CORNWALL NEWS

November 2019

Principal's Message

Greetings!

With the conclusion of marking period one and the approach of parent-teacher conferences, let's take time to appreciate the seasons changing, the learning that has occurred, teachers teaching and the involvement of our community here at Cornwall Elementary. Parent-teacher conferences are an opportunity for parents and teachers to celebrate the accomplishments and growth of each and every child. The majority of parents/guardians have already signed up for meetings with their child's teachers on November 21 (kindergarten only), 25 and 26, 2019. If you have not had the opportunity to schedule a conference please contact your child's teacher or the office to do so. In addition to parent-teacher conferences, report cards will be accessible electronically on Skyward and a hard copy will be sent home beginning Thursday, November 7th.

The week of November 4, 2019 we will be conducting our annual intruder/lockdown drill.

We have had an awesome response for Pancakes with Papas on November 8, 2019. We look forward to spending time with our students and their Dads while we eat breakfast. Seating will be limited, therefore, when finished eating students may head to auditorium to hang out and watch a show while adults may leave or hang out in the auditorium with their kids until 8:40 AM. This will allow us to have enough seating for everyone attending. The clothing order is completed and we will communicate via skyward on how the clothing will be distributed. Please look for the information in the near future.

Progress reports are emailed through Skyward on a weekly basis every Saturday morning. If you are not receiving such notifications please let the office know. In addition, understanding the layout of the information communicated can be difficult and overwhelming. In order to make it more readable please refer to the Progress Report Key in this newsletter to help provide further clarification about the weekly reports.

Lastly, during this time of Thanksgiving, I want to share my gratitude and thank you for being such an important part of our children's lives. We gather on this day to be thankful for what we have, for the family we love, the friends we cherish, and for the blessings that will come. On behalf of the Cornwall staff, I would like to thank you for your continued support and wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

Nathanial Artz

Principal "Where kids come first"



IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 1 - Act 80 - No School

Week of Nov. 4 - Intruder Drill

Nov. 6 - Report Cards Available Online

Nov. 7 - PTO Meeting, Faculty Lounge, 6:00 PM

Nov. 8 - Pancakes with Papas, 7:45
Falcon Friday

Nov. 12 - Picture Retake Day

Girls on the Run Meeting, 5:00 PM

Nov. 14 - 5th Grade Math Olympics @ LVC

Nov. 15 - 4th Grade trip to Capitol
Parents Night Out

Nov. 18 - 26 Bookfair

Nov. 18 - School Board Meeting, 5:30 PM

Nov. 21 - Kindergarten Parent-Teacher Conferences

Nov. 22 - 1st Grade Feast

Nov. 25 & 26 - Parent Teacher Conferences (No school for students)

Nov. 25-29 - Thanksgiving Break - No School



In This Issue

- School Nurse
- Progress Report Key
- News from the District
- Book Fair News
- Computer News
- Ski Club News
- Library News
- PTO News

From the School Nurse

With the start of the cold and flu season, please remember to have your student practice health habits such as washing your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds. Also covering your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, and then throw away used tissues. Teach children to cough in their sleeve if a tissue is not available.

Please remind children that they should not share drinks, water bottles eating utensils, as well as hats, hair bands and scarves. They may share smiles and laughter instead. Also, encourage your child to sleep 8 or more hours. A good night sleep is essential for learning



<u>Medications:</u> Just a reminder that all medications to be given during the school day (including over the counter medications and cough drops) MUST be brought to the nurse or administrative office by an adult and must have parent/doctor signed medication order.

Please take a look at the CLSD web site <u>Student Services>Health Services> Physical & Dental Requirements</u> if you have a 2nd or 5th grade student that will be seen for a well-child exam or dental exam. The nursing office will accept the forms now, and will be sending hard copies home in the month of December.

Health Screenings for September included hearing screenings for all students in Kindergarten through grade 3. Vision Screenings were conducted in all grades during October. If your child was noted to have difficulty with screenings you will be notified by mid-November.

