

## **Principal's Message**

Spring is in the air! The snow is melting (then falling again, then melting again), our playground is messy and we are excited to be back after Spring Break. We've had a busy March and are looking forward to more great opportunities for our students in April!

### March Update

Just before Spring Break we held our book fair! It was the first time in two years we had been able to do that. We'd like to say a big "Thank You" to Mrs. Baldwin for all her work in organizing that week. I know that many students are still waiting for their orders to come in and I'm told those will be arriving soon. It is great to see our students so excited about reading!

Our students care for those around them. One way they showed their care in March was bringing in boxes of Kraft Dinner (or other Mac & Cheese products) for the food collection drive organized by Ms. Riopka and 7CR. Students brought in 604 boxes of KD which was donated to SouthEast Helping Hands. We also received word that CMS raised the 13th highest amount compared with other schools in Manitoba for the Terry Fox Foundation (these donations were collected in September 2021).

We were thrilled to host our parent teacher conferences in-person in March! It was wonderful seeing so many parents in our building talking about their child(ren)'s learning. We know that children benefit when there is good communication between teachers and parents. For those of you who couldn't make it that evening, please feel free to reach out to your child(ren)'s teacher to set up a meeting time (in person, phone call or virtual).

Basketball season for our Grade 7 and 8 teams has ended. Thank you to all of our coaches:

Grade 7 Girls: Courtney Riopka, Natasha Janz  
Grade 7 Boys Team Navy: Paul Reimer  
Grade 7 Boys Team Orange: Mason Rachel  
Grade 8 Girls: Isi Masi, Belinda Massey  
Grade 8 Boys Team Navy: Meyson Martens  
Grade 8 Boys Team Orange: Samantha Kinley

Our Grade 8 students have started to look ahead to attending the SRSS next year. Each Grade 8 class has had in-person information meetings with SRSS staff, have had the opportunity to attend an in-person SRSS tour and have registered for courses. If you have any questions regarding the transition to the new school for next year, please contact Mr. Doug Mack (our CMS Learning Support Teacher).

### April - Looking Ahead

Badminton has just started for Grade 7 & 8 students. We are thrilled to have about 110 students participating. Some are choosing to participate in recreational badminton, and others have chosen to compete to be able to represent CMS at divisional tournaments.

During the month of April, Grade 6 students will have the opportunity to learn more about the band option for next year. Mr. Janzen and Ms. Hutchinson will spend time with each Grade 6 class and invite them to try out a variety of band instruments. Communication to parents will be sent home shortly with specific information on this.

Grade 8 students have the opportunity in April to participate in a voluntary Writer's Workshop course led by Ms. Chloe Tate. This is a great chance for them to brush up on their creative writing skills!

Planning is underway for a number of other events in May and June. Stay tuned for details about Grade 7 & 8 Dragon Boat Team, Track and Field, Grade Level Learning Trips, Grade 5 & 6 Concerts, Band Concert, Grade 8 Medieval Festival, and our annual PAC Family BBQ!

### Resources for Parents

A great resource for parents on the topic of Anxiety is: <https://www.anxietycanada.com/>

<https://protectkidsonline.ca/app/en/> is a wonderful website for parents about online safety for children.

If you have specific questions or concerns about anxiety or your child's online habits, please feel free to contact your child's homeroom teachers or one of our counsellors:

Ms. Karla Lysak (Grade 5 Counsellor) [klysak@hsd.ca](mailto:klysak@hsd.ca)

Ms. Linda Szyszkowski (Grade 6-8 Counsellor) [lszyszkowski@hsd.ca](mailto:lszyszkowski@hsd.ca)

### Important Dates

April 15	Good Friday - No School
April 12-26	Grade 6 Band Recruitment/Information
April 18	PD/Admin Day - No School for Students
April 29	Grade 6 and 7 French Event
May 19	Grade 5 Information Evening (for parents of incoming Grade 5's)
May 23	Victoria Day - No School