

# CSS CHATTER

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CHARLES STREET SCHOOL

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**Important reminder:**  
**PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES -**  
**12:45 Dismissal CSS only!—February 7th & 8th**  
**PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND -**  
**School Closed February 17th & 20th**

## **PARENTS/GUARDIANS—**

*STUDENTS MUST COME TO SCHOOL WITH THE APPROPRIATE OUTER-WEAR. GOING FROM A WARM HOUSE, TO A WARM VEHICLE, AND THEN INTO A WARM SCHOOL BUILDING IS NICE, BUT GOING OUTSIDE FOR RECESS, OR FOR A REQUIRED EMERGENCY DRILL IN THE CHILLY MONTHS OF THE WINTER SEASON IS NOT SO NICE WHEN YOU'RE NOT WEARING THE APPROPRIATE CLOTHING.*

*\*\*IF YOUR CHILD IS IN NEED OF A COAT, CONTACT OUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR or NURSE BY CALLING THE SCHOOL OFFICE—856 786-9300.*



PLEASE BE SURE YOUR PETS ARE LEASHED, KEPT UNDER CONTROL, AND AWAY FROM THE WALKING PATHS OF OUR STUDENTS AT ENTRY AND DISMISSAL. NOT ALL STUDENTS ARE COMFORTABLE AROUND YOUR FOUR LEGGED FAMILY MEMBERS. THANK YOU!

## **NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOM...**

**Preschool** is learning about growing cotton on the farm to knitting hats for our class baby dolls, our friends in Preschool enjoying learning about clothing. We learned to design our own clothing using different art mediums as we created patterns. As a final conclusion to our unit our Preschool friends dressed in their most dazzling attire and walked across the runway for our first annual Preschool Fashion Show!

**Kindergarten** has been busy taking benchmarks in iReady for both math and reading along with Foundations benchmarks. We have been working in Happy Numbers to help increase our number sense and math skills. In Foundations we have learned all the lower-case letters now we are working on uppercase letter formations and tapping out cvc words. We are continuing to learn about manners and kindness through SEL lessons and stories.

**First grade** is doing a great job in math learning about place value. They love playing the new "tens and ones" games. In Foundations, they are learning how to read and write words with the suffix "s." In Reading, they enjoy reading the stories in unit 3. They are doing a great job reading the new stories.

**Second grade** students learned about the life and contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. They built their knowledge through children's literature, Scholastic News articles and various Language Arts activities.

**Third grade** learned all about Martin Luther King Jr. Students read articles, books, and watched videos to better understand why we honor him, and the amazing things he did for our country. In math 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are busy learning about different strategies to solve division facts. This week we wrapped up our animal life cycle presentations and are now beginning our social studies unit.

**Fourth graders** have been mastering simplifying and creating equivalent fractions. They are wrapping up their social studies unit and will begin their Earth science unit in the 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period. In reading, the students are working on at home book reports & opinion writing! Do you think ants are a perk or pest? Ask a fourth grader what they think! Mrs. McCann's class is learning fact vs. opinion and students will write a persuasive paper! They are finishing up our fraction unit this week, and will begin multiplication and continue to practice our math facts. Three of Mrs. McCann's students won writer of the month prizes last month and we are super proud of them! They also finished the chapter book, The Chocolate Touch and loved it! Their next book will be Diary of a Wimpy Kid Book 2, Rodrick Rules!

**Fifth graders** have finished their Solar System unit and are looking forward to studying thermodynamics! In math, we are gearing up to start learning about fractions and are excited about all of the fun projects that we will get to do.

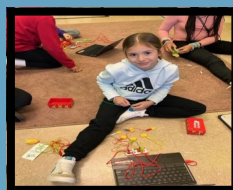
# SPECIAL AREAS -

## STEAM

In STEAM, 4th & 5th grade students are learning about Makey Makey. Makey Makey is an invention kit designed to connect everyday objects to computer keys. Using a circuit board, alligator clips, and a USB cable, the toy uses closed loop electrical signals to send the computer either a keyboard stroke or mouse click signal.

**Third grade students** continue to complete their penguin collage art. **Second graders** continue to explore the many uses of Ozobots. Ozobots are desk-friendly coding robots that come with infinite ways to create, learn, and share.

**Kindergarten & 1st grade** students are completing their snowflake art. Upon completion, students will practice group work communication skills.



