

THE TRAILBLAZER

Collinsville Middle School's Newsletter



From the Principal's Desk

CMS Families,

Spring has sprung and the 4th quarter is finally here. I hope everyone has been enjoying the beautiful weather the last couple of weeks. With spring break around the corner, the year will start to wind down quickly. The past month has been exciting with all of the activities at school and seeing so many of our students back in class on a regular basis. Covid numbers are down and vaccinations are up. I am hopeful next year will be more normal than this past year has been.

A problem we have always faced here has been the traffic before and after school. If possible, I would like to encourage parents to utilize the bus company for transportation. If you bring your child to school, use one lane for dropping off your child. Make sure you are pulling forward to the end of the sidewalk. In the afternoon, we will be using 2 lanes for picking your child up. Again, pull forward to the end of the sidewalk. The area in the back of the school by the gym is for bus riders only. Also, refrain from dropping your child off on the road in front of the school.

As we near the end of the year, I want everyone to finish strong. Don't get behind in your homework and make sure you are logging into each class daily. I hope everyone has a great break and we look forward to seeing students back on April 6.

Sincerely,

Mr. Snow

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Federal law requires the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to administer certain assessments to all students who attend public schools in the state, including students who attend charter schools. Unfortunately, the US Department of Education has not waived mandated state assessments for the current school year while we navigate a pandemic.

Therefore, we will be giving state-required achievement tests to all eligible students between April 6 through April 9 to our in person learners. Our students will be tested in English language arts/literacy and mathematics as part of the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) program. Students in grade 8 will also take the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA).

Students who attend school remotely are invited to take the assessment in-person. The assessments cannot be given remotely. If your child is unable to attend and take the assessment, please let your child's principal know. We are offering testing for our remote learners on Monday, April 12, Monday April 19, and Monday, April 26. Your child cannot take more than 3 tests in one day. We are asking that you drop off your child at 8:30 and pick them up at 1:00 to complete these tests. 8th graders will need to come all 3 Mondays and 7th graders can come 2 of the 3 Mondays. All COVID precautions will be in place. Please contact the office to reserve your child's testing spot or if you have any questions. 618-343-2100

You can help your child do their best on the test by:

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

If you have questions about the required assessments, please reach out to your child's teacher or the building principal. As always, we encourage our students to do their best every day.

Thank you for your partnership in your child's academic success.

Sincerely,

Mr. Brad Snow, Principal



ITEMS TO NOTE AT CMS

Mobile Markets & Food Fair

Cost: FREE- supporting families in need

Mobile Markets

April 12th 10:00-11:30am

May 10th 10:00- 11:30am

Food Fair

May 24th 10:00-12:00

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 with a capacity to serve around 100 families.

Collinsville Middle School (CMS)

9649 Collinsville Rd, Collinsville, IL 62234



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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ITEMS TO NOTE AT CMS

Kahok Kudo Olympics

In an effort to reward and motivate students who have done a great job, we would like to acknowledge them by asking you to participate in scoring the Kahok Kudo Olympics!

Please nominate students based on the following 4 criteria:

- Attended most of the meets (70% or greater)
- Grade of a "C" or better
- Assignments completed on time
- Communicates with teacher (asks for help or helps others)

** When determining your rating, please consider the student's Quarter 3 performance only*

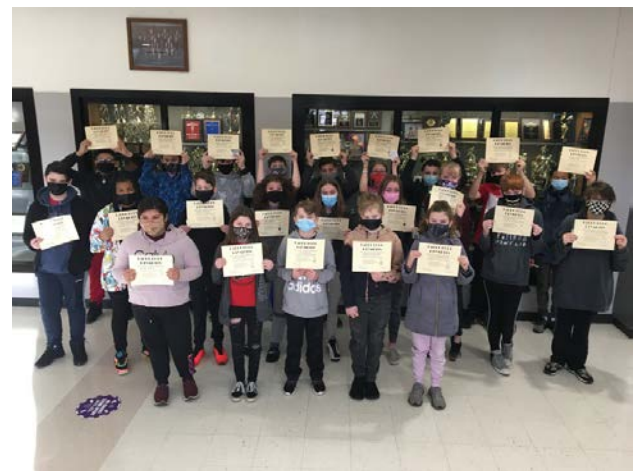
No Medal	Bronze	Silver	Gold
0-1 criteria met	2 of 4 criteria met	3 of 4 criteria met	4 of 4 criteria met

