

# CENTER STAGE

sharing, caring,  
and learning for life



2021



## MARCH MADNESS



The CS PTO has created a **March Madness Reading Challenge**. Each week every student will receive a reading log along with a cool bookmark. Each night, we are encouraging students to read even more the classroom assigned book and/or a book of your choice. For Pre K students, parents reading to your child counts! Record the minutes and have your parent/guardian sign it off.

There will be **LOTS OF PRIZES**. Did we mention, there will be **LOTS OF PRIZES**? There are science kits, scooters, specialty Legos, and hoverboards!

**WEEK ONE -  
STUDENTS  
READ OVER  
20,000  
MINUTES!  
READING IS  
FUN - READ  
ON COLTS!!!!**



# Center Street Information

## ***BUILDING DOORS WILL BE LOCKED***

As part of the District-wide security system and our emphasis on safety, the building doors will be locked during the day. Both of the main lobby entrance doors have a white box. Please push the button, wait for a response and someone will assist you. During this pandemic, no adults are permitted in the building. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Visitors to the Schools—We are not accepting visitors to our building this year.

Also, as parents arrive in the morning with children, please remain outside of the school. Children must learn to proceed to their room on their own.

Teachers are expected NOT to take class time to discuss individual matters with visitors.

Please note these district rules are approved by the Horseheads Board of Education. These safety procedures need your support. If you have any questions regarding these procedures, please call the office. Thank you in advance for your help and support with keeping safety a priority.

**Birthday Treats**—We know birthdays are very important days for our students. Treats are allowed to be brought in our building to be shared; they need to be individually pre-packaged or store bought.

**Class Snacks**—Students are allowed to bring in their own daily snack as in the past. Teachers will not be coordinating a classroom snack schedule where snacks are shared among students.

**MEDICATION IN SCHOOL** - If a student needs any form of medication at school, a written physician's prescription and written parental consent are necessary. Any medication should be brought in the original container to the health office by an adult where it will be stored and dispensed. Please contact Mrs. Reazor with further questions, please call the office at 795-2580.

**APPR of Teacher and Principals** -The District is required to implement Annual Professional Performance Reviews (APPR) of teachers and principals. The outcome of the APPR is that each teacher and principal will receive an Overall Composite Rating based upon Observation and Student Performance scores. The four possible Overall Composite Ratings are Highly Effective, Effective, Developing and Ineffective (HEDI). You may request the Overall Composite Rating for the teachers and principals in the school building to which your child is assigned for the current school year by contacting the building principal of your child's school. Further, if you require additional explanation of the ratings for the teachers and principals, you may contact Tony Gill, Assistant Superintendent, at 607-739-5601, x4263. Please note that this information may be released only to parents or legal guardians. The District will verify that any request received is a bona fide request submitted by a parent or legal guardian.

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**Safe Schools Line - To report a concern, rumor, or other safety issue - call 795-2044 or 1-800-305-4984. Line is available 24 hours a day - ALL CALLS ARE ANONYMOUS AND CONFIDENTIAL.**

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Dear Parent (s) / Caregiver (s),

Spring is just around the corner, and I am sure most of us are anxious to say goodbye to winter! While it still may be cold outside - things continue to heat up at Center Street. February was indeed, a



busy month involving so many wonderful activities, our Celebration of Black History Month, Making Special Valentine Cards for our Veterans, Red, White and Pink School Spirit Days and the many fun activities our classroom teachers put together for our students.

I want to thank each member of our outstanding PTO and the Site Base Committee for their diligence and dedication in supporting our Center Street School community. They have been an invaluable resource to the school and community, and we could not have accomplished what we have without them.



Sincerely,

Patti Sotero, Principal

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## Character

Always value ourselves and others!

This month's Character Education word is **RESPECT**.

We show respect by speaking and acting with courtesy.

