

Clearspring Middle School Newsletter

October 2014



Principal's Message

Last month, I introduced the concept of a growth mindset. We are seeing more and more students embracing the growth mindset in school. When faced with a difficult task, the talk is shifting from "I can't do this!" to "I can't do this yet". Our whole school community is trying to learn this new habit, to use language that reflects this deep belief about learning, and to put it into practice. We invite you to join us on this journey in two ways. First, when your child(ren) talk about how hard something is, embrace the difficulty, and encourage them to see it as something they can't do yet. Secondly, if/when you hear messages from the school that are not yet completely in line with a growth mindset, please remind us – we are also still learning!

Clearspring Middle School is seeking to be a school that builds strong relationships with students and their families, and makes a positive contribution to the community. We welcome your participation

in our school, as volunteers, and as community members with a voice. Thank you for helping our school to be better.

Chocolate Fundraiser

Our fundraiser this year is going to be used for two big projects. **FIRST**, we will be supplementing each Grade's learning trip with a minimum of \$500.00 from the fundraiser. **SECONDLY**, we have begun discussions with the Parent Advisory Council about enhancing our playground, and we want to begin raising money for that. Last year, our project was the Reading Garden, and we have begun the planning phase of that with Hanover School Division. We hope to begin the actual project soon.

One iPad and two iPods will be given away in a random draw, as well as many prizes to be earned based on how much students sell. Thanks for your support!

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Study With A Tutor

S.W.A.T. is starting this month! S.W.A.T. stands for Study With A Tutor and will be running after school Mondays and Wednesdays till the middle of May. S.W.A.T. is a great opportunity for students to get some quiet, sustained work time towards assignments, projects, or to work on skills they want extra practice with. Students are welcome to drop by the Library 3:45 - 4:30 to work on their own or to have one of our eager Grade 8 tutors join them for extra assistance. Please note that the computer lab will be open for students who need technology to complete their work.

CMS is committed to becoming a community of growth mindset learners. We believe that learning comes from not giving up, from effort, and from tackling challenging work. This is a grand goal that students do not have to pursue on their own; S.W.A.T. club is ready and willing to help all students get there.

Check out the S.W.A.T. calendar posted by the Library entrance for exact dates. Also, students can listen to morning announcements for reminders about when S.W.A.T. is happening each week. Our first S.W.A.T club will be Wednesday, October 8th.

We look forward to working with you!
Mrs. C Mackid & the S.W.A.T. tutor team

Alpha Children, Reclaiming our Rightful Place in Their Lives

This course is for parents, professionals and caregivers. It is based on the work of Gordon Neufeld Ph.D. and facilitated by Terry Warburton of Recovery of Hope Counselling. The course is being offered at Steinbach Family Resource Centre, 101 North Front Drive on Saturday, Nov 1st from 9:00-4:00 PM. The cost is \$75 per person. Make cheque payable to Recovery of Hope. Lunch and snacks are provided. For more information course outlines can be found at www.neufeldinstitute.com/courses. Contact terry Warburton at terry.rechope@gmail.com

A French Moment **Apps to Learn and Practice French**

Language apps are an effective, efficient, and convenient way to learn and review a language on the go. I am always eager to find and test out new French language apps, but finding quality apps that are at an appropriate level of difficulty and that offer accurate language information can sometimes be a hit-or-miss experience. Here are some of my preferred French language apps. Most are free, but some also have in-app purchases available.

Top picks:

WordReference	-The best totally free online language dictionary. I use both the app and the website (http://wordreference.com) daily, both in the classroom and in my professional writings.
Quizlet	-Online flashcards created on every topic by both students and teachers. I have my own flashcards set at http://quizlet.com/MadameChocolat .
Brainscape	-Smart Flashcards. The Survival French flashcards are free.
Duolingo (French)	-French lessons, starting at beginner level.
Busuu (French)	-French lessons, starting at beginner level.
BookBox French	-Animated short stories with read-along feature.
BrainPOP French	-Videos, lessons, quizzes.

