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**Notes to Home: April 27, 2026**

Greetings CCLCS Families,

*In Mr. Crowell’s 7th grade science class, students have been engaged in a citizen science “bird count” for the past few weeks. Several staff members have also joined the challenge. For both students and adults, the friendly competition has been a blast (and the tallies thus far are quite impressive)! The project is, above all else, an exercise in listening and paying attention to the natural world. Years ago, I read Mary Oliver’s essay Upstream. In it, she describes wandering away from her parents during a hike, following a stream and losing herself in childhood wonder. It becomes a metaphor for growing into adulthood, and it ends with this beautiful message:*

Teach the children. We don’t matter so much, but the children do. Show them daisies and the pale hepatica. Teach them the taste of sassafras and wintergreen. The lives of the blue sailors, mallow, sunbursts, the moccasin flowers. And the frisky ones—inkberry, lamb’s-quarters, blueberries. And the aromatic ones—rosemary, oregano. Give them peppermint to put in their pockets as they go to school. Give them the fields and the woods and the possibility of the world salvaged from the lords of profit. Stand them in the stream, head them upstream, rejoice as they learn to love this green space they live in, its sticks and leaves and then the silent, beautiful blossoms. Attention is the beginning of devotion.

*While she is primarily talking about flora, Mary Oliver could just as easily be talking about birds. Her comments about attentiveness are spot on, ringing especially true in a world in which habits of attentiveness are often undervalued (or worse, commodified, as adherents of the “attention economy” would have it). At CCLCS, we will teach our students that attentiveness is a lifelong practice: attentiveness to the birds, to the world around them, and to the shifting currents of their own inner lives.*

Warm regards,  
Ben



**Breakfast & Lunch Ordering:** Breakfast and lunch ordering is now open for the rest of the year! Please login to [ezschoolapps.com](https://ezschoolapps.com) to order.

**NEXT Wed** Just a reminder that next Wednesday, May 6th, is a half day!

It’s time to order **8th Grade Yearbook Ads!** A flyer is at the end of Notes to Home with more information. 6th and 7th graders, as well as 8th graders who just want a yearbook and not an ad, can order theirs later in May.

**Teacher Appreciation Week** is next week! Please see the flyer about ways you can help!

**MCAS** continues in May! Please make note of the following schedule and avoid booking appointments that would take your child away from school on these dates! A reminder that a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast/ snack is appreciated.

Upcoming MCAS Dates

- 8th Grade: SciTech May 4-5
- 6th Grade:, Math May 11-12
- 7th Grade: Math May 13-14
- 8th Grade: Math May 18-19
- 8th Grade: Civics May 27-28

**Although we never want to lose a student,** if your 6th or 7th grader is **not** planning on returning to CCLCS next year, please email Hannah Kast at [admissions@cclcs.info](mailto:admissions@cclcs.info). A reminder that if you give up your spot at CCLCS the only way to get it back is to re-enter the lottery for a space on the waitlist for the following school year.

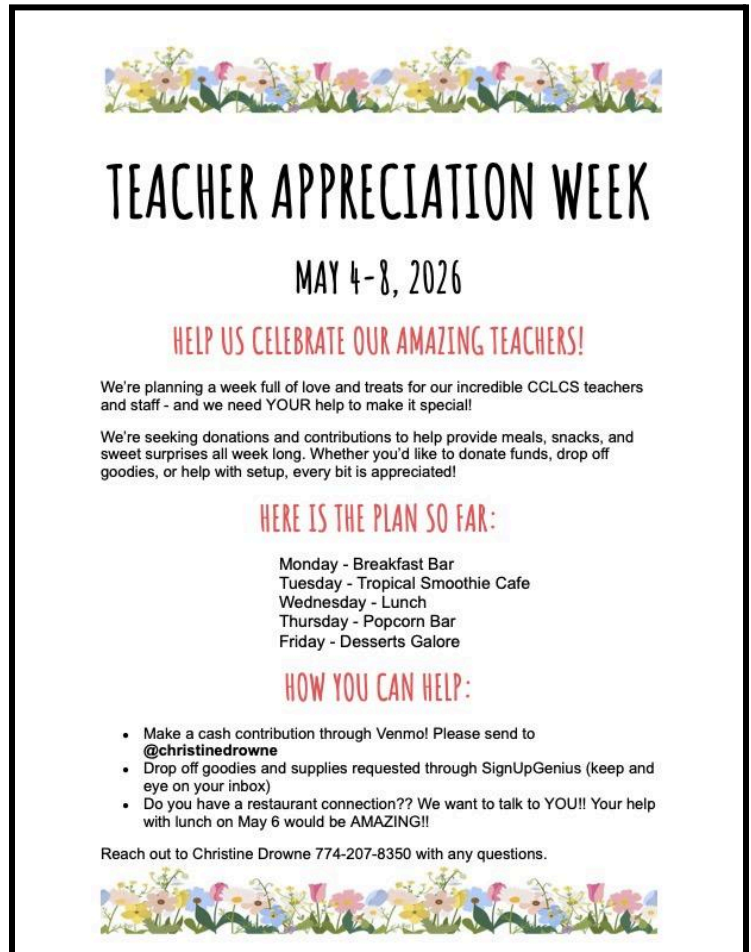
We are **in need** of paper towels, Lysol wipes, and boxes of tissues.

