



Community Newsletter

November 2023

Greetings CCCS Community Members,

We are definitely into the swing of things here at CCCS. Class instruction has moved beyond the beginning stages, and now includes projects, group work, assessments, field trips and homework (sometimes). Routines have been established and the traditional 'early school year sickness bugs' have been going around. It really feels like getting back to normal, which is typically atypical when you have over 200 active, engaged and excited kids in the building each day. The staff at CCCS hope you are enjoying this as much as we are, and appreciate everyone's support as we work together for our CCCS community.

As the weather changes we want to remind parents to help their student(s) make good clothing choices, be it to comply with dress code, prepare for an outdoor experience, or simply have jacket and boots for the rainy recesses—please help our students with this learned skill.

As always, please feel free to contact me directly at director@coburgcharter.org if you have questions, comments, or simply want to 'talk education'.

Dave Wallace

Important Links/Reminders

- ⇒ [Website and Calendar](#)
- ⇒ [Volunteer Form](#)
- ⇒ [Lunch Program](#)
- ⇒ [PCS webpage](#)
- ⇒ [CCCS Handbook](#)
- ⇒ [CCCS Facebook Page](#)
- ⇒ [CCCS Admissions Page](#)

Upcoming Dates:

- Oct. 20,27, Nov. 3: Community Days
- Nov. 3 & 17: Clothing Closet Open 8:10-8:45
- Nov. 10: Veteran's day—No School
- Nov. 15: Picture Retake Day
- Nov. 20&21: Parent Conferences
- Nov. 22: No School for Students
- Nov. 23 & 24: Thanksgiving—No School
- Dec. 4: Board Meeting
- Dec. 1 & 15: Clothing Closet Open 8:10-8:45
- Dec. 18—Jan. 2: Winter Break
- Jan. 2: PD Day—No School for Students
- Jan. 3: School Resumes
- Jan. 5 & 19: Clothing Closet Open 8:10-8:45
- Jan. 18: Winter Concert
- Jan. 22: Board Mtng

Parent Conferences

Family-Teacher Conferences are just around the corner, and we would like to share information and encourage everyone to take advantage of this partnership opportunity.

November 20th and 21st are the days scheduled for face to face conferences. Families that are otherwise unavailable to attend conferences will be provided the same information via packet/email.

Conferences will be held in person on Monday, November 20th, from 12pm - 7pm, and on Tuesday, November 21st from 9am - 3pm. Conferences will be scheduled in 20 minute blocks, which allows for about 15 minutes of conversation and a short buffer to make sure we stay on time.

Siblings first request: To help support our families with multiple students, and trying to schedule multiple conferences close together, **we ask that families with siblings at CCCS register first.**

We ask that families with only one student at CCCS wait to register until November 3rd.

Please schedule using the link(s) below:

[Kindergarten – Ms. Dunmire](#)

[1st Grade - Mrs. Boyum & Mrs. Young](#)

[2nd Grade - Ms. Smith](#)

[3rd Grade - Ms. Rutter](#)

[4th Grade - Mrs. Sepulveda](#)

[5th Grade - Ms. Schneider](#)

[6th Grade – Mrs. DeRosia](#)

[7th Grade - Mrs. Epperson](#)

[8th Grade - Ms. Monterrosa](#)

[Music Specialist - Ms. Vreim](#)

[PE Specialist – Mr. Steve](#)

[Intervention Specialist - Mrs. Rubash](#)

[Math Specialist - Mrs. Dillon](#)

[Special Education Teacher - Mrs. Foster](#)

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Reminders and Requests

Cell phones: We ask that students put away their cell phones and devices during the school day. These devices are simply a distraction to the learning environment. One thing we have noticed, particularly at our middle grades, is that students are using the devices during the day to communicate with each other and even to communicate with home. Our request is to contact the office to get messages to your student, save family texts until the school day is complete, and/or require your student to have their phone off during the school day—when they turn it back on at the end of the day messages are delivered and class interruption is avoided.

Dress Code: One the founding practices here at CCCS is our dress code. While the specifics have changed a bit over time, the benefits of the dress code have been a hallmark of our school, is a Board level discussion and policy , and is one of the expectations when families choose to attend CCCS. Teacher time taken to re-inforce dress code expectations takes away from instruction time, so we ask that families *please please please* support the school and teacher time by ensuring students are following the expectations before coming to school each day.

