



Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School

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Notes to Home: November 17, 2025

Greetings CCLCS Families,

For those that have been paying attention, the growth and development of our students has been noticeable and remarkable over the past three months. It's worth stopping every once in a while to recognize this fact (and nearing the end of the first trimester seems like an appropriate time to do so), as each inch of physical growth at this age is accompanied by the formation of literally trillions of synapses in the brain. In our classrooms, students are finding their voices and speaking their minds. On our athletic fields, they have celebrated individual achievements and group triumphs, with two new Super Six championship banners gracing our entry hallway. Off campus, whether at Camp Burgess, Northeastern University, the Laurel School, or the local ice rink, they have learned new skills and applied them to the larger world. I can't wait to share these accomplishments with prospective families at our first Open House of the year tomorrow evening.

Warm regards,

Ben

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### Admissions Open House

**TOMORROW (Tuesday) at 6pm!**

If you have a 5th grade sibling at home, or know of anyone who would be a good fit for CCLCS next year, please help us spread the word!!!

We are entering a busy time of year! If you know about **upcoming student absences**, please let us know as far in advance as possible. You can email these dates to [attendance@cclcs.info](mailto:attendance@cclcs.info).

### Charter Schools Need Your Support

There are several bills being considered by the State Senate that risk jeopardizing charter school funding. Please see the bulletin at the end of Notes to Home from the Massachusetts Charter Public School Association and click the link to help us fight these damaging bills. We appreciate your support!



### CAPE COD LIGHTHOUSE CHARTER SCHOOL

**Admissions Open Houses: Nov. 18, 2025 & Jan. 8, 2026. 6pm**

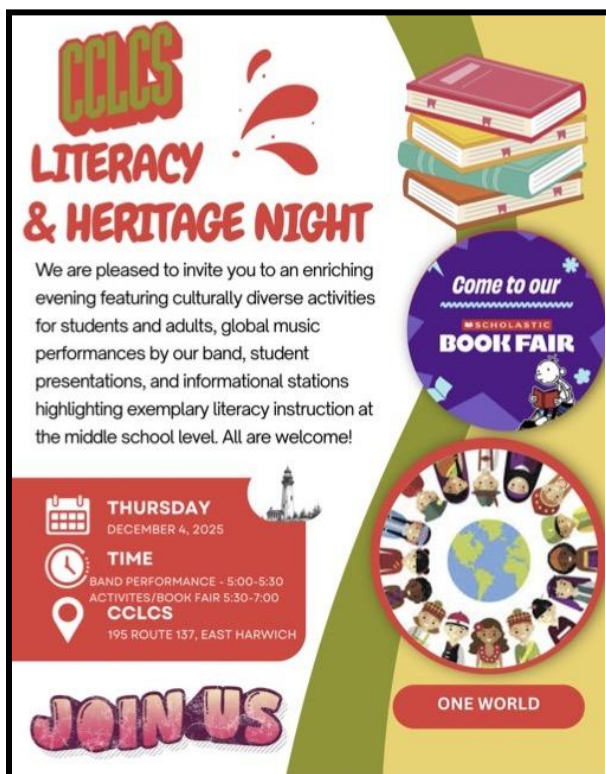
**CCLCS is a public charter school serving students in grades 6-8. Our students engage in a project-rich curriculum designed to challenge and excite, supporting the development of middle school minds, bodies & hearts**

Admission is open to all Barnstable County residents regardless of race, color, national origin, housing status, creed, gender, gender identity, ethnicity, sexual orientation, mental or physical ability, age, ancestry, special need, proficiency in the English language or a foreign language, or prior academic achievement.

**Students are selected for enrollment by lottery on February 26, 2026**

**Online application. Due February 23rd, 2026**  
[www.cclighthouseschool.org/admissions](http://www.cclighthouseschool.org/admissions)  
Questions? Email [admissions@cclcs.info](mailto:admissions@cclcs.info)

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## CCLCS Literacy & Heritage Night

Thursday, December 4th

Music Performance: 5-5:30pm

Book Fair, Literacy & Heritage Activities: 5:30-7pm

All Encouraged to attend!! A wonderful way to celebrate community and chip away at some holiday shopping!

We Still Need Book Fair Volunteers 12/3, 12/4, and 12/5!! <https://tinyurl.com/yn2v492f>

CCLCS is still gathering **non-perishable food items** for the Family Pantry in Harwich. Items are collected in homerooms!

We are one week away from **The end of Term One!!** We encourage all students to review

Jupiter Grades and touch base with their teachers as needed. Report cards are sent in December.

**The Comfort Dogs** will visit 7th Grade Spanish and ELA during first period on Tuesday!

CCLCS is partnering with **Cape Kid Meals**. If your family would benefit from receiving food to take home weekly or before vacation, please fill out the following confidential form: <https://tinyurl.com/5664f5es>

Week 3 of the **Read-A-Thon**: Students can still join!! If you haven't already, please take a moment to activate your child's personal reader page by clicking on the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/3xtxdpd> To those already participating, keep reading!!

