

CORNWALL CONNECTION

December 2019



Principal's Message



I want to thank all families that participated in our annual parent-teacher conferences. With the majority of parents participating in the conferences, it reflects a school community committed to the education and social-emotional growth of our students and children. As the principal of Cornwall, I am appreciative of this dedication and involvement. Once again, this year we have our extraordinary Holiday Shop, hosted by our PTO. Another year of buying, organizing and facilitating this event, which provides an opportunity for students to shop for their families, friends, and beloved pets is done with tremendous dedication, care, and countless hours. Thank you PTO, and when you see a PTO member please thank them!

We are entering the time of year when colder temperatures are imminent and upon us. Please be vigilant in making sure your children are wearing appropriate weather related attire. Recess will be ongoing and warm clothing and jackets are a necessity.

As Christmas and New Year's Eve approach please be aware of all the events on the calendar. Many of these functions are highly anticipated and are organized to highlight the special talents of our amazing students. Please continue to be attentive to upcoming events through monthly newsletters, parent emails, remind, Twitter and skyward emails.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement.

Nathanial Artz
Principal

"Where kids come first."

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Dates of Interest

- Dec 3—6 Holiday Shop
- Dec. 5 PTO Meeting, 6:00 PM
- Dec. 5 Christmas Choral Concert, 7:00 PM
- Dec. 6 Falcon Friday
- Dec. 6 Panera Night Fund-raiser, 4:00-8:00 PM
- Dec. 13 2nd Gr. Trip to Dutch Apple Dinner Theater
- Dec. 13 Kindergarten Polar Express
- Dec. 13 4th Grade Trip to CTC
- Dec. 16 Band & Orchestra Concert, 2:30 PM
- Dec. 18 Olympics, 1:00 & 6:30 PM
- Dec. 19 Evening of Code, 6:30 PM
- Dec. 20 Falcon Friday
- Dec. 23 - Jan. 1 Winter Vacation

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Cornwall Caring Tree



Once again, this season at Cornwall Elementary we will be having the Cornwall Caring Tree. The tree represents the spirit of caring and giving to others who may not be as fortunate. We recognize during this season that some families may need a little extra support. If you/your family are in need of some extra assistance this holiday season, please fill out this [confidential form](#), which is due by December 9, 2019. The information goes directly to our school counselor, Mrs. Martinez. In addition, we are asking families who are willing and able to participate in giving to send in the specified items listed below. We ask that the items be brought in with your child and placed under the Cornwall Caring Tree. All of the donations

received will go to families in need this holiday season.

Donations will be accepted until December 19th.

Kindergarten – Boxed Cereals
 First Grade – Canned Goods (soup, veggies, etc.)
 Second Grade – Boxed Goods (pasta, potatoes, rice, etc.)
 Third Grade – Paper Goods (paper towels, napkins, paper plates, etc.)
 Fourth Grade – Toiletries (toothpaste, deodorant, personal care items)
 Fifth Grade – Snacks (granola bars, fruit snacks, etc.)

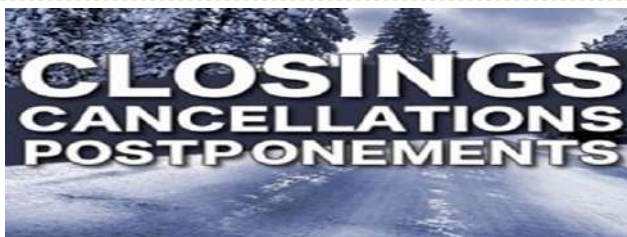
Thank you and have a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

*“Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those **giving** more.”*



Toys for Tots

We will again have a Toys for Tots box in our school lobby. The United States Marine Corps will be collecting new toys for less fortunate children in the Lebanon area. Any donations that you could make would be greatly appreciated. Please send new unwrapped toys to school with your children and have them place the toys in the Toys for Tots box located in the school lobby. Donations will be accepted through Friday, December 14th.



The decision to close school or open two hours later will be announced before 7:00 a.m. on local radio and TV stations listed below. It also will be posted on the District home page: www.clsd.k12.pa.us. When adverse weather conditions develop during school hours, the stations will be advised and will announce the time of dismissals. Please do not place calls to the school because the telephones may be needed for emergencies. **Parents are urged to devise and discuss a plan of action for young children when no one is home during early dismissals or delays.**

Television Stations

WGAL Channel 8 (NBC)
 WHTM Channel 27 (ABC)
 WHP Channel 21
 WPMT FOX 43

Radio AM Station

WLBR 1270

To make the morning and afternoon classes of kindergarten more equitable, in the event of any two-hour delay during inclement weather, the following modified schedule for kindergarten children will be placed in effect:

AM Kindergarten: 11:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. (expected arrival time at home will be one hour later).

