

# CENTER STAGE

sharing, caring,  
and learning for life



Jan./Feb./Mar.  
2023



## 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 K students, parents reading to your child counts! Record the minutes and have your parent/guardian sign it off. The reading logs are to be turned in to your classroom teacher or when you pick up your classroom materials on Wednesdays. **There will be LOTS OF PRIZES. Did we mention, there will be LOTS OF PRIZES?**

### What PRIZES?

Book and so much more!

**How to win the PRIZES ?** All of the minutes you are reading and recording will be turned into points. The points will determine how many tickets you will receive to be placed in the classroom basket container. The more you read, the more minutes –will turn into points, the more tickets you get, the greater chance of winning a prize.

Each week we will put all of the week's tickets into a large container to draw from so that students will be able to win a basketball and so much more. The last week, we will have the exciting drawing for bikes!

*There will be special prize for every student who participated.*

**READING IS FUN - READ ON COLTS!!!!**

# Center Street Information

***BUILDING DOORS WILL BE LOCKED—CHANGE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!***

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 you will be buzzed into the building. We may ask you to look toward the camera or identify yourself by speaking into the white box. Once you enter the building, please report directly to the office to sign in and pick up a visitor's badge. You will need to be buzzed in for you to enter the office. Please push the door once you hear the buzz noise.

**Visitors to the Schools** – to maintain a safe place for our children to work and learn, certain limits must be set for visits by parents and other agencies. For these reasons, the following rules apply to ALL visitors to the school:

Access to the elementary building will be through the **main entrance ONLY** beginning at 7:35 AM.

**ALL VISITORS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN IN AT THE MAIN OFFICE IMMEDIATELY UPON ENTERING THE BUILDING TO RECEIVE A VISITOR'S PASS WHICH MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHILE IN THE SCHOOL OR ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.**

Also, as parents arrive in the morning with children, please remain in the lobby area. 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.

Visitors attending school functions that are open to the public such as parent teacher organization (PTO) meetings or public gatherings are not required to register.

Any consumables (food, beverages, etc.) brought in by visitors are subject to search and / or inspection.

*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*

## **GUIDELINES FOR CLASSROOM PARTIES / CELEBRATIONS**

Following the below practices will help to protect your children against food-borne illness. If bringing food to your child's class such as drinks, cakes or pastries, the following guidelines should be used:

Please notify the teacher and get their permission first. Immediately after cooking, if possible, items should be wrapped individually (i.e. cookies, muffins, cupcakes, etc.). The Chemung County Health department makes these additional requests:

**COLD FOODS SHOULD BE REFRIGERATED IMMEDIATELY AND HELD BELOW 45 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT. HANDS SHOULD BE WASHED BEFORE FOOD PREP AND THEN YOU SHOULD NOT TOUCH FOODS AFTER THEY ARE COOKED. GLOVES, TONGS OR DELI PAPER SHOULD BE USED SO THERE IS NO BAREHANDED CONTACT WITH FOOD AFTER PREPARATION.**

***\*TEACHERS DO NOT HAVE KNIVES OR UTENSILS IN THE CLASSROOM-SO PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL TREATS ARE PRE-CUT OR INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED.***

**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. White and Mrs. Starkweather 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.

The Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for CENTER STREET is Patricia Sotero. Complaints regarding discrimination, harassment, or bullying of any student should be referred to Patricia Sotero at 795-2580 x 2600. The Dignity Act Coordinator for the Horseheads Central School District is Caitlin DeFilippo. Mrs. DeFilippo may be reached at 143 Hibbard Road, Horseheads, NY 14845, 607-739-5601 x4211.

**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.**

The Horseheads Central School District offers educational programs without regard to actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sex, sexual orientation, or gender (including gender identify and expression). Inquiries regarding this notice may be made to Caitlin DeFilippo, Title IX and DASA Coordinator, or Kelly Squires, Section 504 Coordinator, Horseheads Central School District, 143 Hibbard Road, Horseheads NY 14845, (607) 739-5601.



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

### Center Street Elementary Contact Information

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Newsletter in Color: <http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/centerst/csnews.cfm>



## Character

## Corner

Always value ourselves and others!

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

We show respect by speaking and acting with courtesy.

