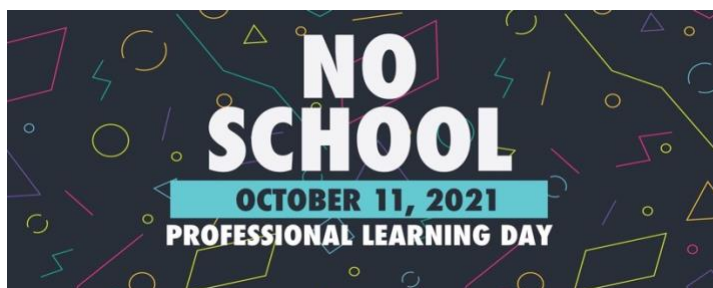


WEEKLY COMMUNITY UPDATES

October 8, 2021

Thank you for your continued patience and grace as we focus on the safe return to school this year. There are so many positive things to share with our unique school community and we will continue to identify opportunities to celebrate student learning and highlight educator practice.



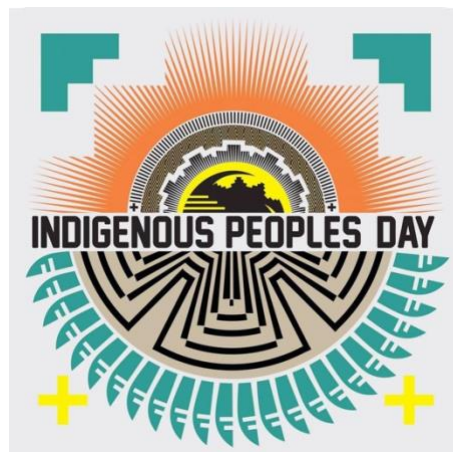
NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY

Please be advised that Collingswood and Oaklyn schools will be closed on Monday, October 11th. Our outstanding educators will be actively engaged in professional learning opportunities that focus on student learning, health and safety, and effective educator practice.

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY

Monday, October 11th is also National Indigenous People's Day. Indigenous Peoples' Day is celebrated to honor the cultures and histories of the Native American people. The day is centered around reflecting on their tribal roots and the tragic stories that hurt but strengthened their communities. Please take a moment to learn more about the rich culture and lives of Native American people.

For additional information: [Smithsonian National Museum](#)
For free lessons and activities: [Learning Tools & Ideas](#)



CELEBRA EL MES DE LA HERENCIA HISPANA



NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

National Hispanic Heritage Month is September 15 to October 15. Please consider introducing students to the richness of Hispanic and Latino heritage by adding a collection of fiction and nonfiction books to your home library. [Book Store](#)

Please join us as we continue to celebrate the tremendous contributions our families and staff bring to our diverse school communities.

ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL IN KNIGHT PARK - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23RD

COLLINGSWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FALL FESTIVAL in KNIGHT PARK

SPONSORED BY THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA'S

Saturday, October 23rd,
Noon-4pm

Special thanks to the Elementary School PTAs for sponsoring the Fall Festival in Knight Park. Please come enjoy the great local band EASTBOUND and DOWN, as well as games, food and drink, hayrides, and sample various submissions from the Annual Fall Festival Chili Contest. (See [Fall Festival Event Flyer](#))

For more information, please contact Jodie Farrow (609) 760-7523

SCHOOL FALL FESTIVALS – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

Since Halloween falls on a Sunday this year, want to announce the revised district plan for celebrations in schools. Elementary school leaders and staff, in partnership with the Parent-Teacher Association, have agreed that all elementary schools will host a Fall Festival on the afternoon of **Friday, October 29, 2021** (weather permitting). Each school will plan a series of special afternoon outdoor activities for all pre-kindergarten through 5th grade students. Activities will vary at each school, but may include pumpkin decorating contests, selfie-stations, crafts and treats provided by the PTA.