Corner



Gasoline



Insect Sprays



CFL's



Oil Base

# Chemung County's SPRING

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

is scheduled for Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

This event is FREE and for  
Chemung County residents only (no businesses)

**Pre-registration is required** by calling

Cornell Cooperative Extension at 607-734-4453, Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>-Wednesday,  
May 11<sup>th</sup>, weekdays only from 9am-noon and 1-4pm

Registration will end on Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 4pm

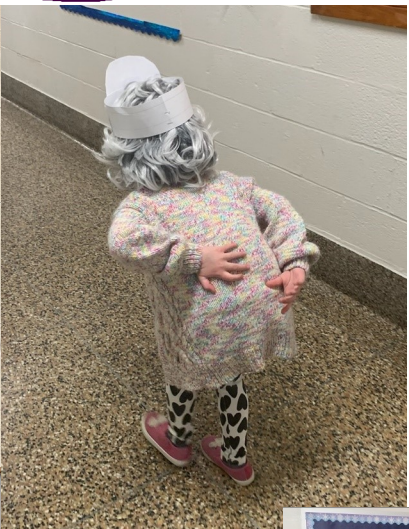
For more information and a detailed list of acceptable  
items please visit our website at  
[chemung.cce.cornell.edu](http://chemung.cce.cornell.edu) or call (607) 734-4453

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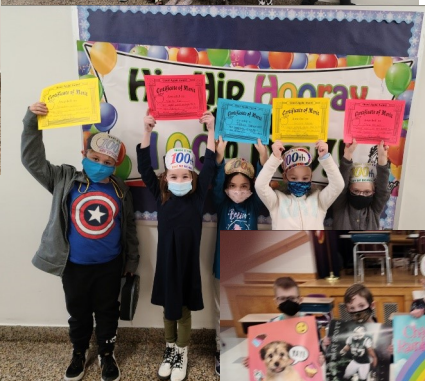
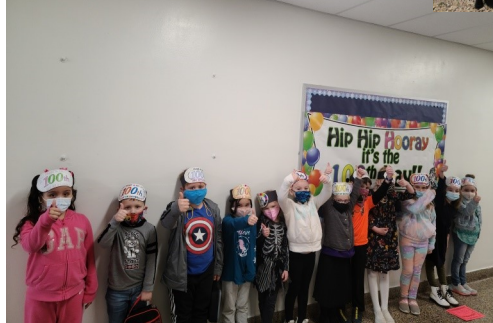
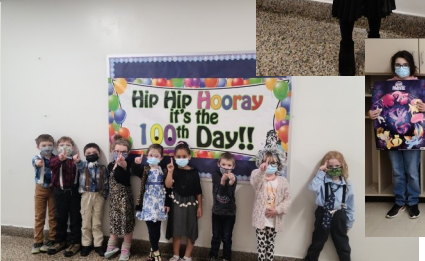
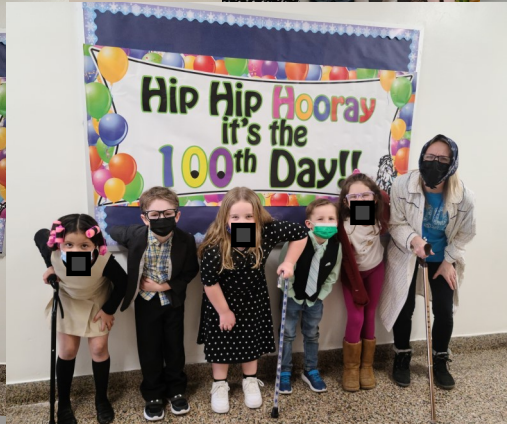
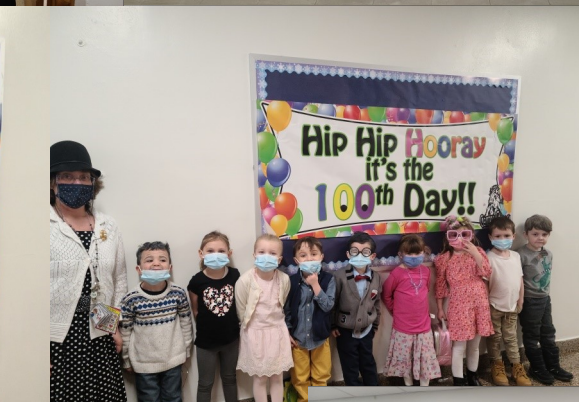
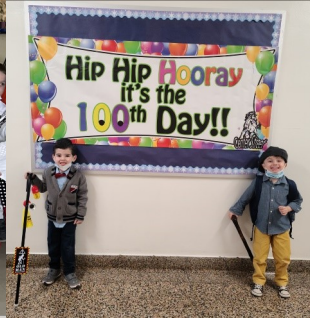
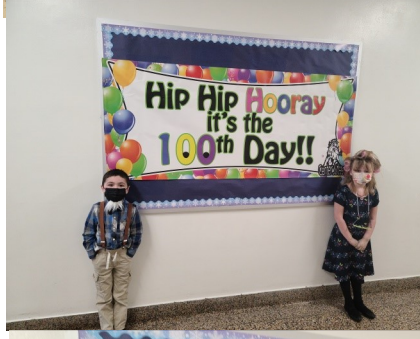
**NO ELECTRONICS!!**



