

Cornerstone News



December 9, 2016

Solstice Festival Date - December 15th 3:15pm - Cornerstone Gym

Cornerstone's Annual Solstice Festival, featuring performances from students from Primary through the Junior Class, is a December tradition.* The show begins at 3:15pm, in the gym, and culminates with an Upper Elementary presentation of "The Mummers Play," a Traditional English winter rite that has not failed to bring Spring for thirty-one years running.

****Please note that not all Primary children participate in the performance. Teachers will be in contact with detailed information.***

PVG Links - NEW

This year the Parent Volunteer Group is utilizing two websites to facilitate events and opportunities to volunteer at Cornerstone. The link will stay constant, but the events and opportunities will change so Favorite or Bookmark these sites!

1. SignUpGenius - [PVG Volunteer opportunities](#). Here you can find all volunteer opportunities and sign up at your convenience.
2. EventBrite - [Cornerstone Family Connections](#) - A PVG initiative to promote connections amongst Cornerstone families/caregivers via social events outside of school. Anyone can post an event (ex. apple picking, hiking, beach clean ups, walks, coffee meet-ups, etc.). Please contact Tamara (a parent volunteer) at tdenneen@comcast.net to add your name for new events, notices and to post an event idea.

Parent Volunteer Group Updates



Thank you to LeeAnne and the teachers who joined the PVG at the December 6th Parent Coffee and shared how community-building and community service are integrated into the classroom experience. We really appreciate when teachers take time out of their busy day and share with the parent community. The next PVG gathering will be a CFC (Cornerstone Family Connections) event. Please join the PVG on Tuesday, December 20th, for a holiday skate at Labre Family Skate at Strawberry Banke. Come directly after school (it's an early release day) and join other Cornerstone kids and families/caretakers on the ice. A bit of a Norman Rockwell style fun!

Children under 5 are free, children (age 6-17) are \$9.00, and adults (18 and over) are \$11.00. Skate rentals are \$5.00. They do not rent helmets. If you're hungry and want to warm up with a hot drink, FigTree Kitchen is right next to the skating rink. Please keep checking the [CFC website](#) as this a weather-dependent event. For more information go to www.eventbrite.com. Hope you can join us!

The next Parent Coffee will be in the beginning of February. We would like to hear from you about any topics of discussion you would like included in future parent coffees as staff/faculty will speak on other themes of interest to parents. If you have an idea for a theme, please email Jessie Gilton (jessie.Gilton@gmail.com). We welcome ideas from any parent.

Fundraiser Updates

Our Annual Appeal is in December, and the goal is for 100% family participation (of any dollar amount at all). These funds go toward improving the school/classroom environment. This year's appeal will focus on the outdoor play equipment. If you have not received your annual appeal in the mail please contact the front office (Pam, Susan, or LeeAnne).

The Thanksgiving Turkey Drive was a success with 100 complete turkey dinners bagged and delivered to Seacoast Family Food Pantry and Rockingham Community Action, as well as over \$2000 in cash donations to the Food Pantry. Thank you to Tracey Lyras and Kerri Vivathana for organizing, and to all those who donated, sorted, bagged and delivered the dinners. An easy fundraiser is to collect "box tops for education" (they're on many products) and drop them off in the front office! Danielle Chase has volunteered to run this program and will periodically submit the box tops and keep us updated. Finally, Happy Holidays! The Parent Volunteer Group would like to thank you for all your support this year!

Melancholy Dane Herb Mix



AYE, THERE'S
THE RUB.

Made from dried herbs lovingly harvested at the Farm@Cornerstone, including sage and thyme. Uses: Apply liberally to chicken, steak, fish, pork, or ham(let) before cooking. Sprinkle on stew or pizza! One four ounce jar of rub is only \$ 5.00. To buy or not to buy? Buy!

Order forms are heading home, but supplies are limited, so you can jump the queue and send an email to juniorclassy@gmail.com with your order!

As the school-year unfolds, the Junior Class operates a series of micro-economies, student-run businesses with adult guidance. The economies take the form of products, services, workshops etc... We look to the rest of the community to support these young adults as they move through their last two years at Cornerstone, and thank you in advance for your participation.

Book Fair Update



Thank you to all of those who helped with the book fair. We had an amazing group of volunteers who helped set up and break down the books and many cashiers during the course of the week. We'd also like to recognize Guy and Jenny Marshall for hosting our Breakfast with Books event. Lastly, we'd like to thank all the parents that came in to school and supported our book fair. This year, we sold 271 books totaling \$5326.65 and made \$1331.66 in profit for Cornerstone! Thank you!!

When you shop with Amazon....



Cornerstone is an Amazon Affiliate which means Cornerstone receives 4% cash back on purchase you make. This link can be found on the bottom of the Cornerstone School homepage. Please note this is different from Amazon Smile, however it is still an Amazon sponsored fundraiser.

Sallie

Eliot

Sara

Sandi

Kevin

Sarah

Florita

Kim

Neal

Don

All the best this Holiday Season

Kate

Kristin

Alayna

Susan

Julia

Chris

Anne

Lee Anne

Wayne

Erin

Diana

Kelly

Ruth

Rob

John

Mary

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