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Message from the Principal

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Dear Parents,

We have reached another "Wow" moment. Can you believe we have completed first semester already? Our kindergarten students have finished their first semester of school. Fourth graders only have one semester left before moving to Hunt. Time flies when you are LEARNING!! We have a lot of learning left to do this year. Please help us educate our students by working with them every night. If you need games or materials, please visit our Parent Center. It is open every day for your convenience. There is a large variety of activities you can borrow to use with your students. The Parent Center is also offering more Effective Parenting Workshops this semester. Please try to attend as many as possible. Our presenter is Shalone Hendricks, a parent in the CMSD, and she is wonderful!!

Third and Fourth grade students have started taking Practice MCT Test to prepare them for the test in May. Please be on the lookout for the practice test results.

As always, my door is open if you have any questions or concerns.

January Birthdays



Sawyer Robert	1/1
Isaiah Bush	1/3
Z J Blair	1/9
Taishia Rozzell	1/11
Tyboris Perkins	1/14
Mrs. Purtell	1/17
Kaderius Williams	1/22
Mary Worshaim	1/27
Breyonte Allen	1/30

Special Reminders

- Please talk with your child about his/her home/school folder every night.
- Please read with your child 30 minutes every day.
- Please make sure to support the CMSD Wellness Policy when sending snacks and special treats to school. No sugar please.
- Please make sure your child is in uniform every day. (belt included)
- Please make sure your child's coat is navy, white, or khaki if he/she will wear it in the classroom.



Building Better School: Investing in the Future of Columbus

The following message has been released by our Parents for Public Schools:

It's Time! Our community has an important decision to make on **Tuesday, January 29th**. Supporting our public schools by voting "Yes" on the school bond issue will benefit the entire community. Please join us in Building Better Schools: Investing in the Future of Columbus by voting "Yes" on Tuesday, January 29th.



December Students of the Month

~ Compassion ~

Shametra Coleman
Rahkeem Jones
Jalen Edwards
D. J. Saffore
LaQuintis Brooks
Mary Worshaim

Reading Fair Winners Announced

Important Dates to Remember

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Reading Fair! All the projects were outstanding. The judges had a very hard time picking a winner. First place winners will advance to the CMSD District Fair this month. Winners are:



Individual Category:

First Grade: First Place KniAjah McCoy

Second Grade: First Place-Tierra Ledbetter; Second Place- Tamara Bonner

Third Grade: First Place-Delano Sanders; Second Place-Makaila McGee; Third Place-Jachai Burton

Fourth Grade: First Place-LaQuintis Brooks; Second Place-Charlie Fenster; Third Place-Brandon Holmes

Group Category

First Place: Ms. Ross' Second Grade Class; Second Place—Ms. Fitzgerald's Kindergarten Class; Third Place—Ms. Belue's First Grade Class

Family Category:

K–3rd Grade: First Place—Christopher Gholar; Second Place—Akia Johnson; Third Place—Derrick Jordan

4th Grade: First Place -Jack Fox; Second Place—Taekwon Reed; Third Place—

Report Cards	1/9
Awards Program	1/10
2:00 p.m.	
Bearcat Club Trip	1/11
1:00 p.m.	
Germ Busters (K)	1/15
CMSD Reading Fair	1/18
MLK Holiday	1/21
District Spelling Bee	1/24
Read with a Mentor Day	1/25



Math is a very important part of life. We use math to set an alarm clock, buy groceries, keep score or time at a game, wallpaper a room, or wrap a present. We all need math in the world of computers and electronic communication. It is important to encourage children to think of themselves as mathematicians who can reason and solve problems.

Here are some things you can do:

- Show your children that you like numbers. Play number games and think of math problems as puzzles to be solved.
- From the time your child is very young, count everything. When you empty a grocery bag, count the number of apples. Count the number of stairs to your home.
- Put things into groups. When you do laundry, separate items of clothing: all the socks in one pile, shirts in another, and pants in another. Divide the socks by color and count the number of each. Draw pictures and graphs of clothes in the laundry: 4 red socks, 10 blue socks, 12 white socks.
- Tell your children that anyone can learn math. Point out numbers in your child's life: in terms of weight (pounds and ounces), measurements involving cooking, temperature, and time.
- Help your children do math in their heads with lots of small numbers. Ask questions: "If I have 4 cups and I need 7, how many more do I need?" or "If I need 12 drinks for the class, how many packages of 3 drinks will I need?"