Since we are unable to accommodate parent volunteers inside our schools to assist students with their costumes, students should refrain from bringing or wearing costumes to school on the day of the Fall Festival. Our goal is to provide all students with a meaningful, engaging and age-appropriate celebration while following social distancing protocols. Opportunities for volunteering are still available. If you have any questions, or are interested in volunteering to assist with the Fall Festival at your child's school, please contact your building principal.

NURSING/ SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

Parent (PS-GR 12) or
MS/HS Student:
Daily Health Check-In
Tutorial

OCTOBER 2021

DAILY SYMPTOM CHECK-IN UPDATE

The all-new Genesis COVID Daily Symptom Check-In is now active. It is available for all families (Preschool – Grade 12). The new module is user-friendly and easy to access.

For a video tutorial on how to use this new feature: [CLICK HERE](#)

PRESCHOOL/ EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

In preschool we learn better when we do it together! Not only are our preschoolers enjoying their new learning experiences, but they are also making connections with their teachers and friends! Connections in our classroom environment increase self-awareness, achievement, and positivity both in and outside of school. In addition, they foster a love for learning and friendships that last well beyond preschool!



NUTRITIONAL SERVICES



HERE TO SERVE

This week we would like to introduce you to the supportive staff serving our students in the high school. Ms. Kathy Toriano, Ms. Agnieszka Monte, Ms. Teresa Emery, Ms. Michele Finlayson, and Ms. Kathy Toppello. These professionals assist with preparing meals for high school students in addition to elementary schools within the district. Due to special grant funding, all students are able to enjoy breakfast and lunch at no cost this school year. We'd also like to acknowledge that Ms. Michele Finlayson has been serving Collingswood students for over 20 years.

GARFIELD ELEMENTARY

Ms. Harbridge and her flexible reading groups have been enjoying every second of the beautiful fall weather! We have been utilizing our outdoor learning space to read and write about our books. Our group discussions have been filled with so many bright ideas to show their understanding of the text!



SHARP ELEMENTARY



BACKPACK CHECK DAY

Your district Occupational Therapists (OT) believe in caring for the whole child and are proud to offer Sharp's first Backpack Check Day! The weight, size, and fit of each child's backpack will be checked to ensure a proper fit. An ill-fitting backpack can lead to strain, fatigue, irritability, and even accidents (e.g., trips and falls).

The basics of a proper backpack fit are as follows: the pack should weigh no more than 10% of your child's body weight, it should be fitted to just below their waist resting on the hips, and both straps should be worn over their shoulders. These aspects and others will be checked. If adjustments are made, a letter will be sent home. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact OT Maureen Brous mbrous@collsk12.org



PETS IN THE CLASSROOM

PreK. Ms. Hoffman's class was awarded a Pets in the Classroom Grant. They've been busy learning about their (6) new snails.

2ND GRADE. Second grade has been enjoying our Week of Respect themed days (especially PJ Day)! We also loved having Mrs. Hvidas read to us [Ruby Finds a Worry](#)



SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING AT WORK

Investments in SEL resources, time, and training have been made to ensure that any barriers preventing student success are removed. Special thanks to all of the educators who not only developed the curriculum, but are leading its implementation throughout our school districts.

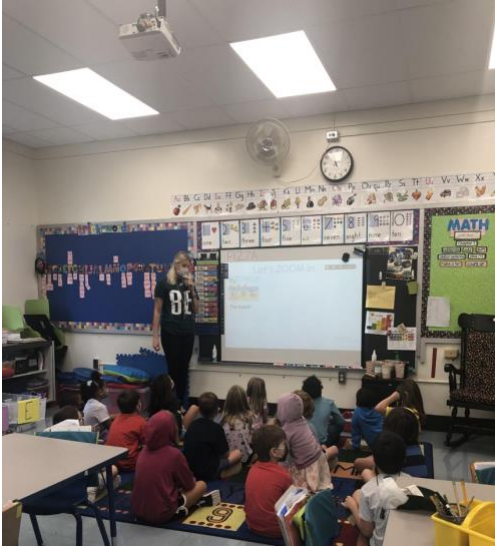


TATEM ELEMENTARY



NEW BOOK CLUB @ TATEM

4th graders Avery and Cailyn started their own book club, starting with Sarah Weeks' Young Adult novel [Save Me A Seat](#). When their teacher Mrs. Mahady snapped a picture and tweeted at Weeks, she immediately sent the girls a copy of her book [Soof](#), complete with a signature and a kind message. We are so proud of our readers and thankful for the kindness of author Sarah Weeks!



