WELCOME TO THE 2015-2016 C-QUEST PROGRAM



SO HOW DID YOUR CHILD GET HERE?

- Every 3rd and 4th grade child in the district is evaluated for inclusion in the program
- Children are evaluated using a rubric that is a summary of their report card
- Top performing students are divided into teams based on the schools that feed RMS and OBMS
- o Red Team Cherokee, Duffield, and Slocum
- White Team Bosti, Idle Hour, John Pearl, and Sycamore
- Each team has a 4th and 5th grade class of approximately 40 students.

ACADEMIC CRITERIA

This enrichment program is designed for self-motivated, high performing students.

To meet C-Quest standards a student must do the following:

- Keep up with classwork in the home school that is priority #1
- Be prepared for C-Quest with assignments and required materials
- Complete work in a timely manner
- Be able to work in a team, complete assigned tasks, and share ideas
- Exhibit **appropriate behavior** by respecting other students, interests, needs, and feelings
- Demonstrate effort and persistence on purposeful tasks
- Participate in class discussions
- Use time wisely
- Demonstrate academic proficiency for selected projects and topics

ACADEMIC POLICIES

- All students invited to participate are assessed over the course of five sessions. After the fifth session of this "trial period," C-Quest teachers will notify you if expectations for participation have not been met.
- Your child will then be placed on probation with the understanding that he/she will have two additional sessions to demonstrate their ability to successfully meet program standards.
- Those students unable to meet standards by the end of the seventh session will be asked to discontinue the program.
- A teacher (classroom and/or C-Quest) may place a student on probation at any time, should the student's academic and/or behavior warrant such action.
- You may contact us at any time for a phone or in person conference to discuss your child's progress.

ATTENDANCE POLICIES

Attendance Policy:

- Students must maintain regular attendance. Students with two unexcused absences will have their participation in the program subjected to a review. Please call or email us to let us know when your child will not be in C-Quest.
- An absence is unexcused when a student is present at school and does not attend C-Quest.
- Absences due to approved school functions (i.e. PTA academic related events and class field trips) will be considered excused absences with written parental notification.
- Contact us with any questions as situations arise

SCHEDULING

- Scheduling C-Quest across 7 buildings is a monumental task. We try to account for every activity that is scheduled in each building.
- On occasion a child may need to make a decision about attending C-Quest or a particular event in the home school.
- We have made every attempt to have any conflicts be of the nature where the student can attend C-Quest and participate in the home school activity (i.e. holiday store, plant sale, etc.)
- If you come across a conflict, don't assume we know about it, please email us.

SCHEDULING AND THE CIRCUS

- The circus is a wonderful experience for the 5th grade students. We also know circus week is sometimes a challenge for scheduling. We try our best to have 5th grade C-Quest students come on Wednesday since that day will not interfere with:
 - the opening or closing assemblies
 - getting their equipment, acts being assigned and dress rehearsals.
 - We also do not schedule 4th grade on Monday or Friday of show week.
 - Due to the project-based nature of our program it is difficult to have students missing when the circus for each building is scheduled at a different time.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

- C-Quest students are responsible for managing their own schedules
- Students need to be sure to let music teachers know they are missing lessons on a C-Quest day and schedule a make-up
- Students are responsible for getting any classwork missed during a C-Quest day – Have a buddy
- Tests and quizzes are usually made up when students return from C-Quest or the next day. Be sure to check with the teacher as to how this will be handled.
- If for any reason you will not attend C-Quest on a given day please call or email us.

ASSESSMENTS AND CONFERENCES

- C-Quest student assessments will be completed on a trimester basis, using the criteria outlined previously.
- Assessments will be sent home on the last C-Quest day in December, March, and June. We ask that you return the acknowledgement slip at the bottom as proof of receipt.
- Parent-teacher conferences may be arranged by appointment at any time during the year. Please also note our conference days on the website.
- Communicate with us at any time via email that is the best way to reach us – <u>cquest@ccsdli.org</u>
- In addition, we update our web site regularly and email all teams weekly. If you do not get an email this week please assume that there is a problem and let us know immediately. (It could be spam settings, a mistyped address, or other issue.)

