

Principal's Message

Our school year is rapidly coming to a close. June is a month filled with many events and celebrations. It is also a time for students to consolidate their learning for this grade level. We want to encourage all students to work hard right to the end of June!

May Update

CMS held our Grade 5 and 6 Track Meets on two beautiful days at the end of May. A group of about 80 students will be competing in the Grade 5 and 6 Divisional Track Meet. We wish them well! Our Grade 7 and 8 Track team has been busy practicing at lunch and during some gym classes. We have a team of about 130 Grade 7 and 8 students who will be representing CMS at the divisional track meet on June 2. Go Blazers!

Our Dragon Boat team has had their rehearsal day and is preparing to compete in the Manitoba School Dragon Boat Challenge on Sunday, June 5. It will be an exciting day!

Our Grade 8 students all participated in the Grade 8 Medieval Feast! They were treated to a lunch from Danny's Whole Hog BBQ and participated in a jousting tournament (with pool noodles) and a variety of other events. The Grade 8's really stepped up their games with some amazing costumes!

We were able to hold our Grade 4 Parent Information Evening in May. It was the first time since 2020 we had been able to host this evening. It was great being able to connect with parents and families and welcome them to our school.

We have been hosting Ice Cream Wednesdays in May. All proceeds are going to our CMS Kindness Fund - a fund which we can access when a student in our school experiences a loss of a parent or sibling, or they are diagnosed with a significant health issue such as cancer, or the loss of a home... In these times, we can use the Kindness Fund to send a little something to the student and their family to show we care. Our ice cream sales in May have already profited around \$800 for this cause and we are so grateful! We will extend our Wednesday canteen sales (ice cream and other treats) into June. Stay tuned for more details.

June - Looking Ahead

Our CMS band classes are organizing an Open House Evening on June 7. All band students are asked to attend and they are invited to bring parent/caregivers/family along to the event. It will be a great way to celebrate the learning that has happened in band this year. Please check your emails for specific times. We anticipate getting back to concerts next year.

The Grade 6 Music Concert is on June 15 and the Grade 5 Music Concert is on June 20. Both concerts begin at 7:00 pm. I've heard some of the classes practicing for this and both concerts will be wonderful!

On June 15, our Grade 7 & 8 students will participate in a ZOOM presentation from the ICE Unit of the RCMP along with other students in Hanover School Division. Constable Gord Olsen from the ICE Unit (Internet Child Exploitation Unit) has presented to students and parents in previous years. He brings real life experience to the safety issues of social media and online presence. Students learn how to watch for concerning behaviour, ensure their own behaviour is safe and how to report problem behaviour that happens in their online world. A more detailed letter will be emailed home to parents prior to this presentation. We hope that next year we will be able to have this presentation in person. We encourage parents to be aware of their child's activities online, set boundaries that make sense for their family and have open conversations with their child about online safety.

There are a number of learning trips planned for June: Grade 5's are going to the Human Rights Museum and going swimming. Grade 6's are going to the zoo. Grade 7's are going swimming and the Grade 8's are going to Roseau River for a day of activities.

Our Grade 7 & 8 Soccer Teams have been practicing during noon hours. Soccer Day will be on June 20 and we have about 80 students participating. The tournament will be held at the Steinbach Soccer Park and parents/families are welcome to spend the day watching and cheering on our teams!

We have two amazing student initiatives taking place right now:

1. Our Coin Drive supporting Steinbach Family Resource Centre. 6DG is leading this initiative and are asking for students to bring in coins and fill up the coin containers in each classroom. This is running until June 2.
2. Our Bracelets for Hope fundraiser is being initiated by several Grade 7 students who are busy designing bracelets that will be on sale on Monday, June 6 for \$3.00 each. All money raised will be used to purchase toys for children who are going through cancer treatments. Corny Rempel from MIX 96.7 will be at the school to promote this initiative. Parents can also drop by the school to purchase a bracelet or just donate money on June 6. We will have a table set up in front of the school from noon to 1:00 p.m..

Our PAC is once again arranging our PAC Family BBQ for June 24! All parents/families are welcome to come and enjoy lunch at our school from 11:45-1:00. Hotdog meal order forms will be sent home with students early in June so that orders can be placed. Families are welcome to order food for their children who attend CMS AND for others in the family. We encourage families to bring blankets and/or lawn chairs to have their picnic on our playground.

Finally, report cards will be printed and sent home with students on Wednesday, June 29 which is the last day of school. Report cards will also be available on Parent Portal on June 29 at 4:00

p.m.. Homeroom class assignments will be available on Parent Portal by August 31. If we are able to send that information out earlier, we will do so.

Summer in the City

Summer in the City is June 17-19. If parents are wanting their child to attend this event during the school day, parents need to pick up their child from school and sign them out. **Students are not permitted to go along with other families or to walk to the event themselves even if they bring a note or are given parental permission.** Parents must come to the school to sign out their student.

Resources for Parents

As we look ahead to summer, it is important for students to be active in activities they enjoy! Check out <https://www.steinbacharts.ca/> and <https://jakeepplibrary.com/> for some great options!

Important Dates

June 2	Grade 7 & 8 Divisional Track and Field Meet
June 7	Grade 5 & 6 Divisional Track and Field Meet (Rain Date)
June 7	Band Open House
June 10	Grade 6 Learning Trip to the Assiniboine Park Zoo
June 15	Grade 5 Learning Trip to the Human Rights Museum and The Forks
June 15	ICE (Internet Child Exploitation) Presentation to Grade 7 & 8
June 15	Grade 6 Concert at 7:00 pm
June 20	Soccer Day (Grade 7 & 8)
June 20	Grade 5 Concert at 7:00 pm
June 21	Grade 8 Trip to Roseau River
June 21	Grade 5 Swimming
June 24	PAC BBQ
June 28	Grade 7 Swimming
June 28	Grade 8 Farewell Evening (organized and run by parents)
June 29	Grade 8 Year End Event
June 29	Last Day of Classes