



## Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School

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### Notes to Home: November 24, 2025

Greetings CCLCS Families,

*I don't know if anyone has ever played with Google's Ngram feature, but it's pretty cool and can tell us a lot about a word's popularity. I ran "gratitude" through Ngram this morning and discovered that the word was at the height of its popularity from 1786-1823 and has declined precipitously in use ever since. Interesting...As we enter this Thanksgiving season, I'd like to champion gratitude - a virtue that seems to be in short supply at times. This is not just lip service, as a [Harvard study](#) recently pointed to gratitude's myriad positive health effects, including "greater emotional and social well-being, better sleep quality, lower depression risks, and favorable markers of cardiovascular health."*

*As my first term at CCLCS draws to a close, I feel a tremendous amount of gratitude for this community. I am grateful for our commitment to middle schoolers and for the smiles on their faces as they challenge themselves to discover new things about themselves and the world around them. I am grateful for our families who have turned out in numbers to support our activities and made sure that their children are here every day. Lastly, I am grateful for our teachers, who selflessly devote their hearts and souls to the mission of this school. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and we'll see you in December!*

Warm regards,  
Ben

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**CCLCS LITERACY & HERITAGE NIGHT**

We are pleased to invite you to an enriching evening featuring culturally diverse activities for students and adults, global music performances by our band, student presentations, and informational stations highlighting exemplary literacy instruction at the middle school level. All are welcome!

**THURSDAY**  
DECEMBER 4, 2025

**TIME**  
BAND PERFORMANCE - 5:00-5:30  
ACTIVITIES/BOOK FAIR 5:30-7:00  
**CCLCS**  
195 ROUTE 137, EAST HARWICH

**JOIN US**

**Come to our MICROBASTIC BOOK FAIR**

**ONE WORLD**

A reminder that **Tuesday, November 25th is a HALF DAY.** 11:45 am Dismissal. NO SCHOOL on Wednesday, November 26th - Friday, November 28th. Happy Thanksgiving!

### Join us for CCLCS Literacy & Heritage Night!!



Thursday, December 4th

Musical Performance: 5-5:30pm

Book Fair, Literacy & Heritage Activities: 5:30-7pm

All Encouraged to attend!! A wonderful way to celebrate community and chip away at some holiday shopping!

**We Still Need Book Fair Volunteers** : 12/3, 12/4, and 12/5!! <https://tinyurl.com/yn2v492f>

 **7th Grade Skating Party!**  On Tuesday, November 25th the 7th grade will be headed to the Charles Moore Arena for a grade level skating party during the half day! This trip happens during the school day and will be paid for by money raised for our student activities fund. Rental skates are included but students are encouraged to bring their own skates if they have them.

Tomorrow is **the end of Term One**!! Report cards will be sent in mid-to-late December.

Please let us know now **if your student will be missing any time around the holidays**.

Please email [attendance@cclcs.info](mailto:attendance@cclcs.info) with the dates of any upcoming absences.

**READ-A-THON:** Our school is currently reading more than ever during our Read-A-Thon. We have read over 60,000 minutes as a school community. You can continue to help us be successful by sharing your student's reading donation page and message with friends and family on social media. By using the link below to share, you can celebrate your child's achievements and support our school: <https://tinyurl.com/4k9tfjw9> Thanks so much

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Office of Public School Monitoring (PSM) will conduct an **Integrated Monitoring Review of Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School** during the week of December 15, 2025. Each school district, charter school, vocational school, and virtual school undergoes an Integrated Monitoring Review every three years. To read more please see the following:

English: <https://tinyurl.com/5b4eybaw> Portuguese: <https://tinyurl.com/jf5h55ft>

Nepali: <https://tinyurl.com/47hu67k6>

**Charter Schools Need Your Support:** There are several bills being considered by the State Senate that risk jeopardizing charter school funding. Please see the bulletin at the end of Notes to Home from the Massachusetts Charter Public School Association and click the link to help us fight these damaging bills. We appreciate your support!

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### **Clubs & Seminars!**

**Roots and Shoots:** Roots & Shoots' next meeting will be Dec. 4. This meeting falls on the same day as Literacy and Heritage Night. Traditionally, Roots & Shoots students stay after school to help set up the fair. We are having an ice cream fundraiser and will do a little shopping after school for supplies (ice cream), have some time to work on homework, and then have pizza for dinner. The annual Literacy and Heritage Night runs from 5 to 7 p.m. It's a long day, but we generally have a lot of fun! Hoping all our members can join us for this fun tradition.

