

# THE TRAILBLAZER

Collinsville Middle School's Newsletter



## From the Principal's Desk

CMS Families,

I hope everyone has had a great break and is ready to return to learning. I am looking forward to seeing our students back in class on January 12. If your student is remote, remind them to log into their classes during their regular time.

Normally this time of year we would be busy with basketball and wrestling, with our bowling and volleyball teams eagerly anticipating their upcoming seasons. We are still in a holding pattern with all sports. We hope to receive more guidance on this in the near future and be able to salvage what we can of any sports season.

As we come to the time of year for inclement weather, I would like to remind families of our snow days this year. Students will login to their classes during their regular times for snow days. The only reason school will be cancelled is if there is no electricity.

This year we are asking parents to complete a survey to help us make improvements to our school. The leadership team will be reviewing the surveys next week. The link has been sent out numerous times and can also be found here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1GuTrJCqzrYSVva2FSpQGdqrZVKFo\\_lnw3dUdaGJHr44/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1GuTrJCqzrYSVva2FSpQGdqrZVKFo_lnw3dUdaGJHr44/edit) We appreciate your input.

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](mailto:alacy@cusd.kahoks.org).

### Food Mobile Market

**Cost: FREE**- supporting families in need

**Monday                      Monday**  
**January 11<sup>th</sup> & February 8<sup>th</sup>**

10:00-11:30 am

***Collinsville Middle School (CMS)***

9649 Collinsville Rd, Collinsville, IL 62234



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.

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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**Congratulations to seventh grader Kylie Noonan for winning the annual yearbook cover design contest. She was assisted by Laila Hutchinson and Ashley Janini. These girls will receive free yearbooks.**

**Be sure to order yearbooks by the end of February on Jostens website. There is a link on the school's website. If you have any questions, see Mrs. Juelfs.**



# The Annual YOUNG AUTHORS CONTEST



## Interested in writing a book?

- No copyrighted characters (Spongebob)
- Partner projects are allowed, but no groups larger
- Substantial book cover required
- Deadline will be in mid-January
- Questions? Contact Mrs. Juelfs

## 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.

*January  
Sports  
Snapshot*



**IMPORTANT DATES!**

**January 15- Institute Day- No School**

**January 18- Martin Luther King Day- 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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