

Clearspring Middle School Newsletter

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Ed Neufeld

Vice Principal:
Merrilee Plett

Secretaries:
Marcie Friesen
Lucy Martens

Principal's Message

You may have noticed some new faces in the CMS office in the last few weeks. We are pleased to have Marcie Friesen as our new Head Secretary! Ms. Friesen has been part of our office staff since October and we are thrilled that she has moved into this position. We are also excited to have Lucy Martens as our support secretary. Ms. Martens brings many years of experience of working in HSD and we are excited to have her as part of our team.

Tammy Nye, our previous Head Secretary, has moved to a different position with Hanover School Division. We thank Mrs. Nye for her dedication to our school the past 3 ½ years. Her cheerful greetings, infectious laugh, and her efficiency made our office a great place to work. We will miss her in the office, but we also wish her well in her new position.

January and February marked the renewal of some of our focus on Mathematics instruction in our school. As you may have heard, Manitoba Education is placing emphasis on improving outcomes for math learning in all Manitoba schools. This will likely be a multi-year emphasis. Our

school has identified mental math as an area of focus, and our teachers have been learning how we can improve instruction to help ALL our students have the skills and strategies to do mental math quickly and efficiently.

All of students will be going on Learning Trips by the end of February. We believe that taking learning outside the classroom walls is extremely valuable, and we work hard to ensure that these trips truly are about extending the learning for all of our students. It is our hope all of our students will be able to participate in these trips.

In some cases, trips are expensive, and teachers organize fundraising opportunities. In all cases, if there are financial constraints, please let the teachers know so that we can ensure that ALL students can participate.

As a school, CMS remains committed to seeking the best in every student, and helping students learn to their fullest potential. We value our partnership with all parents as we share this common goal.

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.

Portfolio Evening - March 22, 2016

All students at CMS are busy working on developing a learning portfolio. This portfolio is a way to share what they are learning and why they believe that this learning is important for them.

All parents/guardians will be invited to come to the school on the evening of March 22 to be part of this learning process with their child.

More information will be coming shortly, including the opportunity to sign up for a block of time to come with their child on March 22. If a parent or guardian cannot attend, we will work to find a way for their child to share their learning with another important adult in their life.

PHONE CALLS

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.

Grade 6 Musical

CMS is proud to present “Rock Star” on March 16 and 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the CMS gym. This musical follows the history of rock and roll with fun, energetic songs and performances from Little Richard, The Beatles, and Elvis (just to name a few).

We have so many talented students and this is a great way to come out and support them, best of all...it’s free!

M.A.C School Dance: Food Drive for Helping Hands

On Thursday, March 24 during period 7 and 8 we will be hosting our 4th Annual M.A.C Dance. M.A.C. is our “Making a Change” group and this event is another way for our school to help out in our community and in our world.

Admission to the dance will be a non-perishable food item (which will be donated to S.E. Helping Hands) or a Toonie (which will go towards our overseas school building project).

Students attending the dance will be supervised by school staff. There will be alternate activities available for those students who do not wish to be part of this event, however they are more than welcome to bring in a food item or a toonie.

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