

Clearspring Middle School Newsletter

December 2015



CMS Website - Your New Location for CMS news

Check out www.cms.hsd.ca to keep up to date with what is happening at CMS!

- Principal's Blog about Learning at CMS
- Canteen menu and prices
- PAC news
- Athletics and Music Information
- CMS Student Handbook

- Important CMS Calendar dates
- Daily Announcements
- CMS Twitter Feed
- Bus Schedules
- A link to the HSD Website

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Ed Neufeld

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Tammy Nye
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Principal's Message

Merry Christmas! I have had more than 50 years of saying Merry Christmas, and every year it seems to surprise me a bit when I get to start greeting people that way. The staff at CMS wishes for every student and their family a wonderful time of celebrating love and peace this Christmas.

We have been making an effort to communicate via our website. We have been vigilant about keeping the website up to date, we have added blogs about learning, and there are links to our Twitter feed. In this transition phase, it is hard to know if we are meeting the communication needs and wishes of our school community. If you have an opinion to share regarding school communication, please let us know.

We are looking forward to a great December! Report cards go home on December 4th, we have a Band concert on December 3rd at 7:00, a Grade 5 Christmas concert on December 16th at 7:00, and our Big

Show, the school talent show, on December 18th in the morning. We have plenty to celebrate!

Among the things we celebrate are Grade 8 students who regularly visit Bethesda Place to visit and play games with residents there. We also celebrate students who are working hard to be better at communicating with words and numbers, student leaders who work in our canteen, greet visitors, give tours to new students, and have joined our Safe School Allies. As a principal, I celebrate amazing teachers who are dedicated to doing their very best to help EVERY child learn. As a school, we celebrate that many of our students get involved in helping others, whether that is for South East Helping Hands or raising money for a school in Africa.

Thank you for helping your children come to school ready to learn each day. It really does make a difference.

Bus Delays

Any bus that will be late due to weather or mechanical issues is listed on the HSD website in the bus delay area.

Go to: www.hsd.ca
(there is a link on the CMS website)

Then go to: drop down menu of Departments/
Transportation

Thank you for checking these options before calling HSD Transportation Department.

If you have other bus related questions, please phone 204-320-2347.



Band Christmas Concert

Grade 7 and 8 Band Students welcome you to celebrate the Christmas Season with them on Thursday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m.



Grade 5 Christmas Concert

The Grade 5 classes are excited to show their learning at a Christmas Celebration Concert on Wednesday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Students are asked to be at the school by 6:40 p.m. A letter will be sent home next week with more details.

PHONE CALLS

Canteen - Hot Lunch Menu Change

Please note the Canteen Hot Lunch offered on Mondays has been changed. We will now be selling a Doener Grill 1/2 Chicken Doener for \$3.75.

For full Canteen menus and prices, please visit <http://cms.hsd.ca/>

If students have an urgent reason to contact their parents, they may do so with teacher permission. We urge parents to leave messages at the office if they need to contact their child.

In order to limit interruption of classes, messages to students will be given to them at breaks, lunch or after school. We will generally not call students out of class for a phone call unless it is an emergency.

We ask that, whenever possible, parents communicate after school arrangements with their children in the morning.