Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the time between February and April approaches we will be looking ahead to several months of instructional time segueing into the Pennsylvania System of School Assessments (PSSA) for grades 3 – 5. This is the time of year where tremendous academic growth is realized. Students are through half a year of instruction and are incorporating and utilizing learned concepts to help conceptualize new and harder tasks. One of the most rewarding aspects of being called into education is witnessing the understanding that occurs, the connections made and new concepts materializing.

As PSSA exams approach, please be aware that absences for trips will not be excused during the PSSA testing window (April 15 – May 3, 2019). All third, fourth and fifth grade students will be taking the PSSA exams. The upcoming dates are as follows:

- English Language Art: April 15, 16 and 17
- Math: April 24 and 25
- Science: April 30 and May 1

As January came to a close so did our Cornwall Reads! program. Our hope is that your family enjoyed the concentrated effort towards building a genuine love for reading. Poppy is a fantastic book with a twists and turns along the way. It has been a joy to see students enter the office on a daily basis, from each grade, as they answered trivia questions about Poppy correctly and claimed their prize. Lastly, I am looking forward to our culminating activity May 9 and 10 2019, when Avi, the author of Poppy will be visiting us. (more information to come in the future).

Finally, as stated before, as weather conditions have fluctuated over the last few weeks, please be aware of your child’s clothing on a daily basis and take precautions with warm attire when needed. Furthermore, please make the necessary child care arrangements to prepare for school delays and closings due to weather in the winter months. In closing, I want to thank you on behalf of the staff at Cornwall Elementary for the continued support and encouragement for working with your children. It is our privilege and blessing to serve the students.

Sincerely,

Nathaniel Artz, Principal

“Where kids come first!”
February Events

Feb 1  Falcon Friday
School Dentals
Cornwall Reads Wrap Up Assembly

Feb 5  Jr. Jump Start, 3:45 – 4:30 PM

Feb 7  PTO Meeting, 6:00 PM, Faculty Lounge
Jr. Jump Start, 3:45 – 4:30 PM

Feb 8  Kdg. Q & U Wedding, Auditorium, 10:00 AM
& 1:30 PM
Panera Night, 4:00 -8:00 (PTO Fundraiser)

Feb 11 School Board Meeting, 5:30 PM, LGI Room

Feb 12 NAEP Testing for selected 4th Grade Students
Jr. Jump Start, 3:45 – 4:30 PM

Feb 14  Physicals
Jr. Jump Start, 3:45 – 4:30 PM

Feb 15  Jump Rope for Heart

Feb 18 School in Session  (2nd Snow Make-up Day)

Feb 19 Jr. Jump Start, 3:45 – 4:30 PM

Feb 21 Jr. Jump Start, 3:45 – 4:30 PM
Kindergarten Orientation

Feb 26 Jr. Jump Start, 3:45 – 4:30 PM

Feb 28 Jr. Jump Start, 3:45 – 4:30 PM

The decision to close school or open two hours later will be announced before 7:00 a.m. on local radio and TV stations listed below. It also will be posted on the District home page: www.clsd.k12.pa.us. When adverse weather conditions develop during school hours, the stations will be advised and will announce the time of dismissals. Please do not place calls to the school because the telephones may be needed for emergencies. Parents are urged to devise and discuss a plan of action for young children when no one is home during early dismissals or delays.

Television Stations

- WGAL Channel 8 (NBC)
- WHTM Channel 27 (ABC)
- WHP Channel 21
- WPMT FOX 43

Radio AM Station

- WLBR 1270

To make the morning and afternoon classes of kindergarten more equitable, in the event of any two-hour delay during inclement weather, the following modified schedule for kindergarten children will be placed in effect:

- **AM Kindergarten**: 11:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. (expected arrival time at home will be one hour later).
- **PM Kindergarten**: 1:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. (expected pick up time will be one hour later).
Correction Notice to 2018-2019 CLSD Calendar of Events - Please note this important information: April 15-26, 2019, are the correct dates for the “PSSA Testing Window for English Language Arts, Grades 3-8.” Please mark this important change in your printed calendar. PSSA Testing for Math and Science takes place April 29-May 3, 2019. These tests are very important in determining how well our students are performing in relation to the state standards. Please do not schedule any vacations or trips during this timeframe: April 15-May 3, 2019.

