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Dear Parents,

February is here and that brings the possibility of inclement weather and final preparations for MAP testing. Local news on TV, radio, and websites will have the closings or delay notifications before the phone lines at CMS or the Board Office open. You are also welcome to sign up for Tiger Text Alerts on our website www.capetigers.com under District Info and Tiger Text Alerts. Please consult these sources before calling the school and tying up the phone lines.

As for MAP preparations, not only are teachers prepping students in the classrooms, but we are again going to offer MAP Academy to all students. The Communication Arts MAP Academy will be March 29 and April 2. The Math sessions will be April 12 and 16. MAP Academy is a great way for all students to get one final review of MAP skills. Snacks will be provided. A detailed letter about MAP Academy will be sent home closer to time.

Our MAP testing dates are as follows: Communication Arts-April 3 & 4, Science (5th only)-April 11 & 12, Math-April 17 & 18. Please make sure your child does not have any morning ap-

pointments on these dates! If the appointment cannot be moved, please notify the office as soon as possible so we can make arrangements for making up the test.

MAP testing can be stressful for everyone, but good preparation and practice can help alleviate much of that anxiety. Please make sure your child has a good night's sleep every day that week and eats breakfast either at home or at CMS. Together we can help our children do the best they can on MAP.

On another note, please remind your children that all toys (including Tech Decks) and electronic equipment (including iPods/MP3 players) need to stay at home. Anything that distracts from the learning environment may be confiscated. The only exceptions are if they have earned a reward with Tiger Bands.

Lastly, we appreciate your continued patience with the construction on our building. Until further notice, the public entrance is for now the door by the nurse/counselors' office on the west side of the building.

—Rex Crosnoe, Interim Principal



PTO Update

Thursday Feb. 9th will be CMS Culver's Night from 4-8. We will also need volunteers to help that night so if interested contact Keiki Patterson keikip@charter.net.

CMS Papa John's Night will be Wednesday Feb. 15th.

Box Tops - We turned in another 784 for \$78.40, and will be sending in another 2,254. Thanks so much to all of you who have been sending them in.

PTO bought 59 Walmart gift cards for our perfect attendance students. The winner of the 32" TV for the fall semester was Noah Karanen. Congratulations!

Cookie Dough Fundraiser—We ended up having 113 students selling, with a total of 809 cookies, for a total of \$12,135 for a profit of around \$5,000! Thanks to all that participated. We do still have some extras available for purchase for \$15.00. This is what we have: 3 Double Chocolate Chip Brownies, 1 Pretzel Kit, 2 Carnival, 2 Triple Chocolate Chunk, 1 The Pink Cookie, 2 Brownie Rounds, 2 Peanut Butter, 1 Butter Sugar. If you would like one or two of these please let me know (keikip@charter.net).

Our Top Three Sellers were:
 1st Reiss Groves- 34
 2nd Danica Thomas- 28
 3rd Kaitlyne Todt- 26

PBS Class Paw Incentive for Spring

Jimmy John's has teamed up with CMS to provide the class who earns the most Paws from now until the end of 3rd quarter a Jimmy John's party! That means that students will need to work together to be safe, responsible, and respectful EVERYWHERE in the building and outside the building to earn as many Paws as possible. This is an exciting opportunity. Thank you Jimmy John's!

Join us in Chicago!

If you are interested in going to Chicago this June, please register before Feb 15, 2012. After that date, you are still welcome to go with us. However, there will be an \$85 late enrollment fee added to the cost of the trip.

Valentine's Day Raffle

We will be raffling off 3 Valentine's Day gift baskets on February 14th! There will be a small, medium, and large gift basket. Tickets are 25 cents each for the small basket, 50 cents each for the medium basket, and \$1 each for the large basket. Tickets will be sold Feb 6th through 13th. Baskets will be on display before school in the lobby!

Candy Grams

Send a Valentine's Day Candy Gram to your friends and teachers! They will be on sale Feb 6-10 in your homerooms.

January Awards:

Students of the Month 5th Grade

- Nakyla Bird - Mr. Brown
- Roman Ketcherside - Mrs. Halter
- Taylor VanAmburg - Mrs. Hecht
- Olivia Courtway-Riebling - Mrs. Hunter
- Zachary Pullen - Mrs. Koenig
- Jeffrey Bittle - Mrs. Maudie
- Riley Jones - Ms. Nedilnycky
- Jacqui Lang - Mrs. Nugent
- Matthew Diamond - Mrs. Radake
- Alexis Richardson - Mrs. Wischmann

Students of the Month 6th Grade

- Bryar Daum - Mr. Bradshaw
- Lexi Gurley - Mrs. Brown
- Haillie Dodds - Mrs. Dugan
- Kylie Lane - Mrs. Hill
- Takaisha Walker - Mrs. Newman
- September Knupp - Mrs. Shaffer
- Jared Courtney - Mrs. Stevens
- Nathan Patterson - Mrs. Valleroy
- Lydia Gentry - Mrs. Werner
- Tyler Hafford - Mrs. Young

Classes of the Month

- Art-5th Wischmann, 6th Shaffer
- Comp.-5th Nugent, 6th Shaffer
- Library-5th Halter, 6th Werner
- Music -5th Nugent, 6th Bradshaw
- P.E. - 5th Nugent/Hecht

Spirit Awards

- Mrs. Wischmann's 5th grade - 77%
- Mrs. Dugan's 6th grade - 71%

Orange Spoon Awards

- 5th - Ms. Nedilnycky, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Maudie
- 6th - Mrs. Valleroy, Mr. Bradshaw, Mrs. Shaffer, Mrs. Dugan

The Orange Spoon Award can be earned by every class at lunch by:
Being Responsible—Have their IDs
Being Respectful—Quiet after signal
Being Safe—Clean area after finished
 The winning grade gets to sit in the bleachers during the next assembly!



