



SPRING 2016
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UPCOMING EVENTS

April

- 22 No School/Conference Day
- 24 Spring Open House
2:00-4:00pm
- 27 Senior Class Mock Trials
10:00am-12:00pm
- 28 Senior Class COSI overnight
field trip

May

- 2-5 Terra Nova Testing
2nd-6th grade
- 6 Senior Class Pioneer Days
- 6 Junior Third Level Lock-in
- 11-13 6th Grade Graduation Trip
- 13 Pre-Primary/All Dayers
Zoo Field Trip
- 13 Senior Bonding Trip
Rising 4th, 5th and 6th graders
- 13 End-of-Year Family Picnic and
Art Show, 6:00-8:00pm
- 19 Senior Dance
7:00-8:30pm
- 23 Junior Field Day
- 23 Senior Creek Day
- 24 Junior Creek Day
- 26 Pre-Primary Water Day
- 26 Senior Graduation
7:00-8:30pm
- 27 Last Day of School
9:00-10:00am PP ceremonies
10:15-11:15am JR ceremony
11:30am dismissal

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

CMH Community,

We have much to celebrate this Spring at CMH! The children, teachers, and parents shine brightest when they are in sync so what better time than Spring Conferences to recalculate our GPS's.

The children, from 3 year olds to 12 year olds have worked hard all year to come to the place they are now in their development and education. Sometimes it is not quite the place parents, or even teachers, would like them to be; but because each child and their path is unique, know that they may be taking a different route/detour to their educational destination.

There will be areas of strength and areas of growth shared at every Parent-Teacher Conference, but what will you do with this information? I encourage you to celebrate the strengths and support the areas of needed growth with your child. Partner with your child's teachers to find resources to further guide your child outside of school in the areas that could foster growth. The teachers are able to observe your child in a school setting for 7 plus hours a day, and with their years of collaborative experience in child development and education, they are a valuable resource. Know that they celebrate your children in their classroom communities and work hard to give them the tools and the time that they need to get to their educational destination. Feel free to ask a parent of a CMH 6th grader about their child's detours throughout their educational journey, or better yet attend our Senior Graduation this year and hear about it first hand from each of our graduates.

Utilize the key to your child's map and trust the compass you have in their teachers. Celebrate their journey and thank you for allowing CMH to be a part of it.

Casey
Casey Reed
CMH Director

NEWS FROM PP1

As our school year draws to a close, we are so humbled and grateful to see how much joy the children have in our classroom learning from each other, exploring activities from the different curriculum areas, and building a community of friends. It really is fun to think back to the beginning of the year and realize much change and growth we have seen in all children.

In our Cultural studies, we have focused on many topics: In Zoology, we explored dinosaurs and reptiles and will finish out the year by learning about amphibians and birds. In Botany, we continued our study of plants, focusing on roots, fruits and vegetables, and will end our year learning about flowers. In Physical Science, we finished experimenting with water and are now focusing on properties of light. In Geography, we studied Martin Luther King, Jr., learned about our past presidents, and took an in depth look at our state of Ohio, and our neighbors to the north and south, Canada and Mexico. As we finish up this year's sequence, we will have a focus on South America and Europe. In our academic areas the children are continuing to learn, practice, and master skills that are tailored to fit each child's strengths and keep them interested and engaged in learning.

Thank you for allowing us to share in your child's journey this year—it has been our privilege to spend this time with them.



PACT NOTES

It has been a wonderful year for CMH families, thank you to all families who have attended events, made donations, and volunteered. The Goodnight Gala was a huge success and a special thank you to Suzanne Chevalier and Lori Walker for co-chairing the event and all of their hard-working committee members. Working on the annual auction gala is a great way to get involved and meet new people. Look for chances to help out beginning in the fall...no contribution is too small!

CMH is fortunate to have such a dedicated community of families that involve themselves in the classrooms. Thank you to all family members who have volunteered in the classrooms this year; your help is an integral part of the CMH experience. Many thanks to the room parents who have coordinated volunteer schedules, lunches, field trips, and celebrations. Your dedication is appreciated!

To celebrate the many volunteers, we ask that you join us on May 10th from 8:30-10:30 for our annual volunteer brunch. Let us reward you for your hard work with a time to eat and visit with other parents. Just bring yourself.

