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Dear Members of CASE Community,

We are ending March and going into April. The new month is starting out with showers. The weather is in keeping with this time of year. It is spring. Spring brings with it a fresh start and endless possibilities. I hope you are all taking advantage of the temperatures and the ability to be outside as a group. With that, I share with you this newsletter capturing highlights, activities, and notices from the collaborative this past month. Here's wishing you all a favorable and successful April!

Sincerely,
Sanchita

PROGRAM UPDATES

MCAS UPDATE



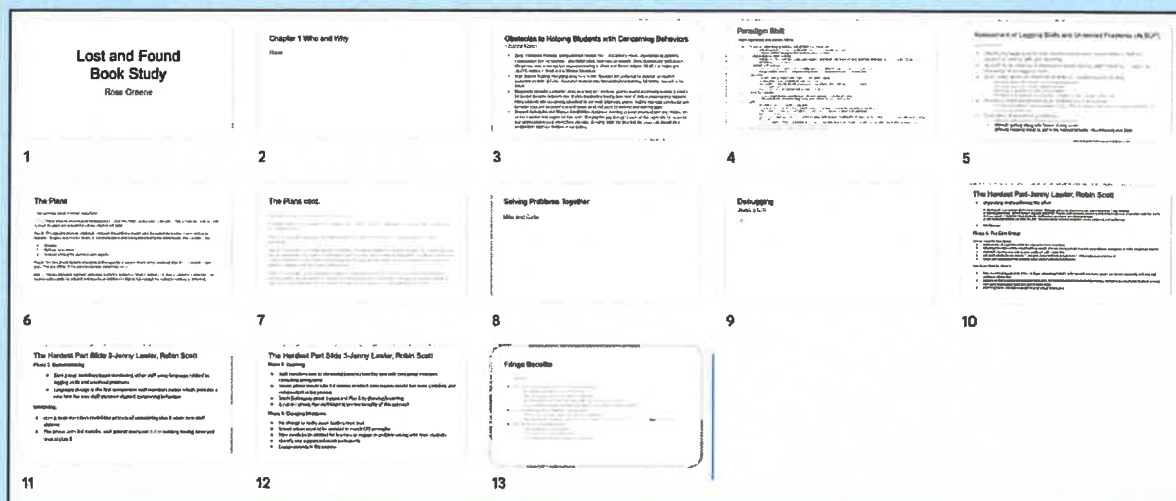
"ELA MCAS - Grade 10 has to be taken on certain dates. It has gone well at Colebrook School. Proctors were prepared. Students took the test. Coverage went well. Space worked out. MCAS will be back at Colebrook in May for Math and for Biology in June. MCAS Alts were brought to the central office today and are getting picked up today."

For District Classes - Grades 3-8 have windows of testing. Melissa and Carla are coordinating the tests in district classes."

*- Kim Munroe, **Principal, Colebrook School***

TIP PROGRAM NEWS

*Faculty in the TIP Program are participating in a book study, **Lost and Found** by Ross Green. Carla Chioda is leading this project.*



The group is exploring practical Ross Green's guidance for implementing his empirically-supported Collaborative & Proactive Solutions (CPS) problem solving model with students exhibiting behavioral challenges.

COLEBROOK SCHOOL NEWS

FILL OUT IN GOOGLE FORMS

I've invited you to fill out a form: Pastry is lemon blueberry bread!

Colebrook Coffee Cart

Coffee Cart is served between 9-10a.