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Office of Public School Monitoring (PSM) will conduct an **Integrated Monitoring Review of Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School** during the week of December 15, 2025. Each school district, charter school, vocational school, and virtual school undergoes an Integrated Monitoring Review every three years. To read more please see the following:

English: <https://tinyurl.com/5b4eybaw>

Portuguese: <https://tinyurl.com/jf5h55ft>

Nepali: <https://tinyurl.com/47hu67k6>

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Clubs & Seminars!

Model UN Club! Congratulations to our delegates who participated in the Northeastern conference on Saturday. You did a great job! :) All Model UN members: There will be NO MODEL UN until WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3rd. See you then!

Lego Club: Lego club Tuesday during lunch/recess! Same place, don't forget to sign up at the office! The maximum number is 6 students!

Seminars! FUNDRAISER FOR WOODWORKING TOOLS! Mr. Stewart is working to get his classroom equipped with some proper power tools and hand tools to let his Seminar and XP students explore the wonderful world of carpentry and woodworking. **All donations made on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 WILL BE MATCHED**, so if you're able to support this project, please wait until Wednesday and click the link to the DonorsChoose project page. Thank you!
<https://tinyurl.com/mr46kay7>

The **Girl Power Seminar** is seeking donations for the CCLCS care closet. They are looking for personal hygiene items that students may need during their day (mini deodorant, hair brush, safety pins, hair ties, hair products, dry shampoo, etc). They are also seeking items that we can send home to families in need - like body wash, shampoo, conditioner and/or gift cards (CVS, Stop and Shop, Shaws). Please contact Mrs. Berner for a full list of needs or with any questions.

ART SPARK: ART SPARK meets this Wednesday, 11/19, from 3-4:45 PM in the Art Studio. Thank you to the families who have volunteered to provide snacks + and drinks this week!

Homework Club: Homework Club is open to all grades and meets on Mondays after school from 3:00-4:00. The purpose is to provide a quiet, structured space for kids to complete assignments. No sign up is necessary. Please pick up promptly at 4:00 PM.

Roots and Shoots: Roots and Shoots will meet Thursday afternoon for its regular meeting until 4:00 PM. Students will continue working on the mural. Students are also developing a program to improve the school's reduce, reuse, recycle program. Approaching the holiday season, students will be collaborating with seniors to make crafts that can be sold to raise money for animal shelters. Students will also help host the book fair in December. In short, there's lots going on! Come join us!!

Rainbow Alliance: The Rainbow Alliance will meet Tuesday at lunch.

Music!

There will be **Band** lessons for band instruments during the day on Tuesday. Students who were invited to the before school band should continue to join us on Tuesdays from 7:45-8:30. This is just a start, more beginner musicians will be included when ready! Questions can be directed to msmith@cclcs.info

Important Concert This Week! All members of the Chorus & Musical Theater Show Choir will be singing a concert at 1:00 on Thursday afternoon at Woodlands nursing facility in Brewster. We will leave the school by vans at 12:30 and be back before the end of the school day.

CCLCS STRINGS! Sorry that I missed last Friday. The schedule for this week is as follows: Wednesday, Nov. 19th, at 7:45 is Olive in the Spanish room. Friday, November 21 at 7:45 is Ensemble for all. Because I missed last Friday, the sectionals for Friday the 21st will be: first period, Stella and second period, Anna and Aurora. See you all very soon. Mrs. Schultze

CCLCS Chorus: Thursdays before school from 7:45-8:30. All students are welcome to join.

Musical Theater Show Choir: Fridays after school from 3:00-4:00. Very important rehearsal!!!

Sports!

Winter sports will begin after the Thanksgiving break. Signups will be posted soon!

6th Grade

Week at a Glance: <https://tinyurl.com/mwumczy6>

6th Grade Art: Sixth graders are finishing their figure drawing projects, exploring warm, cool, and contrasting colors with colored pencils. Their work looks fantastic! We are now shifting into learning about glaze and will glaze their clay creatures next.

7th Grade

7th Grade Assessment Calendar: <https://tinyurl.com/47ytyerr>

 **7th Grade Skating Party!**  On Tuesday, November 25th the 7th grade will be headed to the Charles Moore Arena for a grade level skating party during the half day! This trip happens during the school day and will be paid for by money raised for our student activities fund. Rental skates are included but students are encouraged to bring their own skates if they have them.

Math: Math class looks to wrap up chapter 2 with the test on Wednesday. We will then start research for the upcoming restaurant project.

Art: Seventh graders have wrapped up their Halloween sketchbook assignments and transformed one of their drawings into scratch art. They are now transitioning into self-portraits, a very challenging form of observational drawing. The goal is to begin with a realistic approach to drawing themselves and then move into a more abstract study of the self.

8th Grade

Week at a Glance: <https://tinyurl.com/wsp6fj73>

Art: Eighth graders began a project last Monday inspired by In Flanders Fields by John McCrae, a poem shared by Dr. Parsons for Veterans Day to the staff at CCLCS. Students read the poem and are creating a drawing/watercolor based on the imagery within it. Once finished, they will move into a still-life project drawn from observation.

