



February Newsletter

Principal's Message

It sure feels like spring has arrived! But, as Manitobans, we know better :) Let's enjoy it while we can!

The skill we are focussing on with The Umbrella Project this month is the skill of Self-Efficacy. Self-Efficacy determines which goals we strive for, how much energy we put towards our goals and the likelihood that we will achieve them. Self-efficacy is a big part of our motivation to try something and this skill gets stronger the more we overcome difficulties and challenges related to our goals. As our self-efficacy increases, we feel a greater sense of control over our lives and we are more likely to achieve our dreams.

Basketball season is in full swing. Practice and games schedules are posted on our CMS website under the BLAZER ATHLETICS tab on the right side of the page. Click on this for the direct link: [Basketball Practice Schedule](#).

February is a busy month! Here are some of the upcoming events:

- 3 Grade 5 Floor Hockey teams will participate in a divisional floor hockey tournament.
- Annual Book Fair on February 12-15
- Gr 6 Learning Trip to the Manitoba Museum
- Red River Dancer Assembly for Gr 5-7's on February 22

All CMS students go out for recess three times a day. We are experiencing unusually mild weather for this time of the year, but we anticipate this mild weather won't last. Please ensure you are regularly checking the anticipated weather for the day so that your child is wearing appropriate clothing to enjoy outdoor recess. If you need any assistance with getting winter outerwear for your child, please contact the school (204-346-9644) and we will gladly assist you. Indoor recess will happen when the temperature or the windchill is at -30.



Chocolate Fundraising: We are starting our World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser at the end of February. More information about that will be sent out shortly. We will be selling the much-loved chocolate covered almonds. We will also have a nut free option. All proceeds will go towards improvements on the playground.

SAVE THE DATE: We will be hosting a Portfolio Evening on March 20. We would like every child to bring a parent/caregiver/grandparent or mentor to look through their portfolio of learning. Please plan to attend (or arrange another significant adult in their life to attend with them). We will send more information out closer to the date.

Grade 8 Transitions to the SRSS

Grade 8 SRSS Transitions begin this month! On February 15, counsellors from the SRSS will be visiting our Grade 8 classes to tell them a little bit about what high school looks like, how credits towards graduation work and give them some information about registration for next year. On February 22, all CMS Grade 8's will go on a tour of the SRSS and there is a parent/student Open House in the evening. More information about all of this will be sent home to families shortly.

Sometimes all this talk about next year causes students to forget to focus on their Grade 8 work because they are so excited about next year! Please encourage them to finish their middle years strong so they are set up for success next year. Sometimes the talk about next year can cause anxieties. We encourage any student feeling those anxious emotions about next year to talk to a trusted adult in their life and ask to set up an appointment with Ms. Szyszkowski (school counsellor).

Important Dates:

February 2 PD Day for Teachers - No School

February 12-16 Book Fair

February 15 Gr 8 presentations regarding Gr 9 at SRSS

February 15 Gr 6 classes at the Manitoba Museum (DG, FA, AT)

February 16 Gr 6 classes at the Manitoba Museum (DL, EJ, NJ)

February 22 Red River Dancers Assembly for Gr 5-7

February 22 Gr 8 tours at the SRSS (afternoon)

February 22 Open House at the SRSS for Gr 8 parents/students (evening)

February 19 Louis Riel Day - No School

February 23 PD Day - No School

February 28 Chocolate Fundraiser Begins

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(ren) to time their walk to school in order to arrive at that intersection after 8:30 a.m.

Lost and Found - We have a large collection of outerwear, waterbottles and shoes 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](#)