



WILLOW AVENUE NEWSLETTER

June 2025

Kindness Lives at Willow

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Upcoming:

6/19 - Juneteenth

6/25 - Last Day for Students



Cornwall Trait June - Friendship

To make and keep a
friend through mutual
trust and caring.



with Mrs. Gandolfini and Mrs. Sweeney

In June there is so much to DO—and we are so not ready to say goodbye to YOU!
In this month we will learn things that are NEW and also spend time to take some REVIEW!
Metamorphosis is all the RAGE—we have tadpoles in a tank and the chrysalis in its CAGE!

Math may make us giggle and LAUGH as our teachers teach us how to GRAPH-
Skittles and animals, shapes and MORE we will check for what's less and MORE.

Field day will be super FUN—we love being outside and able to RUN!

So as we wrap up this amazing YEAR you may see us sad or with a little TEAR!

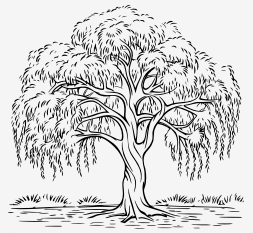
It has been a pleasure teaching your child and watching them GROW-

We cannot wait for you to see the poetry palooza SHOW!!!

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Fantastic First Grade News with Mrs. Berchielli and Mrs. Line

We are so very proud of the wonderful accomplishments our first graders made throughout this school year! They improved their ability to regulate their bodies and emotions, developed new social skills to cultivate new friendships, all in addition to becoming successful readers, writers, and mathematicians! We are very excited to end the year with three exciting field trips, Storm King Art Center, Black Rock Forest, and Stewart Air National Guard Base! This group is prepared for second grade! We will cherish the memories we made this year with this special group of students!



Principal Awards for May

Scarlett A.	Subhan A.
Henry B.	Alessandra B.
Vale B.	Chloe D.
Ember F.	Violet F.
Zaria K.	Olivia K.
Alantha M.	Harley N.
Ayser S.	Christopher S.
Thomas Y.	Felix Z.



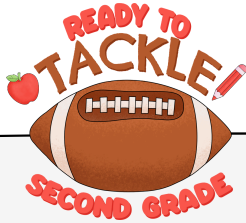
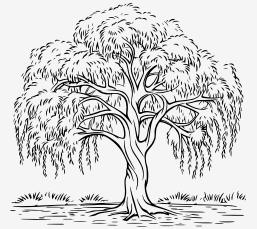
Caring Hands with Nurse Katie

Summer to do list:

School Physical
Immunizations
Wear sunscreen
Stay hydrated
Have an excellent summer



It has been a joy working with your students this school year! I am looking forward to a great 2025-2026 school year but, first,
LET'S SUMMER!



Sensational Second Graders with **Mrs. Byrne & Mrs. Santos**

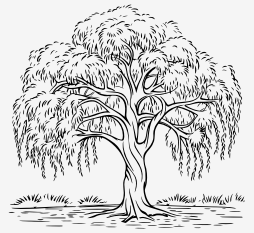
The sensational second graders have had a very busy and educational month. We attended a field trip to the Orange County Arboretum that perfectly correlated to our science unit on Plants. We also had a wonderful visit to the Cornwall Historical Society where we learned about the history of Cornwall. After that it was off to the ballgame where we enjoyed STEAM experiences along with a full Hudson Valley Renegades game! Hands on learning and experiences have been a great way to culminate our school year as we approach June. We are looking forward to continued excitement this month as field day approaches. We encourage our students to read plenty this summer and remember all programs in Classlink are open for use!



Mrs. Hogan and Ms. Mante's **Terrific Third Graders**

We ended May on a high note taking our Kinder Buddies to Black Rock. Hiking with our buddies and searching for wildlife filled our hearts. This will become a new yearly tradition. Our last month together as third graders will be fun and busy. Academically, we are learning about shapes and their attributes, studying the similarities and differences between organisms, learning how to compose opinion writing pieces and further practicing our comprehension skills (inference, character analysis, figurative language and theme) by reading the book Because of Winn Dixie. We are preparing for the big kickball game on Field Day by scheduling extra recess to practice together as a class. Finally, both classes are looking forward to our overnight trips to Black Rock Forest. We will participate in lots of water study activities where we will learn but also cool down because we will be in the water for most of day one. We end the day with a campfire with smores and a night hike.

Because we all worked hard this year, grew academically and socially and became a family, the end of the year can be bittersweet. We want our students to celebrate their accomplishments and remember that you are all capable of great things. Thank you to our families for your support and partnership in making this year a success. Wishing you all a wonderful summer filled with fun, adventure, and relaxation.



