



Charles E. Walters School

Parent Newsletter

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October



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 CEW Book Fair Begins	3	4 CEW Evening Book Fair & Story Hour	5	6	7
8 Fire Prevention Week	9 COLUMBUS DAY- SCHOOL CLOSED	10 CEW Class Parent Coffee Hour 6PM PTA Meeting 7PM	11	12 BOARD OF ED MEETING LHS/ 7PM	13	14
15	16	17 CEW Picture Day PC	18 CEW Picture Day IC PC to YFD	19	20 Unity Day (wear orange) IC to YFD	21 CEW Fall Festival 11-2pm
22	23 National Red Ribbon Week	24 Community Forum and BOE meeting LHS 7 pm	25	26 LHS Safe Halloween 4-6PM	27	28
29	30	31  HALLOWEEN				

*National Bullying Prevention Month

*Leader in Me Habit 1: Be Proactive

*Leader in Me Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind

Kindergarten October News



During the month of October we will explore the season of fall and all of the changes that will take place.

We will learn about Christopher Columbus, his voyage, and his three ships. We will listen to stories about squirrels, bats, spiders and owls. We will learn about the pumpkin life cycle.

October is Fire Safety Month. Please discuss with your child a family safety plan in case of a fire. We will also be learning about Bus Safety and Bullying Prevention.

In Math we will be working with your child on recognizing, counting, modeling, understanding, & writing numerals 0-5.

We are introducing letters, sounds, and letter formations weekly with our Foundations program.

In Reading we will continue to read familiar texts & learn pre-reading skills. In Writing Workshop we will continue to tell stories through drawing and begin labeling our pictures & making our own pattern books.



Reminders:

Review and remove papers from your child's backpack daily.

As the weather gets cooler and jackets are required, please practice zipping, buttoning, and tying.

Be sure to label your child's personal belongings, especially jackets.

Please make sure your child wears sneakers on Physical Education days.

Please send in a snack for your child every day.

Review your child's sight word list nightly.

Return your library book each week.



Please check the district calendar, school website, and CEW Facebook page for important upcoming events.

Fall is Here!



1st Grade October News

Reading:

Our First Graders are completing Unit 1 “Building Reading Habits”. In this unit we focused on reading “Long and Strong” and tackling tricky words. In October, children will be “Word Detectives” using all they know to solve words.

Writing:

As we complete the review of writing pattern books, we will be starting our new writing unit, *Small Moments*. Children have a lot of stories to tell, in this unit they will learn how to focus in on one small part of their story and write about it. They will learn how to slow down their stories and write about them part-by-part.

Math:

In math, students are using several strategies to solve addition problems and they are learning specific content vocabulary. Please regularly review math work sent home to reinforce the many addition strategies taught in class.

Foundations:

Students are learning to read and spell trick words and one-syllable decodable words. They are encouraged to use letter-keyword-sound relationships and to mark up special sounds when spelling. Please be sure to review and reinforce the Foundations unit packets sent home to support your child’s reading and spelling progress.

Social Studies:

Students are adjusting to first grade routines and learning about the rules and responsibilities within their school *community*. The children have been introduced to the school wide PBIS and individual classroom programs which outline expectations, rewards, and consequences; and every day they are pledging to do it R.I.G.H.T. at CEW by showing Respect, Integrity, Good Behavior, Helping Others, and Teamwork.

Science:

We are excited to start our first unit in science. We will be exploring shadows and learning that the sun, moon and stars change position in the sky in ways that are fun to watch and predict.





2nd Grade



Reading

In reader's workshop, we are building more stamina each day, growing our reading muscles! We are reviewing strategies for decoding, fluency, and comprehension.

Writing

In writer's workshop, students are continuing to write small moment stories! They're using all they are learning to craft interesting true stories, which we love reading!



Math

In math, we will be reviewing and building on our knowledge of basic facts in addition and subtraction, including place value, making tens to help with mental math, and exploring how addition and subtraction are related.



Science

In science, we are exploring a program called *Mystery Science*! It comes with fun videos and activities. We are exploring different properties of materials, like if an object is absorbent or flexible.

Social Studies

In social studies, we are learning how to be an active citizen, discussing rules, American symbols, voting, and paying taxes. We will also be utilizing *Scholastic News* for current events.



3rd Grade October News



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Reading:

We will work on establishing Reading Workshop routines and selecting books that are "just right." Additionally, we will be working with the students on creating reading responses.

Math:

We will be continuing to talk about place value and adding and subtracting with regrouping. We launched the 3rd grade Math Madness Competition with addition facts. Please continue to practice addition math facts at home!

Writing:

Students will learn to write a personal narrative. Students will be able to write a story including action, dialogue, feelings and figurative language. Students will be expected to use what they have learned in sentences and paragraphs when writing their narratives.



Science:

Students will continue coding using Scratch. We will begin our visits to the Science Lab to explore weather and climate.

Social Studies:

We will continue to explore maps, the seven continents and the five major oceans. Students will learn to use a map key and other elements of a map to locate geographic features.