Other winners:

hello-hello HH French	h4 French Lite
Learn French Flashcards for iPad	Quick and Easy French Lessons
PhrasePack French	French FlashCards
French Lessons Learn French	Frenchie Teachie ABCs

(Note: Many apps have very similar names, differing only by the placement of the words “French” or “flash card”. It’s always a good idea to search for the app via a regular search engine rather than relying solely on the iTunes store which does not always locate an app by the name typed in.)

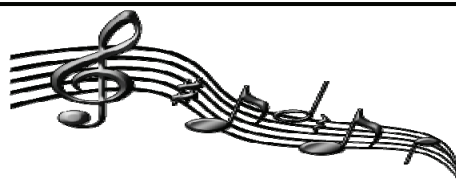
Helen Malandrakis, French Team Leader

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.

Change of Information

If you change any pertinent information such as phone number, cell phone numbers, or address change, please let the school office know as soon as possible.



Notes from our
CMS Music
Dept

"A big thank-you and congratulations on a job well done to the band students who participated in the Gold Card Fundraiser. We are off to a great start in fundraising this year! All forms and money are due this week.

Just a reminder that practicing is an important part of success in band and that weekly practice records are being checked. We welcome all new grade 7 band students to the program and wish you a successful year!"

Clearspring Middle School - Athletics Report

Cross Country

Our cross country team participated in the first HSD run on Sept 26, and our runners once again performed extremely well, with many Top 5 and Top 10 finishes in all categories. A group of runners will participate in the Milk Run on Oct 1, and the second HSD cross country run is schedule for Friday Oct 3 at Sandilands. Great job Trailblazers, and keep up the great running!

Volleyball

Volleyball season began on Tuesday Sept 30, and is in full swing, with players participating at all levels from Grade 5 to 8. Grade 7 and 8 Girls play on Tuesday evenings, and Grade 7 and 8 Boys play on Thursday evenings. The Grade 8 Girls Gold team traveled to General Wolfe School in Winnipeg recently where the team continued to develop its foundation of skills. A great time was had by all!

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

Cross Country: Mr. Murray Carter

Grade 5 Volleyball: Mr. John Loewen, Ms. Sara Heese, Ms. Dawn Gautron

Grade 6 Volleyball: Mr. A.J. Neufeld

Grade 7 Boys: Ms. Cheryl Peters, Mr. Randy Fender

Grade 7 Girls: Mr. Myron Vogt

Grade 8 Boys: Ms. Kim Pappel, Mr. Lucas Pappel

Grade 8 Girls: Ms. Stacy Harder, Mr. Kelly Harder, Ms. Pam Martens, Mr. Luke 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 Trailblazer Gear

CMS athletic clothing is now available for order. The following clothing is available:

Hoodies: \$24.99 (plus GST)

T-shirts: \$10.00 (plus GST)

Sweatpants: 19.99 (plus GST)

Hoodie, Sweat pant, T-shirt Combo: \$49.99 (plus GST)

Order forms can be turned in to homeroom teachers, or the Phys Ed office, by **Thursday Oct. 16**. See the inserted order form for more information.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Cross Country Run	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Gr 7 Learning Trip	11
12	13 No Classes Thanksgiving Day	14	15	16	17 Eastman Choral Workshop	18
19	20	21	22	23 Picture Retakes at 1:00	24 No Classes Sage PD Day	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



Book orders are available through the library. Come see Mrs. Baldwin

Allergy Awareness at CMS

Please be aware that CMS has multiple students with life-threatening allergies. The most common allergy is to peanuts and peanut products. In light of this, we ask that students and parents be wary of this and not bring peanut products to school.

Please check with your classroom teacher before sending any foods to school for parties or celebrations to ensure that you don't include products to which there are allergies. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Doug Mack
Grade 7/8 Resource

