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Copenhagen Central School September/October, 2016 Newsletter

From the Desk of the Superintendent:

Dear District Residents:

Welcome Back!!

School will begin for all students on Tuesday, September 6, 2016. I am looking forward to having the students back in school after what I hope was a fun, relaxing summer filled with many wonderful memories. At school, summer 2016 was an exciting time. We had thirty students take part in our summer learning program. They spent three days a week for six weeks getting a jumpstart on the 2016-2017 school year. We have also made a few room and position changes. When you enter the building to check in, Samantha Kallen will greet you. She has replaced Mary Shambo, who will now be in the new elementary office, which is located in the elementary section of our building. Samantha is a 2014 graduate of Copenhagen, and we are excited to have her join our staff.

Free and Reduced Lunch

Again this year, I would like to urge all residents to review our school meal program for free and reduced breakfast and lunch. You will find it in this newsletter, or you can pick it up at school. We will also have applications available at Open House on September 1. The application might seem a bit complicated, but we can assist any family who has questions. If you are in need

of assistance with the forms, please do not hesitate to call school. Additionally, all of our free and reduced lunch applications are kept completely confidential. We encourage you to sign up because not only do the students benefit from having a nutritious meal, but the school

because not only do the students benefit from having a nutritious meal, but the school benefits also. Many of the revenues that we receive from the state are calculated on the number of students eligible for free and reduced lunch. The more families that apply, the greater amount of state aid the school receives. Additionally, the higher our percentage of free and reduced students, the better chance we have of qualifying for many grants. If that isn't enough, all students that qualify also receive fee waivers on all SAT, ACT and many college applications. So as you can see, this is a winwin situation for everyone. Again, I encourage you to complete this application if you qualify.

New Staff Members

Since the June newsletter, we have added a few new members to our family at CCS. I'd like to welcome Ashley Gregory. Ashley will be teaching 9th and 12th grade English. She is a graduate of South Jefferson CSD and prior to coming to Copenhagen she taught for five years at Carthage CSD. Kristin Wilson will be joining us as a teacher

in a BOCES Special Education Classroom. She is a graduate from Marist College and has previously taught in Ghana, Africa. The aide for the BOCES Special Education classroom is Tom Hovendon, who has served our district as a Bus Aide. Logan Spaulding and SueAnn Carroll, who were here last year as teacher aids, have joined us as teaching assistants in the elementary for the 2016-2017 school year. We have also added two bus drivers that are no strangers to Copenhagen. Gary Carter and Elizabeth Sullivan will join us this fall. Last, Stanley Rowsam will take on the duties as a custodian along with remaining in his position as a bus driver.

Please join me in welcoming these fine people and as always, thank you for your continued support of our district.

Sincerely,

Scott N. Connell Superintendent of Schools

Sent Comment

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Mark Your Calendars!

Thursday, September 1, 2016 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Informational
Tables:
STARS,
Cafeteria,
Bus Garage,
MKC

The open house is a chance to meet and greet teachers and to schedule a time that best fits your calendar for parent/teacher conferences. A parent conference may be scheduled prior to the parent/teacher conference dates if you would desire one. Please let your son's/daughter's teacher know.

Feel free to bring along all of your students' school supplies to get classrooms, desks and lockers organized before the first day rush.

Title I Parent Meeting

Information regarding the District's AIS services Questions and Answers

5:00 p.m. Room 179

Family Picnic

When: 4:30-6:30 **Where:** Cafeteria

What: Hamburgers, hotdogs,

macaroni salad, cookies, punch

FREE OF CHARGE!!!!

Sust a friendly reminder... to stop in Gym A where Miss Curtis will be there to answer any questions you may have about your son/daughter's physical education classes.

Don't forget to also stop in to see your son/daughter's other special teachersmusic, art, & library.

Knight Pad Information & Protection Plan Sign-Ups

LIBRARY

Staff will be on hand throughout the evening to answer any questions regarding the 1:1 iPad Program for students in grades 6-12. Families are encouraged to sign-up for the Protection Plan at Open House. The cost is \$25 for the first plan, \$10 each additional plan. 6th & 9th grade students can pay for protection plans on August 30th at orientation if they wish.



INTERESTED IN KNOWING...

- What your child's grades are?
- If they have been late to class?
- Having discipline issues?



If so, stop into the Main Office to sign-up for the Parent Portal. For those parents who already have a log-in and are experiencing problems, Mrs. Guyette will be able to assist you.

THE SCHOOL NURSE WILL BE AVAILABLE IN HER OFFICE IF YOU WISH TO BRING IN YOUR SON/DAUGHTER'S MEDICATION OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS/CONCERNS.

MRS. GILLETTE WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE COUNSELING CENTER. FEEL FREE TO STOP BY THE COUNSELING CENTER WITH ANY QUESTIONS/CONCERNS.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Principally Speaking

Welcome Back!

As the 2016-2017 school year commences on September 6, it is with pleasure that our students are welcomed back into the building for a year of learning, making friends, athletic competitions, and preparation for their futures. Let's make it a great year to remember!

New Website

Be on the lookout for our new website and app during the 2016-2017 school year! We will inform the community of updates as they occur! www.ccsknights.org

Congratulations Spelling Bee Participants!



Once again, CCS was represented at the Lewis County Fair Spelling Bee. Cadence Mitchell participated in the Grades 5-6 spelling bee. Congratulations, Cadence!



Birthday Party Invitations

Due to the complexities of school safety regulations, it is requested that invitations for parties taking place off school grounds not be distributed by

the classroom teacher. Invitations should be mailed or given directly to recipients rather than sent to school for delivery. Your cooperation and understanding is greatly appreciated.

September Events to Mark on Your Calendar

Aug 30 - 6th and 9th Grade Orientations

Sept 1 - Open House, Kindergarten and preK Orientations

Sept 6 - First Day of School for Students

Sept 8 - All School Pictures

Sept 16 - 6-12 Dance

Sept 26 - BOE Meeting

Calling Attention to Cell Phone Policy

Upon request from their teachers, the cell phone rules have been updated to provide more support for students in succeeding with their classes. Some highlights are:

- Cell phones may be used between classes and during lunch
- Cell phones may not be used during classes or Learning Center
- Cell phone use without permission during class may/will result in phones being confiscated

Please take a moment to review the student handbook with your child(ren) at home to ensure that the expectations are clear to all. It can be found in the "documents" section on the district's **new web page**

(<u>www.ccsknights.org</u>). Questions may be directed to the main office.

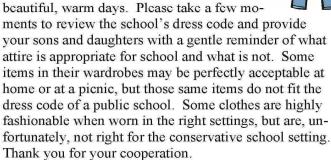
Open House

Mark your calendars for Open House. This year it will be held on September 1 featuring what is fast becoming a new tradition here at CCS, the annual cookout. Hotdogs and hamburgers will be served starting at 4:30. The open house will be held 4:30-6:30.



CCS Dress Code

With the arrival of a new school year comes the fall season. As summer winds down, we will still have several





A Message from Mrs. Ratliff...

Welcome Back!



Surprising Secrets for School Success

(www.greatschools.org)

At this time of year, a common question parents ask is, "What can I do to help my child be successful in school?" But... sifting through parenting articles to learn what science can tell you about fostering your child's academic success isn't really your idea of a fun time. What can you do?

Here are some quick tips

~Praise the work, not the wit

Numerous studies have shown that children who are praised for their work ethic are better at solving critical thinking problems than those praised for ability. Those praised for effort were almost three times as likely to focus on learning rather than "looking smart."

~Fear not the \$5 word

Many parents assume they should use simple words with kids to avoid confusion. But new research suggests we may be wildly underestimating their brainpower. Children whose parents used complex language were found to have significantly higher IQ's (a formidable 40 points) than children whose parents did not — suggesting that young brains become wired early for complex thought.

~Minimize your unexcused absences

Research has shown that you should make the extra effort to be physically present in your child's classroom. In fact, attending class meetings and volunteering at school better predicts literacy development than your family's income.

~ Attend to the body and wake up the mind

The body-brain connection is far from fully understood, but research suggests that children's learning abilities are inextricably tied to physical activity.

~For the **full article** on these surprising facts about academic learning in school and more, go http://www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/surprising-facts-aboutto the Great School's website! academic-learning/



Math Sprints in Summer School were a challenge!

Parents Make the

We are looking forward to a year of learning Difference! and the partnership between our school and families. It is so important for families and schools to work together to share responsibility for student success. Consistent communication between the school and families is crucial in making this work! Two-way communication tools such as planners, Class DoJo, email and phone calls allow you and your child's teacher to share successes and concerns in an ongoing manner. If you have a question or concern, PLEASE reach out to your child's teacher or to me! pratliff@ccsknights.org 315.688.4411



Copenhagen Central School Class of 2016 Graduates

Haley A. Baisden

Kyle Thomas Bates

Brandon M. Buckley

Kyle Edward-Norris Burgess

Mia R. Denicola

Connor Wilson Eddy

Madison Furgison

Cassandra Susan Goutermout

Laura Clare Graves

Sydney Danielle Greene

Robert Frank Groff

Alexis Helen LaBarge

Dallin Jay Larsen

Theron Scott Lauber

Derrick I. Lehman

Cassie Lyn Mono

Olivia Mae Morrow

Andrew Wyatt Pierce

Emma Faith Roberts

Erica Rae Sawyer

Claire Elizabeth Stackel

Klaire Elizabeth Sullivan

Nicole Noel Tanner

Christie Anna Thomas

Alexis I. Trainham

Richard Kenneth Vrooman

Mackenzie L. Wheeler

Isaac Daniel Widrick

Jordan Alexander Young

Congratulations, Class of 2016 graduates!





