

October 27, 2023

Dear Link Families:

This is the time of the year I love the most. If there was a place in the country where I could experience the weather and colors the fall season provides all year long I'd move there immediately!

Picture day was this past week, and make-ups will be provided in December for those who were absent or for those who need a re-take. Many thanks to the PTA volunteers who helped the BNL photographers and who made the day run so smoothly.

This year CCSD is partnering with Cropsey Farms and the Rockland Farm Alliance to engage students in hands-on learning activities designed to promote a deeper understanding of agriculture and health education. Our 1st, 2nd and 4th graders will participate in this program as it connects to science curriculum and learning standards. Students will engage in a sequence of lessons carefully curated to foster an understanding of topics such as food sourcing, the growth cycle, nutrition, healthy eating, and a genuine appreciation for plants and farm life. The lessons will take place at both Cropsey Farm and hosted at Link where students will work together to make meaning and foster connections between science curriculum and daily life. So far our grade 1 and 2 students have made visits to the farm and we have loved this opportunity. Grade 2 will visit again in early November.

Parent Teacher Conferences are set for November 7 and 8. If you still need to schedule a conference, please contact your child's teacher directly and right away.

October 23-27 has been designated as School Board Recognition Week. This is a time to promote awareness and understanding of the important work performed by school board members. Under the guidance of art teacher Ms. Rodriguez, the Link students made a school wide project in honor of our Board of Education members' commitment to students. Thank you, CCSD Board of Education, for all you do.

This past weekend I took a quick trip to visit my daughter and her family in New Hampshire. I decided that on the way home I'd take the scenic route (which is the long way). It was worth it - the colors were beautiful (although this year the leaves are not as vibrant). Sometimes deciding to slow down and savor what is around us is exactly what we need to do.

Best wishes for a pleasant, rain free weekend where you can savor doing the things you love with those you love.

Sincerely,
Mary Bish, Principal