



# Charleston Elementary School

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CES Families,

Happy New Year! I trust that you all had a great break. This week, we have decided to cancel Winter Programming on Wednesday. The forecast calls for high winds and rain, so the day will be spent at the school for kids. Hopefully we will be able to go to Burke and Northwoods on 1/17.

We will have a fire drill sometime this week (1/8-1/11). Additionally, we will have an options based drill on Friday, January 19th. This drill will be similar to the one in the fall. Students will be evacuated from CES. We will conduct bus evacuation drills at the same time.

Just as a reminder, there is no school on Friday, 1/12, or Monday, 1/15. Friday is an NEKEA Day and Monday is MLK Jr. Day.

I hope you consider having your child(ren) attend the STEAM Nights at CES on Tuesdays from 5 to 7. The dates are below. A sign up has been send via Parent Square.

On Wednesday, January 24th, NCSU will host a Community Forum at CES. Food will be provided. The evening will be spent giving input and generating ideas on how to improve North Country Supervisory Union. The Forum will begin at 5:30. I am hopeful that many of you will choose to stay after picking up kids from Winter Programming or Encore.

This week, Wednesday, Jan 10, 2024, the CES board will meet at 6:30PM. The board will take action to approve the proposed budget for next year. It will be important that community members take the time to learn more about the budget prior to voting on Town Meeting Day. The approved budget will then be explained by the board to the town in our February Meeting. Given the changes in education funding, the loss of the "Small School Grant", and the drop in the Common Level of Appraisal, CES, and all area schools are experiencing high increases to the tax rate. I hope you will take the time to come to the meeting to further learn and discuss what is happening!

Lastly, Bradie Lamoureux, a CES 8th grader, has created an image for Charleston that I will begin to change to. I am sure you will be incredibly impressed with his design. As we make the change, we will get merchandise that will show the great new logo! Thank you, Bradie, for taking initiative to put this together! I am extremely excited to share this with our community!

Upcoming events:

- CES Winter Programming–1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27
- STEAM Night @ CES 1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6
- 1/10 MCIA Meeting @ 5:30PM

- 1/10 CES Board Meeting @ 6:30PM
- 1/12–NEKEA Day–No School
- 1/15–MLK Jr. Day–No School
- 1/19–Option Based Drill
- 1/20–MCIA Sledding Party
- 1/24–NCSU Community Forum @ CES
- 1/26–EST Day
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With the Utmost Respect,

Chris Lawson, Principal