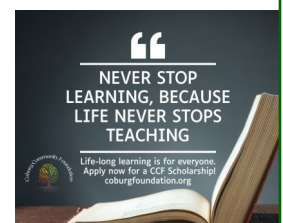
Morning Drop Off: Please know that our cafeteria is open at 7:45 each morning for early drop. We usually have staffing that allows students the choice of playground time or hanging out in the cafeteria.

At 8:10 we really want to have students in their class, listening to announcements, and the halls clear of students and parents so we can get started right away. Parents: if you are chatting with another parent please come down to the office area to avoid disruption in our tiny hallway (sounds carry), and if you need to catch a teacher please help them by concluding your discussion before that bell.

Typically Dave is at the front door, Alissa is roaming and helping students, and Danielle or Charity are hovering near the office to be available for lunch monies, medication drop off, or any of the other myriad of things they manage for our school. Please catch us if we can be of any help.

Church Parking Concern: We had a concern shared with us about folks parking in the church lot for pick up, copied below. Please review if this applies and help us make sure we can continue to use their lot.

Countryside appreciates being able to serve the school with our available black topped parking lot. Increasingly however, students having crossed the street to arrive on the W Van Duyn Street sidewalk are leaving the sidewalk and walking through the parking lot. We have folks that are concerned about safety (and liability) and I have been tasked with renewing the request that students use the sidewalk until meeting their parents in the East lot, and not walking through the parking lot.





People for Coburg School (PCS)

Who Are We?: PCS is the school's parent group!

- Some of what we do: Bronco Dash Jogathon, Bronco Bash Auction, Trunk-or-Treat, Kona Ice and activities for open house, Bronco logowear, Bottledrop blue bag program,
- Fundraising activities help to fund school needs such as student technology, playground and grounds upgrades, classroom field trips including the 8th Grade trip to Camp Dakota, Music and PE, the CCCS school library and garden, staff appreciation, clothing closet, Friday popcorn, and more!

How To Get Involved: Stay up to date on events and volunteer opportunities!

- Attend PCS meetings.
- Follow the [PCS Facebook](#) and [PCS Instagram](#) pages.
- Email pcs@coburgcharter.org.
- Look for opportunities in the weekly school email updates.

Upcoming Things to Know:

- **Clothing Closet:** next open on Friday, Oct. 6th, at morning drop-off. \$2 Bronco Logowear, \$1 dress-code apparel, or trade "like for like".
- **Friday Popcorn:** Starting Oct. 6th! The first Friday will be free for all students. After that, popcorn will be 25 cents and offered every Friday.



Popcorn Fridays are Back!!

Picture Retake Day: Morning of Wednesday November 15th

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School Name: Coburg Community Charter School

Picture Day ID: EVTGVJRBB

Math Club for 5th Graders through 8th Graders ***(repeat)***

We will be offering drop-in math support for homework or concept questions for 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Math support will be available on Tuesday through Friday mornings, 7:30am to 8:00am with Mrs. Rubash and Tuesday through Thursday afternoons, 3:15 to 4:00 with Ms. Dillon.

Mrs. Rubash will meet students at the back door by 5th grade at 7:30am and will release kiddos at 8:00 to class.

Ms. Dillon will be meeting with students in the library right after school and parents can pick up students at the front of the school at 4:00.

Please contact us if you have any questions!

Mrs. Rubash: k.rubash@coborgcharter.org

Meal Manage Resources & 'Most Ordered' Update

- [Access the Meal Manage Home Page for Parents Here](#)
- [Meal Manage Parent Guide](#)
- [Meal Manage FAQ](#)



Some people like to know what is happening “behind the scenes” at the school, and others jump down to the pictures of the kiddos at the end—both are totally fine. In the interest of transparency and communication I’d like to share a couple key things each month with everyone. I encourage folks to join the [Board meetings](#), talk to a Board member, or contact me however suits you best if you have thoughts or questions.



Mission/Vision work:

Soon the Board will be sending out information about the CCCS Mission & Vision Workshopping process that we will be undergoing this year. We hope to have many families involved in this process as it will directly affect all aspects of our school and community moving forward. Please be on the lookout for more information on this.

Teaching and Learning:

The Math Curriculum Adoption Process is underway; our teachers and a few parents have completed out initial perception surveys, and will next begin the long task of reviewing video presentations from about 10 different publishers to determine which ones best meet our needs.

Building & Grounds:

Many compliments have been received about our new patios lights out front. This mini project was completed to provide entry way light in the mornings, which as we get closer to winter can be rather dark when families are first arriving.

