

CLARENCEVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

MAKING EDUCATION COUNT

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MESSAGE FROM MS. KELLEHAN

Sharing and caring – this is the time of the year when we are asked to think about giving as well as receiving. For as long as I can remember, the staff and students at CMS have always done their share to help others and this year is no different. We have supported the Livonia Goodfellows with a canned food drive. Since the beginning of the school year, the majority of our staff has been paying \$5 per week for the privilege of wearing jeans on Friday. The proceeds will provide gifts for needy families. Besides our group efforts to help members of our Clarenceville Family, we always have a few individual staff members who take it upon themselves to help one of our students or their entire family.

Speaking of giving, the greatest gift families can give to their children is the gift of time – time away from the busy world to just be together. We thank all of those parents who have taken the time to support their students at CMS! Wishing you a safe and healthy holiday filled with the enjoyment of family togetherness.

Really No Excuse

One of the biggest problems in our building right now is high number of unexcused tardies students are receiving. Students have four minutes between classes and the way the grade level classrooms are set up, that is really enough time to get from one class to the next. We all know that things happen and sometimes you are just running late, so all students get three unexcused tardies in each class before there are consequences. After the

third unexcused tardy the following consequences take place:

Unexcused

Tardies	Consequence
4th	Call to Parent By Teacher
5th	Conference with Assistant Principal
6th	1 Lunch Hour Detention
7th	Parent Contact by Assistant Principal & 2 Lunch Detentions
8th	1 Before/After School Detention
9th	2 Before/After School Detention
10th	Parent Conference and ½ Day ISS
11 or more	1 Day ISS

Thank You/Congratulations

I would like to take this opportunity to thank or congratulate individuals and groups for their hard work, accomplishments, dedication and positive efforts. The following individuals/groups represent everyone in the CMS educational community who have already given their very best this school year:

- thank you to the parents who attended Open Houses and/or Parent/Teacher Conferences,
- congratulations to all the new members of the Student Council and National Junior Honor Society,

- thank you to the Student Council and sponsor Mrs. Penn for organizing and running numerous events and fund raisers,
- thank you to National Junior Honor Society and sponsor Ms. Stetson for organizing and running numerous events and fund raisers,
- thank you to the parents who have been there for us whenever we have asked for parent volunteers,
- thank you to all of the coaches of our Fall and Winter teams for your dedication to your sport, your team, the players, and CMS,
- thank you to all of the teachers and support staff for their dedication in working with the students here at CMS,
- thank you to all of the parents who work with us in helping your sons and daughters become the very best they can be,
- congratulations to all of the students who made the Honor Roll for the 1st and/or 2nd marking period(s),

A sincere thank you and congratulations to everyone who is helping to provide the best possible educational experience for CMS students.

Remember Sportsmanship

At Clarenceville we strongly support the MHSAA guidelines and standards on academics, sportsmanship and character and require our student athletes at CMS to abide by these same guidelines and standards. We hope as you enjoy watching our teams compete this year you will cheer for them in a positive manner. Degrading the opposing team or the game officials with your words or actions is poor sportsmanship, is a violation of MHSAA rules, and could result in your team being penalized. We ask you be a positive role model for the players and fans around you so everyone can enjoy this athletic event.

Holiday Wishes

I sincerely want to wish you and your family a safe, healthy, and joyous holiday season.

MOBILE DENTISTRY COMING TO CMS

A school-based mobile dentist program, Dentists R Us, will again be providing services to our students. A dental team will be at the school on Friday, December 12, to give exams, cleanings and fluoride treatments to students. Dentists R Us will accept most insurances including Medicaid. Free or reduced services will be provided for qualified students in the absence of dental insurance or Medicaid. Dentists R Us will give each participant an oral health summary to take home.

If you would like your child to participate in the dental program there are forms in the office that need to be filled out and returned to the office.

FRANKENMUTH WINNERS

The winners for the Frankenmuth Fundraiser are as follows:

6th Grade—Karley Smith

7th Grade—Brendan Mahoney

8th Grade—Myla Hoskins-King

Congratulations!

OCTOBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

6th Grade—Justice Long & Malik Hussnain

7th Grade—Brooklyn Watts & Maxwell Zarzycki

8th Grade—Melina Smith & Zachary Ortiz

NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

6th Grade-Alyssa Krazel & Ervin Andelija

7th Grade—Ashlyn MacIver & Wilson Hoang

8th Grade-Kimberly Spens & Simon Nowak

HONOR ROLL BREAKFAST

The Honor Roll breakfast for the second card marking will be held December 16 in the cafeteria. Students who earned ALL A's and B's on their report card during the second card marking are invited to attend. TIMES: 7th grade from 8:15-8:45 am, 8th grade from 9:00-9:30 am, 6th grade from 9:45-10:15 am. Parents are always welcome.

