

Principal's Message

March has arrived, and we sincerely hope warmer weather and fewer blizzards are arriving with it! This past February has given us a number of challenges in providing continuity of routines and learning for students. We know that families have also been affected by the school closures. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

CMS hosted "Pink Week" from February 14-February 18. Students participated in a "Kindness Bingo" and several teachers shared stories of inspiration on the morning announcements having to do with kindness. One special highlight was a recording of several grade 6 students singing "You Will Be Found" which was played over the announcements. Thank you to Ms. Hutchinson for putting that together!

Our Grade 5's celebrate Festival Du Voyageur in February. They had a great time playing spoons, weaving, doing outdoor games and enjoying bannock!

Basketball season for our Grade 7 and 8 students is nearing completion. We want to thank the coaches who have given of their time and energy to support our students in this way. We are also pleased that we have started to be able to have spectators back in our stands!

As you are aware, public health restrictions are changing. As of March 1, proof of vaccination will no longer be required to be a spectator at school sporting events. We anticipate, pending public health orders, that on March 15 masks will no longer be required in schools. Students, staff and visitors may still choose to wear masks if they wish. These changes may cause concern for some of you and others will be very happy about them. This is another chance for us to practice kindness with each other.

We are very excited to let you know that we will be hosting an IN PERSON book fair from March 14-18. The book fair will be available to students during school hours. Each class will have time to look at what books are available for purchase and then have time during the week to make their purchases. Unfortunately, we will not be hosting a family evening this year.

Report Cards will be available on Parent Portal at 4:00 p.m. on March 18. If you have trouble accessing Parent Portal please contact the school so we can assist you. Then, on March 22, we will be hosting a Parent Teacher Conference Evening. We expect that these meetings will be able to be in person! We will be sending out more information to parents in the next week or so and we encourage parents to make an appointment to meet with their child's teacher.

Finally, I shared this information in the February newsletter, but felt it was worth sharing again. This has been a difficult two years for everyone, including children. If your child is struggling in any aspect of mental wellness, we encourage you to reach out and talk with their homeroom

teacher or call the office and we can direct you to additional supports if required. Another great resource is: <https://kidshelpphone.ca/> .

Parents of Grade 8 Students

It's the time of year when we start to think about next year and your child will be attending SRSS in fall! We know this can be a time of questions and stress for both students and their parents.

SRSS counsellors will be visiting each of our Grade 8 classes on March 8 to give them an overview of what next year will look like, what they can expect, how course selection works and to give students time to ask questions. Then, on March 17, our CMS students will be attending the SRSS during the school day for an in person tour. The SRSS is also planning a parent information evening on March 17 and will be providing more information on that to parents shortly.

We have worked closely with SRSS staff over the past years to create a transition process where students feel supported. If you have questions or concerns following the March 17 parent meeting, please feel free to contact the school to talk with Ms. Plett, Mr. Mack or Ms. Szyszkowski.

Important Dates

March 8	SRSS presentations to Grade 8 classes
March 11	Admin Day - No school for students
March 14-18	CMS Book Fair
March 17	Grade 8 Tour at the SRSS
March 18	Report Cards - available on Parent Portal at 4:00 p.m.
March 22	Parent Teacher Conferences
March 25	Last day of school before Spring Break
March 26-April 3	Spring Break
April 4	First day back after Spring Break