

CMS Learning Leadership Team – This team (Mrs. Knickerbocker, Ms. Brooks, Miss Nelsen, Mrs. Pumala, Mrs. Heldstab, Mrs. Thompson, Miss Diesterhaft, Mr. Borstad and Mr. Spanel) meets monthly to discuss learning and teaching at CMS. In December we concentrated on interventions and scheduling.

RtI and Interventions – CMS is using STAR to track student progress in Reading and Math. We have formed a committee to look into interventions for the new SLD law. Our main instructional goal at CMS continues to be effective CCSS instruction.

Team Meetings – We hold 5, 6 and 7/8 core team meetings after grading period. During these meetings we talk about individual student concerns, school and grade level goals and instructional strategies.

Reading Meetings – Mr. Spanel and Ms. Brooks (Reading Specialist) met with the 5-8 core ELA instructors during the month of December. We continue to discuss effective strategies for teaching literacy and what resources teachers need.

Heritage Manor – Mrs. La Vallie has continued our relationship with Heritage Manor. Her 5th grade students visit and write to their ‘pals’ throughout the year. We have a couple of days when we invite them into the classroom and for lunch.

Talk with Tom – Mr. Spanel held a Talk with Tom session on Wednesday, December 18.

National Geographic Geography Bee – Mr. La Vallie is organizing the National Geographic Geography Bee at CMS. This academic competition is open to all of our 5th thru 8th graders. Our school champion will be invited to take a written test to determine if they qualify for state.

NHS Spelling Bee – Mr. Spanel is working with the National Honor Society members on the school wide spelling bee. This is a gifted and talented project that our high school NHS members have been working with us on for several years.

Holiday Performance – The CMS Holiday Performance was held on December 10. Mr. Joosten, Mrs. Joosten, Mrs. Halverson and the students did an outstanding job delivering a wide variety of holiday selections.

Toys for Tots – The FBLA sponsored a Toys for Tots drive at CMS and CHS. Mrs. Hopkins organized this community service project.

Middle School Athletics – Our 7th and 8th grade boy’s basketball season has concluded. Both teams had successful seasons. Our 7th and 8th grade girls basketball season will begin after the Holidays and our middle school wrestling program will begin in February. We will be hosting several boys and girls basketball games and tournaments throughout the winter. These games are run by community volunteers.

Navigation Team – The K-12 Navigation Team met on Thursday, Dec. 19.

Security Planning – Mr. Leschisin and the principals met on Dec. 10 to discuss security planning at each of the buildings.

BMI Testing – We will do Body Mass Index testing at CMS/CHS on Jan. 10. This is a requirement of the PEP Grant.

Holiday Lunch and Ice Cream Sendoff – Mr. Spanel cooked turkey and Mrs. Rust and Mrs. Huseh provided dessert for our staff members on Wednesday, Dec. 18. In addition, the student council members delivered ice cream treats to everyone in the middle school during 8th hour on the 20th. ***Happy Holidays!***