



# CMES NEWS

March 2019

Hello CMES Families,

March is Reading Month!



Despite the cold temperatures outside, we have amazing learning opportunities and extracurricular activities happening inside.

February was a busy month at Credit Meadows. We had speech presentations by our students on a variety of topics. We celebrated the importance of Black History Month. We celebrated some of the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians (of Caribbean and African descent) who have contributed to our diverse country, Canada. CMES recognized Pink Shirt Day and the value of working together as a school community to keep CMES a safe and inclusive learning environment for all. In sports, a thank you to our Cobra athletes who continue to represent our school in basketball, badminton, and curling.

Term one report cards 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.

We will be having a presentation by MADD Canada for our grades 7 and 8 students on Friday, March 8, 2019. Key messages to be discussed in the presentation are 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 will be 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.

It is hard to believe that March has arrived and spring is just around the corner. This month we are looking forward to CMES Intermediate Basketball, Junior Sideline Basketball, Reading Club, Maker Space Activities, Adopt-A-Shelf, Character Education Drumming Circle Assembly, Scientists In Schools Activities, Getting to Know Fire Presentations to our students in the Primary Division, and Creation Station to name a few events that will be happening.

The walls at CMES share the story of what we are focused on and what we are about as a school community. You can see our math focus when you enter the classrooms and our foyer. You can also see that

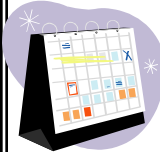
Character Education is extremely important to our school, if you look at the walls with anti-bullying messages, Live Free Pledges, to hearing morning announcements with a character education thought or a quote for the day. There are many initiatives where our staff, students, and parents support our outside community, to our community partners working with our students and staff when they visit us.

The staff who work in our building, those who volunteer countless hours, our amazing students, and our supportive parents, make our school a wonderful place.

On behalf of our staff at Credit Meadows Elementary School, we wish you all a restful, safe, and Happy March Break!

Sincerely,

Ms. Lagundzija-deFreitas (P) & Ms. Federico (VP)



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

## **REMINDER:**

March 11 -15, 2019 - March Break  
April 19—22, 2019 -Easter

No school for students



## **School Council Meeting**

Our next CMES School Council meeting will be on Monday, March 18, 2019 at 6:30 pm 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/creditmeadows/](http://www.ugdsb.ca/creditmeadows/)

