## Clearspring Middle School Newsletter

June 28, 2016



#### **Class Placement for Next Year**

Homeroom placements will be emailed out on August 30. Please ensure that there is a correct email address which we can send this important information to. The homeroom placement information will be sent to the same email address as the newsletters we have emailed this year.

If you do not have email, we will mail the class information to you on that day.

## Principal's Message

We have reached the end of another fabulous year at Clearspring Middle School. We really believe our students are among the best students a school could possibly have. They have focused on learning, made healthy choices, worked on being good stewards of the environment, and demonstrated care for each other and their community. We are very proud of our students.

The Community Report that is attached to this newsletter outlines some of the highlights of this past year, and although there are many listed, a page like that cannot capture the feeling of the place. To get that, one must be in the school on a regular basis to participate in the celebration of learning, to see students engaged in solving difficult problems and

thinking about big ideas. Add to that the extracurricular events, learning trips, physical education, and a vibrant music and art program, and you begin to get a feel for the great school that Clearspring Middle School is.

We are a community school, and we could not be a great school without the support of our students' families. Thank you for trusting us to bring out the best in your children – we take that responsibility seriously.

The staff of Clearspring Middle School wishes all our students and their families a wonderful summer, and looks forward to welcoming our students back to their first day of classes on September 7.

# CMS Website - Your 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

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

Principal: Ed Neufeld

Vice Principal: Merrilee Plett

Secretaries: Marcie Friesen Lucy Martens

#### **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.

## **Religious Exercises 2016-2017**

The Board of Trustees of the Hanover School Division has received petitions requesting that religious exercises be held in Clearspring Middle School during the 2016-2017 school year.

The petitioners have specified their desire for the recitation of the Lord's Prayer and the reading of a Bible passage or story from the Bible.

As the petition bears the signatures of parents representing more than 60 students in the school, the Board of Trustees of the Hanover School Division has authorized

religious exercises, as specified above, to be held before the official instructional day, from 9:00-9:05 a.m. in common areas in the school. Provincial and divisional guidelines will be followed. These guidelines are available from the school office, the division administration office, or on the web site at <a href="https://www.hsd.ca">www.hsd.ca</a>.

Only children of parents who have signed or joined the petition may participate. Parents may join the petition by forwarding a signed note to the school or to the Board of Trustees of the Hanover School Division indicating the name and the grade of the students they are signing for.

## **Religious Instruction 2016-2017**

The Board of Trustees of the Hanover School Division has received petitions requesting that religious instruction be held in Clearspring Middle School during the 2016 – 2017 school year.

The petitioners have specified their desire the Discovery Time program offered by Child Evangelism Fellowship.

As the petition bears the signatures of parents representing more than 25 students in the school, the Board of Trustees of the Hanover School Division has passed the required by-law permitting religious instruction, as

specified above, to be offered by volunteers during designated half-hour per week classes.

Provincial and divisional guidelines will be followed. These guidelines are available from the school office, the division administration office, or on the web site at <a href="https://www.hsd.ca">www.hsd.ca</a>.

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## **More Staffing News:**

Mr. Murray Carter - Returning (Gr. 6)

Mr. Kevin Storey - Gr. 6

MEET THE TEACHER

Tuesday, September 6, 2016 4:30-6:00 p.m.