

NEWCOMB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

April 2022

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NO SCHOOL

April 15th (Good Friday)

April 18-22nd (Spring Recess)



Spring into Assessments

A message from Superintendent Fisher

Each spring, students across New York State participate in grade three through grade eight assessments in the content areas of English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. The assessment period for English Language Arts is March 29th- April 1st and April 26th-April 29th is the testing window for Mathematics. All students in grades 3-8 will be participating in computer-based testing (CBT) for both exams again this year. Given our 1:1 initiative for Chromebook devices, coupled with the fact that the district has offered CBT testing since 2017, our students are well-versed with the expectations of computer-based testing for both ELA and Math. Classroom teachers have also been preparing students with practice and by reviewing testing strategies. Field testing has also provided an additional opportunity for students to interact with the platform.

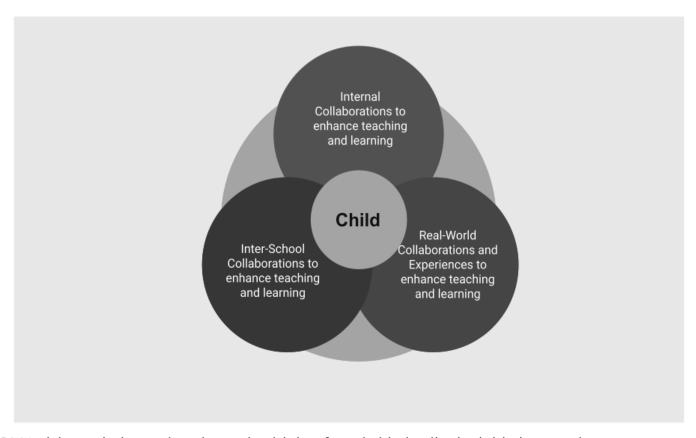
As a reminder, the New York State test results are intended to provide districts with valuable information about individual areas of academic strength as well as areas that a student may need greater support with. Performance on the state tests do not affect students' report card grades.

Last year, NCS had a strong participation rate with 93% of students in grades 3-8 taking the math test and 96% of students in grades 3-8 taking the English Language Arts test. I am hopeful for continued high participation rates for this school year!

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How can you help your child prepare for the exams? One way is to encourage them to get a good night's sleep each night before the tests. Eating a good breakfast on the morning of the tests also helps to ensure that students are ready to give their best effort.

Growing the Future of NCS' Elementary Experience



NCS' vision, mission and goals are the driving force behind a district initiative to enhance experiences at the elementary level as well as grow enrollment. Supported by the Board of Education and in collaboration with parents, students, teachers, administrators, and True North Leaders, NCS is committed to the elementary school's sustainability as well as the continuous educational improvement for all students in the school community.

The three pronged approach for the elementary school focuses on continuing our current practice with internal collaborations to enhance teaching and learning. Such collaborations at NCS include curriculum integration across different grade levels and across different subject areas. Examples of these cross curricular experiences that are currently taking place include the K-12 STEAM and student club experience as well as social-emotional collaborations through peer mentoring with academics, student representatives participating on various school committees and the district K-12 school-wide TREK excursions each quarter throughout the school year. Continuing to enhance internal collaborations is one way to keep teaching and learning rich for students at the elementary level and for all students at NCS.

SUP'T MESSAGE CONT'D

Extending experiences for students beyond the walls of NCS through inter-school collaborations represent another avenue for growing our program opportunities at the elementary level. Currently the district collaborates with other schools in the True North Consortium. The True North Consortium consists of eight school districts in the north country. They are as follows: Newcomb CSD, Minerva CSD, Indian Lake CSD, Long Lake CSD, Johnsburg CSD, Schroon Lake CSD, North Warren CSD and Warrensburg CSD. Examples of current collaborations with the True North include, but are not limited to the following:

- Chief School Officer collaborations
- Transportations agreements
- Shared professional development experiences
- Assemblies, prom and field trips with other True North Schools

Building upon these experiences to include collaborations across grade levels or among multi-grade levels both in-person and virtually on a regular basis can enhance the learning experience and opportunities for both students and teachers.

Beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, students in grades K-2 will participate in academic and/or social-emotional learning experiences with students in the Minerva Central School District, Indian Lake Central School District and Long Lake Central School district. Work is already underway with K-2 teachers networking and developing what this programming will look like!

Growing the future of NCS' elementary experience also includes real-word collaborations and experiences. Experiential learning, in the heart of the Adirondack Park can align with New York State's Next Generation Learning Standards. Lessons may take place in the natural world or in virtual spaces where students are interacting with and exploring their environment to solve problems, make predictions and solidify connections. These real-life experiences represent the very essence of curricular relevance.

This spring, K-2 teachers will begin exploring the concept of experiential learning through visitations and observations in both public and private schools to learn more about supporting the academic, mental, social and physical health of our youngest learners. As a small school located in the heart of the Adirondack Park, we have a unique opportunity to grow the future of the elementary experience for every student at NCS.



(39 Years in Education) + (Passion² and Hard Work²) = Retirement

It was once said that, "Mathematics gives us hope that every problem has a solution." Finding the solution and understanding the process to getting to the answer isn't always an easy task when it comes to math. If you are a current student, or an alumni of NCS, and you were lucky enough to have Mr. Edward LaCourse as your math teacher you know that you were taught by one of the best.

Thirty nine years in the field of education has placed Mr. LaCourse as the main part of the "equation" to student success in math. With a true passion for his craft, he has the unique ability to infuse humor and build connections to real-life so that math comes alive.

An icon in the NCS school community, Mr. LaCourse has left a lasting imprint on the lives of students and staff members alike. On behalf of the Newcomb Central School District Board of Education, faculty, staff and student body, we extend our wishes for a long, happy and healthy retirement. We are also super curious to know the final answer to this trivia question... "What are Mr. LaCourse's top three activities in retirement?"

POST*STAR

2022 Teen Excellence Award

The Teen Excellence Award identifies outstanding local juniors and seniors who have demonstrated personal growth, leadership and innovation along with a commitment to their communities. NCS is proud to highlight senior Brayden Bush for being selected as an area recipient of the 2022 Teen Excellence Award. Congratulations Brayden!





1st Place Coloring Contest Winner!

Congratulations to Ellie Lamphear who won first place in the Fidelis Coloring Contest! Each student in the class was recognized with a prize for their coloring submission as well as a large Crayola marker set for the classroom.

From The Guidance Office

CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS

Ehab Al-Qtam was accepted at Clarkson University, LeMoyne College, Marymount Manhattan College, Siena College, Stony Brook University and SUNY Plattsburgh. He plans to major in Psychology.

Eadie Brannon will be attending SUNY Oneonta. She plans to major in Psychology and Biology.

Brayden Bush was accepted at Alfred University, Clarkson University, RIT and RPI. He plans to major in Engineering/Physics.

Daria Krainova was accepted at Pace University and The University of Tampa. She plans to major in Business/ Audiovisual Media.

Michael McCutcheon will attend Houghton College majoring in Bible Study.

Eldaa Ouedraogo was accepted at Fordham University, Grand Canyon University and Siena College.

<u>Seniors:</u>

- 1. All seniors going off to college will need to fill out the <u>FAFSA</u>. You can apply online, which saves a lot of time. Before you can do that <u>you and a parent</u> need to register for a **FSA ID**. To get your **FSA ID** you can go to **fsaid.ed.gov**.
- 2. Make sure you have a copy of everything for your own records, <u>BEFORE</u> you mail it out. Be sure to check <u>your college</u> deadlines for financial aid forms! YOU NEED TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID EVERY YEAR!
- **3.** If you have not applied for financial aid yet, you need to do so ASAP. You may apply online, but need a PIN number for you and a parent. Please go to www.fsaid.ed.gov to sign up for a PIN number. When you receive your PIN number go to www.fafsa.ed.gov to apply for Financial Aid. It is getting late, the money will be gone, please do this now if you haven't already done so.
- **4.** Parents of Seniors: Please keep an eye out in the mail for scholarship opportunities. I usually send them out in the winter/spring. I send all scholarship opportunities home to each senior's family. You will need to read the qualifications to see if your child/family qualifies for the scholarships, before your child applies.
- **5.** If you are applying to Private Colleges, check to see if they require the CSS Profile. This is another financial document that they often require. Check for deadline dates as well. This is a 19 page document, with a LARGE number of financial questions. Please do not wait until the night it is due to begin this profile.

