



# April

## NEWSLETTER

### Principal's Message:


April has started off with the school buzzing! Badminton season has started, and over 100 Grade 7 & 8 students are participating! And, the Grade 6's are putting the finishing rehearsals on their musical, *The Lion King*, which they will be presenting in a few weeks!

We want to start off by thanking families for the amazing turnout we had on our Portfolio Evening just before spring break. The vast majority of our students had a member of their family come and look through their work and see the goals that they were working on. If you were not able to attend that evening, we encourage you to connect with your child's homeroom teacher and arrange a time to stop by and go through your child's portfolio with them.

The Umbrella Skill we are practicing this month is **Self-Compassion**. The Umbrella Project describes self-compassion as "the care we offer ourselves when we make mistakes, embarrass ourselves, or come short of a goal we were hoping to achieve...it is about showing kindness, warmth and understanding to yourself (instead of criticism) even when things don't go as planned."


As mentioned, our Grade 6's are almost ready to showcase the musical, *The Lion King*! Performances will be on Wednesday, April 19 and Thursday, April 20 at 7:00 pm. There is no charge to come and watch! All CMS students will have the opportunity to watch the musical during one of the afternoon rehearsals.

Our World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser has begun! Chocolates were sent home on Tuesday, April 4 with any student who had parent permission. Students who want additional cases to sell should bring in money for the cases they have already sold. The fundraiser will run from April 4 to April 19. All proceeds will go towards future playground improvements.



Every year, the students of Hanover School Division participate in the Panorama Survey. Information on the survey was emailed out to all parents at the beginning of March (<https://hsd.ca/2023/03/06/hsd-student-survey>). Students at CMS will take the survey between Tuesday, April 11 and Wednesday, April 19. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Ms. Plett or Ms. Campbell.

Public Health will be holding an immunization clinic on April 28th in the morning. These are only for students whose parents have given consent to public health in fall.



Our Grade 7 and 8 Bands will be heading off to the Beginning Band Festival at the end of April. They are busy preparing their pieces for the festival. They have been practicing for these over the last several weeks. We wish them well!

### **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](http://www.cms.hsd.ca)

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

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

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### Important Dates:

- April 4 Chocolate Fundraiser begins
- April 11 Panorama Survey begins
- April 12 Band Fundraiser - Pizza pick up date
- April 12 Camp Assiniboia Band Trip Parent Meeting 5:30-6:15pm
- April 17 No School - Admin/PD Day for Teachers
- April 19 Chocolate Fundraiser ends
- April 19 Gr 6 Musical (7:00 pm)
- April 20 Gr 6 Musical (7:00 pm)
- April 26 Grade 8 Beginning Band Festival
- April 27 Grade 7 Beginning Band Festival
- April 28 Immunizations for those with consent
- May 5 Gr 8 Medieval Festival