NUT-FREE CLASSROOM

- We maintain a nut-free classroom due to the severe nature of allergies for some of our students.
- Please be sure ALL snacks are nut-free.
- No sharing of food
- Students who are allergic to nuts sit at a nut-free table during lunch.
- Please make sure we are aware of **any** medical issues your child may have.

MEDICATIONS

- It is necessary to fill out medical forms on children that need medication in school. They can be found on the C-Quest web site by clicking *Forms*.
- Students must have their medication kept at Bosti. If you have any questions please contact our school nurse, Pat Koster.
- Helpful Tip print out a photo of your child and tape it to the outside of the box along with your child's name, grade, and school.

NEEDED ITEMS

o C-Quest Binder with 5 dividers and paper

Agenda

Save a shoebox for a possible future project

A DAY IN THE LIFE

9:15~9:30 A.M. (Students picked up at their home school)

9:30~9:45 A.M. (Students arrive at E.J. Bosti Elementary)

9:45~1:10 P.M. (Classroom instruction/centers)

1:10~1:50 P.M. (Lunch & Recess)

1:50~2:00 P.M. (Finish work, pack-up & dismissal)

2:15~2:30 P.M. (Students arrive back at their home schools)

CURRICULUM

Our goal is to utilize project based learning to:

• Address New York State Standards in depth, rather than breadth (Common Core)

• Prepare students for real world application of their learning – higher level thinking skills

•Teach students to use technology as a tool

4TH GRADE CURRICULUM

- Build LEGO structures that lead to experimentation and graphing results
- Create Powerpoint presentations
- Learn to use Publisher
- Online, interactive role play, called *Mission US*
- Book Club discussions We read City of Ember, People of Sparks, From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler
- Literacy Projects
- Participate in field trips that relate to curriculum.
- Participate in Academic contests Internet Safety poster contest, poetry writing, debates, etc.
- Further develop writing skills
- Long Island Studies
- Star Lab

5TH GRADE CURRICULUM

- Robotics and Programming activities
- Book club discussions —Prophet of Yonwood and The Diamond of Darkhold.)
- Literacy Projects
- Foreign Languages Spanish, French, Italian, German, Mandarin and American Sign Language
- Participate in Academic contests Internet Safety poster contest, poetry writing, debates, etc.
- Participate in field trips that relate to curriculum.
- Feature Article Writing
- Careers
- Star Lab
- Guest speakers throughout the year

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

- Students arrive to each scheduled class with their binders, agenda (planner), assignment from previous session, book club novel, and a healthy snack & lunch.
- oStudents come with an open mind, motivated to share their insights... learning to be critical thinkers, while still being respectful of others and their ideas...
- o If ever absent, students are responsible for checking the website for any missed assignments: www.ccsdli.org/academics You can also call or email us at **any time**.
- Students must maintain proper behavior, keep up with their classwork, and complete C-Quest assignments on time to maintain their status in the program.

C-QUEST WEBSITE

Visit $\underline{www.ccsdli.org}$ and click on Academics then C-Quest



ACADEMICS

C-QUEST

- About C-Quest
- Entry into the Program
- Calendar
- Forms
- Remind 101 Updates
- Weekly Class Update
- · Parent Conferences
- Field Trips
- Lunch & Snack
- C-Quest Web Links

Core Curriculum State Standards

Response to Intevention Services (RtI)

