

May 2019 Newsletter

I am writing this on a snowy morning at the end of April, anticipating the coming warmth of May and June. We have had a wonderful school year thus far, thanks to the support of families who send their students to school every day, ready to learn. It is a privilege to help middle school children learn, and we take our responsibility seriously.

Our April highlight was definitely the Grade 6 production of Annie Jr. The acting was excellent, the music sparkled, and both evenings were the kind of event that will have students remembering as one of the best things from middle school. Both evenings were wonderful celebrations of the arts!

Clearspring Middle School is grateful for the ongoing support for the arts from Hanover School Division. At a time when we hear about cuts to arts programming, Hanover has remained steadfast in their belief in, and support for, the arts in schools.

Over the past month or so, our Grade 7 Connect Crew students have welcomed visiting Grade 4 students who will be attending CMS next year. We make these connections to help smooth the transition from early years schools to our middle years school. It is inspiring to watch our older students act as hosts for younger students.

We have also been working with our Grade 8 students as they prepare for learning at Steinbach Regional Secondary School next year. The high school has worked hard to ensure those transitions are also as smooth as possible.

As I look at the May calendar, I see several band events (Festival and Music Camp), the beginning of track meets, a Grade 8 Medieval Feast, a meeting for next year's Grade 5 Parents (May 16), and Science Days. It certainly appears as if there will be no shortage of learning opportunities.

