Letter from Principal Piper

Dear CSR Families,

Spring is here! We only have three months left in the school year. Let’s end strong!

Here are some events from last month along with some that are upcoming.

Jump for Heart - Our students raised over $2000 for the American Heart Association. Our top 3 fundraisers were Sophia Paredes, Murphy Kyle, and Rakshya Baral. Great job everyone!

RCSD Story Telling Festival - Once again, our students will participate in this year’s festival. This year, CSR will be represented by Cho Za Moo (3rd Grade), Dima Alaskari (4th Grade), and Paw T Moo (6th Grade). Best of Luck!

RCSD 24 Tournament - This is the second year that CSR students will be competing in the Annual 24 Challenge Tournament. The following students will put their math skills to work in grades 3-6: Saida, Cho, Aisha, Eli, Rakshya, Sharif, Yassin, Ahmed, Jacci, Dikshya, Yasser, and Lenneishka. Good luck!

First Unitarian Church Art Show – Selected students will be showing off their artwork. If your student has a piece in the show, please come join us on April 30, from 12:45 pm - 1:30 pm, at The First Unitarian Church, located at 220 Winton Road South. Come check out some great pieces of work from our budding artists!

NYS Testing - Two thumbs up for all of our students in Grades 3-6 who took the NYS ELA Exam last week! We’re very proud of their efforts! The NYS Math Exam for Grades 3-6 will be on May 1 and 2. We know everyone will do their best!

Spring Recess! - This year, Spring Recess will be April 15-19. I hope everyone has the opportunity to spend time with their families and get out and enjoy the spring weather. School will begin again on Monday, April 22.

Thank you for your hard work and support. You are vital to the success of our students.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jay B. Piper
The Children’s School of Rochester

“No matter how long the winter, spring is sure to follow.” -- Proverb
Curriculum Corner

Pre-K 3 Year Old Family

This month, we had a special visitor to Pre K. We met Chocolate Lab, Cody! Our Pre K friends continue to learn how to take care of animals and each other. In our small groups, we explored:

➢ Dinosaur fossils in ice
➢ Rhyming words
➢ Nursery rhymes
➢ Ways to move our bodies
➢ Shapes
➢ Building towers high and wide
➢ Measuring, mixing and pouring

Pre-K 4 Year Old Family

Welcome Spring! We are so excited! We’ve had so many new and exciting activities taking place in the classroom! We have been exploring art in many different ways and the kiddos are loving those experiences!

ELA:

● Retelling and sequencing
● Response to literature
● Text-to-self connections
● Books we’ve read:
  ○ In the Tall, Tall Grass
  ○ See Me Grow
  ○ When the Doorbell Rang
  ○ I Spy Shapes in Art
  ○ Shades of People
  ○ Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see?
  ○ The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Math/Science:

● Classifying and sorting
● Life cycles
● Sink & float exploration
● Patterns
● Counting with 1:1 correspondence past 10
● Shapes: trapezoid, rhombus, octagon, etc.
● Planting
We are so excited to welcome Spring! We are in search of signs of Spring.

March Highlights:
- ★ Field Trip to GCVM
- ★ Learning about Life Cycles—Robins, Bees and Butterflies
- ★ Spirit Week
- ★ Black Lives Matter at School
- ★ Women’s History Month
- ★ Long Ago and Today
- ★ Performing at Briefing

Springing forward into April:
- ➔ Learning new tricky words
- ➔ Reading stories from our Sam reader.
- ➔ Writing stories and learning how to add details
- ➔ We continue to learn about life cycles, ladybugs and ducks. Our room will become a temporary home for new friends. Check out Blooms for further details!
- ➔ We will continue our unit on Long Ago and Today.
- ➔ Colonial Times
- ➔ Learning about teen numbers and counting to 100 by ones and tens!
1st Grade Family

Spring is here! First grade will continue to grow in April by:

- Reading about Kate and her summer adventures in ELA
- Writing our opinions about something
- Practicing our math facts to 20, measuring and telling time in Math
- Learning about habitats in Science
- Identifying goods and services in Social Studies

2nd Grade Family

The Second Grade Family is looking forward to warmer weather and lots of sunshine in the days ahead!

