

# THE TRAILBLAZER

Collinsville Middle School's Newsletter



## From the Principal's Desk

CMS Families,

As we head into May in these unique times, it's difficult to narrow down what's most important to discuss in this final edition of the newsletter for this year. I feel such a sense of pride in the collaborative work that has happened between home and the school over the course of this crisis. When I reflect, it gives me peace about the unknowns of the future knowing the hard work and growth that we have seen in the present. No matter what is to come, as a Kahok family I know that we will make it happen for our kids!

With the end of the school year quickly coming to an end, please be mindful of making sure your student finishes strong with their work and class expectations. Teachers have worked hard to provide work and opportunities for learning that are relevant and fair during these times and students have overall stepped up to the challenge. Please look for correspondence in the future related to chromebook return and other housekeeping such as picking up remaining items from the building.

Lastly, I would like to express both my excitement and sadness as I make it public that I am transitioning to another chapter of life next year and moving out of state. My eight years as Principal of Collinsville Middle School have been some of the best years both professionally and personally that I have experienced. I'm grateful for the bonds that I have built here and I will miss my Kahok family immensely. Working with the students and parents of the community has shown me that although we live in a difficult time on so many levels, there are still so many good people in this world. Thank you for having me and my heart will always Bleed Purple!

Sincerely,  
Dr. Jackson

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## ITEMS TO NOTE AT CMS

- Cheerleading tryouts for the 2020-2021 school year have been postponed due to the closure of unit 10 schools. If things go well, tryouts will be held towards the middle to end of June. If your child is interested in trying out, please periodically check the various CUSD 10 websites (backpack, Facebook, newsletters, and school website) for more information in the coming weeks.
- 2020 Collinsville Middle School Softball Tryouts- CMS softball has postponed the 2020 tryouts. The original May 8th and 9th tryouts will be moved to June 22nd. Tryouts will be held from 4:00-6:00 pm at the CMS softball diamond. A second round of tryouts will also be held at CMS July 20th and 21st. Those interested in participating can also contact coach Schmittling at [jschmitt@cUSD.kahoks.org](mailto:jschmitt@cUSD.kahoks.org).
- Ms. Simon and Ms. Ellington of the Art department miss our students and extend gratitude to those students who have maintained great work ethics and continue to work during this very challenging time.
- Million Word Readers as of March 16th: Brian Castro, Jack O'Hara, Adrian Manley, Danajah Willis, Chloe Linton, Rollin Armes, Danielle Lee, Brian Slesinski, Shyne Allen-Starwalt, Logan Boedeker, Karley-Jo Jackson, Octavia Wagner, Caleb Burkard, Lily Rawson, Dustin Taylor, Alexis Gassman, Ashlyn Austin, Kailey Stauthammer, Karley Calandro, Kendrick Davis, Karen Barbosa-Barron, Kimberly McQuay, Hayden Myers, Livia Montgomery, Dominic Horras, Logan Branstetter, Madeline Mueller, Alanah McHone, Jim Kruta, Elliott Schusky, Isabel Perez, Ana Barron-Martinez, Jennifer Rodriguez, Nora Johnson, Selah Hart, Aiden Wiley, Priscila Solano-Cenovio, Luke Jones, Lane Ferguson, Ian Yakstis, Kaylee Cooper, Diana Hernandez, Brayden Patterson, Alexis Clair, Aidan James, Hayden Barrera-Kite, and Sophie VanMiddendorp.



# YOU'RE INVITED!!

## TO: CMS SOFTBALL TRYOUTS

### ROUND 1:

MONDAY, JUNE 22ND AT CMS (2020-2021 CMS STUDENTS) - 4:00-6:00

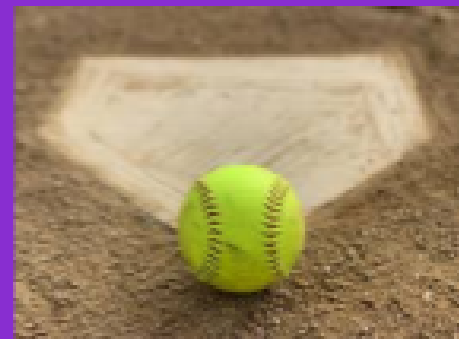
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### ROUND 2:

MONDAY, JULY 20TH AT CMS (2020-2021 CMS STUDENTS) - 3:30-5:30

TUESDAY, JULY 21ST AT CMS (2020-2021 CMS STUDENTS) - 3:30-5:30

FOR THOSE THAT MAKE THE TRYOUTS AFTER ROUND 1, JULY 20TH AND 21ST WILL BE YOUR FIRST DAYS OF PRACTICE



CMS Softball Fields are located behind Collinsville Middle School. CMS Softball's season will begin at the end of July and consist of weekly practices and about 20 games throughout the Fall, ending around mid-September. The goal of CMS Softball is to teach the love and fundamentals of the game of softball in an effort to develop young ladies that love softball as they enter CHS.

\*\* All are welcome! Whether you have played softball for years or trying it out for the first time, please join us! Bring any equipment you own. Wear athletic shorts/pants, tshirt, and cleats/tennis shoes. All athletes must have a current physical on file to tryout.

Please contact Coach Schmittling at [jschmitt@cusd.kahoks.org](mailto:jschmitt@cusd.kahoks.org) or 618.806.8230 with any questions.