SELECTIVE SERVICE/ DRAFT REGISTRATION

All male citizens of the United States are required to register with the Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday. Registration forms are available at the post office or at www.sss.gov. Federal financial aid programs for college will be withheld from students who fail to comply.

Juniors:

You should be taking at least one of these exams in May or June. Don't forget to sign up, by going to the College Board website for the SAT or the ACT website. Please make sure you can see your WHOLE face, wearing no hats or sunglasses in the picture. You cannot have anyone else in the picture with you. If you do not meet the guidelines, you will not be let into the test.

DATES TO REMEMBER

SAT Testing Date

May 7, 2022 June 4, 2022

ACT DATES

April 2, 2022 June 11, 2022 **Registration Date**

April 7, 2022 May 5, 2022

Register By:

February 25, 2022 May 6, 2022

Newcomb Central School CEEB Code is:333-330. You will need to know that when you register to take the exams, so that I will receive your test scores.

Time Line in the College Application Process

SPRING 11th GRADE

- Attend Spring College Night at SUNY Adirondack. You can make contact with a lot of colleges in a short amount of time.
- Register for and take the Spring SAT and/or ACT's.
- Visit potential colleges of interest.

FALL 12TH GRADE

- Gather your list of activities and community involvement. Write a resume.
- Continue visiting and narrowing your possible college choices.
- Contact teachers for letters of recommendation.
- If applying Early Decision be aware of deadlines, Nov. 1st is common (There are also special Early Decision Financial Aid Forms).
- Almost all applications can now be done online. If you choose to do this, notify the guidance office so all supporting documentation can be forwarded.
- Many applications have a secondary school report required. Bring these forms to the guidance office immediately for completion or invite your teachers and counselor electronically.
- Set a goal of December 1st to have all applications complete. Do not plan to have an application processed over Christmas Vacation.
- October is Financial Aid month. Start by applying for a Signature PIN number at http://www.fsaid.ed.gov/. All aid packages start with the FAFSA form which must be done online at http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/. Some colleges have additional forms, institutional or CSS profiles. Be sure to make yourself aware of what you need.
- Each college has its own Financial Aid deadline. Students are responsible for this information. Always make the financial aid deadline, even if you have to estimate earnings.
- There will be Financial Aid Seminars in the area. These dates will be advertised in the school newsletter.

Parents of 3rd through 8th grade students

New York State testing will be in March, April, May, and June. Please make sure your children get plenty of rest before their exams. Also, if you can help it, <u>please make sure your child does not miss school on the day of an exam.</u> These exams will be very difficult to make up. The State is not giving us a lot of time to take the tests/ grade them and send the results back to them. Please review the schedule below. Thank you for your support.

