

# Chehalis Middle School

## November/December 2023

**Chris Simpson, Principal**

**Heidi Fagerness, Assistant Principal**

On behalf of the staff, I would like to extend our thanks to parents, family members and guardians who attended our fall parent/teacher conferences. We appreciated the opportunity to conference directly with so many of the families of CMS students. 1,214 conferences were held over two days!

Ongoing student progress can be monitored from home by using Skyward Family Access. A link can be found on our school website. Second quarter ends Friday, January 26th. Second quarter grades will be posted on Skyward on Tuesday, February 7th. Third quarter begins on January 29th.

Spring parent/teacher conferences will take place in early March. Watch and listen for a reminder on CMS Website, Skyward email and Remind for dates and times.

~ Mr. Simpson



As we approach the holiday season, it's a wonderful time to reflect on the many reasons we are thankful for our school community. November has been filled with inspiring events that showcase the incredible talent and spirit within our school. As we head into December, let's continue to celebrate the achievements and growth of our students.

This season, we are reminded of the importance of gratitude. At CMS, we are thankful for the dedicated teachers, enthusiastic students, and supportive families that make our school a fantastic place to learn and grow.

The choir students had a beautiful concert on November 14th. We extend our gratitude to our talented choir members and to Angela Gilbert for dedication to music at CMS.

Our wrestling and basketball teams are offering students an incredible opportunity to develop skills, build teamwork, and foster a strong sense of discipline. Thank you to our coaches for their dedication and hard work. Special appreciation goes out to the families who support our student-athletes.

On November 9th, we gathered to honor and express our gratitude to the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces. A special thank you to our guest speaker, Jim Lowery, for sharing his insights and love for our community. The music program, once again, demonstrated their talent with a terrific performance that added a meaningful touch to our Veterans Day celebration.

As we transition into December, let's continue to embody the spirit of thankfulness and unity that defines CMS. Wishing you all a joyful holiday season filled with warmth, laughter, and cherished moments with loved ones.

~ Mrs. Fagerness

# WINTER BREAK DEC 18 - JAN 1

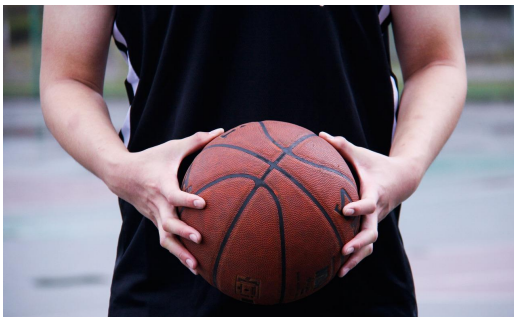
**EARLY RELEASE - DECEMBER 15 @ 11:05  
RETURN TO SCHOOL JANUARY 2ND**



## *WF West Theatre Presents Disney's The Lion King*

Performances  
December 8th and 15th – 7:30 pm  
December 9th and 16th – 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm  
In the W.F. West Theatre

Tickets are \$9.00 and are sale at the  
WF West ASB Office  
or at the door before each performance



Boy's Basketball  
starts 1/2/24

Make sure you  
have a current  
physical and  
sports fees  
have been paid  
before the start  
of practice



Girl's Volleyball  
starts 2/14/24





## **Attendance is important.....**

Chehalis Middle School strives to ensure all students fully benefit from their education by attending school regularly. Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Your student can start building this habit early so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Consistent attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- At any level, too many absences (excused and unexcused) can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) increases the chance that your student will fall behind in basic skills as compared to their peers.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two every few weeks.
- Being late to school contributes to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By being present at school, your child learns valuable social skills and has the opportunity to develop meaningful relationships with other students and school staff.
- Absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work or facing some other potentially serious difficulty.

### **WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU**

We miss your student when they are gone and we value their contributions to our school. We would like you to help ensure that your student attends regularly and is successful in school. If your student is going to be absent, please contact Chehalis Middle School at 360-807-7230.

### **OUR PROMISE TO YOU**

We know that there are a wide variety of reasons that students are absent from school, from health concerns to transportation challenges. There are many people in our building prepared to help you if you or your student face challenges in getting to school regularly or on time. We promise to track attendance daily, to notice when your student is missing from class, communicate with you to understand why they were absent, and to identify barriers and supports available to overcome challenges you may face in helping your student attend school.

**Additional details of our school's attendance policies can be found in the CMS Student Handbook and on our school's website.**

### **WHAT YOU CAN DO**

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Prepare for school the night before, finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required immunizations.
- Don't let your student stay home unless they are truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- Avoid appointments and extended trips when school is in session.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Keep track of your student's attendance on Skyward Family Access.
- Talk to your student about the importance of attendance.
- Talk to your students' teachers if you notice sudden changes in behavior. These could be tied to something going on at school.
- Encourage meaningful afterschool activities, including sports and clubs.

