Communities In Schools Newsletter



CIS Receives Transformational Grants Supporting Regional Schools

CIS of Northwest Michigan received two competitive grants that will accelerate our impact on students in your school! We received a \$275,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Education that is designed to improve literacy and increase the percentage of students who graduate from high school. The impact of this grant on Ellsworth students includes:

- · Creating a peer mentoring program
- Sending Power Book bags home with students throughout the school year
- Supporting additional basic needs (nutrition) of Ellsworth students

Additionally, we received a Scaling Grant of over \$400,000 from CIS National, which will bring our integrated student supports model to the Central Lake and Vanderbilt school districts, and deepen our work at East Jordan Elementary School.

Mental Health Awareness Month

Encouraging positive mental health in children starts at home. This infographic illustrates practices that are easy to incorporate:

How to nurture a child's mental health



Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6-10

Celebrating the teachers who spark your child's love of learning is simple and appreciated! Ideas:

- Share a handmade note or drawing from your student, or a thank you note from yourself
- Contribute communal supplies such as tissues, crayons, stickers, pencils, or books for their classroom library
- Volunteer your time in their classroom

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Ellsworth School District Spotlights:

Spring Open House

Ellsworth Community Schools

May 14 - 5 to 8 pm Prospective parents, students, and cherished alumni are encouraged to join us to connect, take school tours, and soak in the Ellsworth school spirit!





WE'RE HIRING

- External Relations Coordinator
- Program Manager
- Site Coordinator: Central Lake
- Site Coordinator: Vanderbilt





Your Summer CIS Contact During the summer, the CIS Main Office is open Monday - Thursday, 8:00am - 4:00pm. Please connect with your questions or ideas at 231-356-4385 or through the contact form on our website.



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