

THE TRAILBLAZER

Collinsville Middle School's Newsletter



From the Principal's Desk

CMS Families,

With first quarter and parent/teacher conferences behind us, the remainder of 2020 will continue to march on. It seems like we have missed autumn and winter is here. With the beginning of the second quarter, we brought a number of students back into the building. We are not seeing a spike in cases, so we will look at bringing more students back to school on November 9. Our hope is to keep bringing small groups back to school and monitor the number of cases. If all goes well, we will look at bringing more back around December 1. November 3 is Election Day. For the first time, this is a school holiday. I would like to encourage everyone to get to the polls and exercise your right to vote. November normally has us thinking about things we are thankful for. I am thankful to have a team of teachers who are doing more than they have ever done to adapt to the ever changing conditions of 2020. I am also thankful for each student we have, whether they are remote, hybrid, or here all 4 days. Most have adapted to the learning conditions we have this year. As the weather continues to get colder, I want everyone to remember to dress appropriately. We are not dressing out for PE, so students will go outside as long as it is dry and the temperature is not too cold. I hope everyone has a great November.

Sincerely,

Mr. Snow

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ITEMS TO NOTE AT CMS

- **The CMS Virtual Coin Club will meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month via Google Meets. If you are interested in joining, please email Anne Lacy at alacy@cusd.kahoks.org.**

[NJHS October/November Group Service Project](#)

For our October/November group service project we will be helping out Paulette, who works in the CMS cafeteria, feed the cats she cares for year round at Fairmont Park RaceTrack. She is very dedicated as she feeds many, many cats 7 days a week, 365 days a year! Please bring in a **bag** of Purina cat food to Mrs. Goeken's room in C139 by November 18th. Check out the pictures below she sent me of a few of the cats.





ITEMS TO NOTE AT CMS



NJHS Helping out a Kahok Family in Need - Valdez Family

We will be collecting donations that we will donate through Kahok Strong. This way all of the proceeds go to the family. You may give all donations to Mrs. Goeken. We will be taking them through November 18th, so that we can get the money to the family before Thanksgiving.



November NJHS Meeting - Thursday, November 5th @ 8am in Mrs. Goeken's room C139. If you are a "B" day student, you may join on the Google Meet code. Look forward to seeing you all!

NJHS is taking over updating the Marquees out by the road. If you have any other service opportunities for these students, please contact Joyle Goeken at jgoeken@cusd.kahoks.org and Christine Petroff at cpetroff@cusd.kahoks.org

Follett eBook Fair

October 26th- November 6th

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To access the book fair, go to

Kahoksread.org

Then, select the "Follett Book eFairs" link

KAHOKSREAD.ORG

Follett Book eFairs

HOW?

- Find books & add to cart
- add name of student and choose school upon checkout
- All books will be delivered to CMS and will be delivered once they arrive!

Food Mobile Market

Cost: FREE- supporting families in need

Monday November 9th

Mobile Market

10:00-11:30 am

Monday November 23rd

Food Fair

10:00-12:00 am

Bigger Event!

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.

Collinsville Middle School (CMS)

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EVENTS ARE WEATHER PERMITTING. IN THE CASE OF A CUSD10 CLOSURE, THE EVENT WILL BE CANCELLED. PLEASE CHECK LOCAL NEWS OR KAHOKS.ORG FOR WEATHER RELATED UPDATES.

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 our Collinsville Unit 10 social workers

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November 2nd- 12 pm- 8 pm

Congratulations again to Selah Hart & Yadi Colon who competed at the State Cross Country meet last Friday and the rest of the team/family who have been training since August 3.



HEALTH OFFICE PROTOCOLS FOR IN PERSON INSTRUCTION

Symptoms of COVID-19: Do not send your child to school with any of the following symptoms:

Fever 100 degrees or greater- Chills- Cough- Shortness of Breath/Difficulty Breathing- Fatigue- Sore Muscles/Body Aches-Headache-Loss of Taste or Smell- Sore Throat - Congestion/Runny Nose- Nausea/Vomiting- Diarrhea

Symptoms and Suspected Case of COVID-19

If a student becomes ill with COVID-19 like symptoms while at school, the school nurse will be notified. Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) guidelines will be utilized to assess when /if students should be sent home due to their symptoms. If any of the above symptoms are present and new to the student and not the result of a recurring health condition such as seasonal allergies or asthma, your child will remain in the health office and a parent/guardian will be notified to pick up their child as quickly as possible.

Symptomatic or suspected students will need to follow one of the following procedures in order to return to school:

- **10 day isolation at home** with remote learning: **OR**
- **A medical doctor's note** (written documentation) stating the diagnosis to explain the symptoms; **OR**
- **Proof (written documentation) of a negative COVID-19 test**

If your child is sent home from school with symptoms of COVID-19, the rest of the household must be quarantined. **Siblings in unit 10 schools, will also need to be picked up from school as quickly as possible.**

Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 will need a Health Department Release (written documentation) if positive for covid or close contact to a positive family member.

Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 and Close Contacts

If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19 at school or in your child's classroom, the CHS staff will work closely with the local county health department to determine which individuals are considered "close contacts" to that positive person. Close contacts will be identified through contact tracing, a public health measure used to stop the spread of the virus. Your cooperation is appreciated. Confidentiality will be preserved as required by law. *Close contacts are defined as any individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes (cumulative) with or without a mask starting from 2 calendar days before the onset of illness and until the positive person isolates.*

You will be notified if your child is ever considered a close contact to a positive COVID-19 case. Close contacts are required to quarantine in their home and utilize remote learning for 14 days (starting after the last day of exposure to the positive person) , per IDPH guidelines. If your child is in contact with someone outside of school who tested positive for COVID-19 , or is a family member of a suspected case of COVID-19, please notify your school nurse/attendance office immediately. At that time your child will need to stay home for 14 days after the last day of contact with the positive person. They will receive remote learning during this time.

November Sports Snapshot

- Boys Basketball is conducting open gym days on Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30-5:00.
- Girls Basketball is conducting open gym days on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 1:30-3:00.
- Students need to wear masks and bring their own water bottles.



IMPORTANT DATES!

November 2- P/T Conferences- No School

November 3- Election Day- No School

November 11- Veteran's Day- No School

November 25-27- Thanksgiving Break- No School

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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➤ **HAPPY** ➤
thanksgiving