3-8 ELA: March 30- March 31, 2022 3-8 Math: April 27-April 28, 2022

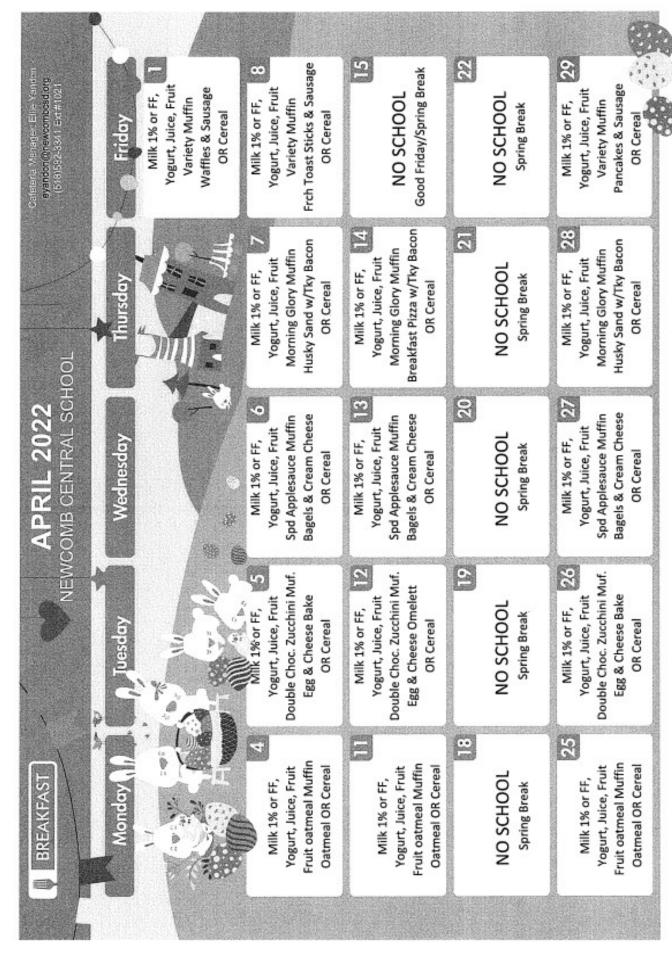
Grade 4 Science Performance Test: May 24-June 3, 2022
Grade 8 Science Performance Test: May 24-June 3, 2022
Grades 4 & 8 Science Written Test: Monday, June 6, 2022

To The Parents of Juniors and Seniors:

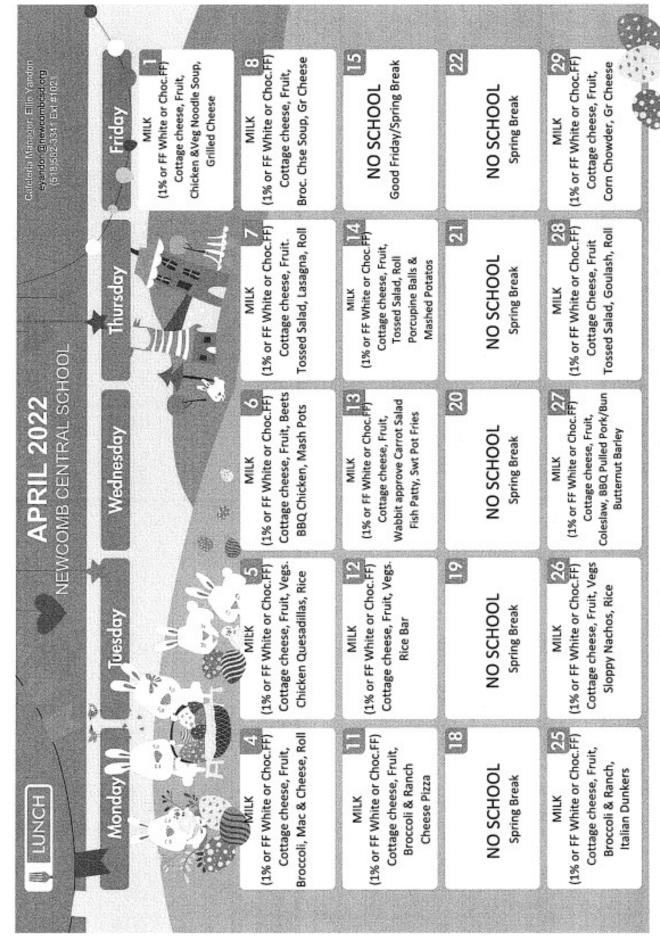
If you have not done so already, we need a check written out to Newcomb Central School for your child's Fall & Spring college classes. Thank you.

Enjoy your Spring Break! Try to get Outside and enjoy the Beautiful Weather! Happy Easter and Happy Spring! Mrs. Markwica

If you have any comments,
suggestions, or would like to add
an article to the bulletin
e-mail them to
Caryn Draper at cdraper@newcombcsd.org