Class of 2016 Local Scholarship/Award Recipients

Haley Baisden: Leo P. Garvin Memorial Award (\$300), Carol E. Rennie Memorial Scholarship (\$50), Alumni Senior Scholarship (\$500)

Kyle Bates: The Jreck Sub Winning Attitude Award (\$125)

Brandon Buckley: Outstanding Achievement in Technology (\$75)

Kyle Burgess: Lewis County Food Service Association Award (\$150)

Mia Denicola: Lewis County VFW Memorial Post #6912 Ladies & Men's Auxiliary Scholarship (\$100)

Connor Eddy: New York State Attorney General's Triple "C" Award (certificate)

Madison Furgison: Norbert L. Gazin Scholarship (\$950), Copenhagen Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary Citizenship Award (\$250, Jefferson-Lewis Association for Counseling and Development (JLACD) Student of Distinction Certificate of Recognition, Alumni Senior Scholarship (\$500)

Cassandra Goutermout: Norbert L. Gazin Scholarship (\$400), Lowville Lodge #1605 BPOE Scholarship (\$600)

Laura Graves: Northern New York Community Foundation Herring Memorial Scholarship (\$2,000), Norbert L. Gazin Scholarship (\$400), Outstanding Achievement in the Arts (\$75), Copenhagen Central School Student Council Scholarship (\$100), The Elwood & Ruth Nicoll Waugh Memorial Scholarship (\$100), New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli Student Achievement Award (certificate)

Sydney Greene: Brian Groff Memorial Scholarship (\$250), Copenhagen Central School Staff Scholarship (The Maurice J. McNamara Memorial Award)(\$300), Copenhagen Central School Student Council Scholarship (\$300), New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli Student Achievement Award (certificate), Norbert L. Gazin Scholarship (\$400)

Robert Groff: Babe Ruth Award (\$25)

Alexis LaBarge: Carthage Federal Savings and Loan Association Annual Scholarship (\$200), American Red Cross High School Challenge Scholarship (\$250), CCS Booster Club Scholarship (\$250), Tom Sweredoski Memorial Award (Big "T" Award) (\$100)

Dallin Larsen: Northern Cruisers Auto Club Scholarship (\$500)

Theron Lauber: Brian Groff Memorial Scholarship (\$250), Joe Reidy Memorial Scholarship (\$200), Ryan J. LaBarge Memorial Scholarship (\$3,000)

Olivia Morrow: Master/Sgt. Robert B. McNeil Memorial Scholarship (\$300), Alumni Senior Scholarship (\$500)

Andrew Pierce: Donald (Sam) Boulio Memorial Award (\$200 and American Flag), New York State Attorney General's Triple "C" Award (certificate)

Emma Roberts: Northern New York Community Foundation Visiting Nurse Association Scholarship (\$2,000), Lewis County General Hospital Auxiliary "The Molly Pitcher Lewis Scholarship" (\$750), Milo E. and Edith Schantz Lacy Memorial Award (\$250), Copenhagen PTO Award (\$250), Jefferson-Lewis Association for Counseling and Development (JLACD) Student of Distinction Certificate of Recognition, CCS Booster Club Scholarship (\$250), Captain Elizabeth Bush Scholarship (\$1,000), Norbert L. Gazin Scholarship (\$400), 2016 Lewis County American Legion Auxiliary Senior Scholarship (Essay) (\$250), 2016 Sons of the American Legion Post #162 Scholarship Essay Contest (\$150), Third Ranking Student Award (\$75)



Class of 2016 Local Scholarship/Award Recipients, Continued

Erica Sawyer: The CCS Spirit Committee Scholarship (\$150), Outstanding Achievement in Math and Science (\$75)

Claire Stackel: Medallion for Excellence in the Valedictorian Curriculum—GPA 97.63, New York State Board of Regents \$1,500

Scholarship for Academic Excellence, First Ranking Student Award (\$75), Northern New York Community Foundation Scholarship (\$2,000), Carthage Elks Lodge No. 1762 Charles N. Hale Scholarship Award (\$4,000), Outstanding Achievement in Humanities (\$75), Lowville Lodge #1605 BPOE Scholarship (\$600), Copenhagen Central School Student Council Scholarship (\$100), Mason and Viola Vary Memorial Award (\$250), 7 News Academic All-Star

Klaire Sullivan: Norbert L. Gazin Scholarship (\$950), The Jreck Sub Winning Attitude Award (\$125)

Nicole Tanner: Jefferson-Lewis Association for Counseling and Development (JLACD) Student of Distinction Scholarship (\$200)

Christie Thomas: Medallion for Excellence in the Salutatorian Curriculum—GPA 97.54, New York State Board of Regents \$500

Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Central New York Community Foundation's N. James Polney Scholarship (\$175), Northern

New York Community Foundation Scholarship (\$2,000), Captain Elizabeth Bush Scholarship (\$1,000), Norbert L. Gazin

Scholarship (\$400)

Alexis Trainham: Medallion for Excellence in the Vocational Curriculum—GPA 90.47, CCS Teachers' Association & Support Staff Scholarship (\$250), Copenhagen PTO Award (\$250), Gary L. Trainham Memorial Scholarship (\$500), Carl A. Groff Senior Memorial Scholarship (\$250)

Richard Vrooman: CCS Spirit Committee Scholarship (\$150)

Mackenzie Wheeler: Norbert L. Gazin Scholarship (\$400), Patricia Sullivan Memorial Award (\$250), Babe Ruth Award (\$25)

Isaac Widrick: Copenhagen Central School Student Council Scholarship (\$100), Mountain View Prevention Services "Responsible Choices Award" (\$100), Gary L. Trainham Memorial Scholarship (\$500), Carl A. Groff Senior Memorial Scholarship (\$250), Lowville Producers Dairy Cooperative *Gladle Associates* Scholarship (\$1,000), Jefferson/Lewis County Department of Social Services— Youth Bureau out Recognition Award: Outstanding Youth Volunteer, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Good Citizen Award, Alumni Senior Scholarship (\$500)

Jordan Young: Senior Alumni Award (\$200)





COUNSELING-CENTER NEWS

Parent E-mail Request

The Counseling Center uses email as a way to inform juniors and seniors of scholarships and deadlines, upcoming events, college representative visits, interesting website for teens, and much more. We'd like to share this information with parents as well, including information specifically for parents such as college costs and financial aid. If you'd like to be on the list to receive such information, email bgillette@ccsknights.org so we may add you to the database.



Academic Excellence Scholarship

According to NYS Law, we are required to notify students of the criteria used in the selection process of the academic Excellence Scholarship. Here at Copenhagen, the uniform criteria set out by the New York State Education Department are used in the selection process to determine the recipients of the Academic Excellence Scholarship are Regents Exam scores. The recipients of the Academic Excellence Scholarship are the two students who have earned the highest Regents Exam scores. The top student receives \$1,500 and the 2nd student received \$500. Please note also that the recipients of the Academic Excellence Scholarship are kept confidential until graduation.



Attention Parents: Find Out What Your Child Should Be Doing for College Planning

One of the best sites for parents to learn more about their child's college and career option is www.collegeboard.com/parents/. This site gives useful, user-friendly information on topics such as finding a college that fits; SAT college entrance exam: dates, fees, sample questions; financial aid: how much is out there and how to apply, and much more.

Also, be sure to check out the Counseling Center website for links to College and Career search, Financial Aid, and Scholarship Opportunities.

Check it out today, and help guide your child into the most appropriate career path.



NCAA Enrollment Procedures

If your child is considering participation in athletics at a Division I or Division II college or university, he/she must register for eligibility. The NCAA has made it almost mandatory this year to register online for the clearinghouse.

To register, prospective student-athletes should access the website at www.eligibilitycenter.org for the homepage.

If a student wishes to pay by check or money order, the student can print off the signature page and send it in with the money.

From the home page, you can get registration information, Divisions & Sports Information, etc. Please be sure to advise Mrs. Gillette when you register so that your transcripts may be sent to the clearinghouse.



SAT/ACT 2016-2017 SITES AND DATES COPENHAGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL CODE# 331475

College and Career Assessments

It is strongly recommended that every junior/senior take several college entrance exams. These exams begin in the fall of their sophomore year with the ASPIRE in October and conclude with the SAT and/or ACT in May of the junior year. The admission testing program is a critical ingredient in determining your academic strengths and weaknesses. It gives colleges an opportunity to assess your capability and, along with your overall grade point average, class rank and extra-curricular record. It provides college admissions offices with a composite picture of your college potential.

ASPIRE—All 10th graders will take the ASPIRE Test on Wednesday, November 2nd. This test includes writing skills, mathematics, reading, and science reasoning and is successfully used in roughly one-third of the nations high schools. It is also offered by ACT and helps nearly one million students each year get a head start on career and educational planning. As a "pre-ACT" test, ASPIRE is a good predictor of how successful students will be on the ACT assessment in their junior and senior year. ASPIRE will help the tenth graders explore options in careers, education, and training. Mrs. Gillette will visit classrooms at the end of September to distribute information regarding the exam. The cost of the test is paid for by the school.

PSAT—All juniors will take the PSAT on Wednesday, October 19th. This exam includes critical reading, writing, and math problem-solving skills sections similar to the SAT Reasoning Test. This exam is also the first step in competing in the National Merit Scholarship Competition and studies have shown that students tend to score better on the SAT after taking the PSAT. The PSAT measures developed critical reading and mathematical reasoning abilities important for successful administration. Mrs. Gillette will visit classrooms at the end of September to distribute information regarding the exam. The school pays the fee for our students to take this exam.

ASVAB—Local military personnel will administer the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) to all juniors on **Wednesday**, **November 30th from 8:15—11:15 a.m.** Students receive a detailed assessment of their career aptitudes, which is used for career research and exploration. Please be assured that the results are very important for use here in the Counseling Center with the students, and the military does not use this as an opportunity to recruit all of our students. However, the ASVAB is a required test for any student wishing to join the military. All juniors will be taking the test in the morning. Seniors wishing to retake this exam should make arrangements with Mrs. Gillette.

SAT & ACT—Seniors planning to take or retake the American College Test (ACT) on Saturday, October 22nd, must mail their registration application before Friday, September 16th. Seniors planning to take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) on Saturday, November 5th, should mail their registration applications before Friday, October 7th. Those wishing to take the SAT on Saturday, December 3rd, must mail their registration applications before Thursday, November 3rd. Students may register at the websites listed above or fill out the paperwork available in the Counseling Center. Juniors will take the SAT and/or ACT in April, May, or June 2017.

Seniors—It's not too late to take/retake the SAT & ACT!

Registration packets for the ACT and SAT exams have arrived in the Counseling Office. The SAT College Board and ACT have web sites (http://www.collegeboard.com and www.actstudent.org) if you are interested in obtaining additional information or registering online. Below you will find the test dates and regular deadlines for the test. Please mark you calendar. Parents should encourage students to register well in advance of the deadlines. Retaking a college entrance exam may make a difference in scholarship opportunities!

Site	SAT #	ACT #	SAT Administered	ACT Administered
Carthage High School	33-300	196410	Nov.5, May 6	October 22, April 8
Jefferson Community College	N/A	027750	Not administered	Oct. 22, Dec. 10, April 8, June 10
Lowville Academy	33-570	181500	Nov. 7, Jan. 23, May 7	Oct. 22, June 10
Watertown High School	33-962	N/A	10/3, 11/7, 12/5, 1/23, 3/5, 5/7, 6/4	Not administered

ACT Test Information

Test Date	Registration Deadlines
October 22, 2016	September 16, 2016
December 10, 2016	November 4, 2016
April 8, 2017	March 3, 2017

SAT 1 and 2 Test Information

Test Date	Registration Deadlines	
October 1, 2016	September 1, 2016	
November 5, 2016	October 7, 2016	
December 3, 2016	November 3, 2016	

Please note: Fee for SAT \$57.00 with Essay and \$45.00 without Essay. Fee for ACT 42.50, and the ACT (Plus Writing) \$58.50. If you think you may qualify for a fee waiver, please see the Counseling Office. You will need picture ID to be admitted into any test. If you don't have one, you may pick up an identification letter in the Counseling Office. Also, SAT I and SAT II may not be taken on the same day.

course Schedules



All students will receive an updated class schedule in their homeroom on the first day of school. (Students in grade 6 will receive their schedules at the Orientation on Tuesday, August 30th, from 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. and students in grade 9 will receive their schedules at the Orientation on Tuesday, August 30th, from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.) Students are encouraged to see Mrs. Gillette if there is an error on the schedule. To change a course, students should pick up an add/drop form from the Counseling Center. Just a reminder, after September 20th all changes will require a conference with the teacher, student, parent, counselor, and principal. Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook for more information.

