

CLARENCEVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

MAKING EDUCATION COUNT

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Stay Strong to the End

Where did the school year go?? Hard to believe that as I write this newsletter, we are winding up the 5th card marking and getting ready to start the 6th and last for this year. It is unbelievable that this school year is wrapping up already! Orientations and scheduling for next year have begun and many students are looking forward to what comes next. The excitement and anticipation of the school year ending and new beginnings on the horizon bring a lot of distractions. We need the good behavior and study habits of our students to continue through June 12. Please help your child have a good end to their school year by encouraging them to stay focused and finish the school year strong.

8th Grade EXPLORE Results

Parents of 8th graders, EXPLORE results are included in this mailing. Students will be given a booklet to bring home that will help you understand the results. The EXPLORE is a nationally administered test. The school results help teachers target their instruction while the individual results help to predict future scores on the PLAN and the ACT.

Choir Fundraiser

On Tuesday, May 6th in front of the Louis Schmidt Auditorium, the CHS/CMS Choirs are partnering up with Bill Brown Ford and hosting

a “Drive 4UR School” test-drive school fundraiser. The Ford Motor Company “Drive 4UR School” program is a fun, engaging way to help schools raise money to support their programs. For every valid test drive completed, Ford Motor Company will donate \$20.00 to the CHS/CMS Choir, up to \$6,000.00! The more people who take a test drive, the more money our choir programs can raise. The start time for this fun filled event is 10:00 a.m. and it runs all day until 5:00 p.m.

Dress Code Reminder

With the warm weather comes the warm weather attire. Please be sure to see that your child is in dress code.

- Halter tops, tank tops, or any other shirt or blouse that leaves the top of the shoulders, midriff, back, cleavage, or chest bare are not to be worn.
- Straps on tank tops and undershirts cannot be any thinner than three digits (“three-finger” rule).
- No see-through type of clothing is to be worn as a single piece of clothing or over another piece of clothing that is in violation of the dress code.
- Clothing that is excessively tight (form fitting) or excessively loose may not be worn. Pants and shorts must be worn at the waistline.
- Shorts and skirts must be fingertip length.
- Hats, bandannas, scarves, dew rags, wave rags, hoods, sweatbands, etc. are not to be worn in school.

- Sunglasses will not be worn in school (including on the head). Sunglasses may be worn for outside recess.
 - Undershirts, boxer shorts and sleepwear worn as outer garments are prohibited. No pajama pants.
- Please visit the CMS webpage for the full version of our student dress code.

One Last Thank You

As this is the final newsletter for the 2013 – 2014 school year, let me take this opportunity to thank every middle school parent/guardian for your positive support and involvement this year. Without your support and involvement, improving the educational experience here at CMS would be impossible. Lets renew our pledge now to keep working together next school year and continue to improve the educational environment and opportunities for all of the students here at CMS.

**I wish all of you a safe, healthy,
and enjoyable summer.**

Wendy Kellehan

MOBILE DENTISTRY COMING TO CMS

A school-based mobile dentist program, Dentist R Us, will again be providing services to our students. A dental team will return to the school on Tuesday, June 10, to give exams, cleanings and fluoride treatments to students. Dentist R Us will accept most insurances including Medicaid.

MARCH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

- 6th Grade—Christina Moore & William Vernier
- 7th Grade—Kayla Herrington & Brixhildo Delaj
- 8th Grade—Nye'Yoka Readous & Sterling Minnis

HONOR ROLL BREAKFAST

The Honor Roll Breakfast for the fifth card marking will be held on May 14. Students who earned ALL A's and B's on their report cards during the fifth marking period are invited to attend. TIMES: 7th grade from 8:15-8:45 am, 8th grade from 9:00-9:30 am, and 6th grade from 9:45-10:15 am. Parents are always welcome.

FRANKENMUTH WINNERS

The top sellers for the Spring Frankenmuth Fundraiser were:

6th Grade—Breanna Ford, \$103.00

7th Grade—Alexandra McKeever, \$107.00

8th Grade—Darren VanMeter, \$188.00

They each got the opportunity to go into the money machine. Good Job!

MS CHORAL CONCERT

The Middle School Choral Concert is Tuesday, May 20, at 7:00 pm, in the Louis Schmidt Auditorium.

MS BAND CONCERT

All Middle School Band students will perform a spring concert on Thursday, May 15. This event is a required performance for all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Band students. Students must report at 6:30 pm, with the music to begin at 7:00 pm in the Louis Schmidt Auditorium. If you are a band member, please do not forget the uniform requirement of black pants, shoes, socks, and a white dress shirt. Please contact Mr. Waeschle for more details.

LUNCH PROGRAM

Students are required to use a pre-paid account system for purchasing lunch. Please be sure you check with your child about his/her lunch account. Students need to have a positive balance as we approach June for any purchases. Please send in money to cover any negative balances.

LIVONIA SPREE-64

Livonia Spree is once again offering the popular and affordable way for families to enjoy Spree. Priced at just \$16.00 each, Pre-Sale discount Vouchers will be available through Friday, June 20, for use at Livonia Spree-64 from Tuesday, June 24, through Saturday, June 28. Wristbands are NOT sold or valid on Sunday, June 29. Regular wristband price during Spree week will be \$25.00.

8th GRADE PICNIC

The end of the year picnic for the 8th graders will be on Wednesday, June 11, at Kensington Park from 8:30-2:00

MEDIA CENTER NEWS

We made our goal for the March Scholastic Book Fair! Thank you for supporting the Media Center. We raised nearly \$500 to purchase new books. Thank you to the following NJHS students who helped out at the fair: Madelyn Baldassara, Alyssa Craigie, Kaleigh Henderson, Alex Means, Ben Means, Riley Myers, Katie Reitzel, Nick Shute, Rachel Whalen, Jackie Wilson and Sydney Vargo. Thank you to: Mrs. Mary Cortez, Mrs. Debbie Shute and Mrs. Wilson for making the yummy treats for the bake sale. Last but certainly not least, a huge thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Joe Sanchez for the generous donations to both the Media Center and the classrooms of Mrs. Stahl, Mrs. Hilton and Mrs. Zaitchik.

