



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events

September

18 Progress Reports

24-25 NO SCHOOL
Teacher's In Service Days

TBD Hearing & Vision Testing 8th &
New Students

October

7 Walk-A-Thon Event

14 Walk-A-Thon Rain Date

TBD Vision & Hearing Testing
(K4-5th students)

14 SCA "See You at the Pole" 7:30am
PSAT Testing @ CCS

16 Spirit Day
End of 1st Quarter

19-24 MACS Soccer Tournaments

CCS News

Off to a Great Start!

Almost a month into the school year, we are very proud of how our staff, students, and families have handled not only the start to a new year but the start to the year under unique COVID-dictated circumstances. Our students have done a great job of wearing masks and having a positive attitude given the restrictions in place. Their efforts have kept us healthy and enabled in-person learning to continue. Thank you all for your cooperation. Now let's have a great year!

Congratulations to our Elementary Students of the Month!

K5A- Gaius Stephens
K5B- Lydia Chong
1A- Priscilla Chong
1B- Ella Belcher
2- Elyse Dandurant
3- Paige Bassler
4- Jed Skidmore
5- Bella Haines

It's Soccer Season!

Our boys' soccer teams are excited to take the field this season. Coaches Josh Belcher, Bob Leon, and Mike Goodwin have led our varsity boys to their current winning record. They added to their win column tonight as they dominated over the Frederick Defenders. Our middle school boys, led by Coach Andrew Reisberg, are working hard to build skills and play competitively this fall.



The Benefits of Cursive Go Beyond Writing

by Suzanne Baruch Asherson

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Putting pen to paper stimulates the brain like nothing else, even in this age of e-mails, texts and tweets. In fact, learning to write in cursive is shown to improve brain development in the areas of thinking, language and working memory. Cursive handwriting stimulates brain synapses and synchronicity between the left and right hemispheres, something absent from printing and typing.

As a result, the physical act of writing in cursive leads to increased comprehension and participation. Interestingly, a few years ago, the College Board found that students who wrote in cursive for the essay portion of the SAT scored slightly higher than those who printed, which experts believe is because the speed and efficiency of writing in cursive allowed the students to focus on the content of their essays.

Some argue that cursive is no longer relevant because it isn't included in the Common Core State Standards. But these standards only include those skills that are testable and measurable in the classroom; they don't address basic foundation skills, like handwriting or even spelling. That said, the Common Core emphasizes the importance of expository writing to demonstrate understanding of key concepts, and fast, legible handwriting is the technology universally available to students to facilitate content development. Cursive, therefore, is vital to helping students master the standards of written expression and critical thinking, life skills that go well beyond the classroom.

With all this said, does cursive need to be fancy with slants, loops and curls? Absolutely not! The emphasis should be on simplicity and function when teaching children cursive.

Regardless of the age we are in or the technological resources at one's disposal, success is measured by thought formation, and the speed and efficiency in which it is communicated. Because of this, students need a variety of technologies, including cursive handwriting, to succeed.