

10/1/21

Dear Cape Parents/Guardians,

I hope your children have had a fantastic week of school. It is hard to believe it is October. As I have wandered through our schools I have been thrilled to hear and see happily engaged students learning with our wonderful staff and their fellow students. I want to publicly thank all the staff that work so hard every day in so many different roles to provide a warm, safe, and enriching learning environment. I am equally thrilled to report that we had no Covid cases in our schools this week. Our Pooled Testing (see bottom) is still going strong and we believe our multiple mitigation measures are having the desired effect of keeping our students and staff safe and in school.

As I think about our students and your children, I am reminded that they are watching and listening to all of the adults in their world both in school and out in the community. They observe when we get along, and when we do not. I would like to encourage all of us to be cognizant of the messages we are sending our youth. We can certainly disagree on a variety of topics, but I encourage us to do so in a way that is not disagreeable. Our students and your children will model their behavior now and in the future based upon what they learn from us.

Additionally, please be aware of some TikTok challenges that are currently being highlighted on that platform and in schools around the state and around the country. One is to film oneself destroying school property and the other is to film oneself slapping a teacher. I cannot imagine any of this happening in Cape Elizabeth, but it would not hurt for you to mention this to your children (they may be surprised you know what TikTok is). Thanks for listening.

On the horizon please be aware of the following meetings/events:

- The District Planning Committee has a meeting on 10/5 at 6:30 pm. This committee of stakeholders reviews and discusses Covid-19 information in order to provide the School Board and School Administration recommendations on how to operate the district for the 21-22 school year. You are welcome to listen in through this [Zoom](#) link.
- On 10/13 at 6:30 pm Dr. Delvina Miremadi-Baldino will present to parents/guardians on *“Helping Our Students Grow, Succeed, and Thrive in Uncertain Times”*. Dr. Miremadi-Baldino has been warmly received by staff and parents in other districts and most recently presented to our staff in August. I strongly encourage you to attend, you can do so with this [link](#). This [Flyer](#) gives a brief bio of Dr. Miremadi-Baldino.
- On 10/21 at 6:30 pm we are hosting a [“Meet the Auditor”](#) event for you to have the chance to meet Ms. Jo Persad. She is conducting the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

audit for the district as requested by the DEI Taskforce. Ms. Persad will share her background and also provide a thorough explanation of what the audit entails. Ms. Persad and I are committed to answering any questions you may have.

Additionally, [here](#) is a one-page update on the School Building Project so you all have a better understanding of the goals of the project and why we think it is so necessary to place it as a referendum on the June ballot.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and take in the views of the beautiful foliage and high surf. So far I have enjoyed attending a xc running meet, a boys soccer game vs Lake Region, and a volleyball match against Biddeford. Tonight, my wife and I are planning on attending the football game. Maybe we will see you there. In the weeks ahead I will continue to try to attend student games and activities.

Thanks again for your support,

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CESD Pooled Testing program update: Week of 9/27

Week/Testing Dates	9/27-9/29	9/20-9/22	9/13-9/15
Enrolled	1,234	1,178 (+48)	1,130
Participated	1,155	1,128	1,058
Positive cases	0	0	1
Pools	126	117	117
Negative Pools	125	117	114
Positive Pools (requires individual testing)	0	0	1
Indeterminate Pools (requires individual testing)	1	0	2

BinaxNOW rapid individual tests	9	0	29
CEHS participants	282 (226 students, 56 staff)	268 (212 students, 56 staff)	257
CEMS participants	396 (337 students, 59 staff)	403 (342 students, 61 staff)	367
PCES participants	469 (411 students, 58 staff)	446 (388 students, 58 staff)	425
Central Office participants	8	11	9
Enrolled, did not participate (absent, no show, etc)	79	50	72
opt outs	0	0	5
Enrollment next week (open until midnight each Th.)	1,252 (+18)	1,234 (+56)	1,178
*central office was included in the CEHS count in the 9/17 email			

CESD Pooled Testing Program Consent Forms

Under 18 (Minor) Consent Form:

<http://testcenter.concentricbyginkgo.com//minor-consent>

CESD Access Code: 0C46EP

Over 18 Consent Form:

<https://testcenter.concentricbyginkgo.com/invite-by-code>

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