



# Cornwall Elementary



## March Newsletter 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we move toward the month of April and PSSA testing is approaching, it can become daunting and cumbersome to think about and prepare for PSSA testing. PSSA testing has value by giving us a snap shot view of your child's, all student's and Cornwall's proficiency within the subjects of math, science, reading and writing. This snap shot view provides information to help us as educators assess our curriculum, teaching methodology and our instructional tools. However, the PSSA's are exactly that – a snap shot view. PSSA testing does not encompass the complexity of every student, their desires, needs and interests. Each student is different which brings diversity to every classroom and makes school, especially Cornwall, an amazing place to learn, grow and mature. In turn, our goal is to instill a love of learning in every student so they can set and achieve their own personal goals in life, fulfilling the mission of Cornwall-Lebanon School District – *empowering students to reach their fullest potential*. As we carefully educate and prepare each student we ask you to review the following considerations in preparation for the PSSA test

English Language Arts	(3-5) April 21, 22 and 23, 2020
Mathematics	(3-5) April 27 and 28, 2020
Science	(4 only) April 30 and 31, 2020

- Make sure your child is at school each day on time. Testing begins promptly at 9:10 AM.
- Help your child select a nutritious breakfast on the morning before school.
- Remind your child that plenty of rest will help them.
- Stay positive with your child to help reduce any test anxiety.
- Celebrate accomplishments and encourage children in times of distress.
- Preview the PSSA homepage at
  - o <https://www.education.pa.gov/K-12/Assessment%20and%20Accountability/PSSA/Pages/default.aspx>

By the time students leave our doors, we are confident that PSSA testing will be just a small aspect of the quality of education and love of learning they experienced here at Cornwall Elementary. Education takes time and is accomplished over the span of our lifetime. As most adults are finished with school, we, however, recognize we will always be learners and that learning is a never ending and a fulfilling aspect of life. It is our hope that we can instill these ideals in every student every day at Cornwall. Thank you for taking time to review our monthly newsletter and it is our blessing and privilege to be part of your child's life.

Sincerely,

Nathanial Artz, Principal

"Where kids come first!"



**NathanialArtz@CWelementary**

## MARCH EVENTS

Mar. 2-6 Read Across America Week

Mar. 4 Elementary Band Rehearsal, 9:10 AM, LGI

Mar. 5 PTO Meeting, 6:00 PM, Faculty Lounge

Mar. 6 Falcon Friday

Mar. 9 Kindergarten Registration, 9:10 AM – 3:10 PM

Mar. 10 Kindergarten Registration, 9:10 AM – 3:10 PM

Mar. 12 Grade 1 - Planetarium (Blizzard & High), 9:45 AM  
Book BINGO, 6:00 – 8:30 PM

Mar. 13 Grade 1 – Planetarium (Dresch & Idgunji), 9:45 AM

Mar. 16 School Board Meeting, 5:30 PM, LGI

Mar. 17 Girls on the Run, LL203, 3:45 PM

Mar. 19 Girls on the Run, LL203, 3:45 PM

Mar. 20 Muffins with Mom, 7:45 AM  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade vs. Staff Basketball Game, 1:00 PM

Mar. 23 Music in our Schools

Mar. 24 Girls on the Run, LL203, 3:45 PM

Mar. 26 End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Marking Period  
Girls on the Run, LL203, 3:45 PM  
District Spelling Bee, Cornwall, 6:30 PM

Mar. 27 Act 80 – NO SCHOOL for Students

Mar. 31 Elementary String Rehearsal, Ebenezer, 9:15 AM  
Girls on the Run, LL203, 3:45 PM

1<sup>st</sup> Graders celebrate 100<sup>th</sup> day of school as 100 year olds!





# Cornwall Elementary Celebrates Read Across America!

We are celebrating Reading throughout the month of March.

## Monday, March 2nd

- The cafeteria will serve a Seuss themed lunch and students will receive a bookmark.
- Classes are encouraged to drop everything and read in celebration of Read Across America

## Tuesday, March 3rd

- United Way volunteers will share The Adventures of Lebanon Lilly with first grade classes.

## Thursday, March 12th

- Book Bingo
  - Families are invited back in the evening to play Book Bingo from 6-7:30pm. Please return the RSVP if you will be joining us!

## Tuesday, March 17th- Thursday March 26th

- March Madness Book Bracket: Eight picture books will compete in a March Madness bracket to see which will be Cornwall's favorite. The books are recently published books that celebrate the theme "We're the Kids of America."

Read Across America is organized and funded by the Cornwall-Lebanon Education Association.