# CENTER STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECT FAIR



**FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2023**

Projects are to be brought to school on  
Thursday, March 30, 2023.

Projects done by our students will be on display for our students *only* to enjoy.

# **TURNING OUR SCHOOL INTO A MUSEUM**

**Project Fair 2023**

**Friday, March 31, 2023**

**(Looking for something to do over break - consider working on your project.)**

## **GRADE K – “FARM ANIMALS”**

Students will create a farm or zoo at home. Students may use a variety of materials to demonstrate their knowledge of the types of animals that live on a farm.

## **GRADE 1 – “SOUND AND RECYCLING”**

Students will create a project to display how vibration creates sounds. Students will use any recycled materials or and household items. Students will complete the project at home. Students must include at least one sentence they wrote to describe what creates the sound.

## **GRADE 2 – “BOOK REVIEW”**

Second graders will work independently or with the assistance of family members at home to create your project. Please choose a book that you enjoy and create your favorite part of the story. Projects must include characters, setting, and show 1 even that happened in the story. This project can be created in different ways using items you have at home. Crayons, markers, pain magazine pictures, or any craft supplies can be used. Projects must be no larger than a standard sized shoe box. (No book boxes please.) Please make sure your child clearly labels the project with his/her name and include the title and author of the book. Thank you

## **GRADE 3 – “FAST CHANGES ON LAND”**

Independently, third graders will construct an exhibit or display of a fast change on land. Research choices include volcano, earthquake, landslide, hurricane, tornado, or avalanche. Students must include name of the fast change and label objects on the project. Students must include detailed sentences of possible destruction to do the land.

## **GRADE 4 – “NEW YORK STATE PROJECT”**

Students will demonstrate their knowledge of their selected New York State topic. Topics should focus on a New York State animal, Native American History, or the geography of New York State. Independently, students will research and create an exhibit – teaching others about their chosen topic. Students will be able to use a variety of materials they have available to create their exhibit.



# JOIN US FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE- Sat. March 11th

ST.  
PATRICK'S  
DAY



*March with Center Street Elementary School*

Do you like to work on floats, enjoy walking in a parade, then this is for YOU! Our students love participating in our annual community St. Patrick's Day parade. More information will be coming soon. Be on the lookout. Our PTO is also looking for candy donations to toss to the crowds during the parade.

If you have a truck and/ or flatbed, please contact our office at 795-2580.

Thanks,  
Principal Sotero

# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR 4TH GR**

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

The Intermediate School will soon be completing 2023 - 2024 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 **Monday, April 10th**. Also, the IS 4th grade parent presentation and self-guided tour is on **April 12th at 6:00 pm in the cafetorium**. We look forward to working with you to ensure your child's academic success! Thank you!

# Snow Day - GREAT PICTURES!

Thank you to Mrs. Klossner, our fantastic art teacher, who created a wonderful fun experience for our students and staff to enjoy. What a great way to celebrate the cold January weather by taking these pictures inside in our temporary photo studio. Our halls are lined with smiling pictures for all to enjoy.







**We love CS!**

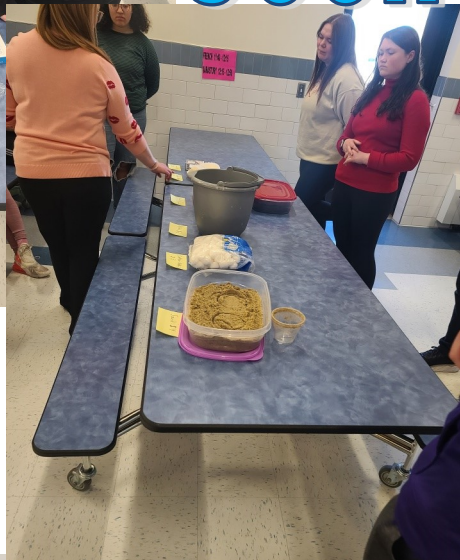
# Enviornmental Science Club

We have a wonderful partnership working with our high school students in providing such an incredible experience for our 4th grade students every month. Our students are loving the experiments that they are participating in. Science Rocks—our HH HS Students Rock! Thank you to Ms. Dildine, our HH HS Chemistry and Physics Teacher for making this happen at CS.



So

Cool!



