







# Union Canal Connection

February



## Union Canal February Activities 2020



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Character Trait for Month of February is "Acceptance/Diversity"				
3 School Board Public Work Session 5:30 PM ESC Day 1	4 Good News Club 3:30-5:00 PM UC PTT Meeting 6PM Day 2	5 Character Trait Assembly 2:45 PM, LGI Cub Scouts 3:30-4:30 pm Day 3	6 UC School Physicals 9:00 AM—12:30 PM Day 4	7  Day 5
10 School Board Meeting 5:30 PM, H.S. LGI Day 1	11 Good News Club 3:30-5:00PM Day 2	12 Mid Year Title I Meeting @ Ebenezer 9:15 AM Cub Scouts 3:30-4:30 pm Day 3	13  Day 4	14  Kids Heart Challenge Day 5
17 No School President's Day (2nd Weather Make-Up Day)	18 Good News Club 3:30-5:00 PM Day 1	19 Cub Scouts 3:30-4:30 pm Day 2	20 3rd Gr. Kids n Kops Lunch 12:35-1:05 PM Kindergarten Orientation 6:00 PM Panera Night Day 3	21  Day 4
24  Day 5	25 Head Start Family Day 1:30-2:30 PM UC Spelling Bee 6:30PM Day 1	26 Cub Scouts 3:30-4:30 PM Day 2	27 UC Spelling Bee Snow Date Day 3	28  Day 4



## From The Principal's Desk

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Among the month of February starts the season of change. While our famous Pennsylvania Groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, states that the weather will turn and we will have an early spring, that is our indicator that it is time for us at school to look ahead.

It is hard to believe that we are over halfway through our school year. Our children are engrossed heavily in academics and starting to prepare for many end of year activities, culminating lessons, and information, that they have acquired this school year. With short days turning longer and weather that will soon start to promote outside activities, please be patient with your children upon stress of school academics. Our students are working hard to excel in the classroom with academic and social growth. Please continue to support your child and our staff, while growing and becoming successful this school year.


As we begin to look ahead this school year into next school year, please be aware of the following. Kindergarten registration is in full swing! Any child residing in the Cornwall-Lebanon school district who will be five years of age before September 1, 2020 are asked to go to the District's webpage to begin the Kindergarten registration process @ [www.clsd.k12.pa.us](http://www.clsd.k12.pa.us). Kindergarten Registration has gone digital! Registration is now 'on-line'. Please follow the directions on the webpage for registration. If you need assistance please call the District Office at 717.272.2031. Orientation for parents (only) of children entering kindergarten in Fall 2020 is Thursday, February 20, 2020, at Union Canal Elementary School, 6:00 p.m.


We are also starting to plan next school year here at Union Canal. While, these discussions are still broad in nature, we're starting to outline what Union Canal will look like next school year. Again this year we will be having a "Step-Up" day at the end of our school year for students to be able to 'Step-Up' to their grade level, class, and teacher of the 2020-21 school year. More information on this and other 2020-21 school year planning will become available during the month of March.

Acceptance & Diversity is our February character trait that is fitting to help teach tolerance and understanding to our community. When we met as a school to discuss acceptance/diversity we also learned about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his impact on acceptance and social justice.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our students. At anytime if there is anything that we can do for you please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Yours in Education,  
Bernard J. McGinty

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# Discussion Topics for parents speaking about Character with their children...

## Acceptance and Diversity...

Here are some great ways to communicate about this topic with your children. I encourage all parents to set aside time once a week to discuss and actively work together on this month's topic.

### #1: Search Google Maps Together

A great place to start is by having a globe or a world map available in your home. Get the computer, tablet, or phone out and search around the world with Google Maps. When something globally newsworthy happens, the kids can go right to the map and physically see that area of the world. This allows them opportunities to ask questions, engage in discussion, and creates teachable moments for the whole family.

### #2: Encourage Questions

If your child has questions about differences in physical characteristics or cultural practices, discuss them openly. This teaches your child that it's okay to notice differences, and more importantly, it teaches him that it's good to talk about them. Learning to appreciate all kinds of differences—not just racial and cultural but differences in socioeconomic levels, gender, and even disabilities is an important skill in today's diverse society.