March Highlights:

- Greek Myths
- Cycles in Nature
- Adding and Subtracting Numbers to 1000
- Writing Silly Stories
- CSR Ice Skating Party
- Spirit Week

What’s Coming Up:

- Westward Expansion
- Insects
- More Adding and Subtracting in Math
- Foundations of Multiplication - Arrays and Equal Groups
- Developing Characters in Our Writing
3rd Grade Family

**ELA & Science:** We just finished up writing our animal reports. We had a great time being able to research our specific animal, ask questions and find the answers. A few animals our family learned about were lions, panthers, sea otters, jellyfish, koalas, sharks and penguins. Currently we are starting to focus more on particular frogs and their adaptations. For example, the Golden Poison Dart Frog has enough poison to kill 20,000 mice. WOW!

**Math:** Just finished up our fractions unit as well as our unit on data tables, reading charts and making bar graphs. We will begin our unit on measurement and time this week.

**Social Studies:** 3rd grade just wrapped up learning about South Korea and we will focus on Thailand, China, Japan and Vietnam within the next few weeks.

- NYS Exams begin this month. Please make sure that your child gets a good night sleep.
- The NYSESLAT for our English Language Learners begins this month as well.
- We were so glad that we could meet with so many of you during Parent Teacher Conferences. Thanks for taking the time and supporting the learning for the 3rd grade family.
4th Grade Family

Math: We have been working very hard on understanding fractions. Fourth graders are using number lines and number bonds to add, subtract and compare fractions.
ELA: We are practicing what good readers do and using text clues and features to help us understand new stories. Our focus has been looking at expository and nonfiction texts.
Writing: Students are working wonderfully in research pairs. We are learning that good writers are curious and ask a lot of questions. Each partnership is collecting facts on a country. Together they will work on writing a research report. We are learning so much!
Science: We are full of sparks in 4th Grade! Students have been learning all about electrical circuits. We have found a variety of items in our classroom that need a circuit to work. Students also built their own electrical circuits and tested them to find conductors and insulators.
Recess: We will be going outside weather permitting. Please make sure your child has sneakers to play in each day!

5th Grade Family

Math: Fractions! Add, Subtract, Multiply, Divide...we can do it all with Fractions!
ELA: We are feeling prepared and ready to go for our NYS ELA test.
Writing: We continue to revise our fiction stories for characters, setting and plot.
Science: We have concluded our unit on our biomes and are moving on to Earth Science! 5th grade will be creating miniature Earths to kick off this exciting new unit!
ENL: The NYSESLAT for our English Language Learners will be beginning with the speaking portion on April 8th. The reading, writing, and listening part will be given in mid May.
6th Grade Family

**ELA:** We are really enjoying the two different books that we are reading. The two books both involve early 20th century technology, Chinese immigration, and the Great San Francisco Earthquake of 1906. Exploring these ideas in all of the 6th grade classrooms has been exciting. Please, ask your student what's happening in the book she/he is reading!

**Math:** Integers!!! Moving on number lines in both directions can be tricky but the 6th graders are getting the hang of it.

CEW

K is working on a very secret multimedia musical/art project for someone we love that will take many weeks of hard work! SHHHHHH!!!(“What happens in CEW, stays in CEW!”)

1st and 2nd are going to sing a song about Frederick Douglass on April 30th at Briefing. Please look for your own personal invitation coming home soon.

3rd will be experimenting with music in pentatonic scales (5 notes) as they study Asia in class.

4th has composed some recorder songs and will be performing “50 States in Rhyme on April 8th at Briefing. They recently heard a jumpin’ jazz quintet called “The Hot Socks” (from The Eastman School of Music) play for them in CEW! “The Hot Socks” were Cool, Man!

5th is learning how to play very complex, syncopated rhythms on percussion instruments and working on some challenging higher level recorder skills.

6th will be performing a Chinese “Garden Lullaby” in Briefing on Friday, April 5th and then exploring the world of composing. The beautiful Chinese lanterns that they created in Art with Ms. Cranker will adorn the gym during the performance, as well. Mr. Piper showed us how to write in Mandarin on our invitations!
ART

All the art projects this month will be inspired by spring

The first student art show of the year will be held at the Unitarian Church on April 30, from 12:45-1:30. Students who have art in the show will be walking to the church at 12:20. Parents are encouraged to join us to show support for our students and their amazing artwork.

