

MAY

newsletter

Principal's Message

Dear CMS Families,

As May brings sunshine and warmer weather, we are enjoying the longer days and the anticipation of summer. However, we recognize that with these extended evenings, students may be tempted to stay up later than usual. We encourage families to maintain regular bedtime routines to ensure students are rested and ready to learn each day. With spring sports and activities in full swing, we appreciate your continued efforts to balance these commitments while supporting your child's learning. Please take a moment to remind your children to stay focused and embrace a growth mindset as we approach the final weeks of the school year. Every day is an opportunity to grow and succeed!

Celebrating April Successes

The Little Mermaid Performances

Our Grade 6 students took us under the sea with their incredible performances of *The Little Mermaid*! We want to extend a big thank-you to all the students who participated and to the CMS staff who worked tirelessly to bring this production to life. A special shoutout goes to Ms. Hutchinson for her outstanding leadership in creating two magical evenings. We are also deeply grateful to the many parents who contributed their time and support. Bravo to all involved!

Badminton Achievements

Our Grade 7 and 8 Badminton teams had an exciting season in April, with approximately 100 students participating in both recreational and competitive leagues. At the divisional badminton tournament, our Grade 8 team brought home the divisional banner, while all our athletes demonstrated skill, determination, and exceptional sportsmanship. A heartfelt thank-you to our coaches and supervisors: Ms. Heese and Ms. Funk. A special thanks to Mr. Paton and Mr. Reimer for their leadership in coaching and organizing this successful season!

Band Highlights

Our Grade 7 Band performed wonderfully at the Beginning Band Festival, earning praise for their playing and attentiveness to feedback from the adjudicator. Meanwhile, our Grade 8 Band is gearing up for their first division-wide concert tour on May 8—a milestone we're all excited about! Both groups have worked incredibly hard, and we're thrilled to announce the Grade 7 and 8 Concert Finale on June 4. Please mark your calendars and join us in celebrating their achievements. Special thanks to Mr. Janzen for his expertise and dedication to our bands!

Chocolate Fundraising

Thank you to the many students and families who participated in our spring chocolate fundraiser. There are still some calculations that need to be made (as we figure out the cost of prizes), but we will have made close to \$9000! Students will be getting their individual prizes shortly and a prize assembly will be held next week to give the top class awards and the prize draws.

The money raised will go towards continuing playground improvements. We have met with a playground designer and are moving forward with a modular approach to adding elements to our playground. There is complexity to the decisions we can make with this due to the geothermal pipes running underneath the majority of our playground. This makes anchoring playground structures difficult and much more costly. It is our hope that we could have a new element by the end of fall 2025, however it is possible that it will take a bit longer than that.

Important Reminders

Learning Partner Sheets

Learning Partner sheets were sent home recently and were due back on May 6. These forms help us create balanced and thoughtful class groupings for the next school year. We appreciate your time in completing these with your child.

Online Safety Presentations

On May 16, we are pleased to welcome the Joy Smith Foundation to CMS for Online Safety Presentations for Grades 6, 7, and 8. The Joy Smith Foundation is Canada's leading authority on human trafficking prevention, intervention, and survivor support. Their age-appropriate presentations focus on online safety and equip students with the knowledge to navigate the digital world responsibly. More information about these presentations will be sent home later this week.

Public Health Immunization Clinic

Public Health will hold an immunization clinic at CMS on the morning of May 13. This clinic is only for students whose parents/guardians have submitted signed consent forms earlier this year. If you have questions about the immunization clinic, please contact Public Health at 204-346-6123.

Track Information

There have been some changes to the divisional track meets for this year. HSD will no longer be hosting a division wide Grade 5 and 6 track meet. This is due to a number of factors. However, there will now be an HSD Grade 7 Track Meet on June 3 and an HSD Grade 8 Track Meet on June 5. These divisional meets are for students who qualify.

CMS will be hosting our own track meets at CMS. Grade 7's will have a class track meet day on May 26 which is run by their homeroom teachers. Grade 5 and 6's will each have a track meet at CMS that is run by the PE department (Mr. Reimer and Mr. Paton). During these meets, classes will move together from one event to the next.

Looking Ahead

As we move into the final weeks of the school year, let's work together to ensure that students stay engaged and continue to grow academically and personally. Thank you for your ongoing partnership in supporting our students and fostering a positive learning environment. Let's finish the school year strong!

Important Dates

May 8 Gr 8 Divisional Band Tour

May 13 am Gr 6/8 Immunizations

May 13 Gr 6 Band Info Night 5:00 pm

May 15 Incoming Gr 5 Parent Information Evening 7:00 pm

May 16 Joy Smith Online Safety Presentations Gr 6-8

May 22 Gr 5 Simple Machines Science Fair

May 22 Gr 7 Goldeyes Game

May 26 CMS Gr 7 Track (at CMS)

May 27 CMS Gr 6 Track (at CMS)

May 28 CMS Gr 5 Track (at CMS)

May 30-31 Gr 8 Band Trip

June 3 Gr 7 Divisional Track Meet (for students qualifying)

June 4 Gr 7 & 8 Band Concert at 7:00 pm

June 5 Gr 8 Divisional Track Meet (for students qualifying)