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Notes to Home: March 2, 2026

Greetings CCLCS Families,

In many ways, today feels like the first day of school: teachers are collegially gathered around the copy machines preparing lessons, students are happily getting reacquainted with one another in the hallways, the building smells fresh and welcoming after a deep clean over February vacation, and there is a renewed sense of purpose in our work. Instead of preparing for a marathon, however, we are preparing for a sprint that gets us through MCAS and the end of the year.

This week, while the northern hemisphere recognizes "meteorological spring," we at CCLCS also celebrate another rite of spring: March 4th. The day has always been a special day for Lighthouse, a day where, inspired by founder John Stewart, we encourage 8th grade students to "march forth" into the future with enthusiasm, purpose and optimism. Sure, there'll be a fair amount of shenanigans and grandiose pomp come Wednesday, but there'll also be some reflection on what it means to commemorate the school's founding and perpetuate its legacy. With power now restored across the Cape, it is safe to say that we are poised to march forth into the spring with gusto!

Warm regards,
 Ben



Reminder: This Wednesday (March 4th) is a half day!

THE AUCTION IS ONLY A FEW WEEKS

AWAY! We are looking forward to celebrating 30 years of CCLCS at Wequassett Resort!!

- **WE NEED AT LEAST 150 MORE RESTAURANT GIFT CARDS!!** Can range from \$25-\$200 or more!
- We need Basket items! These can be purchased by families or donated by businesses: <https://tinyurl.com/4ms8dues>

**JOIN US TO
 CELEBRATE THIRTY
 YEARS OF CCLCS!**

Saturday, March 28th 2026.
 5-7:30pm at Wequassett Resort

Live and Silent Auction
 Hors d'oeuvres & Drinks
 Games with Prizes
 Live Music

- We could use a few more live auction items! vacation homes, sports tickets, lessons of all kinds, donated labor and supplies, etc.

Please take a look at the Auction Page of our website (<https://tinyurl.com/y4dxahxf>) for more information - including the donation letter!

THANK YOU for your support of the auction. This is our biggest social event & fundraiser of the year, and your support is appreciated!! Questions can be directed to hkast@cclcs.info

AUCTION TICKETS ARE ON SALE! Join us for a great night of celebrating CCLCS!! This is an **ADULT ONLY** event at Wequasett Resort. The event will include auction games, drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and live music from Natalia Bonifini and Keb Hutchings (CCLCS Class of 2016!) This event is open to the public so feel free to invite family and friends!

<https://tinyurl.com/57wm33du>

Breakfast & Lunch Ordering is open until April Vacation! Please chat with your student about what they will eat to avoid food waste! ezschoolapps.com

Mark Your Calendar for **MCASI!** Please make note of the following dates and avoid booking appointments that would take your child away from school on these dates!

6th Grade: ELA March 30-31, Math May 11-12

7th Grade: ELA April 1-2, Math May 13-14

8th Grade: ELA April 6-7, SciTech April 27-28, Math May 18-19, Civics May 27-28

Last week's **school dance**, hosted by the student government, was obviously postponed! Stay tuned for a new date and time!

CCLCS Only Rock Nite: Seventh Grade is holding a Rock Nite Skate Night at Charles Moore Arena on Friday, March 13 from 6-8 pm. This is for CCLCS Students only! The cost will be \$20 - exact cash preferred, the snackbar will be open.

If you are out shopping... we are in need of paper towels and Clorox wipes!

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### **Clubs & Seminars!**

**Garden Architects:** A new after-school Garden Club begins next week! See flyer at end of the newsletter for more information! Email Dr. Smith ([msmith@cclcs.info](mailto:msmith@cclcs.info)) to sign up!

**Model UN Club!** There is no Model UN this week due to half day.

**ART SPARK:** Art Spark will return in the Spring with all new class offerings for session 2!

**Homework Club:** Homework Club is open to all grades and meets on Mondays after school from 3:00-4:00.

**Rainbow Alliance:** The Rainbow Alliance will meet Tuesday at lunch.

**Lego Club:** Lego club this week, Tuesdays at lunch!

**Roots and Shoots:** Will meet Thursday after school.

## **Music!**

**STRINGS!** STRINGS! After a very long break, it will be great to be back together this week! The schedule will be: Wednesday, March 4th at 7:45, Olive. On Friday, March 6th at 7:45 we will have ensemble for all. Please try to come on time as I am sure we will have lots of very out of tune instruments to work on! First period sectional will be for all of the second violins: Rory, Kiana and Kelsey and second period sectional will be for Alexa. PLEASE try to make time for your sectionals. It is the only way that we can possibly participate in the String Jamboree! See you all very soon, Mrs. Schultze

**CCLCS CHORUS:** Thursday before school from 7:45-8:30

**MUSICAL THEATER SHOW CHOIR:** Friday after school from 3:00-4:00

**CONTEMPORARY MUSIC ENSEMBLE:** Will meet Thursday 5th period. Guitarists please bring Guitars and Cables.

**Band:** Before School Band will meet on Tuesday!

## **Sports!**

We are still looking for a parent volunteer to **coach girls softball**. Please reach out (crsims@cclcs.info) if you are interested.