The health office will collect toiletries for the Domestic Violence Center. Please feel free to send them in with your student. Look for more happenings for the Holiday and the Toys for Tots program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 389-1883.

Sue Robins, CSN, BSN, M.Ed.

Nurses Needed

Please note the Cornwall-Lebanon School District is in need of nursing substitutes, for school offices and for field trips. Applicants must have an active nursing license, either a RN or LPN and Basic Life Support Provider Card. If you have a nursing degree and have the qualifications/clearances you can contact the district at 717-272-2031 or apply on the district website.

Progress Report Key

Grades 3 - 5 Example

Period 0 - Reading 4 (4 Read/1)

This indicates grade, subject and section number. The section number is simply an identification code skyward uses to attribute the student to a teacher.

Reading

This indicates subject

Grade T1-93 or A

T1 indicates which term it is either 1, 2, 3 or 4.

97 is numerical grade or A represents letter grade

Comprehension of Informational Text T1 – 4

This is a sub skill of reading

T1 indicates the term number

4 indicates mastery level (4 – advanced, 3 – proficient, 2 – basic, 1 – below basic)

Math, Reading and Writing all have sub skills associated with each subject. Science, Social Studies and Spelling do not have any sub skills attached to them.

Grades K - 2 Example

Period 6 - Math 1 (1 Math/2)

This indicates grade, subject and section number. The section number is simply an identification code skyward uses to attribute the student to a teacher.

Unit 1 Numbers and Operations

This indicates what unit of study

Extend the counting sequence to read and write numerals to represent objects T1 - P

This indicates the sub skill taught within Unit 1 Numbers and Operations

T1 – P indicates it is Term 1 and P indicates mastery level

(P – proficient, D – developing, NI – needs improvement, SI – shows improvement)

Use place value concepts to represent amounts of tens and ones and to compare two digit numbers T1 - P

This indicates the sub skill taught within Unit 1 Numbers and Operations

T1 – P indicates it is Term 1 and P indicates mastery level

(P – proficient, D – developing, NI – needs improvement, SI – shows improvement)

Unit 2 Operations and Algebraic Thinking: Addition

Indicates upcoming units of study

Unit 3 Operations and Algebraic Thinking: Subtraction

Indicates upcoming unit of study

Unit 4 Operations and Algebraic Thinking

Indicates upcoming unit of study

Grades 1 and 2 are all units within each subject containing sub skills except for science and social studies. Kindergarten are all sub skills within each subject.

News from the DISTRICT



- 1) Cedar Crest Middle School Drama presents its fall play, "A Wicked Christmas Carol": Friday and Saturday, Nov. 15 & 16, 7 PM, CCMS Auditorium. All Seats are reserved. Tickets are \$10 for adults/\$5 for students and senior citizens (62+)/Free for preschool children. CLSD Gold Card holders who present their card will receive free admission to one performance. Reservations are required. Ticket Sales for the community will be in the CCMS Commons area October 28, 6-8PM; November 2, 10 -11AM; November 6 & 7, 6-7PM; and at the door, one hour before the performance. For ticket information, email scpabby@gmail.com, or, kglassford@clsd.k12.pa.us. Please <a href="mailto:do not contact the CCMS office.
- 2) Cedar Crest High School Planetarium program for November, "Constellations of the Fall & Winter Sky" All Planetarium programs are free, but reservations are required to ensure program availability. Donations to the Falcon Foundation are proudly accepted. Please call ahead to RSVP by contacting Rich Fried at (717) 272-2033 ext. 5412. If Rich is unavailable to answer your call due to teaching duties, please leave a message and phone number at which you may be reached.

<u>Thursday, Nov. 14, 7 PM, for all ages</u> - Take a tour of the winter night sky inside of the CCHS digital planetarium. In this family friendly event, instructor Rich Fried will lead a 45-minute program where he shares constellation stories about the brightest constellations in the winter sky. The program will conclude with an opportunity to ask questions or to observe other interesting objects in the current night sky.

