

Clearspring Middle School Newsletter

May 2015



Principal's Message

I want to begin this message with a huge THANK YOU to the Parent Advisory Council and other parent volunteers who help in our school every day. We appreciate your efforts to make our school a better place!

One major focus for Clearspring Middle School this year has been to encourage ALL of our students to develop and strengthen a growth mindset. All people will face obstacles in life. Our emphasis is to help our students develop an attitude that is focussed on learning and growing, rather than giving up when faced with difficulties. One great website on the benefits of growth mindset is <http://alexvermeer.com/15-benefits-growth-mindset/>. The list of benefits includes enjoy life, ditch the stress, and improve your relationships, among others.

We want to welcome two new teachers to our staff. Ms. Sherri Trinh has re-joined our school, taking over for Mr. Hiebert in Grade 6, and Mr. Luke Fender has joined us, taking over for Mr. Reimer in Grade 7. We are pleased to have these teachers with us, and

know they will do their best to help all of their students learn.

CMS has truly amazing students. In the past month, we saw our students focus on kindness on Pink Shirt Day, we have had a school-wide focus on Earth Day, Grade 6 students have begun building robots, Grade 7 students designed bridges from spaghetti and chairs from newspapers, Grade 8 students have been preparing for their Medieval Feast, and Grade 5 students led us in several assemblies that focused on their learning in the classroom. In the next two months, teachers and students will be working hard and also going on some learning trips. It is an exciting time, and also a time that requires students to maintain a strong focus on their learning. As the school year draws to a close, I want to ask parents to encourage their children to finish the year with energy and commitment to learning. Working hard in class and completing assignments are certain to bring good results for learning, and will help students enter the summer holidays with a sense of pride in their accomplishments.

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Playground Fundraiser

Clearspring Middle School, in cooperation with the CMS PAC and Hanover School Division, is about to break ground with new playground features for the CMS playground. In keeping with our environmentally aware focus the features will be more "natural" looking, including hills, stumps and logs, a tunnel and a mini climbing wall. More swings are on the way too!. The PAC will be hosting two HOTDOG MONDAYS in May. All proceeds of these hot lunches will go towards the playground improvements. Fundraising lunches will be May 11 and May 25. Cost of a hot dog is \$2.00. A meal (including hot dog, chips and pop) will be \$4.00.

School BBQ

CMS PAC, along with Clearspring Middle School, will be hosting a BBQ during the lunch hour on June 5th. Look for more information to be coming to you shortly! We invite parents and families to come enjoy the food and company with us!

You're Invited to a



Clearspring Middle School—Athletics Report

May PE/Athletics Update

Badminton is wrapping up with our Grade 7 and 8 athletes participating in the HSD Badminton Tournament on May 4 and May 6. Our Track and Field athletes are beginning their preparation for Track and Field meets at the beginning of June as well. Many Grade 7 and Grade 8 athletes will represent CMS at the Barb Cheop Memorial Track Meet at Stonybrook Middle School on June 4th (rain date: June 11). The Grade 5 and 6 students will travel to SMS on Tuesday June 2nd (rain date: June 10) to compete in our 3rd Annual 5/6 CMS-SMS Track Meet.

CMS is sending a number of athletes to compete in the 2013 Canadian Cancer Society Manitoba School Dragon Boat Challenge. Our students will receive 2 training sessions on Thursday May 28 (date subject to change), before the race on Sunday June 7. All rowers are fundraising in support of cancer research.

Thank you to the many coaches who continue to volunteer their time to provide great athletic opportunities for our students!

Grade 8 Badminton - Mr. Doug Mack, Ms. Chloe Tate

Grade 7 Badminton - Mr. Trevor Paton

Dragon Boat - Mr. Doug Mack, Ms. Chloe Tate

If you are interested in coaching at CMS, we would love to have you as a part of our team! Please contact Mr. A.J. Neufeld (aneufeld@hsd.ca) or Mr. Trevor Paton (tpaton@hsd.ca) for more information.

WISE Kid-Netic Energy Science and Engineering day camp is coming to Steinbach this summer!

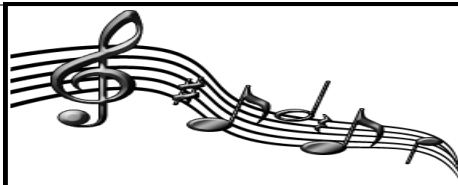
When: August 10th – 14th at Southwood School

WISE Kid-Netic Energy registration is currently open. There are 40 camper spots available, open to kids ages 9 – 12, by December 31, 2015. Each camp day will have a different science or engineering theme that will be explored with cool activities! This year's theme days include: Agriculture, Chemistry, How It's Made, In Sickness and In Health, and Codemakers. Registration fees are \$100 and are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration is available online at www.wisekidneticenergy.ca, or you can call our office. Sign up today! For more information contact our office:

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HSD Festival of the Arts

Come out to Clearspring Mall and support the arts! All HSD schools will be celebrating the arts with various art mediums on display at the mall. The dates are May 27th-30th.



Notes from our
CMS Music
Dept

Gr 8 Band Trip

Gr. 8 students are to be at school at 8:30 AM on Thursday, May 21st to load the busses. We will be back in Steinbach at 10:30 PM on Saturday, May 23rd.

Earth Day Every Day

What's happening for Earth Day 2015? At CMS, we are taking action for Earth Day Reduce your impact on the environment by walking or riding you bike, scooter or skateboard to school, work or event over the next month. Even carpooling and bussing makes a huge difference! We will be continuing this challenge for one month, until May 22nd.

We invite all CMS students, staff, friends and family to show your support by signing the Earth Flag and donating \$1 to Earth day Canada. For friends and family of CMS students interested, look for the flag to be available to sign at evening school events. Earth Day Canada is collecting one million signatures for the 2015 Earth Flag – this is your opportunity to show the world you care about climate change! CMS has a whole school Earth Flag Design Challenge. Juniper Janzen's design was chosen for the Earth day Flag. She did a great job!



CMS LIBRARY NEWS

MYRCA Club was a wonderful success- 30 students participated, 102 novels were read, great discussions were had and the library enjoyed the company of some amazing students! The winning novel for our school and the province was...

Ultra by David Carroll

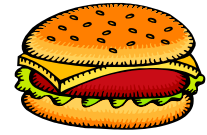
A young ultra-marathon runner is pushed to the breaking point and beyond in this gripping tale of physical endurance and emotional healing. Quinn has been called a superhero and a freak of nature. At age 13, he's an amazing distance runner. He takes on the second-hardest challenge of his life when he enters his first ultramarathon: a grueling 100-mile, 24-hour-long race that will push him to the very limit of his endurance.

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 Canteen

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



May 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Gr 6/7 French event	2
3	4	5 Gr 8 French event	6 Learning Stations with Southwood Grade 4's	7 Gr 8 Medieval Festival	8	9
10	11 Hotdog fundraiser	12	13 Gr. 5 Sensitive Content Course	14 Gr 7 Assembly Gr. 5 Sensitive Content Course	15 Gr. 5 Sensitive Content Course	16
17	18 No Classes Victoria Day	19	20 Gr. 6's at Landmark Collegiate Band Concert	21 Gr 8 Band Trip Incoming Gr 5 Parent mtg 7:00	22 Gr. 8 Band Trip	23 Gr. 8 Band Trip
24	25 Hotdog fundraiser	26	27	28 Gr 6 Assembly Dragon Boat Practice Day	29	30
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