

**CMS Learning Leadership Team** – This team (Mrs. Knickerbocker, Ms. Brooks, Miss Nelsen, Mrs. Pearson, 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 how respond when students are not learning.

**RtI and Interventions** – CMS is using STAR to track student progress in Reading and Math. Our students that are participating in Successful Reader and Accelerated Math were tested again in November. All CMS students will be tested in January. We are looking for improvement in our scores and setting goals based on student achievement.

**AM and SR Training** – We had Accelerated Math and Successful Reader trainings over the past month to help our interventionists become more familiar with these programs and assist them with using the data that these programs provide regarding student learning.

**Badger Exam (SBAC) Trainings** – Mr. Spanel met with the ELA, Math and SpEd teachers on Nov. 20 to discuss the two part Badger Exams to be given this spring. He followed up with an entire staff meeting on Nov. 25. All teachers were asked to help prepare students for these state tests.

**November Parent/Teacher Conferences** – CMS had a 79% turnout with parents for parent/teacher conferences. This was the first year that we shared individual student STAR Math and Reading results with our parents.

**Heritage Manor** – Mrs. LaVallie has continued our relationship with Heritage Manor. Her 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**National Geographic Geography Bee** – Mr. LaVallie is organizing the National Geographic Geography Bee at CMS. This academic competition is open to all of our 5<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> 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 Mrs. Pearson on the school wide spelling bee. This is a gifted and talented project for our students.

**Holiday Performance** – The CMS Holiday Performance was held on December 16. 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys’ basketball season has concluded. Both teams had successful seasons. Our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 W, Dec. 17 and Tu, Dec. 23.

**Holiday Lunch** – Mr. Spanel cooked turkey for a staff holiday celebration on Th, Dec. 18.