<u>Tuesday</u>, <u>Nov. 19</u>, <u>10-10:45 AM</u> - <u>Senior Citizens and their family members</u> are invited to 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.

- **3)** Cedar Crest High School Drama presents the comedy, "Sense and Sensibility": Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 21, 22 & 23, 2019, 7 PM, CCHS Auditorium. Tickets available at the door: Students \$4, Adults \$6; CLSD Gold Card members who present their card will receive free admission to one performance.
- **4) Thank an Educator:** Recognize your student's special teachers, staff members, or coaches with a Certificate of Appreciation by donating to the Falcon Foundation through the "Thank an Educator" program. Make a donation in an amount of your choosing by December 12th for certificate delivery the week of December 15th. Visit www.clsd.pa.us and select **Falcon Foundation** under the COMMUNITY tab menu.
- **5)** The next meeting of the **CLSD Board of School Directors** is Monday, Nov. 18, 2019, 5:30 p.m., in the large group instruction room (LGI) at the high school. A work session will be held Monday, Nov. 11, 2019, 5:30 p.m., at the Educational Service Center, 105 E. Evergreen Rd. Both meetings are open to the public.
- **6)** Online Community Bulletin Board: Check the online Community Bulletin Board regularly for information about upcoming events, activities and fundraisers throughout the CLSD community (Click on the "COMMUNITY" tab on the District website: www.clsd.k12.pa.us, or look under the "SERVICES" tab on any CLSD school page.) Currently, you can find out about **sports activities** for the participant and spectator ... **Scouting** opportunities ... Student club **Fundraisers** ... **community events & activities** ... and many more items of possible interest!



7) Holiday Breakfast Concert for District Residents age 65+: <u>Ticket order forms</u> for the annual Holiday Breakfast Concert will be available the first week in November for district residents age 65 or older. A person under age 65 may attend only if accompanying his or her spouse who meets the age requirement. A maximum of two free tickets may be requested per form. Order forms are available in these locations:

- at any district school building office
- on the district website in the News section and under the COMMUNITY tab -> Activities & Events: www.clsd.k12.pa.us

Bring the completed ticket order form to the rear of the middle school on Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2019. Ticket distribution will begin at 1 PM, and continue until either all 500 tickets have been distributed, or until 1:30 PM. Senior citizens will not need

to leave the car. After the ticket distribution date and time, any remaining tickets may be picked up at the District office, 105 E. Evergreen Rd. The breakfast concert is Thursday, Dec. 5, beginning at 8 AM, at the middle school cafetorium. Doors to the CCMS cafetorium at the rear of the building will open at 7:30 AM. <u>Tickets are required.</u>

- 8) Volunteers and Chaperones: Cornwall-Lebanon School District greatly appreciates the volunteers and chaperones who provide assistance to students and teachers through their participation in classroom support, as well as special events and activities. Volunteers are essential to the success of students. Anyone who will be serving as a long-term or short-term volunteer for the District must submit completed clearances to the School District prior to serving as a volunteer. Look under the "Community" tab on the District Home page for more details: www.clsd.k12.pa.us
- 8) Inclement Weather Procedures & Skylert Notification System: The decision to close school or open two hours later will be announced before 7:00 AM on the CLSD Home page, www.clsd.k12.pa.us, as well as on the Cornwall -Lebanon School District Facebook and Twitter pages (@CLSD_Schools), and on local radio and TV stations. The Skylert automated notification system also will be used to contact parents/guardians during the school day in the event of a building power failure, hazardous situation, or an early dismissal. Please review the important information that is printed inside the front cover of the CLSD 2019-20 Calendar of Events. The District website is the first place important information is posted. Please, do not contact school or District offices in the case of these events as it is important for our phone lines to be available for emergency communications.

