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Happy Spring Break CMS Families!

**Strings Program Shines!** This week was highlighted by another fantastic performance from our music department and the CMS Strings program absolutely shined on Wednesday evening during the district's Strings Festival. Led by Ms. Prusasky each of our strings groups performed beautifully, including performances by our Cougar Cubs, our Strings Orchestra with a highlight performance of the chart topping song, Shallow, from A Star is Born, and a combined performance with CHS featuring Maharaja, a Bollywood style piece with Southeast Asian flavor. Once again, these events showcase the amazing talent and dedication of our students, instructors, and the support of our families. Thank you for your continued support of our thriving music program!

**Thursday's Gathering:** We had a unique show at our Gathering on Thursday featuring a student with an amazing talent. Audrey McAthie spent about 5 minutes pretending to be an Extreme Yogi, demonstrating fictional and mythical yoga poses such as "The Cheerio", "The Inverted Sleeping Cobra", and "The Waterfall with a Twist". In reality, Audrey possesses unique abilities as an actual, world class contortionist, and can twist herself into some amazing poses. If your student came home talking about this incredible performance, it was real! Many thanks goes out to Audrey for her willingness to perform in front of 600 awestruck classmates and for making the last gathering before Spring Break so much fun!

**Progress Reports:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester Progress Reports are in the mail and should be arriving at your home during spring break. Progress reports are a mid-trimester update on your student's progress and may include updates on classroom behavior and citizenship. Please keep in mind that eligibility for many 2019-20 programs including Fall Sports and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Lava Beds trip are based on final grades and positive citizenship during the 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester of the previous year. Progress reports can be used as an important tool for gauging which areas, if any, a student may need to focus on in the upcoming weeks.

**2019-2020 Student Schedules:** This week we began our first attempts to form the master schedule for the 2019-20 school year. Unfortunately, as soon as we loaded classes, information we plug into our system became visible to students. We are looking into this issue to get things resolved, however, at this time, we have been told that a resolution does not exist. As such, please understand that the schedule, or pieces of schedule visible to students is not an accurate reflection of class placements for next year. In fact, as this is our first run, I can guarantee that the schedules you might see today and into next week will not be accurate. Scheduling is a complex, complicated puzzle that can take a number of runs before reaching accuracy. Accurate student schedules will be available for students on Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>.

**CMS Open House:** CMS will be hosting our annual Open House on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Open House begins at 5:00 PM with food and music on the field behind the Library and will feature our

very own Bryn Loosley along with a handful of student performances. Dinner can be purchased here at CMS and we will have five or more dinner options available to families this year. Classrooms open at 6:30 and the night will feature a variety of showcase events ranging from fine and performing arts to Mousetrap Car Races in our gym. Mark your calendars and come on out to CMS for wonderful evening with our school community. An informational flier with further details will be coming out soon.

**CAASPP Testing:** Upon our return from Spring Break, CMS will engage in **two weeks** of state testing. The CAASPP (California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress) is the state academic testing program. CAASPP is a system intended to provide information that can be used to monitor student progress and ensure that all students leave high school ready for college and career. Like last year, CAASPP includes computer adaptive tests in English language arts, mathematics, and science. Students in grades 3-8 and 11 will take the computer adaptive tests in English and math in spring of 2019. Students in grades 5, 8, and an assigned high school grade will also take the tests in science.

Following the spring testing, students will receive individual score reports. Student score reports will be distributed to parents/guardians in late summer/early fall and will include an overall score, and description of the student's achievement level for English language arts, mathematics, and science if applicable. If you would like more information, please visit the Parent/Student tab of the CDE CAASPP Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/>.

**CAASPP Testing Schedule: WEEK 1: April 22 – 26 CAASPP ELA**

**Monday, April 22: Regular Schedule**

**Tuesday, April 23: ELA CAT**

7:45 – 8:15	Period 1	(30 min)
8:20 – 8:50	Period 2	(30 min)
8:50 - 9:00	BREAK	(10 min.)

**9:05 – 11:20 TESTING (Period 1 Class - 135 min)** [recommended time: 120 min]

11:20 – 11:50	Lunch	(30 min)
11:55 – 12:25	Period 3	(30 min)
12:30 – 1:00	Period 4	(30 min)
1:05 – 1:35	Period 5	(30 min)
1:40 – 2:10	Period 6	(30 min)
2:15 – 2:45	Period 7	(30 min)

**Wednesday, April 24: ELA Performance Task (Odd Block)**

7:45 – 8:45	Period 1	(60 min)
8:45 - 8:55	BREAK	(10 min.)

**9:00 – 11:15 TESTING (Period 1 Class - 135 min)** [recommended time: 120 min]

11:15 – 11:45	Lunch	(30 min)
11:50 – 12:50	Period 3	(60 min)
12:55 - 1:40	Period 5	(45 min.)
1:45 – 2:45	Period 7	(60 min)

**Thursday, April 25: ELA Performance Task Continued (Even Block – No 5<sup>th</sup> Period)**

7:45 – 8:45	Period 2	(60 min)
8:45 – 9:00	BREAK	(15 min.)

**9:05 – 11:20 TESTING (Period 1 Class - 135 min)** [recommended time: 120 min]

11:20 –12:00	Lunch	(40 min)
12:05 – 1:05	Period 4	(60 min)
1:10 – 2:10	Period 6	(60 min)

**Friday, April 26: Testing Break (ELA Performance Task Make-ups**

**Regular Schedule**

Calendar

April

12. Cycle Change / 3rd Trimester Progress Reports

15 - 19. Spring Break - School closed

23 - CAASPP Testing begins

28. Big Sur International Marathon

May

1 - 10 CAASPP testing

5. CMS Film Festival Screening, CHS Theater, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

9. 5th Grade Orientation 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

9. CMS Open House 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

10. Minimum day - school dismissed at 12:00 p.m.

14. CMS Spring Concert, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

17. Panoramic Picture - 8th Grade, 12:05 p.m.

18. CMS Music in the Parks

21. Honors Night 6 / 7th Grade 5:30 - 6:00 p.m., Gym

21. Honors Night 8th Grade, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Gym

22. CMS/ CHS Jazz Concert, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

24. CMS Renaissance Fair 12:00 - 2:45 p.m.

27. Memorial Day - school closed

28 - 31. Spirit Week

28 - 31 World Language Final Exams - Spanish / Chinese

31. 8th Grade Promotion Dance 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

## June

5. End of year Class Parties / Field Trips
6. 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
7. Minimum Day - Last Day of School, school dismissed at 12:00