

NOVEMBER



NEWSLETTER



PRINCIPAL'S
MESSAGE

Winter has come early this year, but the learning and activities at school are picking up steam! Choir Clubs, Volleyball Teams, CMS News Crew and Yearbook Teams are all in full swing and Learning Trips are happening!

Our Grade 6 classes completed the D.A.R.E. program in October. This course is taught by Constable Redikop of the Steinbach RCMP detachment over a two week period and is funded by our community. D.A.R.E. stands for: Drug Abuse Resistance Education and students learning about how to make informed choices using the D.A.R.E. model for decision making. Constable Redikop will be back at our school teaching the Grade 8 section of the D.A.R.E. program to all of our Grade 8 classes. We want to thank Constable Redikop for sharing his time and expertise with us!

The skill we are working at this month as our Umbrella Skill is GROWTH MINDSET. Growth mindset is the belief that talents and abilities can develop through persistence and practice. It can often be “easy” to give up at something that is difficult for us to do. Sometimes we don’t even want to give something a try because it looks too hard. We want students to see that mistakes, setbacks, and even some struggling, can be opportunities to learn and improve.

Research shows that growth mindset helps us bounce back from challenges at school, increase how much we enjoy learning new things, and increase how often we choose difficult or challenging tasks. Sometimes we talk about the “Power of Yet” - the idea that we might not be able to do things YET, but with practice we will get better at it. You might be interested to check out this YouTube Video: [The Power of Yet](#) (it’s a little elementary).

Our first fundraiser of the year is starting! We will be selling Bothwell Cheese. The fundraiser will be going towards the ongoing development of our playground. The cheese fundraiser begins on November 7 and will run to November 21. We expect the cheese to be delivered on December 14, just in time for Christmas Break!

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on the evening of November 15. These meetings are held before Term 1 report cards are sent home. We want to have the opportunity for parents to hear about their child’s learning so that encouragement and conversations with students can occur and have impact prior to report cards. Parents are invited to sign up on Parent Portal for an in-person meeting. Parent Portal is now open to accept those bookings. As always, if you have questions or concerns before the Parent Teacher evening, please connect with your child’s teacher at any time. If you want to book an appointment with your child’s music, band, PE, or Home Ec/Tech Ed teacher, please contact the school at 204-346-9644 and we will get that set up for you.

2023-2024 Yearbooks are now for sale. Please get your orders in by January 26, 2024 in order to ensure you get a yearbook at the end of the school year. Our yearbook will feature an original hardcover design as well as 72 pages of full colour photos. The cost of the yearbooks is \$33.50 and can be purchased online: <https://ybstore.friesens.com/762237> (please note that Friesen’s applies a \$1.50 processing fee to online orders). All inquires can be directed to our CMS office. Orders using cash or cheque can be made through our school office at 204-346-9644.

Christmas Concerts are being planned! Our Gr 7 & 8 band concert will be on Thursday, November 30 at 7:00 pm. Our Grade 5 concert will be on Wednesday, December 13 at 7:00 pm.

We hope to see you all there!

Merrilee Plett - Principal

Candace Campbell - Vice-Principal

Important Dates:

November 1 Picture Retakes

November 7-21 Bothwell Cheese Fundraiser

November 10 Admin Day - No Classes

November 15 Parent Teacher Conferences

November 24 PD Day - No Classes

November 30 Band Concert

December 1 Term 1 Report Cards

December 13 Gr 5 Christmas Concert

December 22 Last Day of Classes before Christmas Break

Dec 23-Jan 7 Christmas Break

January 8 First Day of Classes

School Information:

Biking and Walking Safety - We have a crossing guard at the Hespeler/Barkman/Ashford intersection at 8:30 a.m. Please ask your child(re) to time their walk to school in order to arrive at that intersection after 8:30 a.m.

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 find the right balance. You can also find school information on:

Our School Website - www.cms.hsd.ca

Our Instagram Feed - [clearspringhsd](#)