Staff Name *

Classroom or Room # *

Hot Beverage Selection (\$.50) *

- ☐ Coffee full strength
- ☐ Coffee half-caf
- ☐ Hot Chocolate
- ☐ Black Tea
- ☐ Green Tea
- ☐ English Tea
- ☐ Constant Comment Tea
- ☐ Earl Grey Tea
- ☐ Mint Tea
- ☐ No beverage

Pastry (\$1.00) *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Total Due (Beverage \$.50 and pastry \$1.00) *

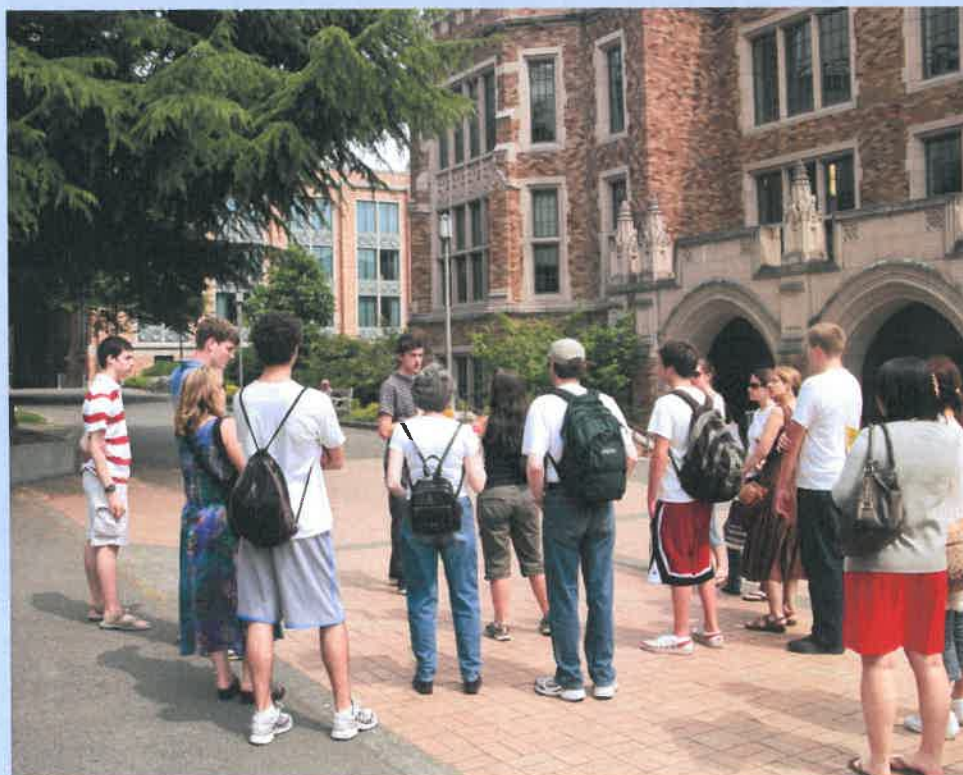
[Review and Submit](#)

Never submit passwords through Google Forms

COFFEE CART - "Two to three students across programs at Colebrook School are involved in making coffee and pastry each week. There is also a culinary and vocational aspect to this activity where coffee and a pastry made and delivered to staff in the building. Staff complete a Google Form with their orders earlier in the week.

Between 9-10 am on Fridays, students review money transactions, go over some scenarios, and head out to deliver coffee. Sometimes they go independently and sometimes with the Transition Specialist, Kate Sullivan. They deliver and then clean up."