ACADEMIC SUCCESS: ACADEMIC BEHAVIORS BY LESA HINTON

The following information is from Anne Arundel County Public Schools in Maryland. http://www.aacps.org/great8/guidepost_add.asp#acad.

As students move progress school, they need to learn to develop independent work habits. The following are four **academic behaviors that will help your child achieve success in school:**

Organization

For many students, academic challenges are related more to a lack of organization than a lack of intellectual ability. Your child may need assistance learning how to use binders or folders to get organized. Using an agenda book to track assignments on a regular basis helps students stay organized.

Time Management

Learning to organize time to be productive takes practice and experience. Together, develop a schedule for nightly activities including homework and help your child stick to this schedule. When students receive a large assignment, help may be needed in breaking the assignments into smaller pieces to get them done.

Motivation

Most students say they want to do well in school but don't know how to make it happen. The rea-

son is often motivation. Tapping into and linking your child's interests to academics is a great way to get him or her geared up to do well in school and makes learning more interesting.

Attendance

Attendance plays a vital role in academic achievement. When students miss school for all or part of the day, he or she misses out on meaningful instructional time. Parents can encourage proper attendance by ensuring their child:

- Gets enough rest
- Wakes up to their own alarm clock to get to school on time
- Eats a healthy breakfast

Attendance habits established from elementary school through high school have a direct impact on success post-graduation.

Multiplication Facts Testing

In our 20th week of Multiplication facts testing, 534 students have successfully passed the test. Congratulations to Mrs. Werner and Mrs. Dugan's classes on 100% completion. We only have 32 students in 5th grade and 8 more in 6th grade before the whole school reaches 100%. Great work, everyone, and let's work together to help those last few to pass their tests!

12th Annual

Children's Art Festival

There were several entries submitted from both 5th and 6th grades. Students could enter an artwork or a poem about a specific painting. Mrs. Richardet and Mrs. Wilson selected five pieces of artwork from each grade level and one poem from each grade level to represent CMS at this year's festival. These winning entries will be displayed at the Arts Council in Cape Girardeau from February 3 through the month of February along with winning entries from other area schools from 11 counties. Everyone is welcome to go to the council to see all of the artwork and poems.

Congratulations to the following for representing CMS!

5th grade: Morgan Proffer, Kaitlin Ritter, Matt Kinder, Alexis Richardson, Kamdyn Rhodes, and Darian Huffman (poem)

6th grade: Alexis Phillips, Katelin Oswald, Ethan Hutson, Jodi Beckett, Anthony Strack, Destiny Kiser (poem)

—Mrs. Richardet, CMS art teacher





CMS Events Calendar:

February	3, 2012	Early Dismissal - 1:43 pm - Teacher Collaboration
	6 - 10, 2012	Mid-Quarter Week
	7, 2012	Parent/Teacher Conferences - 4:00 - 7:30 pm
	9, 2012	Culvers Night - 4:00 - 8:00 pm
	15, 2012	Papa John's Night (mention CMS when you order pizza)
	16, 2012	Parent/Teacher Conferences - 4:00 - 7:30 pm
	17 - 21, 2012	NO SCHOOL - Parent/Teacher Conference Compensation/President's Day/Prof Development
	24, 2012	Multicultural Night - 6:00 - 7:30 pm
March	2, 2012	Early Dismissal - 1:43 pm - Teacher Collaboration
	6, 2012	Spring Picture Day
	9, 2012	3rd Quarter Reward Party/End of 3rd Quarter (44 days)
	16, 19, 2012	NO SCHOOL - District Music Contest/Professional Development Day
	20, 2012	Report Cards Sent Home With Students
April	5 - 9, 2012	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
	12, 2012	Culvers Night - 4:00 - 8:00 pm
	13, 2012	Early Dismissal - 1:43 pm - Teacher Collaboration
	16 - 20, 2012	Mid-Quarter Week
	26, 2012	Parent Advisory Meeting 5:30 pm
May	4, 2012	Early Dismissal - 1:43 pm - Teacher Collaboration
	11, 2012	PLAYDAY/FIELD DAY
	18, 2012	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - Early Dismissal - 12:15 pm - Report Cards Sent Home

Spring Book Fair

The spring book fair will coincide with the first of our two conference nights and Grandparent's Week. February 6-10. Check out the library website for links to our book fair homepage for more information as well as the link to our online fair.

<http://www.cape.k12.mo.us/centralmidschool/myweb18/>

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/homepage.do?meth-od=homepage&url=capecms&appesp=CPT/ib/20120101///txtl/FairFindertoHomepage>

Explore Students Quiz Bowl Results

Below is a link to Mrs. Smith's newsletter. The first section has results from the recent quiz bowl.

Fifth grade students placed 12th of 29 teams from their grade level and 26th of 62 teams from grades 5 and 6.

Sixth grade students placed 7th of 26 teams from their grade level and 10th of 62 teams from grades 5 and 6.

Both grades had very good scores. Getting over 1200 points (winning scores were 1203 and 1260) would require the group to average 15 seconds to read and answer each of 100 questions.

<http://www.cape.k12.mo.us/centralmidschool/smitht/new%20web/Tch%20Files/Jan%2023.pdf>

