



MAY NEWSLETTER

Message from the Principal

Dear CCMS Families,

It's hard to believe we're already entering the month of May! With the final quarter in full swing, our students continue to impress us with their resilience, dedication, and school spirit. As the days get warmer and the end of the year approaches, we remain focused on learning, growth, and character.

May Character Education Focus: "Team Player"

Our character trait of the month is **Team Player** — an essential quality both in and out of the classroom. Being a team player means more than just working with others — it means listening respectfully, sharing ideas, contributing positively, and celebrating group successes. For our middle school students, this can look like collaborating during group projects, helping a classmate who is struggling, or simply showing good sportsmanship on the field. We encourage our students to ask themselves, *"How can I support my peers and be a positive part of the school community?"*

Teamwork helps build strong friendships, improves communication skills, and prepares students for success in school and beyond. Let's all strive to lift each other up and recognize the strength we have when we work together!

NYS Science Assessment: Tuesday, May 13th ***Grades 5 & 8 ONLY***

As a reminder, we have the NYS Science assessment (Grs. 5 & 8 only) still to come this month. Please help ensure your child is well-rested, on time, and ready to do their best on these days.

Important: Make-ups for *all assessments* (ELA, Math & Science) will continue throughout May.

Please encourage your students to take these assessments seriously, as they help us understand where they are in their learning and how best to support them.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. Together, we are shaping not only strong students, but strong citizens. As always, feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

8TH GRADE MOVING UP DAY



8TH GRADE MOVING UP DAY CEREMONY



WEDNESDAY **JUNE 18** 6:00PM

HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Parent parking: HS parking lot / Entrance: Door #2

3 TICKETS MAXIMUM PER STUDENT

***Tickets will be handed out by June 11th ***

Students are required to arrive at 5:30pm and report to their homerooms in the Middle School

MOVING UP DANCE WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER THE
CEREMONY

Pick up will be in MS Parking lot at 8:30 PM

Tickets will be sold in the cafeteria from May 27th – June 13th

Tickets are \$10 each

STUDENTS ONLY



CCMS Dress Code Reminders



CCMS DRESS CODE REMINDER



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Be Ready to Learn!

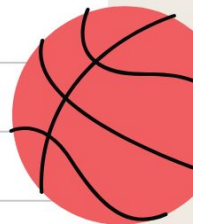
As the weather continues to warm up, please review
our warm weather dress code requirements.

WARM WEATHER Dress Code Reminders:

- ✓ All shirts MUST be full length to waist
- ✗ No spaghetti straps, crop tops, or halter tops
- ✓ All shorts, skirts, and dresses MUST be an appropriate length
- ★ Scan bar code for more details
- ✓ All clothing MUST provide appropriate body coverage
- ✗ No sagging pants
- ✓ Shoes MUST be worn at ALL times
- ✗ No flip-flops, slides or slippers



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Conduct for FULL Dress Code on Page 11
STAY COOL AND SCHOOL-APPROPRIATE!



Important Information

Upcoming Dates

May 3	Day of STEAM
May 13	NYS Science Exam <u>Grades 5 & 8</u>
May 21	Grades 5 & 6 Spring Concert @ 7pm
May 22	35 Week Progress Reports
May 23-26	NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
May 28	Grades 7 & 8 Spring Concert @ 7pm

CCSD Student Code of Conduct 2024-2025



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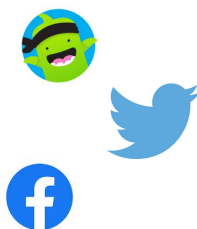


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CHARGERS

School Contact Information

Main Office	716.686.3660
Student Services	716.686.3649
Principal: Dr. Salinas	716.686.3662
Asst. Principal: Dr. Daniels	716.686.3663

Stay Updated!



School Hours:

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri	7:45am - 2:37pm
Wednesday	7:45am - 1:37pm

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5TH GRADE

5th Grade Updates:

As we begin the fourth quarter of the year, please check your child's supplies. We are seeing many students coming to school without pencils. We also remind parents to continue checking agendas daily and initialing them once they verify that assignments are complete.