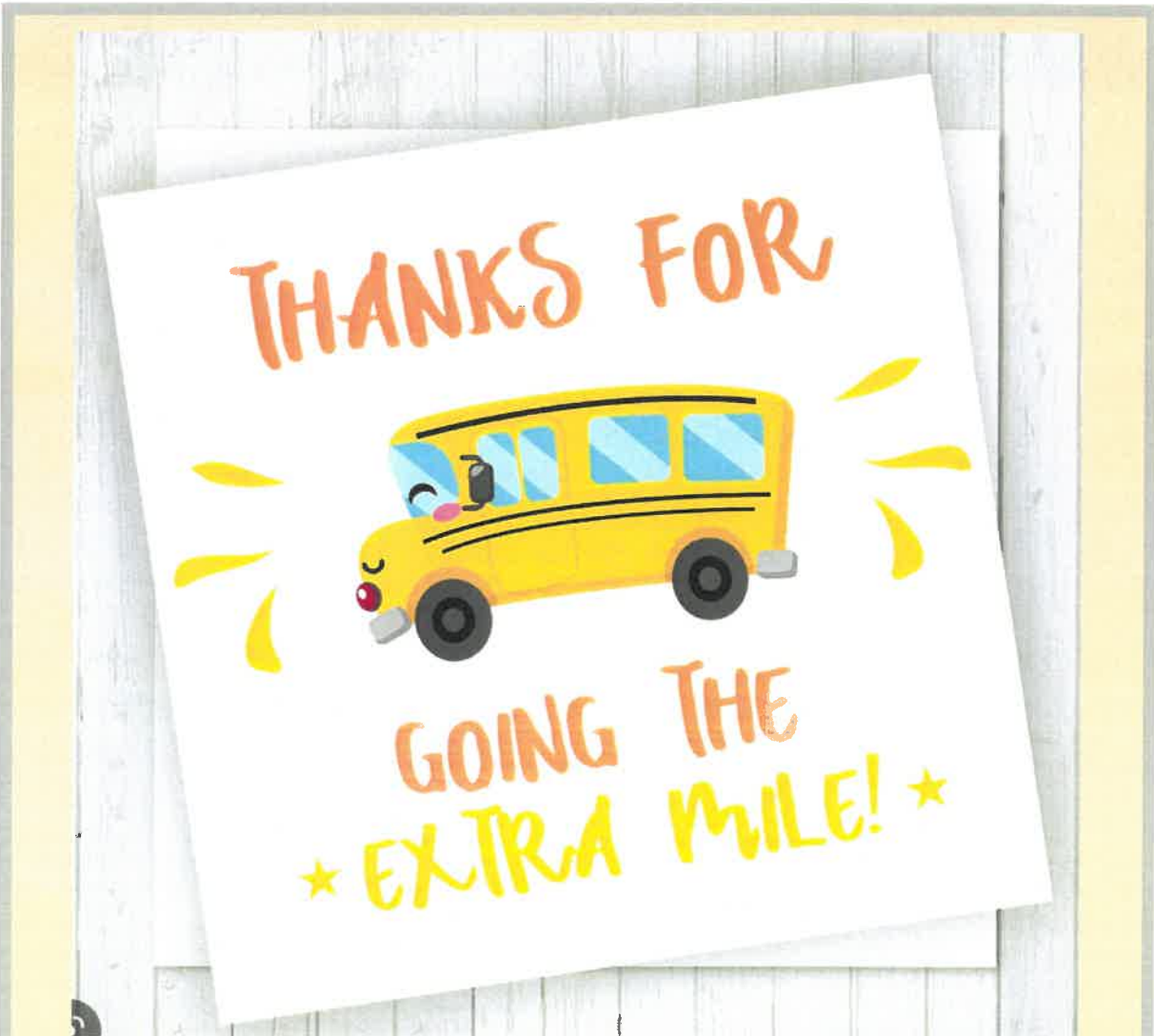
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COLLEGE VISIT - "Students from the Colebrook TIP and Empower programs attended a college visit to Mass Art on Monday. They were impressed with the level and breadth of art displayed and enjoyed walking through the studio spaces. One student who had little idea of what he wanted to do after high school declared, "I'm not going to lie. I think I want to become a graphic artist"! Another thanked the staff repeatedly for a wonderful day.

Sincerely, Jessica Grill (Counselor)

TRANSPORTATION UPDATES



"A parent organization in Thoreau School in Concord reached out and was apologetic that they did not include CASE drivers in their appreciation. A parent representative of this organization came by the CASE transportation office yesterday with gift cards for drivers and said that from now they will include us in their appreciation."