### #3: Recommended Books on Culture, Race, and Disability

[David's Drawings](#) by Cathryn Falwell

Perfect for: Ages 7 – 10

What it's about: One wintry morning, David, a shy African-American boy, spies a beautiful tree on his way to school. Before class begins, he gets a paper and pencil and draws its trunk and bare branches. Soon, his schoolmates look on and make suggestions. In this gentle and appealing story, a boy figures out how to stay true to his own artistic vision while allowing his friends to express their own creativity.

[Black, White, Just Right!](#) by Marguerite W. Davol

Perfect for: Ages 2-5

What it's about: A mixed-race child celebrates the rich inclusiveness of her life in a joyful picture book. Mama's face is chestnut brown, Papa's face turns pink in the sun, the child's a little dark, a little light, and "Just right!"

[Stinky the Bulldog](#) by Jackie Valent

Perfect for: 3 and under

What it's about: Stinky is a lovable little bulldog who moves to a new neighborhood. The mama bulldog teaches Stinky a valuable lesson in not judging others in this colorful picture book..

[Special People, Special Ways](#) by Arlene Maguire

Perfect for: Grade 2 and up

*Special People, Special Ways* presents a positive image of persons with disabilities. It shares the message that even though each of us may have something different about us, we share many commonalities. Coupled with colorful illustrations, the book conveys the message that although painful at times, being different can also be wonderful.

[My Sister is Special](#) by Larry Jansen

Perfect for: 3 and up

What it's about: A little boy learns compassion and patience as he cares for his little sister, who has Down's Syndrome.

# Kindergarten Registration and Orientation

## Welcome to Kindergarten!

Please log onto the Cornwall-Lebanon School District web site for kindergarten registration instructions. Go to "Departments" tab and scroll down to "Student Registration". On the left hand side, you will see "Kindergarten Registration". Clicking on that will open up the "Welcome to Kindergarten" page.

Kindergarten Registration involves three steps. The first step is to sign up online. After you sign up on line, you will receive an email inviting you to Parent Orientation Night. The third step is an individualized kindergarten registration meeting at the school building. You will select a date and time for registration at Parent Orientation Night (date and time listed below).

## Orientation – Thursday, February 20, 6:00 p.m.

Parent Orientation Night will be held at your school building. This evening is designed for *parents* of incoming kindergartners. Please find alternative care for your child(ren) for that evening. You will get a chance to hear about the kindergarten program at Cornwall-Lebanon and take a tour of the kindergarten classrooms. There will also be a question/answer period with the principal and kindergarten teachers. At orientation, the school secretaries will be available to set up an appointment for your child's registration. When scheduling your appointment time, please keep in mind that registration will take approximately 1 1/2 hours.

A packet of information will be available for each family. Contained in this packet will be forms that you should complete prior to registration. If you are unable to attend this meeting, the packet of information will be available in your child's designated building office.

## Registration – March 19 and March 20th, 2020

At registration, you and your child will be visiting with the school nurse to review enrollment and health papers and a parent interview will take place with a qualified staff member. A brief student assessment and short speech and language screening will be conducted that day with your child.

## Please bring the following to THIS appointment:

- **Completed** forms (found in packet to be received at Parent Orientation Night).
- Your child's immunization record.
- Your child's birth certificate.
- Proof of residency (Deed, Lease Agreement or Mortgage Statement; Tax Statement; Proof of Liability for Municipal and School District Taxes).
- Custody Order, CLSD-approved guardianship form, CLSD-approved shared housing form.
- Physical Exam
- Dental Exam
- Your child!

## Reminders!

Your child is registered for **Union Canal Elementary School**. Both Orientation Night and Registration will take place at this school. Traditionally, children are registered at the building where they will be attending, and we plan to continue with this process. However, we do want to alert parents to the fact that some children in borderline building attendance areas may be assigned to a different elementary building for kindergarten in order to make the most efficient use of space and teaching personnel.

