



# The Lawrence Ledger



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## Principal's Message



Please join me in congratulating this year's Clifton E. Lawrence School Governor's Educator of the Year:

**Mrs. Christa Duffy**  
Physical Education Teacher

This is incredibly well-deserved. Congratulations!

Sincerely,  
*Kaleigh Themelakis*  
CEL Principal

## School Culture and Climate Program Winners

December's School Culture and Climate Project Theme:  
**Cooperation and Teamwork**

**Week 1 Winners:**  
Ms. deWaal (AM), Ms. Shea, Mrs. Moscaritolo, and Mrs. Benson

**Week 2 Winners:**  
Mrs. Blazier, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Schneider and Mrs. Brijbag

## Winter Spirit Week at CEL

December 18 -22

### Winter Spirit Week

- 12/18 Monday - Winter Hair Day**  
*Make your hair, hair accessories, or hats festive*
- 12/19 Tuesday - Winter "Buddy" Day**  
*Wear a winter/holiday character article of clothing*
- 12/20 Wednesday - "Snowperson" Day**  
*Wear white or seasonal colors*
- 12/21 Thursday - Cozy Winter Day**  
*Wear Pajamas*
- 12/22 Friday - Crazy Sweater Day**  
*Wear your funniest, craziest shirt/sweater*



Please make sure to follow the school dress code.

## Door Decorating Contest

Special thanks to **Ms. Ladany** for organizing this event and to all of the participants



## Stuff the Stocking

Thank you to our generous families for participating in the Stuff the Stocking event through Project Self-Sufficiency's Season of Hope Toy Shop!





12/18-12/22: Holiday Spirit Week

12/20: Special Guest Visitor!

12/21: *Frosty the Snowman* Movie Event, Preschool Special Guest Visitor

12/22: Winter Sing-a-long, Early Dismissal

12/24-1/1: Holiday Recess: School Closed



*Please ensure children are dressed for the Cooler Temperatures. We prefer to have outside recess whenever possible and want all students to be dressed appropriately.*

### New Location Alert: Health Office!



In the event that you are notified to pick your child up from the nurse's office, please proceed to the front door to ring the buzzer for the main office.

## Welcome Preschool Students!



On January 2, 2024, we will be welcoming additional preschool students to our school community! We are very excited for this opportunity. Please be patient at arrival and dismissal as this may be brand new to many of our new students.

### Spare Clothes



Accidents, dirt, rips, spills, etc. happen in all grades! Please ensure that your child has a spare set of clothes packed with them in their bookbags. To encourage independent dressing, please send in clothes that are easy for your child to place on. With the change of weather, existing spare clothes should be replaced with warmer clothes. Thank you for your support.

## SWPTO

*Family Membership sign-up is open! We are so excited for the school year to begin and your \$5 per family membership fee goes a long way to help us provide programs, materials, and events at our schools. 🍎 All info is on our website <https://www.swpto.org/>*



## NORWESCAP

The NORWESCAP Food Bank is working with CEL to once again offer the Backpack Program! This FREE program allows your child to bring home a "backpack" of food each Friday throughout the school year. The program will get underway soon, so please reach out to Mrs. Yakupcin or Mrs. Stewart if you are interested!



## Parent Portal

Realtime Notification is the primary means of communication for school closings, emergencies and general notifications.

Please see the link below to log into the Realtime Parent Portal: <http://fridayparentportal.com/sussexwantage>

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