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CES Families,

Thank you for your hard work in helping kids be rested for testing throughout the last couple weeks. Shifting the testing to the middle of the window proved to be a great strategy as we had very few technological issues with the COGNIA platform. We did have a day last week where the platform took a long time for kids to login. We worked through that. Additionally, there was a day where the internet was out (district wide) right at the end of the testing block. Overall, kids were able to finish with few issues. Some students have makeup sessions, so we will continue working on those makeup sessions through the rest of the testing window.

We have a number of activities and trips planned throughout the end of the school year. While this will likely not be an all inclusive list, it is the currently known activities that are happening. Please let me, or your child's teacher, know if you have any questions.

- May 18–Grades PreK to 5 to NCUHS for Dance Presentation
- May 19–8th grade trip to CCV
- May 20–MCIA Summer Kickoff Event from 2 to 5 PM
- May 22–Grades 7 and 8 place flags on veteran graves in Charleston
- May 25–Early Release
- May 25–Student Led Conferences–See Teacher messages to create appointment
- May 26–No School for kids–Student Led Conferences
- June 1–Presentation of Learning from 5 to 7PM
- June 2–Grades 5-6 will be going to Old Stone House
- June 7–3rd grade to Lake Memphremagog
- June 9–8th Grade to Coutts for High School Transition Day
- June 9–Last day of PreK
- June 12–Story Board Installation
- June 13–Beach Day (Rain date alternate on 6/14)
- June 15-16–8th grade trip
- June 19–Last Student Day (Early Release)
- June 19–8th Grade Graduation
- June 20–Last day for staff

As the year progresses, I am constantly amazed at the hard work of staff. Throughout the year, there is emotional stress that teachers are constantly facing from behaviors, family struggles, community concerns, political drama, and their own personal lives. Continually, they show dedication, professionalism, and an incredible amount of empathy toward our students, colleagues, and families. Thank you to all of you who took the time to make Teacher Appreciation week special for staff. The Charleston community is such a caring, supportive community and I know that we all feel blessed to be able to serve. I hope our work continually exemplifies our desire to give back.

With the Utmost Respect,

Chris Lawson, Principal