

The BLUE DEVILS' DAILY

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Kindergarten registration is nearing

By Kenda Boozer

Hey parents, it's that time of year again! Kindergarten registration is coming up quickly! Kids ages 5-6 will be coming to this school next year, and it's coming fast! We have our own registration coming up on the 25th of March from 6:00 - 7:30. Come down to our school and enroll your child into our school for kindergarten!

Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Wilcox both explained, "Incoming Kindergarteners get to see classrooms, they will do fun activities with teachers, and they will also get ice cream treats! Their parents and themselves, will get enrolled in a Class Dojo classroom that will update them throughout the summer. They'll do activities with different Kindergarten teachers and staff members, do two fun activities, and switch classrooms."



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Funds raised for new Gaga Pit

By Danielle Ridgeway

Gym Teacher Mrs. Bullock is holding a fundraiser to buy a gaga pit for the playground. The fundraiser papers were handed out to the students in mid February. The students have already raised around \$2200, and ideally we need \$3,000 more.



The fundraiser started after the indoor gaga pit was put away for the year, and because the kids love gaga ball so

much we wanted the option for them to play gaga ball at recess. The fifth and sixth grade students who are part of the Fit Pack decided on the gifts for raising money.

Some of the gifts for raising money include squishies, glow in the dark squishies, keychain emojis, a T-shirt, a drawstring bag, and for raising \$100, you get a Top Donator's medal.

Gaga Ball is played in a small area, usually a pit-like structure, using a kickball. If someone smacks the ball on their opponent's knee or below, the opponent is out for that round or, if the player hits the ball out of the pit, they're out. The players are allowed to use the wall to hold themselves up until it's down to four people. Once it's down to about half of the people or whenever the players want to put it in, the second ball is put into the pit. Players can hit the ball twice once there's two people, but if they do it before that, they are out. The object of the game is to not get hit and be the last one standing.

A lot of the students are excited for the Gaga ball to be put up. Giana Vella (4) said, "I like it because it's fun." Abby Swab (3) added, "I love Gaga ball because it's fun and you get a lot of exercise." Jesse Mott (4) finished it off by saying, "It's fun we get to hit people in the feet with the ball and we're allowed to be competitive."

CSES celebrates Read Across America

By Sheyann Demoss

This Month the entire school will participate in Read Across America. According to www.ducksters.com, "Read Across America Day is a celebration of the joys of literacy and an important reminder that we must make every effort to ensure that our Nation's children receive the necessary education in reading and writing to cultivate the skills they need to pursue their American Dream." March 2nd was

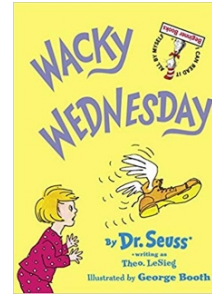


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Dr. Suess's birthday. Kids K-6 will be doing activities that are related to his books. His most loved books are "One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish" and, "The Cat in the Hat".

On Monday March 2nd we wore clothing related to his stories. For example, some students wore black and red to look like the Cat's Hat. On Tuesday, we had a WQLN sundae challenge kick off to celebrate books we have read. On Wednesday, it was all kids' favorite thing...



WACKY WEDNESDAY! The whole school and even some of the teachers wore silly outfits. Thursday, was book review madness. Students completed and posted a book review outside their classrooms. Finally on Friday, guest readers came to the school to read to the students.

Harmony (6) says, "Dr. Suess's books are wonderful books to read, and a thing for students to learn, because learning makes you succeed." Dominic (K) explained, "My favorite book we read this week was Wacky Wednesday!"

Wash Your Hands!

By Abigail Harrison

On Tuesday, February 11th, 80 kids were absent. 80 kids absent is 17.5% percent of our students! Mrs. Olszewski in the office said, "When the weather gets better, and people actually start washing their hands is when the absences will start to get better." All these absences are affecting kids' ability to learn. To help combat the issue, the PTO has provided all the teachers with hand sanitizer, tissues, and anti-bacterial soap for their classrooms.

