

Clearspring Middle School Newsletter

January 2015



Principal's Message

Learning is hard. Learning is easy. We hear both of these comments from students from time to time. With our school's focus on Growth Mindset, we are trying to promote the concept that learning should be hard sometimes, that the challenges we all face as we learn something new are something to embrace, and that real learning and growth require us to take on difficult tasks. The challenge for teachers and the school is to find the "just right" difficulty for each student. What we expect students to do is to take on the difficult work, and diligently try to learn what teachers have planned for them. Really, the formula for school success has not changed much over time: work hard, try everything, ask for help if you need it. Parents can help by talking with their children about their habits of mind. Encourage a can-do attitude, encourage hard work, and encourage communication with the teacher. Learning is a partnership, and we will most successful if we all work together toward the same goal!

I want to congratulate the organizers and all the performers at our school's annual talent show, The Big Show, held on the last day of school before the Christmas break. It was wonderful to see all the hard work our students put into learning to sing, dance, play instruments, and even throw playing cards! The results truly were amazing. The show was organized and produced by the students of 8KM under the direction of Mr. Martens. The result was an incredible, professional event that showcased the talent and effort of many of our students. Thanks 8KM!

The new year brings some new activities. The basketball season has started, Grade 7's are planning a trip to Camp Cedarwood in early February, and the book fair will be in our library in the second week of February. These activities, and others that we plan, are all part of our commitment to ensuring that everything we do at CMS is about learning! Learning can be hard, but it can also be a ton of fun!

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Options Day

On Thursday, February 19th, students at CMS will be able to pick an "option" course for a half day (either for the morning or the afternoon). These options will include a wide variety of learning opportunities. A form will be sent home where students can make their choices and we will work hard to get them one of their top choices. During the half day when students are not in their option course, they will be with their home-room teacher, doing classwork and assessments.

Save the Date!

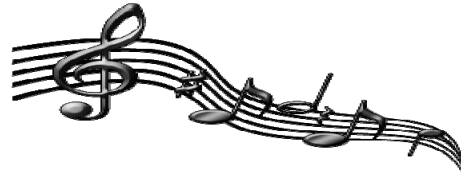
February 9-13
February 24
March 24

Book Fair
Empty Bowls Evening
Parent/Teacher Conferences

Gr 7 Camp Cedarwood

On January 8th there was a parent information night in regards to Camp Cedarwood. If you have further questions, or were unable to attend that meeting and need information, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

Grade 7's will be at Cedarwood from February 4-6. There will be classes at CMS for Grade 7 students not attending Cedarwood.



Notes from
our
CMS Music

CMS is excited to announce that this year's grade 5 and 6 Spring musical is "Pinocchio!". Auditions for main roles will be held on the last week of January (grade 6s only). Grade 6s who would like to audition will be encouraged to sign up mid-January.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Gr 7 Parent Mtg @ 4:15 or 7:00	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Basketball Parent meeting at 6:00 p.m.	21	22 Basketball Parent meeting at 6:00 p.m.	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Assembly	30 No Classes	31

Attendance - Please Help Us Out!

When students are absent and parents have not informed us we call each family to ensure the safety of our students.

Please help us out by calling 204-346-9644 or emailing cms@hsd.ca to let us know if your child will be absent. This helps us out and means you won't need to get a phone call from us that day.



CMS Library

Book Fair Coming to CMS! **February 9th-13th**

We are having our CMS Book Fair –just in time for Valentines Day!

Book Fair hours:

February 9th 8:30am - 4:30pm
February 10th 8:30am - 4:30pm
February 11th 8:30am - 4:30pm
February 12th 8:30am - 8:30pm
February 13th 8:30am - 9:00am

Hope to see you!

Clearspring Middle School—Athletics Report

Basketball season is in full swing! CMS is running a full basketball program with involvement for all grade levels. Please note the following important basketball dates and times:

Grade 5 Afterschool Basketball: Wednesdays, 3:45-5:15, beginning on Feb. 4

Grade 6 Afterschool Basketball: Fridays, 3:45-5:15, beginning on Feb. 6

Grade 7 and 8 Girls Basketball Tournaments: Tuesday Evenings (Games begin at 5:30)

Grade 7 and 8 Boys Basketball Tournaments: Thursday Evenings (Games begin at 5:30)

Basketball Championships: March 16 (Location TBD)

CMS is always looking for volunteer coaches to work with our athletes; if you are interested in coaching or assistant coaching at any level from Grade 5-8, please contact Mr. A.J. Neufeld (aneufeld@hsd.ca) or Mr. Trevor Paton (tpaton@hsd.ca).

Thanks to the many volunteer coaches who are donating their time to work with our basketball players!

Mr. J Loewen – Gr 5 Basketball

Ms. S Hayes – Gr 5 Basketball

Mr. A.J. Neufeld – Gr 6 Basketball

Mr. P Reimer – Gr 7 Boys Basketball

Mr. T Paton – Gr 7 Boys Basketball

Ms. K Harpman - Gr 7 Girls Basketball

Mr. W Elias – Gr 8 Boys Basketball

Mr. K Martens – Gr 8 Girls Basketball

Parents, please note the CMS Athletic Department will host basketball information meetings on the evenings of Tuesday January 20th and Thursday Jan 22nd, beginning at 6:00 and ending by 7:00. We will share our vision for Middle Years Athletics at CMS, as well as recent specific rule changes new to this season for Grades 7 and 8. If you have any questions about our athletic program, or Hanover School Division's basketball leagues, please plan to join us on one of these evenings. We look forward to seeing you!

CMS Canteen

Milk/ Chocolate Milk.....	\$1.00
Bottled Water.....	\$0.75
Juice Box.....	\$0.75
Gatorade.....	\$2.00
TCBY Frozen Yogurt.....	\$2.00
Cheese Strings.....	\$0.50
Jello pudding (chocolate, butterscotch, vanilla).....	\$0.50
Fruit To Go.....	\$0.50
Hot Rod pepperoni sticks.....	\$0.50
Granola bars.....	\$0.50
Mini Ritz/Cheese sandwiches.....	\$0.50
Nachos and cheese.....	\$3.00
Mr. Noodles Soup – Beef or chicken flavoured.....	\$1.50
Plastic fork/ spoon.....	\$0.10

Daily Hot Lunch Items



Monday **Special Fundraiser Lunch or
Taco Del Mar Quesadilla
(steak or chicken)** **\$3.75**



Tuesday **DQ Double Cheese Burger** **\$3.50**

Wednesday **Rocco’s Pizza** **\$2.00**



Thursday **Main Bread & Butter
Chicken Noodle Soup & Bun** **\$3.50**

Friday **Turkey/Ham or Cold Cut Sub** **\$3.75**

Nachos and Cheese will continue to be served \$3.00

Items Served Last Friday Of Each Month

Chocolate Bars/candy packages/gum.....	\$1.25
Chips.....	\$1.00
Ring Pops.....	\$0.50
Individual packages of various candy.....	\$.25