Fun!



# Valentine's Day Red, White & Pink



**Lovin' CS!**



## CENTER STREET ELEMENTARY

GROUP NAME

Dear Supporters,

We are pleased to offer Gertrude Hawk Chocolates as part of our Fundraising program this year. We are holding a **Spring Chocolate Sale**. It's easy to participate! You can shop the enclosed catalog OR shop online.

Online orders placed within the sale dates can choose to have their orders delivered for free with the main shipment. Out of town friends and family can choose to send their orders directly to their home (shipping fees apply). Simply set up an account and share a link so friends and family can shop our Spring Catalog virtually. **All web orders require credit card payment, that's money YOU DON'T HAVE TO COLLECT!**

If you are submitting a paper order form keep the bottom copy and brochure for your records. **Paper order forms should NOT include any online sales.** Total dollars sent in should equal Grand Total Amount on order form.

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CENTER STREET PTO**

Online orders that are being shipped to a home can be placed up until 3/26/23.

**Sell and earn prizes! Every student who sells at least ONE ITEM will receive a PRIZE!** Levels are based on total sales. If you submit a brochure order and also sell online **your child's name must match exactly to earn their prize.**

**We are Raising Funds For: CENTER STREET PTO**

**Our Fundraiser is From: 02/01/2023 TO 02/28/2023**

**Our Organization ID # is: 703047**

**Estimated Delivery Date: WEEK OF MARCH 27TH**

Parents! Here's how to get started

- Go to [fundraising.gertrudehawkchocolates.com](https://fundraising.gertrudehawkchocolates.com)
- In the "I am a Parent" block, click "**SEE MY OPTIONS**"
- Click "**START ADDING A SELLER**"  
*(You'll be prompted to create an account or login)*  
*If you do not have a Gertrude Hawk Chocolates account you must create one to add a seller*
- Click "**MY SELLERS**" in the left side column
- **ADD** your seller
- **SAVE** your seller
- Share the **ORGANIZATION ID** above and **SELLER NAME** with family and friends

<https://fundraising.gertrudehawkchocolates.com/fr-home-new>

<https://fundraising.gertrudehawkchocolates.com/fr-parent>

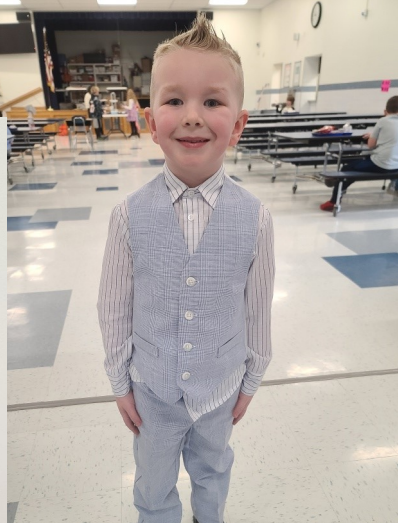
# Book Exchange - a TOTAL SUCCESS!



Every student received at least 2 different books!  
Thank you to everyone who brought in so many wonderful books for our students to enjoy!

# Dress Up Day Fun!

We rolled out the red carpet for a fun dress up day at CS!