Looking ahead, we have plans for a fifth grade field trip on June 12th to Old Fort Niagara. Permission slips and more information will be coming home in late May. Students who do not adhere to our behavioral expectations in school will not be allowed to attend the field trip.

Our 2025 Teacher of the Month for the month of April, Leah Richter! Leah teaches 5th grade ELA and social studies and as a newer member of the staff she has put forth exceptional effort daily to create a learning community rooted in bringing out the potential in every student. Ms. Richter has showcased her ability to create a love of learning in students of all abilities and backgrounds. She maintains high expectations for all students and has used our curricular resources to instill a strong work ethic and independent learning in all students. Ms. Richter gives a high degree of energy, enthusiasm, and a positive attitude in her classroom daily.

Congrats to the CCMS 2025 April Teacher of the Month Leah Richter.



6TH GRADE

Social Studies Update: Wrapping Up Ancient Rome and Moving Forward

Our 6th graders are finishing their exciting unit on Ancient Rome! They've explored the rise and fall of the Roman Empire, learned about influential leaders like Julius Caesar and Augustus, and discovered how Roman innovations continue to shape our world today. As we wrap up, students are reflecting on what they've learned through projects and discussions. Next, we'll begin our new unit on early Islamic settlements, where students will explore the beginnings of Islam, important cultural contributions, and the growth of major cities and trade routes. It's a great time to ask your child about what they've learned — and what they're looking forward to next!

Science Spotlight: Investigating Mixtures

In science, our 6th graders are learning all about mixtures — combinations of two or more substances that are not chemically combined. Students have been exploring the properties of mixtures and are using hands-on experiments to separate them using methods like filtration, evaporation, and magnetism. These interactive activities help students see science in action and deepen their understanding of how mixtures are part of our everyday lives. Ask your child about the mixtures they've worked with and the creative ways they've separated them!

Math Update: Moving Forward After State Testing

Our 6th graders have worked hard and shown great focus preparing for the state test — we're so proud of their effort and perseverance! When testing is behind us, we're excited to dive into our next math unit on statistics and graphing. Students will learn how to collect, organize, and interpret data, and they'll create different types of graphs such as bar graphs, line plots, and histograms. This unit is a fun and practical way for students to see how math connects to the real world.

ELA Update: Diving into *The Lightning Thief*!

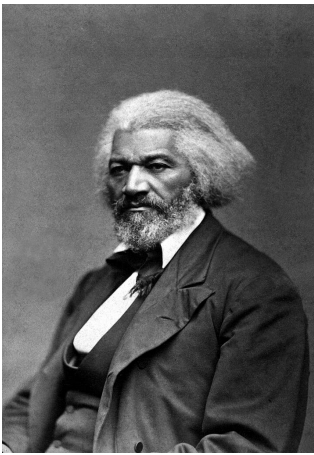
Now that the New York State tests are complete, our 6th graders are jumping into an exciting new novel: *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan! This adventurous story follows Percy Jackson as he discovers his true identity and embarks on an epic journey filled with Greek mythology, mystery, and action. As we read, students will work on building their reading comprehension skills, discussing character development, and making connections between mythology and modern storytelling. Encourage your child to talk about the adventures of Percy in the book compared to the movie. Riordan's book is full of excitement and important lessons!



7TH GRADE

Social Studies:

Students will then begin and finish Units 6 and 7: Westward Expansion & The Abolitionist/Progressive Movement. Students will learn about how the United States was able to move and conquer the lands to the West. In addition, students will learn about the famous individuals that started the Abolitionist/Progressive Movement in the 1800's including Harriet Tubman, Harriet Beecher Stowe and many more!