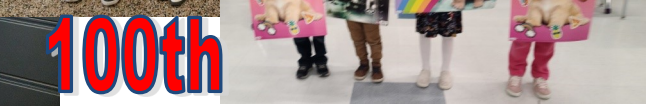
# Hip Hip Hooray! It's the <sup>th</sup> Day!



Dressing like we are 100 years old..... 100 posters given away at lunch time and giving our Good Apple Awards—made for a fund day!



**fun!**



**100th**





Dear Families,

During this challenging time, our teachers and students need more help than ever. No matter what school looks like, Box Tops for Education is a fast and easy way for you to help out from home.

The Box Tops program has been around for over 20 years, and it really works. In fact, Box Tops for Education has helped give almost a billion dollars to schools since 1996. In 2019, the program evolved to become digital so that you can earn for your school with just the touch of a button.

**HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:** Buy participating products and use the Box Tops mobile app to scan your store receipt. The app identifies eligible products and automatically adds Box Tops to your school's earnings online. Even if you're shopping online or doing grocery pickup, you can still submit your e-receipts and earn Box Tops. Twice a year, our school gets a check!

Your earnings may seem small, but they really do add up. The more people that participate, the bigger the impact we can make. So let's give our teachers the support they need and help give more kids the opportunity to dream. **Little by little, we can help make a big difference.**

**DON'T HAVE THE APP YET?  
DOWNLOAD IT TODAY!**



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LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW BOX TOPS WORKS AT

**BTFE.COM**





# IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR 4TH GR

## PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR 5th GRADE at the Intermediate School

The Intermediate School will soon be completing 2022-2023 classroom placements for students. We create class sections with the intent to achieve a mix of students by ability, gender, personality, and individual special needs. While we are unable to honor specific requests for teachers, we value your input from a parent's perspective. If you have specific information about your child's needs which should be taken into consideration or a specific previous personal experience, please put them in writing and send them to the Intermediate School no later than **Friday, April 1st.** We look forward to working with you to ensure your child's academic success!

[The Intermediate School Parent Information Night and Self-Guided Tour, for incoming 4<sup>th</sup> grade families, is scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM, IS Cafeteria.](#)

# SWIM NIGHT FUN! Thank you CS PTO



# IMPORTANT DISTRICT NEWS

For your upcoming newsletters. Here's February and March. Should know by the end of March if we'll need that April 18 meeting so I'll hold off on the April version til then. Thanks!

*February:*

## **2022-23 Budget Development**

The Board of Education and district are developing the proposed 2022-23 School Budget. The first budget presentation is Thursday, February 17. The board will continue budget development at their next several meetings until the final adoption of the budget to be offered to voters May 17. All meetings are open to the public, with safety protocols including masking and distancing in place. Here is the schedule:

- Thursday, February 17 – Regular Meeting and Budget Overview, 6pm, High School Auditorium
  - Thursday, March 3 – Budget Workshop, 6pm, High School Auditorium
  - Thursday, March 17 – Regular Meeting and Budget Update, High School Multi-Media Center
  - Thursday, March 31 – Budget Workshop, 6pm, High School Auditorium
  - Monday, April 18 (if needed) – Budget Workshop, 6pm, High School Auditorium
  - Thursday, April 20 – Regular Meeting and Board Adoption of Budget, 6pm, High School Auditorium
  - Thursday, May 5 – Tentative Board Candidates' Forum, 5pm, High School Auditorium
- Thursday, May 5 – Public Hearing on 2022-23 Budget, 6pm, High School Auditorium

**The Budget Vote/Board of Education Election is Tuesday, May 17, 7am-9pm, in the High School South Gym.**

All meetings are live streamed (at <http://ideas.gstbooces.org/hhds/>), recorded, and posted to the district website. For more information on the process, schedule, and locations click here: [HCSD Board of Education](#).

Questions about the budget, voting, or running for the Board of Education? Email the district at [hcsdin-fo@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:hcsdin-fo@horseheadsdistrict.com) or call (607) 739-5601, x4295.

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I was **CAUGHT**  
being **GOOD!**

A fun way to keep our kids focused, on task and making good choices! This is NOT replacing our Good Apple Awards this is just something a little extra!

Each staff member will receive some tickets in their mailbox so everyone in the building will be able to participate – **Catching kids making great choices, being on task, doing well in their academics, you name it!** We want to extend our March Madness to “End of the Year Celebrations” in providing our students an end of the year fun way to earn some prizes.

Our CS Site Base Team came up with the following outline:

Who: Can give out tickets – Every CS Staff member

Who: Can receive a ticket – Any student who earns it

What: A fun way for students to earn prizes by making good choices

When: Starting Monday, April 1 – June 17th

Where: CS – all over the building including recess inside and outside, lunch, etc.

Why: To encourage good choices and good behavior

We will also have posters around the building reminding students of this.

