

Mission: It is the mission of the Caledonia Central Supervisory Union and its seven member schools to create a learning community in which each individual can achieve the highest standards of excellence in intellectual growth and citizenship.

Vision: Our learning community is safe, inclusive, equitable, and transparent. Our learners are supported to be engaged, self-directed, contributing members of their local and global communities.

Curriculum Notes

WHAT'S IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:

- 20 Years at CCSU
- Upcoming Professional Development
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Clay making @ Cabot

Recently, while visiting a kindergarten classroom, we were chatting with some students who were drawing multimedia creations of castles and families. In the course of our visit one of the artists told a story about a dog in the picture that was hurt. Another artist at the table stopped their work and asked, “Is your dog ok?”. This is an example of compassion; this child was sympathetic and then acted on their emotion to express caring for their classmate.

When we engage with each other in meaningful ways, we have the opportunity to enter spaces with curiosity. To find out what is important, what matters, what thoughts and feelings are present for that person. Elena Aguilar in her book *Onward*, suggests practicing compassion by first assuming that the folks we interact with are “doing the best they can with what they have.”

We build upon relationships and our own understanding of another’s experience. With this new understanding, we are able to act with intentionality and compassion. Our actions become more purposeful and meaningful.

We see examples of compassion, both receiving and giving, throughout CCSU in various ways. For example, students at Cabot are leading a grassroots fundraising for a new playground—one that will benefit the entire community. Additionally, many of our schools are working with local area food banks to help support their greater community. Actions based in compassion are evident in our classrooms daily; we notice the support of kindness and understanding given to our colleagues and students alike. When we pause and reflect, we can easily see how we are surrounded by compassion.

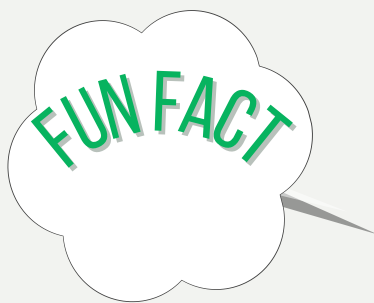
Compassion strengthens relationships, and trusting relationships are a critical component for learning. When we feel cared for, we feel safe and our brains become more receptive to learning new things. These relationships foster opportunities for personalized learning and create space for students to nurture and grow their own curiosities.

In partnership,
Des and Jen



20+ Years of Service

Brian Boyes	Cabot
Denise Briggs	Transportation Coordinator
Kevin Colosa	Danville, Peacham, etc
Christina Fearon	Barnet
Joanna Fowler	Twinfield
Valerie Gombas	Barnet
Linda Howard	Twinfield
Marie Langmaid	Walden
Kim Larose	Walden
Krista Larrow	Twinfield
Jennifer Lindert	Cabot
Guy Pearce	Danville
Christine Rapoza	Danville
Cheryl Stevenson	Peacham
David Warren	Danville
Connie Withers	Cabot
Jennifer Wood	Waterford



Most of the people were hired **between 1988-1998**. During this time period several towns in the CCSU still had operating one room school houses or small community based buildings.

From [VT Historical Society](#) and [Danville Historical Society](#)



Do you have a fun fact? Please send them to Jennifer.lemery@ccsuvt.net



Upcoming Professional Development in the Region and Beyond

Topic and Link	When/How	Cost
Math		
Building upon the foundation: Developing a deeper understanding of additive reasoning and computational fluency <i>From Castleton and PNOA</i>	Jan 11, 18, 25; Feb 1,8, 15, 22; Mar 1, 8, 15 Wednesdays 3:30-5:30 Virtual	\$1435 (3 credits) or \$1000 to audit
Illustrative Math Courses For all math teachers K-2, 3-5, K-8	Various Courses offered for all level of Math teachers.	\$200
All Learner's Network Math Courses	Various Courses offered for all level of Math teachers.	prices vary
Pam Harris: The Building of Powerful Workshops Series: Developing Mathematical Reasoning	Various Courses offered for all level of Math teachers: Virtual Access is open Feb 7-May 9	\$347
Amplifying Discourse with Math Language Routines K-8 <i>From Open Up Resources</i>	Jan 31, Feb 7, Feb 21, Feb 28 7:00pm-8:30pm	\$225 for all 4 sessions \$75 each session

Topic and Link	When/How	Cost
MTSS and EST		
EST Process Workshop From: Partnership for Literacy and Learning	Virtual 3:30-5:00pm Mondays: Jan 16, Jan 30, Feb 13, Mar 6	\$100.00 per person, FREE for current and past NEXIS participants
Early Years: MTSS Pyramid Model Preschool Training Modules <i>From: Pyramid Model Consortium</i>	Virtual: 2 Different events. Check the flyer for more information	FREE!
Putting UDL and PBL Into Practice with Media Making Flyer <i>From: Vermont Rural Education Center (VREC)</i>	Virtual: Starting Feb 8, 2023 Sessions can be taken as a package or individually.	\$300 for individual session; \$825 recertification; \$1245 3 credits

