



# CMES NEWS

March 2018

Hello CMES Families,



February was a busy month at Credit Meadows. We were treated to wonderful speech presentations by our students on a variety of topics.

We also had a presentation by MADD Canada to our grades 7 and 8 students. Key messages discussed in the presentation were the dangers of binge drinking, impairment caused by drug use, the dangers of getting in a vehicle with an impaired driver, strategies to help avoid peer pressure, the importance of planning ahead, and real life stories were shared by people who have experienced life changing consequences because of choices made. MADD Canada believes educating students at a young age will help them develop the necessary skills required to make important decisions when the time comes.

We celebrated the 2018 Olympics at CMES by having our own opening ceremony, and students will be participating in Olympic events during our upcoming Olympic play day afternoon on March 2nd. We also had an inspiring talk from Olympian, Katie Weatherston, for our grade two to eight students. She shared the importance of goal setting and overcoming obstacles. Katie also told us about her Olympic experiences. Our visit with Katie made the news on our board website. Go Canada go!

We also celebrated the importance of Black History Month at Credit Meadows. We recognized the achievements of Black Canadians who have contributed to our diverse country.

In sports, a 'thank you' to our Cobra athletes who continue to represent our school in a variety of sports including curling, basketball, and badminton.

Term one report cards also went home. Our students are working hard and we appreciate your feedback on your child's term one report. Please return page three.

Our Superintendent, Ms. Heaslip, visited CMES and we shared information about our school improvement goals and the strategies we are implementing to help close the gap for our students in math and reading. We show cased strategies that teachers are using to help build our students' number sense and numeration.

It is hard to believe that March has arrived and spring is just around the corner. This month we are looking forward to our CMES Dance-a-thon, PJ day, and our Olympic events afternoon.

When you have a moment, please make sure to fill out our school climate survey. We ask that all surveys are completed by March 9th. Please visit our school website for a direct link: [https://uoguelph.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9NxF6jZm5111Hv](https://uoguelph.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9NxF6jZm5111Hv)

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Thank you in advance for your participation. We will use the data to learn and make improvements at CMES.

CMES has an opportunity to win one of five free Chrome books for our school. To win, our school has to be one of the top 5 schools in the Upper Grand District School Board to use the new UG app that is available in the app store. Download the app, and select CMES as one of the schools that you can access information about and check the app for updates. If CMES is one of the top five schools who use the app, we will win a Chromebook. Please pass this along to others in our school community.

The staff who work in our building, those who volunteer countless hours, our amazing students, and our supportive parents who make our school a wonderful place, thank you! On behalf of our staff at Credit Meadows Elementary School, we wish you all a restful and Happy March Break!

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

## Please check our school website or app for calendar items.

### REMINDER:

March 12 -16, 2018 - March Break  
March 30—April 2, 2018 -Easter



No school for students

### School Council Meeting

Our next CMES School Council meeting will be on Monday, March 5th, 2018 at 630pm in the Library Learning Commons!

All CMES parents are welcomed to attend!

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### UGDSB & CMES NEWS

Please remember to check out the UGDSB web site and our own CMES web site regularly for the latest news in the Upper Grand: [www.ugdsb.ca/](http://www.ugdsb.ca/) [creditmeadows/](http://creditmeadows/)