The flu, or influenza, is a highly contagious respiratory illness caused by viruses that infect the nose, mouth and throat, and sometimes the lungs. The flu spreads nearly always from person to person, and people with the flu are the most contagious in the first three to four days after their illness begins. According to Healthline.com, "The flu can come on suddenly. Early symptoms can include fatigue, body aches, chills, cough, sore throat, and fever." This is why washing hands is important. If

people sneeze or cough into their hands, and then interact with people, they are spreading the flu germs, which can also give that person the flu. Influenza viruses most often travel through the air in droplets when someone with the flu infection sneezes, coughs, or even just talks.

Sometimes, as these droplets containing the Influenza travel through the air, people can inhale them, or touch an object that has the germs on them, then transfer those germs to their eyes, nose and or mouth. People with the flu can even infect other people that are up to six feet away. Another quote from Healthline's article about the flu, shows how infectious the flu can be. "The flu has resulted in 9.3 million to 49 million illnesses each year in the United States since 2010."

One of the reasons the Flu spreads so fast is because people quite frequently touch their eyes, mouth, and nose often without realizing it. People should always wash their hands after using the restroom, before, during and after preparing food, between handling raw food and cooked food, eating, after using a tissue, before and after tending to sick children and other family members, and after touching and or petting their animals. As the flu season comes around every year, hand washing is very important. In fact, people should always wash their hands no matter what! When people wash their hands, they are washing off the germs that are on their hands. If people don't wash their hands, they have a higher chance of getting themselves and possibly others sick. The reason why you hear so many things about the flu every year is because it's so common, and it spreads like wildfire! Statistics found on google show that each year, 5% to 20% percent of the US population will get the flu on average! From the same source on Google, they state, "A new study found that adults get the flu twice per decade on average, but children are infected once every other year on average."

However, just rinsing off their hands is not washing them. They need to wet their hands, apply soap, lather their hands together, rinse them off, and then dry them with a clean towel. This will keep germs off of their hands, and help the risk of getting the flu. So, if everyone washes their hands, hopefully all the absences at Cambridge Springs improve.



Innovation Lab comes to CSES

By: Dolan Feltenberger

For seven years, Mr. Dutchcot has been evolving the technology classroom. He began by integrating STEM lessons, then the idea moved to become a Makerspace, then Makerspace transitioned to that of an Innovation Lab. According to www.wework.com, "An innovation lab is tasked with coming up with new ideas, executing them, and iterating until the idea is fully executed or integrated into the business." He's been planning on sparking students' imagination and letting them grow up to use technology in their jobs. Activities include The Hour of Code, which is a coding app where you figure out simple problems and find solutions for them using coding. Stop Motion, and also Microbit are other activities. Just recently he evolved it into a class where students could work on several different projects.

Mr. Dutchcot passionately explains, "I felt that the students need to get more exposure in technology and investigate technology with topics they are interested in to help them find the love to learn." It all started when there was a challenge for the Hour of Code that gave him DonorsChoose credits for classroom supplies. These credits were used to buy materials to integrate STEM lessons into the technology classroom and he has been slowly building up his resources ever since. According to Jonathan, a fourth grader, "It's fun to do the stop motion in the Innovation Lab because it looks like an actual movie." The innovation Lab is where students can use their technology class time to work on something that interests them.



"Elevate Your Mind" with read-alouds

By Madelyn Lehner

Cambridge Springs has a YouTube channel that features books read out loud by both teachers and students. Then people can listen to the stories, or follow along with their own book, if they have the same book. Mr. Brocius, our technology specialist, created the channel for the school in February. Mr. Turner and Mr. Daddio made the name for the YouTube channel which is, "CSES Elevate Your Mind."