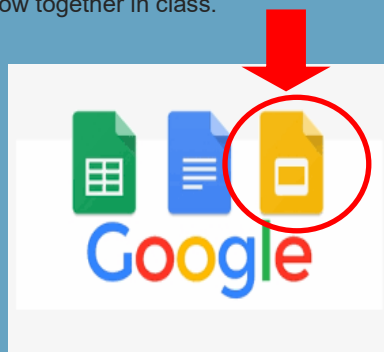
## MUSIC



In music our third graders are beginning to prepare for Read Across America week. They are learning the beginnings of proper singing technique, how to warm up their body and voices, and learning the Read Across America Theme song. In Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th grades, our students will be doing a unit on instruments of the orchestra. They will be learning about the four instrument families this week - brass, woodwinds, strings, and percussion. We will also read the story "The Remarkable Farkle McBride" by John Lithgow together in class.

## COMPUTERS:

Students in grades 3-5 are learning how to create their own Stop Motion Films using the duplicate slide feature in Google Slides. This week, we are learning to perfect our masterpieces by adjusting an item's layer, and by using a background removing tool for our sprites and objects! Students in 1st and 2nd grade are becoming masters of Google Slides. This week, we have begun our first multi-slide presentations! Kindergarteners have just learned all about a new website that will help us to develop our mouse skills!



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

- January 31**      **Report cards are published in Oncourse**
- February 6**      **PTA Meeting 7:00**
- February 7 & 8**    **12:45 Dismissal - CSS Only!**  
**Parent/Teacher Conferences**

## NOTES FROM THE NURSE....

- > Notifications have been sent to 5th grade parents regarding vaccine mandates for grade 6 and/or age 11.
- > Please continue to submit all notes from doctor appointments, vaccinations, physicals, and flu shots to the nurse.
- > Please make sure all students have:
  - A water bottle that is clearly labeled with your student's name.
  - A change of clothes in their bookbag for emergencies in bathroom, lunch, or at recess.
  - Appropriate footwear - Students are not permitted to wear slides or opened back shoes. Please consider sneakers daily for your student's footwear.
  - Appropriate outerwear for the weather. Students should be prepared to be outside in the event of a fire drill, an emergency, and daily recess, weather permitting.

PLEASE BE SURE TO FOLLOW THESE IMPORTANT STEPS CIRCLED BELOW WHEN YOUR STUDENT IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL.



# CHARLES STREET SCHOOL ATTENDANCE POLICIES

In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A 18A:38-25, every parent, guardian, or other person having control and custody of a child between ages of six and sixteen shall cause the child to regularly attend school. Regular school attendance is important for a student's academic success if children do not show up for school regularly, they miss out on building fundamental skills.

## WHAT TIME DOES SCHOOL START?

For the 2022-2023 school year, school starts at 8:00am and students will be dismissed at 2:30pm.

## WHAT DO I DO IF MY CHILD IS ABSENT?

If your child is absent from school for any reason, **please notify the child's teacher and call the main office's attendance line at 856-786-9300 (option 3 for Charles Street School and then Option 1 for Absences).** When your child returns to school, the parent / guardian must provide written documentation via email, or written letter stating why your child was absent within 10 days of the absence.

## TARDIES

Tardies can equal missed learning and can impact a child's behavior, self-esteem and school success. It is important to have students come to school on time so they can be involved in morning meetings, classroom socialization and the school community.

## WHO CAN I CONTACT?

At Charles Street School, we are committed to supporting you and your child. Should you have questions related to your child's attendance you can contact Miss. Berenato or Mrs. Butler.

## WHAT IS AN "EXCUSED ABSENCE"

An "excused absence" is a student's absence from school for the observance of:

- i. A Religious observance
- ii. Closure of a busing district that prevents student from having transportation.
- iii. Visit to post-secondary educational institution (3 visits per year for 11th & 12th grade students)
- iv. Take Our Children to Work Day
- v. Participated in observance of Veterans Day or district BOE membership activities

## WHAT DOES A VERIFIED ABSENCE MEAN?

**Verified** - unexcused absences for reasons such as illness, doctor's appointments, court dates, etc. that are supported with a note from a parent or doctor that is provided to the school principal within 10 days.

**Not Verified** - all other unexcused absences will not be considered a valid excuse for missing school and will impact a student's "good standing" for truancy, and retention / loss of credit.

## WHAT CAN I EXPECT IF MY STUDENT HAS MULTIPLE UNEXCUSED ABSENCES?

**4 Unexcused Absences:** A letter will be sent home notifying the family of the absences.

**6-8 Unexcused Absences:** A second letter will be issued regarding the attendance and a meeting will be held with the parent to discuss potential barriers.

**10+ Unexcused Absences:** A third letter will be issued and a truancy referral could potentially be issued.



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# P.T.A.

**Read - A-Thon Packets will come home with your student on Monday, January 30, 2023**

**CHARLES STREET SCHOOL**  
**READ-A-THON!**

Follow the instructions sent on your class Bloomz or in the Wednesday folder to set up your account! Email SonyaLHart@gmail.com with questions.

