



Cornwall Central School District

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Department of Human Resources

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Welcome
TO THE TEAM

The District welcomes the following full-time employees to the Cornwall family:

Name	Position	Location
Benjamin Lustman	Custodian	Buildings & Grounds
Michele Drossos-Yorke	Payroll Clerk	District Office
Jennifer Bochart	Custodian	Buildings & Grounds
Brent Harrington	Director of HR and Personnel Development	District Office
Katie Box	Spanish	CCMS
Kristen Degroot	Art	CES
Courtney Jones	Special Ed/Math	CCHS
Raul Rodriguez	Assistant Principal	CCHS
Sarah Bigelow	2nd Grade	CES
Christine Pallus	2nd Grade	CES

Cornwall Central School District Mission Statement

The Cornwall Central School District is committed to work together with the community to provide a secure and nurturing environment of diverse learning opportunities for all students. It is our goal to help students achieve their dreams and aspirations and to prepare them to confidently face challenges while promoting strength of mind, body and character.

STAFF NEWS



Cornwall Elementary School

Congratulations Brittany! Brittany and her husband, Adam, welcomed their son, Lenny P. Bender, on July 13th at 1:24 pm. Lenny weighed 7 lbs 1 oz and was 20 ½ inches long. Both Brittany and Lenny are doing well!

Cornwall Central Middle School

Congratulations Sam Sabini! Sam welcomed Santino Jae Kennedy on July 15th at 6:47 pm. Santino weighed in at 7 lbs 10 oz and 19.5 inches. Both Sam and Santino are doing well!

A new member of the family? A recent graduation? A milestone anniversary?

Do you have good news to share?

Please complete the form [here](#) to be recognized and celebrated in October's newsletter.

Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 - October 15)



Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by

President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988.

The day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively. Also, Columbus Day is October 12, which falls within this 30 day period.

From <https://hispanicheritagemonth.gov>



The Preferred Group Flex [Brochure](#) and a blank Enrollment Form can be obtained from Patricia Oginz. Please note that if you were a member last year, your pre-filled form will be in your building's main office mailbox.

For further information or questions, please contact Patricia Oginz at ext. 7110 or poginz@cornwallschools.com. It is important to note that your signed enrollment form must be received in the District office no later than Friday, September 15, 2023.

Finally, Flexible Spending Account Plans run from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

Preferred Group

FSA and Dependent Day Care Enrollment forms need to be in the Benefits Dept.
NO LATER THAN SEPT. 15, 2023

Mandated Training

It's your responsibility.



All Cornwall employees are required by state and federal law to participate in mandated trainings. Trainings are accessible online 24/7 via the link below:

www.gentraining.com
Organization ID is: 171153c

The deadline for completion of annual training is **September 30th**.

As a reminder, employees that do not complete the required trainings will receive a formal letter from HR that will be placed in their personnel file.



DID YOU KNOW?

September is National Yoga Month



Posts from Payroll



Do you make a regular contribution to a 403(b) plan? A 403(b) plan allows you to save towards retirement and helps to further supplement your pension benefit and future social security entitlement.

Contributions are pre-taxed and investment gains are not taxed until an individual begins to withdraw from their fund, most often at 59 ½ years of age. And, contributions can be carried over from one employer to another.

Further information can be found [here](#) or by going to <https://omni403b.com>.



The [National Council on Teacher Quality](#) (NCTQ) notes the importance of staff attendance as a critical factor that influences student achievement. While circumstances in our personal lives will necessitate our need to occasionally be out of school, research does show an excess of absences (most often noted at 10 days) has a negative impact on a child's academic and social-emotional growth.

National Board Recognition

Congratulations to John Hines on securing his National Board Teaching Certification in mathematics!



Schools Closed

SCHOOLS CLOSED

MGN

9/4
9/25

**Labor Day
Yom Kippur**



35 Years

David Feuer	CCHS	Health
Richard Palkovic	Building & Grounds	Custodial Worker

30 Years

Heather Firestone	CCMS	Special Education
Gerri Smith	CCHS	Counselor
Vernon Van Oyan	Buildings and Grounds	Sr. Groundsman
Jennifer Vanderberg	CCMS	6th Grade

25 Years

Lauren Crill	CES	Kindergarten
Elisa Dugatkin	WAE & COH	Psychologist
Linda Parrella	CCHS	Science
Danny Zayas	CCHS	Science

"Striving for Excellence Every Day"