**School Telephone Number:** (717) 270-7227 **Address:** 400 Narrows Drive, Lebanon

**Principal:** Mr. Bernard McGinty **Director of Elementary Education:** Dr. Tracie Clemens (717) 272-2031

Please call the school district office – **272-2031, ext. 1702** – if (1) you are not planning to send your child to Cornwall-Lebanon for kindergarten; (2) you have moved outside of the school district area; (3) the information on the address label is incorrect; (4) you believe your child's school building placement is incorrect.



# Character Trait Assemblies

Students discuss the character traits of Respect, Kindness/Courtesy, Self-Discipline, Friendship, Perseverance, Diversity/Acceptance, Responsibility, Honesty and Caring throughout the school year. Every month the students focus on a specific character trait. The trait is discussed at an assembly to show some examples of the trait and it's importance. The character trait for November and December is kindness . At the end of the month each teacher is asked to give the name of one of their students who best represented that character trait during that particular month. The student chosen is recognized at an assembly, given a certificate, a t-shirt and a small gift to thank them for displaying that trait. The students who displayed the character trait of "kindness" during the months of November and December were recognized at the January assembly and their picture is displayed below.



## Character Traits – November/December 2019 “Kindness & Courtesy”

Mrs. Fiebig Gr. K – AM Gabriella Haag  
Mrs. Fiebig Gr. K – PM Samuel Bowser  
Miss Fink Gr. K – AM Kaite-lyn Arnold  
Mrs. Eberly Gr. K Layla Waybright  
Mrs. Derr Gr. 1 Carlie Pajak  
Mrs. Raub Gr. 1 Jessenia Vasquez  
Mrs. Schmidt Gr. 1 Gabriel VanBrunt  
Miss Haag Gr. 2 Bryson Swope  
Mr. Menser Gr. 2 Guinevere Schlegel  
Mrs. Wenzke Gr. 2 Garret Brubaker  
Miss Wolfe Gr. 2 Wainzer Torres-Rodriguez  
Mrs. Martinez Gr. 3 Olivia Pellicia  
Miss Schantz Gr. 3 Isabella Shay  
Mrs. Waranavage Gr. 3 Janessa Reese

Mr. Litzenberg Gr. 4 Lily Harchuska  
Mrs. Rest Gr. 4 Olivia Ketner  
Mrs. Wagner Gr. 4 Samie Rundle  
Mrs. Stellar Gr. 5 Veronica An  
Mrs. Riegel Gr. 5 Jacob Rudegeair  
Mrs. Pedrick Gr. 5 Olivia Diaz  
Mrs. Campbell Gr. 2 Iona Marshall  
Specials Teachers Gr. 5 Lily Smith  
Miss Burrows Gr. 3 Kameron Collins

## Book Bingo

On Thursday, January 9th, Union Canal held its annual Book Bingo. There was a great turn out of students and their families. Some fun pictures of the evening are posted below.







## Kids Heart Challenge

The students attended an assembly to learn about the upcoming Kid's Heart Challenge on Friday, February 14th. Papers went home explaining that money raised will help children with heart problems through their donation to The American Heart Association. Below is a picture of Mr. Breidenstine at the assembly.



## **Kid n Kops Lunches**

During the months of January, February, March and April, students in grades 1,2,3, and 4 have the opportunity to attend lunch here at U.C. with Mr. McGinty, the Principal and an Officer from the North Lebanon Police Department. McDonald's in Myerstown provides a Happy Meal for the occasion. The students can ask the police officer questions about the job and their experiences. Students are chosen by their teacher for having a positive attitude, a satisfactory attendance record and academic achievement, "the three A's", during the school year. Below are Officer Sweigart from the North Lebanon Police Department and 4th grade students Brandon Grose, Adrien Woodlock, Zachary Heck, Alaina Kendig, Roxie Morgan, Michelle Acosta and Principal Mr. Bernard McGinty.





## Geography Bee

Mrs. Marsh held the Union Canal Geography Bee on January 23rd. The students who participated this year were Aidan Enimpah, Brandon Grose, , Samie Rundle, Jordan Ketner, Lily Harchuska, Terry Lewis, Gavin Keo, Aidan Logan, Carter Wickenheiser, Cole Shanaman, Edward Kuntz, Destini Waybright and Addison Whitmer.

