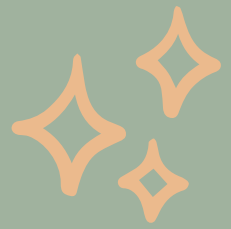


September Newsletter



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Principal's Message:

Welcome back! We are excited to start off a new school year with many new families as part of our CMS community. We are also excited about welcoming back our students who we haven't seen in two months - it is amazing how fast they grow up!

We are anticipating a year of ADVENTURE! Growing up is an adventure and we never know the ups and the downs we might experience. Our school is embarking on The Umbrella Project which is a program that supports strengthening our wellbeing skills. We will be sending out more information on this to parents in the coming weeks. If you'd like to check out an introductory video go to: <https://umbrellaproject.co/>

We would like to welcome some new staff to our school:

- Matthew Hoskins (Grade 8 homeroom)
- Andrea Funk (Grade 7 homeroom)

It is important to us to work together with parents and caregivers. Please connect with your child's teachers throughout the school year. If there are concerns, please contact us sooner rather than later.

Our office is open from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on school days. If you have questions, please feel free to call us at 204-346-9644 or connect with us by email. Our general school email address is cms@hsd.ca.

Wishing you a wonderful long weekend!

Merrilee Plett - Principal
Candace Campbell - Vice Principal



School Information:

Meet the Teacher – Our Meet the Teacher event is on Tuesday, September 6 in the evening. Please bring your child and their school supplies to meet their teacher anytime between 4:30 pm and 6:00 pm. We will have teachers directing traffic so you know where to park and will have staff inside the school who can help you find your way around. We hope to see you here!

First Day of School – The first day of school is Wednesday, September 7. The school doors open at 8:25 am and school starts at 8:45. We expect traffic to be busy both in the morning for drop off and after school for pick up. Please be patient. The safety of our students is our utmost priority.

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..

Microwaves – We will move to having a microwave available in each classroom in the first few days of school. Students will need to complete safety training on microwave use before they will be able to access them.

Picture Day – Picture Day is Tuesday, September 13. Pictures are ordered online and an information sheet will be handed out during Meet the Teacher.

Strong Connections Day – Strong Connections Days on on Friday, September 16 and Monday, September 19. Your child will attend school on only ONE of those days and will stay home the other day. Please consult Parent Portal to find out which day your child will be staying home. Strong Connections allow us to have only half of our students attend school on those days and we focus on learning about your child and building relationships with our students.

PAC AGM – We have a wonderful Parent Advisory Council group and we would love it if you would consider being part of that group. The PAC Annual General Meeting will be held on September 22 at 7:00 pm in our CMS library. All parents are welcome to attend.

Hot Lunches – We are trying something new with our hot lunch options this year. We will be trying to provide one hot lunch option per week and orders will be taken online through the website munchlunch.com . Orders will be taken at the beginning of each month for the lunch options for the entire month. Payments will be done online through this ordering system. An email will be sent home as well as a paper copy with instructions which will be handed out at Meet the Teacher.

Vending Machine – Our vending machine will be up and running again sometime in the first week or two of school. Students are welcome to purchase from the vending machine before school, at lunch or after school. Students should not be using the vending machine during recess times.

Terry Fox Run – We will participate in our school wide Terry Fox run on September 20 in the afternoon. Students and families are encouraged to bring donations for Cancer Research to the school or donate online through <https://terryfoxschoolrun.org/> . Click on the “Donate to a School” button and type in Clearspring Middle School. Thank you for your support in this!

School Sports – Keep watching for more information on the start up of volleyball season for Grade 7 and 8 students. We will try to provide some after school volleyball for Grade 5’s and 6’s later in the fall.

Communication – It is always a balance between communication too much (and filling up your in boxes) and not enough. We try to hit the right balance. You can also find school information on:

Our School Website – www.cms.hsd.ca

Our Instagram Feed – [clearspringhsd](https://www.instagram.com/clearspringhsd)

Our Twitter Feed – [@clearspringhsd](https://twitter.com/clearspringhsd)

2022-2023 CMS Staff

Administration

Principal Merrilee Plett
Vice Principal Candace Campbell

Teaching Staff

Grade 5 Sara Heese
Grade 5 Elaine Kalyta
Grade 5 Tracey Sawatzky
Grade 5 Steven Schapansky
Grade 5 Susan Tilling

Grade 6 Dawn Gautron
Grade 6 Natasha Janz
Grade 6 Samantha Kinley
Grade 6 Daphne Lee
Grade 6 Alexandra Nikkel
Grade 6 Arlene Tkachuk

Grade 7 Andrea Funk
Grade 7 Meyson Martens
Grade 7 Belinda Massey
Grade 7 Jennifer Rogalsky
Grade 7 Lisa Schipper
Grade 7 Courtney Wong

Grade 8 Patricia Amador
Grade 8 Matthew Hoskins
Grade 8 Jon Kornelsen
Grade 8 Peiki Loay
Grade 8 Amanda Manchulenko
Grade 8 Bianca Sheppard

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: 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: Heavenly Bowen

Library Support Specialist: Arlene Baldwin

