



CMES NEWS

May 2018

FROM THE OFFICE...

Happy Spring to everyone! The warm, bright, sunshine filled days have finally arrived.



CMES is celebrating Education Week May 7-11, 2018. We are inviting our CMES families out to Going Green In The MEADOWS on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 from 6:00—7:30 pm. Come out for a fun filled evening of activities (i.e., build a bee hotel with the Green Machine, make a re-useable T-Shirt Bag, make a seed bomb/seed planter, arts and crafts with twigs, food stamp art, learn how to make beeswax wraps, meet Dufferin Wastes compost worms, HFFA booth, etc.). Please check out our CMES website for more information.

We had many special events happening over the month of April. Our students from Kindergarten to Grade 8 participated in a ropes course and a rock climbing wall. Our Intermediate Boys and Girls' Cobras did a great job representing our school at their various pre-tournament games. Great skill and sportsmanship was displayed by our athletes. Thank you to Mr. Van Maren, for his time, dedication, and skill in coaching both CMES Cobra Basketball Teams. Our CMES Chess Team took top honours. Congratulations to Owen who came in first place, Anaii finished in second place, and Nathan who came third. The fire department did a presentation with our primary students. We had a number of classes participating in Scientists In The School program. Our juniors had Danger Zone presentations. We recognized International Day of Pink. Our students and staff participated in a variety of Earth Day initiatives. Thank you to our staff for offering extra-curricular activities to our students and for encouraging great Cobra spirit!

Our wonderful CMES Intermediate Band, under the direction of Mrs. Neal, performed at the Orangeville Dufferin Music Festival. Our band has been working hard at building their skills in playing music and have participated in other local performances as well. Thank you to our talented students and Mrs. Neal for your gift of music.

This month, our students from Grades 6-8 will have the privilege of hearing holocaust survivor, Eva Olsson, speak. We have invited the students from ILPS, Spencer Avenue, PEPs, and PMPS to join us for this presentation. Eva Olsson's story is powerful as she talks about the importance of speaking for those whose voices were silenced by hate. Her presentation speaks to events of today, encouraging students to stand up and speak out when they see bullying behaviour occurring.

In May and June many of our students will be participating in a variety of Arts Days—deepening their knowledge and skills in the Arts and making wonderful creations. Thank you to our CMES School Council for making this experience possible for our students due to their fundraising initiatives.

Students in grades 3 and 6 will be writing EQAO this month. These provincial assessments, which are based on the expectations set out in the Ontario Curriculum give our students an opportunity to demonstrate what they know, as well as providing data for drafting our Credit Meadows School Improvement Plan.

We are looking forward to a positive and productive month ahead. If you have any questions, please contact us at the school. On behalf of our CMES Staff, thank you for your support of our wonderful students and school.

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

EQAO 2018

Provincial EQAO assessments for grade 3 and 6 students will be taking place on May 23rd, 24th and May 25th. While attendance and punctuality are important everyday—they are particularly important during this testing window. A full breakfast with healthy snacks also helps to get students through these assessment days.

*Important
DATE!*

Please remember to check out the UGDSB web site and our own CMES web site regularly for the latest news happening in our schools in Upper Grand.

**May 21st is Victoria Day
June 8th and 29th are PA Days**

No school for students



Grade 8 Graduation:

Plans are currently underway for our grade 8 graduation. Parents, please note that the ceremony and dance will take place on the evening of Tuesday, June 26th. More information regarding specific details for this event will be sent home in the near future.

**Kindergarten Orientation**

CMES will be hosting its annual Kindergarten Orientation on Thursday, June 7, 2018, from 6:00—7:00PM.



All parents of students attending CMES's Junior Kindergarten program in September 2018, and parents of any new Senior Kindergarten children starting in September 2018, are encouraged to bring their Kindergarten child to this event.

The New Health and Physical Education Curriculum

This year the new Health and Physical Education curriculum will be implemented in all schools in Ontario. Included in the update are new expectations in the Human Development and Sexual Health component of the curriculum. This education starts with children learning about themselves, their feelings, their bodies and about showing respect for themselves and others in a reliable and accurate way. This learning is most effective when parents and schools work together. Parents help their children form values about relationships and their behaviours. To support these discussions, we are letting parents know that teachers will notify you when units are being taught and a brief overview of the topics being covered. There are plenty of resources available for parents to support the learning of the curriculum on the Ministry of Education website: <http://edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/>

Food and Drinks on the Yard:

This is a friendly reminder to students that food and drinks are not allowed on our school yard.



If students are going out for lunch it will be important that they finish their lunch before returning to school property. Therefore, keeping food and food packaging off school

Upper Grand District School Board

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Request for Consent

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) came into force on July 1, 2014. As a result, the Upper Grand District School Board, would like to ensure that we have your consent to receive newsletters, school and Board updates, announcements, event invitations, and other electronic messages which may contain advertising or promotions regarding school fundraisers, field trips, the sale of yearbooks, student pictures, uniforms, books, prom or dance tickets, or similar events and offers.

If you wish to receive the above communications from us, please visit our CASL registration website at:

www.ugdsb.on.ca/CASL

By registering your email on this webpage you will receive electronic communication from the school which may or may not contain commercial electronic messages as described above. **If consent is not provided, you will not receive electronic messages containing commercial content and may find it more difficult to be aware of the activities that take place in school, and which your child may have an interest in participating.**

If you have any questions or if you wish to withdraw your consent at any time, please click the link at the bottom of email messages you receive from the school, or visit the same site and click on "Unsubscribe" to remove your name from our contact list.