Our end of the year family picnic is on May 13th, please watch out for an Evite and details. Come close out another great year at CMH and relax with family and friends.

Jessica Hughes
PACT Coordinator

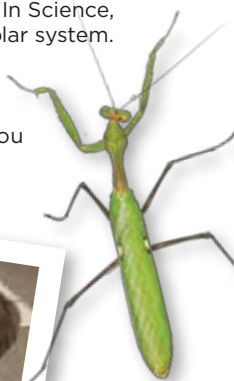


NEWS FROM PP2

It is hard to believe we are beginning to wrap up another school year! At this point in the school year, the children continue to work with our beautiful Montessori materials and they begin to expand on them and make new connections. Some of the new things we have introduced are painting extensions, which include strip painting (making shades of the same color), fold painting and watercolors. Our most popular change involves toasting a waffle with butter and syrup at the food preparation station.

In addition, we are finishing up our study of USA and Ohio in Geography and are now beginning our study of Australia. We will also study the continent of Africa. In Science, we are studying fish, parts of a leaf and will soon begin talking about the solar system.

As we reflect on this school year that is coming to a close, we realize how amazing it has been to watch all your children grow and learn throughout this time with us. We are so thankful to have formed this partnership with you and your family. We are looking forward to continuing that partnership with many of you next year.



NEWS FROM JUNIORS

Wow! Where did the school year go? We can't believe it's almost the end of the school year. Teachers say it every year. The time goes so fast! We are thinking about our impending goodbyes to our third graders and thought it would be nice to hear from them. We posed these two questions to third graders. What do you remember from your first day of Juniors and what are you hoping for on your first day of Seniors? Here are their responses:

Austin - On my first day of juniors I remember looking around the circle in Junior South and thinking, who are all these people! On my first day of seniors I hope we will have some sort of celebration snack and extra recess.

Craig - On my first day of juniors I remember being shy because I was new. I got to know people because my sister comforted me. She helped me to know people's names. On my first day of seniors I hope to be able to get all my work done.

Gavin - On my first day of juniors I remember looking for Caden my best friend from PP3. I remember looking around at the classroom. I felt nervous. On my first day of fourth grade I hope to see Caden again.

Izzy - On my first day of juniors I remember walking in and the teachers explaining what the classroom was like. I was happy because my old friends from PP1 were there. On my first day of seniors I hope that everyone will be nice to me. I also hope that Cooper will be able to help me.

Jack - On my first day of juniors I remember doing math. I felt nervous because all the work was new and I hadn't done anything like it at my old school. On my first day of seniors I hope to meet new friends.

Justus - On my first day of juniors I remember being scared because I didn't even know how to speak English. On my first day of seniors I hope I get to start fractions.

Lilly - On my first day of juniors I remember being shy. It was a new school and I really liked the pets. On my first day of seniors I hope everyone is nice. I hope I have fun.

Matthew - On my first day of Juniors I remember meeting my best friend Justus. On my first day of seniors I hope I make a lot of friends.

Ryan - On my first day of juniors I remember being able to move around. At my old school I had to sit in a desk. On my first day of seniors I hope I'll fit in and have good friends.

Sarah - On my first day of juniors I remember getting confused about when to put my indoor shoes on and my outdoor shoes on. On my first day of fourth grade I hope I meet some new friends.

Wyatt - On my first day of juniors I remember I was kind of scared because the kids were all very tall and I was short. On my first day of seniors I hope I get to study rocks.



NATURE NOTES

Before spring break the weather was very unpredictable but we shared some fabulous nature time during our studies. We completed our annual Winter Bird Count tallying over 399 individual birds of 29 different species. Looking for nests and dens we were able to identify over a dozen Ground Hog homes in hillsides and fencelines. In our Starlab portable planetarium we searched for particular stars that show us their approximate temperature by the color they appear through our atmosphere.

April and May are some of the busiest months for outdoor learning and exploration. Students will continue to tend the milkweed seeds that were planted in the Growlabs with the intention of transplanting around our campus. Gardening and care of the outdoor environment will be a large focus of our time in nature. During our water studies we will search for herpetology specimens and gain understanding of the importance of the vernal pools and small ponds on our school property.