Remember, the Skylert notification system is only as accurate as the information you have provided to the District. Be sure your phone and email settings allow (does not Block) these three numbers: (717) 272-2031, (717) 272-2036, and (717) 389-1810, and emails from addresses ending in @clsd.k12.pa.us. Please review your information in Skylert, as well, and make any updates (for general information sharing, including school closings):

- 1. Login to your Skyward account.
- 2. Click the word "Skylert" in the left menu.
- 3. Fill-in and check or uncheck your desired settings.
- 4. Click "SAVE" in the upper right side of the page when you are done.



IT'S TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL



NOVEMBER 18TH TO 26TH CORNWALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY

NOV. 18 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM NOV. 19-22 8:30 AM TO 4:00 PM NOV. 25 1:30 PM TO 9:00 PM NOV. 26 8:00 AM TO 3:30 PM

STUDENTS WILL BRING HOME MORE INFORMATION IN EARLY NOVEMBER.
LIKE TO BE A SUPERHERO FOR OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY? VOLUNTEER FOR WOULD YOU

OUR BOOK FAIR! CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO SIGN UP.

HTTPS://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/20F0C49ABAC2CA6FE3-BOOK1



3rd and 4th Graders ---Get READY---for the <u>An Evening of Code Event</u>

Cornwall is hosting a Coding Event on **Thursday, December 19**th starting at **6 pm**. Parents and their 3rd and 4th grade children will enjoy an evening of coding activities together! We are surrounded by coding that enhances our lives in many areas and ways. Without coding, most of the electronics we now enjoy would no longer function.

Every year we teach coding at Cornwall. The kids LOVE the activities and do very well with them! Troubleshooting is a required skill involved in coding, but our kids rise to the challenge! I regularly observe them enjoying sharing their solutions with other students. How cool and wonderful for parents to engage in coding activities online with their kids!!

A light dinner of pizza and drinks will be offered starting at 6 pm before we start coding. More information and an RSVP will be forthcoming in a letter that will be sent home with our 3rd and 4th graders later in November. I hope you will be able to take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy the *Evening of Code* with your children!

The Evening of Code event was so well received last year in its inaugural offering, that many requests came for the 2nd graders to have an event!! This will happen in January! Details to come in a future newsletter!

CLASS WORK OUTSIDE OF COMPUTER CLASS

All fourth and **fifth graders** have and will continue to receive a keyboarding assignment <u>every week</u>. This is optional work but will be beneficial to the students in their keyboarding and computer skills and preparation for our weekly keyboarding quizzes and tests. The keyboarding quizzes and tests will be reflected in their grades.

Usually, this work takes around **5 minutes to complete** once a week outside of computer class. So far with the 5th grade weekly quizzes, those who do the optional class work have scored well! The 4th grade weekly quizzes will start very soon. Please encourage your child to be proactive in doing the practice work so they too will be successful!

National Cybersecurity Safety Month

Cybersecurity covers an array of online safety topics which are more than can be covered in this newsletter, so I will focus on three items: **Online Passwords Plan, Email Schemes** and **RANSOMEWARE**.

With all the <u>data breaches</u> happening in businesses and the government, having a sound plan for your passwords is of <u>utmost importance</u>. A **sound safe plan** includes **two components**: **Strong Passwords** and **Diversity**. Strong passwords utilize a **minimum** of **12 characters** including upper/lowercase letters, numbers, and symbols like # \$ % & etc. **Diversity** involves using a "**different password**" for each online account you use. If you use the same password for all your accounts and your password becomes compromised, you are totally exposed. If you use a different password for each account, you are minimally exposed when a password is exposed. Consider <u>2 Factor authentication</u> for maximum safety.

Email schemes are used by hackers to "**trick**" you into **sharing** your **username** and **password**. Hackers send emails with a well-known company logo like Apple, Google, FedEx, Met-Ed, Amazon, etc. A message says something has happened and you need to click "this link" to address the problem. The message could be as simple as a "package delivery delay" to "you have won a gift card". Once you click the link you are heading down a road towards being hacked. Verify the legitimacy of the email by calling the company before you click any links.

Ransomware is one of the newer schemes of hackers! This is a malicious type of software created to "**Lock**" all the **files** on your computer so you cannot access to them. You typically have a time period (maybe 30 days) to pay a monetary ransom. If you pay, you are given a key to unlock your files. If you chose not to pay, your files stay locked forever.

