

MRS. MAGUIRE'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Country Elementary School

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Country School CARES

A MESSAGE FROM THE PTO:

Have you seen the design for this year's Country School T-shirts? Now is your chance to stock up on Country Spirit wear, including t-shirts, hooded sweatshirts and picnic blankets. If you haven't submitted your order yet, please do so soon. Contact Claudia Spada or Jill Kramer if you have any questions. westoncountryschoolpto@gmail.com

A MESSAGE FROM DR. SUSAN ERICKSON, K-5 SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM SPECIALISTS

If you did not get a chance to fill out a survey at Back to School Night about the K-5 History and Social Studies Instruction and Learning, I'd love your feedback. You can fill out the survey by going to this link: [History and Social Studies Survey](#)

*Many thanks, Susan
Erickson, Ed.D*

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By Principal Erin Maguire

The 2019-2020 School Year is off to a wonderful start. The first few weeks of school have been filled with connecting, both as classroom communities and as a school. All members of Country School have enjoyed reconnecting in ways big and small and it has made for a beautiful transition into a new school year.

This year at Country we have introduced the link between our Core Values (Compassion, Adventure, Respect, Effort and Safety) to *Taking CARE of ourselves, others and our community*. Messages reinforcing and reminding students of the expected actions and how they link to Country CARES can be found all around the building.

The goal of this work is to establish a positive school culture in which shared values and expectations are lived each and every day. This ensures a learning environment that is predictable, safe and most importantly, caring. In this type of environment, children are more likely to develop a strong sense of self, take risks, make lasting social connections and develop perseverance and grit to deal with struggles big and small. By linking the importance of taking care of ourselves, each other and our community, students are better able to understand how their actions are connected and impact their importance at school.

Be on the lookout for your child to come home with a CARES sticker and be sure to ask why they got it. We are working hard to recognize students for their efforts and celebrate their success.

This is important work and will lead to big accomplishments for all of our students!