

# MRS. MAGUIRE'S MONTHLY MESSAGE



## Country School CARES

Country Elementary School

OCTOBER 2021

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PTO:

*Thank you for all of your support in helping us kick off a positive start to the school year. If you haven't done so already, please make sure to join the PTO. You can [sign up here](#).*

*If you are interested in purchasing Spirit Wear, you can do so [here](#). School Spirit days will be starting soon and it is always fun to see everyone in their CS gear!*

### IMPORTANT DATES;

- *Picture Day; Monday, October 1st*
- *Early Release; Wednesday, October 6th*
- *No School; Monday, October 11th*
- *All School Meeting; Wednesday, October 13th*
- *No Kindergarten; Wednesday, October 20th*
- *School Council; Monday, October 25th*
- *Early Release; Wednesday, October 27th*

## OCTOBER

*By Principal Erin Maguire*

We are off to a great start at Country School! Everyone has spent the first few weeks settling into the new routines, connecting as a community, and setting the tone for a year of fun, hard work, and learning ahead.

Each month, we have a schoolwide theme that supports our core values and keeps us connected with shared experiences. In September, our focus was on building community. Classes spent Morning Meeting time getting to know each other and building a class community. Building a safe and supportive community is integral in setting students up for a successful year of learning. Students that feel confident and safe in their learning environment are more likely to take risks with their learning and achieve at higher levels. We help students become Independent learners and risk-takers by encouraging them to set goals, meet their goals, and set new goals!

This month, we will be teaching and reviewing with students about Country **CARES** and how using **CARES** core values helps us remember to take care of ourselves, each other, and our community. At CS, **CARES** represents **Compassion, Adventure, Respect, Effort, and Safety**. This year we will be adding to CARES to include **Cooperation, Assertiveness, Responsibility, Empathy, and Self-Control**. Starting next month, we will focus on one letter of the **CARES** acronym each month.

We celebrate these shared experiences on our "Good News" tree, located in the main hallway of our school. Students and staff jot down notes and add them to the wall for others to see. In September, the good news wall featured exciting ways classes were building community. In October, students will share any good news related to CARES!

We also acknowledge our students' efforts with Country CARES stickers. If you see your child wearing one, be sure to ask why they got it!

In the coming weeks and months, I look forward to connecting with families in creative ways to further strengthen our school community. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any suggestions or questions. I enjoy hearing from you!