Higher Education Program

On Monday, October 3, 2016, Higher Education Day will be held at the Jules Center at Jefferson Community College from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. All college bound students should attend and take advantage of the opportunity to talk with admissions counselors from the following schools (partial listing; subject to change):

SUNY Delhi

SUNY Canton

SUNY Cobleskill

SUNY Cortland

SUNY ESF (College of Environ. Science & Forestry)

SUNY Fredonia

SUNY Geneseo

SUNY Oneonta

SUNY Oswego

SUNY Plattsburgh

SUNY Potsdam

Fulton-Montgomery Community College

Herkimer County Community College

Jefferson Community College

Mohawk Valley Community College

North Country Community College

Onondaga Community College

Tompkins Cortland Community College

Fort Drum Regional Health Planning Organization

Burlington College

Clarkson University

Cornell University

D'Youville College

Hamilton College (evening only)

Johnson State College

Keuka College

LeMoyne College

Niagara University

Rochester Institute of Technology

St. John Fisher College

St. Joseph's College of Nursing

St. Lawrence University

Syracuse University

The College at Brockport

University of Albany

University at Buffalo

University of New England

University of Maine at Presque Isle

University of Rochester

Utica College

Valley Force Military College

Wells College

U. S. Armed Services (Army ROTC at Clarkson

University, U. S. Air Force, U. S. Army)

There will also be education planners and bank personnel to answer questions about financial aid. Information on college athletics and NCAA regulations will be presented as well. This is an event not to miss!

Homework Requests



Please note: The procedure to request homework after your child's absence from school is listed below, as shown in the Student Handbook. The procedure for 2016-2017 is as follows:

- ♦ Students must be absent at least two consecutive days.
- Please call the Counseling Center <u>prior to 10:00 a.m.</u> as it takes time to collect the homework and for the teachers to find the time to get it together and turn it in.
- All homework requested must be picked up and is available after 2:30 p.m. Teachers assume that the homework has been picked up and will probably not give the student another copy of the worksheets for work due.
- Please come ready to gather books from your child's locker if he/she needs them. You may need to get a combination from your child so that you can open his/her locker.

Elks Scholarship Workshop



The Elks District Scholarship Committee will continue their annual Scholarship Workshop. Please plan to attend this informational session on: Tuesday, September 20, 2016—Lowville Elks Lodge #1605 at 7:30 p.m.

All Elks Scholarships, except the Legacy Program, are due in November. This workshop is open to the public, especially Juniors, Seniors and Parents throughout the area. The workshop will also be beneficial for applying for other scholarships. The purpose of the workshop is to show students how to complete the forms for all the Elks Scholarship Programs:

- Elks National Foundation Leadership \$1,000 or more Scholarships—students DO NOT need to be child of a member. For only high school seniors. Due in November.
- New York State Elks Association \$1,000 Scholarships—only for children/step-children of living or deceased member.
 Due in November.
- The Elks Legacy Awards—son/daughter/grandson/granddaughter of member. \$4,000 scholarships (\$1,000 for each year of college). High school seniors are eligible. This scholarship is not based on financial need. Due by January 31st. Application MUST be completed ONLINE. Everything, including a transcript, must be done electronically.
- <u>Elks Emergency Grants</u>—for any student who will be attending or is now attending college and who has a parent who is an Elk and has a disability and cannot work. This grant is NOT AN ACADEMIC scholarship.

Scholarship applications will be available early September from the Guidance Office or anytime by going to: www.elks.org/enf/scholars.



Military Recruiters

Routinely, military recruiters contact the Counseling Center requesting names of high school students for recruitment purposes. Parents can request (by using the form below) to have their child's names excluded from the list provided to these military recruiters. If you DO NOT want your child's name and address to be placed on the list provided to military recruiters, please return the form below to the Counseling Center or e-mail us at bgillette@ccsknights.org or lprince@ccsknights.org prior to September 9th.

Name of student:
I DO NOT want my (son's/daughter's) name released to a military recruiter.
Signature:
Print Name:
Relationship to student:



Getting Off To A Good Start!

It is important that you help your child get off to a good start this school year. Here are six ways that might help you get started:

- I. Get to know your child's teacher as soon as possible. You know your child best. Share your knowledge with the teacher. Does your child have a special interest? Are there areas where you see your child needing special help? Don't wait until parent conferences to make that all-important contact.
- Don't hesitate to speak with the teacher about sensitive issues. Remember that what goes on at home can affect the student's performance in the classroom. Indeed, parental separation, a new baby, family illness, or even a change of residence, can have a harmful effect on a students' schoolwork.
- Please make certain that your child gets enough rest. Tired children cannot do their best work. Consistency is the key here: Set a bedtime hour, and stick to it. Be sure to keep all communication devices (re: cell phones) In another room at bedtime.
- 4. Be familiar with what the school expects of our child, e.g., how much homework will there be?
- 5. Limit television watching. Study after study concludes that those children who do the best in school watch the least TV.
- 6. Please do not hesitate to telephone Mrs. Gillette (6-12) at the Counseling Office or Mrs. Petersen (Pre-K/5) if you have any questions or concerns.

Christmas Sharing Holiday Assistance Program

A special message from the Christmas Sharing Holiday Assistance Program Board:

The Christmas Sharing Holiday Assistance Program has set up the application sites for the upcoming Christmas season. Please remember that you *must* apply in person with a photo ID, proof of address and, in some instances, proof of custodial custody of your children.

Shown below are the dates and site locations for the application sign up:

October 8, 2016	Lowville Food Pantry - 9:00—12:00
October 15, 2016	Lowville Food Pantry - 9:00—12:00
October 21, 2016	Lowville Food Pantry - 9:00—12:00
October 28, 2016	Lowville Food Pantry - 9:00—12:00

CCS BackPack Program



"The Backpack Program" at CCS is a program that gives children in our district nutritious food when they are not in school. If you choose to participate, The Backpack Program will provide a backpack containing nonperishable foods to your child's teacher, and your child will take the pack home for the weekend. Your child should return the empty pack on Monday, when she/he returns to school.

Backpacks may contain items from the following list: canned vegetables and fruits, juice boxes, applesauce, fruit bars, granola bars, oatmeal, soup, macaroni and cheese, pasta, spaghetti, tuna, canned ham, peanut butter, healthy crackers, cereal, or pudding.

A prerequisite for receiving a backpack is a completed "Free and Reduced Meal" application packet returned to our Cafeteria Manager Nicole Grandjean (see our website for a copy of this application packet or contact us at 688-4411).

Please contact Nicole Grandjean, at 688-4411, if you would like to request a backpack.



Copenhagen Central School Backpack Program



YAC members Julianna Monaghan and Zachary Herbert at the Backpack Program supply shelf.

The Copenhagen Youth Advisory Council (YAC) would like to extend it warmest gratitude to the following individuals, organizations and businesses for their continued *generous* support for the Copenhagen Central School Backpack Program during the 2015-2016 school year. This program is used to provide nonperishable food to be taken home each weekend, for families in need. Without such support, YAC would be unable to maintain this worthy program. Again, we are grateful for your donations:

Judith Eisel, Price Chopper (Schenectady), Lowville Elks Lodge No. 1605, Mountain View Prevention Services, Slack Chemical Company, Grace Episcopal Church, Car-Freshner Corporation, Jean Henry, Walmart Supercenter -Lowville, Copenhagen Volunteer Fire Department, Powis Contracting Inc., Copenhagen Fire Department Auxiliary, Target, Stewart's Shops Holiday Match, Copenhagen Central School PTO, Madeleine L. Bennett, Murcrest Farms, Children of River or Life Fellowship, American Legion Riders of Lowville, Fidelis Care, CCS Cheerleading Squad, Samaritan Medical Center, Friehofer's Bakery Outlet, Mr. and Mrs. Terry O'Shaughnessy, and several "Confidential" donors.

If you would like to support the Copenhagen Backpack Program, you can contact Nicole Grandjean, Copenhagen Central School Cafeteria Manager (315-688-4411 or ngrandjean@ccsknights.org).





Elementary Counseling

Copenhagen Central School

Welcome Back!

I hope you have all had a great summer with many amazing experiences. I am excited to see all of our wonderful elementary students and hear the stories they have to share.

What's New in 2016-2017?

Project SELF

This year, we will be implementing Project SELF. In the past, I have presented counseling curriculum in each classroom on a monthly basis. You may recognize words like proactive, synergize, etc. as we focused on the 7 Habits for Happy Kids last year. This year, I will be visiting each classroom as a specials rotation each week. Project SELF (Social Emotional Learning Fundamentals) will focus on the five core competencies of Social Emotional Learning as identified by CASEL (Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning). The five core competencies are:

- Self-awareness
- Self-management
- Social awareness
- Relationship skills
- · Responsible decision-making

Why are these important skills to be focusing on at school? Social emotional competence impacts student academic performance, classroom behavior, readiness to learn, career development, and college and career readiness.

In conjunction with Project SELF, the elementary school counseling steering committee has worked hard to develop a framework of behavioral expectations for students schoolwide. We hope that by doing so, students will have a clear understanding of the expectations of the grown ups at school in the classroom, in the lunch room, in the gym, on the playground, etc. We will share more about these expectations with you soon!

Other Counseling Services

Elementary counseling services available, in addition to Project SELF, are group counseling - usually around skill building topics like test anxiety, study skills, confidence, etc., individual counseling, college and career awareness, parent consultation, as well as resource sharing. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at any time.

Christina Petersen cpetersen@ccsknights.org (315) 688-4411

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August 1, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Enclosed please find information and an application with regards to the *Free or Reduced Meal Program*. I want each of you to know what enrollment in the program means to you, your children and to the school district. As you hear more about the program please keep in mind that **all the information is confidential**.

During the past several school years we have had approximately 36% to 40% of our students signed up in the *Free or Reduced Program*. This sounds like a high percentage until you compare our district to other districts in the area. Copenhagen Central has one of the lowest participation rates in the Free or Reduced Program in the Jefferson - Lewis BOCES. This means that we are losing federal and state money and we are not eligible in most cases to apply for grant money.

Please take a serious look at signing up for the program if you qualify. We need your assistance as we continue to provide your children with the best education possible.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Scott N. Connell Superintendent

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P.O. Box 30, Copenhagen, New York 13626 315-688-4411 – www.ccsknights.org Letters to Parents for School Meal programs August 1, 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Copenhagen Central School offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$1.35; lunch costs \$2.00. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is \$0.25 for breakfast and \$0.25 for lunch.