**Model UN Club!** Met during lunch and recess today!

The **Girl Power Seminar** is seeking donations for the CCLCS care closet. They are looking for personal hygiene items that students may need during their day (mini deodorant, hair brush, safety pins, hair ties, hair products, dry shampoo, etc). They are also seeking items that we can send home to families in need - like body wash, shampoo, conditioner and/or gift cards (CVS, Stop and Shop, Shaws). Please contact Mrs. Berner for a full list of needs or with any questions.

**Homework Club:** Homework Club is open to all grades and meets on Mondays after school from 3:00-4:00. The purpose is to provide a quiet, structured space for kids to complete assignments. No sign up is necessary. Please pick up promptly at 4:00 PM.

### **Music!**

There WILL be before school **Band** on Tuesday, November 25th! There will also be 6th, 7th, and 8th grade wind sectionals during the day.

**"SCROOGE"** The Musical Theater Show Choir Class invites you to a very special Dramatic Reading of "Scrooge" at 3:30pm on Friday, December 12! Come join us for this performance!

### **Sports!**

**Winter sports** Winter sports registration is now open : <https://tinyurl.com/2tu99c8f>

We will **begin practices** the week of December 1st for boys basketball, girls basketball, and winter track. Depending on the number of tryouts, tryouts may be necessary. Please reach out to [crash@cclcs.info](mailto:crash@cclcs.info) if you have any questions.

### **6th Grade**

**Week at a Glance:** <https://tinyurl.com/mwpy7hpi>

### **7th Grade**

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

### **8th Grade**

**Week at a Glance:** <https://tinyurl.com/bddk9x96>

**French:** Gratitude Cards in French! Last Day to turn in any missing assignments 11/25! Agenda Posted on the WaaG! Bonnes Vacances!

**Science:** Science: It's all about WATER!! The Home Water Experiment is Due on Tuesday, December 2! Families, your student will need a tiny space in your freezer to execute this experiment!

Student groups will be visiting the Water Treatment Facility in Chatham for the first two periods of the school day as follows: Tues. Dec. 2 is group Z, Wed. Dec. 3 is group X, Thurs. Dec. 4 is group Y and Mon. Dec. 8 is group W.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Tuesday, November 25th: 7th Grade to Charles Moore Arena (during school day)
- Tuesday, November 25th: Half Day/End of Term 1
- Wednesday, November 26th - Friday, November 28th: No School (Thanksgiving).
- Wednesday, December 10th: Half Day, 11:45 dismissal
- Friday, December 12th: 6th Grade to Wequassett (during school day)
- Friday, December 19th: 8th Grade to Charles Moore Arena (during school day)
- Friday, December 19th: Half Day, 11:45 dismissal
- Monday, December 22nd - Friday, January 2nd: Winter Break, no school
- Monday, January 5th: School Resumes
- Thursday, January 8th: Admissions Open House for Prospective Families (6pm)
- Monday, January 19th: No School (Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
- Tuesday, January 20th: No School (staff professional development)
- Friday, March 27th: CCLCS Annual Auction at Wequassett Resort

### **Community Notes**



**Featuring 8th Grader Maeve Sullivan as Clara on Saturday, December 6th**



# STAND UP FOR OUR SCHOOL

## Protect Our School & Valuable Public School Options

**Tell elected officials not to hurt charter public schools!**



### What's going on?

Elected officials have filed bills that, if adopted, would dramatically reduce funding for charter public schools, like ours. These bills would mean fewer kids could attend charter public schools in Massachusetts. Funding would be cut so much that some schools would even be forced to close.

### Will these bills become law? Can we stop them?

We can absolutely stop these bills! Bills must go through many steps before becoming a law, and many are stopped along the way. The first step is a vote that is happening soon. So, we need your help writing to elected officials and calling their offices to let them know that our school, and all charter public schools, offer important and valuable options for families that should not be cut.



**You know your child best,  
and you deserve the right  
to decide which public  
school is the right school for  
them.**

### How would these bills hurt our school?

If these bills became law, CCLCS could lose **over 25% of our funding**, and nearly **100 kids** would no longer be able to attend our school.  
**But we can make sure that doesn't happen!**



### How can I help?



Visit [ma4charters.org/Fall25Action](https://ma4charters.org/Fall25Action) today.

Email and call your state representative and state senator. Ask them to stop these bills.

Your voice will help make a difference!



## ***FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER***

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## ***ROLLING OUT RESOURCES FOR YOUR FAMILY***



**@Cape Cod Children's Place**  
**10 Ballwic Road, Eastham, MA 02642**

**4<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH**  
**10AM - 1PM**

**NOVEMBER 25TH**

**Walk-ins Welcome**

**CALL FOR MORE DETAILS 508-815-5100**



**RESOURCES**

**REFERRALS**

**BASIC NEEDS**

**SCHOOL SUPPORT**

**(CRA, IEP, 504)**

**DIAPER DEPOT**