4th Grade October News



Social Studies:

Students will continue to learn about the geography of New York State. They will also be learning about Native Americans in New York State, specifically the Algonquin and Iroquois. Students will learn about Native American culture and how it has shaped our culture today.

Math:

Students will be learning various strategies for multiplying by 1 digit factors.

Science:

Students will investigate features and processes of the Earth's surface. Students will explore the rapid process of volcanic eruptions! In contrast, students will also explore the gradual Earth processes of weathering and erosion. Students will apply their knowledge and design solutions to mitigate the impacts of these processes on humans.

Writing:

Students will be learning how to write a realistic fiction story, inspired by true events in their life.



Reading:

Students will be learning how to interpret characters and make claims about characters.

Health:

Students will be learning about healthy strategies for managing stress and positive conflict resolution.

ART

It's Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15-October 15th)!

Second grade students will be introduced to Spanish artist, Pablo Picasso and his art style, cubism. They will be experimenting a collage technique with a variety of paper, oil pastels and string to create a cubist-style instrument.

Third grade students will be learning about Spanish artist, Frida Kahlo and one of her famous artworks, "The Frame." Students will create a self-portrait with a symmetrical frame using oil pastels, markers, and paint.

Fourth grade students will be introduced to the hispanic celebration, "Dia de los Muertos" (Day of the Dead). They will learn about sugar skulls and what it symbolizes. Students will create their own symmetrical sugar skulls using a resist technique with oil pastels and watercolor paint.

**Ms. Kim Leahy
Art Teacher
CEW and Ridge Elementary**

MUSIC

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Students will continue working on their Farm unit in which they will be introduced to a variety of instruments each week representing different animals. Students will also begin learning proper mallet technique and playing on xylophones. Students will also continue working on their Veterans Day songs for their performance.

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Students will continue working on their solfege with hand signs. Students will also be continuing to work on preparing half notes as well as previous learned rhythms. Students will also continue working on their Veterans Day songs for their performance.

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Students will continue working on their solfege with hand signs. Students will begin working on different musical forms while remembering to keep a steady pulse. Students will also continue working on their Veterans Day songs for their performance.

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Students will continue learning and executing proper mallet technique on both the xylophones and glockenspiels. They will also continue reviewing the lines and spaces on the musical staff while beginning to learn about ostinato's and rounds. Students will also continue working on their Veterans Day songs for their performance.

Orchestra

Students will continue learning the different note names on their instrument, as well as beginning to place their fingers on the strings to create different pitches.

Welcome back to Music Class with Mrs. Pilocane! Your children have been doing a fantastic job adjusting to school in 2023! I have enjoyed seeing the students each week.

K-1 : Students in K and one will be learning the curriculum of " First Steps in Music" . This program was created for students ages birth through 7 years. Through movement, simple songs, and pitch exploration your child will grow into a tuneful, beatful, and artful musician. The first steps program really focuses on teaching Music, not teaching *about* music. It is very hands-on and students learn many activities throughout one class period. This keeps the child engaged and they are exposed to many different musical elements in just one 30 minute class. All students are preparing for the Veterans Day Performance in November.

2nd: The 2nd grade students have been working on speech text pieces. These are rhythmic talking pieces that are not sung. They are learning about the different textures of body percussion in each lesson. The students have been learning how to play steady rhythms on drums and various non-pitched percussion instruments. They are also learning how to perform simple melodies on the xylophones, metallophones, and glockenspiels. All students are preparing for the Veterans Day Performance in November.

3rd: Students in 3rd grade are continuing to learn 2-3 part accompaniments on the glockenspiels, xylophones, and metallophones. The students are learning how to work together as a team to focus on different instrument parts, as well as singing together. During the month of October they will focus on hispanic music for Spanish Heritage Month. All students are preparing for the Veterans Day Performance in November.

4th : Students in 4th grade are continuing to learn 3-4 part accompaniments on the glockenspiels, xylophones, and metallophones. The 4th graders have also been gaining the skill of playing and singing in canons, partner songs, and in 2 part harmony. They are being exposed to songs and music from around the world. During the month of October they will focus on hispanic music for Spanish Heritage Month. All students are preparing for the Veterans Day Performance in November.

Band: Welcome to 4th grade band! On September 18th we began small group lessons. The students are learning how to assemble their instruments, produce their first sounds, and proper hand positioning. Students are asked to practice 5-10 minutes a day or 15-20 minutes every other day. I will be posting helpful videos in the google classroom. Please join with the code: [bmqjuwk](#)

Special Areas Cont'd

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What's happening in Primary Physical Education?

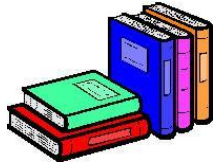
For the month of October, the students will be working on their locomotor movements as well as muscular strength and endurance. Please remember to be sure your child is prepared with appropriate footwear and clothing on their Physical Education days. We intend to spend as much time outside as we can so layering clothing is very helpful! Thank you so much for ALL that you do to support us.

We look forward to a fun year ahead.

