
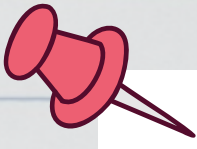


FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



January has been a month of wonderful learning opportunities and also challenges. Unfortunately, our school community has been dealing with some difficult times with the voicemail threats you are all aware of. If you have ongoing concerns about how your child is dealing with this, please reach out to their homeroom teacher so we can plan to support them the best we can. We also want to thank our CMS community for the amazing support we have felt during this difficult time.

Our umbrella skill (from <https://umbrellaproject.co/>) for February is the skill of RESILIENCE. This is how The Umbrella Project talks about resilience: “Resilience is our ability to become strong, healthy, or successful again after something bad happens. It is our ability to adjust or recover from change and difficulty.”

February is a short month, but it is packed full of wonderful things! Grade 8’s are off on their ski trip to Falcon Lake on February 9. Gr. 7’s have rescheduled their Cinema afternoon for February 10. Our bands are going to a concert at the SRSS on February 16. Gr 6’s are heading to the Manitoba Museum on February 15 and 16. Gr 5’s are doing a full day celebration of Festival du Voyageur at our school on February 15. And, our book fair starts on February 13!

Our Basketball season is in full swing. We have approximately 120 students in Grade 7 & 8 that are participating in the extracurricular basketball teams.

The CMS Chess Club is up and running with 85 students signed up. It is so great to see students focussed and strategizing as they compete against each other in this friendly tournament. We are grateful for Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Martens, Mr. Hoskins and Ms. Unger for volunteering their time for this club.

Our MYRCA Club (Manitoba Young Readers Choice Awards) club runs every Wednesday with about 22 students who regularly meet to discuss the books they are reading. We are thankful for Ms. Baldwin, Ms. Nikkel, and Ms. Schipper who volunteer their time to run this club.

On February 14 our Mini MAC (Making a Change) Club will be hosting a bake sale. The funds from the sale will be shared between Steinbach Family Resource Centre, Steinbach Community Outreach and the CMS Kindness Fund.

February is our BOOKFAIR and I Love to Read Month. **Our Book Fair will run from February 13-February 17.** Students will all get a chance to look through the book options and make purchases. We will also be hosting a **Book Fair FAMILY EVENING on Wednesday, February 15 from 4:00-8:00 pm.** Families are welcome to stop by, see what books are available and make purchases. Cash, credit card and debit cards are all welcome.

On February 28, SRSS teachers will be visiting Grade 8 homeroom classes to start to talk about next school year. Then, on March 9, Grade 8's will be visiting the SRSS for a tour and parents and students are invited to an Open House that evening. More information about this will be sent out in the next few weeks.

School Information:

School Schedule - Classes begin at 8:45 am. and school doors open at 8:25 am. Students walking, being picked up, etc... are dismissed at 3:30 pm.

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.. Students who are walking to and from school are reminded to keep to city sidewalks. It is important that students not walk across private property for their own safety and to show respect to our neighbours. Parents are encouraged to have conversations with their child(ren) about the safest way to and from school and to avoid private property.

Lost and Found - We have an ever growing collection of sweaters and jackets in our lost and found. Students and parents are invited to check out if any of those belong to them!

Communication - It is always a balance between communicating 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

Our Twitter Feed - @clearspringhsd

Important Dates:

February 9 Gr 8 Ski Trip

February 10 Gr 7 Afternoon at the Cinema

February 13-17 Book Fair

February 14 Mini Mac Bake Sale

February 15 Gr 5 Voyageur Day

February 15 Gr 6 Classes at the Manitoba Museum (AN, NJ, SK)

February 15 Book Fair Family Night from 4:00-8:00 pm

February 16 Gr 6 Classes at the Manitoba Museum (AT, DG, DL)

February 16 Gr 7 & 8 Band Trip to the SRSS

February 20 Louis Riel Day - no school

February 24 Professional Development Day for teachers - no classes

February 28 SRSS presentation to Gr 8 classes

March 9 Gr 8 Tour of the SRSS and Parent Open House Evening