- **Feb. 4:** School Board Public Work Session, 5:30 p.m., Educational Service Center (District office)
- **Feb. 4-8:** National School Counseling Week
- **Feb. 11:** School Board Regular Meeting, 5:30 p.m., CCHS, large group instruction room (LGI)
- **Feb. 12, 7 PM:** Special Planetarium presentation by Sky Hoffert, Cedar Crest graduate, NASA employee, and Solar System Ambassador. Sky will discuss how NASA and other organizations are looking for signs of past, present, and future life in our Solar System and beyond. This approximately 40-minute lecture utilizes imagery in the planetarium and is appropriate for children in 4th/5th grade and older. Seating is limited for this free 40-min. presentation; please call ahead to make reservations, (717) 272-2033, ext. 5412. Download the planetarium schedule flyer with complete evening program descriptions on the District website: click on “Activities & Events” under the COMMUNITY tab: www.clsd.k12.pa.us.
- **Feb. 18:** Presidents’ Day – School in Session (2nd Snow Make-Up Day)
- **Feb. 20:** CCHS Planetarium Event, 7-8 PM – Free double-feature, “Astronaut” and “Black Holes.” Seating is limited for this free 50-min. presentation; please call ahead to make reservations, (717) 272-2033, ext. 5412. Download the planetarium schedule flyer with complete evening program descriptions on the District website: click on “Activities & Events” under the COMMUNITY tab: www.clsd.k12.pa.us.
- **Feb. 21:** Kindergarten Orientation for parents/guardians of incoming kindergarten students, 6:30 p.m., all elementary schools. The orientation is for parents, only. Parents/guardians residing in CLSD with a child who will be five years of age before September 1, 2019, are asked to click on the photo link on the CLSD website to begin the Kindergarten registration process. After this information is received, a letter will be mailed with more information about registering a kindergarten age child for the 2019-20 school year.

**CCHS Spring Musical, “The Sound of Music”:**
- **Feb. 28:** CLSD Gold Card Event - District residents with a CLSD Gold Card are invited to attend a free dress rehearsal of the CCHS Spring Musical, “The Sound of Music,” 6 p.m., CCHS auditorium. No reservations needed; please present CLSD Gold Card for admission. Registration for CLSD Gold cards will be available in the lobby at 5 p.m. for CLSD residents age 65+.
- **March 1, 2, & 3:** CCHS Spring Musical, “The Sound of Music,” 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday; 2:30 p.m., Sunday. Order reserved seat tickets online after Feb. 9: https://www.showtix4u.com/ Tickets will be sent via email. Any remaining seats will be available for purchase at the door one hour prior to a performance. Note: CLSD Gold Card holders may call (717) 272-2033 to reserve one free reserved seat ticket per card holder for either Friday, Saturday or Sunday’s performance.

**CCMS Drama Club Spring Musical, “Seussical, Jr.”:** March 15 and 16, 7 p.m., CCMS auditorium. Check the District website for ticketing information in February. Please do not contact CCMS.
- **March 15:** Deadline to apply for Falcon Foundation grants and awards to be used for educational and enrichment opportunities (social, cultural and athletic) taking place between June 1 and November 30, 2019. Click on “Falcon Foundation” under the COMMUNITY tab on the district website for more info and to download applications: www.clsd.k12.pa.us.
- **April 5:** Spring Dinner and Dance (formerly known as the Senior, Senior Prom), “Down by the Seashore,” 5:30-9 p.m., CCHS café. Join the Cedar Crest National Honor Society for a lively evening of dinner and dancing! This free event is open to CLSD residents age 65+. Seating is limited, so early registration is encouraged. Registration forms available in the main office of all CLSD buildings and on the District website: click on “Activities & Events” under the COMMUNITY tab for more info: www.clsd.k12.pa.us.
How Secure is YOUR Computer?
By Mr. Sobol, CW Technology Facilitator

Personal use of the Internet has gone from being a “geek thing” 20 years ago to becoming a daily necessity today! There is so much information available about anything somewhere online! One can find YouTube videos teaching use anything from repairing a car to cooking a delicious meal! Buying items online is still often a great way to find the best price for almost item you may wish to buy!

How safe and secure is your computer while you are online researching or just surfing for fun? Last month I spoke to STRONG Passwords, today let’s look at keeping your computer itself and all data on the computer safe and secure.

There are three types of software you should always have running in the background and set to update automatically. The three software include: 1) Antivirus, 2) Malware, and a 3) Firewall

**ANTIVIRUS SOFTWARE**

The most commonly known software for keeping your computer safe, secure, and healthy. Viruses have many purposes such as disabling your computer, using your computer to infect other computers, utilize your devices’ computing power with other computers for malicious purposes, or steal information from you. An infected computer will often run slower than normal. Allowing your antivirus to go out of date is like getting a flu shot that is 10 years old and expecting that old shot to protect you against this year’s varieties of flu.

