

# Central Middle School

# NOVEMBER

## 2018

### Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for November 19 and 20 for grades K-8. Parents may request a conference for grades 9-12 by contacting the individual teacher with whom you wish to speak or the Dover High School guidance office.

Parents need to take an active role in their child's education. Here are some tips for parent/teacher conferences. Do your homework - prepare by writing notes to yourself and ask important questions concerning:

- \* The school's programs or policies.
- \* What are my child's strengths and weaknesses?
- \* How does my child get along with classmates?
- \* Is my child working up to his/her ability? Where could he/she use improvement?
- \* What can we do at home to support what you are doing in the classroom?

### News from the CMS Library Media Center:

Several new books have been added to the shelves of the CMS Library. The library's home page can be found on the Central Middle School home page by clicking the Library Catalog button. There are several useful links posted for students to use.

Students who have overdue books from any Capital School District building can return them to the CMS. Book fines from other buildings can be paid at CMS as well. Any eighth grader with outstanding fines should clean up their account so they will be able to



### Music Notes...

The Winter Concert is on December 12th, 2018.  
Students are to report at 5:30 in concert attire.

### SUPER SCIENCE NIGHT

Please join us for Super Science Night on November 15th at William Henry Elementary School from 6 to 7:30. There will be ILC Presentations, Dissections, a Planetary Show and much more.

Come out and test your inner scientist. You will be given an opportunity to participate in several hands-on science experiments so wear something comfortable.

### Mock Elections

KUDOS to all of the students that participated in the MOCK Elections that were held in their Social Studies classes. Some students have decided to pursue a career in politics and social services as a result of this experience. Great Job Everyone!!!

### Restorative Practices

#### Student Leaders

Each week we increase the number of students participating in the Connections Circles with their Intervention classes. The students are building excellent leadership skills and actively look for opportunities to lead peer mediations.

\*Check out our newsletter online

### Community Project

The Dover Police Department and NCALL are excited to announce a joint community project on November 10th, 2018. Volunteers from the Dover community, NCALL, Dover Police Department, and several businesses will participate in a Downtown Community Cleanup. Volunteers will meet in the parking lot located at the intersection of Mary Street and Queen Street by 9:00AM. From 9:00AM-12:00PM, they will work their way south in the downtown area and assist with cleaning up trash, debris, yard waste, and more to help improve the appearance of the area.

### School Choice Opens

November 5, 2018

School Choice opens for Capital families on November 5, 2018 and will run through January 9, 2019. The district is accepting applications for choice Kindergarten/ Kindergarten immersion through 12th grade. All students must be enrolled in their district of residence and feeder pattern school prior to submitting an application to Capital School District. Applications may be obtained at the district office located at 198 Commerce Way, Dover, or at any school in the Capital School District. Questions may be directed to the Office of Student Services at 302-857-4237.

### American Education Week is November 12-16, 2018

Public schools are the cornerstone of our communities. Capital School District is celebrating American Education Week during the week of November 12-16. This week presents a wonderful opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in the lives of our children – teachers, paraprofessionals, substitutes, support staff, and administrators. In Capital, we focus on “Meeting the Needs of the Whole Child.” We welcome all students where educators join together to improve student success through engagement, connection, collaboration, sharing and communication. This is also a time to thank parents/guardians/caregivers for working with us as a team to ensure we are meeting the needs of the whole child.

### Capital School District's Teaching and Learning Model

*Capital School District is committed to meeting the needs of the whole child. As a result, the district developed its Teaching and Learning Model. This model, also referred to as the Instructional Model, was developed by staff, parents and community members. It defines a course of action for teachers to meet the academic, social and emotional needs of the whole child. It identifies the attributes we seek to build into daily teaching and learning of all of our students. The work that happens every day across our schools and classrooms brings the Teaching and Learning Model to life. There are five components of the model. Teaching and Learning shall be:*

- \* *Delivered in a Safe and Supportive Environment*
- \* *Measured through Dynamic Assessment*
- \* *Focused on Rigorous Instruction*
- \* *Organized for Personalized Learning*
- \* *Built to be Standards Based*

*The Family Guide may be viewed on Capital School District's web site under Strategic Plan or through this link:*  
[https://www.capital.k12.de.us/academics/teaching\\_and\\_learning\\_model](https://www.capital.k12.de.us/academics/teaching_and_learning_model)