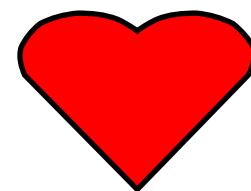
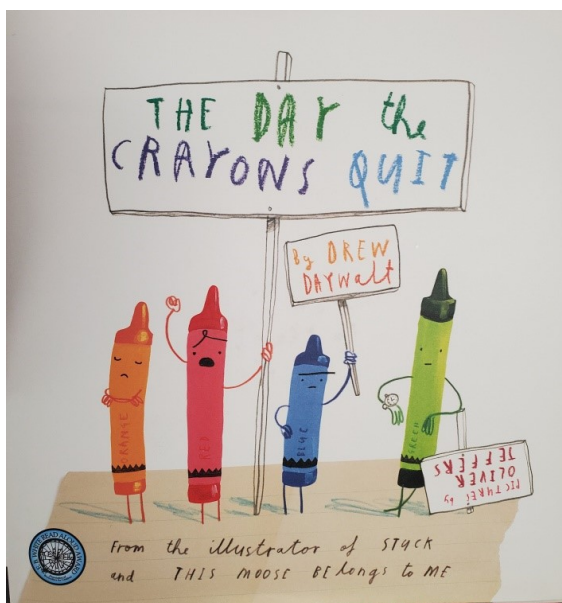
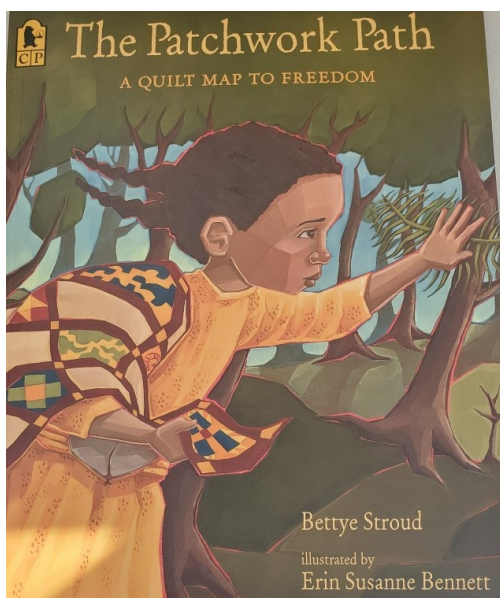


# The Magic of Reading Assembly



# 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 is lead by Corning Incorporated volunteers along with volunteers from the Corning Museum of Glass. This year, we had the privilege of having these wonderful books shared by some wonderful volunteers for our students in grades K - 4. Below are just a couple of books that were read.



## CENTER STREET PTO

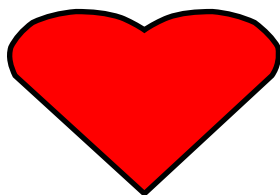
Come out and join the fun on Tues. March 7, 2023 at 6:30 pm for our CS PTO meeting via zoom for a great night of planning exciting activities for all to enjoy!

Thank you to all of our CS Families who are helping to support our Gertrude Hawks Candy Sale. Keep up the good work!

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



♥ LOVE getting ♥  
**FREE Hair Cuts at CS!**



**Thank you to our partnership with the BOCES Cosmetology Dept. It has been a sheer delight for our kids!**

# March Madness Reading Log

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Record the number of minutes you read outside of school on the chart below.

Return your reading log each week to your teacher.

Every 20 minutes you read, you will receive a raffle ticket entry for our classroom.

Date	Book Read	Minutes Read
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday		

Announcing our AMAZING **March Madness Reading Challenge**, coming to Center Street March 1<sup>st</sup> to 29th, 2023. We're excited to bring our students an enriching challenge, where reading time will translate to opportunities to win prizes contributed by partners throughout the community. Join us in spreading the word, both to get our students pumped, and to encourage prize donations – let's make this a great school activity.



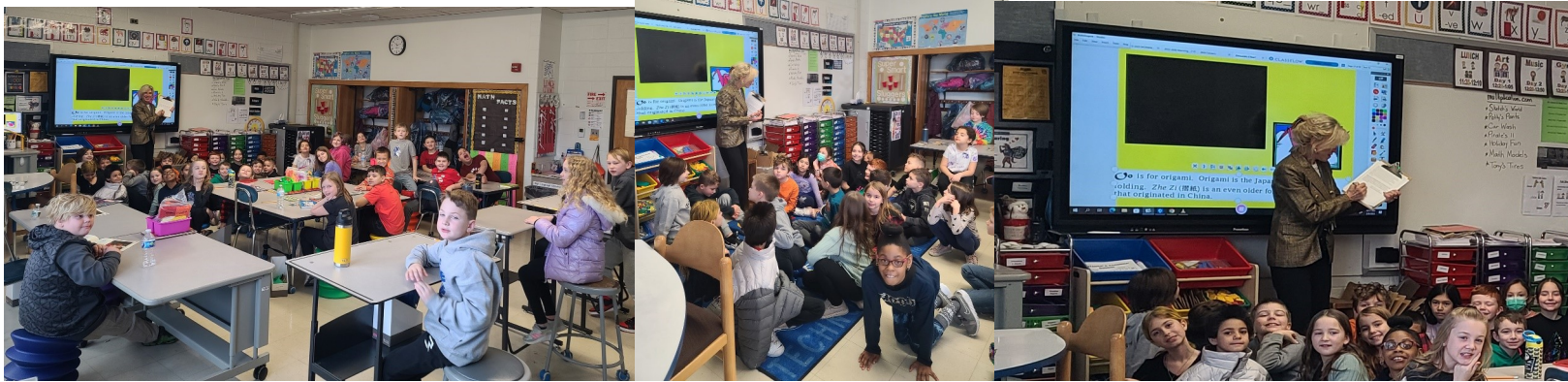
Please consider supporting our challenge by donating either directly to Center Street Elementary PTO, 812 Center Street, Horseheads, NY 14845, or by PayPal or Venmo on our homepage [www.cspto.org](http://www.cspto.org)! We would also be happy to pick up a donation from you or your business! Thank you for supporting our kiddos!