PRE-PAID LUNCH PROGRAM

Students are required to use a pre-paid account system for purchasing lunch. Each student will be issued an account number. Students must pre-pay by the week or month in the cafeteria before school begins for the day. Please be sure you check with your child about his/her lunch account. If there is a negative balance in the account they will not be able to receive a lunch. Please help with making sure your child has money in his/her account.

PARENT MEETINGS—6:30 pm

January 12

February 9

March 9

MEDIA CENTER NEWS

Check out the media center blog for book reviews, upcoming events and new releases: clarencvillemsmediacenter.weebly.com.

FALL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thanks to your support, we had our best book fair in four years! We earned enough to purchase forty-five new books. We also earned credit to purchase additional books at the Scholastic warehouse sale in December. Thank you to the following NJHS members who worked during the sale: Breanna Ford, Morgan Hodges, Trinity Impola, Chase Kluesner, Ashlyn MacIver, Brendan Mahoney, Alex Means, Ben Means, Jacob Patterson, Tim Popa, Kaitlyn Scussel, Cheyenne Shananaquet, Ben Shute, Sydney Vargo and Jackie Wilson. Thank you to: Christa Greenwald and Kylie McKinney for working the bake sale table. Special thanks to: Mrs. Jessica Budgery for the delicious cookies you provided for the Media Center Bake sale and Mrs. Renee Sanchez for the three books you purchased for the media Center

BOX TOPS AND LABELS FOR EDUCATION

Please save your labels and box tops. We

participate in both the Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education programs. So far this year we have raised \$167.20 and earned 3,300 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.

CMS is now participating in the School Spirit program. Save your UPC's from Annie Millie's bread products. We earn five cents for every UPC we redeem. Please visit the website www.schoolspiritprograms.com for additional information.

ATTENDANCE OFFICE

When it was time to fall back, did you move your clocks back? Of course you did! More importantly, did your child move their clock back? By this time of year in the attendance office we can define a group of students who are habitually late to school in the morning. Frequently, the reason given for their tardiness is that their parent did not wake them up on time, or that their parent did not have them ready. We encourage students to become independent of their parent when it comes to setting an alarm clock and waking up and turning the alarm clock off. If you have not purchased an alarm clock for your child, please get one that has a battery back up (in case of power outages). Perhaps you can find an interesting clock they would enjoy as a holiday gift. Middle school-aged children need to learn this life skill, and take responsibility, of their morning routine by arriving to school on time. Do not let them fall back on you as an excuse; jump start their good habits and move forward with their independence!

Did you know...

- That the average amount of days a student is absent in a school year is two?
- That the Board of Education approved

attendance policy, which is compliant with Michigan Compulsory Law, is 10 absences total for the school year?

- That an exempt school absence is different than an excused absence? An exempt absence means that documentation is provided on letterhead from a doctor, dental, court, funeral, or military office—and that the exempt absence does not count toward the 10 day allotment. In fact, the documented absence is in effect erased.

Please call the attendance office at 248-919-0272...

- To account for each of your child's absences.
- If you know your child is more than 15 minutes late for school.
- If the automated caller has called your house as a reminder that you did not excuse your child's absence.
- If you are planning on taking your child out of school for a vacation, with plenty of advance notice.

FUN FAIR

Parents—tell your students to save a little of that holiday money! With the help of our wonderful parents, CMS is proud to announce our Fun Fair. The event will take place from 6:00-9:00 pm on Friday, January 16. There will be a DJ in the cafeteria from 6:00-8:00 pm. There will be a \$10 admission charge for all students. Admission will cover all games and activities. Pop, pizza, and candy will be on sale for a reasonable charge. We can use all the parent help we can get for the evening of the fair to supervise games and activities, run the prize room, and sell food and beverages

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! Please call the school office to volunteer. See you January 16.

WINTER CHORAL CONCERT

Our Clarenceville Middle School choir students and High School choir students will perform a winter concert on Monday, December 15, at 7:00 pm in the High School Auditorium.

WINTER BAND CONCERT

Our Clarenceville Middle School band students will perform a winter concert on Wednesday, December 17, at 7:00 pm in the High School Auditorium.

