

Enrollment
6 th 74
7 th 77
8 th 76
Total 227

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“Kindness, Courtesy, and Respect Goes a Long Way”

Highlights
April 8, 2013

STAAR Testing

CMS Students have completed the first round of the state standardized testing. On April 2, the seventh graders began the STAAR Writing Test. Eighth graders took the math test that same day. April 3, the seventh graders completed the writing test while eighth graders took the reading test. Upcoming STAAR testing dates are as follows:

April 23	Math	6-7 Grades
April 24	Reading	6-7 Grades
	Science	8 th Grade
April 25	Social Studies	8 th Grade
May 14	Math Retest	8 th Grade
May 15	Reading Retest	8 th Grade
June 25	Math Retest	8 th Grade
June 26	Reading Retest	8 th Grade

Tutorials

After-school tutorials will continue to provide additional instruction for students preparing for the STAAR tests. Eighth graders are currently working on science and social studies after school.

8th Grade Math

Eighth grade math students who do not pass the first round of STAAR testing will be working with Cheryl Warren from high school. Mrs. Warren has worked with eighth grade students in the past. Her tutorials will be held from 3:45-5:30 after school. Mrs. Lacefield will also be working with these students during her conference period.

Reading

Mrs. Johnson will be working with eighth grade students who will be required to take the STAAR reading portion of the test the second time. She will be working with the students during homeroom and after school if needed.

Computer Tutorial Programs

This year CMS has provided students with a variety of computer-based instruction designed to help students on the STAAR test. They are as follows:

Study Island

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Imagination Station

Think Through Math

These programs have been used during tutorials after school, during homeroom, and in computer classes during the day. Parents also have the ability to have students work on these programs at home.

Workbooks

CMS has provided students with additional help by providing workbooks designed to help them with the upcoming STAAR test. The handbook titled STAAR Master was purchased for every student in every core subject area with the exception of writing for seventh grade. For the second round of testing in eighth grade we will be utilizing a workbook titled Motivational Math from the publisher Mentoring Minds. During the summer we will be working with a workbook called Measuring Up.

Region 14 Workshop

A workshop will be provided in Abilene, Texas for students who have not passed the math portion of the test. The workshop will be presented by a math specialist from Region 14. The date has not been scheduled as of today.

Summer School

Summer school will be held June 3-26. The hours will be from 8:00-12:00, four days out of the week. STAAR testing will be held on the last two. Summer school is designed for students who have not passed the math or reading portion of the STAAR test. Students who have not passed regular classes and/or students who have not met the attendance requirements during the school year will be required to attend summer school for promotion.

Athletics

Colorado City will host a track meet on April 5. Schools from around the region have been invited to attend. The District track meet will be held in Lamesa on April 15.

Special Ed.

Special Ed. classes have been working on a *"Manners Unit"* in their classes. They will take their annual field trip in the month of May. They sponsored a dance and a bake sale to help fund this trip. Tentative plans are to travel to Lubbock and visit the National Ranch and Heritage Center and the National Wind Power Museum. Special Ed. teachers attended a workshop in Abilene, Texas on Special Ed. law requirements. Jim Walsh, an attorney from Austin, presented information relating to new legal requirements.

National History Day

Students are completing their projects for the National History Day contest that will be held May 3-4 in Austin, Texas at the Bob Bullock Museum. We will be taking eight students to the state competition. Categories include web pages, documentaries, and display boards.

Survivor Day

CMS Survivor Day will be held on May 24. Students will be celebrating the end of the year with activities at the Railhead Building. A hamburger meal will be provided. Each year, Joan Tolle, along with students, help raise funds for these activities.

Troy Sutton – Opera House

Troy Sutton from Abilene, Texas will be presenting a one-man play at the Opera House on May 24. Mr. Sutton has spoken to our staff and students in the past. He has been one of our key-note speakers at our annual veterans program. He has written and performed a one-man play in New York City about his experiences in the military. He is scheduled to perform twice for students and the public during the day and a final performance in the evening. The public will be invited to attend with a special invitation for veterans.

Health and Fitness Fair - 5K Run/Walk

CMS will have the annual health and fitness fair on May 30. As in the past, staff, students, and community will be invited to participate in the 5K walk/run starting at 9:00. Speakers from our school, community, and area will make presentations related to health and fitness. The community will be invited to attend this special day.

Run for the Wall

Run for the Wall will be held on May 18. This year will be their 25th anniversary. We currently are planning for approximately 700 people to attend this year's event. This number includes local veterans and community members.

Open House

Open House will be held on May 2. Activities are currently being planned. Tentatively a meal will be provided for parents and students. CMS will be an early voting site for the upcoming election at this time which includes the race for mayor and school bond election.

RAD

Janine Lemons has been working with Midland College to provide training for eighth grade girls. RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) training will require parent permission. The cost is \$15 per student. Seniors at high school will also be provided the opportunity to receive this training. Trainers are from the college police department. Our local civic organizations have helped sponsor this event.

Wall of Honor

May 1, the Wall of Honor committee is meeting to begin the selection process for the 2013 induction. We are in the process of sending pictures for plaques that need to be completed for past inductees.

National Junior Honor Society and Rachel's Challenge Group

Students from these organizations will be helping with the "*Heart of West Texas*" fundraiser on April 19. They will help serve dinner at the Heritage House. That evening Jay Boy Adams, Bill Worrell, and Tina and Walt Wilkins will be performing as part of the fundraiser for the museum.