PE

In Physical Education in April, students in grades K-6 will be working on their fitness. Students in K-3 will be learning how to do fitness components that relate to the FitnessGram Pacer Test. Students in grades 4-6 will take part in the spring assessment part of the FitnessGram which consists of push ups, sit ups, the trunk lift for flexibility and the pacer run for endurance.
**Instrumental Music**

Be sure to use these **3 Steps** to help you learn your ‘Jazzy’ Spring Concert Music!!

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**Beginner Band - Hard Rock Blues**  
**Beginner Orchestra - Fiddlin’ the Blues**  
**Intermediate Band - Clarinet Boogie**  
**Intermediate Orchestra - groovin’ for the first time**

**Library**

The library will be a sleepy place this month for grades 1-5 as we work on learning how to follow directions in crafty books to make a sleep mask. Kindergarten will be learning more about spring. Sixth graders are working on learning how to properly attribute quotes with a t-shirt and/or tote bag project. Our thanks to everyone who donated materials and supplies for these projects!

**Peace Ambassadors**

The Peace Ambassadors hosted Dr. Howard Beckman at their March meeting. He shared stories and wisdom from his time as Rosa Park’s doctor. It was very enlightening and we thank him so much for spending the morning with us.
April 2nd is World Autism Day, and we will be learning about Autism for the entire month of April. Autism is NOT a mental illness, bad behavior, caused by vaccines, or always associated with cognitive impairment. Speech-Language Pathologists can help children with Autism of all ages become better communicators. Some of the behaviors we can help with include:

- impaired ability to make friends with peers in expected ways
- impaired ability to initiate or sustain conversation with others
- stereotyped, repetitive, or unusual use of language
- restricted patterns of interest that are abnormal in intensity or focus
- inflexible adherence to specific routines or rituals
- Lack of fear or danger awareness
- Not responsive to verbal and nonverbal cues
- Difficulty expressing needs or responding to questions

Find out more at AutismUp, Autism Speaks, or the Autism Society.

Primary Project

Primary Project provides eligible children in grades K - 2nd an opportunity to learn and express themselves through free play. Some of the benefits of free play are:

- Allows child to discover his/her own interests and skills
- Develops imagination, motor skills, physical and emotional strength
- Allows child to create, explore and master new worlds
- Promotes self-confidence
- Teaches sharing, negotiating, and advocating for self.

Encouraging your child to play and explore at home is a wonderful way to help them build these important skills.
Patients, Family Members & Hospital Staff
Please Join Us For:

Building Bridges to Better Mental Health with our Community Partners!

Wednesday, April 24, 2019
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Mental Health & Wellness at Strong
300 Crittenden Blvd.
Office of Mental Health Promotion
Room: G 9271

Parking available in Saunders Visitor Lot (265 Crittenden Blvd) for a fee. Parking vouchers available upon request for community members.

Refreshments Included: Provided by Wegmans! Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 17th (walk-ins welcome!) by visiting goo.gl/TwfhK2 OR ☎: Kaylena_bell@urmc.rochester.edu ☏: (585) 276-3801

AGENCIES THAT WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE:
ACCESS VR - ASSISTS WITH ACHIEVING/MAINTAINING EMPLOYMENT & PROVIDES TRAINING, EDUCATION, REHABILITATION & CAREER DEVELOPMENT
AMERICAN FOUNDATION OF SUICIDE PREVENTION (AFSP)
EXCELSUS HEALTH INSURANCE LIFESPAN - PROVIDES INFORMATION, GUIDANCE & MORE THAN 30 SERVICES THAT HELP OLDER ADULTS AND CAREGIVERS TIME ON LONGER LIFE
MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION (MHA) - CREATIVE WELLNESS - PROMOTES MENTAL WELLNESS BY PROVIDING A SPECTRUM OF CULTURALLY COMPETENT SERVICES
NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI)
MONROE COUNTY OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH: SINGLE POINT OF ACCESS (SPA) AND FAMILY ACCESS AND CONNECTION TEAM (FACT) - FOR PEOPLE LOOKING FOR ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT (ACT), MENTAL HEALTH RESIDENTIAL SERVICES & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT
PERSONALIZED RECOVERY ORIENTED SERVICES (PLOS) - INTEGRATES REHABILITATION, TREATMENT, & SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THOSE WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS
POSSIBLE AGENCIES IN ATTENDANCE (AWAITING CONFIRMATION)
STOP THE STIGMA ROC
ROCHESTER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER (REOC)
OUT ALLIANCE - ADDRESSES THE NEEDS OF LGBTQ COMMUNITY BY PROVIDING SUPPORT, INFORMATION, EDUCATION, EMPOWERMENT & DIFFERENT OPPORTUNITIES