- 1. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced price meals. *Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household.* We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: Mrs. Nicole Grandjean, C.C.S., P.O. Box 30, Copenhagen, NY 13626.
- 2. WHO CAN GET FREE MEALS? All children in households receiving benefits from SNAP, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations or TANF, can get free meals regardless of your income. Also, your children can get free meals if your household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines.
- 3. Can foster children get free meals? Yes, foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income.
- 4. CAN HOMELESS, RUNAWAY, AND MIGRANT CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Yes, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail Mrs. Brigitte Gillette, (bgillette@ccsknights.org) to see if they qualify.
- 5. WHO CAN GET REDUCED PRICE MEALS? Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Federal Eligibility Income Chart, shown on this application.
- 6. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at 315-688-4411 if you have questions.
- 7. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT ANOTHER ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first 30 days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
- 8. I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILD(REN) GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out a FREE/REDUCED PRICE MEAL application.
- 9. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes and we may also ask you to send written proof.
- 10. IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER? Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
- 11. WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Scott Connell, Superintendent, Copenhagen Central School, P.O. Box 30, Copenhagen, NY 13626 (sconnell@ccsknights.org).
- 12. MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN? Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced price meals.
- 13. WHO SHOULD I INCLUDE AS MEMBERS OF MY HOUSEHOLD? You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.
- 14. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
- 15. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE INCLUDE OUR HOUSING ALLOWANCE AS INCOME? If you get an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income.
- 16. MY SPOUSE IS DEPLOYED TO A COMBAT ZONE. IS HER COMBAT PAY COUNTED AS INCOME? No, if the combat pay is received in addition to her basic pay because of her deployment and it wasn't received before she was deployed, combat pay is not counted as income. Contact your school for more information.
- 17. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for SNAP or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call 1-800-342-3009.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

(1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights

1400 Independence Avenue, SW

Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

(2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) email: <u>program.intake@usda.gov</u>. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Meal Service to Children With Disabilities: Federal regulations require schools and institutions to serve meals at no extra charge to children with a disability which may restrict their diet. A student with a disability is defined in 7CFR Part 15b.3 of Federal regulations, as one who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities. Major life activities are defined to include functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working. You must request the special meals from the school and provide the school with medical certification from a medical doctor. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a disability, please get in touch with us for further information, as there is specific information that the medical certification must contain.

Confidentiality: The United States Department of Agriculture has approved the release of students names and eligibility status, without parent/guardian consent, to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of federal education programs such as Title I and the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), which are United States Department of Education programs used to determine areas such as the allocation of funds to schools, to evaluate socioeconomic status of the school's attendance area, and to assess educational progress. Information may also be released to State health or State education programs administered by the State agency or local education agency, provided the State or local education agency administers the program, and federal State or local nutrition programs similar to the National School Lunch Program. Additionally, all information contained in the free and reduced price application may be released to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of programs authorized under the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) or Child Nutrition Act (CNA); including the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, the Special Milk Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC); the Comptroller General of the United States for audit purposes, and federal, State or local law enforcement officials investigating alleged violations of the programs under the NSLA or CNA.

<u>Reapplication:</u> You may apply for benefits any time during the school year. Also, if you are not eligible now, but during the school year become unemployed, have a decrease in household income, or an increase in family size you may request and complete an application at that time.

The disclosure of eligibility information not specifically authorized by the NSLA requires a written consent statement from the parent/guardian. We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

Sincerely, Nicole Grandjean, School Lunch Manager

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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for free and reduced price meals, submit a Free Meals/Milk Eligibility Letter received from the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance OR complete only one application for your household using the instructions. Sign the application and return the application to Nicole Grandjean. If you have a foster child in your household, you may include them on your application. A separate application is no longer needed. Call the school if you need help: 315-688-4411. Ensure that all information is provided. Failure to do so may result in denial of benefits for your child or unnecessary delay in approving your application.

PART 1 ALL HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE STUDENT INFORMATION. DO NOT FILL OUT MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD.

- (1) Print the names of the children, including foster children, for whom you are applying on one application.
- (2) List their grade and school.
- (3) Check the box to indicate a foster child living in your household, or if you believe any child meets the description for homeless, migrant, runaway (a school staff will confirm this eligibility).

PART 2 HOUSEHOLDS GETTING SNAPS, TANF OR FDPIR SHOULD COMPLETE PART 2 AND SIGN PART 4.

- (1) List a current SNAP, TANF or FDPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations) case number of anyone living in your household. The case number is provided on your benefit letter.
- (2) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4. SKIP PART 3. Do not list names of household members or income if you list a SNAP case number, TANF or FDPIR number.

PART 3 ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE THESE PARTS AND ALL OF PART 4.

- (1) Write the names of everyone in your household, whether or not they get income. Include yourself, the children you are applying for, all other children, your spouse, grandparents, and other related and unrelated people in your household. Use another piece of paper if you need more space.
- (2) Write the amount of current income each household member receives, before taxes or anything else is taken out, and indicate where it came from, such as earnings, welfare, pensions and other income. If the current income was more or less than usual, write that person's usual income. Specify how often this income amount is received: weekly, every other week (bi-weekly), 2 x per month, monthly. If no income, check the box. The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care and Development Block Grant, TANF and At Risk Child Care Programs should not be considered as income for this program.
- (3) The application must include the last four digits only of the social security number of the adult who signs PART 4 if Part 3 is completed. If the adult does not have a social security number, check the box. If you listed a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR number, a social security number is not needed.

OTHER BENEFITS: Your child may be eligible for benefits such as Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). In order to determine if your child is eligible, program officials need information from your free and reduced price meal application. Your written consent is required before any information may be released. Please refer to the attached parent Disclosure Letter and Consent Statement for information about other benefits.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Privacy Act Statement: This explains how we will use the information you give us.

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number are not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a SNAP, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

(1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture

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P.O. Box 30, Copenhagen, New York 13626 315-688-4411 – <u>www.ccsknights.org</u> August 1, 2016

MEAL SERVICES TO CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Most children with disabilities have no special dietary needs. They are able to participate in the Child Nutrition Programs the same as all other children in the school. In some instances, however, children with disabilities may experience difficulty when chewing and swallowing, which would require that the physical characteristics of their foods be changed. Some children with disabilities may need special foods or a therapeutic diet.

Federal regulations require schools and institutions to serve meals at no extra charge to those children whose disability restricts their diet in such a way that they cannot fully participate in the food service program without some modification to the foods offered or the scheduled menu. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a disability, please get in touch with us for further information. You must request the special meals from the school and provide the school with medical certification from a medical doctor. This medical certification must contain the following:

- 1) Verification that the special meals are needed due to the student's disability, and
- 2) Recommendation/prescription for alternate foods and forms of foods needed to meet the student's special dietary needs.

If you have questions regarding the need for meal modifications, contact Nicole Grandjean at 688-4411 for further information.

Sincerely,

Nicole Grandjean School Lunch Manager

COPENHAGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

P.O. Box 30, Copenhagen, New York 13626 315-688-4411 – <u>www.ccsknights.org</u> August 1, 2016

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT TO RELEASE ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS OR FREE MILK

Dear Parent/Guardian:

If your child is eligible for free and reduced price meals or free milk, he/she also may be eligible for other benefits. In order to receive these benefits, you must provide written consent to permit school officials to give your name, address, and an indication that your household is eligible for free and reduced price meals or free milk, to representatives of certain programs. Failure to sign a consent statement that will allow disclosure of this information will not affect your child's eligibility or participation in the school meals or milk programs.

Some of the programs that may request names and eligibility information to be used to provide benefits, and for which parent/guardian consent is required, include: federal health insurance programs such as Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance program (CHIP), other federal programs, State programs, local health and education programs and other local activities. For example, the disclosure of children's eligibility for free and reduced price meals or free milk to determine eligibility for free text books, free band instruments, holiday baskets, school supplies, etc., or reduced fees for summer school or driver education programs, would require written consent by the child's parent/guardian.

If you wish to provide consent to release information contained in your child's free and reduced price meal application, to receive other benefits, please complete the attached consent statement.

Please call Scott Connell at 688-4411 if you have questions.

Sincerely, Nicole Grandjean, School Lunch Manager

Enclosure (consent statement)

2016-2017 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS OR FREE MILK REDUCED PRICE ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART

Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two	Weekly
				Weeks	
1	\$ 21,978	\$ 1,832	\$ 916	\$ 846	\$ 423
2	\$ 29,637	\$ 2,470	\$ 1,235	\$ 1,140	\$ 570
3	\$ 37,296	\$ 3,108	\$ 1,554	\$ 1,435	\$ 718
4	\$ 44,955	\$ 3,747	\$ 1,874	\$ 1,730	\$ 865
5	\$ 52,614	\$ 4,385	\$ 2,193	\$ 2,024	\$ 1,012
6	\$ 60,273	\$ 5,023	\$ 2,512	\$ 2,319	\$ 1,160
7	\$ 67,951	\$ 5,663	\$ 2,832	\$ 2,614	\$ 1,307
8	\$ 75,647	\$ 6,304	\$ 3,152	\$ 2,910	\$ 1,455
*Each Add'l person	\$ 7,696	\$ 642	\$ 321	\$ 296	\$ 148
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How to Apply: To get free or reduced price meals for your children you may submit an Eligibility Letter for Free Meals received from the NYS Education Department, OR carefully complete one application for your household and return it to the designated office. If you now receive SNAP, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) for any children, or participate in the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), the application must include the children's names, the household SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number and the signature of an adult household member. All children should be listed on the same application. If you do not list a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number for all the children for whom you are applying, the application must include the names of everyone in the household, the amount of income each household member, and how often it is received and where it comes from. It must include the signature of an adult household member and the last four digits of that adult's social security number, or check the box if the adult does not have a social security number. An application that is not complete cannot be approved. Contact your local Department of Social Services for your SNAP or TANF case number or complete the income portion of the application.

<u>Reporting Changes:</u> The benefits that you are approved for at the time of application are effective for the entire school year. You no longer need to report changes for an increase in income or decrease in household size, or if you no longer receive SNAP.

<u>Income Exclusions:</u> The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care Development (Block Grant) Fund should not be considered as income for this program.

<u>Nondiscrimination Statement:</u> This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

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P.O. Box 30, Copenhagen, New York 13626 315-688-4411 – <u>www.ccsknights.org</u> August 1, 2015

CONSENT TO RELEASE FREE OR REDUCED PRICE ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

On May 25, the Lowville Teachers Association held a benefit for Climax workers. The Copenhagen Teachers' Association generously donated several baskets for their raffles. We sent over a pool filled with summer toys (Calvin Castor was not included), a chocolate basket, a kids' basket and a gardening basket. Over \$6000 was raised for the workers and their families. Thank you for your giving spirit and commitment to our community!





Important Notes from the Attendance Office and the Nurse

For security reasons, the only access to the building, will be the main front door. This door which will be unlocked during the school day is the Mechanic Street main entrance (flagpole entrance). Anyone entering the building is required to use this entrance. You will be asked to sign in at the Attendance Office and obtain a visitor's pass. This is also the entrance which you should use if you need to drop off or pick up your child during the school day.

