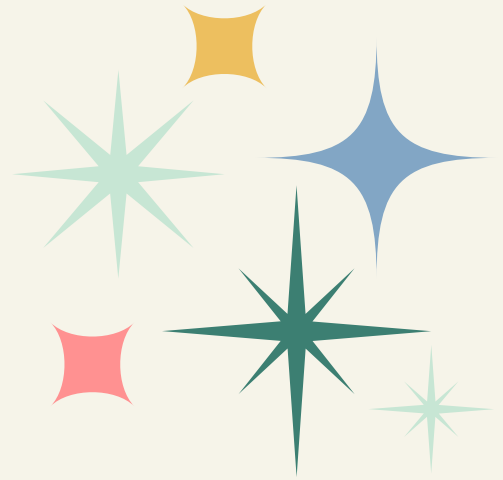


# MARCH

# NEWSLETTER



## Principal's Message

It is starting to feel like spring! But, of course, we know that there can still be a lot of winter left in Manitoba!

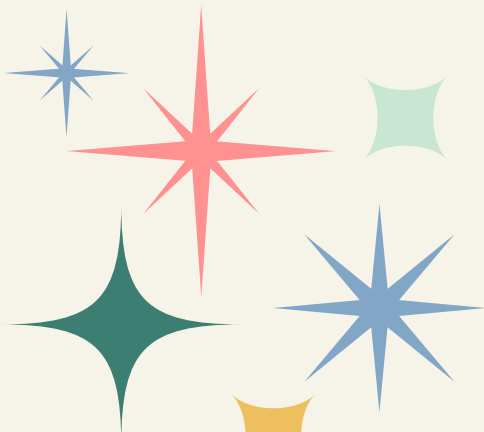
**Portfolio Evening: March 26:** We will be hosting a Portfolio Evening on March 26. Our students are working hard to make their portfolios ready for this important evening. We would like every child to bring a parent/caregiver/grandparent or mentor to look through their portfolio of learning. Please plan to attend (or arrange another significant adult in their life to attend with them). We will send more information about how to book an appointment time in an email.

**Report Cards:** Term 2 Report cards will be available on Parent Portal on Friday, March 21 at 4:00 pm. If you have any issues with viewing the report cards, please contact the CMS office at 204-346-9644.

**Attendance:** It is important for students to have regular attendance at school. The curriculum in Middle School progresses from the more concrete concepts students learn in the early years, to more abstract concepts. This often means that students need more time to practice and have discussions about their learning in order to have a solid foundation for the subjects in high school. When students regularly miss classes, it is often challenging for them to fill in the gaps that have been missed. **If a student is absent more than 1 day a month (10 days in a school year), they are considered to have a high absentee rate.** If your child is struggling with anxiety or school refusal and this is impacting their attendance, please contact their homeroom teacher so we can help support them.

**Puddles/Dry socks etc...:** With the melting temperatures, we are expecting more puddles on our playground! We recommend that parents consider sending students to school with rubber boots and an extra pair of dry socks.

**Grade 5 Vision Screening:** Hanover School Division is once again partnering with The Lions Club to offer vision screening to all students in Grades 1 and 5. The screening for CMS Grade 5's will be on March 19th in the afternoon. A more detailed letter will be sent home to Grade 5 parents/caregivers.



**Community Supports:** Soups On is an organization that assists families with meals and groceries. Soups On provides the nutrition program at our school. They also will provide families on Tuesdays and Fridays from 5:00 pm - 6:15 pm at Grace Mennonite Church (430 Third Street, Steinbach: use the rear entrance) Please visit their website for more information on how to access their services or to donate: <https://www.steinbachsoupson.com/>

Sincerely,

Merrilee Plett (Principal)  
Candace Campbell (Vice Principal)

### **Important Dates:**

March 19 - Grade 5 Vision Screening  
March 21 - Term 2 Report Cards on Parent Portal at 4:00 pm.  
March 26 - Portfolio Evening  
March 28 - Last Day of Classes before Spring Break  
April 7 - First Day of Classes after Spring Break  
April 14 - Admin/PD Day - no classes  
April 18 - Good Friday  
April 23 & 24 - Grade 6 Musical "The Little Mermaid"

### **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