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CES Families,

I hope you are well. Thank you for again supporting CES with the budget. I know the increase was a large ask. I am hopeful that future budget years assist in reducing the tax rate as the housing market improves.

Last week was the last of the Winter Programming days this year. As you know, the lift stopped working with about twenty of our students needing to be evacuated from the chair by ski patrol. I appreciate your concern, your patience, and your understanding as we navigated that situation. It definitely gave the kids something to write about! For those chaperones who attended, Mr. Lapham will be in touch with the total owed. Checks can be written to Charleston Elementary School.

I have shared a link for the parent perception survey for the 2023-2024 school year. I anticipate this survey taking ten to fifteen minutes to complete. Please take the time to give anonymous feedback on how we are doing to serve students and families in our mission. (<https://forms.gle/pRwnrZB99usM68us8>)

QR Code for survey:



On April 1, 2024, there will be a Community Forum held at CES at 5:30PM. This event will be to discuss sending 7th and 8th grade students to North Country Junior High School. This idea was brought up by a parent during the budget process. The CES board agreed to look into this option. Please plan to attend this important meeting to reflect on your child(ren)s education.

COGNIA testing will begin at CES on March 25. COGNIA replaced SBAC as the state level assessment. The first week will be spent assessing 5th and 8th grade students in science during their science block. Week two and three will focus on ELA and math, respectfully, and will be completed from 8:30 to 10AM. Please ensure students are on time to school and get a good night's sleep. It is also really helpful to discuss the importance of this assessment to kids. Given they do not get the results for months, it is easy to believe this assessment does not matter—I assure you it does. If you have questions, please let me know.

Upcoming events:

- 3/21–NCSU Full School Board Meeting
- 3/21–Early Release Day
- 3/22–NCSU PD Day–No school for kids
- 3/24–MCIA Easter Egg Hunt @ 10AM

- 3/25–Circus Artist in Residence begins
- 3/25–Science COGNIA Test grades 5 and 8
- 3/29–Trimester 2 Progress Report go home
- 4/1–ELA COGNIA Grade 3-8
- 4/1–Community Forum @ 5:30PM
- 4/4–Spring Concert–Culminating Circus Event
- 4/5–MCIA Movie Night
- 4/8–Math COGNIA Grade 3-8
- 4/10–MCIA Meeting @ 5:30PM
- 4/10–CES School Board Meeting @ 6:30PM
- 4/11–Rethink Your Drink Program 4 to 6PM

With the Utmost Respect,

Chris Lawson, Principal