



Charleston Elementary School

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Mustang Families,

Thank you all for your participation with Flannel Friday! Charleston raised just over \$200 and had over 70% participate in wearing flannel! Money across our SU and region go to support local food shelves.

As we move into the coming week, please remember that there is no school for kids on Friday. This time allows our teachers to take part in professional development.

This week reminded us all of how close we are to COVID-19. It is a real threat in our community. As we have been fortunate to have learning in person full time with no need to be dismissed for COVID, it takes all of us working together to ensure we can remain in school. By wearing a mask, washing hands regularly, staying home when you don't feel well, getting tested, quarantining upon return from travel, and physical distancing, we, hopefully, will be able to remain in person.

Scents--Please be sure that the sanitizer and lotions that are being used in our building are scent free. Various members of our school community are very sensitive to smells and will have adverse health effects because of those strong smells. The school provides sanitizer, and if you need lotion, please have the scent free type. Thank you for understanding.

Lunch--As students plan to bring lunch from home, please remember that we cannot heat up food that students bring in. Supervision does not allow teachers to step out to heat up the food, so it is best to bring food that does not need to be heated. Thank you for understanding.

Town Meeting Informational Meeting: School books are available. They will be placed at both Charleston Post Offices as well as in Scampy's and the Corner Store. Given COVID-19, we will hold our Annual School Meeting virtually. The informational meeting will be held on Monday, March 1st at 6PM on Zoom. We will also spend time at our February 10th meeting to explain the budget. This will be the time for the community to ask questions and better understand the proposed school budget. We will plan to record the February meeting to post online in case people are unable to attend but are interested in the learning.

Town Meeting Flyer:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CEZP152lt3v-cPywVIlbF3o4DQ6k5ljo/view?usp=sharing>

**Town Meeting Info: Charleston Annual Town & School District Meeting ELECTION
Tuesday, March 2, 20201**

Vote at the polls from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm
Town Clerk's Office, 5063 VT Route 105

OR

Request an absentee ballot:

- Online at mvp.vermont.gov
- Request by phone 895-2814
- Drop of a request form at the Town Clerk's Office (attached)
- Email townofcharlestonvt@comcast.net Ask for the Town & School Meeting ballot and include your name & mailing address

Important! Absentee ballots must be requested by 3:00pm on March 1st and received by the Clerk before 7:00 pm on March 2nd. Ballots will be available by February 10th.

Online voter registration available at <https://olvr.vermont.gov/>

Absentee Ballot Form:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1oO1i0NKBaFz_A6wBZSV0MkhsUW9-NZf1/view?usp=sharing

Flannel Friday: 2/5/2021 Flyer:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1q4Lj6gR21W4KpeQR0IXHpF7YCeudhC1P/view?usp=sharing>

Spelling Bee: It's Bee Season once again! This year's spelling bee will be a bit different than in years past. Grades 1-8 will each hold a classroom bee, and then the winner will progress to our school bee. Non winners will be allowed to participate in the school bee if so desired. Thursday, February 18th is the big day.

The 2021 Vermont State Spelling Bee has been cancelled. CES will still proceed with plans for our school spelling bee. 1-2 students will represent each class. Even though our school champ will not be able to advance to the next spelling level, we are still excited to continue with this exciting academic competition.

The study list follows this letter. [Word List](#)

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Happy studying!

Winter Programming: Winter programming will be on Thursdays this year. Please help us by ensuring your kids have warm winter gear. This includes, hat, snow pants, gloves, scarf

or balaclava, boots, and winter coat. If you would like the school to help obtain these items for your child, please speak with Jessica Donnelly.

2/11--Winter programming-- $\frac{3}{4}$ class to Northwoods

Schedule: Please remember the changes in the schedule in the following weeks:

2/10--School Board Budget Presentation Meeting.

2/12--Professional Development--No School

2/18--Spelling Bee

2/22-3/2--Winter Break--No School

3/1--Town Meeting Informational Meeting at 6PM (virtual)

3/2--Town Meeting--Australian Ballot

I hope you enjoy your weekend. As always, please let me know if you have any questions. Be Safe!

Sincerely,

Chris Lawson
Principal