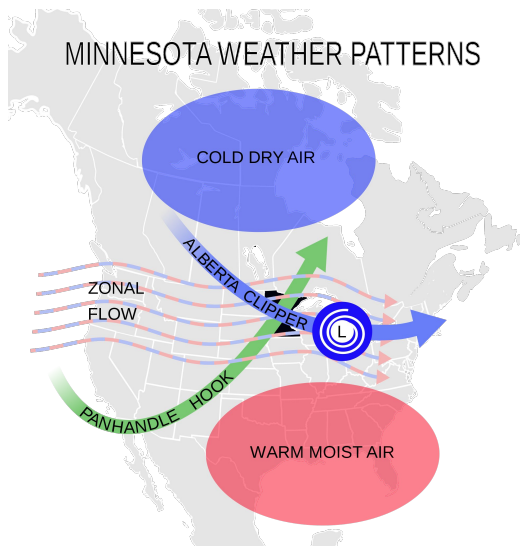
ELA:

This month classes are studying the novel *Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry* by Mildred Taylor. Students will create a character playlist to represent the characters in the novel!



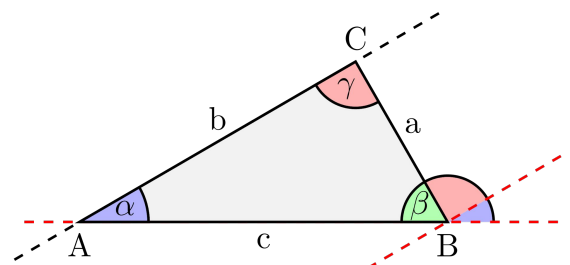
Science:

Students are learning about the weather patterns in the world and start the NYS investigation on climate change.



Math 7: Students are learning about angles.

Math 7 Honors: Students are learning about advanced geometry and angles.



8TH GRADE

Dear CCMS Families,

As we move further into the spring season, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for your continued support and partnership. Your involvement plays a vital role in making this school year a success for our students.

Important Announcements:

Science:

- Finishing our unit on Natural Selection and preparing for the NYS Science assessment on **May 13th**

Biology:

- Completing state lab investigations and beginning our review for the Regents exam

Social Studies:

- Exploring the Roaring 20's, the Great Depression, the New Deal, and WWII

Math 8:

- State test review is underway, with the last STAR test scheduled for **May 27th**.

Algebra:

- Focusing on solving quadratic equations and starting our Regents review.

ELA:

- Reading *Unbroken* and *Night*, while learning about the War in the Pacific and the Holocaust through nonfiction texts

Spanish:

- Preparing for end-of-year exams, which can earn students one high school credit towards graduation

Additional Information

Thank you for everything you do to support your child's education. Your involvement makes a significant difference in their learning journey. We are grateful for your ongoing support in helping our students thrive.

As we continue to collaborate and work together, let's keep our focus on the positive impact we can make in our children's lives. We look forward to the exciting weeks ahead!

Warm regards,

Team 8

SPECIALS UPDATES

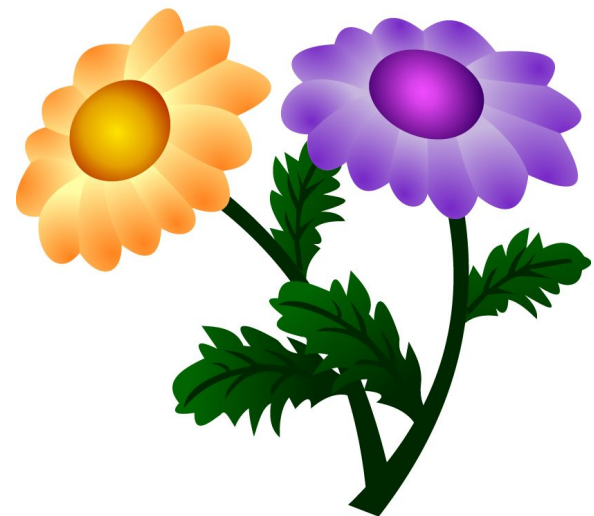
Over spring recess, our middle school gym floor got a shiny new makeover—it's so smooth, you could practically see your reflection in it. Naturally, our students didn't miss a beat during the circuit training unit, taking full advantage of the fresh bounce, extra grip, and that new-floor smell. Resurfaced and reenergized—PE has never been so polished!