**MALWARE SOFTWARE**

Remember your high school history lessons about the Greeks capturing the city of Troy by building a huge wooden horse with a compartment hiding skilled fighters? The Greeks were able to finally conqueror Troy by using that first “Trojan Horse”.

Today computer hackers use a software version of a “Trojan Horse” among other things to sneak malicious soldiers of “malware” into your computer. The latest, greatest, and most effective malware is ransomware. This locks all your data files and photos and requires the owner to pay a “ransom” to unlock them. If the ransom is not paid within a certain time period, the cost goes up. After 30 days, then the files may end up permanently locked. Keep malware protection up to date and running all the time on your computer!

**Fire Walls**

Newer townhouses have a firewall built into some strategic walls. Commercial buildings strategically place fire walls between sections of the building. What’s the purpose of these fire walls? If a room catches fire, the firewall hinders the fire in the burning room from spreading to the room next door acting as a fire barrier.

Computers utilize firewalls as a wall between you and the Internet to keep you from being burned. Firewalls hide your computer from being seen by hackers and others online. If they can’t see you, there is less of a chance they will try to burn you! There are two types of firewalls including software and hardware ones. If you have a router between your computer and the Internet, there is most likely a firewall built into that router. Computers should utilize the software version of a fire wall. Always keep your fire wall active and up to date.

**Closing:**

Many Security Suites like Symantec Norton Utilities and Windows Defender include antivirus, malware, and firewall software. Make sure they are turned on and up to date. NEVER let ANY component of your Security Suite license expire or go out of date. If you do, you are playing a dangerous game of Russian Roulette that could be very costly to you. Having all three of them properly functioning on your computer along with the use of strong passwords will help keep both you and your computer happy, safe, and secure!
Self-motivation is a trait that is often underrated. It’s more than just getting out of bed in the morning; it can have a huge impact on how well your child does in school. Children are naturally motivated to learn until they’re about 7 years old. After this time, they’ll need the ability to motivate themselves, a vital skill if they are to succeed. It’s true that self-motivation can only come from within, but there are ways you can help your child nurture it, giving them an advantage that will pay off in later life. Here are eight ways you can help.

**Encourage Optimism**
Focusing on solutions to problems rather than dwelling on setbacks, combined with having a positive outlook on life. This will encourage your child to adopt the same approach.

**Encourage Persistence**
Reward effort rather than just success. You will help your child to develop the resilience they’ll need to face failure and to keep trying until they do succeed.

**Deal With Failure**
Teach your child to accept that sometimes they will fail. Showing them how to lose or win gracefully, will give them the ability to deal with, and move on from, setbacks later in life.

**Encourage Interests**
Children who have a range of interests will be exposed to different opportunities. Combined with a good work-life balance, this will make the less-interesting tasks they face less demoralizing and easier to face.

**Celebrate Achievement**
Knowing how to celebrate and enjoy success, both their own and others’, will give your child something positive to aim for.

**Make Success Possible**
Give your child the opportunity to be successful and experience the positive emotions that go with it. Supporting and guiding them will help build the self-esteem that is vital to self-motivation.

**Foster Their Interests**
Encouraging a child to learn about things that interest them will allow them to better understand the concepts they learn at school, especially if you’re creative about the way you link their interest to learning. Pacing out the length of their favorite dinosaur or measuring ingredients for baking will help them understand size or volume without it feeling like another math lesson.

**Adapt to Their Learning Style**
Some children will sit and listen to new information. Others want to pick things up and use them straight away. Adapting to their preferred way of learning will keep learning fun and not a chore.

Parents want to help improve their child’s chance of success at school, and later, as adults. By starting early and encouraging your child in the right way, you can help them develop a trait that will be useful to them for the rest of their lives.

If you have any questions or would like more resources on this topic, please feel free to contact me.

Phil Rader
Cornwall Elementary School Counselor
A Special Note Regarding Valentine’s Day:

The understanding and celebration of Valentine’s Day with elementary students is a great way for students to show kindness and respect to fellow classmates. They can do this by sharing a small non edible or treat item with their classmates. Students are not permitted to share any item that contains food. The following items Notes, Stickers, Pencils, Erasers, Any Type of School Supply, Bookmark, Notepad, or Mini Game are acceptable forms of Valentines for classmates. These items and other non-edible valentines are readily available at local stores.

