



## CMS Highlights and Events

### March 2019

#### 4<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies:

The fourth grade students constructed models of the Alamo. These all turned out fabulous. Our students are so talented. They were on display for several days in the hall by the middle school office.



### **Yearbook:**

The yearbook deadline is upon us and we will be busy the next two weeks taking more pictures to fill each and every page. I have already approved our cover and it is being manufactured even as I write this. We also continue each week preparing food bags for the backpack project. On Valentine's Day we visited the residents of the local nursing home and handed out handmade cards and suckers. We encountered lots of smiles and conversations there. We always enjoy that visit each time we go. Our next trip there will be around Easter.

### **5<sup>th</sup> grade ELAR:**

We are continuing our novel study with "Number the Stars" by Lois Lowry, a book about what life was like for the Jews of Denmark during 1943. The students seem to be really enjoying learning about the history of the Nazis relocating the Jews, although it was a sad part of history. We are also working rigorously for the upcoming STAAR test, learning new vocabulary and benchmarking. We have also been providing after school tutorials for a number of our 5th grade students in reading and math.

### **5<sup>th</sup> grade Math:**

We are on the final countdown to testing. We will conclude our studies with 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional study of shapes! We will have a 10-day STAAR ATTACK leading up to STAAR. Tutoring groups are being reevaluated based on our benchmark test take February 26, 2019.

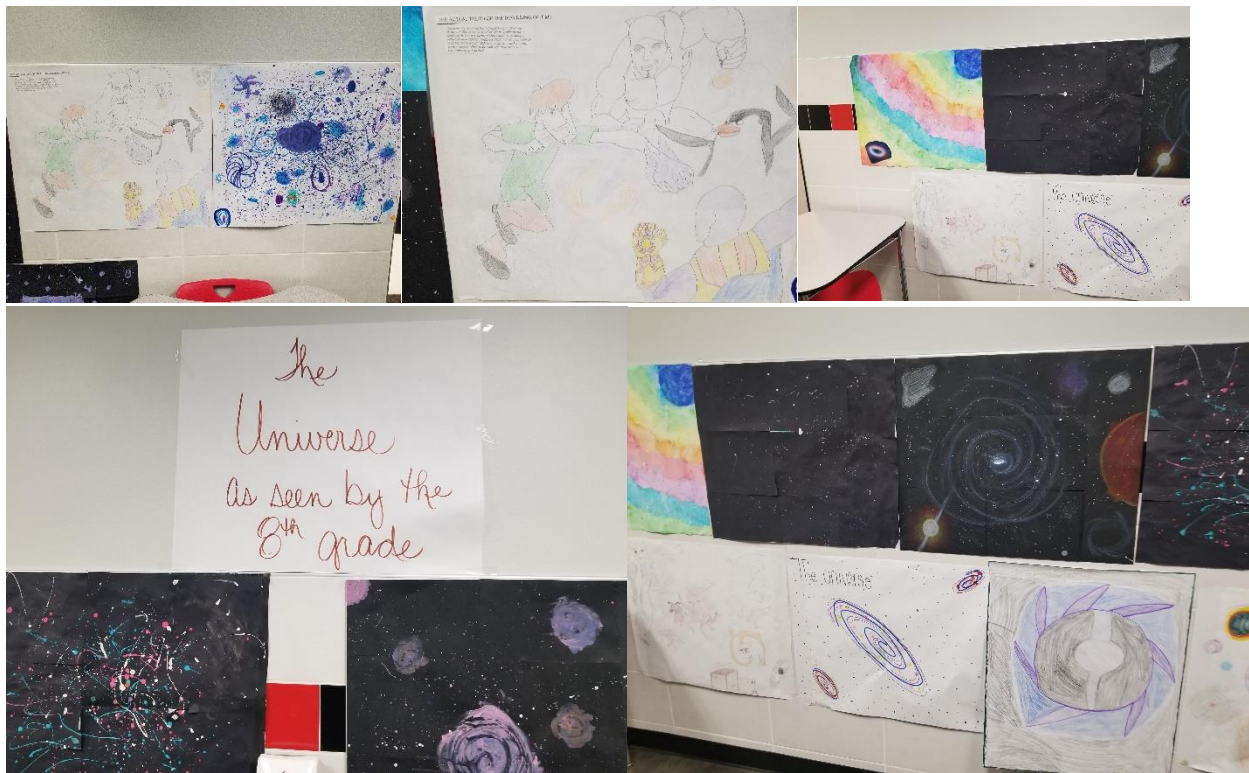
### **5<sup>th</sup> grade Science:**

For 5th Grade Science, the students are studying how energy moves through the ecosystems through food webs and food chains. The

students have started preparing for the Science STAAR Test through filling out and studying review sheets. They also will be studying vocabulary words on Quizlet.com and have friendly competitions on Kahoot.com and Jeopardy while answering STAAR related questions.

### **8<sup>th</sup> grade Science:**

8th grade students began studying the Universe. They were asked to draw what the universe looked like. We have very creative students at CMS!!



### **Seventh Grade Science:**

Seventh grade is studying the different biomes of the world. They will be decorating boxes to model the different plants and animals that live in the world's regions.

*The end of the semester is just around the corner. I find it hard to believe we will be out in a few days for Spring Break. After that we will be celebrating the end of the year before we know it.*

*The middle school teachers and students have been really working hard and preparing for the testing that is just around the bend. We had our first Boot Camp Day on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February. What an amazing turnout, we had 146 students attend and had a very positive and beneficial work day for the students that attended. I think the next ones will even have more students in attendance.*

*We finished our last benchmark of the year last week on March 1<sup>st</sup>. This is very helpful to our teachers in providing them with the information necessary to form their tutoring groups. We will use this information to select and invite the students to attend tutorials for the remainder of the semester.*

*Track season has began and we hosted the first meet of the year. Our students really work hard and performed well. Several relays and students won their respective relay or event and I cannot commend the coaches and students enough on their hard work.*

*I hope you all have had a great week or month and as always we appreciate your support and dedication.*

*Thank you.*