## News from the District

### Did you Know?

- **The calendar of key district dates for the 2020-2021 school year** has been approved by the Board of School Directors. Check on the district website [www.clsd.k12.pa.us](http://www.clsd.k12.pa.us) under the "Community" tab.
- **District resident senior citizens are invited to attend the Spring Dinner & Dance** (formerly known as the Senior Senior Prom), Friday, March 13, 2020, 5:30-9 p.m. This FREE dinner-dance event is hosted by Cedar Crest High School and students in the Key Club. Check on the District website [www.clsd.k12.pa.us](http://www.clsd.k12.pa.us) or visit any district building to pick up a registration form. **Thank you for sharing this information with your senior family members, friends and neighbors and encouraging them to submit their reservations by March 1st for this popular event!**
- **Cornwall-Lebanon School District has a Facebook page:** Please "Like" us! (Be sure to use the hyphen when you search for us.) Follow the District on **Twitter: @CLSD\_Schools**
- **Want to take a swim or sign up for swim lessons?** Check the District website under the "Community" tab for the aquatics calendar, open swim schedule and the Spring Swimming brochure of activities in the John W. Davis NATATORIUM at Cedar Crest High School.
- Looking for information about family activities, athletic opportunities for students, summer camps, before-and-after school care programs? Check out the listings on the CLSD **online Community Bulletin Board**, under the "Community" tab on the District website: [www.clsd.k12.pa.us](http://www.clsd.k12.pa.us)



### Calendar Items:

- **March 15: Deadline to apply for Falcon Foundation grants and awards.** Click on the "Falcon Fnd." Quick link icon on the district web Home page for more info, [www.clsd.k12.pa.us](http://www.clsd.k12.pa.us). For further information, please contact: Arianne Chernich or Tamara Gross, Grants and Awards Committee Co-Chairs: [falconfoundation@clsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:falconfoundation@clsd.k12.pa.us) or (717) 679-5782.
- **March 16: Board of School Directors meeting,** 5:30 PM, Large Group Instruction room (LGI) at Cedar Crest High School. A Public Work Session will be held March 11, 5:30 PM, at the Educational Service Center. Both meetings are open to the public.
- **March 20 & 21: CCMS Spring Musical, "Rock of Ages: Middle School Edition,"** in the CCMS Auditorium, Friday, March 20 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, March 21 at 3 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$5 for students; free for preschool children and CLSD Gold Card holders. Tickets will be sold in the CCMS lobby on Monday, March 9 and Wednesday, March 11 from 6-7 pm. Tickets cost \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, and free for residents with a CLSD Gold Card and Preschoolers. Please, do not contact the CCMS or District office.
- **March 23: Music In Our Schools Assemblies,** all elementary schools
- **March 24: "Constellations of the Spring and Summer Sky," the final Planetarium program** for the school year, 10-10:45 AM for Senior Citizens; 7-7:45 PM for the General Public. Visit the "Community Events & Activities" tab on the District website for details.
- **March 26: 3<sup>rd</sup> Marking Period Ends**
- **March 26: District Elementary Spelling Bee,** 6:30 p.m., hosted by Cornwall Elementary School, open to the public, free.
- **March 27: No School for Students – Act 80 Day for staff**

### Past Falcon Foundation Recipients





## Why aren't my children motivated?

The problem might not be motivation. Low motivation is often a disguise for another type of problem, for example, a learning difficulty, problems with friends, a personal conflict with a teacher, or something as simple as needing a new pair of glasses. Resolving these types of problems can often do wonders for motivation.

Some children fear failure. Too often, parents and children themselves set their expectations too high. This can backfire. Faced with the risk of trying and failing, many kids don't try. Help your children set realistic goals and let them know that it's all right to have a setback every once in a while. Always encourage their interests but make sure they know it's okay to progress at their own speed.

Social situations can also affect your child's motivation. Friends are very important during childhood, and if your children feel they are not fitting in or making enough friends, they may lose interest in school. Encourage your children to invite friends to the house and see that they participate in activities outside school that will introduce more children into their circle of friends.

Low motivation can be caused by boredom. Some children lose interest in school because it's too easy. If you suspect that this might be the reason for your child's lack of motivation, talk to your child's teacher about ways you can work together to make school more challenging.

## Tips for Parents on how to motivate your children.

Motivation comes from within. Parents can have a strong influence on their children's motivation, but they can't force their children to be motivated. Children need to feel they're learning for themselves, not for their parents. You can set an example by showing your child how exciting it is to learn something new and by being enthusiastic and motivated yourself.

