



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



Message from the Principal

November is upon us and as we prepare for a change in season, our hope is that our families enjoyed the end of October with our various festivities, including our Halloween parade for our grade 5 students. It was great to see students dressed in costumes and our teachers enjoying these events. A big thank you goes out to our PTA, teachers and staff who worked hard to help provide a fun environment for our students and families.

This is such a wonderful time of the year. We are nearing the end of the first marking period. These grades will be posted in the first report card which will be available on the parent portal the week of November 18.

It's hard to imagine that we are close to our winter season. Already our days are shorter and the cooler weather is thinking about settling in. I want to remind all families to dress for the weather.

We have a lot to be grateful for here at Cheektowaga Central Middle School. We have a wonderful, caring staff from our cafeteria staff, our custodians, our paraprofessionals, our office staff, and all of our fantastic teachers. I know I am grateful every day for the opportunity to work with all of them and I know your students are in good hands.

We have a supportive community with wonderful and giving parents, to which we all say thank you for all that you do! Finally, we have incredible students, who challenge themselves every day to learn and be engaged. They are why we are here every day!

You make my role as the principal a joy through your commitment to your children and our school. I wish you a wonderful month of November and a wonderful Thanksgiving.



Important Information

Upcoming Dates

November 8	1st Quarter Grades Close
November 11	Veterans Day - NO SCHOOL
November 12-15	Veterans Day Spirit Week (see p. 3)
November 21-22	Parent Teacher Conferences
November 22	Staff Development Day - NO SCHOOL
November 27-29	Thanksgiving Recess - NO SCHOOL

CCSD Student Code of Conduct 2024-2025



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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

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School Hours:

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

Wednesday
7:45am - 1:37pm

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VETERANS DAY SPIRIT WEEK



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FRIDAY NOV. 8

Wear Red, White & Blue

*Red, White,
& Blue*

MONDAY NOV. 11

NO SCHOOL

*HAPPY
VETERANS
DAY*

TUESDAY NOV. 12

WEAR RED



WEDNESDAY NOV. 13

WEAR BLUE



THURSDAY NOV. 14

WEAR GREEN



FRIDAY NOV. 15

WEAR BLUE & WHITE



PTA NEWS

CCMS PTA PRESENTS DANCE-A-THON-GENERATIONS

Who can dance better? Gen Alpha? Gen Z? How about the Millennials? Well, let's settle this once and for all. Student's can come by themselves, but let's have some fun. Bring your parent, your aunt, your uncle, your guardian, anyone over 21 and let's find out who can win this dance-a-thon! Prizes are available! Basket Raffle tickets will be for sale as well as concessions so come prepared to party!

Contests • Prizes • Basket Raffle • DJ • Concessions • Picture/Props

CCMS Gymnasium
November 15, 2024
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Questions?

Email cheektowagamiddlepta@gmail.com

Tickets go on sale Nov. 4th
\$5 per Ticket



Tickets are available from Mrs. Scholl during school hours and will be given at time of sale. Tickets are also available online and will be available for pickup at the door.

Tickets will NOT be available for sale at the door

\$5 Student Only Ticket -

<https://ccmswarriors.givebacks.com/store/items/1126418>

\$5 Adult 21+ Only Ticket -

<https://ccmswarriors.givebacks.com/store/items/1126419>

\$10 Student +Adult Ticket -

<https://ccmswarriors.givebacks.com/store/items/1126357>

PTA NEWS

CCMS PTA Dance-A-Thon- Generations Need to know

The PTA is thrilled to host this exciting Dance-A-Thon! Join us for a night filled with fun, including a basket raffle and delicious concessions for sale. Get ready to groove with our DJ and capture memories at our photo opportunities. We can't wait to see students and their families, friends, and neighbors compete in dance-offs and celebrate together. This is a wonderful chance to bond and create lasting memories with your child, niece, nephew, cousin, or friend. Please take a moment to review the important details below. Thank you for your support of this fantastic event—we can't wait to see you there!



