



CHELAN MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Happy Holidays from everyone at CMS! This time of year can be filled with many fun activities and traditions. The week prior to the break, the students and staff will be participating in a Spirit Week, culminating on Friday afternoon with the annual Reindeer Games competition. During the week, students are encouraged to show their school spirit by dressing up around different themes. If your student is walking out the door in their pj's or in an outfit that really doesn't match, don't worry they are showing off their school spirit! All of us here hope that you are able to find time to relax with family and friends over the next couple of weeks. We will see you all back here on January 4th!

Chris Anderson, Principal

A Trip Down The Nile

Last week our sixth grade students got to go on a very unusual field trip. Using their new curriculum, History Alive, Mrs. Bankson and Mrs. Burton took their students on a trip down the Nile River on a felucca. They visited four different tour sites: The Great Pyramid of Giza, Karnak, Dayr al-Bahri and the amazing Abu Simbel. At each site the students disembarked the felucca and participated in activities to introduce them to the three major periods of ancient Egyptian history and explain the major accomplishments of four Egyptian pharaohs. Students wrote postcards home to reinforce their understanding. The students enjoyed the side trip from the regular classroom routine. Luckily no students fell overboard or were eaten by crocodiles!



Students on board their felucca as they travel down the Nile and experience all that ancient Egypt has to offer!



Students disembarked their felucca to go exploring while on their trip.



An On-line Interview



Ms. Allard's 7th graders recently had the privilege of listening to and viewing a presentation by Will Rocklin, who works in the advertising department for Google in New York City. Will did a live interview/presentation via Skype. The students could see him

though the use of his webcam and Ms. Allard's projector. They took notes while he talked and got to ask him questions that they had brainstormed earlier. The content of the presentation fit in perfectly with their unit on advertising and the media.

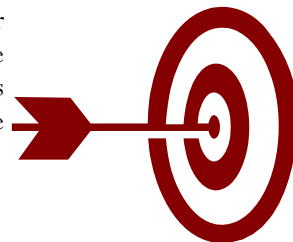
The students were thrilled to interact and learn from someone via technology. The quantity and the quality of the notes that the students took during the presentation was amazing! They were eager to soak up everything they could from a professional who was also able to relate to them. One student wrote afterwards, "I like that his presentation wasn't boring and he kept it interesting. Because I usually think of presentations [as] boring, so it was cool because he explained it good so we would understand it." Another student said, "It showed me a lot of things I didn't know."

Coming Soon!

The CMS website is getting a make over. If you would like a sneak peak at the new layout and design, you can log on and take a look at the high school page. Once the page goes live, we would like to hear feedback on how we can improve it and make sure that it contains all the information that you are looking for.

TARGET/Afters Programs

What began in late October, now has over 100 students involved! CMS is off to a great start in its new after school program. There are two types of Afters classes at CMS. In Enrichment, students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade have the opportunity to take classes after school once or twice a week for 6 weeks. These after school classes include digital photography, pottery, cooking and quilting. The TARGET Afters are offered throughout the school year and assist middle school students with math homework and skill building.



Both types of classes are taught by teachers, community members or volunteers dedicated to giving each student an opportunity to learn something new or build on prior knowledge. Whether it's academic or enrichment, all classes are designed to be educational, but most of all, they're fun!

A new enrichment session will begin in mid-January. Look for the flyer coming home in your students' backpack. For more information or to volunteer in the program, please contact Terrie Carleton, MS Afters Coordinator, at 682-4073 ext. 134.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 12/16 BB vs. IRMS
- 12/18 Reindeer Games at CMS
- 12/21—1/3 Winter Break—No School
- 1/4 School Resumes
- 1/4 Girls Basketball Practice Begins
- 1/11 Late Start
- 1/18 Holiday MLK Jr.—No School
- 1/19 Wrestling Begins
- 1/25 Parent Advisory Council Meeting
- 1/27 End of 1st Semester—Early Release
- 2/8 Late Start
- 2/15 President's Day—No School
- 2/22 Late Start
- 3/3—3/5 Mid Winter Break —No School



CMS Athletics

The fall athletic season has wrapped up and was a very successful one for the athletes that participated. Over 120 students participated in Cross Country, Football or Volleyball and represented CMS in a way that we can all be proud of. A special thank you to the coaches that work with these athletes.

Our Boys Basketball season is wrapping up this week and we will be on to the next seasons after break. After break we will begin Girls Basketball and Wrestling will begin middle of January. If you are interested in participating, please make sure to have all paperwork turned in to Mrs. Mackey in the main office in order to be eligible to practice when the seasons start.

ASB NEWS

The ASB has been busy in recent weeks. During the month of November they focused on honoring Veterans by planning a Veteran's Day Assembly. Staff members who served were honored and the student body also heard speeches and poems that helped to convey the reason we were all together to honor all veterans.

After the assembly, the members of the ASB turned their attention to planning a CMS tradition! On the Friday before break, all staff and students will participate in Reindeer Games. This is an afternoon where students and staff compete in friendly reindeer games. I think most students would agree that the highlight of the afternoon is the Staff Dance Off. It is a great way for staff to show off their talents outside of the classroom!



GO PIRATES!