

# Chichester School District

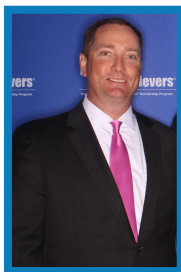
Member district of SAU #53 - Allenstown, Chichester, Deerfield, Epsom, and Pembroke.

Quarterly Review - Winter 2018

## Superintendent's Message

Spring is so close we can feel it in the air! We have had some wacky weather as of late but I suspect we will be getting at least one more dose of the traditional New England winter before all is said and done, and there's always a chance for an early spring storm. Hopefully any and all weather will be light enough for us to keep students and staff in school, otherwise we will be looking at ways to make up instruction without going into the last full week of June. The principals and I have a tentative plan in place should we need to do this, so we will keep you fully informed in the event we have another snow day.

Highest on the list of priorities right now is the safety and security of our children while in our schools. The recent tragic event in Parkland, FL provides a grim reminder to us all that we must be as engaged as ever in our relationships with our students, particularly those who appear to have become disenfranchised with school, withdrawn from social groups, or otherwise disconnected from the mainstream. We all need to ratchet up our connections with students and be more present and inquisitive into their daily routines. This is done by getting to know all students and, as parents, staying in tune with their daily lives. My wife, an avid surveyor of our sons' texting and Internet traffic, calls it "mom-stalking". Daily conversations including questions about friends, activities, and plans should be a normal part of the day. And,



creating situations which require children to engage in face to face conversation with you is an essential step toward building stronger relationships. As teachers and parents, it is our responsibility to stay connected with children to help them navigate through the relentless influences of today's world.

We continue to improve our emergency response plans and add security measures to our facilities, actions that certainly provide an appropriate response to a perceived threat. Chichester has done a magnificent job of collaborating with the New Hampshire Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Chichester Police Department to write and rehearse exemplary response plans. In late Fall we debriefed our current facilities security plan with several emergency responder agencies and have had opportunities to practice procedural safeguards such as lock downs and evacuations. Chichester's methods for addressing crisis have garnered praise from Homeland Security and local authorities as well. This is a definite sign that we are progressing along the right path in the name of safety.

We take protecting children in our schools very seriously and work everyday to ensure that when children are in our schools, they feel safe, are safe, and continue to be safe. We want our community to be assured that a lot

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## Annual School District Meeting

The Annual School District Meeting and voting is scheduled for 9:00 on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at Chichester Central School. Attendance at the School District Meeting is important as participation in the process will help citizens make informed decisions for our school and community. On this date, in addition to other business, the school budget is set and approved for the next fiscal year. In order to vote, citizens must be registered and registration takes place at Chichester Town Offices.



## CCS Gets Social

Chichester Central School is on social media and sharing all of the learning taking place in our classrooms. Our Twitter and Facebook accounts are designed to keep you informed with the latest information and up-to-date with all of our events, including school closings and emergencies. Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter and Instagram using the following handles:

**Facebook:** Chichester Central School

**Twitter:** @ChichesterRams

**Instagram:** ChichesterRams



## Strike Up the Band Interest!

CCS would like to expand its music program through the inception of a school band. Chichester families with students currently in Grades 4 - 7 are being asked to complete a short survey about interest and scheduling preference. Please visit: <http://bit.ly/CCS5-8Band> and submit feedback today!

### ***Superintendent's Message, cont'd from page 1***

of planning and preparation happens behind the scenes and response plans are constantly reviewed and revised using the latest information from other incidents. While the event in Parkland, FL was horrific, the information that has come from it is serving a positive purpose in strengthening what we do to protect our own students and staff. We remember the victims in this light and use the memory as a means of moving forward.

**Enjoy Break!**

**2/26 through 3/2**

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**Great time to read!**

## Spelling and Geography Bee Winners!



Fifteen students from grades 5-8 participated in this year's Scripps Spelling Bee held at CCS on January 11, 2018. Students were provided opportunities over several rounds to show their prowess at correctly spelling words in front of the peers and staff. Congratulations to 5th grader Camdyn Despres, runner-up, and 8th grader Matt Wagner, 2018 CCS Spelling Bee Champion. Matt will

represent CCS at an upcoming district level spelling bee competition.

Later in the month of January, ten students represented Chichester Central and competed in our local Geography Bee held in January.

Congratulations to our 2018 school winner, 7th grader Joe Bourbeau, and our runner-up, 7th grader Brayden Casey. Joe has taken an online test in order to qualify for the statewide competition.



## Pembroke Academy Bicentennial

Pembroke Academy is holding its Bicentennial Kick-Off Event on Saturday, April 14th from 10:00 - 4:00. There will be guided tours of the school's Walking Museum with re-enactments and artifacts from 10:00 - 12:30. A dramatic reading of the Will that started PA and a keynote speech by former headmaster Bill Marston is scheduled from 1:00 - 1:30. The event will conclude with an All-Class Reunion with light refreshments from 1:30 - 4:00. For more information, please go to [www.facebook.com/PABicentennial](http://www.facebook.com/PABicentennial).



## Junior Spartans Football & Cheer

Students in Grades 5 - 8 (Ages 7-14 for Cheer) are invited to attend Information Night on March 28 from 6:00 - 7:00 PM at CCS. Both programs are open to all students from Chichester, Pembroke, Allenstown, Hooksett, and Epsom who are age appropriate regardless of playing experience. For more information, contact Dan Weldon (Football) at [dan.weldon@spectrumsys.org](mailto:dan.weldon@spectrumsys.org) or 774-230-1231, and/or Michele Bachelder (Cheer) at [bachelder44@gmail.com](mailto:bachelder44@gmail.com) or 603-470-9080.

## Read Across America Week is March 5



The week after winter vacation is scheduled to be Read Across America week at CCS! There will be reading themed days, activities, and a Reading Game night. Read Across America week marks the birthday of celebrated children's author Theodore Geisel, known by his pen name as Dr. Seuss and celebrates the endless world of books and literature he brought to all of us. We love guest readers, so if you are interested in reading to our students, please let Mr. Beaverstock know.

**SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING**

# A Parent's Resource Guide to Social and Emotional Learning

Explore a curated list of blogs, articles, and videos for parents about fostering skills like kindness, empathy, gratitude, resilience, perseverance, and focus in children.

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## **Resources by Topic:**

- [Encouraging Kindness and Empathy](#)
- [Cultivating Perseverance and Resilience](#)
- [Fostering Gratitude](#)
- [Mindfulness, Emotional Intelligence, and Focus](#)
- [Home, School, and Community Partnerships](#)
- [Children's Social Selves and Technology](#)
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As a means of continuing to provide resources for you to consider when addressing today's influences on your child's present and future, I encourage you to visit Edutopia's special resource for parents. Individual sections can be accessed by clicking the above links, or the entire resource [can be located here at this live link](#).