Night Out books will be available for sale:
BOGO for \$30

INFORMATION AND DISCLAIMERS:

- Please complete all fields below. You and your child can pick the ticket up at the door the night of the dance. (Adult portion of ticket is transferrable. We just need the student name and adult name on the ticket so the ticket can be properly claimed. If you choose to do so you can email us and we can adjust the ticket with the new adult name, but it is not necessary.)
- Ticket's will not be sold at the door and we cannot make any exceptions due to district policy. Administration reserves the right to turn student's/families away.
- Only 1 "Student Ticket" per child is allowed, however you may purchase multiple 21+ Adult Tickets under the students name if you would like more than one adult to accompany your child. Each student must purchase their own ticket in person "or have an adult purchase their tickets on their behalf."
- A student may not purchase a ticket on behalf of another student. Each student must purchase their own ticket in person.
- Only students from Cheektowaga Middle School may attend. Siblings are not permitted at this particular event.
- Unfortunately, no refunds will be given. We apologize for the inconvenience.
- School dress code is in effect.

If there are any questions you can ask Mrs. Scholl or email cheektowagamiddlepta@gmail.com.

5TH GRADE

5th Grade November News

We are pleased to welcome Miss Leitten to the fifth grade team. She is a special educational teacher working with our students.

Daily routines help all students succeed. Please continue to review and sign your child's agenda daily.

Here are some updates from the fifth grade classrooms

Math:

Students have learned the relationship between a fraction and a division statement. They have modeled division expressions with diagrams and have begun to multiply fractions and mixed numbers. These concepts require mastery of basic multiplication facts. All students are expected to know their multiplication facts instantly without counting on their fingers. If they do not, they need daily practice at home. We thank you for your investment of time with your child.

Science:

Students have studied the water cycle at both the observable level and the nanoscale. They have written scientific explanations using new vocabulary that describes what is happening with molecules as water changes form.

Social Studies:

Students are enjoying learning about the Mayans, Aztec and Incas. These early American civilizations had unique customs and traditions. These cultures demonstrated a strong understanding of mathematics, engineering, and astronomy that is evidenced in their artifacts.

English Language Arts:

Students are in the middle of their book study unit. They are reading and enjoying Holes or Shiloh. Ask your child who their favorite character is. Reading at home daily with your child is a great way to build vocabulary and comprehension skills.



6TH GRADE

Dear 6th Grade Families,

In **Social Studies** our 6th-grade students recently embarked on an exciting journey into ancient Mesopotamia, diving into the rich culture and history of the Sumerians. They explored why this "land between rivers" was ideal for early civilization, fostering innovations like the wheel, cuneiform writing, and advanced irrigation systems that supported thriving cities. Students learned about Sumerian society's complexity, from organized city structures with towering ziggurats to the development of early mathematics and trade networks that extended across regions. This immersive journey sparked curiosity and appreciation for one of the world's first civilizations and its lasting impact on human history.

Science our 6th graders are learning about the fascinating world of harnessing human energy, exploring how the body generates, uses, and conserves energy for everyday tasks! As they learn about different types of energy—such as kinetic, potential, thermal, and chemical—they're discovering how these forms power everything from body movements to the technology around us. Discussions cover renewable energy sources like solar and wind, along with innovative technologies for sustainable living. Through experiments and hands-on activities, students are gaining insights into energy transfer, conservation, and the impact of energy choices, fostering a deeper appreciation for the many types of energy that keep our world in motion.

Math our 6th graders have been mastering the art of dividing fractions and mixed numbers! They've been learning how to break down complex problems, using strategies to simplify division between fractions and convert mixed numbers when necessary. By exploring real-world scenarios, students are developing a strong grasp of how and when to apply these skills practically, building confidence with each problem they solve. This foundational math skill not only strengthens their number sense but also prepares them for more advanced concepts in the future. It's exciting to see their enthusiasm as they tackle and conquer these new challenges in math!

ELA our 6th grade ELA students have been expanding their reading skills by diving into a variety of genres, including informative texts, poetry, and nonfiction passages. As they explore these different styles, students are learning to identify main ideas, analyze text structure, and understand the author's purpose across various forms of writing. From interpreting factual information to uncovering themes in poetry and real-life stories, they're building critical reading skills that deepen comprehension and analytical thinking. It's wonderful to see their engagement as they connect with each text and broaden their perspectives through diverse reading experiences!