Ms. Schautz's 1st graders celebrated Week of Respect with their favorite athletic gear and some writing about small moments. These writers really "zoomed in" on their topics! Our very own Renaissance Man, Mr. Goldberg, led 2nd graders through an engaging music lesson. We could feel the beat up and down the hallway!

NEWBIE ELEMENTARY

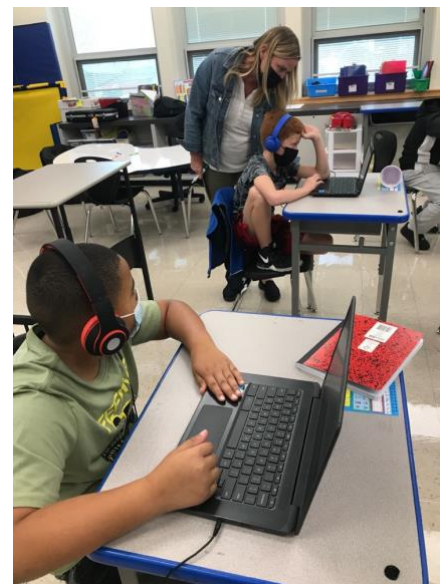


WEEK OF RESPECT

Week of Respect! Students and staff participated in a variety of activities including read alouds, special announcements and Spirit Days to celebrate Respect at Mark Newbie School.

Mrs. Jubb has incorporated a variety of online activities to support and monitor her students' learning progress. Imagine Math is a program her students use to work on concepts specific to *their* pathway of learning.

Students also enjoyed participating in National Walk to School Day. We appreciate the support from Camden County, Newbie PTA, and our very own Collingswood Fire and Police Departments.



ZANE NORTH ELEMENTARY



FRIENDSHIP DAY. During instruction and recreation, Zane North highlights the importance of collaboration, kindness and respect. On October 1st the Zane North PTA and Staff joined together to joyfully promote and strengthen the bond of relationships within the Zane community. Known as “Friendship Day”, the entire student population participated in a host of activities with staff and parent volunteers. Activities included creating friendship bracelets, sand art trinkets, friendship trees, as well as Zumba, Story Telling, and team-based activities. Together Zane Is Stronger! Enjoy highlights: [ZN Friendship Day](#) Student reflections: [Friendship Reflections](#)

OAKLYN SCHOOL

The Creative Curriculum[®]

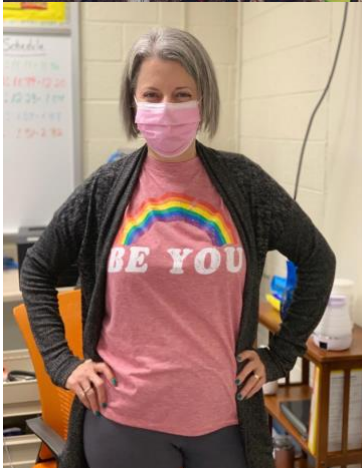


The Creative Curriculum focuses on learning through exploration guided by students' passions and interests. Mrs. Asciutto's preschool students have been extremely excited to learn all about science this year. The classroom discovery center is getting a ton of attention this week as our youngest scientists observe and discuss their new class pets (a snail named Turbo and some fish to be named soon), and experiment with various other science materials such as nature items, gears, and scales.