Share this.
Invite family and friends!
* Thank you to Dr. Frost for taking time to always help me find just the right books for our Pre K friends!  
Mrs. Osborne  
* Thank you to Mrs. Cranker, Mrs. France, Dr. Frost, Mrs. Robey, Mr. Nash and Mr. Prescott for creating such a beautiful work of art. We enjoy passing it and looking at it on our way to lunch! - First Grade  
* Mr. Prescott, Thank you for your willingness to take all of the students’ input for the music mural into your heart and into your hands. We can hardly wait to see what you’ll create! :)  
Ms. France  
* Thank you to all the families that sent in fabrics from all over the world so we could create our weaving of “Common Threads” to celebrate the diversity of our school families in our amazing “world in a school!”  
The CSR Specials Family

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**Important Dates**

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**ATTENTION!**  
ALL Students will dismiss at 10:45 am on Friday, April 26
STAFF APPRECIATION

You probably already know this, but we have the best teachers and staff in the entire district here at our school! They work tirelessly to support our students and make this school the best that it can be. On May 23rd, we will hold a lunch at school in their honor.

Here are a few things you can do to help us celebrate our teachers and staff:

1. Bring in a dish to share on the morning of the lunch.
2. Help with set up or clean up on the day of the lunch.
3. Students can write notes or make artwork for their favorite CSRPTO teachers and staff.
4. Provide a gift basket donation: if you know a local business that would be able to donate a service or gift card, or you have a gift you could donate, let us know.

For more information on how you can be involved, please email CSRPTO15@gmail.com

HOW WE SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

Here are some ways that CSRPTO helps our school. We also set aside funds for miscellaneous expenses and to help with field trips. To learn more join us for a meeting or email CSRPTO15@gmail.com

- $800 Each Grade Level (100) and Specials (200)
- $250 Field Day (100) and Back to School Night (150)
- $250 Peace Ambassadors
- $350 International Dinner
- $250 Staff Appreciation Lunch
- $350 Barnes and Noble Fundraiser Supplies, Ice Cream Sandwiches for students
- $350 End of the Year Picnic

SPRING DATES

PTO Meeting - Saturday, May 18th at 11am - Frederick Douglass Library on South Ave.

After School Play Date - Thursday, April 25th 2:30-4:30 Cobbs Hill Playground (playground near Culver Road entrance to the park, across from the lodge)

Barnes and Noble Fundraiser - April 20th, 10-4pm

End of the Year Picnic - Coming in June!!
March Photo Gallery

CSR Family Skating Party
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SPIRIT WEEK

The Children’s School of Rochester (No. 15) ~ 85 Hillside Avenue ~ Rochester, NY 14610 ~ 585-262-8830
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Jump for Heart

Images of children jumping rope and playing with hula hoops in a gymnasium.
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- **NYSLAT Speaking begins**
- **RCSD Storytelling Festival at RIA 6:00-8:30 pm**
- **Passover Begins**
- **Early Dismissal for All Students at 10:45 am**
- **Report Cards sent home this week**
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BRIEFING CALENDAR!

Monday 1

March Super Shout Out Winner &
The Book of the Month Revealed

Tuesday 2

NYS ELA Tests for grades 3-6
No briefing! Good luck students 😊

Friday 5

6th grade Presentations & Performance
of “Garden Lullaby Song”

Monday 8

4th Grade Performs “The 50 States in Ryhyme”

Thurs. 11

Intermediate Orchestra Performs

Friday 12

Salaff String Quartet Performs

NO SCHOOL April 15-19th Spring Recess! READ, READ, READ!

Wed. 24

We learn about Christian Holy Days

Thurs. 25

Storytellers: Cho Za Moo 3rd, Dina 4th & Pranila 6th

Tuesday 30

1st & 2nd Grade Perform “Frederick Douglass”