The 1st place winner was Cole Shanaman, in 2nd place was Carter Wickenheiser and in 3rd place Edward Kuntz.



## 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 13th 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

**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](http://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 numbers: (717) 272-2031 and (717) 389-1810, and emails from @clsd.k12.pa.us addresses. Please review your information and make any updates in Skylert (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.

*Note: If you need to change any "Emergency Contact" information, please contact your student's school office.*

## From The District Office

- **Feb. 3: School Board Public Work Session**, 5:30 p.m., Educational Service Center (District office)
- **Feb. 3-7: National School Counseling Week**
- **Feb. 10: School Board Regular Meeting**, 5:30 p.m., CCHS, large group instruction room (LGI)
- **Feb. 19: Planetarium Events** - Free viewing of two full-dome planetarium videos on **Wednesday, Feb. 19**, at the Cedar Crest High School Planetarium. Times are: 10-10:45 AM for Senior Citizens; and 7-8 PM for the general public. Each video ("Astronaut" and "Black Holes") runs for approximately 25 minutes. The videos are appropriate for all age levels and make for a great family activity. Please call ahead to RSVP by contacting Rich Fried at (717) 272-2033 ext. 5412, as space is limited. 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.
- **Feb. 17: Presidents' Day - No School** (unless needed as a weather make-up day)
- **Feb. 20: Kindergarten Orientation** for parents/guardians of incoming kindergarten students, 6 p.m., all elementary schools. The orientation is for parents only. Parents/guardians residing in CLSD with a child who will be five years of age before September 1, 2020, are asked to click on the photo link on the [CLSD website](#) to begin the Kindergarten registration process. After this information is received, a letter will be mailed with more information about registering a kindergarten age child for the 2020-21 school year.
- **Cedar Crest High School's Spring Musical, "Footloose":**
  - **Feb. 27: CLSD Gold Card Event** - District residents with a CLSD Gold Card are invited to attend a free dress rehearsal of the CCHS Spring Musical, **"Footloose," 6 p.m.**, CCHS auditorium. No reservations needed; please present CLSD Gold Card for admission. Registration for CLSD Gold cards will be available in the lobby beginning at 5 p.m. for CLSD residents age 65+.



- **Feb. 28 & 29 and March 1** - 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday; 2:30 p.m., Sunday. Order reserved seat tickets online after February 12: Visit [www.showtix4u.com/events/cchsmusical](http://www.showtix4u.com/events/cchsmusical). Ticket Prices: \$12 Adult; \$10 Senior (55+); \$6 Students. Tickets will be sent via email. Any remaining seats will be available for purchase at the door one hour prior to a performance. ABSOLUTELY NO EXCHANGES OR REFUNDS. Note: CLSD Gold Card holders **only** may call (717) 272-2033 to reserve one free reserved seat ticket per card holder for either Friday, Saturday or Sunday's performance.
- **March 13: Spring Dinner & Dance** (formerly known as the Senior, Senior Prom), "**Old Hollywood**," 5:30-9 p.m., CCHS café. Join the Cedar Crest Key Club for a lively evening of dinner and dancing! This free event is open to CLSD residents age 65+. Seating is limited, so early registration is encouraged. Registration forms available in the main office of all CLSD buildings, the District office, and on the District website: click on "Activities & Events" under the COMMUNITY tab for more info: [www.clsd.k12.pa.us](http://www.clsd.k12.pa.us). **Deadline for reservations is March 1!**
- **March 15:** Deadline to apply for **Falcon Foundation grants and awards** to be used for educational and enrichment opportunities (social, cultural and athletic) taking place between June 1 and November 30, 2020. Click on "Falcon Foundation" under the COMMUNITY tab on the district website for more info and to download applications: [www.clsd.k12.pa.us](http://www.clsd.k12.pa.us).

## Lost and Found

There is a large plastic container located right outside the school office. Inside there is a collection of lost and found items that were dropped off by students and staff. When you visit the office, or check your student in or out of school, please take a minute to check to see if any of the items belong to your child. Thanks.