COUNSELING/ COLLEGE READINESS

The Week of Respect was in full effect across the district this week - Rainbow Day ~ Crazy Socks ~ Crazy Hair ~ Jersey Day ~ Blue Up ~ Unity & Spirit Day! We teamed up against bullying, respected everyone's differences, showed our uniqueness and kindness, and came together as a school and district.



ATHLETICS

The Athletic Department would like to remind Middle school students and families that in order to attend home events they must be accompanied by a parent. No admittance will be permitted without parent supervision.

The Varsity girls' tennis season ends in 2 weeks. It will be an exciting fight to the finish, as the team is in the hunt for a Division Title! The Seniors we celebrated on Wednesday 10/6 at our home match vs. Haddon Heights! We are excited to recognize Sarah Johnson, Chloe Rogowski, and Jocelyn Campos!!! Good Luck!

The Girls Volleyball team had their senior night on Monday, they beat STEM Civics. Congratulations to Maia Van Laar and Alysha Terry, as well as senior managers Emanuel Ball, Nathan Seibel, and Saekwon Paige!



Football and Cheerleading have senior night coming up on Friday 10/8 and Boys' soccer senior night is 10/13!

COLLINGSWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

WEEK OF RESPECT @ CMS

CMS students and staff took time to build community and deepen relationships by celebrating the 2021 Week of Respect through a variety of awesome activities and fun Theme Days.



COLLINGSWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

September Renaissance Students of the Month (Pictured below from left to right): Graciano Diaz, Amalia Messick, Camille Luby, Meghan Miraglia, Nathan Rivera, and Reginald Pickens. Congratulations, and keep up the great work!



SPREADING KINDNESS @ CHS

CHS also ran a letter writing campaign this week during lunches for the "Week of Respect." Students wrote uplifting messages to their friends and members of the staff and administration. So many great messages were received. Let's keep the kindness going!



SUPERINTENDENT'S NOTE



I HAVE A QUESTION, WHO SHOULD I CONTACT?

In an effort to be responsive to the needs of students and their families, we wanted to provide contact information to the community. Please refer to the list below to address all questions or concerns to the appropriate staff member or administrator.

Teachers: The primary point of contact for questions or concerns related to your child's school is their classroom teacher. Our educators are standing by to address the ongoing learning needs of all students.

Principals: Please direct unresolved questions or concerns related to your child's school to the appropriate building leader.

School	Building Leader	Email	Phone
Preschool/ Early Childhood Center	Ms. Jennifer Johnson-Floyd	jfloyd@collsk12.org	856.833.5291
Garfield Elementary	Mr. Mark Wiltsey	mwiltsey@collsk12.org	856.962.5705
Newbie Elementary	Mr. Steve Smith	ssmith@collsk12.org	856.962.5706
Sharp Elementary	Mr. Doug Newman	dnewman@collsk12.org	856.962.5707
Tatem Elementary	Mr. Brian Kulak	bkulak@collsk12.org	856.962.5704
Zane North Elementary	Mr. Tom Santo	tsanto@collsk12.org	856.962.5703
Oaklyn School	Ms. Jennifer Boulden	jboulden@oaklynschool.org	856.858.0335
Collingswood Middle School	Dr. Jack McMullin	jmcmullin@collsk12.org	856.962.5702
Collingswood High School	Mr. Matt Genna	mgenna@collsk12.org	856.962.5701

Special Education Services: If your child already has an IEP, please contact your child's Child Study Team Case Manager. If you have questions regarding special education services in the district, please contact Dr. Elizabeth Whitehouse - ewhitehouse@collsk12.org.

District Data and Performance: If you have questions regarding the district's data collection practices or assessment information, please contact Mr. Winsor Yamamoto - wyamamoto@collsk12.org.

District Academics/ Curriculum & Instruction: If you have questions regarding curriculum and instruction offered at the district level, please contact Ms. Jen McPartland, Assistant Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer - jmcpartland@collsk12.org.