

Good morning CMS Families!

I hope that you've enjoyed your weekend up to this point and I hope that you have a wonderful Sunday lined up!

Minimum Day on Friday

All CUSD schools will be on a minimum day this Friday. CMS will end classes at 12:30 and will only have periods 1-5. Periods 6-7 will be cancelled for the day. Lunch will be available from 12:30 - 12:45. Busses will leave campus at 12:45. Students can be picked up as early as 12:30 or as late as 1:00. After 1:00 our campus will be closed. Our office will remain open until 2:00.

Weekly Recap

We had another great week at CMS and I can't begin to tell you how wonderful it has been to have our students back on campus. This week we had beautiful weather allowing students to spend a lot of time outdoors. Our 8th grade science teachers took full advantage of the nice weather, taking their classes outside to launch pressurized plastic bottle rockets all over campus. In addition, Mr. Stadille initiated the 7th Grade Wiffle Ball Tournament of Glory and Donuts and our 7th grade classes had a fantastic time playing against each other. The 6th grade class won this week's school spirit competition and are proving to be our most spirited group in each competition dating back to the end of last year. Our leadership class sponsored their first Fun Friday activity, an obstacle course that featured potato sack racing and mini-golf skills and students from all grades had a great time competing against friends. Finally, student teams competed in a longstanding CMS tradition, The Battle of the Books, throughout the week, with the BoB Champs "The Book Busters" (Naomi Foudy, Ella Hage, Abby Frey, and Kanan Seeklander) taking home the 2020-21 title on Thursday night. Our campus is active, fun, and filled with smiles (that we can't see) and laughter!

The Sixth Graders are the CMS Cougar Pride Spirit Winners!

Although each grade level had many students showing their spirit, the sixth graders were by far the most spirited when it came to showing their Cougar Pride. Thank you to

all of the students who wore Carmel Gear or Red for the Grade Level Spirit Competition on Thursday. The leadership class and CMS PTO hope the sixth graders enjoyed their special treat Friday during lunch. We look forward to seeing more spirit displayed next week during our Cougar Pride Thursday. Go Cougars!

In addition to the grade level winners, we had four very deserving individual winners who uploaded their pictures to the weekly Google Form. Please remember, any student who shows Cougar Pride on Thursdays and uploads a picture will be entered into the drawing for a gift card to Sweet Reba's Bakery.

Here are this week's Cougar Pride winners:

6th Grade: Chloe Peelman

7th Grade: Gabriela Linarez

8th Grade: Gabby Phares

CMS Staff Member: Ms. Magreta

Traffic Updates

This week went a lot better overall as folks have learned our system and routines are starting to fall into place. One thing we have noticed is that in the morning the far left lane and the upper parking/drop off area are left open while the right lane is backed up onto Carmel Valley Road. In an effort to help keep things going we'd like to keep 6th grade families dropping off in the upper area, however, we can take 7th grade students there as well. If you're dropping off a 7th grade student and you see the lane/drop off area open, feel free to use this to your early morning advantage. **Also, I'd like to thank our MOT department for removing the gate at the entrance to the upper lot making it SO much easier for cars to pull in!**

Thank you to everyone for your continued cooperation and patience with drop off and pick up!

Student Bikers

If your child rides their bike to school, please have them walk their bike onto and off of campus when they arrive/leave. We've already had a couple close calls on Carmel Valley Road so please talk with your student to remind them to ride on the shoulder, use the cross walks and signals, and please have them walk their bikes onto campus. Traffic is busy and congested and we want to ensure everyone arrives at school and back home safely! **Thank you to all the parents who've reached out with concerns!**

In addition, please do not drop off or pick up students on Carmel Valley Road. This can be a dangerous practice and the time saved is simply not worth the risks!

National Teacher Appreciation Week

This week is National Teacher Appreciation Week. If you have teachers who you've really connected with this year please consider letting them know. Teachers love cards expressing gratitude and thanks (gifts are not necessary) and it is often the kind words of students that lift up educators more than anything! Please consider letting our teachers know if they've had a positive impact on your life this year!

Symptomatic Reminders and Closing Thoughts

We've made it through two weeks without having to close down cohorts, classes, or activities. In an effort to keep things open, please keep in mind that if your student exhibits ANY Covid like symptoms they'll need to stay home for a minimum of 48 hours symptom free before returning to school. In addition, we encourage families to get a Covid test for any family member who exhibits symptoms and, if the family member is a student, please share the results with Courtney Day, our school nurse. We've been fortunate to have avoided a Covid closure so far and we really want to remain fully open so please continue to exercise an abundance of caution with your social distancing practices, mask wearing precautions, and monitoring family members for symptoms. Thank you for helping everyone stay safe!

Enjoy the rest of your Sunday and we'll see you tomorrow!