

THE TRAILBLAZER

Collinsville Middle School's Newsletter



From the Principal's Desk

CMS Families,

I cannot believe it is already March. During this time of year it seems as though the pace of everything speeds up. With the return of the sun, both students and adults alike are feeling a sense of urgency to do and finish all of the important tasks before the end of the school year. We begin getting an increase in student interest in grades because they can see the end. As I state each month, please be diligent about reviewing your child's grades with them and setting a plan for their sprint to the finish.

I am learning that in spite of our best efforts as parents, we often do not know what resources or help is available when our kids struggle. Please feel free to reach out to teachers or the main office if you need assistance. We are excited to now offer tutoring three days a week to students who need it as well as an array of other services and referral options. Both our teachers and social workers are phenomenal at collaborating and helping to find solutions for student needs and growth.

As always, thank you for trusting us with the education of your child!

Sincerely,

Dr. Jackson

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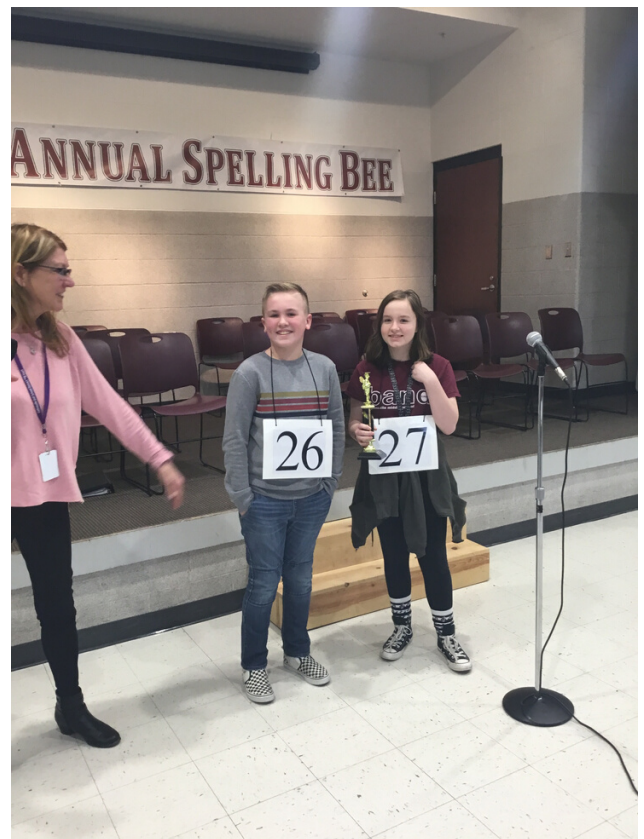
- CMS cheerleading tryouts will be held in April. Be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks!
- Congratulations to Lucas Shelton and Aylin Morales for winning the annual yearbook cover design contest! March is the LAST CHANCE to order your 2020 BLAZE online!
- The third writing contest of the year, sponsored by the English department, involves POETRY. Students may submit up to three poems by the April 3 deadline to Mrs. Juelfs. Prizes will be awarded!
- Ms. Larson's Advanced Social Studies class continues to create podcasts of interest to the CMS community. Check out the latest one on the school's website!
- The history department sponsored an event during Family Reading Night. Participants were made aware of students' capability to access Ancestry.com here at CMS. Those who attended Family Reading Night were encouraged to stop by the media center and be part of a podcast in which they could tell stories about their family's history.
- Our current Million Word Readers: Brayden Patterson, Hayden Barrera-Kite, Logan Branstetter, Elliott Schusky, Isabel Perez, Alanah McHone, Madeline Mueller, Jim Kruta, Alexis Clair, Kendrick Davis, Priscila Solano-Cenovio, Aidan James, Dominic Horras, Kimberly McQuay, Hayden Myers, Brian Slesinski, Livia Montgomery., Jack O'Hara, Dustin Taylor, Alexis Gassman, Caleb Burkard, Karley Calandro, Kailey Stauthammer, Ian Yakstis, Selah Hart, Lane Ferguson, Kaylee Cooper, Ana Barron-Martinez, Jennifer Rodriguez, Nora Johnson, Aiden Wiley, Diana Hernandez, Sophie Vanmiddendorp, Chloe Linton, Lily Rawson, Adrian Manley, Karley Jo-Jackson, and Octavia Wagner.