We have 4-5 sports groups signed up to use our gym space this winter—basketball and volleyball being the traditional indoor sports—and Kate Postma is running a sports conditioning class as well; you can contact her directly for information.

We are looking forward to working on the front beds, and are exploring options to dig out playground areas that are mostly dirt and back-fill in with more bark chips.

Mr. Kyler is keeping our little school bright and shiny each day, and is spending Fridays catching up on miscellaneous maintenance projects around the school.

Special thanks to Ernie for last week’s mow and yard clean up!

Attendance Rate to date (10/18): 95.56%

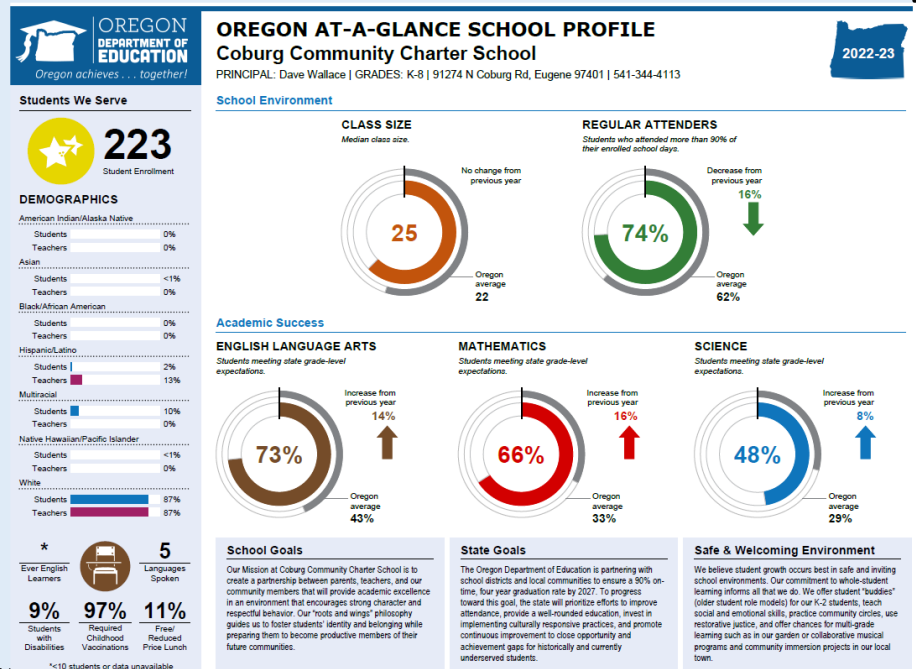
Attendance is a critical factor in the success of individual students, and our school as a whole.

CCCS 2022/2023 Report Card

School report cards can be found here on the [ODE website](#). The report cards include a lot of quality school information, and the student scores reflect how we did on the OSAS assessments in the spring. These report cards are a primary source of information used to evaluate our school, including discussions with our sponsoring district.

We have a lot to be proud of, and of course we are always looking to improve. This information is shared and discussed more in depth with our Educational Excellence Committee and Board, both of which with everyone is encouraged to participate.

If you have questions or would like to discuss further, please contact Dave at your convenience.



Attendance (repeat)

There is much research and many [resources](#) that support the importance of regular attendance and it's connection to school success. A number of districts run a campaign called "strive for five" to try and support good attendance. In general the benchmark schools look for is to have at least 95% attendance.

Missed class time affects the student as well as the classroom community as a whole. When sick it is best to stay home of course, but we want to strongly encourage folks to do the best with attendance as possible — we want our students here!

We also encourage families to schedule vacations around our breaks as much as possible. Please remember that 10 consecutive non-illness absences automatically un-enrolls a student statewide; at CCCS this would require returning to the waiting list in order to reenroll.



Kindergarten — Ms. Dunmire

October was jam packed with lots and lots of fun! This month, we focused on learning about pumpkins, more about our alphabet and segmenting words, learning to recognize patterns and making “I noticed” statements, starting to add numbers, counting in different ways, and growing together as a class! We had multiple birthdays, PJ day, STEM with our 6th grade buddies, and a total of THREE field trips! WOW! At the Johnson Brothers Garden Market, we planted flowers and had a scavenger hunt; Detering Orchards we picked pumpkins, had cider, and went on a hayride; and lastly, we went to the park and helped clean it up to better our local community. A highlight of the month was our pumpkin taste test as well!

