



CASCADE MIDDLE SCHOOL



Mill Creek School Corporation

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Dates to Remember:

Monday 5/26

- * Memorial Day - No School

Tuesday 5/27

- * Spring Choir Concert @7 P.M. (PAC)

Thursday 5/29

- * 8th Grade Awards Recognition Night @ 6:30 (PAC)

Wednesday 6/04

- * Last Student Day

Friday 6/06

- * CHS Commencement @ 7:00

Sports:

Congratulations to all Cascade Middle School Athletes!

(More sports on page 5)

Did you know that you do NOT have to have a Twitter account in order to follow us on Twitter? Simply send the following text message... "follow Principal_CMS" to 40404 and you will receive all CMS Tweets via text message!



Chromebook Community Meetings

We would like to thank the parents and community members who took time out of their busy schedules to attend one of our community Chromebook meetings this week. Those in attendance asked great questions and gave us some things to think about. For those who wanted to attend but were unable, we will plan to host a couple more meetings next fall before the launch of the Chromebook program in late October. In the meantime, we encourage all community members to explore our informative website. We have tried to think of everything you might want to know in this site that can be accessed on the web at <http://goo.gl/I8yS7t>. We recommend that you explore the sections entitled FAQ, Policies and Procedures, and Teacher Assignment Guidelines first as those locations will likely answer the majority of your questions. There is also a form where you can submit additional questions or you are welcome to call us at 539-9285.

CMS Staff Digital and/or Flipped Lesson Site

February was "Digital Learning Month" and CMS staff decided to celebrate by showcasing a digital and/or flipped lesson that students completed in their classes. To review those lesson that required students to use digital tools to complete, click on this site... <http://goo.gl/aKc5IH>

The staff and students have learned a TON since February and decided that they wanted to demonstrate the power of digital learning one more time this school year. The growth and progress has been tremendous. The following site is a culminating effort of tremendous learning and growth. We can't wait for next year to expose students to more learning experiences like this. Please note, many teachers will be completing this site in the coming days. As a result, it is still a work in progress.

Check back later to see the completed site. <http://goo.gl/zwfdDr>

Congrats Biology Students!

For the third consecutive year in a row, 100% of all CMS Biology students passed the end-of-course assessment!! In fact, 18 out of the 28 students were "Pass+" and our lowest score was even 50 points above the cut score. They not only passed the exam... they destroyed the exam!!! Congratulations to our students and Miss Southwood!!

End-of-Year Awards Programs

CMS Staff and students are preparing for the grade level annual awards and recognition programs. All are welcome to attend!! The 8th grade program is schedule for Thursday, May 29th at 6:30 in the Performing Arts Center. The 7th grade awards program will take place on the last student day of school (Wednesday, June 4th) from 9:00-10:00 and the 6th grade program will follow from 10:30-11:30. We hope to see many parents there!

Parent Help Requested

As the year begins to wind down and the weather warms up, we could use some help from parents helping ensure that students are properly dressed in accordance with the CMS dress code before they leave the house in the morning. It is difficult for us to always monitor the appropriateness of student dress. When we notice a questionable clothing choice, we simply bring it to the student's attention and ask them to correct the issue. However, this takes time that we would prefer for the student to spend in the classroom. Addressing these issues at home before 7:55 a.m. would be most helpful.

Additionally, we have noticed a growing concern of students texting parents during the day to notify them that they are ill and need to go home. Parents then show up at school to pick up their child and we have no knowledge of this communication. Students are reminded that they are not to bypass the main office or the school nurse to arrange for themselves to leave school early. Parents are encouraged to instruct their child to be seen by the school nurse if they are ill before coming to school to take their child home. If the school nurse determines that their child is ill we will certainly contact the parents. We simply can't permit children to "check themselves out" of school without the adults in the building being made aware.

Thank you for your help on these two issues.

PTO News

Be a Volunteer! Upcoming events are:

8th Grade Awards and Recognition Program – we will need 4 to 5, 7th or 6th grade parents, to set-up and serve cake and punch for the 8th grade class. This event is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. in the high school PAC on 5/29/14. Please contact Andrea Kinkle, if you can help that night.