Don't fall victim to the summer slump. Read every day over summer break. Students who read at least six books over the summer maintain their reading levels. Break up the boredom by taking advantage of the free summer reading programs at your local public library. Last year participants in the Livonia Public Library program attended a free showing of World War Z, attended a Zombie prom and played Hunger Games dart tag. Flyers for the Livonia Public Library summer reading programs will be available soon.

BOX TOPS, LABELS FOR EDUCATION & SCHOOL SPIRIT LABELS

Please save your labels and box tops. We participate in the Box Tops for Education, Labels for Education and School Spirit Labels programs. So far this year we have earned over \$500 and earned nearly 1700 points. We have collection bins located in the Main Office. If you shop at Kroger, please register your Kroger card online at both LabelsForEducation.com and RewardYourSchool.com. Scan your Kroger card every time you shop. The points from any participating items will be credited to our account automatically. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Wilson in the Media Center at (248)919-0277.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 5-9, 2014. Student Council will be providing lunch for our wonderful CMS teachers and staff. Our staff works very hard to provide quality instruction and a safe, nurturing environment for our students. Thanks to all of our staff at CMS for all your hard work.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student council has been hard at work this year organizing and promoting several fundraisers and school activities. These events have included:

Pajama Day, School Red-Out, Spirit Week, Super Hero Mile Run, Michigan vs. Michigan State, Canned Food Drive, Hat Day, Sports Day, Turkey Trot, Trojan Pride Wrist Bands, March Madness Tournament, Super Bowl Challenge and Trivia and our Activity Night.

While we have accomplished a lot...we still have work to do. It is our goal to end the school year with a gift for the building. We are currently looking to improve our cafeteria by adding televisions, like the high school, to improve the atmosphere while providing us with improved technology. We will also continue to promote events and activities that will improve our school's camaraderie, competition and atmosphere.

We have a few remaining student council meetings, all of which will be after school from 3-3:45. Wednesday 4/30, 5/14, 5/21 and 5/28.

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

NJHS has been having a wonderful 2013-2014 school year! We have participated in many school wide fundraisers and programs. In February, students educated the school community about a variety of issues they deemed important including anti-drug education, puppy mills, teen suicide, and anti-bullying awareness. We are ending our school year with career day coming up on May 16.

Our next meeting dates are 5/9, 5/23 and 6/6. Elections for next year's officers will be held at our meeting on May 23. Any interested students must submit their names to Ms. KM by May 16.

6TH GRADE FIELD TRIP

The 6th grade will be going on a field trip to the zoo on Tuesday, June 10. They will depart at 9:15 am and return at 2:30 pm. Any student who has a discipline referral cannot go on the field trip unless a parent or guardian goes with them.

FROM THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE

Parents of students who have exhausted the attendance policy (greater than ten absences) have been receiving letters with their report cards to inform them of their status. They are reminded at that time to call the attendance office (248-919-0272). The parents are also encouraged to submit exempt notes from the doctor, dental, orthodontist, court, or funeral home. These notes will take away (exempt) some of those accrued absences in the attendance policy that will not count against the student. The reason it may be important at this time in the school year is that if your child has over 15 absences for the school year, they will be considered an at-risk student for a high number of absences for the next school year and placed on our Back-to-School Truancy List. This means they will be tracked by the attendance office, seen by the Oakland Truancy Officer for at least the first monthly visitations of the school year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 05/01 Fire Drill—7th hour
- 05/05 Teacher Appreciation Week-5/5-5/9
Track-Dunckel MS-Away-4:30 pm
- 05/06 DC Trip Departs @ 7:00 pm
- 05/08 Board of Education Meeting—6:30 pm
- 05/09 NJHS Meeting—7:30 am—Room 111
- 05/10 DC Trip Returns @ 7:00 am
- 05/12 Track-Royal Oak MS-Away-4:30 pm
- 05/13 Lock Down Drill—3rd hour
- 05/14 Track-Oak Park HS/MS-Away-4:30 pm
Honor Roll Breakfast
7th—8:15-8:45
8th—9:00-9:30
6th—9:45-10:15
Student Council Mtg-3-3:45 pm-Rm 108
- 05/15 MS Band Concert-7:00 pm-HS Aud.
- 05/16 Career Day
- 05/19 Track-Detroit Country Day-Home-4:00
- 05/20 HS/MS Choral Concert-7:00 pm-HS
Aud.
- 05/21 Track—East MS—Home—4:00 pm
Student Council Mtg-3-3:45 pm-Rm 108
- 05/22 Board of Education Meeting—6:30 pm
- 05/23 NJHS Meeting—7:30 am—Room 111
- 05/26 School Closed
- 05/28 Student Council Mtg-3-3:45 pm-Rm 108
- 05/30 5th Grade Parent Meeting—5:30 pm
5th/6th Activity Night—6-8 pm
- 06/03 MS Variety Show—7:00 pm—HS Aud.
- 06/06 NJHS Meeting—7:30 am—Room 111
- 06/10 MS Awards Night—7:00 pm—HS Aud.
Dentist R Us Visit the MS
6th Grade Field Trip to the Zoo
- 06/11 8th Grade Picnic—Kensington Park
- 06/12 Last Day of School—1/2 day
Board of Education Meeting—6:30 pm
- 06/13 Teachers Last Day



