

MARCH NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message:

March has rolled in and we can feel the hope of Spring approaching! The days are longer and the weather is a bit milder, although I just read on Steinbach Online that the transition to more springlike weather will be slow to happen! At school we can always feel a shift that happens with students as spring break approaches. There is a bit more energy in the air and students sometimes need a few more reminders of the learning tasks they need to be concentrating on.

Although February was a short month, it was packed full of exciting events for CMS students! We held our book fair, MYRCA club and Chess club were in full swing, and students competed in basketball games on a weekly basis. Our Grade 8's had their ski trip, the Grade 7's finally got to go to the cinema, our Grade 6's went to the Manitoba Museum and on Cross Country skiing outings and our Grade 5's held their Festival du Voyageur day!



We want to acknowledge the time and energy our basketball coaches have given to give our students opportunities to learn and compete!

Gr 7 Girls Navy Team: Courtney Wong, Cassidy Esau

Gr 7 Girls Orange Team: Eugene Warwaruk, Claudia Winter

Gr 7 Boys Navy Team: Amanda Dupont, Mark Rempel,
Tamara Rempel

Gr 7 Boys Orange Team: Candace Friesen, Kyle Friesen, Mark Reimer

Gr 7 Boys White Team: Caleb Reimer, Andrew Reimer

Gr 8 Girls Team: Greg Friesen, Eryn Friesen

Gr 8 Boys Navy Team: Colton Martens, Meyson Martens

Gr 8 Boys Orange Team: Colton Martens, Meyson Martens

(Yes they coach both teams!)

The Umbrella Skill we are practicing this month is the skill of **Autonomy**. The Umbrella Project describes autonomy as “our ability to make decisions and have a say in the direction of our lives. Autonomy helps with the development of independence and trust.” Some of the aspects of this skill include “thinking for ourselves and confidently making choices when faced with uncertain situations” as well as “our ability to gather relevant information in order to make decisions”.

Teachers are busy preparing for the upcoming Term 2 Report Cards. Report Cards will be made available on Parent Portal on Friday, March 17 at 4:00 pm. If you are struggling to use Parent Portal, please contact the school for assistance.

We are inviting all parents to our **Portfolio Evening** on Wednesday, March 22. More information will be sent out to families early next week on how to sign up for appointment times. Students will be showcasing their learning in the Portfolios they have compiled. Teachers will be there to guide the process. *All students are asked to find someone who can attend this evening with them (a parent/caregiver, an older sibling, a grandparent, aunt or uncle or a trusted family friend).*

The SRSS begins their information and registration process for Grade 8's in March. Grade 8's already have had a school/course presentation with SRSS staff last week. During the first week of March, there will be an SRSS athletics presentation. Then, on March 9, Grade 8 students will go on a tour of the SRSS in the afternoon. Parents and students are invited to attend the information evening at the SRSS that evening. You can find the invitation for that evening by clicking the following link: [SRSS Invitation](#) Later in March, students will be asked to register for their Grade 9 courses. CMS staff will help students through that process.

Do you remember enjoying a box of chocolate covered almonds? Well, our World's Finest Chocolates Fundraiser is back! Starting on April 5 (right after Spring Break) we will hold our chocolate fundraiser for two weeks. Proceeds will go towards supporting ongoing development of our playground. So enjoy those chocolate covered almonds (and other chocolates) and support a good cause!

Spring Break is approaching. The last day of classes before Spring Break is Friday, March 24 and the first day back is Monday, April 3.

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](https://www.instagram.com/clearspringhsd)

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

IMPORTANT DATES:

March 3 Grade 7 Winter Fun Day

March 9 SRSS tours for Grade 8's and Evening Information Session

March 10 No Classes - Admin Day

March 17 Term 2 Report Cards

March 22 Portfolio Evening

March 24 Last Day of Classes before Spring Break

April 3 First Day of Classes after Spring Break

April 5 Chocolate Fundraiser begins