**CEW Intermediate Center
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Well everyone we all made it to October. Students will be starting the month working on their throwing and catching skills. The focus in this unit will be their hand eye coordination. The students will also be working on their fitness activities and fitness levels. They will participate in a practice fitness test that we do every year in the fall. This will help the students understand their current fitness levels so they know what they can work on and improve for the spring fitness test. We will finish up the month with our City games unit. This unit encompasses many different small space activities that include jumping rope, hula hoops, box ball, tetherball etc.

LIBRARY



October is a very exciting month in the primary center library! We will be starting book exchange on October 3rd and in Kindergarten we will continue our conversations about proper book care for our library books, the parts of a book, and the jobs of authors and illustrators! We will be diving into the awesome world of wordless picture books in 1st Grade to help us practice and further develop our inference-making skills. Parents, please pack your child's library book in their backpacks the night before their scheduled library class so they can exchange it for a new one. Any issues, please contact me. Happy Reading! - Mr. Braun

During September, the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades focused on learning how to use the library. All of students learned what the library rules and procedures are. They also reviewed how to care for their library books and we discussed what we should and shouldn't do with our library books. And before starting to check out books, we reviewed how to use our spacers to help keep the shelves and books nice and neat. All of the grades were very excited to start checking out books!

During October, the 2nd through 4th grades will be introduced to strategies to help them pick "just right books". The 2nd graders will learn about the 5 Finger Rule while the 3rd and 4th grades will learn to use the I PICK strategy. The 2nd through 4th graders will also be introduced to using the computer catalog to search for a book. They will also learned about how the fiction and nonfiction sections are organized, how to read a call number and how to locate a book using the call number.

Over at the PC, the kindergarteners and 1st grade started the year by talking about what a library is. They discussed what we do at a library and how to behave in a library. They also learned all about how to take care of their library books and talked about how it is important to return their library books.

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In October, our kindergarteners and 1st graders will learn about choosing just right books. We will discuss how we choose a just right book by looking at the cover, pictures and that we make sure it is a book we are interested in reading. The kindergarteners will also learn about the direction the shelves go in and how to look for a book on the shelves. Both our kindergarten and 1st grade classes will learn about the different parts of a book and will begin to learn about the difference between fiction and nonfiction. They are very excited to start checking out books in October-so be on a lookout for those library books coming home.

HEALTH OFFICE INFORMATION

October 2023 FIRE PREVENTION & ANTI-BULLYING AWARENESS MONTH

Welcome back to our 2023-2024 school year! We would like to take this opportunity to introduce our health office staff. Mrs. Cheryl Selg, RN is the nurse in the Primary Center for Kindergarten and First grade. The health aide working with Mrs. Selg in the PC is Ms. Donna Grun. Ms. Jennifer Castro is the RN working in the Intermediate Center health office grades 2-4 with Ms. Janice Preudhomme as the health aide. September has come and gone so quickly. We ask that you take the opportunity to settle into the routine of October and see what our Health Office will be doing this year. Please refer to the Student / Parent handbook. It has an abundance of information you may need related to your students mandated physicals, immunizations and other medical topics. The Longwood School District home page as well as is a wonderful tool for you to utilize. Visit our Google classroom for updates too!

Through the school year there will be a variety of monthly topics from the health office. Each month we will be sharing information on a topic related to Health, Wellness and / or Safety. It is our goal to have the students and their at home grown up get involved in some healthy practices and gain some knowledge while doing fun activities at home.

National Bullying Prevention Month kicks off in October. During this time you can help your student to learn about what bullying is through awareness, discussion and action. Give someone a nice compliment just to make them smile. Help students to be involved in the cause and let them choose to wear the color orange during October in support of Anti-Bullying.

National Fire Prevention Week is from October 8-13th, 2023. The theme for this year's fire prevention is "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety". It is designed to raise awareness to different sounds that might alert us to an emergency. Look for information in your child's folder related to this topic.

Thank you so much and we are looking forward to a great HEALTHY 2023-2024 school year at C.E.W.!

Mrs. Cheryl Selg, RN



Ms. Jennifer Castro, RN



Ms. Indelicato- School Counselor

Ms. Harmon- Social Worker

Ms. Castelli- Psychologist

Mrs. Abbate- SEL Coach

Mr. Zipper- Wellness TA

The new school year has started as a HUGE success! It is so nice to see so many smiling faces back here at Charles E. Walters. We are so excited that our CEW family is reunited! This is a time where children may feel anxious and tired. Getting back into the routine can be very difficult. There are ways, however, to help your child overcome and handle anxiety.

Some ways to help your child if they have difficulties with anxiety are:

- Have a routine and stick with it.
- Assure your child that sometimes a change in routine is okay.
- Schedule relaxing activities to do with your child.
- Teach/Help your child how to problem solve.
- Teach relaxation strategies.
- A good night sleep.

We count on you, as parents, to keep us informed of any important information we should know regarding your child. By working together, we are sure to have a fantastic year!!

CEW DOES IT R.I.G.H.T!!