Please feel free to share this post to help get the word out!

# A New Bill Passed at CS!

The students in Mrs. Finnerty and Mrs. French's class learned about how our government works. As they learned about how a bill is passed, they wrote one hoping Mrs. Sotero would sign it into law and not veto it. Principal Sotero is so proud of our students—we love learning at CS. Principal Sotero is thrilled we have another positive student lead event at CS.

**We will be celebrating and honoring a staff member in the upcoming months!**



## PTO FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT THE POOL!

It was a fun night of swimming in warm pool on a cold February night! Thank you to our CS PTO for helping to sponsor our exciting events!



# IMPORTANT DISTRICT NEWS

## Horseheads Central School District Parents' Bill of Rights Relating to Student Data

The District, in compliance with Education Law 2-d, hereby establishes the following Parents' Bill of Rights in regard to student data:

1. A student's personally identifiable information will not be sold or released for any commercial purpose;
2. Parents have the right to inspect and review the complete contents of their child's educational record. Procedures for reviewing student records can be found in the Board Policy entitled "Student Records," Policy 5500, Regulation 5500-R;
3. Security protocols regarding confidentiality of personally identifiable information are currently in place and the safeguards necessary to protect the confidentiality of student data are maintained at industry standards and best practices. The safeguards include but are not limited to encryption, firewalls, and password protection.
4. New York State maintains a complete list of all student data collected by the State and the data is available for public review at [www.nysed.gov](http://www.nysed.gov), or by writing to 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234
5. Parents have the right to have complaints about possible breaches of student data addressed. Complaints should be directed to the Superintendent of Schools, One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845.

### 2023-24 Budget Development

The Board of Education and district are developing the proposed 2023-24 School Budget. The first budget presentation is Thursday, February 16. The board will continue budget development and discussion at their next several meetings until the final adoption of the budget to be offered to voters at the budget vote May 16. All meetings are open to the public and will be live streamed (at <http://ideas.gstbooces.org/hhds/>). Here is the schedule:

- Thursday, February 16 – Regular Meeting and Budget Overview, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center
- Thursday, March 2 – Budget Workshop, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center
- Thursday, March 16 – Regular Meeting and Budget Update, High School Multi-Media Center
- Thursday, March 30 – Budget Workshop, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center
- Thursday, April 13 (if needed) – Budget Workshop, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center
- Wednesday, April 19 – Regular Meeting and Board Adoption of Budget, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center
- Thursday, May 4 – Public Hearing on 2022-23 Budget, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center

**The Budget Vote/Board of Education Election is Tuesday, May 16, 7am-9pm, in the High School South Gym.**

For more information on the process, schedule, and locations click here: [HCSD Board of Education](#).





# 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

Biddle	Emmett	1
Chen	Eason	1
Epperson	Dennis	1
Zevallos	Cologono	1
Baker	Julianna	2
Buhian	Chloe	2
Castillo- Guevara	Luccas	2
Jackson- Munn	Gavin	2
Lanipao	Apollo	2
Spencer	Carly	2
Sullivan	Adaleigh	2
Butts	Quinn	4
Clark	Alyssa	4
Collins	Macilea	4
Dowden	Justin	4
Farrell	Nathan	4
Ham	Elijah	4
Parsons`	Marin`	4
Rhodes	Samantha	4
Walker	Adreanna	4