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**Clubs & Seminars!**

**Garden Architects:** It's not too late for students in Grades 6-8 to join the fun with Garden Architects! We meet after school on Mondays from 3:00–4:15. Students will have opportunities to design, plant, and build—creating pathways, butterfly gardens, and maybe even a water feature. Come be part of it! Parents can email Dr. Smith ([msmith@cclcs.info](mailto:msmith@cclcs.info)) to sign up students.

**Model UN Club!** Model UN will meet this Wednesday from 3:15PM - 4PM. See you there!

**ART SPARK:** ART SPARK meets this Wednesday, 4/29, from 3-4:45 pm in the art studio. Thank you to the families that have volunteered to bring snacks and juice this week!



The flyer is titled "TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK" in large, black, sans-serif font. Below the title, the dates "MAY 4-8, 2026" are written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. A red, sans-serif font reads "HELP US CELEBRATE OUR AMAZING TEACHERS!". Below this, two paragraphs of text in a small, black, sans-serif font describe the event: "We're planning a week full of love and treats for our incredible CCLCS teachers and staff - and we need YOUR help to make it special!" and "We're seeking donations and contributions to help provide meals, snacks, and sweet surprises all week long. Whether you'd like to donate funds, drop off goodies, or help with setup, every bit is appreciated!". A red, sans-serif font reads "HERE IS THE PLAN SO FAR:". Below this, a list of activities is provided in a small, black, sans-serif font: "Monday - Breakfast Bar", "Tuesday - Tropical Smoothie Cafe", "Wednesday - Lunch", "Thursday - Popcorn Bar", and "Friday - Desserts Galore". A red, sans-serif font reads "HOW YOU CAN HELP:". Below this, a bulleted list in a small, black, sans-serif font provides instructions: "• Make a cash contribution through Venmo! Please send to @christinedrowne", "• Drop off goodies and supplies requested through SignUpGenius (keep and eye on your inbox)", and "• Do you have a restaurant connection?? We want to talk to YOU!! Your help with lunch on May 6 would be AMAZING!!". At the bottom, a small, black, sans-serif font reads "Reach out to Christine Drowne 774-207-8350 with any questions." The flyer is decorated with a colorful floral border at the top and bottom.

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

**Rainbow Alliance:** Rainbow Alliance will meet Tuesday at lunch!

**Lego Club:** Lego Club this week is Tuesday at lunch!

**Roots and Shoots:** Roots & Shoots will resume its weekly Thursday meetings Thursday, April 30. The club will not meet this week.

## **Seminars**

**Third Term Seminars** will begin this Friday! Students will learn about their seminar on Wednesday or Thursday!

## **Music!**

**CHORUS:** Thursday morning 7:45-8:30

**Band:** Before school band meets this week!

**Musical Theater Show Choir** Meets after school on Friday.

**Contemporary Music Ensemble** last class Thursday afternoon. Just guitars this week. Reminder-guitarists please bring guitars.

