

Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that the first month of school has already come to an end! It has been wonderful to have our hallways filled with the laughter and energy of students after their summer break.

This year, we want to be purposeful about finding ways to bring JOY to school. We do that through building relationships and growing connections with students and between students. We can find joy through "fun activities", but we can also look for joy in the small interactions between each other while we are doing the hard work of learning. We do this by focussing on kindness and generosity with each other.

There have been a number of highlights in September that we want to mention. We have hosted our Grade 5 Bond afternoons - time for an entire Grade 5 Cohort to spend together playing games outside. Our Grade 6's have gone on a learning trip to the Mennonite Heritage Village - all hosted outdoors and in cohorts. Running Clubs and Grade 7 & 8 Volleyball practices have started up. Our Grade 7 & 8 Cross Country Team participated in the HSD Cross Country Run. We have participated in the Terry Fox Run and raised money for Cancer Research (we will provide an update on the amount when all donations have been counted!). And, we have recognized Orange Shirt Day on September 29 with our Grade 6 classes filming a virtual assembly which was shared with the whole school. It has been a busy start to the year!

With all the good news, I also want to thank parents for taking the Covid Protocols schools need to follow to heart. In particular, I thank you for screening your children for symptoms prior to sending them to school each day. If you are wondering about which symptoms means your child should be staying home, please use the following online screening tool:

<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool> As you know, we have had a few cases in our school, and we are told there probably will be more cases in the next months, but as we work at this together we hope to be able to keep things going a normal as possible at school.

At CMS we are trying to spend time each day practicing gratitude. I am grateful for a school community who cares for each other and works together to support our students. Thank you to all the families who are part of our community.

A Few Procedural Reminders

1. Biking and walking safety. We have a crossing guard at the Hespeler/Barkman/Ashford intersection at 8:30 a.m. Please ask your child(ren) to time their walk to school in order to arrive at that intersection after 8:30 a.m..

2. Thanks to everyone for working with us on heavy traffic days. On busy days, it can be a bit challenging to move all the cars as quickly as we wish, and we really do appreciate your patience and understanding.

Live Streaming Volleyball Games

Due to increasing cases of COVID-19 in our region, a temporary pause has also been placed on allowing spectators to attend indoor school sporting events in our gymnasiums (i.e. volleyball). As noted in [previous correspondence](#), HSD will offer live streaming of high school and middle school volleyball games to ensure parents/caregivers have continued viewing access during this period of restrictions.

Please be aware that all game participants will be visible in the live video feed. Access to the video will be made public via a link on the school website. The live video feed provides viewing access to what would otherwise be a public event. To the extent possible, cameras will be set to wide angles to avoid close-up images of event participants.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call the school at 204-346-9644.

Looking Ahead:

October 6	CMS Grade 5 & 6 Cross Country Run
October 11	Thanksgiving - No classes
October 22	MTS PD Day - No classes
End of October	Theme Days (more information will follow)
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 12	Admin Day - No Classes

2021-2022 CMS Staff

Administration

Principal Merrilee Plett

Vice Principal Candace Campbell

Teaching Staff

Grade 5 Kyle Dyck

Grade 5 Sara Heese

Grade 5 Elaine Kalyta

Grade 5 Tracey Sawatzky

Grade 5 Steven Schapansky

Grade 5 Bianca Sheppard

Grade 5 Susan Tilling

Grade 6 Dawn Gautron

Grade 6 Natasha Janz

Grade 6 Samantha Kinley

Grade 6 Kyra Neufeld

Grade 6 Alexandra Nikkel

Grade 6 Arlene Tkachuk

Grade 7 Melissa Dean

Grade 7 Meyson Martens

Grade 7 Belinda Massey

Grade 7 Courtney Riopka

Grade 7 Jennifer Rogalsky

Grade 7 Lisa Schipper

Grade 8 Jon Kornelsen

Grade 8 Peiki Loay

Grade 8 Helen Malandrakis

Grade 8 Amanda Manchulenko

Grade 8 Jesse Snyder

Grade 8 Chloe Tate

Phys Ed Trevor Paton and Paul Reimer

Band Toban Janzen

Music Grade 5/6 Meredith Hutchinson

Industrial Arts Neil Downie

Human Ecology Krystyna Luczak

Flex Ed Grade 7/8 Scott Johnson

School Counsellor Linda Szyszkowski and Karla Lysak

Resource Grade 5/6 Sherrise Trinh

Resource Grade 7/8 Doug Mack

Office Manager Marcie Friesen

Assistant Office Manager Shawna Kroeker

Library Support Specialist Arlene Baldwin

Educational Assistant Carrie Charriere

Educational Assistant Gwen Friesen

Educational Assistant Sharon Froese

Educational Assistant Louella Geisheimer

Educational Assistant Amber LeRoy
Educational Assistant Dave Mensies
Educational Assistant Ginger Penner
Educational Assistant Helen Sawatzky
Educational Assistant Ruth Sawatzky
Educational Assistant Beth Slusher
Educational Assistant Michael Wiebe