

School Board Report - CCHS

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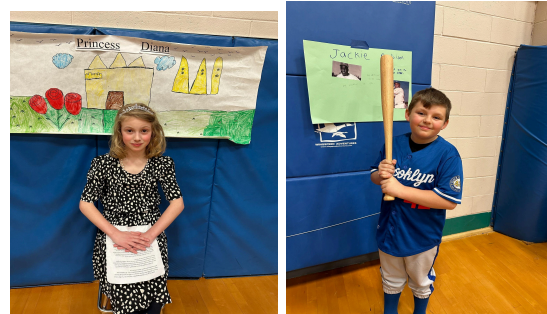


CCHS is excited to be the recipient of a **“First 10” grant.** This pilot program will begin in the fall for the 2024-25 school year. The grant is intended to allow us to focus on students between the ages of 4-10, with a strong emphasis on early childhood and Pre-K learning and family involvement. We will strengthen our partnership with our Pre-K provider, Community Concepts, and build upon our inclusive programming with CDS (Child Development Services). The grant will have a coordinator position as well as a robust team of CCHS staff and community members to undertake, oversee, and provide community outreach for programming and services to benefit our students and their families. The coordinator and team members will be invited to attend a summer summit as well as attend monthly meetings to prepare for all of the activities, programming, and services we will be offering. For more information please visit the DOE website at: <https://www.maine.gov/doe/learning/earlychildhood/first10>



CCHS is also excited to announce that we will once again be the recipient of a **“Community School” grant.**

This will allow us to continue to offer many of the services and resources we have developed and are building upon such as “Before & After Care” childcare programs, a Food, Clothing, and Book Cupboard, Adult Ed classes, and a Summer Enrichment program. We also plan to offer after school enrichment programs such as The Arts (music, drama, art), Sports (intramural groups), STEM Clubs (science, technology, engineering, math), and youth groups focused on play, gardening, healthy choices, as well as dental and health clinics, and much more. For more information please visit the DOE website at: <https://www.maine.gov/doe/schoolsupports/communityschools>



What great fun and learning we had during the 4th grade **“Wax Museum”!** Each 4th grade student chose a person to research and then put together an interactive presentation in which they dressed to represent their person as well as had artifacts and informational pieces to represent and portray their chosen person. Families, staff, and the student body were invited to visit the Wax Museum.



The **BARR** program has taught us that we never know who a student is going to connect with, and that being **THAT** person for a student is exactly what some students need to progress and be successful every day. It is often what makes that student want to come to school every day. The BARR program has been a tremendous avenue of support in making true connections between our students and staff. We were very fortunate to have two staff members attend the National BARR Conference in California the week of April 30-May 3. Hunter Harrington and Ali Paradis represented CCHS at the conference. Both came back even more excited about the opportunities for our whole school implementation of BARR and with great ideas for the next stage as we continue our whole school immersion.



Mr. Sean visited our school this spring to present the program “The Weight of Words” for our 3rd & 4th grade students. This interactive program helps students to understand how their words or the words of others can really “weigh a person down”, and offer ways to help students navigate these circumstances.



Our PTO hosted a very successful and well attended **“Spring Fling”**. Students and families enjoyed dancing and music, yummy treats, and a wonderful social time, and ended with a time to enjoy the beautiful weather out on the playground.



We have partnered with **“Apparel Impact”** as part of our community outreach through our Community Schools grant. This program works to collect clothing, shoes, and accessories which can then be redistributed to families in need throughout our own community as well as around northern New England. Every two weeks the school receives a report from AI to let us know how much we have collected as well as any requests that have been fulfilled.

“Painting With Police”

CCHS has partnered with Healthy Community Coalition of Maine to bring a positive focus to many different health areas for our students. One of the recent activities was “Painting with the Police”. Two officers from the Franklin County Sheriff’s department spent the afternoon painting with all of our students, while also talking, laughing, and telling stories and jokes.