<u>PLEASE NOTIFY SCHOOL</u> if you have a change in telephone number, address, or employment. Emergency contact numbers MUST be current.

<u>Excuses</u> - We must have a written excuse for all absences or lateness, regardless of the reason. Please write an excuse upon your child's return to school. All students coming in late must check in at the Attendance Office (Miss Kallen) prior to going to their classroom.

IMPORTANT BUS CHANGES

<u>Please send in a note for any</u> <u>bus change</u>. Your bus note should include your child's full name, your full name, your child's bus driver's name and/or route number and the driver's name and/or route number together with the stop you want your child to ride to.

If we do not have a note, your child will be placed on his/her regular bus and get off at his/her normal stop. Telephone calls, which cause many interruptions to classes, are discouraged. If you do need to call in a bus change, please call the nurse's line directly (688-4472) by 2:00 p.m.

LEAVING EARLY -

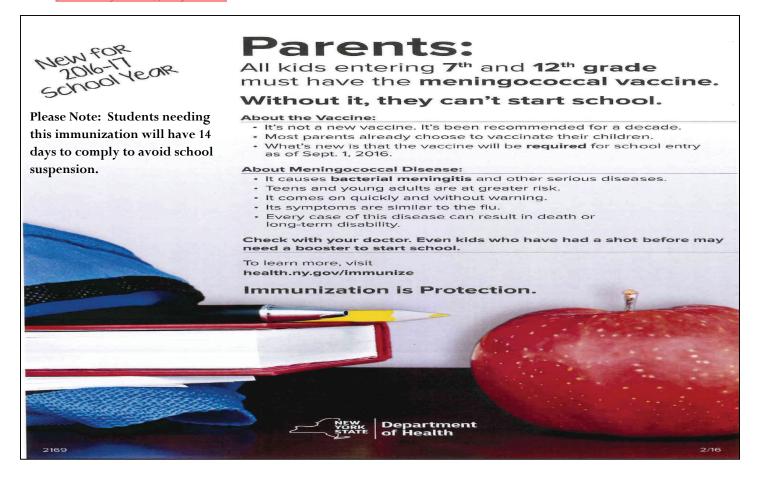
(Doctor appointments, dentist appointments, etc.) - <u>Please send in a note</u> to the Attendance Office (Miss Kallen) the day of the appointment and the time you wish to pick up your child. This makes staff and teachers aware they are leaving, and students will be ready to go. For last minute emergency changes, go to the Attendance Office (Miss Kallen) to sign your child out.

MEDICATIONS

For medications to be administered in school, they <u>MUST</u> come labeled in a pharmacy bottle with a <u>doctor's order or a Prescription form</u> stating the time it must be given during the school day, directions for administration and also a PARENT NOTE requesting the school nurse to administer it. This also includes all over-the-counter medicines. Do not send full prescriptions (just enough for the duration.) Parents are responsible for bringing the medications into school. <u>Students are not allowed to transport medications on the bus.</u>

REQUIRED GRADE PHYSICALS

New York State policy requires school physicals for all new students as well as students in Kindergarten, grades 2, 4, 7, and 10. You may take your children to your own doctor, if desired. If you choose to do this, the nurse will need a copy of the physical. Please notify the nurse at 688-4472, to let her know when your child will be receiving their grade required physical. There is no charge for physicals done at school by the school doctor.



Attention!

Due to safety concerns, we are requesting that all parents drop off and pick up students in the front of the building. We have numerous concerns with the back parking lot; in order to ensure everyone's safety, the only doors that will be unlocked in the A.M. are the front doors and the doors on Loud Street. The buses will continue to unload and load on Loud Street. Student drivers are requested to park in the front parking lot. Teaching staff will park in the rear parking lot. We feel these procedures will provide for a safer environment for both the parents and the students.

Bus Safety - Passing A School Bus

At times we have cars passing buses waiting to load or unload students. This is very dangerous; it is also illegal to pass a stopped school bus with its red lights flashing whether it is on the highway or stopped at the loading and unloading zone. We need everyone's help to ensure the safety of our children.

School Bus Safety Rules:

One of the most important rules for safety school transportation refers to How to cross the road safely. Bus drivers work on this daily, but one of the best things we can do as parents, friends, or relatives is to encourage - to insist - that each of our students cross properly every time. All students who must cross should always cross in front of the bus where they can be seen by the driver. When leaving the bus, they should go straight along the side of the road to approximately ten feet in front of the bus; wait there for a signal from the bus driver to cross; and then double check traffic for themselves as they cross (check left, right, left), especially in the middle of the road where a motorist may be coming around the bus. If crossing is necessary in the morning, the same procedure should be followed.

Talk with your children, find out if they understand the proper procedure and the importance of it. It is just as crucial that middle school and senior high school students adhere to this procedure as it is for the younger ones. Explain that it is not childish or "uncool." In fact, it's immature not to do it right. It's important to our team effort to safeguard our community and your family from unnecessary tragedy. Thanks for your help.

One of the most tragic and

needless ways for a child to die is to be run over in the loading/unloading zone around the school bus. In these cases it has often happened because the student dropped something and tried to retrieve it. For every student that died retrieving something, hundreds more have done the same thing but were saved because the bus driver or motorist was not distracted at the crucial moment or by Lady Luck. So often we see kids approaching the bus with their arms full of "loose stuff" - (papers, lunch boxes, books, special projects like a Valentine, hand-made Mother's Day or Father's Day cards, the math or spelling paper with a Happy Face because they got a good grade, etc.) and it's obvious that something will be dropped or caught by the wind sooner or later.

Backpacks and Bus Safety

One of the most important things vou can do toward ensuring that your student survives the very real hazards of road travel is to provide some sort of bag or tote in which to carry all their "stuff." Insist that they use it and close the zipper, buckle, strap, etc. The popular back pack is a good choice as everything is contained and tends to stay with the student, rather than end up under a seat somewhere on the bus. Any sort of bag, that prevents dropping things and enables the student to carry everything in one hand leaving the other hand free to use the handrail, is better than arms full of "loose stuff." Many school bus passengers already have this important item. Please consider providing this added protection for those who don't have it. Although backpacks are essential in transporting books and papers to and from school, students should never tie items, i.e. key chains, scarves, etc. to the outside of their backpacks. Loose drawstrings, key chains and other objects can sometimes get caught in the handrail or door, teach children to secure things before they get

up to exit the bus.

Also, parents are to remind younger brothers and sisters of bus passengers (pre-school) to remain a safe distance from the road while the bus is stopped.

AFTER SCHOOL BIRTHDAY PARTIES, CLUBS, ETC.: Parents are advised that the school will transport students to after-school activities if there is an existing bus run and an overcrowding situation does not result. Only students who have a

parental note requesting such transportation will be accommodated.

CHILD CARE: When you, as parents, find it necessary to have your child ride the bus to a different home in the evening other than your own, please try to arrange for a drop site on the same route your child rides each night. This will avoid overloading as well as avoid confusion as to where the child will be dropped off.

LATE BUS RUN: We will be having one late bus run at 5:00 p.m..

<u>VILLAGE BUSING:</u> The Transportation Department will continue to pick up village students who wish to ride the bus. Outlined below are the specified village bus pick-up points and times:

Attention!

Although the routes have not changed, some drivers have changed. Please see as follows:

Route #1—Amanda Kloster

Route #2—Jeff Sullivan

Route #3—Kevin Gaines

Route #4—Scott Alexander

Route #5—Gary Carter

Route #6—Joe Fitzpatrick

Route #7—Wayne Colwell

Route #8—Stanley Rowsam



Route 12, North

- In front of Souva (9977) residence 7:50 a.m.
- In front of Molnar (9945) residence 7:53 a.m.

Route 12, South

 In front of the Richard Doolittle (9764) residence – 7:50 a.m.

Cataract Street

- In front of Ron Vogt (2977) residence 7:44—7:45 a.m.
- Cataract Street in front of Grace Episcopal Church (2939) - 7:49-7:50 a..m.

Maple Avenue

• In front of Maple Avenue (9826) bus garage – 7:55 a.m.

Mechanic St.

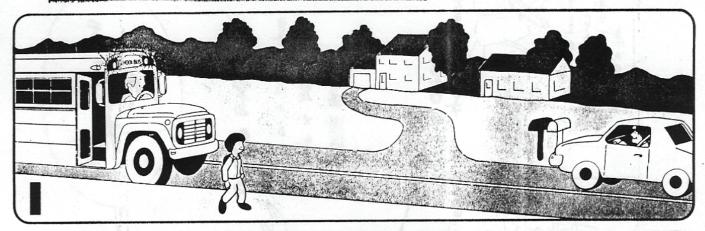
Corner of Mechanic and Grove Streets − 7:45 a.m.

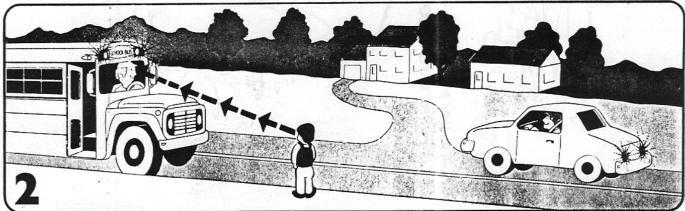
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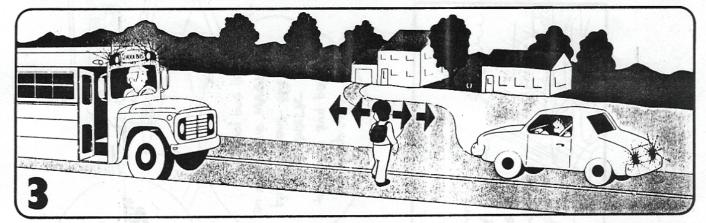
- @ intersection with Stoddard Street -7:53 a.m.
- In front of Peter Lehman (10125) residence − 7:55 a.m.

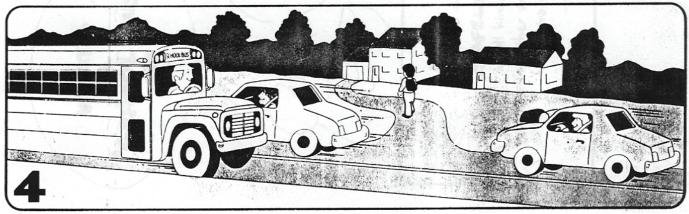
Depending on capacity, the 2015-2016 school year may be the last year village students in grades 3 through 12 will have the option to be bused.

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<u>Cafeteria News—Mrs. Nicole</u> <u>Grandjean, Cafeteria Manager</u>

Welcome back! I hope you enjoyed the summer. With the new school year starting I wanted to review the Cafeteria's Lunch and Breakfast procedures. If you have not done so, please fill out a Free and Reduced Lunch application. You can find them on the school's website, this current newsletter, or by calling the school and having one mailed. If at any time you have questions please give me a call.

Pre-pays

Prepays are always welcome and encouraged. It is an alternative to daily pay. You can pay by check or cash.

