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Art by Mrs. Youkers

Can't believe we are at the halfway point in our school year already. I hope you all enjoyed the gingerbread houses and gingerbread people that the students made for the Santa breakfast. I'm sure they made a great addition to your holiday decorations. As we move on to our third quarter the K-4th grade students will begin by focusing on self portraits. The 5th grade students will be working on stenciling and poster making. Each student was given a precision marker and a stencil set and have become more familiar with these new tools by planning and bordering a poster. This skill will also help the students in other subjects as projects come their way. Hope you all had a great winter break and are ready to dive into this new quarter.



Home Ec by Mrs. Martin

Welcome back! Exciting things are coming for Family Science (Home Ec) in the next few weeks. The students currently are working on Vision Boards in class. The Vision Boards are giving the students a chance to learn more about themselves and each other. It's so interesting to hear some of their goals and aspirations. Upon completion of the boards, we are moving on to nutrition and meal planning. Be prepared to see some healthy food choices coming your way soon!



Phys Ed by Coach Kelton

We're marching our way to healthy living in P.E. this quarter with lacrosse, tennis, pickleball, badminton and volleyball. The middle school students have been working on cooperative skills and teamwork drills and have done an impressive job focusing on completing tasks efficiently and encouraging each other on their journey.



Kindergarten through 3rd grade did an exceptional job completing the obstacle course in record time. My favorite outcome of the obstacle course was the fact that every student completed the course and regardless of their recorded time, each and every student gave 100%. Parents would be so proud of their children if they were able to witness how well they perform in P.E., the way they engage in every activity we perform together with enthusiasm and stamina. A half hour is too short a time for your children... your kids could go on and on all day in P.E.! It's such a joy to be their instructor.

Fourth and fifth grade will soon be preparing for field day, coming in March, by practicing the long jump, relay race, football throw, and soccer kick in the gym. We'll also be bringing out the rope for tug of war, so the students can work on their strength and safety measures.



Chest Bump!

Does Sophia have a future in lacrosse?



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Spanish by Señora Wingo

Estimadas las familias de CEE

This has been a remarkably fast year! The students have been working on several different projects, but my favorite was the La Llorona dance with the 7th and 8th graders, in which they just performed beautifully at Town Meeting in November and they will perform again for the Fiesta. They painted their faces like the *Day of the Dead*. The students had to learn the meaning to all the lyrics of the song and be able to sing it well, before we learned traditional Mexican dance moves of Ballet Folklórico. I am extremely proud of their talents.

Also, second quarter we had a mock ice cream shop in Spain. Role play is critical to language development and it's one of the greater linguistic challenges second language educators face, because it is challenging for old students to use their imagination. However, the kids loved it! They ordered ice cream in Spanish as if they were at a study abroad program in Spain and they even created their own ice cream shop menu in Spanish. We focused on the names of flavors, compared the monetary differences between Mexico and Spain, and we learned the geography of Europe. All the classes will get to participate in this activity, and so will you at Fiesta.

In January, we will continue to work on the grammatical structures of the language. In addition to learning the advanced conventions of language, the 6th and 7th grades will begin to work on their dance to *Vivir Mi Vida* by Marc Anthony. Their song is from Puerto Rico and we will be learning about this country's geography and their cultural differences, as well.

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Music by Mr. Cruz

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a wonderful and restful winter break. Congratulations to all the students who performed in CEE's Virtual Winter Concert and to all teachers and staff who helped keep it together. We had a few moments that unfortunately didn't make it to the final video due to some filming hiccups and not due to student "performance". I'm proud and happy for all the work you have done this term and you should be too!

Show choir auditions have started! If your child was in the senior choir last term they are in the show choir if they choose. If your child was not in the senior choir they will need to audition. Audition forms are available at the front desk.

There will be a new music club available for middle school students only. The Recorder Ensemble Choir will be this term and will be considered for a competition spot along with Show Choir this year. You need to sign an extracurricular form in order to attend. Rehearsals are Thursdays from 3pm-3:45pm.

Library by Mrs. O'Hanlon

Hope everyone had an amazing holiday and are rested and ready for the new year. Thank you to all of our wonderful PTO moms for your endless support, helping the special teachers in making our events successful.

Kindergarten

- The 7 Habits for Happy Kids by Sean Covey.

First Grade

- Cynthia Rylant author study.

Second Grade

- American Sign Language Unit

Third Grade

- Library Skills Unit - Learning to use the Dewey Decimal System to find informational text.

Student Success by Mrs. G

Hi all! 2022 in Leadership class focuses on making positive changes now that create a better future. We will discuss how to improve YOU IN '22, and learn how to create good habits (so that they can replace the bad ones!). We will talk about grit, and how digging in and continuing to try and fail when you are reaching for a goal is all a necessary part of the process. Reading about 'happy accidents' that happen when we are working toward a goal, as well as the 10,000 hour rule for mastering a goal will help students to set their goals and manage their expectations for success. We are looking forward to a meaningful and productive 3rd quarter!