Directions for Core Acknowledgement PLC:

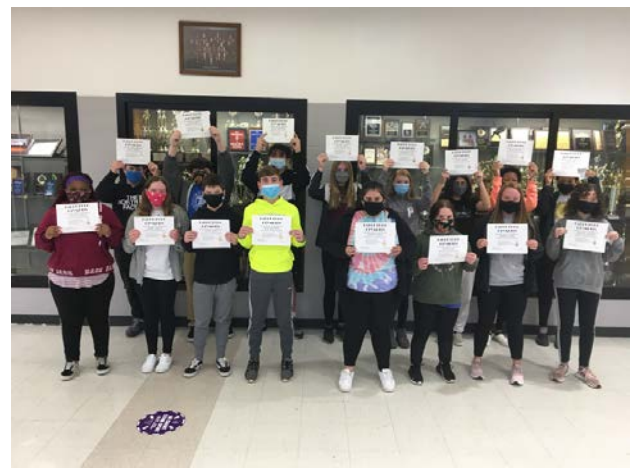
- Go to the [spreadsheet](#) linked here
- Find the name of the student
- Use the dropdown menu to select the rating for your subject

How the students' final medal category will be decided:

- Each medal is worth points: gold (3), silver (2), bronze (1)
- Students have the potential to earn 21 points and will be awarded their medal based on these point totals
 - GOLD: at least 15 out of 18 points earned
 - SILVER: at least 12 out of 18 points earned
 - BRONZE: at least 9 out of 18 points earned



Congratulations to all of our Kahok Kudo Olympics recipients! CMS teachers are SO proud of you!



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Library Books: Please return ALL books to the library April 30th. Search your room, search your sibling's room, and look under the couch. Please help us get all books back for the beginning of next year.

2021 CMS Baseball Tryouts



- **When:** July 19-22
 - 4:30-6:30 PM
 - July 19-20 (7th graders only)
 - July 21-22 (8th graders only)
- **Where:** CMS Baseball Field
- **Who:** Students entering 7th & 8th grades
- **Registration:**
 - Facebook page
 - "Collinsville Blazer Baseball - CMS"
 - Google Classroom
 - Class code - ejxw6zb
- **Hosted by:** CMS coaches and former players
- **Contact:** zcorey@cusd.kahoks.org
 - If you are unable to attend the tryout dates, please contact Coach Corey



***Please stay tuned to our team Facebook page for updates.**

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.

April Sports Snapshot

CMS April Sports Activities			
Date		Home/Away	Start Time
4/6	Girls Basketball v. Trimpe Middle School	Home	5:00 pm
4/7	Girls Basketball v. Fulton JH	Home	5:00 pm
4/7	Bowling v. Fulton JH	Home	3:00 pm
4/8	Girls Basketball v. Carriel JH (8th Gd. Only)	Home	5:00 pm
4/8	Track @ Edwardsville Lincoln	Away	2:00 pm
4/12	Girls Basketball v. Alton Middle School	Home	5:00 pm
4/12	Bowling @ Mascoutah	Away	2:30 pm
4/13	Girls Basketball v. Highland Middle School	Home	5:00 pm
4/13	Track @ Alton Middle School	Away	2:00 pm
4/14	Bowling v. Mascoutah Middle School	Home	2:30 pm
4/16	Wrestling v. Alton Middle School	Home	4:00 pm
4/19	Bowling @ Waterloo JH	Away	3:00 pm
4/20	Track @ Triad Middle School	Away	4:00 pm
4/20	Bowling @ Wolf Branch Middle School	Away	3:00 pm
4/22	Wrestling v. Triad Middle School	Home	4:00 pm
4/22	Bowling @ Fulton JH	Away	3:00 pm
4/24	Track @ Mascoutah	Away	10:00 am
4/26	Bowling @ Lebanon JH	Away	3:00 pm
4/27	Track v. Fulton/Carriel	Home	TBA
4/27	Wrestling v. Wirth Middle School	Home	4:00 pm

IMPORTANT DATES!

April 1-5: Spring Break- No School

April 6-9: State Testing

April 16: Midterm

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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