# Corey the Dribbler

## March Madness Assembly

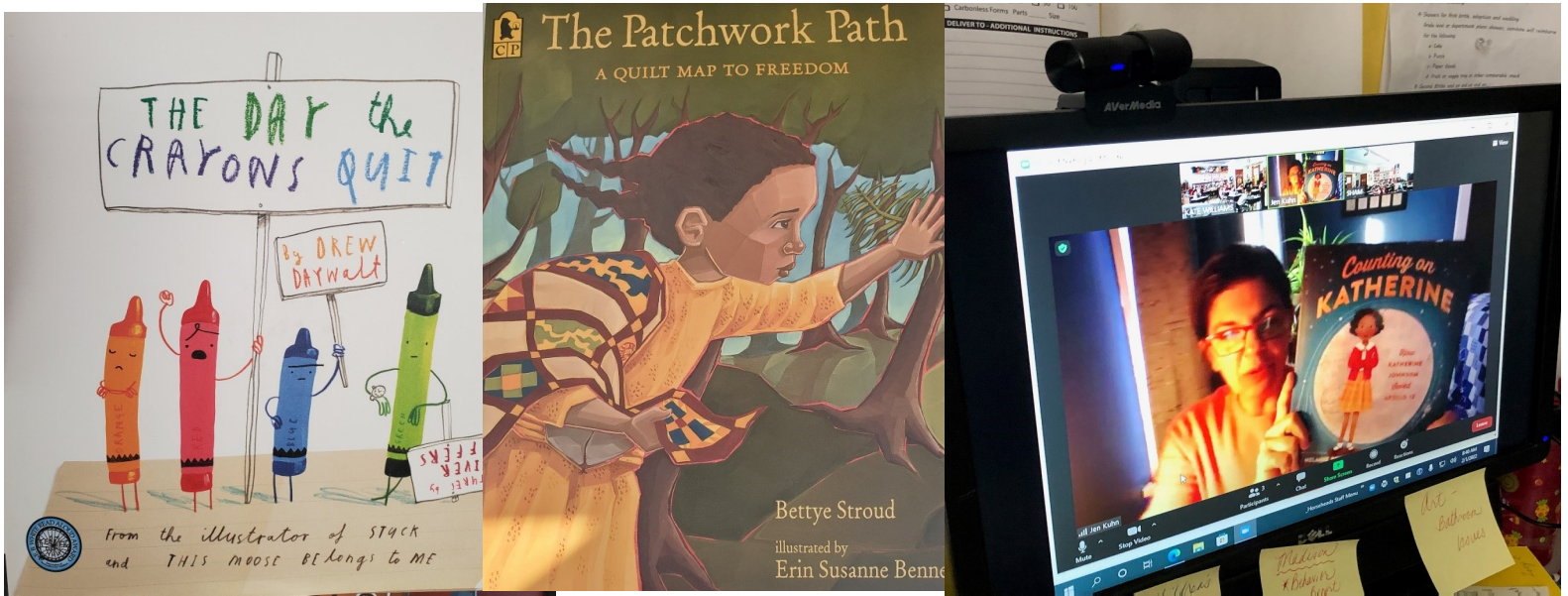


a former  
Harlem  
Globetrotter



# CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH!

Thank you to the dedicated volunteers who read and discussed books as a part of the National African American Read In program sponsored by the National Council of English Teachers. The local [African American Read-In of the Southern Tier of NY](#) program in its 10 year is lead by Corning Incorporated volunteers along with volunteers from the Corning Museum of Glass. In 2022, the local program connected 50 volunteers to 19 different school districts/systems with 334 classrooms and over 6,000 students! This year, we had the privilege of having these wonderful books shared virtually with our students again in grades Pre K - 4. Below are just a couple of books that were read.



## CENTER STREET PTO



Come out and join the fun on Tues. April 5, 2022 at 6:30 pm for our CS PTO meeting for a great night of planning exciting activities for all to enjoy!

Thank you to all of our CS Families who helped to support our Gertrude Hawks Candy Sale.

More details will be shared regarding when the candy arrives and how to pick up your order.



# REGIONAL SPELLING BEE!



On Saturday, March 5th, two of our CS students, Samantha Rhodes and Gabby Laughlin, represented CS at the Regional Spelling Bee in Corning, NY. Principal Sotero said it was great to be with them and cheer them on along with their families!

## **New CS Bill - making our school a better place!**

Each year, Mrs. Finnerty and Mrs. French's class write a bill to help change our school not only for the current school year but for years to come. Mrs. Finnerty teaches the students the 3 levels of government, how a bill is written and comes into law. Principal Sotero discusses the bill with the students and can either sign it into CS law or veto it. This year, the students created a bill for students to be the teacher and teach the teacher about a hobby or something they learned on the last Thursday of May, and Mrs. Sotero signed it into CS law.





# MATH FACT DAY!



Math Fact Day— an annual tradition at CS where staff member every students during lunch math facts according to their grades. When the student gets it right, their hand is stamped— exceptional, excellent and / or outstanding. When a student gets it wrong another math fact is given until we have 100% success. Principal Sotero, Mrs. Koellner and Mrs. Wheeler enjoyed interacting with our students.

## ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB FIRST MEETING



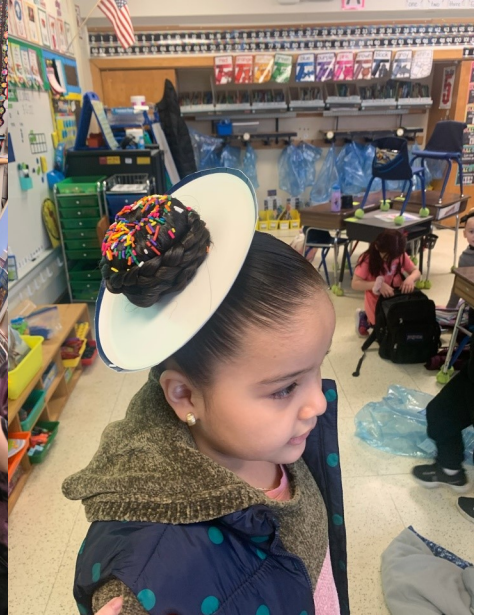
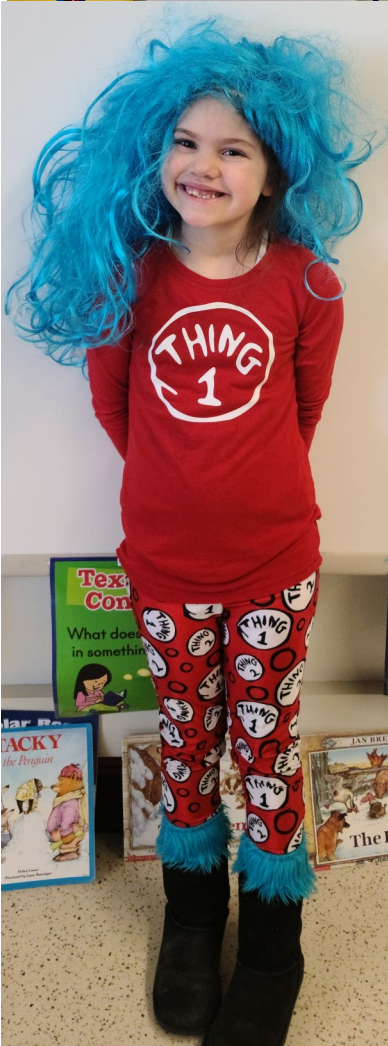
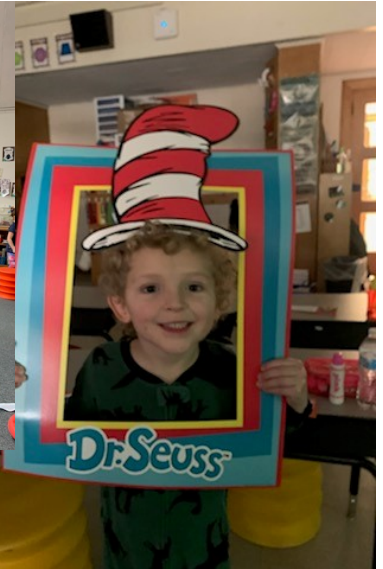
Our Horseheads High School Science Club members came to CS to teach some of our fourth graders who volunteered to stay after school about what occurs when there is an oil spill on our planet. The students participated in various activities to see the effect on our land and animals. Thank you to Mrs. Anastasio, one of our HS Science teachers, for being the advisor at this special event and overseeing the project.