PM Kindergarten: 1:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. (expected pick up time will be one hour later).

In the event there is a planned early dismissal or an elementary late start, and we have a delayed start because of inclement weather, the early dismissal and late start will be cancelled.



What will our next book be?

Our next Cornwall Reads Together book will be announced on Thursday, January 2nd! Be on the lookout for your family's copy of the book and calendar to come home after winter break. We hope you enjoy reading the book aloud as a family.

SCHOOL NURSE NEWS

When should I keep my child at home? A temperature elevation of 100 or more, a severe sore throat, chronic cough, sinus or ear pain are reasons to keep your student home. Usually the second or third day of a respiratory infection are the most challenging. Lots of fluids and extra rest will help your child cope and reduce the spread of illness. Sending a water bottle with your child's name on it encourages fluid consumption. Many over the counter cold medications may have side effects and require a doctor's order and parent permission signatures on CLSD medication form. The medication form is available on our school website under [Medication Procedure and Guidelines](#). **MEDICATIONS (INCLUDING COUGH DROPS) MAY NOT BE TRANSPORTED TO OR FROM SCHOOL BY STUDENTS.**

Future 6th graders: DOH also mandates that a physical examination be completed on all 6th grade students. This is to help us plan for medical needs and aid in the transition of your student to the middle school. Please be looking for the health history form (to be returned to Cornwall) and a private physician form in case you will be seeing the physician in the near future. You may return both forms to the Cornwall Nurse, or if the exam is completed over the summer, you must send to the Middle School by October 1st.

Future 3rd graders: If you have a future 3rd grade student you will receive the mandated dental examination forms coming home in January. You may return both forms to the Cornwall Nurse, or if exam is completed over the summer you may return it prior to October 1st.

Dr. Yocum will be doing school physicals in February for students who parents requested for their kindergarten/new students. Dr. Kaila Arnold will be doing dental exams in January for students in kindergarten, new students and 3rd grade who parents requested school dental examinations.

EXTRA CLOTHING: The nurses' office is in need of sweat pants in sizes 4X -6X for students who may be in need of a change of pants during the school day. If your child has outgrown sweat pants, please consider donating them to the nurses' office.

Susan Robins, Certified School Nurse

FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE

1) CCHS Holiday Concert: Sunday, Dec. 15, 2 PM, Auditorium: All tickets are \$3 for general seating and will be available for sale in the CCHS main lobby between 8 AM-2 PM, beginning Monday, Dec. 9, 2019.

2) Free Planetarium Programs: "Constellations of the Fall & Winter Sky:" Take a tour of the current night sky and see its many constellations through the eyes of ancient astronomers. Listen to some of the stories told by people hundreds or thousands of years ago about the same stars we may look upon today. The storytelling in this show is intended for elementary aged students and makes for a great family activity. The program is free, but seating is limited and reservations are requested at least one day in advance by contacting Mr. Fried, planetarium instructor, (717) 272-2033, ext. 5412. If he is unavailable to answer your call due to teaching duties, please leave a message and phone number at which you may be reached.

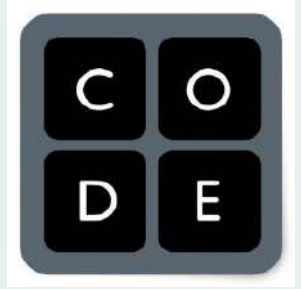
General public: Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2019, 7-7:45 p.m.; CLSD Senior Citizens program: Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2019, 10-10:45 a.m.

3) Please visit and bookmark the District's online **Community Bulletin Board** for information and opportunities for students and families: www.clsd.k12.pa.us. Click on the Community tab at the top of the page. This website is provided as a community service and items appearing there in no way constitute an endorsement by Cornwall-Lebanon School District. All questions should be directed to the contacts listed. To have your information considered for inclusion here, please submit the Community Announcement submission form located under the drop-down menu under the COMMUNITY tab. Items submitted will be reviewed for approval according to CLSD policies and procedures.

4) The next **meeting of the CLSD Board of School Directors** is Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2019, at 5:30 p.m., in the large group instruction room (LGI) at the high school. This is the annual reorganization meeting of the Board. There is no work session scheduled in December.

5) Cornwall-Lebanon School District will be closed for Winter Break: Monday, Dec. 23 through and including Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020.