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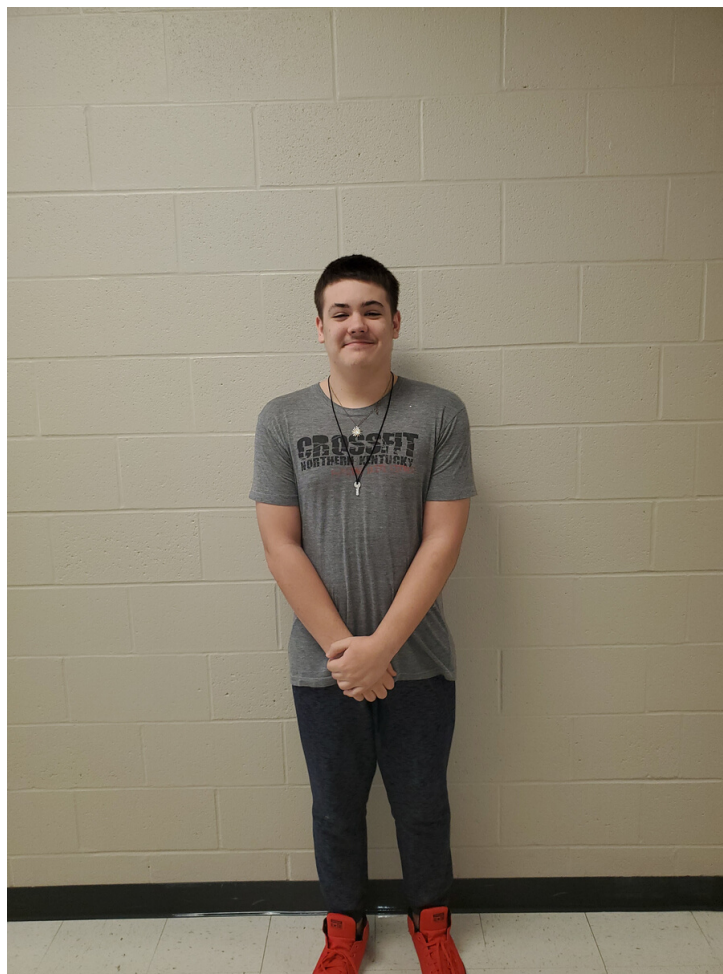
- CMS held the 11th Annual Scripps Spelling Bee Thursday morning, January 30. The winner was 7th Grader Holiday Johnson. The winning word was "salamanders". Runner up was 7th grader Brion Brown. Holiday has qualified to spell at the regional semi-final level of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch 2020 Spelling Bee at McKendree University Saturday, March 7. Good luck Holiday!
- SIUE Educational Outreach Summer Camps 2020- For more information go to: siue.edu/educational-outreach or call 618-650-3210.
- "BEST OF MARYVILLE" ART CONTEST & SHOW
Date and Time: Sunday Mar 22, 2020- 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM CDT
Location: Maryville Community Center, 500 E. Division Street.
An application and more information can be found on the website www.vil.maryville.il.us. The contest is open to the public and everyone is invited to stop by to enjoy refreshments and all the entries. Check out the Photo Gallery on our website to see last year's contest and possibly get ideas!
- Washington DC Trip! There is still time to sign up for the DC Trip. If you would like more information, please contact Ms. Goodson at mgoodson@cusd.kahoks.org or Mrs. Digirolamo at sdigirol@cusd.kahoks.org. To sign up:
Online: www.worldstrides.com/signup use TRIP ID# is: 185206.
By phone: Call WorldStrides' customer service team at 1-800-468-5899. You can view the complete trip flyer on the CMS web page.





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Congratulations to Cadence Bissontz for winning the district's Young Author's Contest. The title of his story was "*A Book of Monsters*". Cadence is an avid reader and enjoys writing stories of his own. His favorite class is English. Congratulations, Cadence!