**EVERY STUDENT WHO FUNDRAISES GETS TO SHOP FOR PRIZES IN THE ONLINE STORE. YOU COULD EVEN WIN A TRIP TO DISNEY WORLD!**

**THE CLASSROOM THAT RAISES THE MOST MONEY AND THE CLASSROOM THAT READS THE MOST COMBINED MINUTES WILL EACH WIN A DONUT PARTY!**

**THE TOP THREE READERS AND THE TOP THREE FUNDRAISERS FOR THE SCHOOL WILL WIN ADDITIONAL PRIZES FROM THE PTA!**

**FEB 1ST- MARCH 2ND**

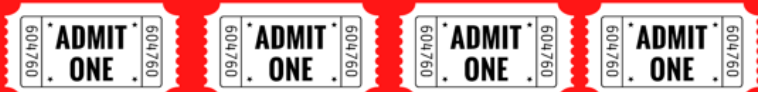
# DINE AND DONATE

**Tuesday, February 7, 2023**

## **Milanese Pizza**

*(308 Broad Street, Riverton)*

*A portion of the sales will be contributed to  
Palmyra PTA 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance Committee!  
Just mention this fundraiser.*



# **BIG BASKET BONANZA!**

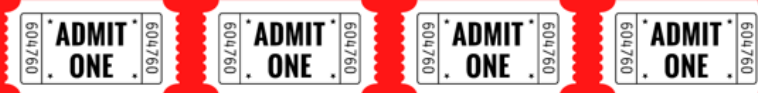
**GET YOUR TICKETS NOW FOR AN EXCITING EVENING OF  
BASKET RAFFLES, 50/50'S, DOOR PRIZES AND MORE!**

**March 3rd, 2023  
Charles Street School Gym  
7:00-10:00 p.m.  
Tickets are \$20**

**Ticket price includes 1 sheet of raffle tickets, a delightful display of  
treats & sweets, coffee bar and soft drinks.**

**To purchase tickets, contact [PalmyraNJPTA@gmail.com](mailto:PalmyraNJPTA@gmail.com) or send payment  
to PHS or CSS with your child. Your tickets will be sent home. Purchase 10  
tickets together and your table will be reserved and waiting!**

**Interested in donating?? Email [PalmyraNJPTA@gmail.com](mailto:PalmyraNJPTA@gmail.com)  
This event is 18 and over**



# COMMUNITY



## Burlington County Commissioners **Free Food Distribution**

Sat., Jan. 28 • 10AM to noon  
695 Woodlane Rd, Westampton, NJ 08060



First Come First Served  
Drive-up preferred  
Open trunk  
(make room for box)  
SNAP Outreach Assistance

**FOOD BANK**  
OF SOUTH JERSEY  
Food | Nutrition | Sustainability  
*Live Local. Give Local.*

**Need More Help?**  
[www.co.burlington.nj.us](http://www.co.burlington.nj.us)



## Virtua Mobile Grocery Store Coming to your neighborhood!

Shop for fresh, affordable food each week at Virtua Health's new store on wheels!

Our **Eat Well Mobile Grocery Store** offers fresh fruits, veggies, bread, milk, eggs, rice, meat and more — close to your home!

- Delicious, high-quality food at low prices
- Safe and friendly service by Virtua staff members
- Helping you eat well and stay healthy

Accepting Cash, Debit/Credit, and EBT/SNAP Benefits

Face masks, social distancing, and hand hygiene are required to ensure the safety of our valued guests and staff.

Beginning November 11, 2021

Every Thursday  
2 to 3:30 p.m.

Palmyra Community Center  
30 W. Broad Street, Palmyra, NJ 08065

Questions? Call 856-247-3120 or email [eatwell@virtua.org](mailto:eatwell@virtua.org). Visit online at [virtua.org/EatWell](http://virtua.org/EatWell) or on Instagram @virtuaeatwell



# COMMUNITY SPORTS



## Palmyra Riverton Soccer Club Spring Recreational Soccer

Spring recreational program is for U5 to U8 players  
Sessions are Saturday mornings at Legion Field  
March 25, April 1, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13 & 20  
U5 / U6 - 9:00 to 10:00 am (2017 & 2018 birth years)  
U7 / U8 - 10:00 to 11:00 am (2015 & 2016 birth years)  
Registration closes February 28 | Cost - \$52.50 per player

### 2023 Spring Recreational Registration

<https://system.gotsport.com/programs/200V50814>

Spring training sessions with Shane Hollimon  
& Skill Advancing Futbol (S.A.F.)

Please visit our website [palrivosoccer.com](http://palrivosoccer.com) for additional information

Registration QR Code