- **By Marty Finnegan, Transportation Manager**

CETT TEAM UPDATES

PD OPPORTUNITY

[AAC Workshop - April 12, 2023](#)

Let's Get Talking: Adventures in AAC



Lunch & Learn Workshop

Hosted by CASE CETT Team

Wednesday, April 12, 2023, 12:00pm–3:00pm

Littleton Middle School, 55 Russell St, Littleton

The workshop will provide information about supporting language comprehension and use for students with complex communication needs, with a focus on students who use lite and/or high-tech AAC. Participants will gain insight into implementation strategies and will walk away with tools for use across school settings.

Who Should Attend:

Educational staff, including speech-language pathologists, teachers, therapists, BCBAs/ABA tutors, counselors, and paraprofessionals, who teach and support students with complex communication needs.

What To Bring

A bag lunch. iPad with any AAC app, if available.

Cost:

\$50 for CASE Member Districts

\$75 for non-CASE Districts

\$0 for CASE Employees

Registration Link: [Workshop Registration](#)

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DEPARTMENT UPDATES

PIZZA FACTORY



SPRING CLEANING

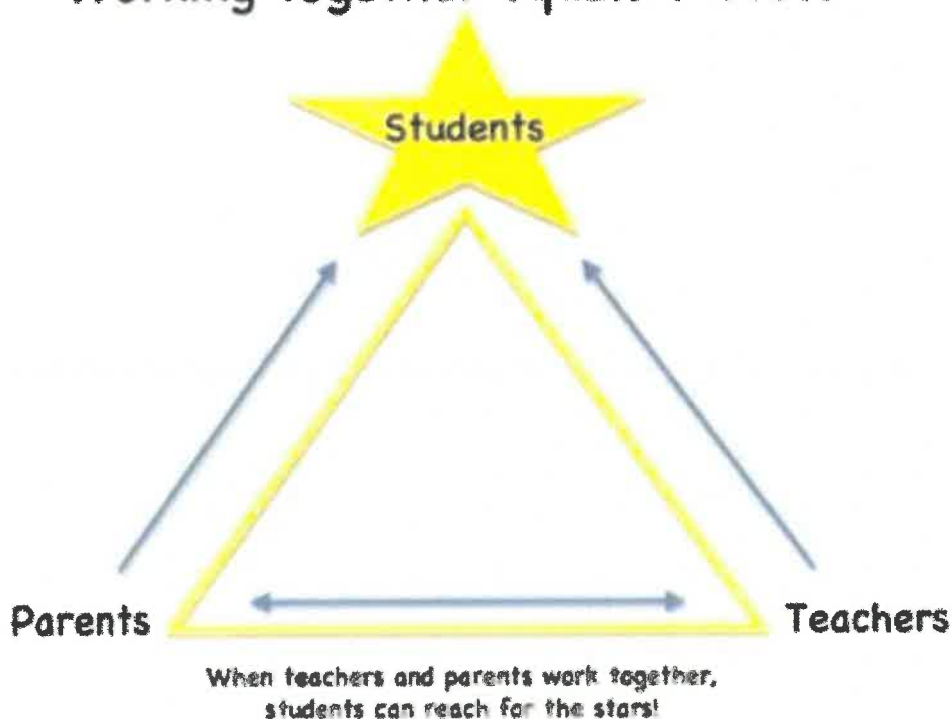
"As the weather warms up it becomes time for spring cleaning. Here are some great tips on how to go about getting it clean and organized."

<https://blog.williams-sonoma.com/how-to-clean-your-kitchen/>

- By Kathryn Dietel, Culinary Specialist

PARENT AND COMMUNITY UPDATE

Working together equals success!



Debbie Lilley, parent of a student in CASE's EMPOWER HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM, is our Parent Liaison. Debbie organized a meeting at Colebrook School with interested parents/families on March 17, 2023. The purpose was to plan their activities for the spring.