Please send in your **basketball player's clean uniform** ASAP.

**Spring Sports** Spring Sports Registration is Open. This spring we are hoping to have Softball (see above), Baseball, Tennis, Golf, Track and Field. There is a fee and all athletes need a current physical on file with the school (from the past 13 months). Golf has limited spaces and will fill on a "first come" basis. Other sports may have tryouts based on numbers. We always strive to involve as many students as are interested.

<https://www.cclighthouseschool.org/athletics>

## **6th Grade**

**Week at a Glance:** <https://tinyurl.com/374kf2yc>

## **7th Grade**

**7th Grade Assessment Calendar:** <https://tinyurl.com/47ytyerr>

## **8th Grade**

**Week at a Glance:** <https://tinyurl.com/3nc4883d>

**French:** Our weekly agenda is posted on the WaaG. We continue working with daily activities vocab making image collages and completing reading & writing activities. We will start our next language project, A Children's Book: A day in the life...using the Book Creator platform ...directions will be posted in Google Classroom. We will have some project time towards the end of the week. Homework will be a culture mini-project about sports in France due next Monday, March 9th.

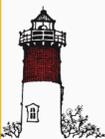
**Science:** We are getting ready to finish our wave unit! Groups W and X present to sixth grade tomorrow and groups Y and Z present next Monday to the sixth graders. There will be a vocabulary mini quiz on Wednesday (words and definitions are on the study guide), and 8th graders will take the 6th grade quiz on Thursday. The eighth grade wave unit test will be next Tuesday, 3/10. The study guide for the test is in Google Classroom and linked on Week at a Glance. The sixth grade test is there too, and students have paper copies. Let's have a strong finish to term 2, team!!!

### **This week we March 4th!...**

To most people, that sounds like an ordinary date. But to CCLCS founder and creative thinker extraordinaire John Stewart, March 4th was anything but ordinary.

John Stewart interpreted this date as a command. March as in a ceremonious parade of fellow travelers, united by a common purpose. Forth as in forward, striding confidently into a limitless future.

In 1995, Mr Stewart and his Merry Band of 8th graders began a tradition at our school that lives on to this day. At some point on March 4th, perhaps when you least expect it, a stream of ecstatic 8th graders will parade through the school loudly and proudly declaring their zest for life with only their voices and a ragtag assemblage of improvised percussion instruments.



This march symbolizes our love of learning, our optimism about life, and most of all, our deep admiration and love for the man with the spark that ignited our bold educational journey, our friend, John Tower "Jocko" Stewart.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Wednesday, March 4th: Half Day
- Friday, March 13th: CCLCS

#### **Student Only Rock Nite**

- Saturday, March 28th: CCLCS

#### **Annual Auction at Wequassett Resort**

- Wednesday, March 18th: Half Day
- April 20-24th: April Vacation

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## GARDEN ARCHITECTS

*Students Designing Outdoor Spaces with Pollinators, Paths, and Peaceful Settings*

**Begins March 9th—meets Mondays after school from 3:00 to 4:15 p.m.**

Email [msmith@cclcs.info](mailto:msmith@cclcs.info) to sign up. Please include: Student Name, Parent/Guardian Name, Parent Email & Parent Phone Number



Students will work together to design and create natural outdoor spaces using **native pollinator plants**, peaceful pathways, and mindful garden settings. Participants will also help design and care for a **butterfly garden**.

This project is supported by a grant from **Cape Cod Five** and will be advised by **Dr. Smith**, who has led school garden projects for many years.

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## Community Notes

MIT's Spark 2026 will be March 14-15, open to grades 7-10! <https://tinyurl.com/e2w2h7e8>

Spark has become MIT's largest annual teaching and learning extravaganza for middle-schoolers! For one weekend this March, students like you will flood MIT's campus to take classes, taught by MIT students, on anything and everything. Come be a part of this iconic MIT event!

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**MON-FRI  
9AM-3PM**

**Rising 4th-7th  
Graders**



Full scholarships available (approval required)  
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The Young Mariner Program is licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the local board of health.

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**For more information and to register:**  
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