# FROM THE NURSE'S DESK

## Sick Policy Reminders for Students and Families:

If an Individual has one or more of the following symptoms they should isolate at home and test for COVID-19:

- Fever greater than 100.4 F or chills
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Cough (new, changed, or worsening)
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- Sore throat
- Muscle or body aches
- New loss of taste or smell
- Congestion or runny nose
- Fatigue

It is recommended that they be tested for COVID 19. They may return to school once they are fever free and not vomiting for 24-hours, as well as have significantly improved symptoms.

*Please contact the school nurse if your family is in need of COVID 19 Test Kits.*



## Chromebook Trouble?

Are you having trouble logging into your school-issued Chromebook at home? Check in with the library and they will help you get online.

## Lids for Literacy

Love wearing hats?  
Love supporting your library?

**Do both!!**

On November 29th students and staff are invited to pay \$1 to wear a hat for the day. This money goes directly to our library for the purchase of new books.

Upcoming Lids for Literacy dates:  
January 31st, March 27th, May 29th

Book Fair News: An ENORMOUS thank you to everyone who shopped our fall book fair, both in person and online. Your purchases and donations help support the purchase of new books for our library. THANK YOU!!!

# COUNSELOR NEWS

We have a great group of 8th graders that have been volunteering at the local food bank to help our community. Our students volunteer on a rotating basis on Friday mornings.

Check out their website [lcfbc.net](http://lcfbc.net) if your family is interested in helping this organization, or in need of their services.



FEEDING OUR COMMUNITY



The counselors have invited students to create a sticker design to promote school spirit. Winning designs will be chosen and made into stickers to share with CMS students and staff. Our partnership with the W.F. West CTE Sign Making class allows us to have these stickers made right here in our district. Congratulations to our first winner: 7th grader, Aaron Woods.



**CMS Wednesdays are for Career & College Readiness!**  
Students can wear logos to support a college, local business, career, or the military and get a piece of candy at lunch on Wednesdays.

Every Wednesday, students will hear fun facts about a college or technical school in the morning announcements and college tour videos may be shown during Wildcat time.

CMS students were sent a Career Interest Survey in their email this month. Please ask your student what career they identified as an interest area. If they still have not done their survey, they will be emailed a reminder throughout the month of December. The top 3 interest areas for those who completed it were:

#1 Art, Audio/Video Technology and Communications

#2 Health Sciences

#3 Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security



# Music Department



## Upcoming Events

*December 7, Thursday - 12:00 pm*

*Steel Drums @ Bethel church*

*December 12, Tuesday - 6:00 & 7:30 pm*

*Giuliani - 6:00*

*Veltkamp - 7:30*

*January 11, Thursday - 7:00 pm*

*Choir (All 6th grade choirs & Wildcat Choir) @ EMS Gym*

*January 17, Wednesday - 7:00 pm*

*Steel Drums Concert @ EMS Commons*

*January 23, Tuesday - 7:00 pm*

*6th Grade Instrumental Concert - EMS Gym*

## *CHEHALIS MUSIC BOOSTER CLUB POINSETTIA SALE*

*Our annual Poinsettia Plant Sale has been a big success. Thank you to all who sold, helped, and bought plants to support our students in the music activities.*

*Poinsettia Pick Up Day*

*Wednesday, December 6th, 2023: 12 pm - 6 pm*

*At St. John's Lutheran Church*

*1920 Jackson Hwy, Chehalis*

Parents-We need your help with distribution day...Please let us know if you are willing to help.

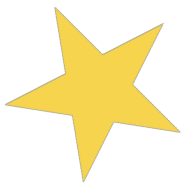
Questions please contact Ann Rubert [annrubert70@gmail.com](mailto:annrubert70@gmail.com)

Attention parents of Choir, Orchestra and Band Students!

We are currently signing up new Chehalis Music Booster clubs members. We hope ALL parents of our amazing music students will join us this year. Please use the QR code to sign up today.



CMBC supports all of our music students grades 6-12 as they travel, play, and compete during their music careers at CMS/WFW. You are most welcome and we won't bug you for other stuff! Join today.