Fabulous Fourth Grade with Mrs. Cleeves & Ms. Merante

Fourth graders have been working hard to prepare for Middle School next year. We are looking forward to a busy last month of school! Below are a few important dates to keep on your calendar.

June 9th- Cardboard Arcade @ 2:30-3:00 pm

June 13th- Field Day! (Rain Date June 24th)

June 17th- Moving Up Ceremony @ 9:30 am

June 18th- Legoland Trip

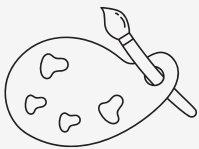
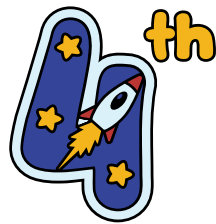
June 19th- No School

June 20th- 4th Grade Picnic

June 23rd- Ice Cream Social

June 25th- 4th Grade Breakfast and Last Day of School

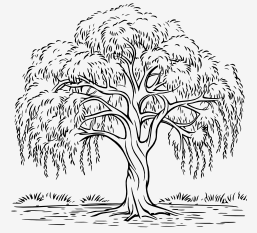
Ms. Merante and Mrs. Cleeves thank you for a great year and all of your continued support!



Artful News from Mrs. Butler

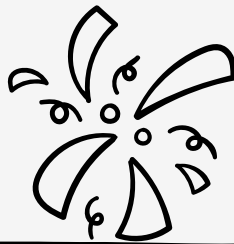


It is hard to believe it's June already, but here we are! Our Kindergarten artists just wrapped up making and painting clay chameleons. We learned that chameleons super power is that they camouflage to whatever they are on or near. Our Kindergarteners are also making portfolios to bring all of their artwork home from the year. First graders have been painting sandcastles with watercolors and we focused on adding horizon lines to show the difference between the sand, water and sky. Second graders learned about tints and shades. We started with one color of their choice and gradually added white as they painted a paper to create a gradient. Then we cut our painted paper into scoops and created an ice cream cone collage. Third & fourth graders have been working on "surprise fold drawings" where they fold their paper a certain way and create a drawing, and then open it to finish the drawing and create something surprising. Fourth graders have also been hard at work on their cardboard arcade projects during art enrichment. Fourth grader's games will be set on the back lawn this Monday, June 9th beginning at 2pm- come join us and play!!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

6/1: Thomas Y. - 2nd Grade
6/1: Ryan R. - 2nd Grade
6/2: Chloe D. - 4th Grade
6/3: Kaden S. - 3rd Grade
6/8: Patrick E. - 2nd Grade
6/8: Liam S. - 1st Grade
6/10: Grayson H. - 4th Grade
6/16: Dawson R. - 2nd Grade
6/18: Ethan R. - 4th Grade
6/22: Hudson P. - 1st Grade
6/22: Elena L. - 2nd Grade
6/26: Eliza A. - Kindergarten
6/26: Emily B. - 4th Grade
6/26: Caden P. - 3rd Grade
6/27: Margot S. - 3rd Grade



Kids in Motion - Ms. Nissen

Field Day is almost here!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Field Day is on Friday, June 13th!! (Rain Date: Tuesday, June 24th)

Parents are invited to watch students participate in a fun-filled day of activities on the back field!

Morning activities begin on the back field at 9:30am.

Indoor Lunches will begin with Kindergarten at 11:00am.

Afternoon K-2 Activities will be indoor and outdoor from 1:00-3:00pm.

The Third and Fourth Grade Kickball Game will begin at 1:30 on the back field.

Please have all students wearing sneakers and comfortable clothing. Sunscreen should be applied at home before school.

Please make sure your child has a labeled water bottle, filled with water only.



Stay in the Know with our Willow Ave PTO

PTO upcoming events:

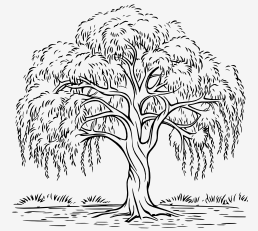
6/16 we will be doing popsicles with parents

6/17 4th grade moving up

6/20 4th grade picnic

6/25 4th grade breakfast

Please think about joining the PTO for next year. Make a difference in your school community. No experience necessary. Availability during the day helpful but not necessary. If you have any questions, please email willowavepto@gmail.com



Ms. Zawacki's Mindful Moment

Keep in Touch:

Email: kzawacki@cornwallschools.com or
845-534-8009- ext 3026

Congratulations Willow Avenue on another successful school year!

The character trait for June is Friendship. This is a time for us to celebrate our Willow friendships and relationships and prepare for making new friends over the summer and next school year.