7TH GRADE

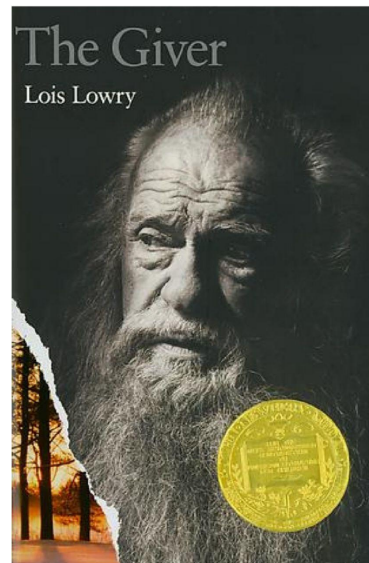
Social Studies:

Students will start Unit 2: The Age of Exploration and 13 Colonies. They will be learning about explorers, finding the Americans and creating the 13 English Colonies (New England, Middle and Southern Colonies).



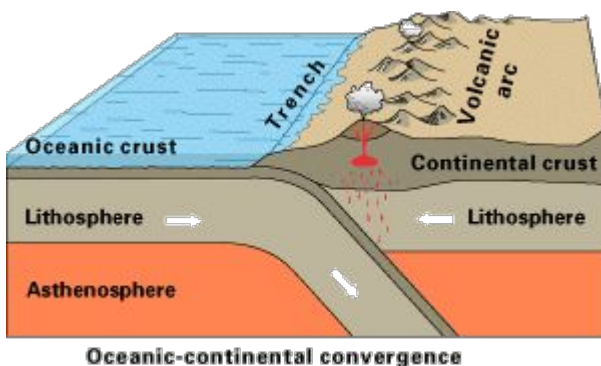
English:

Students are beginning reading *The Giver* by Lois Lowry in class this month and studying types of conflict. We will be using read, stop, write to reflect on the book.



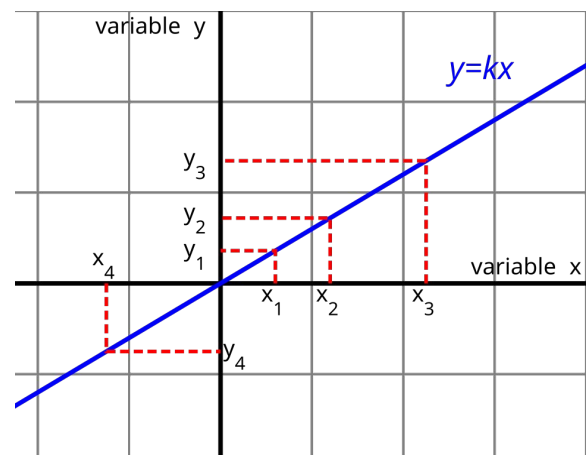
Science:

Students are learning about how the plate motion and how the plates move around the earth.



Math 7 students are working and learning scaled copies.

Math 7 Honors are working and learning about proportionalities.



8TH GRADE

Dear Families,

We hope this newsletter finds you well! As the season changes, we are reminded of the wonderful community we have built together. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in your child's education.

Important Announcements

- **Social Studies:** We are excited to dive into Westward Expansion in United States History, exploring how this period shaped our nation.
- **Math 8:** Our focus is on understanding congruence and rigid transformations. Soon, we will move into dilations and similarity.
- **Algebra:** We are wrapping up our unit on statistics, covering two-variable statistics and linear regression. Following this, we will begin our exploration of functions.
- **8th Grade Science:** Students are studying the molecules that cells need and how they utilize them to produce energy, grow, and repair. We're also using a metabolism simulator to investigate how diseases affect cells and the human body.
- **ELA:** We are finishing up the novel *The Outsiders* and reading nonfiction passages to enhance our understanding of current events.
- **Spanish:** Students are learning about the *Day of the Dead* and preparing to conclude the first quarter.

Key Date: First quarter ends on November 8. Please mark your calendars!

Celebrations from the Week

We are thrilled to share that we successfully celebrated Red Ribbon Week from October 21st to 25th. Our students demonstrated their commitment to making healthy choices and living drug-free lives. Thank you to everyone who participated and made the week a success!

Additional Information

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out through Class Dojo or via email. Your communication is important to us!

We are grateful for your continued partnership and support as we navigate this school year together. Let's keep fostering a positive learning environment for our students!