Pre-pay Online continues to be an option.

The school district uses a web based portion of our meal program, NUTRI-KIDS. This web-based portion will allow parents to pay for school lunches in advance on line and check what your child has eaten for a period of time. The web site is user friendly http://www.myschoolbucks.com/ and easy to set up accounts. The cost for this service will be \$1.95 per session, so do all of your children at once to save money. Please contact me for further information on this.

If you do not use the online feature, please include a note with your prepay so that I know where it is to go and to whom. Snacks are allowed to be charged on accounts with parents written permission only. As charging anything except main lunch is not allowed, prepays with parent permission will still not be allowed to charge snacks or anything extra if there is no money in the account for it.

Please contact me at 688-4411 if there are any problems.

If your child is on the prepay program and the account is getting low, I will mention it to him/her. If it runs under \$5.00, you will then get a telephone call from me to let you know. When your child hits the charging mark, he/she will not be allowed to charge snacks, only the main meal will be allowed to be charged until the balance is paid.

Prices

The lunch/ breakfast prices are as follows:

<u>K-12 Lunches</u>—\$2.00; <u>Pre-K-12 Breakfast</u>— \$1.35; <u>Milk</u>—\$.50

Reduced Lunches and Breakfast will remain at \$.25; Extra Main Dish-\$1.10

Extra lunch-\$2.00

Free and reduced lunch program information is included in this newsletter or is available at school.

The cafeteria will continue the NutriKids system, a computerized system which assists the district in producing electronic solutions for New York State Education Department reports.

Food Allergies

If you are concerned about a food allergy that your son/daughter has, please contact the cafeteria and also the school nurse, if you have not already done so.

We have a few students that are allergic to peanuts so we will be offering different types of sandwiches along with peanut butter.

The Breakfast Program

The breakfast program will continue this year. If your child receives free or reduced lunches, he/she is eligible for a free or reduced breakfast also. Adults will pay the ala carte price.

Breakfast will be served from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Grades 6 - 12 students going to breakfast between 7:30 and 8:06 must notify their first period teacher by 8:00 a.m. of their presence each morning for purposes of attendance. Students in the elementary grades should consult with their teachers about going to the cafeteria for breakfast.

STUDENT MEAL CHARGE PROCEDURE:

Policy Goals are:

- To treat all students with dignity and respect.
- To maintain a positive experience for the child during meal service.
- To establish practices that are age appropriate and
- To promote parents' responsibility for meal payments and self-responsibility of the student.

Grades K-12: are permitted to charge up to 3 lunches. When a meal(s) is charged the child's account will be in the red. When the maximum limit (\$5.00) is reached the Food Service Manager will call parent/guardians about the charges. Once the maximum charge has been reached students will be given an alternative

meal of a peanut butter and jelly sandwich with milk. The cost of the alternative meal(s) will be added to their account.

Please Note:

- 1. Parents/guardians will receive a phone call about charges. If you do not know how much your child owes, you can have your child ask or call the cafeteria at (315) 688-4411.
- 2. Students will not be allowed to charge breakfast and no alternative breakfast will be provided.
- 3. Students who bring funds for the day's meal but have the maximum charges on record will receive the menu being served that day.
- 4. Students are not permitted to charge ala carte/snacks while simultaneously charging a meal.
- 5. You are able to fill out a Free/Reduced Lunch application at anytime during the school year. If your household income changes during the school year, you are encouraged to fill out another application. Please call the school for an application or go to the school's website.
- 6. Negative balances at the end of the school year will be forwarded to the new school year. Students with outstanding charges from the prior school year will not be permitted to charge a meal until the outstanding balance has been satisfied. An alternative meal of a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and milk will be served. The cost of the alternative meal(s) will be added to their account.

If at any time you have questions about the School Lunch Program please feel free to call Nicole Grandjean at (315) 688-4411.



Copenhagen Central Trap Shooting Club



Copenhagen Trap Shooting Club: Back Row, L to R: Advisor Troy Buckley, Jacob O'Brien, Connor Carroll, Brandon Buckley, Spencer Strife, Cody Buckley, Cody Zubrzycki, Hunter Hayes, Tyler Culver, Ben Carroll; Front Row: Cody LaBarge, Kiersten Hancock, Olivia Buckley, Abbi Carroll, Allison Best, Hailey Tweedy, Duncan Zubrzycki

Below: Cody Zubrzycki receives the male top gun shooter award for the team.

Below: Abbi Carroll receives the female top gun shooter for the team. She also received overall high average for 2016 spring trap league









Time: 11:30 to 4:30

Where: Copenhagen Central in Gym B

To help speed up the donation process you can complete the health history questions ahead of time by visiting www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass. Be sure to answer all of the questions and then print the Rapid Pass or show it on a mobile device when you come to donate.

Contact Michelle Castor at mcastor@ccsknights.org or 315-688-4411 with questions or to schedule an appointment. You can also schedule an appointment by contacting the American Red Cross at www.redcrossblood.org/donating-blood or calling 1-800-RED **CROSS**

Elementary 1:1 Program News

Elementary students at CCS will have the benefit of 1:1 in Grades 2-5. Each year we evaluate the effectiveness of our program and make adjustments based on usability as well as on teacher and



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student feedback. As a result of this, each student in Grade 2 will be issued an iPad for use in their classrooms, while each student in Grades 3-5 will be issued a chromebook for use in their classrooms. Students in Pre-K - Grade 1 will have use of classroom sets of iPads shared among classmates. Each device is tailored to the individual learners in our Elementary program. During class lessons, devices in these classrooms allow for increased student participation, while during small group time, mobile learning can provide immediate feedback and differentiated instruction. Devices will be implemented in a manner which increases social interaction and participation, rather than isolates

children during use. In addition, student engagement increases when using mobile computing devices. Our teachers in these grade levels have been part of the planning process that supports mobile learning, and are very excited for the opportunity this brings to their students and classrooms. Devices used in Grades Pre-K through 5th are not part of our take home program. Because all devices in Pre-K ~ 5th Grade will not be part of a "take home" initiative, there will not be a need for protection plan enrollment for families of Elementary Students.

1:1 KnightPad Program News

The CCS KnightPad 1:1 Program has been in place since 2012, and is entering its fifth school year this Fall. Our District is committed to providing the benefits of equal access, standardization, and the ability to monitor progress while providing the capacity to develop and distribute digital content for our students. We are proud to provide our students with access to a multitude of digital tools that can support their learning both inside and outside of the classroom by fostering creativity, critical thinking and collaboration while at the same time improving communication and organization. This year the KnightPad 1:1 Take Home program will be serving students in Grades 6-12.

iPad Protection Plans

Application forms and details of plan coverage are available on our <u>website</u>. ALL students in Grades 6-12 are required to complete the plan application, and submit no later than **Wednesday**, **September 7**, regardless of the option they choose. We will be collecting plans at Grade 6 & 9 Orientations on **Tuesday**, **August 30**, and at Open House on **Thursday**, **September 1**. There will be staff available in the Library during the entire Open House to answer any questions you may have and to collect application forms.

NEW THIS YEAR - Pay online! We have worked closely with our myschoolbucks.com team to extend our online store to include not only the ability for parents to pre-pay for **School Lunches**, but also a new option to pay online for your student's **iPad Protection Plan!** When logged in to MY SCHOOL BUCKS, you will see a separate application entitled "iPad Protection" giving you the option to pay online . **In order to receive a family discount, you will need to pay for all at same time.** Look for more information about your options to pay online in a separate article in this newsletter and note that more information will be posted to both our website and facebook prior to the start of the new school year. Forms will also be available at school during the listed collection times/places, or feel free to download the forms from our website and complete ahead of time.

The cost of the plan remains:

Individual - \$25/per student
Family/Multi-Student - \$25 for first child/\$10 per subsequent child



The cost of the plan remains:

CCS is excited to offer **MySchoolBucks® School Store!** This online payment service provides an easy way to pay for **iPad Protection Plans for students in grades 6-12** using your credit/debit card or electronic check.

MySchoolBucks provides:

Convenience - Available 24/7 on the web.

Efficiency - Eliminate the need for your students to take money to school.

Flexibility - Make payments using credit/debit cards and electronic checks.

Security – MySchoolBucks adheres to the highest security standards, including PCI and CISP.

Enrollment is easy!

If you are already using MySchoolBucks to pay for school meals, your account is already set-up and ready to go! Just login and click on School Store.

If you need to set up an account ~ Go to www.MySchoolBucks.com and register for a free account.

Add your students using their school name and student ID. Make purchases with your credit/debit card or electronic check.

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support@myschoolbucks.com
1-855-832-5226
Visit myschoolbucks.com and click Help

The Classroom Connection

2nd Grade News

Mrs. Zehr and Mrs. Day

Welcome to Second grade! We hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer and are ready for another successful school year. In our rooms we will be learning many new reading skills, math skills, and reading lots of great books on many different topics. The first month of school students will be learning the rules and routines in the classroom as well as reviewing skills from first grade. Students will begin working with the first math module and the first skills module the second week of school. Also in the month of September students will enjoy their first Listening and Learning module on Fairytales and Tall Tales.

At Open House you will receive information regarding our classroom expectations for the year and our homework policy. You will have the opportunity to sign-up to bring in goodies for our holiday parties, as well as a chance to sign-up for parent-teacher conferences. We are excited to have you in our classes and to start another school year. We look forward to meeting you at Open House.

For those of you who have Mrs. Day don't panic, Ms. Brand got married over the summer and is now known as Mrs. Day.

3rd Grade News

Mrs. Muncy and Mrs. Virkler

We would like to welcome you to third grade. After all the organizing, decorating and planning, it looks like we are ready for another successful school year. Students can expect to travel to many remote communities around the world, explore many hands on experiments, gain a deep understanding of multiplication, division, and fractions, become fluent with math facts, and we will Read! Read! We are excited for the start of the school year! We are looking forward to getting to know you and your child. The doors are always open, so feel free to come in and visit at any time!

4th Grade News

Mrs. L'Huillier

Welcome back! This year fourth graders will continue to use the Common Core Curriculum in Math and ELA. In math, many of the skills will build upon material learned last year. In September we will work with place value, addition and subtraction. In October, we will be working on metric units and multiplication and division. It is very important for students to know their basic multiplication and division facts. Please encourage your student to practice these facts.

In ELA our first unit will focus on Personal Narratives. Students will learn about the different elements that make up personal narratives and will have practice writing their own. As we go through the year, we will focus on pulling specific details from the text to help support our writing.

In Science we will begin the year learning about the Planets and Solar System and in Social Studies class we will focus on geography skills and will begin talking about Native Americans in New York State.

We look forward to seeing you soon. Please feel free to stop in at any time!

Speech/Language Department News

By: Megan Wambold Speech/Language Therapist

Welcome back! It's a new school year and I wanted to take the time to re-introduce myself and provide some information about speech/language therapy. My name is Megan Wambold. This is my eleventh year here at Copenhagen as the speech/language therapist.

