

**CCCBSD**

THE SIGN POST

CCCBSD Welcomes Executive Director Dr. Karen Hopkins

After much anticipation, in December of 2023, CCCBSD staff, students and families welcomed our new Executive Director, Dr. Karen Hopkins.

Karen comes to us with degrees and certifications in early childhood, elementary, deaf and special education, school administration, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership.

She also brings over 32 years of experience as a collaborative teacher of the deaf, special educator, early interventionist, grant writer, and educational administrator to her work with deaf and hard of hearing children.

Although Karen has been with CCCBSD for a short time, she has already met one on one with almost every staff member on campus and is now available to meet families. She has presented her Entry Plan to the Board of Directors and is taking the beginning steps on a new Strategic Plan for the school.

Karen is very happy to be at CCCBSD and looks forward to leading our community into its next chapter.



Fun Facts About Karen:

- She is Deaf and Fluent in ASL and spoken English
- Karen is a traumatic brain injury survivor
- Karen has been married for 32 years, with 3 grown children and one recently born grandson
- She loves the beach
- Karen has a furry friend named Izzy, that greets staff when she is dropped off in the morning!



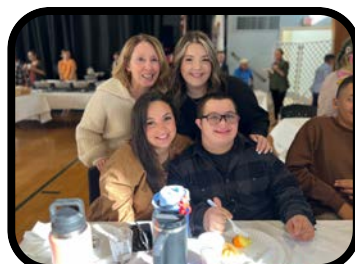
Student Activities

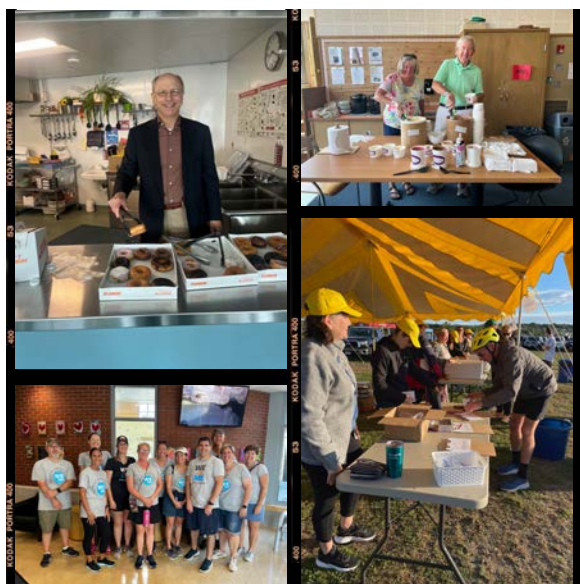
Community engagement is important for all students, but for ours, it is critical. With the help of local businesses and organizations, outings to places such as Appleton Farms of Ipswich and the Sterling YMCA of Beverly provide tremendous support for our students. Practicing communication and self help skills, as well as physical fitness, give our students a great base for outside of school living.



Thanksgiving Celebration

Everyone loves the traditions that come with Thanksgiving, and we are no exception. Each year, we gather together to share a meal prepared by staff and families, and served by board members, therapists and administrative staff. Students participate by making themed table decorations and sharing their classroom friends with their families.





Thank You Volunteers

CCCBSD is extremely grateful for the kindness of the many volunteers who have given their time here on campus.

Throughout this school year staff have enjoyed many appreciation day treats hosted by board members, Bob Maunus, Dick Powers and Aidan Murphy. Most recently CCC parent Barbara Wiedenman provided bundt cakes for each staff member. Additionally, as part of their day of giving, Copyright Clearance Center employees cleaned mobility equipment and organized our overflow storage building.



We were on tv!

On October 11, 2023, CCCBSD had the honor of being on WCVB's program, Chronicle, on their "Education Innovation through all kinds of challenges" segment. The episode showcased our amazing students and highlighted the Adaptive Gym program, STEAM and Art. To view the segment, scan the QR code or visit cccbsd.org.



Where are we?

With the return of so many "in person" conferences, CCCBSD was able to have a strong presence last Fall at four important events. Our Communication department spent three days at ASHA (American Speech-Language Hearing Association). Program Directors, Jessica Fox and Kristen Humber exhibited at the Mass Down Syndrome Congress and the Language First Conference. Transition Coordinator, Alex Gullage was also able to attend the NH Transition Summit, supporting our transition age students.



We are Hiring!



To learn about openings, scan the QR code or visit cccbsd.org.

Upcoming Events:

Winter Break - February 19-23

Adaptive Basketball - Saturdays in March

Spring Break - April 15-19

Last Day of School - June 14th (with no snow days)

Save the Dates:

Spring Soiree - May 11, 2024

Lone Gull 10K - September 22, 2024

How can you help?

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- Matching Gifts from Employers
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