Warm regards,
Luke Silliman, 8th Grade Team Leader and the rest of the 8th Grade Team
lsilliman@ccsd-k12.net



8TH GRADE - DC Trip Information

Welcome to 8th grade, Class of 2028! We are excited to announce that our 8th Grade Trip to Washington, DC will be held on May 20-22, 2025! Please see the attached sheet to register and start paying for your trip this summer! Please email Ms. Orlowski at jorlowski@ccsd-k12.net with any questions that you may have.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR A TRAVELOGS INTERNATIONAL INC. TRIP

This code will allow you to enroll online and pay the initial deposit/registration fee using a major credit card.

Cheektowaga Middle School Group Code: **v6vGU8nC**

- 1) Go to www.travelogsinternational.com and click on "Register For Your Trip." This will direct you to a page that is entitled "Register or Login To Your Account". Once you're on this page, there will be two empty boxes, one for a registration code and one for an e-mail address. Enter your group's registration code and your e-mail address. **This e-mail address will be used to make future payment(s) for the trip. Please be sure to use an e-mail address that is checked frequently.** Click on "Create My Account."

Please make sure that if you have had a child that has traveled on previous trips with your school and you already have an account created with Travelogs, you can log into that account and (if needed) "add additional traveler" to your already-existing account linked with your particular e-mail.

- 2) Once an account has been created, an e-mail will be automatically sent to you with a link and a temporary password.
- 3) Click on the link within your e-mail and you'll automatically be directed back to the "Log Into Your Account" page. Enter your e-mail and the temporary password. Click "Log In" when complete.
- 4) You will now be on a page that will show the information for the trip in which you would like to register for. Click on the "View Trip Details and Register for This Trip" link.
- 5) You will now be on the school's trip website. In order to complete the registration process, scroll down to the bottom of the page and choose the option of how to register.
- 6) Once you click on your option, you'll then be directed to the "Manage Your Profile Page." Complete all of the necessary information and hit "Save."
- 7) Lastly, you'll be taken to a page that requires three checked boxes and a place for a parent/guardian to sign his/her name acknowledging and accepting Travelogs' terms and conditions. Once that is completed, click on "Process Registration."
 - a. For **credit card users**: you will then receive an e-mail confirmation that the deposit has been processed. Your registration is now complete.
 - b. For those who choose the **"pay by mail"** option: your registration on the trip is **pending** upon receipt of your required deposit. Once the "Manage Profile" page is completed, you will be e-mailed an invoice for your deposit. **Please print out a copy of this invoice**, and mail it along with your check or money order to Travelogs. This deposit must be received no later than the deposit deadline set by your son/daughter's teacher. Failure to do so will result in automatic removal from the trip.

SPECIALS UPDATES

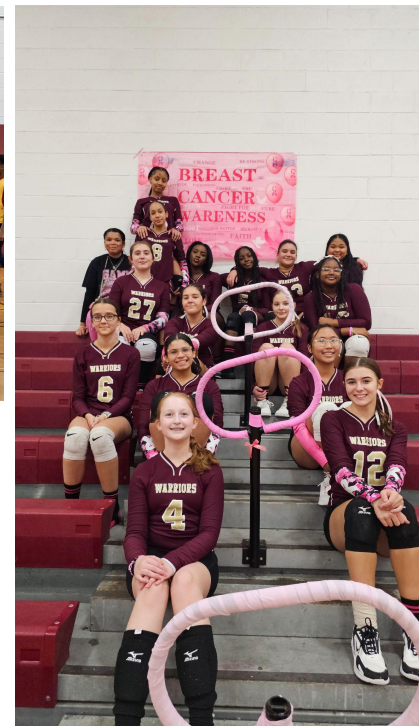
PE Class working hard in the weight room!



Students working on their isometric drawings of houses and trucks.



5th grade students in Ms. Hallmarks class worked on surprise monster drawings and showed their understanding of our Color Theory unit by choosing either warm or cool colors to finish their project in.



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/Scheffler

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/Duval/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 hmaloney@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>NO AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES</p>	<p>Literature Club - Starting September 24th (Grades 5 & 6 alternate with Grades 7 & 8 each week) Lit club calendar sscheffler@ccsd-k12.net 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>



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

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