A child may be recommended for a speech/language screening by a teacher or parent. If you have any concerns about your child's speech/language skills, please contact the classroom teacher or me. Some kindergarteners will be rescreened for speech/language skills at the beginning of the school year, as mentioned during Kindergarten registration. Students that were in the speech improvement program last year may be rescreened to determine continued eligibility.

Initial screening requires parental consent and a form will be sent home requesting permission to screen speech,

language and/or auditory skill areas. All screening results will be provided for you, along with recommendations. Students that qualify may be eligible for the speech improvement program if there is space available.

If you would like more information about speech/language development, referral process and services, please feel free to visit my web page on the Copenhagen Central School web site. You can find it by clicking on: Classroom Web Pages- Student Services- Speech & Language Therapy. The web page also contains my phone number and email, if you would like to contact me. I look forward to working with the students and their families again this year.

Chorus and Band!!

Ms. Hall and Mrs. Harvey

We are looking forward to hearing all about your summer adventures in September! We hope you had a wonderful summer!

(Not in band or chorus? Join in the fun! Contact Mrs. Gillette (<u>bgillette@ccsknights.org</u>), Mrs. Harvey (<u>mharvey@ccsknights.org</u>), or Ms. Hall (<u>chall@ccsknights.org</u>) to join in!)

Instrument Information Night

Parents/Guardians of incoming 4th Grade students (or anyone interested in beginning a band instrument): Please join us in the band room on September 8th for Instrument Information Night! Mrs. Harvey will share lots of important information regarding the band program. Hope to see you there!

2016-2017 Music Department Events:



Mark your calendars! Many more to come in the fall!
September 8: Instrument Information Night
December 7: Winter Choral Concert

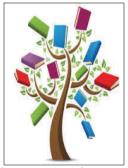
December 15: Winter Band Concert

March 6: Combined Concert with Lyme Central; @ Lyme this year

May 2017: CCS Musical

May 17: Spring Band Concert May 23: Spring Choral Concert

Library News!



Welcome back to another exciting school year. We are looking forward to the students arrival and the opportunity to share with them the wonderful selection of new titles that will be available in the library this year. The library will be open daily at 7:15 am to provide students with an opportunity to get some work done before school starts or simply enjoy a great book.

Please remember to continue to collect and send in your Box Tops for Education. Last year the library received over \$600 from this program helping us to purchase new books for our Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) program. The RIF program allows the library to purchase paperback books at a reduced cost to give to our students in grades pre-k through five. Each school year we host three book distributions where children are allowed to select a book of their choice. We are planning our first distribution for October.



November will be a busy month in the library. Please be sure to check the library website for current information regarding upcoming events. Our annual Scholastic book fair will be arriving in November and if you would like to volunteer to assist with the fair simply give us a call or send an email to kgreene@ccsknights.org or kfazio@ccsknights.org. Also, in November we will be hosting our fall Family Literacy Night for students in elementary grades and their parents. Reservations are required so don't forget to watch for updates!

Lewis County Department of Social Services is Looking for Families to Foster Children

With the ongoing drug epidemic and domestic violence concerns many children are being removed from their homes and placed in foster care. There are many times when family members will step up and take custody of these children, but there are also times when these children have nobody and they end up in foster care. Currently, Lewis County has seven open foster care and adoptive homes of which two of these homes are only used for temporary respite. At this time, all of our foster homes are full and unable to take on any more children. When this occurs, the department is forced to place children in homes outside of our agency including the Children's Home of Jefferson County, the House of the Good Shepherd, etc. It is our goal to recruit more foster homes so that the children who need to be placed are able to remain in their home town, near family and within their school district. This does not happen every time, but we do try to make this transition as easy as possible for these children as they have already been through so much. It can be very disruptive and upsetting for children to have to move to a new and unfamiliar home, let alone a home that is outside of the county. Please remember, "To the world you may be just one person, but to one person, you may be the world." Help make a difference today and become a Lewis County Foster Parent. Contact Mekesha Davis at 376-5724 or Patricia Mooney at 376-5404.



Student Drivers

As we begin the 2016-2017 school year, students who wish to drive to school MUST report to the Main Office to pick up a driving privilege form OR fill out the form on the following page and return it to the Main Office. This form must be signed by both the student and the parent. The student will be given a student parking permit to display in their window.

Students who drive are expected to drive in a reasonable manner. A student is not to return to his/her vehicle during school hours without permission. Students who wish to ride to school with another student must provide written parental permission to the principal in advance.

Students will park in the student parking lot only.

Any student who does not drive in a reasonable manner and jeopardizes the safety of themselves and others will have their driving permit revoked. The student's parent/guardian will also be notified. Any serious violations may result in a referral to law enforcement.



COPENHAGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DRIVING PRIVILEGE GUIDELINE 2016-2017

The privilege of driving a student's own or family vehicle to school is extended to the students of Copenhagen Central School. In order to qualify for that privilege, students are required to abide by the following rules.

- Student and parent/guardian must request permission for the student to drive to school.
- Vehicles to be driven to school must be registered with the high school office, and must comply with all legal requirements as registration, inspection, insurance, etc. Students must also hold a valid driver's license.
- Students must park only in designated areas. Students may not return to their vehicles during the school day without office permission (This includes not driving home for lunch).
- Drivers should not leave the building prior to the 2:47 p.m. dismissal bell. Please leave school grounds slowly and safely.
- Driving with other pupils in the vehicle is prohibited unless written permission is given by both sets of parents or guardians and it has been approved by Administration. Pupils must arrive to school and be in homeroom on time.
- Reckless driving is not permitted.
- Any authorized School Official may search a student vehicle if reasonable suspicion of a violation to the Code of Conduct has occurred.
- Privileges to drive may be suspended by the school administration for any length of time as deemed appropriate as a result of any rule violation.

I acknowledge the guidelines as stated above and agree to abide by them. I understand that failure to abide by any of the above stated rules may result in my privileges being revoked.

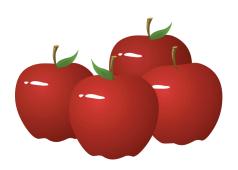
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	Parent/Guardian Signature
The above student has permission to dri	ve to school as indicated above.
	Mrs. O'Shaughnessy, K-12 Principal
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WWNY TV All Stars

At an awards ceremony held on June 8, 2016 two Copenhagen graduates were honored at a very nice ceremony. Claire Stackel, daughter of Robert and Katherine Stackel, was honored for being an Athletic Scholar and also an Academic Scholar.

Erica Sawyer, daughter of Mark Sawyer and Julie Sawyer was honored for being an Arts All Star. Erica was also honored with a \$1,000.00 scholarship.

Congratulations to Claire and Erica!





2016 NSCAA High School All-America Team Selected



The National Soccer Coaches Association of America has named Claire Stackel to the **2016 NSCAA High School Scholar All-America Team**. One of just 52 girls selected nationwide, Stackel will attend the NSCAA All-America Luncheon, Saturday, January 14, 2017, honoring all of the All-Americans for youth, high school and college soccer in 2016. The event will take place in conjunction with the 70th annual NSCAA Convention, January 11-15, 2017 at the Los Angeles Convention Center in Los Angeles, California. The luncheon is attended by over 1,000 players, their families and coaches and is an extraordinary event. In addition to recognition of the All-Americans, the luncheon honors the 2016 NSCAA Honorary All-American and members and players from Major League Soccer and National Women's Soccer League will be on hand to greet the players.

Congratulations, Claire, on being named one of the nation's best on the field and in the classroom during the 2015-16 academic year.



Newsletter Change

The newsletter will now be published once every two months. Our next newsletter will be for November and December. Due to possible changes in the breakfast/lunch menus October is not included in this edition, however menus are always available on our website. In the past we have also listed our sporting events and due frequent changes they will not be included. They are also located on the front page of the website as well as at www.schedulegalaxy.com. If you would prefer to receive a copy of our newsletter in the mail please contact the District Office at 688-4411. Our website address is www.ccsknights.org. Any questions on any upcoming events, please call the school anytime at 688-4411 and we will help you!

School Tax Collection

Collection of school taxes will be done in the District Office located in the front on the far right hand side as you face the building. (Look for the green "District Office" sign.) Parking is available near the District Office entrance.

The hours of collection will be Monday through Friday, except for holidays, and only during the following times:

- September 1, 2016—September 16, 2016—1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- September 19, 2016—October 3, 2016—9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- October 4, 2016—October 31, 2016—1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

When paying in person, please pay with check or money order, if possible. You may also remit payment by mail to "Copenhagen Central School Tax Collector", P.O. Box 49, Copenhagen, New York 13626. The penalty free period is September 1 through September 30, 2016. 2% penalty will be added from October 1, 2016 to October 31, 2016. Payments mailed and postmarked by September 30, 2016 will be received without penalty. All unpaid taxes will be returned to the County on November 1, 2016, to be re-levied on the January tax bill. Please read your tax bill carefully and remit the exact amount only.

If you receive a tax bill and you have an escrow account, please forward your bill to that bank. It is the bank's responsibility to notify the Real Property Tax Office that there is an escrow account for your property. If you have any questions regarding your STAR exemption, *please call your town assessor*.

"Save the Date"

The "Lewis County Night Out" (formally known as "National Night Out") is sponsored by the Lewis County Youth Bureau, Lewis County Sheriff's Office, Lewis County Opportunities, Inc, and Northern Regional Center for Independent Living. The event is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; recovery and generate support for, and participation in local anticrime efforts.



At this year's opening ceremony we will be recognizing Mountain View Prevention Services, a local prevention awareness program; Robert Rosolanko will provide a personal addiction testimony; and we will have a balloon release in remembrance of those who lost their lives in 2001, when terrorists attacked the World Trade Center Complex in New York City, the Pentagon in Washington D.C., and a plane full of innocent people crashed in a Pennsylvania Field.

There will be demonstrations by local Law Enforcement Agencies including K9 and NYS Police-Special Operations Response Team repelling (dependent on availability); Lowville Village Police Department-processing Safe Child ID cards; over 28 prevention awareness informational tables; McGruff the Crime Prevention Dog will be at the event; youth activities including a climbing wall; Face Painting, Reality Check-activity titled "airing out big tobacco's dirty laundry;" Fatal Vision Google experience for teens and more; drawing for gift cards/door prizes; Free Food; Moose Radio will be broadcasting at the event; and weather permitting Life Net Helicopter will be on-site.

Please mark your calendar, and join us for the 5th Annual "Lewis County Night Out" on Thursday, September 8th from 6pm to 8:30pm at the Lewis County Fairgrounds.

PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all parents, guardians, faculty, and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

The Copenhagen Central School District is required to maintain a list of parents, guardians, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48 hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications <u>ARE NOT</u> subject to prior notification:

- a school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72 hours following an application
- anti-microbial products;
- nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- nonvolatile insecticidal baits in

- tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- silica gels and other non volatile ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children;
- boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
- the application of EPA designated biopesticides;
- the application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR1 52.25;
- the use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps and hornets.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list.