Coming up in November, Kindergarten will learn more about weather and fall. What makes the leaves change and why it’s getting colder! We will also learn more about addition, recognizing numbers in ten-frames, practicing our writing skills, continuing to learn our alphabet, learning to sound out CVC words, and becoming stronger readers. November also focuses on Gratitude for Character Strong, so our class will learn more about how to show we’re grateful and what we can do for others.





First Grade — Mrs. Young and Mrs. Boyum

We had a wonderful October in 1st grade! We enjoyed several field trips, including the pumpkin patch, the Coburg bookstore, and the Coburg Candy Company. We also had Johnson Brothers Nursery come visit our classroom and do a fun project! In class we learned about Growth Mindset, studied the eclipse, and learned about Dia de los Muertos. The kiddos are becoming super readers and writers! We have been learning the “secret stories” behind the short vowels in reading along with learning spelling strategies to add to our “writing toolkits.”

Coming up in November, we are going to celebrate Dia de los Muertos on November 2nd with calaveras de azucar, pan de muerto, horchata, and a little bit of Coco. :) Then we are finishing the month with a science unit on Light and Shadow, where we will explore the concepts of transparent, translucent, and opaque, and learn about how light travels. The kiddos will continue mastering their short vowel sounds and learn how to organize a story with a beginning, middle, and end. It will be a fun month!



Second grade — Ms. Smith

This month 2nd grade will be learning about regular and irregular geometric shapes using geoboards and geometric shape manipulatives. In reading, we will break into our new unit on informational texts using our MyView workbook. This unit focuses on identifying text structures, like we did with our poetry unit, and locating details in the text. 2nd grade continues to practice writing in a sequential order that has a clear beginning, middle, and end.

The month of November has a new Character Strong word to focus on for students Social Emotional learning. This month's word is gratitude which is fitting for the time of year!



Third grade — Mrs. Rutter

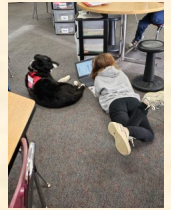
We are finishing up many units as we wrap up October. We finished our rounding, adding, and subtracting math unit, and took our first unit test. I am so impressed with how hard students have been working. We are jumping into multiplication and division, and students are seeing that it's not as scary as they may have thought. In reading, students are becoming more independent when looking for text evidence. We finished our first novel group book and will start reading about Sonia Sotomayor soon. We are doing our first research project and learning more about the town of Coburg and the history here. We are still working when to use commas in sentences, and will be expanding to paragraphs soon. In science we learned about magnets, electromagnets, and static electricity. We will be jumping into weather soon and looking at weather patterns. In all subject areas students are becoming more independent and have been working hard. It has been really fun to see.



Fourth Grade - Mrs. Sepulveda



October in fourth grade has been pretty great! We finished our first novel group book "Home of the Brave" which was about a young African refugee boy experiencing America, and have started our second book "Esperanza Rising" which is about a Mexican immigrant girl experiencing life during the great depression and working in the farm camps of California. They are incredible books and we have had many great discussions about both. In writing we have been working on a personal narrative and in science we have had a focus on energy and the different ways it can be transferred and transformed. Given that it is October, we have also had time for many fun activities and projects. The students became real estate agents and created advertisements for the haunted houses that they had for sale and then added some art into the mix



by bringing their haunted houses to life. We have also had the opportunity to venture to the Coburg Pioneer Cemetery twice for community days. The first time we learned about and found the graves of several Coburg founders. We also did some head stone rubbings. The second trip we did a scavenger hunt to learn more about the people buried in the pioneer cemetery. Both were great trips. I am grateful for the families that are willing to drive our crew around! Looking forward to November we are learning about Dia De Los Muertos, tessellations, and some fun writing and art projects. We'll also be choosing our countries to start our country projects. Fun times in fourth grade!!



Fifth Grade - Ms. Schneider

There is no doubt that 5th grade has packed a lot into the month of October with overnight outdoor school, the Linn County Museum, a group presentation and our rigorous classroom learning. We are excited to be starting our second unit of study, which includes: decimals, the importance of observation, developing tools to focus, and planning our BizTown project fundraiser (just to name a few things).





Sixth Grade - Mrs. DeRosia

October has flown by with our fabulous sixth graders! The highlight of our month has been all the time we've spent with our Kindergarten buddies. It has been a delight to see the relationships formed between the two classes through STEM projects, park clean-up, and our pumpkin patch field trip!

In our classroom, we have been continuing our imagination unit in ELA. We read and performed *The Phantom Tollbooth* play, and worked in groups to compare an excerpt of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* to media portrayals. This coming month, we will read some short stories, poetry, and our first novel!

