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Administrative Message

Our School year is off to a great start! Students are being challenged with engaging learning

experiences. This year CMS teachers will conduct parent conferences for the first grading period on Oct. 1, 2015. Please take advantage of this opportunity to communicate with teachers about your child's progress. Parents, if you have not already done so, please make arrangements with Mrs. Ward to sign up for Parent portal. Parent portal allows you to see your child's grades, as they are posted by each of your child's teachers.

Save the Date!

Sports

- Oct. 5 Soccer hosts Bear Grass; Volleyball at South Creek
- Oct. 7 Football hosts Riverside
- Oct 12 Volleyball host Bertie; Soccer at Hertford Co.
- Oct 14 Football at Chowan
- Oct. 15 Soccer at Riverside
- Oct. 19 Soccer at Chowan; Volleyball at Chowan
- Oct. 20 Football hosts Hertford Co.
- Oct. 26 Soccer hosts Riverside; Volleyball hosts Riverside
- Oct. 28 Football at Washington Co.

Academics

- Oct.1 Parent Conferences
- Oct. 6-8 Bullying Presentation
- Oct. 6 ACT EXPLORE 8th grade testing
- Oct. 8 Women in Math
- Oct.11-13 Leadership Summit
- Oct 12 Workday
- Oct. 19-23 National Bus Drivers Week
- Oct. 21 Early Release
- Oct. 27 End of 9wks.

Rachel's Challenge Visits CMS

The Rachel's Challenge visit was well received by our CMS 7th and 8th grade students. All 7th and 8th grade students participated in a morning information session. 100 of those students participated in a special activity during the afternoon session. Those students worked with members of the program to plan a "Friends of Rachel's" club at CMS. Many ideas were generated as those students have responded positively to the idea of promoting kindness at our school. They also received a tote bag as a token to remember the activities that took place during this event. Our students showed great interest in learning the story of Rachel, the first student killed in the Columbine massacre.

CMS would like to thank DSS and the Nurses, Social Workers and Guidance Counselors of Gates County Public Schools for their assistance during this event.





6th Grade News

English students have started an in depth study of the 1960s. Students have worked in groups and presented a slide show of their research. We have started reading the novel, "The Outsiders", by SE Hinton. Students are excited about starting to read the book. After an in depth study and analysis of the novel, students will watch the movie.

In 6th grade Computer Skills and Applications class the students are learning about their interests, values, attitudes, personality traits, and learning styles. Before anyone can decide what type of career is in his/her future, he/she must know all of these qualities about him/herself. The reason for this is: in order to live a successful and satisfying life each and every student must know everything that makes them happy in life.

6th grade Science just finished a unit on physical

What's New at CMS

We are keeping our readers aware of changes and transitions that take place at Central Middle School

CMS Welcomes Mr. Charles Campbell

Mr. Campbell is the new 8th grade Health and Physical Education teacher at Central Middle School. 8th grade parents and students should be mindful of Mr. Campbell's new remind account. Parents of 8th grade students must sign up for this particular account in order to continue to receive messages for Health & PE in the 8th grade. **Text @cmspe8 to 81010** to receive messages. A handout, concerning this information was given to all 8th grade students on 9/23/15.



properties of matter. 6th grade students used triple beam balances to measure mass. They also completed an experiment involving changing the density of a liquid. Mr. Hudson will start a unit on heat transfer including demonstrations of convection conduction and radiation.

Mr. Stiles has engaged 6th grade students in their Social Studies lessons. They are finishing neolithic and paleolithic period. Students are also acting out skits based on life during those times periods.

Students have just finished the decimal unit in Math classes. They have also practiced using QR codes. The focus for all 6th grade Math students is fractions.

All 6th grade teachers would like to encourage students to complete homework assignments, as they are a very important part of the review process. All 6th grade teachers have REMIND accounts, which are used to communicate with parents. Parents are encouraged to sign up for the REMIND for each teacher. Also, please don't forget to sign up for parent portal.

7th Grade News



7th grade spotlight this month is on technology. In Social Studies class, students have begun History Day research using computers, both in the library and in the classroom. Mrs. White showed students how to develop their thesis statements through an online site. Students are using GoogleDocs to share assignments with their teachers. In addition, the Controlled Response System (clickers) are being used in many classes. These provide valuable data to help drive future instruction.

In Computer classes, students have used online poster sites to create projects on famous entrepreneurs. Students have also used document cameras to share information on creating a business plan with their classmates. Students use their edmodo accounts

daily to access important curriculum material. Students have used database software to create, edit, sort and filter for specific criteria. Brainpop has been used as well as youtube, gcflearnfree and other sites to access video for non-readers or low level readers. Google drive has been used to collaborate with teachers and other classmates.

Seventh grade math students are using the document camera to share their work with their classmates via the SmartBoard. They have also used the ipads to take online quizzes via the Socrative website and/or app. They have utilized the school website to visit the teacher page in order to access notes, videos, and other instructional activities. Students have also used computers to research actual high and low temperatures in various parts of the world. They used the data recorded to compare and order integers. Brainpop, ixl, and online math games have been used to develop concepts, provide drill and reinforcement, and to help develop perceptual abilities.

7th Grade Science has also been learning about the Atmosphere. 7th Grade Science will be studying Weather and Climate Change in the month of October.

What's happening in 8th Grade?

Our 8th grade English students have been learning about memories and colorblindness through the novel "The Giver" that we are reading in class. The students have participated in memory transmission activities and have read informational text on colorblindness.

Our Biotechnology students are learning that their lives are affected in many ways by this field of science. We have learned the importance of infection control and we are conducting laboratory explorations to look more closely at cells and DNA.

8th Grade Science has been learning about the unique properties of water and its importance to all

life on Earth. We have explored Solubility, made tinfoil boats to explore density and buoyancy, and put drops on a penny to explore surface tension/cohesion/adhesion. 8th Grade Science will be learning about Oceans in October.



CMS Sports

The CMS Vikings have been very busy! Viking athletes displayed great sportsmanship when facing each opponent. Here are some highlights from games that were played during the month of September.



Volleyball

In game one, the Vikings beat Washington Co. 2-0. Liz Taylor led the way to victory, serving 14 straight points in the second set to take the victory. In game two the Lady Vikings took Washington Co. in 2-0 again! Kate Lowe led the way serving 7 of 9 offensively and made several smart defensive plays to lead to victory!



Football

The Central Middle School Vikings won their first football game of the season on Tuesday September 15, 2015 by a score of 20 – 0 vs South Creek Middle from Robersonville. The Vikings were lead on offense by Jaden Bond who scored two touchdowns and a two point conversion. Dyrion Bryant scored the other touchdown on a quarterback bootleg. The coaches would like to congratulate the defense on a very well played game in which they kept their opponent out of the end zone with great pursuit and gang tackling.



Soccer

Great effort was displayed by the Vikings' Soccer team in their game against Chowan. Despite the loss, the team kept their spirits high with tremendous effort by Cailyn Nowell and Trent Hobbs on offense and Josh Olsen and Jaliyah Riddick on defense.