Last Day of School Lunch

The PTO would like to celebrate all of our students' and staffs' accomplishments over this past school year with a fun lunch for their last day of school. The PTO will provide pizza and fruit cups. We are asking for your assistance with chips, dessert, and pop. We have approximately 400 to feed!

6th graders

Chips – individually packaged bags of chips

7th graders

Desserts – individually wrapped sweet snacks

8th graders

Canned Soda - 6 packs or 12 packs

Please send your contributions with your child or drop them off in the office by Tuesday, June 3rd. This will allow us to get drinks chilled and the other snacks organized prior to Wednesday's meal. We also need 6 to 8 parents of all grade levels to help monitor the serving tables. Please contact Marci Engel if you can help out that day. (cengel@tds.net)

IOA SUMMER SCHOOL

Indiana On-Line Academy will once again offer summer school courses to Cascade High School students. The cost for these courses will be \$50 per course and each student may only take two courses over the summer. On average students should dedicate three hours a day, five days a week to each class. Students will work at their own pace with completion percentages due dates. All classes are taught by an IOA qualified teacher. All assignments are completed through the computer. Students must take the final exam at Cascade HS. Registration dates will be open from now until June 4th. The 2014 summer session will begin on June 9th and end July 24th with the Final Exams between July 22nd-24th. Registration can be done at indianaonlineacademy.org.

What's going on this week in the classrooms -

Mr. McCoy

Congratulations to all musicians who participated in our annual spring concert on Wednesday.

A 2007 Harris Interactive Poll of working adults indicated that music education impacted five skill areas: ability to work toward common goals, striving for excellence in group settings, disciplined approach to solving problems, creative problem solving and flexibility in work situations.

Thank you for involving your children in band classes this year.

Mr. McFadden

The Spring Choir Concert originally scheduled for May 21, has been rescheduled for Tuesday, May 27, 7 p.m. in the CHS PAC due to the choir trip to Chicago on the 21st.

Mrs. Scharrer

As 7th grade World Language students finish up the school year they will be learning colors, shapes and animals. Their final assessment test will be Monday June 2.

As 8th grade French students finish up the school year they will be learning about common foods served at the three meals of the day. Their final exam will be Wednesday June 4.

Mr. Flanigan

Physical Education

Congratulations to the many 7th and 8th grade students who completed their mile run this semester. As usual many students were not real excited to hear that the day had arrived for their mile run test on the track. In typical Cascade Middle School fashion though they put their best foot forward (no pun intended) when it was test time. The students set goals and have been working hard in class to accomplish those goals. Many students held their heads higher on the way back into school knowing that they had just accomplished something that was difficult.

Mrs. Pittman

This past week in language arts was a busy one! We finished reading White Fang and began working on our final projects. The kids are using their knowledge of naturalism (one of the major ideas that drive the plot of the story) and how it is displayed in the story to create original short stories, scenes from the novel and more! We will be working on these projects into next week. The kids have also received a study guide for their final test in couple weeks. We are working hard and getting closer to summer!

Mr. Crosby

The sixth grade scientists have been busy creating bridges, estimating the height of trees and next week will present their final projects. The "Final" will be a culmination of the year with each student performing an experiment and following the steps of the scientific method. The experiment will be conducted at home with the conclusions being presented in class. (Presentation styles are student choice.)

Mr. Blickenstaff

Mr. Blickenstaff's Springboard class is hosting an Avoidance Ball tournament at CMS on Monday June 2nd from 5:30 to 8:30. Team entry is \$50. Teams must be co-ed and contain between 7-10 players. All team money must be turned in by Monday the 26th. Spectators will be charged \$3 to watch.

US History

Students will be completing their final unit on the American Civil War. Check out the notes using the following address:
http://prezi.com/wmm0v88dnneq/?utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=copy&rc=ex0share

PACE

Students are gearing up for their final exam in PACE next Friday! The year will conclude with a look into Reconstruction after the conclusion of the Civil War. We'll also be peer reviewing projects from our Civil War unit.