It is important to take time on your own and with your family to celebrate the events of this year and how you have grown. Writing a journal entry, taking a family and friend photo or drawing a picture and dating it 2024-2025 School Year can be a great way to celebrate and document what this year has meant to you.

Have a safe and relaxing summer!

If your family has any needs regarding access or need for food during the summer month please contact Amy Bishopp at The Food Services Department
abishopp@cornwallschools.com Phone: (845) 534-8009 ext. 7704

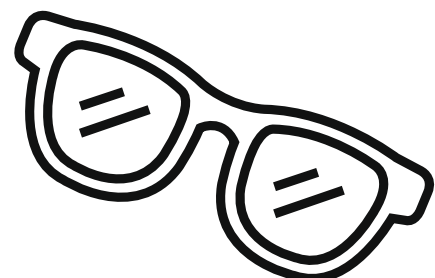
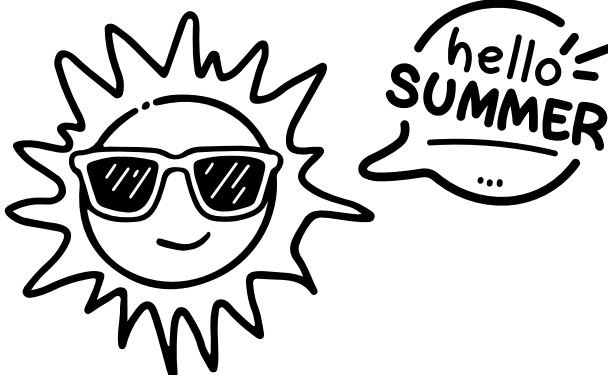
See you in September!!

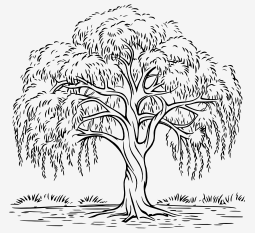
Let's
talk it
out

Bookmarks from our Librarian - Mrs. Ebenhoe

Summer is fast approaching, and it is time to get our personal reading lists ready! If you didn't get a chance to attend our spring Book Fair, fear not. The staff at the Cornwall Public Library is ready and willing to help you with all your summer beach reads. The Children's Department is busy with preparations for the Summer Reading Program! This year the theme is "Color Our World".

Keep your eye out for Mrs. Ebenhoe's summer reading suggestions at the end of June, and have a sensational summer! Mrs. Ebenhoe and Mrs. Corby look forward to hearing about your adventures and all the great books you've read.





tidbits of mOTivation with Mrs. Lucia



Creating a challenging outdoor path with chalk is a great way to provide sensory input and mindfulness as they move along a unique path.

Here are some activity ideas to include:

Hop/jump- Add a fun twist with numbers to skip-count

Spin/twirl- draw a twirly circle starting from the middle outward

Sing/dance- draw a music note or radio

Clap while skip-counting, spelling names

Tip-toe

Blow bubbles- or pretend, if no real bubbles are available

Spell as they move

"Climb"- draw a ladder (or a beanstalk!) and kids "climb" on hands and feet

Touch shoulders, toes, ears...

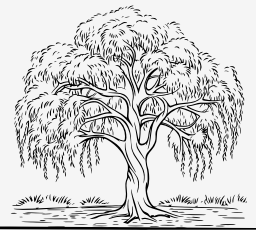
Balance on a "tightrope" (line on the ground)

"Roar and Stomp" on dino footprints

Hop in and out of Hula hoops

Make it fun! Demonstrate for them so they have the visual of where to start and finish. Instead of just a jump be creative and verbalize jumping on lily pads, or into a rocketship.

Megan Lucia OTR/L



June Speech Newsletter

Mrs. Jennings

Happy almost Summer Speechies!
~Let's finish strong~

June already?! Can you believe it!!!
Summer is right around the corner, and we're excited to be wrapping up on our annual speech goals!

Two words can help you maintain speech skills this summer:

Enrichment & Involvement

Enriching your children this summer can help them return to school in the Fall feeling confident!

Stay safe & healthy!
Have fun & I'll see you in September!

Summer Fun for Everyone

- Take a field trip to a museum or zoo
- Practice following directions and measurements as you cook/bake with your child.
- Take a trip to the library
- Start a family book club and/or try to read 3-5 books a week
- On rainy days, build with Legos or play a board game- this will help with critical thinking and following directions.
- Sit around the dinner table (device free), and discuss your day- ask your child WH questions (who, what, where, when || why and how - 2nd grade and above)
- Encourage outdoor play, less time on devices



ENJOY THE SUMMER