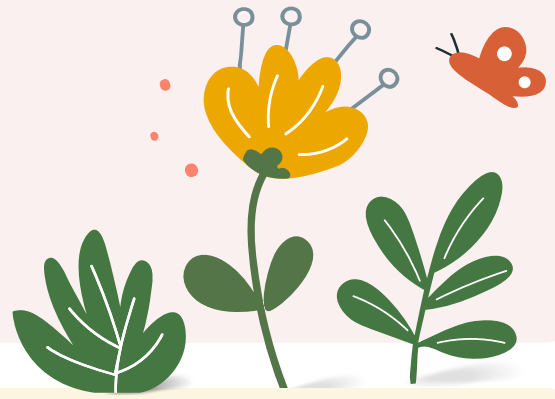


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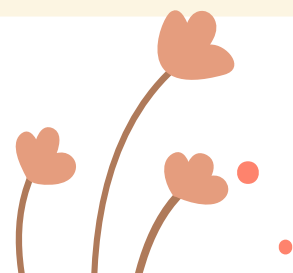
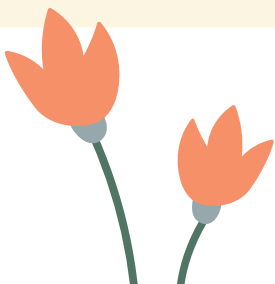
## Principal's Message

Spring has arrived! It is such a positive time of year with seeing the winter weather leave us, enjoy the warming weather and anticipate trees, grass and flowers springing back to life!

This time of year can also bring some challenges at school. Students are often staying up later, getting out of routine and itching for summer break. For Gr 8 students, they are often already wanting to experience Gr 9 freedoms or they are anxious about the upcoming move to the highschool. Parents can help by keeping routines as steady as possible, having regular conversations with their children about keeping focus on their learning all the way until the end of June, and encouraging students who are starting to become anxious about next year.

Thank you so much to the many parents/caregivers who attended the Portfolio Evening in March. It is important for students to know that their learning and work matters.

Our Chocolate Fundraiser has wrapped up and was a wonderful success! We made a profit of just over \$9000.00. Thank you so much to those students and families who participated in selling and purchasing chocolates. The money will go to the installment of the much anticipated "hobbit hill" this spring. We have other ideas that we are hoping to follow up with in the next while as we continue to try and figure out ways to work around the geothermal pipes that are running just under most of our playground.



On April 8, Manitoba will experience a partial solar eclipse between approximately noon and 3:00. Please click [here](#) to see HSD's Information to Parents. We have reached out to families whose children regularly go home over lunch as this is right during the timeline of the eclipse. If you are expecting that your child will need to leave the school on April 8 over lunch and you have not yet been contacted by the school, please call us so we can plan appropriately.

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Our band students are performing at the Beginning Band Festival in Winnipeg on April 18 (Gr 8) and April 19 (Gr 7). They are putting the finishing touches on their pieces and we know that Mr. Janzen and the band students will represent CMS well.

Our Grade 6 students and teachers, led by Ms. Hutchinson, will be presenting the musical *Seussical Jr.* on April 24 and 25 at 7:00 pm. Please note: the doors to the school will only be open for parents and the audience at 6:00 pm. We know this event will be a lot of fun and be a great opportunity for our students to showcase their talent, courage and joy! More information will be sent home to families of Gr 6 students shortly.

Badminton season has started! We have about 100 students in Gr 7 and 8 who are regularly practicing in both our competitive and recreational programs. CMS teachers are supervising and coaching to make this opportunity available for our students.

On May 13, The Joy Smith Foundation will be at CMS giving Online Safety Presentations to our Grade 7 and 8 students. An evening presentation for parents on May 13 is being planned as well. We encourage all parents/caregivers (Gr 5-8) to mark this evening in their calendars and plan to attend. More information will be sent home regarding these presentations in the next few weeks. The Joy Smith Foundation is the leading authority in Canada on human trafficking prevention, intervention and support for survivors. Part of their prevention approach has been the development of Online Safety Presentations for students which are adjusted depending on the grade level of students being addressed.

In the March newsletter, we introduced the plan for CMS to go cell phone free next school year. Thank you for your input! We have only received supportive comments from parents/caregivers. **We will be moving forward with being cell phone free next school year.** We encourage families to talk with their children about this already and encourage their child to go cell phone free already this year!

### **Important Dates:**

April 1 First Day of classes

April 8 Solar Eclipse

April 15 No Classes - PD day

\* April 18 Band Festival - Gr 8

April 19 Band Festival - Gr 7

April 23 Badminton Tournament for some CMS students

April 24/25 Gr 6 Musical

April 30 Badminton Finals for some CMS students

April 30/May 1 Gr 5 Poet Tea

May 13 Online Safety Presentations for Gr 7 & 8

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

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



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