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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Budget Hearing of the inhabitants of the Newcomb Central School District, Newcomb New York, qualified to vote at school meetings in said district, will be held at the schoolhouse in said district on Thursday, May 5, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. for the transaction of such business as is authorized by the Education Law.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the district during the seven days immediately preceding the Budget Hearing, except Saturday, Sunday, or holidays at the school during reasonable hours. A report of tax exemptions, showing how much of the total assessed value on the final assessment roll or rolls used in that budgetary process is exempt from taxation, shall be annexed to the budget document.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates to fill the expired term of Lori DeMars for a five (5) year office as member of the Board of Education must be filed with the clerk of the district no later than April 18, 2022. Each petition must be directed to the clerk of the district, must be signed by at least Twenty-five qualified voters of the district, must state the residence of each signer and must state the name and residence of the candidate.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that voting on the proposed budget for the 2022-2023 school year and for member of the Board of Education will take place on May 17, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Newcomb Central School.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the following proposition will appear on the ballot:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Shall the following resolution be approved?

RESOLVED: that the Board of Education of the Newcomb Central School District be authorized to expend monies from the Bus Purchase Reserve Fund, previously established and approved by the voter of the District and currently maintaining a balance of \$340,020 to (a) acquire one (1) 30 passenger school bus at a cost not to exceed \$65,000, (b) expend such sum for said purchase; and (c) expend from the Bus Purchase Reserve Fund an amount not to exceed \$65,000 for such purpose.

Absentee ballots are available for qualified voters, who on the day of the Election/Budget vote, will be absent from the Newcomb Central School District because of duties, occupation, business, illness, physical disability, studies or vacation.

Application for an absentee ballot must be received by the district clerk or designee at least seven days before the election/budget vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter.

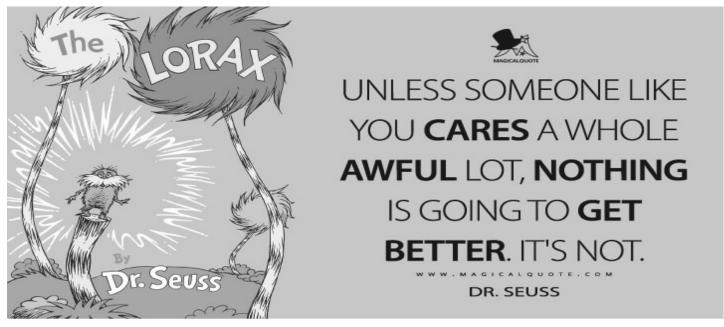
A list of persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available for inspection in the district office during each of the five days prior to the day of the election except Saturday, Sunday, or holidays, and this list also will be posted at the polling place on the day of the election/budget vote.

An absentee ballot must reach the office of the district clerk/designee not later than 3:00 p.m. on the day of the election.

Qualifications of a voter:

- A. Citizen of the United States
- B. 18 years of age or older
- C. Resident of the district for 30 days or more prior to the vote

Melissa Yandon, Clerk Board of Education Newcomb Central School, Newcomb, New York 12852 March 2022



Newcomb and Minerva Unite for Superintendent's Day

A message from Director Curriculum & Instruction, PJ Motsiff

I love March because it is the month that we celebrate Dr. Seuss (pronounced soice like in voice). His writing makes all of us smile! A big reason for this is because his books are simply fun to read, with their rhyming phrases, made-up words, and quirky illustrations. However, another reason they've continued to be popular is that teachers, librarians, and parents all agree his books teach important social-emotional lessons.

Our recent Superintendent's Day was held in Minerva in order for our schools to take advantage of having a "live" presenter work with us from WSWHE BOCES. The topic was a request by the staff because they see many students struggling socially and emotionally in their classrooms. The day provided our staff with some tools they can use immediately to create welcoming and affirming environments while supporting high expectations and academic rigor for students.

Think back to when you attended school. I bet you remember some very powerful moments when teachers said something good or bad, that has left an everlasting impression on you. Today, more than ever, teachers must communicate with finesse and clarity to address issues and challenges facing our students. Reports suggest that anxiety and depression in teens has doubled since the start of the pandemic.

This mental health crisis is creating a major shift in education by integrating social and emotional programs and strategies into the normal class schedule. This trend will necessitate that educators improve their capabilities in helping students develop competencies like self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, altruism, risk-taking, gratitude, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making.

NCS could not have a more amazing staff that does their best every day in connecting with students by going well beyond the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic.

