

CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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To Our Learning Community,

Please check the Lost and Found before you leave for the Holidays. We have a large collection of goods that need a home.

Christmas Time – A Busy Time

December 4-21 is the Annual Mrs. Nelson's Christmas Tree Light-up. Students who bring a loonie or canned food item get a chance to guess how many lights are on Mrs. Nelson's Christmas tree in the library.

The winner of the guessing contest gets \$50.00. The highest donating class in each grade wins a pizza party. This year our target is to beat the 3000 food items from last year.

Along with that CMS is adopting two families who are in need for Christmas. We will be using the money left over from hall or class parties to help fund this. Therefore, students and staff are encouraged that if their classes and grades have extra money after planning and purchasing for their class events they can help others by donating to this cause.

December 17th Christmas Trivia

December 19th Magazine Day Movie "Fred Claus" - Students and staff walk to the Cinema after lunch if they were part of sales for the Magazine Campaign held this fall 2007.

December 20th Christmas Showcase Assembly – approx. 9:30am start. Please join us for this holiday celebration.

December 20th Hour long lunch. A chance to visit with your child perhaps!

December 21st Grade 7, 8 and 9 Hall Parties

December 21st last day of Canned Food Drive



Scent Sensitivity

Students are reminded that other members of our school may be allergic to strong scents that spray colognes and deodorants may emit. To this extent, please refrain from spraying these in the hallway and do so only in the change rooms, washrooms or at home before you arrive to our learning facility. Thank you on behalf of the Health and Safety Committee.

Term Two Timelines

Upon returning from the Holiday Break, there are only three weeks left in the current semester (term 2). Mark this on your calendar, as end of term means major tests and projects are required to be completed! February 1st is the official term ending date.

Leadership

Our Grade 7 leadership class had an idea and from there some incredible efforts created Waffle and Hot Chocolate Day. The 8's and 9's helped out with the event which was coupled with Pajama Day; a way for students and staff to earn House Points if they dressed in their PJ's.

"Stepping Stones to the Future"

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When the syrup settled 800 waffles were served and \$707.74 was raised for a trust fund that will be established for children affected by cancer. It will be our local Make a Wish Fund.

Life Lessons - The obstacle in Our Path.

In ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a Roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the King's' wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the stone out of the way.

Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the Peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. After the Peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway. The Peasant learned what many of us never understand!

Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our condition.

BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation - Fruit and Vegetable Snack Program

The BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation has received the “**2007 Canadian Agri-Food Award of Excellence for Education and Awareness**” for its administration of the BC School Fruit and Vegetable Snack Program. The Program is part of the ActNow BC initiative to encourage healthy choices by all British Columbians.

At CMS we have enjoyed the Healthy Snack Program, which is accomplished with the guidance of Ms. Duncan and her motivated students. Snacks that have been served so far this year include pears, apples, carrots and mini cucumbers.

Dates for the Fridge:

Dec. 20 - Christmas Assembly at CMS/Hour long lunch

Dec. 21 - Last Day of 2007 Classes

Jan. 7 - Return to Classes for 2008

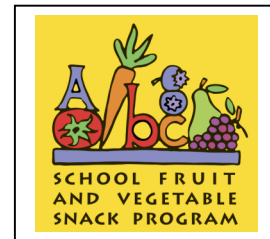
Feb. 1 - Term Two Ends (Term 3 = Feb 4th to April 23rd)

Feb. 4 to 15 - FSA Testing for Gr. 7

Feb. 8 - NBCWG Begins – NIS (not in session day)

Feb. 11 – NID

Newsletters and other information about Central can be found anytime on our website which is listed in the newsletter banner.



The Class Challenge – Return the Newsletter Slip and Win Big!

Just complete the skill-testing question, have a parent or guardian sign the slip and return it to your homeroom teacher by Friday. The class with the best return percentage wins! *A variety of cool prizes are available to be won!*

Student Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

Skill Testing Question: What is the last day of Term Two at CMS for 2007-2008?
_____.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

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