In math, we have been working with fractions and decimals, which has been a great review from fifth grade. Soon, we will be moving on to algebraic expressions and properties.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of the families and chatting more at parent-teacher conferences this month! See you soon!



Seventh Grade - Mrs. Epperson

This month 7th was introduced to the father of horror fiction writing, Edgar Allen Poe. We read the original *Tell Tale Heart* and then performed two readers theater versions of the gruesome short story in 4th-8th grades. A spooky time was had by all. 7th also teamed with 2nd grade and Coburg Public Works to help clean the playground at Norma Pfeffer Park. We had fun helping the Public Works team keep the playground clean. In other news, our salmon eggs were delivered last week and we are looking forward to seeing them hatch. We will again team with 2nd to release the salmon in early December.



Eighth Grade - Ms. Monterrosa

October has been a busy month for 8th grade. We have been learning about the scientific method and inquiry in science and our language arts unit answers the essential question, *In what different ways can people be intelligent?* In Social Studies, October focuses on Government. Students completed a lengthy project to learn more about the amendments. In connection with this, our Community Days focus is Coburg City Hall. 8th grade has been lucky enough to see how our government works on a local level. We even had the opportunity to meet with Judge Williams, the local municipal Judge here! I had to also include a picture of some 1st grade buddy time: portraits of each other!



Music - Mrs. Vreim

K-5 in music have been working hard at learning lots of new musical concepts. K-2 have been rocking it at keeping a steady beat, and 3-5 have been blowing me away with their abilities to understand and create rhythms! We've also been learning and performing lots of songs from different genres. Just this week 2-5 have been learning to sing and dance to Bill Withers' song "Lean on Me"! Also, middle school electives have been working hard to put together songs, both with drums and with singing and dancing.



Attached is a photo of artwork from Kindergarten in which we are learning to use drawing to express what we hear in music. K-1 have drawn what they hear for a couple different songs, and these artworks are examples of what they hear from the song "Danse Macabre" by French composer Camille Saint-Saëns.



PE & Health - Mr. Steve

This month the younger grades learned a variety of Halloween themed dances while the upper grades focused on traditional line dancing. In the younger grades we learned the Wednesday dance from the tv show along with the classic thriller dance from Michael Jackson. In the upper grades learned a variety of dances including Cotton Eye Joe, The Cha Cha Slide, and Heel and Toe Polka Song.

Nice job everyone!



Current Bulletin Board Montage

I regularly make a point to walk the main hall and take a moment of appreciation for all the beautifully done bulletin boards. As a parent I would look for my child's work and delight in their growth. As the executive director I really appreciate the environment this sets up for our kiddos, and also appreciate this as a reflection of the care and effort our educators put into the students as well as the school as a whole. I hope you enjoy these, in person or electronically, as much as I do! ~Dave~



**COBURG COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL**

LUNCH MENU FOR NOVEMBER 2023, GRADE: KG,1,2,3,4,5

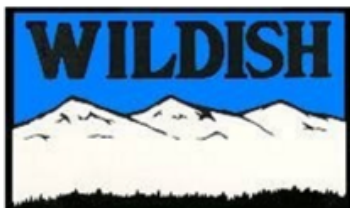
NAME: _____

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 TERIYAKI MEATBALLS \$4.25 MILK SALAD BAR	2 YOGURT PARFAITS \$4.25 MILK SALAD BAR	3
6 CHICKEN ENCHILADAS \$4.25 MILK SALAD BAR	7 MAC N CHEESE \$4.25 MILK SALAD BAR	8 SLOPPY JOES \$4.25 MILK SALAD BAR	9 BBQ CHICKEN SANDWICH \$4.25 MILK SALAD BAR	10
13 GRILLED HAM AND CHEESE \$4.25 MILK SALAD BAR	14 TIKKA MASALA \$4.25 MILK SALAD BAR	15 BEEF STEW \$4.25 MILK SALAD BAR	16 3 CHEESE PIZZA \$4.25 MILK SALAD BAR	17
20	21	22	23	24
27 SWEET AND SOUR CHICKEN OVER RICE \$4.25 MILK SALAD BAR	28 EGG AND SAUSAGE BISCUIT \$4.25 MILK SALAD BAR	29 PENNE ALFREDO \$4.25 MILK SALAD BAR	30 CHICKEN AND WAFFLES \$4.25 MILK SALAD BAR	

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