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Literacy		
<u>Bringing the Science of Reading to Teachers</u> <i>From: Stern Center</i>	Rolling admission; enroll any time (virtual)	\$199 or \$895 with 3 credits
<u>Foundational Skills in Literacy Workshop Series</u> <i>From Katie Handy</i>	Virtual and Self Paced Access anytime	FREE!
<u>Framing Your Thoughts: Sentence Structure</u> <i>From IDEA-NNEA</i>	6 Hour Recorded Webinar	\$204.94
<u>Joy Write: Time, Choice, and Response for Developing Writers</u> <i>It will be held on July 31, August 1, and 2 at the Hilton in Burlington PLL and St. Michaels</i>	Jan 25 – May 10, 2023 (virtual)	\$1,575 with 3 credits / \$900 without credits
<u>Shifting the Balance: A flexible course for busy K-2 educators ready to make learning to read easier for children.</u> <i>From: The Six Shifts</i>	Virtual Jan 16-Feb 26 Access anytime-weekly modules	Early bird: \$299 Reg: \$329 *1 credit available for extra

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Deepening Thinking Skills		
<u>Visible Thinking: Using Thinking Routines Effectively to Cultivate Dispositions and Learning</u> <i>From: Harvard: Project Zero</i>	Virtual: Course work Suggested to take with team of 3-6 people	Team: \$615 Individual: \$695
<u>Mini Courses From Harvard Project Zero</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Power of Making Thinking Visible</u> • <u>Investigating Forces that shape cultures of thinking</u> • <u>Let's Play: Teaching Structures Playful Learning</u> 	Virtual: <i>Suggested to take with team of 3-6 people</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan 16-Feb 12 • Mar 6-Apr 2 • Apr 17-May 14 <p style="text-align: center;">*Scholarships available</p>	Team: \$295 Individual: \$375

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Spring and Summer Courses		
Castleton Spring Course Catalogue : Continuing Education and Graduate Level Courses	Various Courses-Please see the linked course catalogue	prices vary
Vermont Higher Education Courses (VHEC) Spring Courses	Various Courses-Please see the linked course catalogue	prices vary
Shelburne Farms Institute: Summer Courses	Spring course catalogue has been updated. Various Courses and Institutes open now for Summer 2023 and next year	prices vary
Watershed for Every Classroom	Summer Course-into 2024 Starts July 18	\$400

Topic and Link	When/How	Cost
Equity and Restorative Practices		
Dr. Gholdy Muhammad Culturally & Historically Responsive Education for Equity and Excellence <i>From: CVEDC</i>	Wednesday, March 8, 2023 1:30 PM Wednesday, April 12, 2023 3:30 PM (virtual)	\$325
Engaging, Managing, & Motivating Hard to Reach and Disruptive Students Seminar with Brian Mendler <i>From Teaching Learning Center</i>	March 29, 2023, 8:30-3:00 Live event: Nashua, NH	\$265
Kids, Books and Racism Series Closing the opportunity gap: promoting equity through literacy <i>From: Lesley University</i>	Virtual Dates: Feb 8, March 10, May 4	\$499 for all 3 sessions \$199 per session

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Social Studies		
Using Inquiry-Based Teaching to Promote Justice & Combat Inequity (social studies teachers 6-12) <i>From: CVEDC</i>	2 Day workshop, (in-person) Burlington April 18-April 19 9:00-3:30	Member: \$550 Non-member: \$600

Exciting Upcoming Events

Title & Audience	Details	How to join
Vermont Holocaust Week	<p>To introduce the variety of resources available, the Vermont Agency of Education, in conjunction with Vermont Holocaust Memorial, Echoes & Reflections, and other Holocaust organizations, are offering an array of daily, themed lesson plans and special Zoom presentations. Themes and opportunities for each day can be found on the linked page.</p> <p>Please note: All classes that would like to take part in listed Zoom presentations must pre-register at VtHEW Zoom as participation is limited.</p>	Click here to see sessions and to register

Have a Listen





[How to set yourself up for a great year](#)

Photos from the Field



Holiday concert @ Barnet



Winter fun @ Walden

7/8 Grade vs. Mr. Fontana Basketball game @Walden



Cabot School students and staff enjoying a Harvest Meal together just before the Thanksgiving break.



Cabot high schoolers selling the soap they made in chemistry class at the December Holiday Market in Cabot Village.

Holiday painting @ Waterford



Cheering for the team @Danville



Winter wellness @Danville



Community painting @ Barnet