CCCBSD Community Update

September 2021. We returned to school this fall fully masked, fully in-person and, for the most part, fully vaccinated. We are ready and excited to get back to the job of educating our students.

Field trips have returned! Students are getting out of their classrooms and experiencing our community and all it has to offer. While COVID still dictates where we go, teachers have found creative ways to meet the students’ learning objectives in a positive way. You will see our students at the Y, parks, grocery stores and other local businesses.

In addition, music, art and APE (Adaptive Physical Education) are back in full swing and students look forward to participating in these weekly activities. Fitness equipment has been relocated, allowing more opportunities for students to get moving and enjoy some extra exercise and social time.

Like many, we find ourselves affected by the shortage of teachers and teaching assistants. Great efforts have gone into finding new staff, allowing us to accept more students. It is not uncommon to find the Education and Administration Teams in classrooms covering lunch time for staff, lending an extra set of hands, or helping at morning drop-off and afternoon dismissal.

You cannot help but smile when you hear the laughter and conversations that once again fill the hallways. The campus is in full motion, both inside and out.

Our hard work was rewarded this fall, when the Greater Beverly Chamber of Commerce awarded our staff a Business and Community Heroes Award for their great ingenuity, strength, dedication and passion for our students. We are extremely proud to receive this recognition.

Admin Team Welcomes New CFO

In the spring of 2021, CCCBSD welcomed Alena McSweeney as its new Chief Financial Officer. Before joining CCCBSD, Alena was the Associate Director of Financial Planning and Analysis at the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network in Manhattan Beach, CA. She brings to the position a wealth of knowledge in budgeting, reporting and forecasting for a non-profit organization. We are thrilled to have Alena, her husband John, and their son join our CCCBSD family.
Spring Soiree Benefit Auction

What do you get when a food truck, an ice cream truck and a tent are combined? A Spring Soiree, of course!

On June 12th, CCCBSD hosted their first live event on the school’s campus in over a year. The Spring Soiree, Dedication to Leadership and Community, celebrated the work of MAAPS (Massachusetts Association of Approved Private Schools) and Brown-Smith Attorneys at Law. Throughout the pandemic, special education schools were able to persevere, due to the leadership, political networking and collaboration of MAAPS and Janine Brown-Smith.

Colleagues from many MAAPS schools attended to show support and offer their appreciation. Held outside, food was provided by Burnham’s Clambake, The Vibe Food Truck, and Street Treats Ice cream.

Guests also enjoyed an animated live auction, with auctioneer Andrew DeFranza, Executive Director of Harborlight Community Partners. Funds raised from sponsorships, ticket sales and the auctions will support programs and technology at CCCBSD.

Miracle League 2021

With the closeout of a fantastic Spring season, we headed into fall with another excited group of players ready to play. Players and volunteers filled the specialized field with endless amounts of cheering and supporting of their teammates. While many other activities have been cancelled, the Miracle League coordinator, Kellie Ruggles, and her numerous volunteers made sure players had a safe environment, with sanitizing stations and cleaning of equipment between batters. The fall season consists of four games and will close out with the traditional ASL Sports Spooktacular on October 16, 2021.

The Clinic at CCCBSD

Have you heard about The Clinic at CCCBSD? This group of professionals provides assessments, therapies, and services to deaf and hearing children and young adults with complex needs from across the New England region. The Clinic offers neuropsychological, speech/language/communication, educational, assistive technology, and behavioral services. Our talented clinicians also provide training and resources to schools, organizations, and health professionals around the country. Learn more or request services at cccbsd.org/programs/the-clinic.
October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month. NDEAM commemorates the many varied contributions of people with disabilities to America’s workplaces and economy. CCCBSD Transition students, ages 14-22, will now be given more training opportunities, thanks to a partnership with the Northeast Independent Living Program and Triangle. Through these programs, students will get workplace readiness training, job exploration counseling, work based experiences, and peer mentors to prepare them for employment and postsecondary success.

The Lone Gull 10K took place on Sunday, September 19, 2021, and brought over 500 registered runners to Good Harbor beach. The crisp air and shining sun made for an unforgettable run along the Gloucester course. Runners were greeted at the finish line with never ending tables of sugary treats, bagels and fruit. While the number of runners were down, we were able to raise over $28,000 to support the programs at CCCBSD, thanks to our incredible sponsors and donors. Congratulations to our first place winners, as well as everyone who crossed the finish line.

October Happenings

Upcoming Dates:
November 11: Veterans Day (No School)
November 24th: Early Release - 12:40
November 25-26: Thanksgiving Break
December 23: Early Release - 12:40
December 24-31: Winter Break
New You, New Me, New CCCBSD

An idea by Dr. Mark Carlson, “New You, New Me, New CCCBSD” came to life in 2021. With so many staff and students affected both emotionally and personally by the Covid pandemic, Dr. Carlson wanted to find a way to “start fresh” in the 2021-2022 school year. A staff committee was formed and given the task of finding ways to bring a strong feeling of “community”. Throughout the year, staff have participated in yoga classes, a running group, ice cream socials, breakfast, a tater tot bar, and a Silent Dinner (where only ASL was used).

New Staff at CCCBSD

The 21/22 school year brought many new faces to our campus. Welcome new staff!

We’re Hiring!

CCCBSD is hiring Full and Part-time Teaching Assistants for the CCC and BSD programs.

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