Happy Friday CMS Families!

We welcomed the New Year at CMS by hosting our Not In Our School Day today. I sent out information about this event a couple times so I won't spend more time explaining the event, but, I can report that we feel the NIOS day was very successful. I'd like to thank our NIOS student group, our Leadership class, and all our staff for the extra- work put in to making this program an ongoing success at CMS. We feel that the timing of this event is important as it serves as a great mid-year reminder to our student body about our goal of maintaining a positive, inclusive school climate that is safe for everyone. We hope that the film and follow up activities help remind students of the importance of positive, kind, human interaction and that the messages from this day inspire students to act in ways that improve our school and community.

Please take some time this weekend to talk with your student about the Not In Our School event. Ask questions about the video, the activities, and, most important, please reinforce the message that treating people in a kind manner each and every day can have a tremendous positive impact on our world.

Thank you for your continued support of this program and our school goal designed to create a safe, inclusive environment for all students.

Last Chance for Yearbook Orders! Time is running out to order your CMS yearbook. Yearbooks must be ordered by Tuesday, February 12th. Go to the CMS Website and access the Yearbook Link on the left side of the screen to place your order! Remember, we will only have a very small number of yearbooks available to purchase at the end of the year and they will not be sold at the current going rate!

Congratulations to our Geo-Bee Finalists! Championship round begins Wednesday!
Congratulations to our Geo-Bee Finalists Andrew Prescott, Ben Martinez, Felix Visger, Sean Connett, Reygan Bethea, Gregory Prehn, Rose Finn, Ayden Reed, Grace Wang, and Zac Farfan. Pull out your globes, open your maps, and dust off your old Trivial Pursuit games this weekend to get ready for the final round. Geo Bee finals take place in the library on Wednesday, January 16th! Good luck to everyone!

Front Office Personnel Change – Over the next week you might see a new/familiar face in our office. The first part of this news is that our Registrar, Shannon Forrester, will be leaving CMS soon for a new life in the Pacific Northwest! We truly appreciate all Shannon has done for us in her tenure here at CMS as she has been a fantastic registrar providing exceptional customer service to students and families for several years. The new and familiar face belongs to our newest addition, Elaine Eldgridge. We were fortunate to steal Elaine from Tularcitos when our position opened and Elaine brings with her a tremendous amount of experience and an

incredible reputation for positive service to students and families. We're sad to be losing Shannon but feel fortunate to be adding a person of Elaine's caliber to our office team.

Updated PTO/Serve-A-Thon Spending:

New Purchases:

- \$1800 in Video Cameras and Camera Equipment: To be used in conjunction with Green Screens and used to promote participation in the first ever CMS Student Film Festival (Details coming soon!)
- 2. \$550 in Supplies to Celebrate the Chinese New Year Each year students in the Chinese I and Chinese II Classes host a cultural celebration for the Chinese New Year allowing CMS students to engage in a multi-cultural experience. Funds for this project provide supplies for face painting, art activities, calligraphy, Chinese candies, and even a Chinese form of hacky-sack. The event will take place during a Fun Friday lunch and is always a big hit with our students.

Former Purchases Include:

- 1. \$500 to purchase a portable Green Screen
- 2. \$800 to purchase new drill sets for our Industrial Arts Class
- 3. \$3000 to purchase Display Cases Up and in use on campus
- 4. \$4000 to the Science department to fund the Pollinator Project
- 5. \$8000 to the Computer Science department to purchase 24 Vex Robotics Kits Mark Your Calendars The Bob Show is Back!

Every three years the staff at CMS put on a variety show (like a much cleaner, non-political version of Saturday Night Live) for students and families. The show features a variety of skits, acts, and strange talents and places most of our staff members on stage in embarrassing and funny ways. In the past, our students and their families have loved this show and it has been performed to max capacity, sold out audiences for the past few programs. We do charge admission for this event and proceeds will go toward our partnership with Rise Against Hunger and our food packing activity during the CMS Serve A Thon. This year's show is scheduled for Friday, March 22 and will begin at 6:00 PM. Mark your calendars and come enjoy a comedic show unlike any other you've ever witnessed starring your favorite CMS teachers and staff! Tickets will go on sale in early March!

That's it for this week! Enjoy the weekend!

Calendar

January

- 16. Geo Bee Finals, CMS Library, 11:30 12:00 p.m.
- 17. 19 CCS Honor Band and Orchestra Pacific Grove Middle School
- 21. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday No School
- 22. Feb.1 Nepal Fundraiser

24 - 26. CCS Honor Choir Event

February

- 6. CJSF Induction, Library, 7:00 8:00 p.m.
- 8. February Dance CMS Gym, 6:00 8:00 p.m.
- 14. Sportsnet closes for Spring Sports, 5:00 p.m.
- 14. 19 All-State Band and Orchestra / CASMEC
- 18 22 February Break school closed
- 25. March 1 Spring Sports Tryouts
- 27. CJSF 8th Grade Stanford Trip , Stanford Univ, 7:30 2:30 p.m.

March

- 7. District Choral festival 7:00 8:00 p.m., Sunset Center Carmel
- 8. Minimum day School dismissed at 12;00 p.m.
- 11. 15. Benchmark Testing
- 14. 16 All State Honor Chorus /CCDA State Conference
- 22. BOB SHOW: 7:00 p.m.
- 26. District Band Festival, Sunset Center Carmel, 7:00 9:00 p.m.
- 31. CMS Film Festival Screening, CHS Theater, 6:00 8:00 p.m. April
- 5 -7 Next Generation Jazz Festival
- 10. CUSD District String Orchestra Festival 7:00 9:00 p.m.
- 12. Cycle Change / 3rd Trimester Progress Reports
- 15 19. Spring Break School closed
- 22 CAASPP Testing begins
- 28. Big Sur International Marathon