ROUNDTABLES



CASE Special Education Directors Roundtable took place on
March 3rd, 2023 and March 31st, 2023.

CASE Out of District Coordinators Roundtable took place on
March 9th, 2023.

APRIL 2023 CALENDAR OBSERVANCES

April 2023

April	Full Month	ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH Celebrates the Arab American heritage and culture and pays tribute to the contributions of Arab Americans and Arabic-speaking Americans.
April	Full Month	GENOCIDE AWARENESS MONTH A month that marks important anniversaries for past and contemporary genocides. Throughout the month, individuals, communities and organizations join together to remember and honor victims and survivors of mass atrocities.
April	Full Month	NATIONAL POETRY MONTH Introduced in 1996 by the Academy of American Poets as a way to increase awareness and appreciation of poetry in the United States.
April		DAY OF SILENCE Students take a day-long vow of silence to protest the actual silencing of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer/questioning (LGBTQ) students and their straight allies due to bias and harassment.
April 2		PALM SUNDAY • Western Christian Observed the Sunday before Easter to commemorate the entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem.
April 6		THERAVADA NEW YEAR • Buddhist In Theravada countries the New Year is celebrated on the first full moon day in April.
April 6-13		PASSOVER/PESACH • Jewish The eight-day "Feast of Unleavened Bread" celebrates Israel's deliverance from Egyptian bondage.
April 7		GOOD FRIDAY • Western Christian Commemorates the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ on the Friday before Easter. Known as <i>Holy Friday</i> in Eastern Orthodox Christianity.
April 9		EASTER • Western Christian Known as <i>Pascha</i> in Eastern Christianity, it celebrates the resurrection of Jesus.
April 9		PALM SUNDAY • Eastern Orthodox Christian Observed the Sunday before Pascha to commemorate the entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem.
April 13		HOLY THURSDAY • Eastern Orthodox Christian Also known as <i>Maundy Thursday</i> , it is celebrated on the Thursday before Pascha commemorating the Last Supper, at which Jesus Christ and the Apostles were together for the last time before the Crucifixion.
April 14		HOLY FRIDAY • Eastern Orthodox Christian Commemorates the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ on the Friday before Pascha. Known as <i>Good Friday</i> in Western Christianity.

April 14	VAISAKHI (also spelled Balsakhi) • Sikh The festival which celebrates the founding of the Sikh community as the Khalsa (community of the initiated). On this day, Sikhs gather and celebrate Valsakhi at their local Gurdwaras (Sikh house of worship) by remembering this day as the birth of the Khalsa.
April 16	PASCHA • Eastern Orthodox Christian Known as <i>Easter</i> in Western Christianity, it celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
April 17	LAILAT AL-QADR • Islamic Commemorates the night that the <i>Qur'an</i> was first revealed to the Prophet Muhammad. It is known as the "Night of Power." Often set on the 27th day of Ramadan, Sunnis may observe it on the 21st, 23rd, 25th or 29th and Shi'ite (Shiite) observe it on the 19th, 21st or 23rd day of Ramadan.
April 18	YOM HASHOAH • Jewish "Holocaust Remembrance Day" memorializes the heroic martyrdom of six million Jews who perished in the Nazi Holocaust.
April 21	EID AL-FITR • Islamic The "Feast of the Breaking of the Fast" marks the end of Ramadan, the holy month of fasting from dawn until dusk.
April 21-May 2	FESTIVAL OF RIDVÁN • Bahá'í Annual festival commemorating the 12 days when Bahá'u'lláh, the prophet-founder of the Bahá'í Faith, resided in a garden called Ridván (Paradise) and publicly proclaimed his mission as God's messenger for this age. The first (April 21), ninth (April 29), and twelfth (May 2) days are celebrated as holy days when Baha'is suspend work.
April 24	ARMENIAN MARTYRS' DAY Memorializes the genocide of approximately 1.5 million Armenians between 1915 and 1923 in Turkey.

