



CMES NEWS

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FROM THE OFFICE...

Hello to our CMES families,



We have had a smooth start to the 2017—2018 school year. Every September, the school and the District Staffing review enrolment numbers to determine whether or not the Board complies with Ministry regulations about class size averages. Through this process, administrators compare actual enrolment numbers to the numbers projected by the board in the spring. As you know some of our classes exceeded the ministry's junior and intermediate class size requirements. As a result, we added a junior class to our school. Students in grades five to eight were involved in a reorganization, resulting in smaller class sizes. Thank you to students and parents for your understanding and support. To our wonderful team of teachers, thank you for making this transition for our students as smooth as possible.

During the last week of September, CMES students participated in the Junior and Intermediate Soccer Tournaments. The weather was spectacular and our CMES Cobras played exceptionally well, demonstrating great teamwork and sportsmanship. Thank you to Mr. Van Maren for coaching our Intermediate team and Mr. Hamilton for coaching our Junior Team. Way to go Cobras!

This year's annual Terry Fox School Run took place on September 28, 2017. Thank you to Ms. Stevanov and Ms. Bakelaar for taking the lead in organizing this event at CMES. Cross Country Running will be our next athletic county event, taking place on October 11, 2017 at the Orangeville Agricultural Centre.

Thank you to all parents, guardians, and students who attended our Meet the Teacher and CMES Open House. Families were able to visit classrooms, attend the CMES Book Fair, visit our CMES School Council Booth, and view our CMES Spirit Wear. If you would like to purchase CMES Spirit Wear, please go to our website for more information.

As always, parents are encouraged to consistently check the Upper Grand District School Board, Credit Meadows Elementary School website, and UGDSB app for the latest news happening in our Board. We are endeavoring to post more information to both the school website and app, so that the length of our monthly newsletter is reduced. Please contact your child's teacher or the office if you have questions or concerns.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Ms. Lagundzija-deFreitas (P) & Mrs. Papavasiliou (VP)

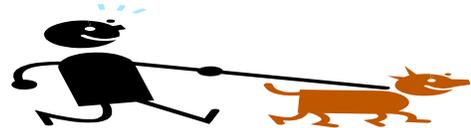
Parking Lot Reminders:



This is a reminder that student drop off and pick up should take place in our north parking lot. The front parking lot is for our Kiss & Ride, busses, deliveries, and staff parking. The Kiss & Ride is meant for parents/guardians to give a quick kiss and goodbye to your child (ren) and student/s exit the vehicle yellow curb side. Parents/guardians are asked not to leave your vehicle. When parents/guardians are entering the north parking lot it is critical to remember to stay to the right as this is a one way lot. Do not park in non parking areas as you may be ticketed. Please always watch out for others—especially our children. Thank you!

Dogs on the School Yard:

This is a friendly reminder to our school community that dogs are not to be on school property during school hours (including pick-up time), unless they are service or therapy dogs. We appreciate your understanding and support in this matter. Between allergies and anxieties, dogs can create great discomfort for some members of our school population. So please be understanding if you happen to be on school property with a dog and a staff member kindly reminds you of this policy.



Student Safety & The Instructional Day

All visitors to CMES must report to the office. Please pick up or drop off your child(ren) outside at the appropriate grade entry/exit door.

Thank you for your support in keeping our children safe and for respecting our CMES learning environment.

PA DAY

October 27, 2017 - no classes for students

Stop A Bully

Upper Grand District School Board has an electronic site for students to report cases of bullying. When incidents of bullying are reported through this tool, the information is forwarded to the school principal for follow-up. This is just one more way for our school community to stand up against bullying.



Life Threatening Allergies

We have students with life-threatening allergies at our school. You will see life threatening food lists posted at each entrance to our school, as well as on classroom doors. Please read them carefully and be cautious not to send food that is listed on these posters.

When shopping for food items to send to school, please read labels carefully. If a product indicates it is peanut free, it does not mean that it is free of tree nuts. We thank you for your diligence in this area and appreciate your ongoing efforts to keep every child in our school safe.

We strongly recommend that baked goods are not sent to school for special occasions. There is an increased possibility of cross-contamination unless the product is labeled Peanut/Nut Free.

Reminder - WOW Butter

Recently there have been products available at the grocery store that are being offered as an alternative to peanut butter. One such product is called WOW butter. It has the appearance and taste of peanut butter, but is a soy-based product.

Our Board policy/procedures for Life Threatening Allergies indicate that this product (or any others that imitate a known life threatening allergen) is not allowed in classrooms. This is not because of a health danger, but because it is confusing for students in the class and for staff monitoring the room. We cannot find ourselves in a situation where we have to decide whether something is peanut butter or not. A note from parents is not sufficient.

We appreciate that it is difficult at times to find a variety of items for student lunches, however, we ask for your understanding and support in this situation.

Please check out the Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health website under the Schools tab for suggestions:

www.wdgpUBLICHEALTH.ca

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration of the safety of all our students.