Mr. Arnold

A big Thank You to Mr. Martin and the high school IED class for printing the wheels designed by Zack Deurloo (shown in the photo) on their new 3D printer. One wheel took around 15 minutes to print but fit perfectly on the car.



Mrs. Pence

CMS Spell Bowl News

Tryouts for the 2014-2015 Cascade Middle School Spell Bowl team will be held on Thursday, August 7, 2014. The list that will be used for next year's competition is now available in the office. Students are encouraged to begin studying the words during the summer. The list that will be used for next year's competition is now available in the office.

Mrs. Whicker

6th grade math students have been busy working on their end of the year projects this week. Students were asked to plan a vacation and follow a budget along the way. They have been calculating the distance of the trip, how many tanks of gas they will need and even the cost of the gas. They have been finding activities and the cost to participate in them. It has been interesting to watch how they spend their money. Some go for a really expensive hotel, while others would rather spend money on their food and sightseeing. Students should have finished up or very close to finishing their research this week. Next week they will have time to put the presentation part together if they haven't already started. Here is a link to the site where students can access all of the project information. [Vacation Project](#)

Miss Casey

In 7th grade math, we are working on solving harder equations to prepare for 8th grade math as well as completing a final project called "If My Life Started Today". With this final project, students are imagining if their post-high school lives are beginning now, and based off their GPA they find a job, buy a house, get a car, and figure out any other expenses that may occur. Students will need to complete this project by June 2, as they will be presenting their "new lives" at this time. Also, Miss Casey is offering summer tutoring sessions. Please email her at scasey@mccsc.k12.in.us for more information.

Today you are you! That is truer than true! There is no one alive who is you-er than you!

Dr. Seuss

Sports

The Cascade Middle School Track Team competed in the West Central Conference Track and Field Meet this past Saturday, May 17th. The boys and girls teams placed second overall!! Conference Champions in the meet were

- ♦ Briana Stephenson in the 200 and 400 meter dashes
- ♦ Hannah Rasnake in the Long Jump
- ♦ Sean Johnson in the 400 meter dash
- ♦ David Durham in the 800 and 1600
- ♦ The boys 4x400 meter relay team of Ben Shepard, Ben Taylor, Sean Johnson and David Durham

Taking 2nd place in the conference were

- ♦ Abby Church in the Discus and Shot Put
- ♦ Ben Shepard in the 400 meter dash
- ♦ The girls 4x400 meter relay team of Briana Stephenson, Hannah Rasnake, Jillian Hanson and Katherine Miler

Congrats to the CMS Teams and all who participated!

CADET BASKETBALL CAMP

CAMP MISSION: **The** Cascade Boys' basketball camp is a four day with two hours filled with playing, thinking, and talking basketball. The camp will consist of basketball fundamentals. The goal is to make the athlete a better all-round basketball player and person. The game was meant to be fun and we want you to have fun while learning and improving because YOU are the future of Cascade Basketball. The high school gym is under construction all summer.

WHERE: **Cascade** Middle School and Cadet Center

WHEN: **JUNE 9th - 12th** 2014-2015 School Year

MS/CC	1 st - 2 nd Grade	3:00-5:00
MS/CC	3 rd - 4 th Grade	3:00-5:00
MS/CC	5 th , 6 th , 7 th Grade	3:00-5:00

COST: **\$45.00** per player or \$80.00 for brothers

Pre-Registration will guarantee shirt size.

Make checks payable to MCCSC

Return registration and check to:

Coach DuBois

Cascade High School

6565 S. CR 200 W.

Clayton, IN 46118

Registration can be done on the 1st day of camp, too.

AWARDS: **Each** camper will receive a camp T-shirt, a Cascade basketball and the opportunity to win other prizes.

QUESTIONS: **Please call Coach DuBois at 539-9315 ext. 704**

REGISTRATION FORM-RETURN WITH CHECK

NAME _____ **GRADE AS OF 8/1/14**

PARENT'S NAME _____ **HOME/CELL PHONE #** _____

ADDRESS _____

SHIRT SIZES: YOUTH M or L ADULT: S M L XL XXL (CIRCLE ONE)