Open House
2017-2018 School Year
A Bird’s Eye View of CES
“A Caring Community...”
“...of Enthusiastic...”
“...Learners.”
### School Schedule

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### Early Closing Inclement Weather:

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| A.M. Pre K:          | 8:35 a.m. to 10:35 a.m.           |
| P.M. Pre K:          | Canceled                           |
❖ Absences/tardies can be reported on the absentee line by calling 860-537-3760 preferably before 8:45am of school day

❖ Messages should include your name, child’s full name, child’s teacher, and reason for absence/tardy (include future date/duration if reporting in advance)

❖ Please provide written documentation for all absences. A parent note is valid for the first 9 days missed.

❖ After 9:30am, SchoolMessenger will call families of students with unexcused absences to confirm absence that is not reported, autonomously contacting home, cell, and work phone numbers

❖ Students who have exceeded nine absences will need to provide written documentation in order to be considered an excused absence (i.e. doctor’s note, observation of religious holiday, death in family, mandated court appearances, lack of transportation, or extraordinary opportunities pre-approved by district administrators)

❖ Students must attend the minimum of half a school day to be accounted as being present for a school day
❖ Parent and bus drop-off runs between 8:20am to 8:35am (students on late buses will not be marked tardy)
❖ Mandatory Parent/District Staff sign-in/sign-out
❖ Security Checks - visitors & staff
❖ Parent and bus pick-up runs between 3:10pm to 3:30pm
Transportation

❖ M&J Bus Co. (860) 537-2622
❖ Learn Vans (860) 537-3103
❖ Transportation Forms & Updates
❖ Bus eBook available under “Enrolling Your Child” on Colchester Elementary School’s site
Preschool Parent Drop-off & Pick-up

- All drop-off and pick-up traffic will enter the Preschool parking lot on Halls Hill Rd.
- All children must be escorted into the building by an adult.
- Van students will be met by staff members outside.
- No parking allowed in the white hashed marked left corner area.
K-2 Parent Drop-off

- All drop-off and pick-up traffic will enter the large parking lot on Halls Hill Road.
- All drop-off vehicles must pull up to designated yellow drop-off sign before children can exit vehicles.
- Crossing guard will guide children across crosswalk into the front of the school.
- All children must be escorted into the building by adult if no staff member is on duty outside.
K-2 Parent Pick-up

- Parent pick-up begins inside the cafeteria at 3:10pm
- Picture identification is required daily when picking up child
- Note from parent/guardian is required to be a pick-up if child is scheduled to ride the bus home
- Notes must clearly state child’s full name and full name of family member/approved individual for pick-up change
- Early dismissal and nurse dismissals are signed out from the main office
CES Staff

- 6 Preschool sessions
- 8 Kindergarten classes
- 7 First Grade classes
- 7 Second Grade classes
- 56 Certified Staff
- 46 Paraprofessionals
- Math & Reading Interventionists
- School Social Worker & Psychologist, Speech-Language Pathologists, Occupational and Physical Therapists
❖ Kindergarten 11:56-12:23
❖ First Grade 12:25-12:52
❖ Second Grade 12:54-1:21
❖ Regular lunch $2.80
❖ Reduced lunch $0.40
❖ Regular breakfast $1.80
❖ Reduced breakfast $0.30
❖ Milk $0.65
❖ Ice cream $0.85

(Available Monday, Wednesday & Friday)
Recess
Communication

❖ Friday Folders - Digital Backpack
❖ Classroom Newsletters
❖ Parent Conferences - twice a year
❖ Progress Reports - 3 times a year
❖ Absences

❖ Early Dismissal, Late Opening, Cancellation of School
❖ www.colchesterct.org
❖ Twitter: @CaringCardinals
❖ YouTube: CES Caring Cardinals
Colchester Public Schools (CPS) have a proud tradition dating back from the first Bacon Academy, established in 1803. In Colchester, “where tradition meets tomorrow,” families and community join together in the education of our youth, proudly partnering to offer the best education possible. Colchester Elementary, the newest of our schools, hosts Prekindergarten and Kindergarten through second grade. Jack Jackter Intermediate School includes grades three to five; William Johnston Middle School has grades six through eight. Bacon Academy High School, Colchester’s public high school houses grades nine through twelve. The alternative high school, part of Bacon Academy, is located in the former 1803 building near the town green.
Colchester Elementary School

Colchester Elementary School (CES), designed for Colchester’s youngest citizens in preschool through grade two, opened its doors in September 2006. CES is home to the Colchester Early Childhood Program for students ages 3 to 5. In addition, we house Head Start program and an Early Head Start program at CES and the district’s School Readiness Coordinator’s office is on site. CES serves approximately 564 students in our fully inclusive school.

The staff of CES is composed of 52 certified staff members, 30 classified staff members, two Child Development Associates, two Occupational Therapists, one Physical Therapist, one Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant, one Principal and one Assistant Principal. 95.3% of our certified staff have a Masters Degree or above, and average 18.2 years of experience in Colchester or beyond. All our paraprofessionals have either an Associate’s Degree, accumulated 60 college credits or have passed the ParaPro exam.

Teaching reading, math and social skills is essential to the instruction at a primary school.

Students at CES are explicitly taught specific reading skills and strategies that build early foundational skills and strategies to become proficient...
Events at CES
Veterans Day
We are all looking forward to an exciting year with our students and entire CES community.
Questions or comments?

Our office hours are 7:30am - 4:30pm.

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