# CONGRATULATIONS 1ST QUARTER SCHOLARS!



THESE STUDENTS ACHIEVED ALL AS IN THE FIRST QUARTER

SOPHIA R. ALLEN  
GABRIEL A. ALVARADO  
ELLIE J. AMBURGY  
LEVI T. AMES  
KENZIE E. ANDERSON  
ADDYSON A. ARTHURS  
BRENTON M. AUZSTON  
NORA K. BEARD  
JACK E. BECKER  
CATHERINE L. BENDER  
JAY W. BIEKER  
MADELINE B. BRADLEY  
ROWYN S. BRESNAHAN  
KARSON W. BUNCH  
MIRABEL V. BURGER  
KADDIJAH CEESAY  
OLIVIA CHERRINGTON  
KENDALL D. COITEUX  
KALE J. COLE  
LILLIAN J. CROCKER  
ARIELLA J. CROWELL  
DREES CUSHMAN  
KORBIN A. DAVIS  
JAYDEN DEAN  
SAVANHA G. DEHAVEN  
AMELIA C. DICKSON  
RAYGEN M. DUE  
JAMES L. DUONG  
LUKAS DVORAK  
KENDRICK M. EDMONDS  
ADAM G. ELDER  
COLLIN D. ELDER  
ALLISON K. FLEXHAUG  
CARLEY J. FOGLESONG  
ASHTYN R. GALLAGHER  
ELI G. GARCIA  
DESTINY E. GAROUTTE

LONDON E. GERMOND  
BRYNLEY R. GRIMES  
JACKSON A. GROBERG  
MADELEN C. GRUGINSKI  
TRU A. HAMRICK  
NATALIE R. HARJO  
AYANNA M. HARMON  
LUKE HARTLEY  
WYATT R. HOFFMAN  
MIDORILANI S. HOKAMA  
ZIVA N. HOLLEY  
REGINALD L. HOLMES  
BRYSTON L. HOOPER  
MILO W. HORNBY  
HAILEY K. HOWLETT  
HARPER L. HUNZIKER  
BLAKE R. IRVING  
ANNALISA M. JACOB  
JUNIPER A. JAMES  
RAYA J. JENSEN  
RYKER T. JENSEN  
MAGALI C. JIMENEZ  
BRAUN C. JONES  
JOHN T. JUSSILA  
KHUSHMANPREET KAUR  
SOREN J. KLOVDAHL  
LANDON T. KRETZ  
JUDE W. LAMBERT  
BROOKLYNN R. LARSON  
KARINA Q. LEI  
MIA S. LESLIE  
DRAKE V. LINDHOLM  
CONNER W. LLOYD  
DOMINIC J. LUJAN  
REECE W. MARQUEZ  
SERGIO A. MARTINEZ

THALIA G. MARTINEZ  
SELENA J. MATAGI  
RYLEN J. MCCONNELL  
LANEY G. MCGREGOR  
THEODORE S. MEINKING  
RAYAH A. MIDDLETON  
SAVANNAH J. MIKKELSEN  
GEORGIA M. MILLS  
FISHER B. MINOR  
OLIVER R. MINOR  
AUSTIN L. MISNER  
BENJAMIN K. MITTGE  
EMBERLEIGH E. MOODY  
MADELYN R. MORA  
KATE E. MORDICK  
GIBSON K. MORGAN  
HAROLD J. IV MORGAN  
ARACELY E. NARANJO  
MADILYN M. NESARY  
KIMBER L. NIEMAN  
HADLEY S. NIEMI  
BRANTLEY M. NOREN  
TRISTAN NORTH  
LILY O'NEILL  
HECTOR J. OJEDA  
ISABELLA J. PANIAGUA  
BECKETT C. PORTER  
ARLENI E. RAMIREZ MARTINEZ  
KARLY J. RASMUSSEN  
MILA K. RIIS  
HUNTER L. RILEY  
TREVOR H. RILEY  
KENZIE J. ROBERTS  
FINNLEY ROBISON  
WILLOW L. ROGERSON  
LOGAN T. ROONEY

CRUZ A. SANCHEZ  
ERIN E. SANDBERG  
AUDREY R. SANTEE  
IZABELLA R. SARNES  
ELLEN M. SARUWATARI  
ROWAN J. SCHIENBEIN  
HOPE SHIELDS  
BRIANA C. SMITH  
RYLEN L. SONNER  
BROOKLYN R. SPENCER  
HARVEY D. SPOGEN  
OLIVER STANTON  
REESE L. STEELE  
BRENDAN M. STEVENS  
ELENA L. STRAIT  
VIOLET J. SWEHOSKY  
BRADY B. TAYLOR  
TRISTYN R. TAYLOR  
ISABELLE C. TEETER  
LILYBELLE A. THUSTON  
TINSLEY L. TOBIN  
KATE M. TURNER  
LINDEN C. VARICK  
JORDYN M. VIGGUE  
COBY J. WALKER  
MADDOX C. WALKER  
TAMINA N. WALTON  
COLBY S. WESTLUND  
CHANTELL M. WHITE  
GAGE WIENS  
GRANT Q. WILSON  
BROOKLYN L. WOHLD  
JAMIAH WOOD  
SIERRA R. WOOD  
BELLA K. YIP  
RYLAN R. ZENKNER