An Evening of Code Invitation



Target Audience: 3rd and 4th Graders and their Parents
Location: Cafeteria at Cornwall Elementary.
Date: Thursday, December 19th starting at 6 PM
Doors Open: 5:45 pm. Use the **Rear Doors Labeled #9**

We are surrounded by coding that enhances our lives in many areas and ways. If you use a cellphone, tablet, laptop, desktop computer, LED TV, or any electronic device, you are using features on the device run by code. Without coding, most of the electronics we now enjoy would no longer function.

Cornwall Elementary School is hosting an introductory coding event for 3rd graders and 4th graders along with their parents to enjoy fun coding games together. The week before this event, your kids will learn the basics of coding in computer class. Then parents and their children can explore and grow together with the coding games! Fifth grade & High School Coding Tech Helpers are available to help.

No prior knowledge is required to do the coding activities. The activities involve connecting blocks that have easy to understand labels. The blocks have the “official real code” embedded inside of them. These blocks are called Blockly code and they have helped millions learn how to code!

Every year I teach coding starting in kindergarten at Cornwall, and the kids LOVE the activities! Troubleshooting is a required skill involved in coding, and our kids rise to the challenge! I regularly observe our students happily sharing their solutions with other students! How cool and wonderful this evening will be for parents to engage in online coding activities with their 3rd and 4th grade kids!!

Itinerary:

- **5:45 PM** Doors Open
- **6:00 PM** Greetings. Essential Question. Enjoy a light dinner of pizza and drinks.
- **6:30 PM** Dinner Cleanup will start.
- **6:45 ish** Kids will grab their school laptop from their homeroom teacher cart in the café.

An Evening of Code RSVP

I hope you will be able to come and enjoy this opportunity to share with your child in our second annual Evening of Code! Please RSVP by using the web address below if you plan to attend the event.

There are 4 simple questions to answer for registration purposes. Your answers will enable us to be as prepared as possible for this event regarding logistics!

Sign up quickly as the registration is limited to the first 200 people who RSVP. A parent must accompany their child for the evening.

The web address for signing up is <https://tinyurl.com/CW-Code-2019>

Thank You, Mr. Sobol!!

CORNWALL ELEMENTARY PTO

December 2019 Newsletter

Staff appreciation update

In October, we provided all teachers with a s'mores kit as a thank you for all they do. It was also cafeteria and bus driver appreciation month. All bus and van drivers as well as cafeteria workers received a small gift from the PTO.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Dec. 2: NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving Break**

Dec. 3-6: Holiday Shop

Dec. 5: PTO Meeting 6 p.m.

Dec. 5: Chorus Concert 7 p.m.

Dec. 6: Falcon Friday

Dec. 6: Panera Fundraiser

**Dec. 13: 2nd Grade
Dutch Apple Theater**

**Dec. 13: Kindergarten
Polar Express**

**Dec. 13: 4th Grade
CTC Field Trip 12 p.m.**

**Dec. 16: Winter Band/
Orchestra Concert 2:30 p.m.**

**Dec. 18: Cornwall Olympics
1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.**

**Dec. 19: Evening of Code
6 p.m.**

Dec. 2: Falcon Friday

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Yearbook Committee Member Search

The yearbook committee is looking for a few new members to help with photos and collages. No fancy camera or experience necessary! If that's not your strong suit, we could use help with organizing and entering order forms as well as coordinating classroom volunteers. Any extra hands are appreciated. If you're interested in helping out, please contact Suzy Yorty, skyorty@yahoo.com.

The **Holiday Shop** is almost here! **Dec. 3 - 6**

Just a reminder, students should bring their to/from labels and the envelopes with their name at the top along with their completed shopping list and money inside on their scheduled day.

Checks payable to:
Cornwall Elementary PTO

Also, volunteers are still needed as elves and to donate food.

To sign up: bit.ly/2KRBO9o

FUN FALL ACTIVITIES

Pancakes with Papas: Nov. 8 The kids loved having their papas join them for a pancake breakfast. 620 papas and kids attended!



First Grade Thanksgiving Feast: Nov. 22 The first graders learned about thankfulness and dressed as Pilgrims and Native Americans while they enjoyed a Thanksgiving feast with their friends.





HELP SUPPORT

CORNWALL ELEMENTARY PTO

WHERE 1451 Quentin Road, Lebanon, PA 17042

WHEN Fri, Dec 6th

FROM 4:00pm - 8:00pm

Bring this flyer or show an electronic version to the cashier when you place your order and we'll donate a portion of the proceeds from your purchase.*

Ordering Online for Rapid Pick-Up or Delivery?*

Enter **"PRFUND"** as your Promo Code to have a portion of your proceeds donated to your organization.

Learn more at FundraisingPaneraBread.com

* Gift card purchases and catering orders are excluded and will not count toward the event.
Rapid Pick-Up and Delivery only where available.

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