Teach your children to set short-term and long-term goals. Goals are great motivators, especially when those goals are achieved. Younger children need short-term goals they can accomplish in a short period of time. Suggest tasks such as cleaning up their toys or taking out the trash. For older children, encourage long-term goals, such as working at a summer job in order to buy a bicycle.

The best goals are specific. Rather than letting your child tell you "I'm going to be neater this year," have him or her decide "I'm going to clean my room every Saturday." This is a good lesson for the future. Concrete goals can be measured. Your child cannot succeed unless he or she knows how to recognize success. Concrete successes will give your child more powerful reasons to feel motivated.

Goals don't have to be earthshaking. The important reason for meeting a goal is not to accomplish something overwhelming, but so that your children learn that they can do what they set out to do. This is probably the most powerful motivator your children can have—a sense of competence.

## How can I help my children be motivated in school?

- Talk about school regularly. It's impossible to overemphasize how important it is to discuss your child's school experiences.
- Display your children's achievements. Ask your children to pick two or three of their best school papers each week—such as drawings, math homework, or writing assignment—and post them on the refrigerator, in the bedroom, or in the bathroom.
- Point out your children's progress. As your child learns and improves in school, compare recent papers to papers from the past. Show your child that he or she is making progress and has reasons to feel proud about these accomplishments.





On Friday, March 20, 2020 we invite  
Moms/Grandmothers or another adult  
and their kids to join our Cornwall staff  
for breakfast.

On the Menu:

Assorted Muffins, Fruit, Milk, Juice,  
Coffee and Tea

Time: 7:45 AM - 8:40 AM

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Please R.S.V.P. by March 9, 2020 if you  
plan to attend.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

## Attention Parents/Guardians of Third Grade Students: It's Time to Join the Band!

Enrollment in the Cornwall-Lebanon Elementary Band Program is available to current third grade students. Students who wish to enroll in the band will begin studying their instruments during the Summer Band Program! The program takes place from June 11 – July 15. (Mark your calendar!) Daily lessons for current third grade students last for 30 minutes and are typically available between 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Students who wish to join the band may choose from the following instruments: flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone, tuba, or orchestra bells.

Students will receive enrollment information at an assembly in April. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Thompson at [sthompson@clsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:sthompson@clsd.k12.pa.us).

We look forward to seeing your child in the band program this summer!



## NURSE'S NOTES



Information regarding your elementary child's BMI for the 2019-2020 is now available on the Skyward Parent Portal. Body mass index, or BMI, is a measure of body fat based on height and weight and is used as a screening tool to identify possible weight problems for children. Follow the directions below to access your child's results. If you have questions regarding your child's BMI results, please contact the nurse at 389-1883.

To access your child's BMI information, please follow these steps:

1. Log onto Skyward and navigate to Family Access.
2. On the left menu list click on Health Information.
3. Click on display options.
4. Next, on the tabs, click on Show Physical Exams.
5. Look at the top entry date and then to BMI and BMI Percentile. Make a note of these numbers.
6. Next, on the district web site click on "Growth Screening": [CLSD Home>Student Services>Health Services>Growth Screenings](#)
7. When that page opens compare your child's BMI numbers to the BMI chart.

The Health Room is still in need of clothing and will take any outgrown play clothes that you would like to donate. We are especially in need of sweat pants for boys/girls 4T-6X

Thank you for all the wonderful volunteers that have helping in various ways in the health and wellbeing of Cornwall Elementary.

Sincerely,  
Sue Robins RN



## ART DEPARTMENT NEWS

CLSD is LVCA's First Friday Artist for March. Student art work from throughout the district will be on display, including several Cornwall Elementary students! Please read the following invitation for details!

Thank You.....Mrs. Price



*Please join us at a Lebanon County community event  
as we celebrate the arts.*

*Cornwall-Lebanon School District*

will be featured

in the

*First Friday Art Show*

Friday, March 6, 2020

Lebanon Council on the Arts Building

770 Cumberland Street

Drop in anytime

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

This show will display artworks created by several  
students

from all buildings within the Cornwall-Lebanon  
School District.

Artworks will be on display for the month of March.

*Free event. All are welcome.*





## MARCH 9th through MARCH 13th

At Cornwall Elementary we are going to have a healthy eating GO FOR THE GREENS week-long celebration! Go for the Greens is an event that promotes green vegetables, healthy eating, good food choices and staying healthy in the future. We hope to open young minds and taste buds to the greatness of greens and have special samplings in the cafeteria.

### FUN ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK:

**MONDAY:** Look for a Healthy Eating Chart sent home with each student to track their fruits and vegetables for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. You will mark your apples, carrots, celery and all your vegetables and fruit that you have been eating throughout the week. You will turn this chart back in on Friday for a chance to win a gift card. The café will serve Zucchini Chips!