- Ensuring the safety and wellness of our students is one of the utmost priorities of each and every school within the Cornwall-Lebanon School District. Prioritizing the safety and wellness of our students is our focus.
- Any Shared Birthday Treat must not contain a food item.
- Birthday Treats that are food (ex. Cupcake, Cookie, Cake, Snack bag, Candy, Crackers, Pies, Fruit Slices) Are Not Permitted to Be Brought to School and Distributed
- Parents/Guardians who want to provide a birthday treat to classmates are encouraged to send in non-food items that are age level appropriate (ex. Stickers, Pencils, Erasers, Any Type of School Supply, Bookmark, Notepad, Mini Game)

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation,

Nathaniel Artz
Principal

News from the ART DEPARTMENT

We had an amazing January! The students had the opportunity to visit the art show, do critiques, and see their work on display! We also had Art in our School Day. Students participated in several activities and learning experiences inspired by this year’s Asian Art theme.

Please take a minute to check out some pictures on my Weebly site:

Go to Cornwall Elementary’s Main Page.

- Click on programs-select art
- Choose Art Class 2018-19, Art Show/Art Day 2018-19

Other Dates to note:

- Friday, March 1, 5:00-8:00PM-CLSD- First Friday -LVCA building, Lebanon
- May 6 -Science Fair & 5th Grade Art Show
- Hope to see you there!

Mrs. Price
Art Teacher
What a wonderful time we’ve had sharing *Poppy* together as a school family. We hope you had the opportunity to enjoy reading and discussing this book as a family. ‘Cornwall Reads!’ primary goal is to encourage and support a read aloud time for parents to read to their children.

This school-wide reading program concluded on Friday, February 1st with an assembly. During the assembly the students revisited the fun events of the past month – bringing stuffed animals to school, having a Poppy dance party, learning about Pennsylvania wildlife through the Clarence Schock Environmental Center, and experiencing the dissection of owl pellets led by Mr. Moyer and the 5th graders.

Students also learned of a special opportunity to show our appreciation to the Clarence Schock Environmental Center. We will collect donations of spare change during the week of February 4th. Our donation will be used to purchase a memorial brick to support the building of an ADA-accessible boardwalk at Governor Dick Park. In our assembly the winners of our Avi question contest were revealed as well. These winners will participate in a Skype visit with Avi, the author of *Poppy*, on Tuesday, February 5th. The Skype visit will be recorded so that other students may also view it.

We want to continue to encourage students and families to read Avi’s books between now and May. (He has written over 80 different books so there are many from which to choose.) Thanks to the support of our administration and our PTO, we are excited to announce Avi will be visiting Cornwall Elementary on Thursday, May 9th with an evening assembly for our families and on Friday, May 10th with assemblies for Grades 3-5. More information will be forthcoming, but please mark your calendars for this exciting event!
News from the Nurse

1. **Future 3rd graders:** If you have a future 3rd grade student you will receive the mandated dental examination forms coming home in January. You may return both forms to the Cornwall Nurse, or if exam is completed over the summer you may return it prior to October 1st.

2. **Cough Drops and Medication:** All medications, including cough drops must be brought to the nurse by an adult. This is for all students’ safety and district policy. If you are seeing a doctor, and need the medication form, it is available on our school website under the health tab, or in our health office.

3. **Hydration:** Sending a water bottle with your child’s name on it and encouraging consumption, helps keep coughs at a minimum and keeps student’s alert.

4. **PENN STATE PROWELLNESS** strives to educate and inspire youth and families to incorporate healthy lifestyles choices daily. Please check out their outreach efforts at [http://prowellness.vmhost.psu.edu/schools](http://prowellness.vmhost.psu.edu/schools)

Sue Robins, CSN, BSN
School Nurse

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**Cornwall Spelling Bee**

*The Cornwall Spelling Bee was held on Friday, January 26th in the Auditorium.*

18 students participated this year and the top 5 will compete in the District Bee at South Lebanon Elementary on Thursday, March 28th at 6:30 PM.

**Top Finishers were:**
- First Place – Natalie Javier
- 2nd Place – Asha Patel
- 3rd Place – Connor McCracken
- 4th Place – Josiah Kreider, Landen Weaber, (Max Traina is alternate)

A special thank you to our pronouncer and judges: Mr. Keesey, Mrs. Hower, Mrs. Becker, and Mrs. Marisic!