French: Mon: Un-birthday party! Tues: Quiz on days of the year, months of the year, numbers 1-31 (review), weather & seasons Wed-Fri: Classroom Unit (classroom objects & commands) + Six-Sept Video Competition (Friday)

Science G8 Science Quiz on Wednesday, November 19. Topic: Density

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, November 18th: Admissions Open House for Prospective Families (6pm)
- Tuesday, November 25th: 7th Grade to Charles Moore Arena (during school day)
- Tuesday, November 25th: Half Day/End of Term 1
- Wednesday, November 26th - Friday, November 28th: No School (Thanksgiving).
- Wednesday, December 10th: Half Day, 11:45 dismissal
- Friday, December 12th: 6th Grade to Wequassett (during school day)
- Friday, December 19th: 8th Grade to Charles Moore Arena (during school day)
- Friday, December 19th: Half Day, 11:45 dismissal
- Monday, December 22nd - Friday, January 2nd: Winter Break, no school
- Monday, January 5th: School Resumes
- Thursday, January 8th: Admissions Open House for Prospective Families (6pm)
- Monday, January 19th: No School (Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
- Tuesday, January 20th: No School (staff professional development)

STAND UP FOR OUR SCHOOL

Protect Our School & Valuable Public School Options

Tell elected officials not to hurt charter public schools!



What's going on?

Elected officials have filed bills that, if adopted, would dramatically reduce funding for charter public schools, like ours. These bills would mean fewer kids could attend charter public schools in Massachusetts. Funding would be cut so much that some schools would even be forced to close.

Will these bills become law? Can we stop them?

We can absolutely stop these bills! Bills must go through many steps before becoming a law, and many are stopped along the way. The first step is a vote that is happening soon. So, we need your help writing to elected officials and calling their offices to let them know that our school, and all charter public schools, offer important and valuable options for families that should not be cut.



**You know your child best,
and you deserve the right
to decide which public
school is the right school for
them.**

How would these bills hurt our school?

If these bills became law, CCLCS could lose **over 25% of our funding**, and nearly **100 kids** would no longer be able to attend our school.
But we can make sure that doesn't happen!



How can I help?



Visit ma4charters.org/Fall25Action today.

Email and call your state representative and state senator. Ask them to stop these bills.

Your voice will help make a difference!

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PEOPLE OF ACTION

Winter Coat GIVEAWAY*

Winter Coat giveaway
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Donación de abrigo de invierno
Doação de casacos de inverno

November 15th, 2025
From: 11am - 5pm
At Hyannis Youth & Community Center (141 Bassett Ln, Hyannis MA)

*First Come, First Served
*For children aged 2 to 18 years.
Important: The child must be present to collect the item.

Space provided by:
HYCC
Hyannis Youth & Community Center

Community Partners:
Cradles to Crayons
Macy's
Hyannis Youth & Community Center

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING DIY KIT

Our homes may be far, but our hearts are always close!

Pick up between November 17th - 21st
(Limited quantity available)

29 Bassett Lane, Hyannis MA 02601
508-815-5100

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DADS' Talk

All parenting men are welcome, no matter where you live, your custody situation, or your child(ren)'s age.

Hosted by Paul Melville, LICSW, an experienced facilitator and father of three.

Every month, we create a FREE digital space just for Dads, and we'd love for you to be part of it.

SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
6:30PM-7:30PM
ON ZOOM

Pre-registration is required to receive a Zoom link.
Please call:
(508) 815-5100

Studies show that children grow up happier with nurturing fathers in their lives:

- Hear how other dads are juggling children and families
- Gain skills to handle challenging behaviors and build your toolbox for effective parenting
- Learn strategies to manage stress and communicate effectively
- Connect with other dads in sharing, resources and camaraderie



FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

pop-up

ROLLING OUT RESOURCES FOR YOUR FAMILY



@Cape Cod Children's Place
10 Ballwic Road, Eastham, MA 02642

4TH TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
10AM - 1PM

NOVEMBER 25TH

Walk-ins Welcome

CALL FOR MORE DETAILS 508-815-5100



RESOURCES

REFERRALS

BASIC NEEDS

SCHOOL SUPPORT

(CRA, IEP, 504)

DIAPER DEPOT



Mark Hayden Fineman Memorial Chess Tournament

Saturday, December 6, 2025

Eldredge Public Library
564 Main St.
Chatham, MA 02633

Pre-high school students in the towns of Brewster, Chatham,
Eastham, Harwich, Orleans, and Wellfleet are eligible.

No Entry Fee!

Registration: 10:15 – 10:30am
First Round: 10:30am
Finish: 1:30 – 2:00pm

Prizes

Section One: 6th, 7th, 8th Grade
\$500.00, First Place; \$300.00, Second Place

Section Two: 3rd, 4th, 5th Grade
\$500.00, First Place; \$300.00, Second Place

Section Three: K, 1st, 2nd Grade
\$200.00, First Place; \$100.00, Second Place

Students only compete in their grade sections.

For more information, contact tournament director
Mark Donlan at info@chessedu.org