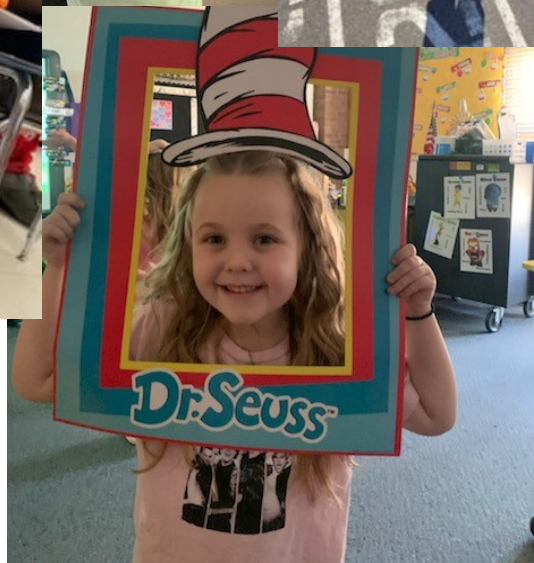
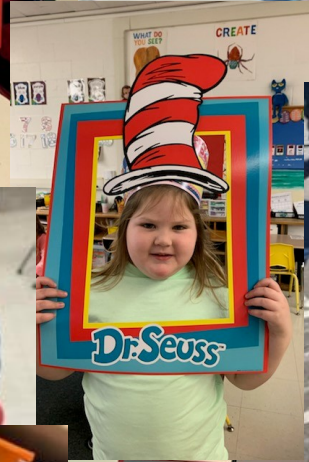
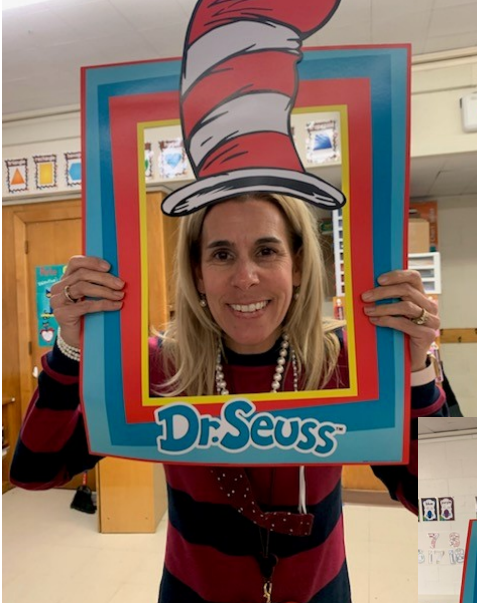
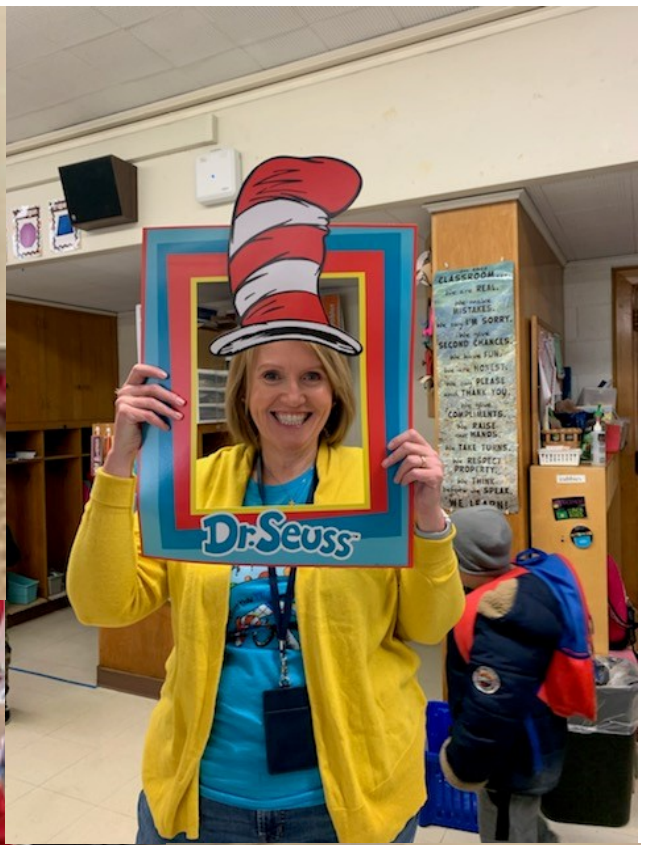
# Dr. Seuss Day Fun!

The Primary Teachers put together a fun week for our students to enjoy Dr. Seuss Week at CS. Students loved all the silly outfits they could wear from crazy sock day to crazy hair day. Principal Sotero dressed up like Dr. Seuss and read to the Pre K and Kindergarten classrooms.

## Cat in the Hat







**Cat  
in  
the  
Hat**



# Good Apple Awards



The Good Apple Award is a tool to promote pride, self-esteem and positive character development. All faculty and staff nominate students exhibiting good character. At the end of each month, the principal will announce the recipients names, and will present the students with their award during their scheduled lunch time. A bulletin board is in the Main Lobby to display each month's recipients. The following students earned a good apple award for showing exceptional character during this month.

The following students received *Good Apple Award Certificates* for January 2022.

<b>LAST NAME</b>	<b>FIRST NAME</b>	<b>GRADE</b>
Chen	Eason	K
Ferguson-Lewis	Brynlee	K
Hart	Esther	K
Siptrott	Kira	K
Storch	Brody	K
Mullen	Nylah	K
Luckette	Nathan	K
Pidcoe	Thomas	K
Amer	Zachariah	1
Byfield	Ainsley	1
Colon	Lucian	1
Hays	Weston	1
Perry	Maria	1
Welch	Aaron	1
Beavers	Olivia	1
Eno	Natalie	1
Larnard	Jimmy	1
Lewis	Brayden	1
Ostrander	Jillian	1
Salisbury	Aiden	1
Swartz	Kingston	1
Wacher	Vivianne	1





