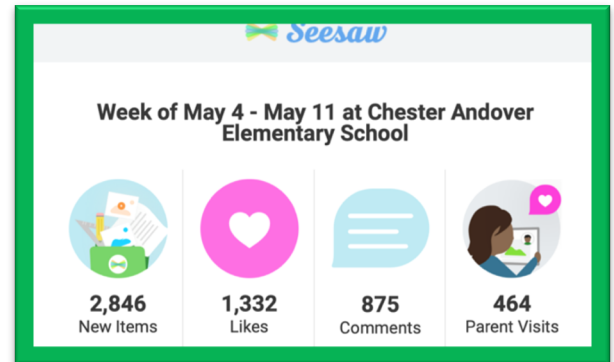
Brenda Sheere

From the “Desk” of the SWP Literacy Department

Attention families of kindergarten through second graders: Drop-in literacy sessions for CAES students are being offered throughout the week at 3 different times. No registration is required. The two sessions that are held between 11 a.m. -12 noon currently focus on phonics and phonological skills. These are offered Monday-Thursday. The third session is a daily Story Time, offered Monday-Friday at 1:00 p.m.

Please see my SeeSaw posts for further information.

-Miriam MacDonald



From the “Desk” of CAES’ SWP Literacy and Math Department

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new website!

Instructional resources are available to families and teachers at <https://sites.google.com/view/gmk6learn>

On this continually-evolving site, some of the resources you will find include:

- ★ A wide collection of interactive videos, activities and resources for supporting our current K- 2 math curriculum goals.
- ★ Math tools for all grades and learning games.
- ★ A page with links to free e-books and audiobooks. (Some of the sites have downloadable books so you do not need to have an internet connection to keep reading them.)
- ★ Tips on writing with and reading with your young child.

April 24, 2020

Dear CAES Families,

I get the sense from everyone that returning from vacation and getting back into the school routine has been challenging. The weather we have been experiencing certainly is not helping us either. Luckily, I hear that Saturday is going to be a beautiful day!

Report cards for the second trimester are being mailed out this afternoon. Please remember that teachers are not including narratives this time. When you receive the new Elementary Indicator Report on May 7th it will be in a narrative format. It will state where your child is in their learning in regard to an indicator and what the next steps in their learning should look like. You will receive more information about this as we get closer to sending this report on the 7th.

Our teachers have been working very hard to reformat instruction and schedules to meet the requirements of the Continuity of Learning document. We will be posting all of this information to our web page shortly and you should have access to class schedules through your Seesaw portal.

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I visited some morning meetings again this week and I was overcome with joy. I miss the children so much! Watching them interact with their teachers and take pride in their accomplishments gives me renewed strength and resilience to push through these difficult times.

The majority of our children are working very hard and doing a great job of completing their work. We just have a few families that we would like to get connected to Seesaw, so that we will be 100% connected. If you are having difficulty with doing so please reach out to your child's teacher.

We are all aware of how stressful do what you are able to do. Having said that, we all want our students to be learning as much as they can right now. We are all trying to figure out how to manage Distance Learning together and I don't want parents to hesitate to reach out if they are in need of assistance. Please feel free to email me at any time. katherine.fogg@trsu.org



Thirty-five students are currently accessing instrumental lessons with Mrs. Westcott through Zoom.

Wishing you a beautiful weekend!

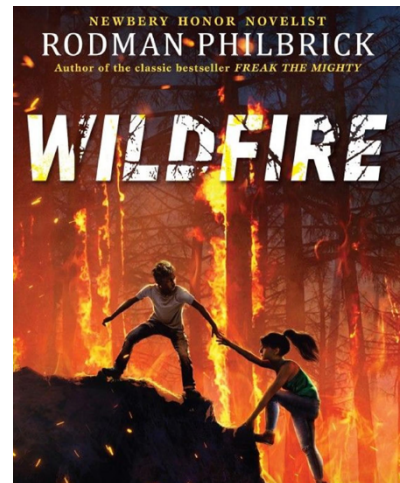
~Katherine

April 11, 2020

Happy April vacation week!

We are working to create schedules for each grade that will be easier on everyone. Teachers will be focused on the critical indicators outlined in the letter from the Superintendent. We hope to post the schedules and information on our web page within a day or two after break. Report cards from the second trimester will be going home on April 24th. These will reflect student work only up until our last actual school day on March 13th and will not include a narrative. On May 7th teachers will be sending home a narrative form that reflects how students are currently meeting the Elementary Critical Indicators. For instance, they may say something like "John is able to retell a story in the correct sequence of events. He should work to include more detail in his writing."

I have been hearing from many people about how stressed they are due to the pandemic. Loss of work and routines, the lack of being with family and friends and the adjustment to distance learning is a lot for all of us to handle. We must all keep health and well-being at the forefront of our minds and just do the best we can with everything else. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you need help with assignments. Teachers are more than willing to explain things to parents and spend extra time with students who need assistance.



Students in Grades 4-6 are reading *Wildfire* and writing reflections with Mrs. Farrar

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Please be sure you are on Seesaw to communicate with classroom teachers. If you are not already on, email the teachers for information to do so. Also please join the CAES PTG page on Facebook for updates and information. Thank you to the parents who joined me for Coffee Hour yesterday. It is important for me to hear what parents are thinking and they seem to appreciate the support they receive from each other. We still have several student learning packets at the school. The office will be open on Monday from 7:30 to 11 a.m. so that you can pick up your child's packet. Please call the office during this time if you are notable to come to the school and we can arrange for another way to get this information to you. Just a reminder that we will be delivering meals during the upcoming spring break.

I'm sad that I won't be traveling to see my parents this week but I am grateful that they are safe and in good health at the age of eighty-eight! I have been in Zoom meetings all day for several weeks and I am looking forward to having more time this week to be outside. Wishing you good health and sunny days this week!

~Katherine

A Message from Title 1 Schoolwide Program

Dear Families,

The role of the Title I Schoolwide Program (Title I/SWP) services in Chester Andover Elementary has changed since the implementation of the Distance Learning Plan for Vermont. Both Title I/SWP Reading and Mathematics intervention teachers are focused on developing resources for long distance learning and on being available to classroom teachers to work on adapted assignments. We are available to work with all students on targeted practice and adapted lessons. This will be done via breakout rooms in zoom, as a support to the lessons taught by the classroom teachers. We are also available to provide resources to individual families and teachers for use with students.

We are currently designing a website with a variety of reading, writing and mathematics resources and tools that teachers and parents can access. Please understand that the website is under construction and will be a work in progress. Once the site is published, we will share the website link with classroom teachers and through the "Beating Drum". These resources will directly correspond to the TRSU-identified critical learning concepts that we will be focusing on for the end of the school year. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if there is anything that we can do to assist you or your child through this difficult time. If you need resources or support, we are available.

Sincerely,

Christine Keklak (Title I/SWP Math)
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Miriam MacDonald (Title I/SWP Reading)
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Student Connection Data (Distance Learning)

95% of students accessing Virtual School in some capacity

Kindergarten	88%
1st Grade	97.5%
2nd Grade	93%
3rd Grade	92 %
4th grade	100%
5th/6th	100%

STAFFING

Resignations

Erica Yeungling – Special Education

Sara Metzler – 4th grade

Hires

Mary DeSimone - Special Education. Transfer from Black River at the end of this year.

Retirement

Cindy Austin – Music

Increased Polly Westcott to 1.0 fte which is a savings of .2 next year.