

Clearspring Middle School Newsletter

March 2015



Principal's Message

As usual, we have had a busy February. Some highlights are:

1. Learning trips for the Grade 6, 7, & 8 students. Grade 6 students had a trip that focused on the Arts, with a visit to the symphony and the Manitoba Theatre for Young People. Grade 7 students focused on Outdoor Education and community building with a 2-night stay at Camp Cedarwood. And Grade 8 students went on a Physical Education learning trip, with a day spent at Falcon Lake Ski Hill. Our Grade 5 students enjoyed a stay-at-home learning trip with a focus on voyageur activities, including baking bannock!
2. Our annual Empty Bowls fundraiser for a school in Sierra Leone raised almost \$2000.00, and was a wonderful evening of food, entertainment, and friendship!
3. We had two wonderful assemblies that shared the learning of students in Grade 5 and Grade 8.
4. Our students participated in an Options Day. On February 19th, students were able to choose a learning activity from a long list that were not our ordinary offerings, including some SRSS options, bread-baking, card-making, and Tae Kwan Do. This gave our teachers an opportunity to meet with students one-on-one to do reading assessments. The data we gather from these assessments will help us determine how to continue



to improve literacy instruction and achievement in our school.

Our Learning trips will continue into March, with a trip to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights for 75 Grade 7 students, and a trip to Fort Whyte Alive for our Grade 5 students. One other significant group of events in March is the beginning of registration at SRSS for our Grade 8 students. More information will follow later in the month.

For some exciting news on the technology side of things, check out our recently released Twitter account, @clearspringhsd. We would love to have you follow us on Twitter, but if you cannot manage that, you can see the link on our website, which keeps you up to date on all our latest Twitter feeds.

And finally, THANK YOU to all our parents for placing your trust in us. We are aware that you send your students to school each day and place them, and their learning, in our care. We take that responsibility seriously, and promise to do our best to help each student learn.



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Gr 8 Meeting at SRSS

On March 16th the Grade 8 students will have orientation at the SRSS.

The parent information evening will be held at the SRSS Gold Gym on Monday, March 23rd from 6:30-8:30.

Cookie Dough Pick Up

Due to a trucking issue, the Cookie fundraiser will now be arriving on **March 5th**. Please make arrangements to pick up your fundraiser items between 3:30 and 5pm.

Clearspring Middle School - Athletics Report

Basketball season is drawing to a close, as playoffs for Grade 8 Teams will take place in March. Playoff dates are tentatively scheduled for the following dates:

Grade 8 Girls: Tuesday March 10 (Location TBD)

Grade 8 Boys: 8th Place playoff on Monday March 9. . . Main Playoff on Thursday March 12

Grade 8 Finals: Tuesday March 18 @ SRSS (Girls @ 5:30, Boys @ 7:00 in the Black Gym)

Congratulations to all of our basketball teams for your hard work and dedication, as well as for the many positive results you have achieved this season. Thanks to our volunteer coaches, who have donated many hours of their personal time to work with our student athletes.

Mr. John Loewen – Grade 5 Basketball

Ms. Sara Heese – Grade 5 Basketball

Mr. A.J. Neufeld – Grade 6 Basketball

Mr. Wayne Elias – Grade 8 Boys Basketball

Mr. Paul Reimer – Grade 7 Boys Basketball

Ms. Kelsey Harpman - Grade 7 Girls Basketball

Mr. Trevor Paton – Grade 7 Boys Basketball

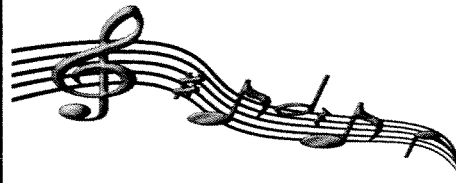
Mr. Kevin Martens – Grade 8 Girls Basketball

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 5-9, please contact Mr. A.J. Neufeld (aneufeld@hsd.ca) or Mr. Trevor Paton (tpaton@hsd.ca).

Badminton season is not too far away! CMS will offer after-school Badminton intramurals for Grade 5 and 6 students, beginning after Spring Break. Grade 7-8 Badminton practices will begin at this time as well. More details will be announced shortly!

Gr 5 Learning Trip

The Gr.5s are going on an outdoor learning trip to Fort Whyte Center. Students are reminded to dress warm and be prepared to spend the day outdoors. They will need to bring a bag lunch as there is no place to buy food. 5ST and 5SH will be going on March 4. 5EG, 5EK and 5JL will be going on March 5.



Notes from our
CMS Music
Dept

CMS Spring Musical

Pinocchio Musical performance dates

Cast 1: Wednesday, March 25th @ 7:00pm (5JL, 5SH, 5ST,
6VH, 6CM, 6AN)

Cast 2: Thursday, March 26th @ 7:00pm (5DG, 5EK, 6LW,
6AT, 6RB)

Some cast members in grade 6 are asked to perform on both evenings (goons, Italians and dancing puppets)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 5SH & 5ST Learning Trip Gr 7 Learning Trip	5 5DG, 5JL, 5EK Learning Trip Cookie Pick Up Band Fundraiser	6	7
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins	9	10	11 Gr 8 Tours at SRSS	12	13 No Classes	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Report Cards go home	21
22	23	24 Parent/Teacher Conferences	25 Gr 5/6 Musical	26 Gr 5/6 Musical	27 MAC Dance	28
29	30 Spring Break	31				

CMS CANTEEN



Daily Hot Lunch Items



Monday	Special Fundraiser Lunch or Taco Del Mar Quesadilla	\$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



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.....	\$0.25

Our CMS Library is running a MYRCA book club (Manitoba Young Readers Choice Awards) every Thursday over the lunch hour in the library. Students have an opportunity to read books that are written by Canadian authors and then vote for the book that they think is the best. Middle school students across Manitoba are participating. Each week 30 of our students eat our lunch together, read and discuss the different books we are reading. What a wonderful rewarding experience to be with these students and feel their genuine interest and appreciation for books!