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Farrell	Marycate	1	Amer	Zachariah	2
Hanna	Everlee	1	Byfield	Ainsley	2
Hart	Esther	1	Finnerty	Loklan	2
Hart	Esther	1	Good	Dominic	2
Hart	Esther	1	Perry	Maria	2
Henderson	Tydrell	1	Sorrentino	Zoey	2
Henderson	Tydrell	1	Stroell	Logan	2
Henderson	Tydrell	1	Wallace- Melendez	Arianna	2
Little	Emilee	1	Campanelli	Parker	3
McEvoy	Finnley	1	Hillard	Elijah	3
Paul	Amara	1	Lindsay	Hunter	3
Paul	Amara	1	Miller	Jayla	3
Paul	Amara	1	Mosher	Henry	3
Root	Ellianna	1	Parker	Elizabeth	3
Root	Ellianna	1	Peterson	Paxton	3
Root	Ellianna	1	Prosser	Maddison	3
Siptrott	Kira	1	Tyo	Raelynn	3
Siptrott	Kira	1	Kemmer	Derek	4
Siptrott	Kira	1	Robinson	Lucas	4
Warner	Thaddeus	1			



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Curkendall	Braelynn	K	Bates	Baylee	2
Davis	Chandler	K	Gilbert	Aria	2
Folnsbee	Sawyer	K	Jackson	Royce	2
Houghton	Aria	K	Larnard	James	2
Jakob	Emma	K	Schaefer	London	2
Murphy	Bryson	K	Shipman	Valery	2
Tammaro	Hudson	K	Therit	Treigyn	2
Callahan	Molly	1	Wallace- Melendez	Rhianna	2
Dandrea	Alice	1	Dickerson	Mason	3
Holton	Aria	1	Hodge	Mayson	3
Luckette	Nathan	1	Michael	Camden	3
Mitchell	Camden	1	Yee	Ryan	3
Morgan	Mason	1	Arnold	Noah	4
Ring	Scarlett	1	Jones	Chloe	4
Roman	Ella	1	Lanipao	Allistair	4
Root	Ellianna	1	Palmer	Mackenzie	4
Siptrott	Kira	1	Sheehan	Alexis	4
Smith	Paisleigh	1	Watts	Zarianna	4
Stansfield-Zink	Kaiden	1			
Storch	Brody	1			
Tammaro	Sawyer	1			
Thatcher	Lennox	1			



# Reminders

**Gym Days** - are sneaker days - and you are then prepared to have fun!

**Art Days** - students need smocks to keep clean - any old shirt will do!

Always a fun day  
at CS!



# MARCH - RESPECT

65 JUSun	MON	Tues	wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2022 - 2023			1 DAY 2 Dr. Seuss Day Pennies to Prevent Polio	2 DAY 3 DR. SEUSS DAY BOE Budget Mtg 6-	3 DAY 4 Raider Day - wear blue Swim Night 6:15-7:45/ CIM K-2	4
5 National Breakfast Week	6 DAY 5 Spring Pictures - Pennies to Prevent Polio	7 DAY 6 504 Mtgs PTO Mtg 6:30	8 DAY 1 Faculty Mtg. 2:45 Sq One Art Order closes	9 DAY 2 CSE Mtgs	10 DAY 3 FREE Hair Cuts Building Safety Mtg.	11 St. Patrick's Day parade Regional Spelling Bee in Corning
12	13 DAY 4	14 DAY 5	15 DAY 6 CSE Mtgs	16 DAY 1 BOE Mtg HS 6- Irish Dancers Assembly—gym -	17 DAY 2 Green School Spirit Day -St. Patrick's Day Pennies to Prevent Polio ends	18
19	20 NO SCHOOL CONFERENCE DAY - TA Mtg Mammogram Mobile 12-4	21 DAY 3 K Assessments	22 DAY 4	23 DAY 5	24 DAY 6 Corey the Dribbler Assembly	25
26	27 DAY 1 BUS DRILLS	28 DAY 2 BUS DRILLS Blood Drive 3-7 1st & 3rd Field Trip SBT Mtg. 2:45	29 DAY 3 Reading March Madness Event ends!	30 Day 4 BOE Budget Mtg 6 - Bring in your Grade Level Projects .	31 DAY 5 Project Fair During School!	