BONAVENTURE

Free skating night with student ID, Friday December 19 from 7:00-11:00 pm. Show your ID or Report Card and skate for "FREE". Students are welcome to bring their own skates or blades. Skate rental is available for a \$2 charge or blade rental for a \$4 charge. BonaVenture is located in Farmington Hills on Halstead Road.

LOST AND FOUND

The lost and found is growing and growing. Please remind your student to remember to check the lost and found table. Whatever is not claimed will be donated.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The middle chapter of student council was off to a slow start but is steadily picking up the pace. Members for the 2014-2015 school year are Madelyn Baldeserra, Mikayla Martin, Rahma Mfinanga, Riley Myers, Werner Blakely, Jaelyn Elatab, Tabatha Ralph, Mackenzie Aper, Mariah Beeler, Nicholas Bilbrey, Jenna Kelley and Julia Kelley.

We hosted the activity night for November and it was a blast. We had a pie eating contest, photo booth, scavenger hunt and guess how many contest. It was a great time. Thanks to all the parent volunteers who helped to make it a success. In the month of November, student council also sponsored the Livonia Goodfellows canned food drive. We collected over 800 canned goods to distribute to local Livonia families in need for the holiday season. The winning ELT classes were Mrs. Hilton, Mr. Paul Bargerstock and Mrs. Gillespie.

For the month of December, student council will have a daily trivia contest for students to enter. A trivia will be read during morning announcements. Students can answer during their

lunch and put their answers into a raffle bucket. At the end of each day a winner will be chosen. There is no cost to enter. Prizes will be given daily to one winner. This is our way of giving back to the students.

We will also have a door decorating contest. Each ELT class should decorate their door in any holiday they feel. Contest will run from Monday Dec. 1 thru Tuesday Dec. 16. Judging will take place at the end of the day on Dec. 16. Contest rules are all decorating must be done by the students in the ELT, teachers are allowed to give supplies but cannot assist in the actual decorating. The door can be decorated in any holiday...Thanksgiving, Hannukah, Christmas, Easter, etc. Each door will be judged on originality of design, color, and items used.

Student council will also be adopting a family for the holidays. We have adopted a family through the North End Youth Improvement Council in Detroit. We have adopted a family with 5 young children. We will present their gifts to them on Friday, Dec. 5 from 5-7p.m. @Cobo Hall.

There will also be a hat day for \$1 on Dec. 12 and a pajama day for \$1 on Dec. 18. All pajamas must be school appropriate, no sheer, see through, no inappropriate wording, no spaghetti straps, etc. You must wear shoes no house shoes allowed.

We will sell concessions at all home games during the boys basketball season. All student council members must sign up to sell with Mrs. Penn by Monday Dec. 1st. Happy holidays and have a safe new year from student council.

PLEASE NOTE: Mr. Yourchok's tutoring classes on Tuesdays from 3:00-4:00 have been cancelled until further notice.

WINTER BREAK

The last day of school before winter break is Friday, December 19. School resumes on Monday, January 5, 2015.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12/01 DC Cookie Dough Sales End
3rd Marking Period Begins
- 12/02 Boys BB—Ferndale —Home—4:30 pm
- 12/04 Boys BB—Detroit Country Day—
Home—4:30 pm
- 12/05 NJHS Meeting—3:00-3:30 pm—Rm. 111
- 12/09 Boys BB—Royal Oak —Away—4:30 pm
Group Photos For Yearbook
- 12/11 Boys BB—Oak Park HS/MS—Home—
4:30 pm
Board of Education Meeting—6:30 pm
- 12/12 Dentists R US Visits
Activity Night—4:00-6:00 pm
NJHS Meeting—3:00-3:30 pm—Rm. 111
Hat Day—\$1
- 12/15 MS/HS Choral Concert—HS Aud
7:00 pm
- 12/16 Boys BB—Hazel Park Junior HS—
Away—4:30 pm
Honor Roll Breakfast
7th—8:15-8:45
8th—9:00-9:30
6th—9:45-10:15
- 12/17 MS Band Concert—HS Aud—7:00 pm
- 12/18 Boys BB—Dunckel—Home—4:30 pm
Pajama Day—\$1
- 12/19 Bonaventure Free Skating—7-11 pm
- 12/22 Winter Break Begins
- 01/05 Classes Resume
- 01/08 Board of Education Mtg.—6:30 pm
- 01/12 MS Parent Mtg.—6:30 pm
- 01/16 MS Fun Fair—6:00-9:00 pm
3rd MP Ends
- 01/19 Staff PD/Records Day—No Students
7th Grade Field Trip to Henry Ford
- 01/20 4th MP Begins
- 01/22 Board of Education Mtg—6:30 pm