There are <u>two ways to protect</u> yourself. **FIRST**, always have a good security program running that defends against ransomware on your computer. **SECOND**, keep all your important data files and pictures regularly backed up to an external hard drive. Please **ONLY** have this external drive **connected** to your computer while you are backing up files. This way if you fall victim to ransomware, you will have a copy of all your files and will not have to pay the ransom.

The topics on this page submitted by \mathcal{M}_r . \mathcal{M}_{ichae} Sobol.



If you ski or snowboard, or would like to learn, sign up and join the Falcon Ski club. This group is open to all interested families (parents included). As a member of this group, you will receive a "night tracker" card. The card will provide you with EVERY DAY Access for late afternoon and evening skiing/snowboarding at each of the following resorts: Liberty, Roundtop and Whitetail Resorts. The night tracker card allows access from 4pm – close on Mondays – Saturdays, and from 3-close on Sundays. This is a great opportunity to be able to ski/snowboard on three local mountains this winter at a deeply discounted rate. If you enjoy alpine sports, please consider signing up. We plan to have weekly "meet-ups" to enjoy the mountain with all of our Falcon Friends. All sign ups and registration must be completed online at the following website:

https://www.skiroundtop.com/night-tracker

Club Name: RT CORNWAL

Password: Cornwall

More information will coming home soon.

CORNWALL ELEMENTARY

November 2019 Newsletter

Thanks for your support of the boxtops program this month! It was a success!

Your collection of boxtops helped raise funds to support special programming and events for your children. Keep saving!

\$642.30 **Cornwall Elementary** with Boxtops so far this year!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 1: NO SCHOOL

Nov. 3: Cornwall Garden Close the beds day 3-5 p.m.



Nov. 7: PTO Meeting 6 p.m.

Nov. 8: Falcon Friday

Nov. 12: Picture Retake

Nov: 12: Girls on the Run meeting 5 p.m.

Nov. 15: 4th Grade State Capital Field trip

Nov. 18 -26: Book Fair

Nov. 21: Kindergarten Conferences

Nov. 22: Falcon Friday

Nov. 25-26: Parent Teacher Conferences

Nov. 25-Dec 2: Thanksgiving Break

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Cornwall Garden: Close the Beds Day Nov. 3, 3-5 p.m.

On Sunday Nov. 3, we will be closing the garden for winter and we would love your help. After the work is done, we will celebrate with a small pot luck. The garden committee will provide soup, extra items are always appreciated. Feel free to bring the whole family!

Please respond to sarahEconville@ gmail.com if you plan to attend.

Book Fair Nov. 18-26

Do you want to help support Cornwall Elementary's library? You can help by volunteering at this year's BOOK FAIR! You can sign up for either a shift to sell books or help when we put everything away. If you can only volunteer for part of a shift, just note that in the comments section.

Sign up to help at the link below:

Book Fair Volunteer sign up

Holiday Shop Dec. 3-6

The holidays will be here before we know it and Cornwall is busy prepping for another fantastic Holiday Shop, which will be held December 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th. The kids look forward to this event each year and its success is a direct result of our volunteers. Please help us by volunteering a few hours as an elf where you can help the students shop. Can't get into school during the day? Consider signing up to donate food for the volunteers.

This event allows children to independently select and purchase inexpensive holiday gifts for their loved ones. With the assistance of our volunteers, the children receive individual attention while shopping and also get a "mini" lesson in budgeting. See the photo below for some of their shopping options!

To volunteer, go to Holiday Shop Volunteer sign up





FUN FALL ACTIVITIES

5th Grade vs. Teachers football: Oct. 11

It was a nail biter but the 5th grade came out on top with a score of 77-70. Check out some pics below and be sure to visit the **Cornwall PTO facebook** page for more.















Apple Crunch Day: Oct. 24 The kids tried all different kinds of apples at lunchtime.







