

Clearspring Middle School Newsletter

November 2014



Principal's Message

As you know, our school has a strong focus on building a growth mindset in students. This means that we are developing a "Yes I can" attitude throughout the school. Sometimes, children get stuck, and can't seem to find a way to resolve their difficulties, whether these are learning difficulties, or difficulties with relationships. When it comes to learning difficulties, we are emphasizing that we keep trying, that obstacles can be overcome, and that we work together to overcome the obstacles. One area of concern for some of our students is work completion. Most teachers provide work time in school, so that students can get help to complete their work if needed. We will continue to focus our efforts to develop a growth mindset in all of our students, and appreciate the support parents provide when they reinforce the growth mindset at home. You can learn more about growth mindset by searching Carol Dweck Mindset on the internet. We would love to hear from you about what you are learning!

Our MAC group just returned from WE Day, and they report that the day was awesome AND inspiring. It is a privilege to work with young people as they grow into the kind of citizens who engage in activities that make

the world a better place. One significant fundraiser this group, Making A Change, will be hosting the Empty Bowls soup and pie fundraiser. I hope you will consider attending to support the change efforts of this amazing group of students.

Our chocolate fundraiser has been a great success, thanks to the support of our students and their families. The final tally is not yet complete, but our profits, well over \$10,000, will go towards improving our playground.

With winter coming soon, I would like to mention our outdoor policy. We expect students will be outside for their 30 minute noon recess, unless the wind and cold have reached -30. Sometimes middle school students forget, or don't like, to dress for the weather. Would you please remind your child(ren) that dressing warmly can make the difference between having an enjoyable recess or an uncomfortable recess? Thanks.

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M.A.C is Making A Change!!

Carve Away Hunger

In October, MAC organized the FCC Drive Away Hunger food drive. We encouraged all CMS students to bring in non-perishable food items for Helping Hands. There was a little competition fun to go with the food drive: Every class carved a pumpkin to enter a contest and whichever pumpkin from each neighborhood received the most food item votes won a pumpkin pie party for their whole class. MAC students stayed at school late using the carved pumpkins to make 20 delicious pies which were enjoyed by 8KM, 7CC, 6CM, and 5DG. We brought in 79 bags of food: That is 1 125 items or 831 pounds! Way to go CMS!!!

Baking A Change

In November, M.A.C. is hosting a bake sale called "Baking A Change" to raise money for the school we are building through Free The Children. We raised \$3500 last year, and are hoping to do the same this year. Our goal is to reach \$10 000 by the end of next school year, which will build a whole school in a developing country. This is exciting news!! You can help by donating baked goods and also buying baked goods during Baking A Change, November 20th and 21st.

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

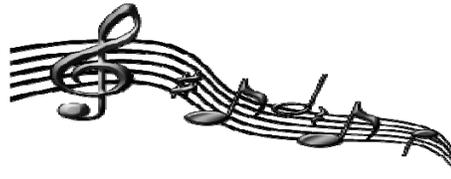
Attendance - Please Help Us Out!

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.

WeDay

Free The Children is an organization which raises awareness about social issues and partners with youth around the world to make a change locally and globally. One of the ways they raise awareness is through an event called WeDay.

WeDay happens at different venues around North America throughout the year. The Manitoba WeDay was on October 29th at the MTS Centre. 22 students and 4 teachers attended WeDay this year and saw many motivational speakers and musical performers. On October 28th, 4 students and one teacher attended The Evening of Champions, which was meant to honor students who have made a change and continue to do so.



Notes from our CMS Music Dept

The CMS choir will perform at the Remembrance Day assembly on Friday, Nov. 7th. They also have the honour of being invited as a guest choir to perform at the Eastman Choral Society's Peace Concert on Thursday, Nov 13th. All parents are invited to attend the Peace Concert at 7:30 PM at the Steirbach Mennonite Church.

Dec 4—Gr 7/8 Christmas Concert 7:00 p.m.

Dec 17—Gr 5/6 Christmas Concert 7:00 p.m.

The Precarious Pitfalls of Translation Apps

Language translation websites and apps are everywhere, and they are great for deciphering road signs when travelling in a foreign country or decoding fancy menu descriptions while abroad. However, they have no place in an educational setting.

The Pitfalls

a) Translation websites and apps do the job for you.

These sites and apps replace your brain and choose the word and word order to produce a message or sentence which may or may not be an accurate translation. They do all of the work for you—the language student—expecting nothing from your brain and preventing you from actually learning. This is the opposite of a growth mindset.

b) Translation websites and apps often make errors.

These sites and apps cannot detect tone or cultural subtext. Often, the translation that is provided has inaccuracies that may render it silly at best and blatantly wrong at worst.

The Better Choice – Online Dictionary Websites and Apps

Why?

An online dictionary will provide you with several options from which to choose and different ways in which the word can be used. It will not conjugate a verb for you, or translate a phrase or sentence. It expects you to determine the form of the verb based on what you have learned. You must piece the sentence together. This is an excellent example of a growth mindset in action.

From the list of acceptable ONLINE DICTIONARIES, here are the best:

<http://www.wordreference.com> <http://dictionary.reverso.net>
<http://www.gdt.oqlf.gouv.qc.ca> <http://www.larousse.com/en/dictionnaires/francais-anglais>

From the list of acceptable DICTIONARY APPS, here are the best:

WordReference (free) Oxford French – English Dictionary
 Collins French - English Dictionary French/English Dictionary (Editions Larousse)

Helen Malandrakis – French Team Leader

Clearspring Middle School - Athletics Report

Volleyball

Volleyball season continued through October for all grades, and is beginning to wind down. Our Grade 8 Boys and Girls Teams will be hosting home tournaments on Nov. 7 (Girls) and Nov. 14 (Boys). Grade 8 HSD Playoffs are scheduled to take place on Nov. 12 and 13 (locations and times TBA), with Finals on Nov 19 at SRSS.

Thank you to all who have volunteered their time this fall to work with our student athletes. Without you, we have no athletic program!

Grade 5 Volleyball: Mr. J Loewen, Ms. S Heese, Ms. D Gautron

Grade 6 Volleyball: Mr. A.J. Neufeld

Grade 7 Boys: Ms. C Peters, Mr. R Fender

Grade 7 Girls: Mr. M Vogt, Ms. B Massey, Ms. A Giesbrecht

Grade 8 Boys: Ms. K Pappel, Mr. L Pappel

Grade 8 Girls: Ms. S Harder, Mr. K Harder, Ms. P Martens,
Mr. L Fender

Looking ahead to basketball season, we are still in need of boys and girls basketball coaches. If you are interested in volunteering as a coach or assistant coach at CMS, please contact Mr. A.J. Neufeld (aneufeld@hsd.ca).



CMS Library

*Don't waste your life on
looking back at what you
could have done.
Move on, because life is not
meant to be travelled
backwards.*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5 Limo Lunch	6 Parent Teacher Conferences	7 Remembrance Day Assembly Grade 8 Girls Tournament	8
9	10 Admin Day No Classes	11 Remembrance Day No Classes	12	13	14 Grade 8 Boys Tournament	15
16	17 Admin Day No Classes	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Gr 8 Learning Trip	29
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