Congratulations to our winner, Natalie Javier!
We started off the new year with a bunch of great events! Art in Our School Day was a big hit. From storigami to an awesome acrobatic presentation, the students had a great time watching and participating! We also FINALLY discovered our Cornwall Reads book choice!

**Art In Our School**

We started off January with Art in Our School Day organized by our very own Art teacher, Mrs. Price. The focus this year was on an Asian art theme. The students got to watch and participate in several activities and demonstrations throughout the day which ranged from karate to origami, to an acrobatic demonstration! Students and parents also got to view the talented Cornwall kids artwork in the gym throughout the week. Don’t forget to keep the upcoming District wide Art Show in mind coming up in March!

**Cornwall Reads!!**

*On January 4th the Cornwall Reads book selection was FINALLY revealed after much anticipation! POPPY!! By the award winning author Avi was this years selection. Cornwall kids got to read and answer questions and look for Mr. Ocax each day along with several fun activities like stuffed animal day, a classroom dance party, and an assembly from Clarence Schock Environmental Center. All to be followed by skyping with the Avi, the author, on February 5th! A big thank you to Kim Baker, Terry White, Mrs. Forker, and Mrs. Zimmerman for their hard work in putting all this together. You can connect with them on Twitter: CWReads@readsCW.*

**Spelling Bee**

On January 25th, the Cornwall Spelling Bee was held in the auditorium. It was a tense, yet exciting competition between 18 of Cornwall’s top 4th and 5th grade spellers. It came down to an exciting spell off between 4th grader, Asha Patel and 5th grader, Natalie Javier. Natalie Javier managed to edge out the win with the word “Artillery”. Congratulations to all of the participants!! And a big thank you to Mrs. Weaber for organizing the event.

**February Upcoming Events**

- February 7th - PTO Meeting
- February 8th - Kindergarten Q&U Wedding
- February 8th - Panera Night 4-8pm
- February 15th - Jump Rope for Heart
- February 18th - School now in session
- February 21st - Kindergarten Orientation

Don’t forget to join us on the first Thursday of every month at our PTO meetings held in the faculty lounge at 6pm. Babysitting will be provided.

Also be sure to keep up to date on all Cornwall events and activities by checking out our website [www.cornwallpto.com](http://www.cornwallpto.com) and following us on Facebook!

If you have any questions, are looking to get involved, or need help with clearances, contact us at cornwallelementarypto@gmail.com.
Discounted tickets available to Cornwall Elementary School students, teachers, family, and friends. **Valid during the Regular Season, May 3, 2019-September 29, 2019.**

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**DEADLINE:** Order Form Must be Received by March 1, 2019.

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Student’s Name: ____________________________________________________________

Grade & Teacher: ___________________________________________________________

Parent’s Name and Tel # ____________________________________________________

**Hershey Park Tickets**

Please return the order form and payment to the office or your child’s teacher by March 1st. Make checks payable to Cornwall Elementary PTO.

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Questions: email Kbowman@clsd.k12.pa.us
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To learn more about Camp Invention go to watch us at
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xoEMaz1g9ZE

Open to all CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA Elementary Students

July 8-12, 2019 Monday-Friday, 9:00 am -3:30 pm
Hosted at Cornwall Elementary School for its 13th season great season!

For students currently in grades 1-5 for the 2018-2019 school year
Director: Chuck Kindt, Retired Principal of Cornwall School
Contact: CI2013@comcast.net

Camp Invention Base Fee: $250 - see early bird DISCOUNT above!!

This camp sells out fast every year!

To register: go online to www.campinvention.org or 1-800-968-4332
Safe2Say Something Program Now Available in the CLSD

At CLSD, the safety and well-being of our students and staff members continues to be a top priority. “Safe2Say Something” (S2SS), a new anonymous reporting system that was recently mandated by Act 44 of 2018, has been implemented. If you have children at CCMS or CCHS, your student(s) receiving training in the use of this system and learned how to recognize the warning signs and signals (especially those that appear on social media) of individuals who may be a threat to themselves or others. District staff members K-12 have received training, as well.

The S2SS program and curriculum is managed by the PA Attorney General’s office through a partnership with Sandy Hook Promise, a national non-profit organization working to improve school safety. The program has been “live” since Jan. 14, 2019.

To learn more about S2SS, visit the CLSD website (www.clsd.k12.pa.us), or the S2SS website: www.safe2saypa.org. For questions about S2SS in the CLSD, please contact Mr. Mike Robinson, CLSD security coordinator, mrobinson@clsd.k12.pa.us, or (717) 273-2031.