CLASS NEWS

NCS Elementary Library celebrates Dr. Suess and Read Across America Day

We welcomed special guest readers into the library to celebrate Read Across America Day. Our guests read with us and then Mr. Motsiff and Gavin Fifield made Cat in the Hat hats with the Kindergarteners. After reading Bartholomew and the Ooblick, the first and second graders made "Ooblek" with Mrs. Fisher. We had a great time. Thank you to our guests for joining us.









The 8th graders joined the first and second graders to celebrate Read Across America Day. They chose reading buddies and read to them. The 8th graders created related activities to do after reading the books. We had a fun time together. Thank you for visiting the Elementary Library again!









The Class Of 2022 is still collecting bottles and cans through the month of May. Cans can be dropped off at the garage behind the school or call Lanette Chase @ 518-582-3659 to arrange for the class to pick up your donation.

The Class still has Maple Syrup for sale, if interested call Lanette for pricing.

As always, the class is appreciative of all the community support we receive from everyone.

"A" Maple Syrup Experience

Students in Mr. Gazaille's Adirondack Technologies class have been busy tapping maple trees and processing the sap. Students have had the experience of using a real evaporator to produce some very high quality grade "A" maple syrup. Of course, the best part of the whole process is the taste testing.





TRIP 2022

After two years of the Pandemic and online projects, TRIP is back in its traditional form! This year's Thesis Research Projects (TRIP) will kick-off the first week in April with students in grades 7-12 choosing topics that align with the STEAM disciplines - science, technology, engineering, the arts and math. High school students will explore their topics and settle on a controversial issue. They will research through the month and prepare a formal argument paper and persuasive presentation for May. Middle school students will research information to prepare an expository paper and presentation.

We hope everyone will join us in encouraging our students as they work through TRIP!

Youth And Government



Our Youth and Government Club just returned from an exceptional state conference. Newcomb had nine students travel to Albany to model our New York State government. As part of the conference student delegates present and debate bills in an effort to get them passed into state law.

Newcomb's YAG Club had several honors and accomplishments.

Eadie Brannon and Lauren Hai were nominated to CONA (Conference on National Affairs). Nominations to CONA are a huge honor due to the small number of delegates that New York can send.

Emily Fifield was nominated as an alternate for CONA.

Emily Fifield, Rowan Hai and Daria Krainova won the "Best Bill Award in Senate Freedom". Our District, District 3, won the "Premiere District" award.

Eadie Brannon, Eldaa Ourdraogo, and Gavin Fifield had their bill passed by both chambers of the legislature and the Governor.

The group had a great time and learned a lot.



Weekdays after school and weekends.
Beginning first week of April to the first
weekend in May

Contact class advisor, Scott Keglovits to reserve dates now. Scheduled dates are determined and could be subject to last minute change based on the weather. We will serve on a first come first serve basis.

Scott Keglovits Contact Information

Phone: (518) 582-3333

Email: skeglovits@newcombcsd.org

Host Families Wanted

for our

International Students



Questions? Interested?

PJ Motsiff pjmotsiff@newcombcsd.org (518) 582-3341

Who Can Host?

Families, Singles, Couples, Retirees, Empty Nesters,

Requirements?

Home with a bedroom. Three meals and snacks per day. Integration into the family. Participation in family activities, emotional and academic support.

Why Host?

Learn about another culture and traditions. Help students understand about American life. Build lasting relationships.

What do we offer you?

\$7,600 annual housing stipend, help selecting just the right student, student orientation, ongoing support

UPCOMING IN THE DISTRICT

April 2022

- End of 3rd Marking Period
- 12 Board of Education Meeting @ 6:00pm
- 15 No School Good Friday
- 18-22 No School Spring Recess

May 2022

- 5 Budget Hearing/BOE Meeting @ 6:00pm 12 NCS Spring Concert @ 6:30pm
- 13 Mid-Marking Period
- 14 Prom @ Long Lake Town Hall
- 17 School Budget Vote 1-8pm
- 20-30 Senior Trip
 - 30 No School -Memorial Day
 - 31 AIE dance & drumming residency May 31st -June 2nd.

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