"We had a meeting for the reading community and thought about something that would help the students at the school. Kids could listen to familiar people reading books. That would help them fall asleep, instead of staying up and playing games. Kids can use it at night when parents are at work, or at dinner when they get bored," Mrs. DeFrances explained. The read-alouds give students a good website to visit if they're just learning to read. It also can be helpful for students to get comfortable with reading out loud. The channel has had a few read alouds so far, but there is still going to be more posted in the future. You can find the site on our own website at www.cambridgespringselem.net/ or by searching for it on YouTube!



Opinion: Respect our bus drivers!

By Rayne Yanc

Some people might not really think about how important our school bus drivers really are. Many students use the buses to take them to and from school. Many of those students and their guardians don't really think about how they are putting their lives in your bus drivers hands. Our bus drivers drive us safely and brave the storm for us but, how do we repay them? The answer is simple! Our school bus expectations! When we follow our expectations we help our bus drivers keep us safe. Some of the most helpful expectations are very easy to follow.

In our school we have charts nearly everywhere! Being at the bus stop on time, picking up after yourself and others, keeping materials and food in my bag. (State law), keeping your head off the window and keeping the aisle clear, these are only a few of our different ways to repay our bus drivers. We can do many things that would help our bus drivers travel safely. We can easily find even more ways to help out by looking at our school expectations. There are bus expectations in every room! Driving a bus might be very difficult. Think about driving in a vehicle that is about 36 feet long and having a bunch of students in it! An average school bus fits around 72 students in it! Imagine every little conversation that could get louder. This could make it hard for the driver to hear and can cause them to lose focus.

Cockroach makes unique class pet

By Quinn Eaglen

Art teacher Mrs. Walsh has a unique class pet: it's a Madagascar hissing cockroach! His name is Bishop. Bishop sees kids around him every day because he lives in a clear cage in the art room. That allows the students to stop by and see the cockroach doing what cockroaches do - eat and sleep! Mrs. Walsh stated that there were many reasons why she decided to purchase Bishop. One of the many reasons she stated was that he was cheap; it was only one dollar. Also, she already had a tank for him so he could have the right care. Finally, she purchased Bishop because he eats simple stuff. So for Bishop, he doesn't eat just one certain food, he can eat many things, such as simple vegetables like lettuce. She even says she bathes him! Everyone seems to think cockroaches are gross and dirty, but not this cockroach! Mrs. Walsh also states that in captivity, Bishop will only live for about two years but in the wild, he could live up to five years.

If the class is lucky, Mrs. Walsh gets Bishop out of his cage and educates the students about him. Hissing cockroaches usually live in very large colonies. When threatened by a predator, they hiss to alarm the other cockroaches in the colony. The small holes on their backs are called spiracles, and they are used for breathing. If they force air out of the spiracle quickly, it makes the hissing sound. Sometimes, when she gets Bishop out, she lets the students pet him.



Students at CSES are excited about the class pet. Molly Billingsley (1) said, "I love it! I just love how smooth it is, how it looks and how friendly it is." Grayson Pabon (1) added, "I love it so much! I really like it and how it looks. It's fun to see him before class starts."

Students and staff share importance of physical activity

By Noah Holland

They help get their heart rate up. It's good for their bones, muscles, and basically their entire body. All kids and adults like sports. They have favorite teams and sports to watch. Our own students and teachers here at CSES share their favorites:



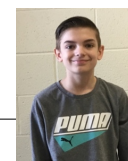
Pyper Deane (K) likes to play with her friends on the swings or the slide.



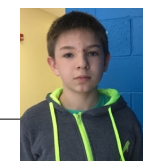
Keegen Simpson (4) likes to play kickball during recess.



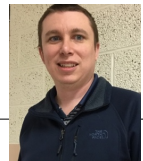
Carleigh Riley (3) enjoys swinging during recess.



Jayson Roxberry (6) loves to play kickball, or playing catch.



Hunter Zazado (6) likes to just sit back and relax.



Mr. Brocius's favorite sport is hockey.



Carter Duda (3) loves to swing at recess.



Mrs. Miller enjoys watching the Little Gridders and high school team play football.



Owen Borland (6) assists a kindergarten student on the climbing wall in the PEP room.

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