Poem about how the COVID-19 is affecting our lives  
By- Isabell Grace Lynn Farnworth

Schools are closed  
If you don't stay inside you will be exposed  
We are stuck in isolation  
Without communication  
We miss our friends  
Trying to catch up on trends  
We can't wait for it to be over  
We are wishing on a four-leaf clover



**FREE** student meal service is provided to **ALL** children in the CUSD 10 community during the COVID-19 pandemic closure. We encourage families to take advantage of this offer to ensure all of our children are fed.

Meals are made by our Sodexo food service staff and are distributed once a day in brown bags that include: one student lunch and a grab & go breakfast item for the following morning.

On Monday, March 23, 2020, we will begin providing a brown-bag lunch service via drive-thru pick up at selected locations and bus delivery routes.

**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN MEAL PICK-UP SITES AND TIMES:**

- Collinsville High School (back of the school by the dock): 7:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Fairmont City Community Center: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Fairmont City Kinder Park: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Iglesia De Cristo Miel Getsemani (3068 North 61st Street, Fairmont City): 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

**BUS STOP DELIVERY:**

Brown-bag meals will also be delivered to certain student bus stop locations starting at 9:30 am on Monday, March 23, 2020.

It is anticipated that bus stop times will vary as a result of the delivery of food. If you need assistance locating a bus stop to receive a lunch, please contact **First Student Bus Company at 618-346-8605.**

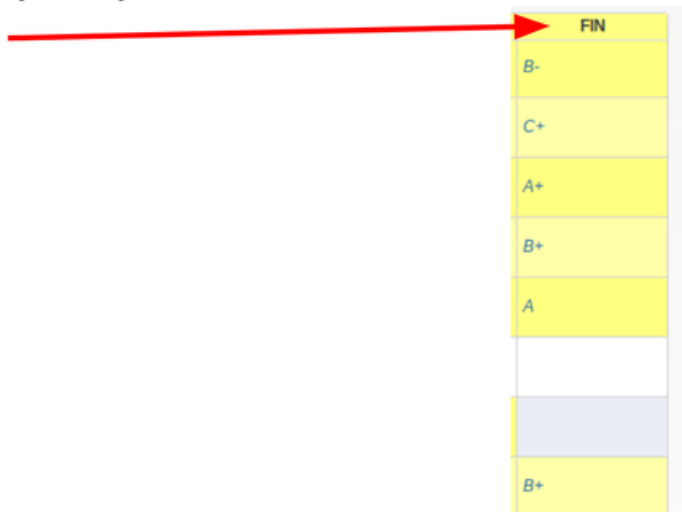
# Grading for Remote Learning:

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Students receive feedback and must get 60% of assignments done to get a Pass grade for midterm 4.














Click on the "FIN" math grade (there will not be any grade showing for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter).











# Grading for Remote Learning:

You can also look to the right to see if students have missing assignments.

| Classwork |                               | A  | 94.12   | 512 out of 544 |  |   |
|-----------|-------------------------------|--|---|----------------|--|---|
| 04/06/20  | Plants Notes 1                |  Special Code  |  View special code | out of 10      |   |    |
| 04/03/20  | Graphic Novel                 | Incomplete   |   | * out of 10    |  |    |
| 04/01/20  | Plants vocab                  |  |   | * out of 15    |   |    |
| 03/31/20  | Phenomena Questioning Comment |  |   | * out of 5     |  |    |
| 03/30/20  | Ecology Bingo                 |  |   | * out of 0     |  |    |
| 03/23/20  | News ELA article 3            |  |   | * out of 8     |  |   |
| 03/20/20  | News ELA Article 2            |  |   | * out of 8     |  |  |
| 03/19/20  | News ELA article 1            |  |   | * out of 8     |  |  |

Once you have clicked on the Full Year Grade you will see Quarter 4 grades, they will have a blue bubble, hover over it and it will tell you if it is a pass or incomplete.

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If you have questions please email your child's teachers. Midterms grades will tell you if your child has a P or I for Remote Learning.

# Chromebook Repair Form

Here is a direct link to the form:  
<https://www.kahoks.org/remote-learning/cms-chromebook-repair/>

Here are directions to find the form  
on the website:

- [kahoks.org](https://www.kahoks.org)
- Remote Learning tab
- CHS Chromebook Repair
- Fill out form and submit

Tuesday May 5th and Thursday May  
7th from 9:00 am-12:00 pm





## *May Snapshot*

**May 11-12: MAP Testing**

**May 14: Virtual 8th  
Grade Awards**

**May 22: Last Day of  
Remote Learning**

NJHS Applications were accepted until 4/24/20 as being on time, and then 4/27/20 as late with a point deduction. The Faculty Council will be working over the next couple of weeks to determine who will be inducted into the 2020-2021 NJHS. Emails will go out to students before the end of the school year letting students know either way. Students continue to check your email and Google Classroom daily for updates.



2020 CMS Baseball Tryouts

When: July 22-24 3:00-5:30 PM

Where: CMS Baseball Field

Who: Students entering 7th & 8th grades

Register Online: <https://sites.google.com/cusd.kahoks.org/cmsbaseball/home>

More information online

Check website for updates

Hosted by: CMS coaches and former players

Contact: [zcorey@cusd.kahoks.org](mailto:zcorey@cusd.kahoks.org) If you are unable to attend the tryout dates, please contact Coach Corey.

\*Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, our 2020 season may be affected. Please register your child on the website. I will email all registered families during the summer with important updates.

# 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.



**For more information please contact our CMS social workers.**

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*miss*  
— ♥ —  
YOU