



March 5, 2021

Good afternoon CES Families,

This picture is a reminder that the **daffodils will soon be coming up** on the hill! Daylight savings time starts next weekend and the days are warmer, when the north wind isn't blowing us around! Slow but sure, spring is coming!

This past week, we celebrated students with **teacher accolades**. The character attribute this month was respectfulness. Teachers gave 42 accolades across grades K-4. We called home and announced the names of students during morning announcements. The attribute for March is empathy. We miss your school wide assemblies and look forward to starting them again next year.

Trimester 2 Report Cards will be sent home to families next Wednesday and parent/teacher conferences are the next two days, March 11th and 12th. These conferences will again be remote. Invitations for parent teacher conferences were sent out this week. If you haven't received an invitation, please reach out to your child's teacher. **Next week, half days include Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Dismissal is at noon.**

Our CES Food Drive for our local food pantry, Canterbury Cares, is ongoing through parent/teacher conferences. We have already gathered **531 separate items** for families to date. Thank you!

The Smarter Balance Test will be given soon, starting at the end of March for our 3rd and 4th grader. A letter will be sent home next week to families with the testing schedule. Students will have one test each week for three weeks. This state test focuses on language arts and mathematics skills.

Our PK screening will be a two step process this year, with parents meeting remotely with staff on April 8th and 9th and then in late May, we are planning for an in person screening for these youngest learners. Here is a link with more information: <http://www.canterburypublicschools.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/CPS-Preschool-Letter-21-22-SY-1.pdf>

K registration is planned for April 29th and will also be remote.

Our teachers are finding great success with our new Social Emotional Curriculum called **Second Step**. The implementation of this program is going well across the school, with teachers reflecting that the lessons and daily practice are easy to do and that the students are engaged with the content. We are learning what to do when we have strong emotions, how to have empathy for others, and how to calm down when upset. The kids like the songs a lot!

The **Student Assistance Team** continues to meet with teachers and families in our SAT process. We provide strategies and make intervention plans for students. The progress monitoring on the goals we develop allow us to track the effectiveness of the intervention and student progress. The SAT responds to the needs of students, teachers, and families in a team approach.

We continue to **welcome back students**, transitioning back from full remote or home schooling. This will be a priority all spring. Let us know if you have any questions or if you know of anyone who does. We are here for your children!

Wishing you well!

Sincerely,

Miss Cary