This week students in Ms Hallmarks class completed their weaving projects! Students in 5th & 8th grade tackled a beginner frame woven tapestry while 7th graders finished their intermediate weaving unit with a coaster.



On Tuesday, April 22 we hosted our 3rd Annual Jazz Night. Band students in grades 5-12 did an amazing job and are looking forward to an upcoming field trip to the Cheektowaga Senior Center in June to perform.



SPECIALS UPDATES

5th Grader Camren Dean was our FIRST student to hit the Impossible Shot! This entails throwing a tennis ball into a thin PVC pipe from a distance of 15' away. Congratulations Camren!!



Middle School students are currently participating in a dynamic circuit training unit that focuses on building overall fitness through a variety of engaging stations. Each circuit includes sport-specific drills, agility exercises, cardio challenges, and upper and lower body strengthening activities. This unit is designed to enhance students' athletic performance, promote teamwork, and develop lifelong fitness habits—all while keeping them moving and having fun!



Character Education

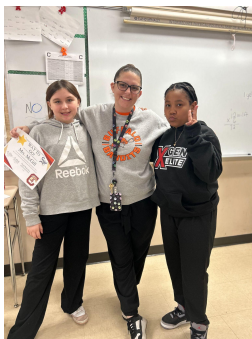
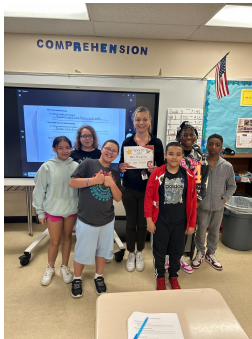
ATTENDANCE AWARDS: Students pictured below have never missed a day of school at Cheektowaga middle school. Way to go! Continue to work hard.



WAY to GO: The students pictured below were nominated by out staff for consistently following the 5B and demonstrating good character.



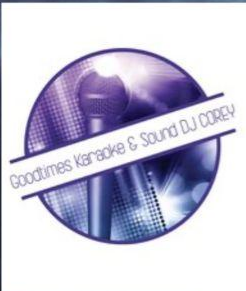
Congratulations to the middle school staff members who received a "Way to Go" award.



Cheektowaga Central
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Spring Formal



Location: Cheektowaga Central Middle School
Gym

Friday May 16th 6pm- 8pm Music provided by DJ Corey

Tickets \$5 on sale starting May 5th

Please see Mrs Scholl

Sponsored by Your Cheektowaga Central Middle School PTA

Concessions on sale during the dance.

Any Parent/ Teacher interested in chaperoning or questions

please email Mrs Scholl at

Cheektowagamiddlepta@gmail.com

Updated Book Club Schedule Dates



Book Club



2025 Spring Meeting Dates

5th and 6th Grade

April 10th

May 8th

June 5th



7th and 8th Grade

April 24th

May 29th

June 5th



REMEDIAL SCHEDULE

Grade 5: After School Support

Mondays:

- **Subjects:** ELA/S.S.
- **Teachers:** Hoeltke/McKeever/Zilliox/MacVittie/Gandy

Tuesdays:

- **Subjects:** Math/Science/ELA/S.S.
- **Teachers:** Lewis/Wasner/Skierczynski/Richter

Thursdays:

- **Subjects:** Math/Science
- **Teachers:** McKinney

Grade 6: After School Support

Mondays:

- **Subjects:** Math/ELA/S.S.
- **Teachers:** Braddock/Kwilas/Petre/Panikowski

Tuesdays:

- **Subjects:** Science/S.S.
- **Teachers:** Niederhauser/Granat/Christopher

Thursdays:

- **Subjects:** Math
- **Teachers:** Lambert

Fridays:

- **Subjects:** S.S./Science
- **Teachers:** Zajdel/Carroll

*****Teacher invite is required. After school buses leave at 3:35PM.*****

Grade 7: After School Support

Mondays:

- **Subjects:** Math/S.S.
- **Teachers:** Torrillo/McGill/Gozzo/Buscaglia

Tuesdays:

- **Subjects:** ELA
- **Teachers:** Lewandowski/Cadwallader

Thursdays:

- **Subjects:** LOTE
- **Teachers:** Casper/Clare/Schneegold

Fridays:

- **Subjects:** Science
- **Teachers:** Al Qaysi/Hess

Grade 8: After School Support

Mondays:

- **Subjects:** S.S./ELA/Spanish
- **Teachers:** Shehadi/Maloney/Todaro

Tuesdays:

- **Subjects:** Science/ELA/Math
- **Teachers:** Stonebraker/Orlowski/Baker/Burnett/Campbell

Thursdays:

- **Subjects:** S.S./Science
- **Teachers:** Accurso/Huber/Silliman

Fridays:

- **Subjects:** Math
- **Teachers:** Garrison

MS CLUB WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<p>GSA - Every other week (starting September 23rd) GSA Schedule jmcgill1@ccsd-k12.net pstonebraker@ccsd-k12.net</p> <p>Midway TV - Every week abaker@ccsd-k12.net</p> <p>STEM - Meets every other week (*only 3 Tuesday dates 10/15, 11/12 & 1/21) STEM Schedule jmcgill1@ccsd-k12.net pstonebraker@ccsd-k12.net</p> <p>International Club - Meets 3 times each month on Mondays International Club Dates wwasner@ccsd-k12.net</p>	<p>Junior Unified - Every other week (starting October 8th) Unified schedule lkwilas@ccsd-k12.net</p> <p>NJHS - (starting September 24th) NJHS Schedule kwilas@ccsd-k12.net</p> <p>STEM - (*only 3 Tuesday dates 10/15, 11/12 & 1/21) STEM Schedule jmcgill1@ccsd-k12.net pstonebraker@ccsd-k12.net</p> <p>Junior Challenge - (every other week <i>mostly</i>) Junior Challenge Dates jorlowski@ccsd-k12.net kbarbati@ccsd-k12.net</p> <p>Student Council - Third Tuesday of every month Student council mgoc@ccsd-k12.net bpanikowski@ccsd-k12.net kmacvittie@ccsd-k12.net</p> <p>Jazz Band - Every week ***Until the musical is over it will be a 5th-8th grade group*** kdolan@ccsd-k12.net</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NO AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES</p>	<p>Literature Club - Starting September 24th (Grades 5 & 6 alternate with Grades 7 & 8 each week) Lit club calendar hmaloney@ccsd-k12.net</p> <p>Math Club - Meets the first two weeks of each month (9/27 - the only friday date) Math Club Dates jlewis@ccsd-k12.net</p> <p>Student Ambassadors - Meets the last Thursday of every month with exceptions to holidays Student Ambassadors mzilliox@ccsd-k12.net vhoeltke@ccsd-k12.net</p> <p>Art Club - Meets every other Thursday starting 10/3 Art club dates (only Monday meeting is 11/25) jhallmark@ccsd-k12.net</p> <p>Science Club - Meets every week on Thursdays Science Club Dates wwasner@ccsd-k12.net</p> <p>Chess Club - Every Thursday</p>



Important Information

Grade Level Leaders

The following staff are delegated grade level leaders for each grade. To contact them, you can email them with their first initial, last name and @ccsd-k12.net (ex: csalinas@ccsd-k12.net)

5th Grade Mr. M. Skierczynski	6th Grade Ms. L. Braddock
7th Grade Mr. M. Buscaglia	8th Grade Mr. L. Silliman

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School Counselors

Our school counselors and school social worker are:

- Mrs. Goc
- Mrs. Dudas
- Mrs. Schu
- Mrs. Kean (Social Worker)



Please note the assignments to learn of your son or daughter's school counselor:

5th Grade	
School Counselor:	Teacher:
Mrs. Goc	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wasner• Richter• MacVittie• McKinney
Mrs. Schu	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Skierczynski• Zilliox
Mrs. Dudas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gandy• Lewis

Grades 6-8	
Mrs. Goc	6th Grade
Mrs. Dudas	7th Grade
Mrs. Schu	8th Grade