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Campanelli	Parker	2
Marshall	Elijah	2
Marshall	Laykin	2
Arnold	Noah	3
Colvin	Evelyn	3
Ibrahim	Adam	3
Davis	Aariayonna	4
Little	Layla	4
Shutts	Lillian	4
Tiffany	Owen	4
Blake	David	4
Hancock	Haylee	4
Howe	Evalynn	4
Hughson	Rachel	4
Perry	Brantley	4
Gleckner	Liam	4
Manwaring	Ellie	4
Ostrander	Tanner	4
Westervelt	Geonni	4

# Reminders

# MARCH - RESPECT

**Gym Days -**  
are sneaker days -  
and you are then  
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**Art Days -**  
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JUSun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2021- 2022 <i>Dr. Seuss Week</i>	28 DAY <i>DAY</i>	1 DAY 1 <i>PTO Mtg. 6:30 Kid Talk</i>	2 DAY 2 <i>Dr. Seuss Day UST GR LEVEL MEETINGS</i>	3 DAY 3 <i>CIM K - 2</i>	4 DAY 4 <i>Raider Day - wear blue Swim Night 6:15— 7:30</i>	5
6 <i>National Breakfast Week</i>	7 DAY 5 <i>Spring Pictures -  Pennies to Prevent Polio</i>	8 DAY 6 <i>504 Mtgs</i>	9 DAY 1 <i>Faculty Mtg. 2:45 Pre K Registration 4-6 by appointment</i>	10 DAY 2 <i>MATH FACTS DAY - CSE Mtg Bldg Union Mtg</i>	11 DAY 3 <i>COREY THE DRIBBLER ASSEMBLY</i>	12
13	14 DAY 4 <i>GR 2 Trip to CMOG</i>	15 DAY 5 <i>CIM 3-4</i>	16 DAY 6 <i>CSE Mtgs Irish Dancers Assembly—gym</i>	17 DAY 1 <i>St. Patrick's Da Project Fair Pennies to Prevent Polio ends BOE Mtg - 6 HS Aud</i>	18 DAY 2	19
20	21 <i>NO SCHOOL CONFERENCE DAY</i>	22 DAY 3 <i>K Assessments</i>	23 DAY 4	24 DAY 5 <i>CSE Mtg</i>	25 DAY 6	26
27	28 DAY 1 <i>BUS DRILLS Pep Rally SBT Mtg.</i>	29 DAY 2 <i>BUS DRILLS Blood Drive 3-7 NYS ELA Computer—GR 3 only NO RTI</i>	30 DAY 3 <i>NYS ELA Computer—GR 3 only</i>	31 Day 4 <i>NYS ELA Computer—GR 4 only</i>		



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# APRIL - RESPONSIBILITY

Sun	Mon	Tue s	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2021-2022					1 DAY 5 Computer NYS ELA GR 4 only— End of Marking period Raider Day - wear blue	2
3	4 DAY 6 CIM 3 - 4 Sp Gr Due	5 DAY 1 PTO Mtg. CIM K - 2	6 DAY 2 Faculty Mtg.	7 DAY 3 Poem in Your Pocket Day CSE Mtg	8 DAY 4 Report Cards go home 504 Meeting	9
10	11 NO SCHOOL	12 SPRING BREAK	13 SPRING BREAK	14 SPRING BREAK	15 GOOD FRIDAY NO SCHOOL	16
17 EASTER	18 DAY 5 Pre-K & K P/T Conf	19 DAY 6 CIM K - 2	20 DAY 1 KID Talk BOE Mtg - 6 HS Aud	21 DAY 2 CSE Mtg -	22 DAY 3	23
24	25 DAY 4 TA Mtg 8:00 Pep Rally for NYS Math Raider Day—wear blue SBT Mtg.	26 DAY 5 Computer NYS Math GR 3 only NO RTI	27 DAY 6 Computer NYS MATH - GR 3 only	28 DAY 1 Bldg Union Mtg Computer NYS MATH - GR 4 only	29 DAY 2 Computer NYS Math - Gr 4 only	30