**Strings** Welcome back from vacation! The schedule this week will be as follows: Wednesday, April 29th at 7:45 will be for Olive. On Friday, May 1st at 7:45 we will have Ensemble for all. First period sectional that day will be for Piper and Stella, and second period sectional will be for Kelsey. See you all very soon! Mrs. Schultze

## **Sports!**

### **Sports This Week (4/27 - 5/1)**

**BASEBALL** Mon - Practice 3:30 - 5:00 (Freeman's), Tue - Practice 3:30 - 5:00 (Freeman's), Wed - at Nauset 4pm, Thu - at Barnstable 4:15pm

**TENNIS** Mon - Practice 3:30 - 5:00, Tue - Practice 3:30 - 5:00, Wed - vs Falm Acad (Locarios) 4:00, Thu - vs SJP (Locarios) 3:30pm

**GOLF** Tue - Practice (at Captain's Course) 3:30 - 5:00, Fri - Practice (Captain's Driving Range) 3:30 - 4:30

**TRACK** Mon - Practice 3:15 - 4:30, Tue - Practice 3:15 - 4:30, Wed - Practice 3:15 - 4:30,  
Thurs - Practice 3:15 - 4:30

### Sports Next Week (5/4 - 5/8)

**BASEBALL** Mon - Practice 3:30 - 5:00 (Freeman's), Tue - vs DY 4pm (Freemans), Wed - at Nantucket 4pm, Thu - Practice 3:30 - 5:00 (Freeman's)

**TENNIS** Mon - at Cape Cod Acad 4:00, Tue - Practice 3:30 - 5:00, Wed - at Nantucket 4:00,  
Thu - Practice 3:30 - 4:30

**GOLF** Tue - Practice (at Captain's Course) 3:30 - 5:00, Fri - Practice (Captain's Driving Range) 3:30 - 4:30

**TRACK** Mon - Practice 3:15 - 4:30, Tue - Practice 3:15 - 4:30, Wed - vs South Shore Charter (at Riverview) TBD, Thurs - at Nauset 4pm (Nauset HIGH School)

### 6th Grade

**Week at a Glance:** <https://tinyurl.com/mr22skn3>

### 7th Grade

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

**Spanish:** We are finishing up conjugation of regular/present tense AR, ER, and IR verbs this week and moving into stem-changing verbs. Students are also wrapping up their game share projects and will be presenting on Friday. If they elected to do the extra credit and recreate their game using upcycled materials, it is due Friday. There is no homework this week apart from studying.

**ELA:** In ELA news, this week is devoted to working collaboratively to write essays about Black Ships Before Troy. When we finish the essays, we will be moving into our Butterfly Unit. In this unit we read excerpts from Anne Frank's diary and discuss the importance of primary source writings. Because Anne was hiding from Nazi's in Amsterdam while she was writing, the work covers important, but heavy, topics. Be on the lookout for a more detailed note from Ms. GP. Students will be asked to bring maturity and sensitivity to the classroom throughout this unit.

### 8th Grade

**Week at a Glance:** <https://tinyurl.com/5en2vayf>

**French:** Busy Week for 8th grade French students->we evaluate our Paris Monument slide presentations; we are in the semi-finals for Manie Musicale...I wonder who will win?; to prepare for our test on Wed, we will play a game & complete 2 EdPuzzles for verbs & subject pronoun (one with notes & one without); to end the week, we will design verb posters and create a picture story.

**8th Grade End of Year Trip!:** Registration is open for the 8th grade end of year trip!! Information can be found here: <https://www.cclighthouseschool.org/8th-grade-info> We are in need of chaperones, especially a registered nurse! Please reach out to [hkast@cclcs.info](mailto:hkast@cclcs.info) if you are available.

### Upcoming Events

- May 1st: Term 3 Seminars Start
- May 6th: Half Day
- May 29th: 6th Grade Step Up Day. *NO SCHOOL for CCLCS 6th graders.*
- June 1st: 8th Grade Dinner Dance
- June 14-18: 8th Grade End of Year Trip
- June 24: 8th Grade Graduation
- June 25: Last School Day



## Let's Talk Mental Health

A Community Learning Day

Saturday, May 2, 2026 9:00AM-1:00PM

*Workshops to Choose From:*

9:30-10:30: Children's Cove presents *Keeping Children Safe*

or

Elizabeth Novak presents *Executive Function and ADHD*

10:40-11:20: *Open Listening*

11:30-12:30: Charles Gruszka presents *Developing and Preserving Self-Esteem in Each Other*

12:40-1:00: Rev. Darren Morgan presents *Grounded and Growing: A Practical Guide to Spiritual Wellness*

or

*Room to Breathe: Strategies for Coping*

April 13, 2026

Dear CCLCS Families,

It's hard to believe your child's time at CCLCS is almost at an end. It's time to start planning for the yearbook, including for the 8th grade ads for the 'almost' graduates! These ads help to cover the cost of printing the books and scholarships so that all students can receive a copy.