**TUESDAY:** RAINBOW OF COLORS at LUNCH today! The more color you add to your plate, the more nutrients and vitamins you consume which helps to fuel the body. Wear the color of your favorite fruit or vegetable, and give a new fruit or vegetable a try. Let us make lunchtime a colorful experience and take a taste a variety of colorful fruits and vegetables.

**WEDNESDAY:** SUGAR SNAP PEAS today at lunch! Did you know sugar snap peas are from the legume family? Legumes are plants that produce pods containing edible, fleshy seeds; also, one cup equals 45 calories.

**THURSDAY:** WISHING WELL by drinking water! This helps maintain balance of body fluids. Your body is composed of 60 % water. Be sure to visit the water bottle stations.

**FRIDAY:** GO FOR THE GREENS at LUNCH today! Chef Brian Kimmy, your Food Service Manger will be in the cafeteria preparing a broccoli dish. Try it and receive a sticker. Moms and Dads will be so proud that their students tried a new dish today!! Wear green FRIDAY...green shirt, green pants, green bandana, green headband, green socks and all things green! Or your school garden shirt! Don't forget to turn in your Healthy Eating Chart and the winner will be announced at the end of the day!

**Come join in the fun of Healthy Kids, Healthy Food and Healthy Lives!**

# CAMP INVENTION 2020

**ALL NEW ACTIVITIES FOR 2020 ... even more exciting and fun!!!**

**Give your child a fantastic, motivating, unique, and FUN summer STEM experience!**

**Save \$25 off Base Fee! Register by March 31, 2020 for the early bird discount!!**

**Use Promo Code: *ELEVATE25* for your discount online or by phone**

**Interested in a Falcon Foundation full or partial grant for your child to attend camp?**

**Falcon Foundation Offers Grants in Aide and Scholarship–**

**Deadline for spring applications this year is March 15, 2020**

**Go to the website at: <https://www.clsd.k12.pa.us/Page/3317>**

**and then click on APPLICATIONS to get the forms you need...**

**Camp Invention** is an exciting and motivating adventure in creativity that immerses children in exciting, hands-on activities that reinvent summer fun.

Led by local educators, kids are challenged to explore creative connections between technology, engineering, construction, architecture, innovation, math, and the many sciences.

Participants spend their time with their age/grade appropriate team problem solving, creating, thinking, and having fun during 5 different STEM activity sessions per day!

To learn more about Camp Invention go to watch us at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KqXfn6DvUkg>

**Open to all CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA Elementary Students**

**July 13-17, 2020** Monday-Friday, 9:00 am -3:30 pm

Hosted at Cornwall Elementary School for its 13<sup>th</sup> season great season!

**For students currently in grades 1-5 for the 2019-2020 school year**

Director: Chuck Kindt, Retired Principal of Cornwall School      Contact: [CI2013@comcast.net](mailto:CI2013@comcast.net)

Camp Invention Base Fee: \$255      **see early bird DISCOUNT above!!**

***This camp sells out fast every year***

To register: go online to [www.campinvention.org](http://www.campinvention.org) or 1-800-968-4332



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Camp Invention® is a nationally acclaimed summer program where STEM concepts come to life. Children entering grades K-6 **gain confidence** as they participate in **hands-on activities** inspired by world-changing National Inventors Hall of Fame® Inductees! Our 2020 program activities are **ALL NEW**, **led by experienced local educators** and grouped by grade level.



## CREATE

Become a confident entrepreneur as you sketch, prototype, protect and pitch the next great invention.



## COLLABORATE

Team up to play hybrid hover ball games, trade inventor playing cards and design the ultimate sports complex.



## PROBLEM SOLVE

Tackle environmental challenges while you compete in zipline races and build parachutes to airdrop animals.



## TAKE-HOME FUN

After experimenting with rockets and planes, bring home your own customizable LINK robot!

# SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

Register at [INVENT.ORG/CAMP](https://www.invent.org/camp) or 800-968-4332

Camp Invention® is for children currently in grades 1st - 5th.

Location: Cornwall Elementary School

45 Burd Coleman Road, Lebanon, PA 17042

Date: July 13 - 17, 2020

Time & Cost: 9:00am - 3:30pm | \$255 (before discount)

Camp Director: Chuck Kindt | [ci2013@comcast.net](mailto:ci2013@comcast.net) | 717-319-5812

*This camp sells out early. Register soon and secure your spot!*

*Camp is open to all Central Pennsylvania students.*

*If these dates/times don't work for you, please visit [invent.org/camp](https://www.invent.org/camp) for other locations near you.*

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