*Congratulations!!!*



*Outstanding Wildcat Award Winners!*

Adam Elder  
Addyson Arthurs  
Ashtyn Gallagher  
Banyan Baldwin  
Benjamin Mittge  
Brandon Hayden  
Braun Jones  
Braxton Cole  
Briana Smith  
Brooke Bivins  
Brooklyn Spencer  
Brooklynn "B" Larson  
Colby Westlund  
Collin Elder  
Cory Thibault  
Darling Odden  
Destiny Garoutte  
Diana Gutierrez  
Dominic Lima Chagallon  
Edward Hastings  
Ella Olson

Erin Sandberg  
Fisher Minor  
Gibson Morgan  
Hadley Niemi  
Harper Hunziker  
Ila Reavis  
Jamiah Wood  
Jayden Dean  
John Alexander  
Jonathan Beltran  
Jordyn Viggue  
Jorge Jimenez Nicolas  
Juliett Mostert  
Juniper James  
Kale Cole  
Karly Rasmussen  
Kate Turner  
Kendall Coiteux  
Kennadee Jewell  
Kimberly Segovia-Velis

Kyler Norvell  
Leah Von Neudegg  
Lily O'Neill  
Logan Gelder  
London Germond  
Lucy Grandorff  
Luke Hartley  
Madison Lian  
Magali Jimenez  
Maribella Flores  
Maycee Sons  
Natalie Harjo  
Reese Steele  
Romie Mesneak  
Rylen McConnell  
Sirenia Escobar  
Sophia Allen  
Tristan Skol  
Truitt Wood  
Urijah Dix  
Violet Swehosky





# REPLAYIT® PRIVATE PHOTO SUBMISSION

## Get your pictures in the yearbook.

The yearbook staff invites students and parents to submit photos for the yearbook. If you've got great photos of fall 2023 school events such as any fall sport or music events, featuring only CMS students, we'd like to see them. If they are wearing school colors, all the better. Our photographers can't be everywhere. Help us get as many students as possible featured in the yearbook. You can use the following link or QR code to upload a maximum of 5 photos by December 15. Please include the names and grade level of the students included in the photo. <https://images.jostens.com/0Lq1njH6CtIsJGRamoOHeDw>

The yearbook staff will review all photos and determine final yearbook content. We cannot guarantee that all submissions will be used.



## CMS Moments



### Tylie Tobin Day



*Thank you to all those who came to our Veterans Day Assembly. It was an honor to have you here!*

## Chehalis School District Annual School Report

Chehalis School District and the State of Washington believe that important information about local public schools should be provided to educators, parents, community members and the general public. The combined support of these various stakeholders ensures the success of all students. Information regarding current and past test scores, demographics, teacher qualifications, graduation and dropout rates for secondary students, and the status of school improvement can be obtained from the following website:

<http://reportcards.ospi.k12.wa.us/> search for Chehalis School and click on the school of choice.

Printed copies of the annual school report or newsletter may be obtained from the Chehalis School District Office at 310 SW 16th Street, Chehalis, WA 98532 (360) 807-7200. You may also log on to the district website at: <http://chehalisschools.org> and click on the appropriate link to view each document.

### Title I Notification

Parents can request the following information regarding instructional staff who work with their children:

- Whether or not the child's teacher has met state certification for the grades and subjects she/he is teaching.
- Whether or not the teacher is working with an emergency or conditional certificate where state certification criteria has been waived.
- The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held, including field of discipline of the certificate or degree.
- If the child receives instructional services from a paraeducator, the paraeducator's qualifications.

Chehalis School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

El Distrito Escolar de Chehalis no discrimina en ningún programa o actividad por sexo, raza, credo, religión, color, origen nacional, edad, estado veterano o militar, orientación sexual, expresión o identidad de género, discapacidad o el uso de un Guía de perros entrenados o un animal de servicio y proporciona igual acceso a los Boy Scouts y otros grupos juveniles designados. Los siguientes empleados han sido designados para manejar las preguntas y quejas de supuestas discriminaciones:

**Title IX/Affirmative Action Officer:** Tommy Elder - 310 SW 16th Street, Chehalis, WA 98532 360-807-7235

[telder@chehalisschools.org](mailto:telder@chehalisschools.org)

**Section 504/ADA Officer:** Katie Howell- 310 SW 16th Street., Chehalis, WA 98532 (360) 807-7245

[khowell@chehalisschools.org](mailto:khowell@chehalisschools.org)

**Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator** Debby Gregory - 310 SW 16th Street, Chehalis, WA 98532 (360) 807-7235

[dgregory@chehalisschools.org](mailto:dgregory@chehalisschools.org)

### Habla Espanol?

El distrito escolar de Chehalis ofrece servicios de traducción al Espanol a nuestros padres y familias.

Por favor comuniquese con Ines Perez al 360-807- 7230, o al correo electrónico a [iperez@chehalisschools.org](mailto:iperez@chehalisschools.org)