



# MAY NEWSLETTER

C L E A R S P R I N G M I D D L E

## **Principal's Message:**

Spring has arrived! It is so nice to see the students walking and biking to school!

April was such a busy month! Our grade 6 students performed "The Lion King" to hundreds of parents/caregivers and families over two evenings. Our Gr 7 & 8 badminton teams had a very successful season, over 100 students took part and we came home with a divisional banner. And the planning for the Grade 8 Farewell, hosted by Grade 8 parents, has begun!

Learning Partner forms went home last week and are due on Thursday, May 11. We encourage you to have conversations with your child(ren) about positive learning connections.

We will be hosting a Parent Information meeting for parents of students in Grade 4 who will attend Clearspring Middle School next year on Thursday, May 18 at 7:00 pm. Parents are welcome to bring their children along, but the evening is specific to information for parents. All Grade 4 students attending CMS next year will be attending a few activities at CMS over the next few weeks.

Our Grade 7 & 8 Dragon Boat teams have been finalized! We will be entering 2 teams this year for this very fun event! Their practice will take place on May 29 during the school day and the competition will be on Sunday, June 4.

CMS is hosting several track and field days for our students. Our Grade 6 track and field day is on May 30 and the Grade 5 day is on May 31. A number of our Grade 5 & 6 students will have an opportunity to compete in the Grade 5 & 6 divisional meeting on June 6. Grade 7 & 8's who are on the track and field team will compete at the divisional meet on June 8.

The Mini-Mac Team (Making a Change) will be selling freezies every Friday in May for \$1.00. All proceeds will go to the CMS Kindness Fund. The Grade 8 Farewell committee will be selling ice cream treats and freezies on Thursdays and Fridays in June.

Reserve the date! Our annual PAC Family BBQ will be on Friday June 23. More information will be sent home closer to that day.

## **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:**

May 5 Gr 8 Medieval Festival

May 11 Learning Partner Forms due

May 12-14 Band Camp

May 18 Gr 4 Parent Information Evening at 7:00 pm

May 22 Victoria Day - No School

May 24 Gr 5 Poet Tea

May 25 Gr 7 trip to the Goldeyes Game

May 26 Gr 5 Science Fair

May 30 Gr 6 Track and Field Day at CMS

May 31 Gr 5 Track and Field Day at CMS

June 5 Admin/PD Day - No Classes