We offer one size (1/4 of a page) to each 8th grade family. This makes it equitable for all of the 8th grade families who want to say congratulations to their child. A quarter (1/4) is a horizontal space. The dimensions are 4.25" width x 5.5" height and pictures and messages must fit within the space. **We can only allow two pictures and a short message for each quarter space (1-2 sentences).**

You can order a yearbook for your child AND one quarter space (which is personalized by you) for \$45.

*For those that do NOT want an ad and just want to order a yearbook: Look for a link to order online later in the spring. Yearbooks are \$25.*

## **THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERING AN AD IS Friday, May 8th**

### **How to Send in a Yearbook Ad:**

#### **1. Creating yearbook pages is a process of uploading digital pictures, choosing a background and placing text.**

Each element is put together within the yearbook software.

**Unfortunately, we cannot allow guardians to create their own ad.**

The software is particular and ads that do not exactly meet the requirements for the software cannot be included.

#### **2. Email YEARBOOK EMAIL ([yearbook@cclcs.info](mailto:yearbook@cclcs.info)) with information about your ad. This is the ONLY account that you should email for yearbook related matters so that nothing gets lost!!**

- a. **Please put your student's name in the subject line of the email!!**
- b. Include in the body of the email the text you'd like to go into the ad.
- c. Attach to the email any photos you'd like to use. **Your pictures need to be digital (.jpg) so that we can upload them.**
- d. Tell us what color you would like for the background.
- e. Payment can be completed by sending a check to the office OR by paying via Paypal on the school website. Any incomplete orders will not be processed. Late payment or submission may jeopardize your ad.



**Keeping Kids Safe & Secure Online:  
A Project Safe Childhood Presentation for Adults**



**Thursday, May 7, 2026 | 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm**  
**Registration required – Log in begins at 6:00 pm**

Please join members of the United States Attorney's Office, Homeland Security Investigations, Federal Bureau of Investigation and National Center for Missing and Exploited Children for a Webex webinar: *Keeping Kids Safe & Secure Online: A Project Safe Childhood Presentation for Adults*. The presentation will bring awareness to the dangers children face online today and educate adults on how to keep them safe.

**Topics covered:**  
Social Media 101 & Digital Footprint  
Protecting Against Online Predation

- Gaming
- Types of Sextortion – Sexually Motivated, Financially Motivated and Violence and Control Motivated
- Generative Artificial Intelligence

Victim Support & Resources

**Registration Details**

<https://usao.webex.com/webex/join/joinkey/3e7ec6dd39529e1d1509dc763f5668f8>

Questions or difficulty registering?

Please contact Karen Legace at [USAMA.PSCOutreach@usdoj.gov](mailto:USAMA.PSCOutreach@usdoj.gov)

**This presentation is for adults who wish to learn how to keep kids safe online.**

**Content is inappropriate for young children.**

**Please be aware of who can see your screen and hear your audio!**

Webex platform has a maximum capacity of 1000 attendees. If we have reached registration capacity, please email [USAMA.PSCOutreach@usdoj.gov](mailto:USAMA.PSCOutreach@usdoj.gov) to be put on a waitlist for the next presentation.



**Launch to College  
Workshop at  
Centerville Public Library  
Thursday,  
May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00pm**

**Topics will Include:**

- Goal Setting*
- Executive Functioning*
- Time Management*
- Academic Rigor*
- Self Advocacy*



**Facilitator: Erin Farrow**

Boston College Learning Center  
Associate Director

Compass Education Consulting Founder  
[compasseducationconsulting.com](http://compasseducationconsulting.com)



Please Register with Miss Tessa:  
[tclark@clamsnet.org](mailto:tclark@clamsnet.org)

**Lower Cape Figure Skating Presents**

**Twilight on Ice**



**Saturday, May 9 6:30pm**  
**Sunday, May 10 1:30pm**  
**2026**

**Guest Skater**  
**2026 Junior National Champion**  
**Patrick Blackwell**



**Charles Moore Arena, Orleans, Ma**