**COLLINSVILLE SCHOOL
DISTRICT PRESENTS**



Vaping and Substance Use Community Awareness Night

ALL PARENTS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS & PROFESSIONALS WELCOME

MARCH 10TH

6:30-8:00PM

WEBSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

➔ **Guest Speaker Ellen Krohne**

Author of Heart Broken and We Lost Her will speak on prevention and misuse of drugs.

➔ **Guest Speaker Amy Yeager**

Director of Community Health with the Madison County Health Department will speak on current state laws, city ordinances and other local issues pertaining to substance use.

➔ **Local School Resource Officers**

Offering examples of confiscated vape products, and will be available to discuss school related issues.

➔ **Hidden in Plain Sight**

'Strengthen your detective skills as a parent' as you search a simulated bedroom for clues that might indicate drug or alcohol use.

➔ **Chestnut Health Systems**

Providing resources and referrals.

FREE CEUs & CPDUs AVAILABLE

Webster Elementary School Auditorium | 108 W. Church St, Collinsville, IL

Visit Kahoks.org for more information

Food Mobile Market

Upcoming Events

Cost: FREE- supporting food unstable families

Friday March 27th

10:00-11:30 am

Collinsville Middle School (CMS)

9649 Collinsville Rd, Collinsville, IL 62234

Friday April 24th

10:00-11:30 am

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We are excited to announce that Collinsville Unit 10 is partnering with the St. Louis Area Foodbank to provide a Food Mobile Market for our Collinsville area families. This market is free of charge and though the available items rotate, often include dairy, meat, and fresh produce.

This is a first come first served event with a capacity to serve around 100 families.

For student safety reasons, please arrive at the hosting school no earlier than 10 min before the event. The event will be using a 'drive through' model. You will drive through the line, and we will have volunteers load the food items into your car. You will not need to leave your vehicle. Again, this is all provided free of charge.

For more information please contact
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Let's Talk IAR Testing!

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We will be giving your child state-required achievement tests this spring. The testing window is March 23-27. Students in grades 3 - 8 will be tested in English language arts/literacy and mathematics. The tests are a part of the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) program and are being given to all eligible students.

The results of these state tests will be reported to you on the School Report Card in the fall. We will review these state test results along with other information to help us improve our school program. In addition, you will receive information about your child's performance on the state tests he or she took.

You can help your child do his/her best on the test by:

- making sure, if possible, that your child attends school on the days of testing;
- making sure your child gets a good night's sleep the night before testing;
- providing breakfast on the mornings of testing;
- reminding your child to ask the teacher questions if he or she does not understand the test directions;
- letting your child know that you have confidence in his or her ability to do his or her best; and advising your child not to worry about the test – just do the best he or she can.

Please contact your child's teacher if you want additional information or have further questions about these tests.

We look forward to sharing the IAR results with you this fall!

March Snapshot

3/2- No School: Casimir Pulaski Day
 3/3 - Volleyball @ Home (Carriel)
 3/5 - Bowling @ Home (Waterloo)
 Volleyball @ Home (Fulton)
 3/7 - Wrestling- State Sectionals
 3/9 - Bowling- Girls Individual Finals
 Volleyball @ Columbia
 3/10 -Volleyball @ Home (Triad)
 3/11 - Bowling- Boys Individual Finals
 Volleyball @ Home (Centralia)
 3/12 - Volleyball @ Highland
 3/13- End of 3rd Quarter
 3/14 - Bowling- Regionals
 3/19- Spring Picture Day
 Volleyball- Regionals
 NJHS- Study Hall Meeting
 3/21- Bowling- State Tournament
 3/25- Track @ Salem
 3/26- Track @ Home (Carriel)
 3/31- Track @ Highland



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Assessment of Readiness



Tote Me Home

In collaboration with the Collinsville Food Pantry, CMS is happy to offer families with the Tote Me Home program. Tote Me Home provides families with additional grocery assistance over the weekend. Students involved in the program are given a bag of groceries to take home on Fridays.



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