

CYCLONE SCOPE

A newsletter for families and friends of
École Intermédiaire Central Middle School



February 28, 2018

<http://central.rdpsd.ab.ca>



Principal's Message

We kicked off February with a successful Multicultural Week that ran from February 5th – 8th. The week was filled with celebrations of the diverse culture and language that we embrace daily at CMS. We brought in 19 speakers from our community that represented different countries and cultures. Students were allowed to pick which ones interested them the most and then attended classes to learn more. In addition to our sessions offered, the week was full of other activities that included cultural hot lunches, door decorating contests, and a culminating Friday assembly featuring a renowned Metis musical group and dancer that awed our student body with their inspiring talents. On February 12th, we began our annual transition of students to Lindsay Thurber by taking all of our grade 8's over for a fun filled afternoon. The afternoon was centred around a Basketball Extravaganza, but served a larger purpose of having our grade 8's walking these high school hallways for their first time. We felt the afternoon met its purpose and we will continue it in future years.

Also on the week of February 12th - 16th, all of our Grade 6 students took part in a curricular field trip to Air Spray in Penhold as part of a their flight unit in Science. **Air Spray** consists of several large tanker planes and are proud to have been protecting our forests and communities from wildfires for 50 years. Our students enjoyed this opportunity to walk through the planes and sit in the cockpit of an airplane.

Finally, on February 28th we celebrated Pink Shirt Day by **STANDING UP** as a school against bullying. All of our students wore their pink shirts with the logo **STAND UP**. Our Stars Leadership Group played a large role in the day by ensuring all of our students received a pink muffins; we also offered a multitude of pink gear for students to wear along with pink hair streaking as well as a photo booth to spice up the day.

Looking forward to March,

Darrin DeMale
Principal

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ATTENDANCE
Phone 403-342-2450
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<http://central.rdpsd.ab.ca/Attendance.php>

Please be sure to inform the school if
your child is going to be absent or
late.

The newsletter is published
the last Wednesday of the
month.

Also, check the School's
Website for the newsletter,
eLink, calendar, homework
and more:
<http://central.rdpsd.ab.ca>

Music Notes...



Our **Grade Six Band Camp** is fast approaching (**March 15/16@ Gull Lake Centre**). Students should have brought home an information package explaining details of the band camp. Should you have any questions, please call Mr. Pearson at the school. If you can help attend as a chaperone, or transport equipment, please call Mr. Pearson ASAP. I would like to thank Amy Wettstein, Janis Smith, Cindy Beasley, and Carol Schultz, who have already volunteered to chaperone. **Waiver forms and fees were due on Monday, February 26.**

All **Gr. 7 and 8** band students should have brought home an information package about their upcoming band camp at **Camp Caroline on April 4-6**. I will need approximately 6 parent chaperones to be there and will also need help transporting equipment and luggage to and from camp. If you can help out in any way please contact Mr. Pearson. **Waiver forms and fees are due by Friday, March 9.**

Early morning rehearsals are beginning April 9. Please encourage your child to get back into the routine of weekly rehearsals, as they have a direct impact on the success of our groups. All early morning band rehearsals begin at 7:25. This means students should be in their seats, warmed up and ready to play at this time. It would be a good idea to arrive about 10 minutes early in order to be fully prepared to rehearse.

Important Upcoming Dates:

March 15-16 – Gr.6 Band Camp at the Gull Lake Centre

April 4-6 – Gr.7 and 8 Band Camp at Camp Caroline

April 9 - Practice Card #5 due

Thanks for the continued support of the CMS Band program. I am looking forward to taking our students on the upcoming band camp trips. They have always been fun and rewarding experiences for all involved.

Mr. Pearson

Red Deer Minor Basketball is starting up in Mid-April. If you are interested in joining or getting more information check out the School and Community Athletics Board in the gym, or go to www.reddeerbb.ca. Registration closes April 4th.



CMS School Council Presents...

Family Fun Night

Thursday, March 8th

6:30-8:00pm

Central Middle School

Games, presentations, scavenger hunts...

Silent Auction Items (gym memberships, gift cards, Principal for a Day etc)

Students, parents, siblings, grandparents, friends join us for an evening of entertainment and fundraising for Central Middle School. Funds raised will be used for many student programs at the school

See you there!!!

Counsellor's Corner

Individual and/or group counselling is offered for personal, social, friendship or academic issues. Students are invited to work on individual goals, as identified by themselves. Services are accessed by the student, parent/guardian, or teacher/administrator. Appointments may be made in person or by calling Karen Sveinson or Megan Cote at (403)342-3777. Additionally, Mrs. Sveinson runs a ***Between Teens Boys' and Girls' Counselling Group, on Tues. and Wed.*** during the day. If you think your child would benefit from group counselling please contact Karen Sveinson or our community Liaison Worker Courtney Fraser at 403-346-4397.

