

Happy Friday CMS Families,

We had another great week at CMS highlighted by the Monterey Bay Outdoor Education program for our 7th Grade class. MBOE features three days of outdoor learning experiences and fieldtrips highlighting our beautiful area and focusing on the importance of environmental stewardship. In addition to the three day program, this year we added a new MBOE Kick Off event featuring a variety of team building activities and a renowned youth speaker Aaron Retford. The theme for this program was human stewardship and the connections between taking care of our school community AND taking care of our natural environment. We hope our 7th Grade students enjoyed the program. Special thanks to the many staff members who create and facilitate this program and to our numerous parent volunteers who give of their time to help make this program successful.

Thank you to the following parents for volunteering at our MBOE field trips.

Parent chaperones: Kris Lehman, Stephanie Paine, Laura Stenvick, Tamara Mitchie, Colleen Yard, Ondine Gorton, Terri Posada, Darlene and Todd Acevedo, Laura Quimby, Molly Hirschfeld, Lovina Worick, Barbara Short, Tricia Zielinski, Cindy Schroeder, Audre Earle, Kimberly Briggs, David Jedinak, Joe Rice, Patrick Selby - Lara, Ashley Stoddard, Meg Grundy, Drew lander, Julia Scattini, Lisa Kitteringham and Megan Escher.

The Week Ahead: Serve-A-Thon Week!

Next week we will be hosting our annual Serve-A-Thon. As mentioned in previous letters, the SAT is our one and only all school fundraiser so we need our students to collect as many pledges as possible to help make this year a success. There are two important dates to have on your calendar as we head into next week. First, **SAT turn in day is Wednesday, September 12th**. Students need to bring pledges collected to the main quad before school. In our main quad, tables will be set up that correlate with the first letter of a student's last name. Simply figure out what table to turn the money in at and come drop it off.

The next important date is **Friday, September 14th, SAT Day!** For SAT Day, we will be on a revised schedule with classes ending at 12:00. Students will then report either to their buses for off campus activities, or to the CMS Gym for our SAT Kick Off event featuring guest speaker Brian Bajari. Mr. Bajari is a local social advocate who is passionate about the power of service and will talk about the profound impact service can have on people and communities around the world. Following the Kick Off program, students will participate in approximately 2 hours of community service in various locations on the CMS campus in conjunction with our community partners. School ends at the regularly scheduled time on Friday (2:45) but several items such as cookies and planter boxes will be available for purchase curbside during pick up.

Thank you, once again, for supporting our fundraising efforts through this program. We look forward to hosting another meaningful and positive event!

Final Thoughts: Next week begins our 5th week of school and it will actually be a "normal" five day school week. Hopefully at this point your student has settled into a school year routine. Most of our kick-off and welcome back activities are wrapping up and you'll start to see an increase in academic workload over the next few weeks. With that in mind, please begin to closely monitor your student's progress on Aeries (if you're not sure how to do this get in touch with your child's counselor!) and let us know if your child is having any academic struggles. Remember, monitoring your child's grades does not mean that you need to check Aeries hourly, or even daily... that's probably too much. We recommend checking in a couple times each week and we hope that at least one of the check-ins will be done with your student present so you can engage in a positive discussion about progress and the importance of continuing effort and hard work. Once again, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Announcements

Serve-A-Thon:

Wednesday, September 12, before school -- Serve-a-thon Turn-In Day

Friday, September 14 -- Serve-a-thon Day!!!

Friday, September 14 -- Serve-a-thon Planter Box sales and Cookie donations

Thursday, October 18 -- Serve-a-thon Presentation to Organizations at the Gathering

***Be sure to bring your \$1.00 bills on Thursday to purchase cookies between SAT sessions to support our Cookies for Canines fundraiser!**

After School Enrichment: Our AMAZING After School Enrichment Classes start on Monday! Are you interested in Golf at Carmel Valley Ranch, Musical Theater, Cooking in the Habitat, or making Creative Cutting Boards? Stop by the front office and pick up a form, or print one out over the weekend. Turn yours in to Ms. Montana today or Monday morning and start your new after-school activity! **You can still sign up for Enrichment Classes on Monday morning!**

Yoga in the Habitat + Garden uPick

Saturday September 8, 2018 | 10am to 11:30am

Join MEarth for a special morning of yoga in the habitat with Sydney Bliss of Seaside Yoga Sanctuary. Participants will feel refreshed and relaxed after 60 minutes of yoga set amidst our 10-acre habitat, after the class we welcome guests to harvest their own take away from our cut flower, organic herb, or vegetable gardens. Children 12 and over welcome. Open to all levels.

Class: \$20/participant

Student/ Military/Teacher: \$15 with valid ID

Tickets: <https://mearthcarmel.z2systems.com/np/clients/mearthcarmel/event.jsp?event=238&>

Glass Pumpkin Patch of Carmel

September 15th + 16th |10am to 5pm

Join MEarth for their 6th annual fall fundraiser, The Glass Pumpkin Patch of Carmel. This beloved community event will feature the critically-acclaimed work of Nick Leonoff, along with other featured artists in a breathtaking display of over 1,500 hand-blown glass pumpkins, each a unique treasure of its own. Attendees will also enjoy kids activities, live music, and a Chef's Showcase of pumpkin-infused/seasonal "small bites", amidst MEarth's late-summer gardens.

For more information on the Glass Pumpkin Patch and the special pumpkin preview Sustainable Chef Dinner please visit: <http://mearthcarmel.org/events/glass-pumpkin-patch-carmel/>

YEARBOOK NEWS: Don't forget to by your yearbook! Every year dozens of parents fail to order by the deadline and scramble to grab an extra copy on the last day of school. Don't let that be you! Bring in \$40 cash or check or **pay online through the link on the CMS homepage**. We are offering several opportunities for you to get your child's pictures in the book:

- We are collecting **BABY PICTURES FOR 8TH GRADERS**
- We need photos of students (all grades) doing **non-CMS sports and activities** (dance, karate, gymnastics, biking) for a page celebrating "**WHAT DO YOU DO AFTER SCHOOL?**"
- We are collecting photos of students (all grades) **in interesting places** for the awesome "**WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?**" feature in this year's book. Deadline Jan 1
- All photos can be emailed to jfosler@carmelunified.org or sent in as hard copies which will be scanned and returned. Please include your child's name and 5th period teacher on the back. Thank you for your contributions to our book!

Calendar

September

17. - 21. Cougar Spirit Week

- 21. 1st Trimester Progress Reports
- 23. - 28. 8th Grade Lava Beds Trip
- October
- 2. - 4. Fall Conferences
- 3. CMS Fall Strings Concert, CMS Theater, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- 8. - 12. October Break - School Closed
- 16. Picture Retake Day
- 17. Rosicrucian Museum 6th Grade - All Day
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- 25. CMS/CHS Fall Choir Concert, CHS Theater, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- 26. Minimum Day - School dismissed at 12:00
- November
- 2. Halloween Dance, CMS GYM, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- 5 - 9: Fall sports Playoffs
- 6. Election Day
- 8. Winter Sportsnet Registration closes 5:00 p.m.
- 9. End of Trimester 1
- 12. Observance of Veteran's Day - School closed
- 21, - 23. Thanksgiving Break, School closed
- December
- 7. Carmel Tree Lighting Ceremony, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
- 10. - 14th Canned Food Drive
- 11. CMS Winter Concert, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
- 19. CMS Cougar Cub Concert, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
- 24. - Jan. 4 - Winter Break

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