If you would like to receive

48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school, please complete the form below and return it to Superintendent, Copenhagen Central School, P.O. Box 30, Copenhagen, NY 13626 or by fax to 315-688-2001.

Copenhagen Central School
Request for Pesticide
Application Notification

Name:
Address:
Daytime Phone:
Evening Phone:
E-mail Address:

Please feel free to contact Superintendent Scott Connell, pesticide representative at Copenhagen Central School District Office, P.O Box 30, Copenhagen, NY 13626; phone 315-688-4411 or fax 315-688-2001 for further information on these requirements.

Title IX Policy Statement

In compliance with Title IX of Federal Regulations, the Copenhagen Central School District will not discriminate in the employment of personnel, in the education of students or in the process of rendering services to the aforementioned on the basis of race, religion, national origin, or sex. It shall be stated further that no testing device or evaluation crite-

ria shall be used in such a way as to have a disproportionately adverse effect on persons on the basis of race, religion, national origin, or sex.

Anyone wishing further information or having inquiries on grievance procedures regarding the application of Title IX regulations may contact the District Compliance Coordinator. Those with further

questions may contact the Regional Office of Civil Rights.

Superintendent of Schools, Compliance Coordinator Copenhagen Central School P.O. Box 30 Copenhagen, NY 13626 315-688-4411

Dignity for All Students Act

- Pamela Ratliff, Pre-K- 5 Principal, Copenhagen Central School, P.O. Box 30, Copenhagen, NY 13626 (315-688-4411) is the Coordinator for the Dignity for All Students Act.
- The Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Brigitte Gillette, Copenhagen Central School, P.O. Box 30, Copenhagen, NY 13626 (315-688-2573) is the Alternate Coordinator for the Dignity for All Students Act.

Code of Conduct Summary

The New York State legislature requires every school in New York State to have a code of conduct in place to assure security and safety in schools

The Copenhagen Central School Code of Conduct establishes expectations regarding maintenance and order on school property, including school functions. The code governs the conduct of students, teachers, other school personnel and visitors. Provisions in the Copenhagen Central School Code of Conduct address: 1) conduct, dress and language deemed appropriate and acceptable or inappropriate and unacceptable; 2) acceptable and respectful treatment of teachers, administrators, school personnel,

students and visitors; 3) appropriate range of disciplinary measurers for violation of the code; and 4) the role of teachers, administrators, other school personnel, the Board of Education and parents. The entire Copenhagen Central School District Code of Conduct is available on the school website @www.ccsknights.org

Annual Asbestos Notification

In accordance with the Federal EPA Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), all public and private K -12 schools in the United States are required to inspect their facilities for asbestos. An additional requirement of the regulations is that parents and staff are to be informed that the inspection was done. Copenhagen Central School's facilities have been inspected for both friable (crumbles

easily) and non-friable materials which contain asbestos. All friable asbestos has been removed from the District's buildings. Non-friable asbestos materials were found in various areas in the buildings. These areas are both accessible and inaccessible to the students and staff members. The situation does not pose a health risk at this time and we are carrying on periodic inspections in ensure that there is no release of as-

bestos fibers.

The record of inspection, drawings showing the locations of the friable and non-friable materials and a copy of the management plan are secured by the District Office and available for your inspection.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the District Office at 688-4411.



Modified Baseball 2016—Coach Christopher Day

The Copenhagen Modified Baseball team's motto this season was "let's go to work." The team began working toward its goal of another perfect season in late March. Countless hours were spent in the gym, on the tennis courts and on the diamond working on the fundamentals of the game; base running, hitting, fielding and pitching. The hard work paid off for the Golden Knights, who finished the season with an excellent 12-1 record.

Strong pitching and defense carried the Golden Knights for much of the year. Keegan Morrow led the way with a perfect 6-0 record and a 2.10 ERA in 30 innings of work on the mound this year. When he wasn't pitching, Keegan found ways to impact the game at third base, or with his great arm behind the plate. Cody Powis and Lucas Graves rounded out the starting rotation, posting excellent ERA's of 3.00 and 3.18 respectively...not bad for two seventh graders! In addition to great pitching, the Golden Knights impressed coaches and fans with their defensive prowess. The team routinely picked off base runners, executed countless rundowns throughout the season, constantly made the routine plays, and sprinkled in some great catches in the outfield. The Golden Knights weren't too shabby at the plate either, finishing with a team batting average of .384. Garrett Tufo, Jacob O'Brien, Cody Powis, Keegan Morrow, Brady Guyette, Lucas Graves, and Johnathan Fitzpatrick all had 10 or more hits this season and all hit above .333.

The Modified boys were led by captains Johnathan Fitzpatrick, Keegan Morrow, Lucas Graves, Cody Powis and Austin Vrooman. These young men demonstrated tremendous character and leadership throughout the season. Not only were these players extremely talented, they were high character individuals who encouraged others to improve. Fernando Aguilar-Garcia, Tucker Carroll, Tyler Culver, Gunnar Freeman, Josh Freeman, Josh Gardner, Cameron Gray, Brady Guyette, Cody LaBarge, Jacob O'Brien, Clayton Parkin, Ben Ramer, Lukas Slate, Shareef Stokely and Garrett Tufo made up the rest of the Golden Knights roster. It was terrific for our baseball program to have 20 athletes on this year's modified team. The future of Copenhagen baseball is bright.

I would really like to thank my scorekeeper John Day and all the fans and parents for being supportive and coming to cheer on the boys each game. We had some really big crowds at our home games this year! It was a terrific season and I am already looking forward to next year working with many of the same players while watching others excel at the next level.

Modified Softball 2016—Coach Molly Curtis

The Modified Girls finished their season with a 6-4 record and this was done with only two returning girls from last season. This was a very young and inexperienced team and that showed in many games, but the girls worked hard and never gave up. The level of improvement from every single girl on this team is what I am most proud of them for. One of our most well played games was beating Alex Bay 20-8, after losing to them in the bottom of the 7th the first time we played them. We also beat Sackets Harbor 18-17, after losing to them 17-16 in the bottom of the 7th earlier in the season. Some other highlight games include beating Lyme and LaFargeville twice. We ended our season with a double play, beating LaFargeville 23-11!

The team consisted of Abbigail Carroll, Chelsey Hancock, Colene Herzig, Shyla Rumble, Morgan Smith, Allison Best, Riley Cannan, Meaghan Fitzpatrick, Ale Marolf, Riley Pierce, Brooke Smykla, and Madison Uhlinger. Offensively we were led by Madison Uhlinger, Brooke Smykla, and Meaghan Fitzpatrick with 2 home runs and Allison Best who added 1 home run, all of whom hit over .400. Our defense was led by our pitchers Brooke Smykla and Meaghan Fitzpatrick. Our outfield and infield improved greatly and the plays they were making toward the end of the season were exciting to see. I enjoyed working with this group of girls and I believe with the right amount of work put in that their future on the softball field is very promising. They all improved and I look forward to seeing them all continue to improve and help the program at the next level.

I would really like to thank Amanda Kloster for being my assistant coach and helping us out this season! Thank you to all of our fans and parents for being supportive and coming to cheer on the girls. We have some talented softball players coming up and I expect great things from these girls in the future!

Abbi Carroll 10/26 .385 Shyla Rumble 5/17 .294 Colene Herzig 9/24 .375 Ale Marolf 2/16 .125 Allison Best 14/30 .467 Riley Cannan 0/10 .000 Riley Pierce 3/14 .214 Brooke Smykla 15/33 .455 <u>Team: 95/269 .353</u>

Morgan Smith 7/28 .250 Chelsey Hancock 5/19 .263 Madison Uhlinger 11/22 .500 Meaghan Fitzpatrick 14/30 .467



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Lewis County Public Health would like to remind you of vaccine recommendations for your child per the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Vaccines are studied and proven to be effective in protecting against 14 vaccine-preventable diseases. New York State Department of Health has made some vaccines mandatory for school entry based on the knowledge and science that supports the success of reducing, and in some cases, eliminating diseases that at one time caused serious health problems and even death. Please call Lewis County Public Health at 376-5453 with any questions regarding vaccines your child may need or other questions you may have regarding this 2016-2017 NYS Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance schedule.

Vaccines	Kindergarten and Grades 1 and 2	Grades 3, 4 and 5	Grades 6, 7 and 8	Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12	
Diphtheria and Tetanus toxoid- containing vac- cine and Pertussis vaccine (DTaP/ DTP/Tdap)	5 doses or 4 doses If the 4 th dose was received at 4 years of age or older or 3 doses if aged 7 years or older and the series was started at 1 year of age or older		3 doses		
Tetanus and Diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine booster (Tdap)	Not app	plicable	1 d	ose	
Polio vaccine (IPV/OPV)	4 doses or 3 doses if the 3 rd dose was re- ceived at 4 years of age or older	3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses if the 3 rd dose was re- ceived at 4 years of age or older	3 doses	
Measles, Mumps and Rubella vac- cine (MMR)	2 doses				
Hepatitis B Vac- cine	3 doses or 2 doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax) for children who received the doses at least 4 months apart between the ages of 11 through 15 years of age				
Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine	2 doses	1 dose	2 doses	1 dose	
Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY)	Not app	olicable	By Grade 7: 1 dose	Grade 12: 2 doses or 1 dose if the dose was received at 16 years of age or older	

Copenhagen Central School P.O. Box 30 Copenhagen, New York 13626 Address Service Requested

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School Opens on Tuesday, September 6, 2016, at 8:00 a.m. Dismissal will be at 2:47 p.m. In the morning buses will leave at their normal time. Bus students can be expected to be picked up at their home at approximately the same time they were last year but they should be ready 10 minutes early in the event there is a route modification. Those who have significant time changes have been notified.



Class Fundraisers

Students begin accumulating a class treasury in seventh grade. Each dollar of profit equals one "point." Students who participate in class fundraising earn one point for every dollar of *profit* to put into the class treasury toward a class trip and graduation during their senior year. To participate in the trip each student is required to earn \$200 of the money, to cover the cost. The senior class last year needed a total of \$1200 or 1200 points.

Copenhagen Central School District

New this year, we have chosen to have our School Portraits photographed by Lifetouch School Portraits!

Below is some helpful information for you to make ordering your school portraits easy and convenient.

School Portrait Day is scheduled for September 8, 2016

All students will be photographed for school records, unless you have notified the school that your child may not be photographed.

To order a Portrait Package for your child:

Visit the Lifetouch website at MyLifetouch.com, and enter the portrait day ID#- located on the order form. When ordering online, you can custom create your own package, with a different background for every sheet ordered, if

you prefer. Note: the online ordering site will stay open for 48 hours after Portrait Day. So if you forgot to order prior to Portrait Day, you still have time!

Fill out the Order Form that will be sent home, and have your child turn it in to the photographer on Portrait day.

** A complimentary Class Photo will be provided by Lifetouch for all students photographed for grades PK-5. Class pictures will not be done until picture retake day on October 11, 2016.

If you have any questions please contact Lifetouch Customer Service 315-752-3081