Noon Hour Friendship Club

Bring your lunch, come and meet some new friends and enjoy some board games, beadwork or knitting.

Grade 8 Inspired 2B Me Girls have enjoyed the past month with several awesome presentations. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Moore for her presentation. This month we have focussed on -care activities (sand trays, meditation apps, bath salts, massage,), cupcake decorating along with participating in random acts of kindness. We would like to thank the girls for helping bake and decorate 500 cupcakes for Wed. Feb. 28 Pink Day Activities. In March we will focus on Career exploration and look forward to our afternoon activity (Hair and Nail at Marvel College) where the girls will interview women about their perspective careers. We will end with Pizza at Famoso Restaurant (by Superstore). Pick up at 5:00 by parent or will be walked to the downtown bus terminal

Benevolence Fund:

The Student Benevolence Fund is available to financially assist students in need and is funded by the generosity of the Parent Council and private donors. If you think your child may benefit from this program please feel free to contact Mrs. Sveinson at (403) 342-3777.

Mentor/Mentee

Our mentor/mentee program has had our grade eight students working with our grade six students with a focus on conflict resolution

Peer Conflict Mediation:

Mediation is offered by appointment through referrals by: students, teachers/ administrators, parents/guardians. Participation is voluntary and conflict mediation is facilitated by our counselling team. Mediation is a form of intervention that assists the students in solving peer conflict. Conditions of confidentiality are shared with each participant. The rules of mediation are explained (i.e. listen to each other's story, no interrupting, respectful language and gesture). A collaborative problem-solving process is used. A follow-up session to assess the resolution of the problem will occur usually within a two week period.

Cooking /Fitness club We look forward to participating in swimming this month and Wall climbing in March.

Swap and Shop Recycle/Reuse Opened Mondays at noon and upon request from families.:

Thank-you to the students and leadership class who have volunteered to assist in the store.

A huge thank you as well to the CrossRoads Church for donating healthy snacks to the school.

Have a Safe and Caring month
CMS Counselling Team

March, 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 A Period Order 1234 567	2 B	3
4	5 A	6 B POST City Wide School Council - 7:00pm - CMS	7 A Pizza Boxx Hot Lunch	8 B POST Family Fun Night 6:30-8:00	9 A	10
11	12 B	13 A POST School Council mtg 7pm	14 B Inspired 2BMe Bake Sale Town Hall-Day B-block 6 P/T conf booking online 9am	15 A Grade 6 Band Camp POST	16 B Grade 6 Band Camp	17
18	19 A	20 B	21 A Inspired 2BMe Hat Fundr. Pita Hot Lunch Term 2 Ends Newsletter Timetables go home P/T Conf 5-8pm	22 A No School K - 8 P/T Conf 8:30-11:30am	23 B District PD Day No School K-12	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Good Friday	31
Spring Break No School						



Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our
TEXT MESSAGING SERVICE

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages straight to your mobile phone with important information on student attendance, school events and other activities.

You can participate in this service just by sending a text message of "Y" or "YES" to our District's short code number # 978338.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one our messages with "STOP".

SchoolMessenger is compliant with all legislation, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.





FRENCH CLASSES FOR EVERYONE

- Fun and camaraderie — and no final exam! -

Once-a-week classes to provide you with an introduction to French, enhance your existing skills or provide parents with helpful hints on how to help their children.

Level 1 & 2

LEVEL 1

- Children's vocabulary (greetings, numbers, time, colours, around school, animals, foods, etc.)
- The alphabet and pronunciation
- An introduction to key grammar concepts
- Tips for supporting your child
- Resources of interest to immersion parents
- Conversation

Level 2

- Conjugation of verbs in past tense
- Adjectives, comparative form of the adjective or adverb pronouns, rules
- Recognizing French words on food packaging and in the kitchen.
- Skit on serving at a Restaurant
- More conversation

When: Wednesday March 14 - Wednesday May 2 2018

Level 1 5:30-6:30pm, Level 2 6:35 - 7:35pm

Where: Catapult Entrepreneurs, #103 4610 49th Avenue

Registration deadline: Friday March 9, 2018

FEE: \$75 for members of Canadian Parents for French, \$100 for non-members (including a one-year Canadian Parents for French membership).

TO REGISTER: Please email cpfreddeer@gmail.com Please ensure to state which level you would like to register for. All students will receive confirmation of class commencement after Friday March 9, 2018 and prior to the first class. All classes are subject to a minimum and maximum enrolment.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellations received up to four days prior to the first class will be refunded in full less any CPF membership fee paid. Cancellations received after that date but prior to the first class will be refunded less a \$10 administration fee and the membership fee. There will be no refunds after the first class. If you have paid for a membership, you will receive the CPF newsletters and other benefits.