Academic Intervention Services

High School Course Guide

APPR

Middle School Course Guide

C-QUEST HOME PAGE



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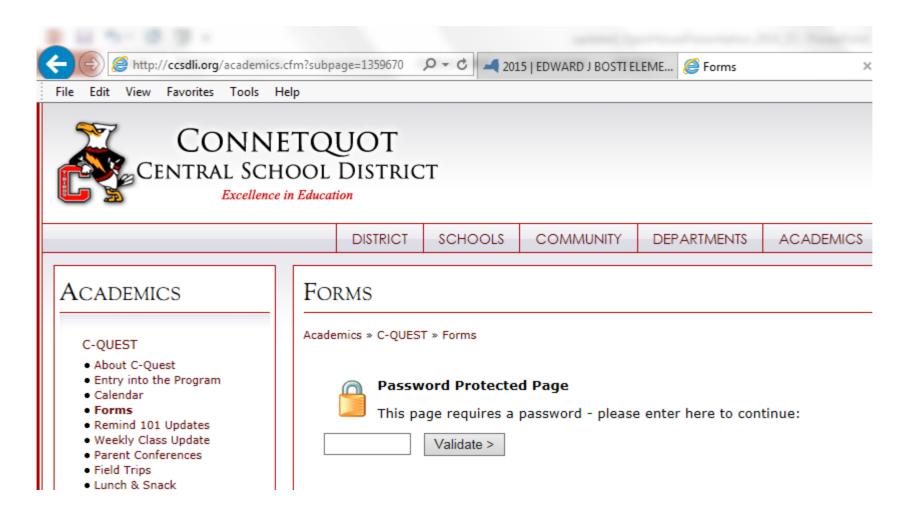
Fax: 244-2290

Email: CQuest@ccsdli.org

Instructors: Kevin Keane & Lisa Manzo

APPLICATION PROCESS

- 1. Online component visit the C-Quest web site and click on *Forms*. The password is *applyhere*.
- 2. Permission Slips must be signed and returned. If you need another copy go to Forms and scroll down to *Related Files*.

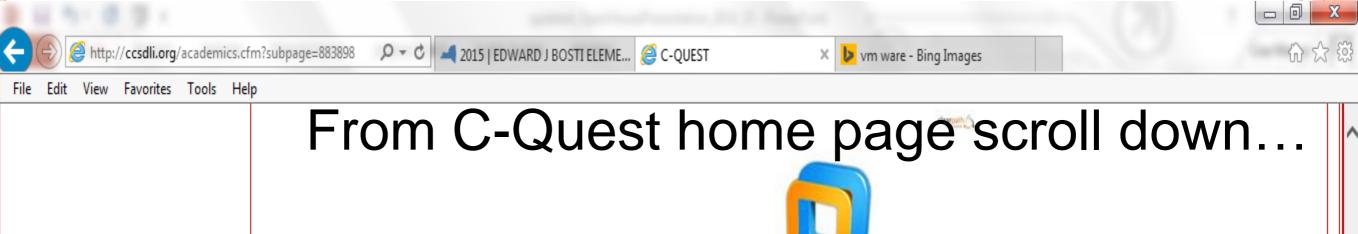


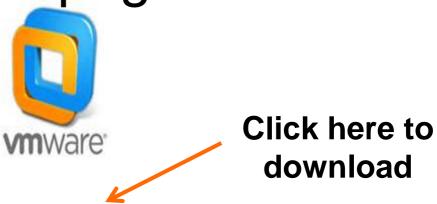
TECHNOLOGY YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

- Check C-Quest Web Links Sites for all subjects
- Khan Academy Math help
- We will be teaching students how to properly use various web sites for research and studying.
- Remind- sign up so you can receive text messages from us
- VM Ware student access to district resources, files, and folders using their C-Quest login and student ID as their password. This information will be given in C-Quest when student accounts have been setup.

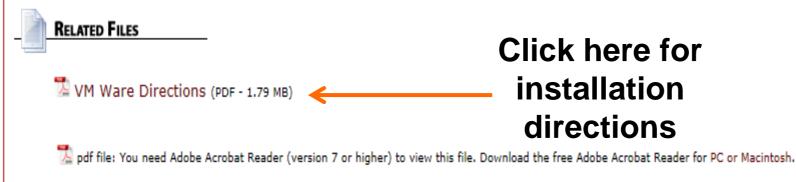
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PARTING WORDS

- Most of our communication is through the C-Quest Web Site and Email
- Weekly updates are emailed with a link to our activities for the week (Please review so you can talk with your child about what he/she is working on).
- Important information such as date changes, field trip info, will appear on the home page of the web site. We will also use *Remind*.
- In person or phone conferences can be scheduled at any time.

Thank you. We look forward to a great year in C-Quest!

Please contact us cquest@ccsdli.org