Veronica

Veronica Brannen
CMH Naturalist

NEWS FROM SENIORS

The Senior Class is wrapping up the school year with some exciting projects! We will be presenting our Mock Trials in the federal courtroom of Judge Dlott on Wednesday, April 27, from 10:00-noon. All are welcome to attend! These trials are based on fairy tales. The fourth level will be performing Emperor V. Swin and Del, based on The Emperor's New Clothes. The case of Rumpelstilzkin V. Queen Malory will be presented by the fifth levels. The sixth levels will be enacting the trial of Cinderella V. The House of Tremain. Many thanks to Stephen Richey for acquiring Judge Dlott's courtroom for us, and for coming to CMH to present lessons on government and the legal system. We greatly appreciate his time, talent and dedication!

Circle the Wagons! Pioneer Day is on the way! The Seniors will celebrate the culmination of their studies on Westward Movement by hosting Pioneer Day for all of the students at CMH on Friday, May 6, from 10:00-2:00. Adults are welcome to stop in and have some fun, too! Groups of Senior students will be in charge of pioneer activity booths. We've got candle dipping, corn grinding, butter making, toys and games, quill pen writing and more!

We are so proud of our Seniors and all that they have accomplished. We look forward to these special events for the grand finale of our year.

PIONEER DAY



Playground Project

The upgrade of our playground has been underway early this year thanks to the participation of many in our Turkey Trot and Goodnight Gala Paddle Raise. So far we have purchased a shed to house all of our playground and fitness items and added several new items for the children to enjoy during recess such as the Color Wheel and 9-square game. We will be grading the entire surface, re-routing drainage and adding a fresh layer of mulch this weekend. The next goal is to update the play set shown in the picture to the right with Trek-decking. If you would like to be a part of the Playground Project please let the CMH office know, and we will be sure to keep you posted on current events.



LETTER FROM THE BOARD

CMH Community,

As is usually the case, this school year seems to have gone so quickly. The end of this year is particularly moving for me, as my oldest child will graduate after spending the past nine years at CMH. In the fall, my youngest will start her journey at the school. Together, they remind me of the role of the Board of Trustees to honor the past and ensure the long term future of CMH.

Here are updates on our goals for this school year, which I first shared in September:

Ensure the financial health of the school by right-sizing the annual budget and refinancing the debt.

- We are blessed by the generosity of so many CMH friends who donated to and helped with the Annual Fund, the Turkey Trot, and the Goodnight Gala. Fundraising has surpassed the budget expectations. Our spring open house on 4/24 and continued recruiting efforts are on track to deliver solid enrollment for next year. On the spending side, the budget continues on track, thanks to careful spending by Casey Reed and others on the staff. As is our goal, we are on track to achieve a modest profit and positive cash flow this fiscal year.
- The debt refinancing was complete in October and we have completed our transition to Stock Yards Bank & Trust for our banking needs.

Maintaining the physical facilities.

- We are still working to connect CMH to the municipal sewer system. Our target is to complete the physical work this summer, but this requires approvals by various government entities that are taking longer than expected.
- Our neighbor, the Grail, intends to lease or sell part of their land. The Grail has not yet announced a final decision on what to lease or sell, but we do not expect the land surrounding the school to change significantly.

Recruit new Board members with specific skills.

May is the month when we nominate new Board members. Those who are interested should contact our Vice President, Donna Chrobot-Mason, by May 1 to begin the process. We are particularly looking for those with skills in Accounting, Human Resources, Development, and Montessori Education. Please contact Donna if you or someone you know is interested in serving on the Board.

Franco Medeiros
CMH Board President

GALA SPONSORS

Another BIG thank you to our Goodnight Gala Sponsors this year.



VOLUNTEER BRUNCH

Calling all volunteers to enjoy a special brunch provided by our grateful CMH Staff on Tuesday, May 10 anytime between 8:30-10:30am in the Multi-Purpose Room.

If you have volunteered in any way this year please know you made a difference, so please allow us the honor of showing our gratitude by attending. RSVP@cmhschool.com

- Your Appreciative CMH Staff

SUMMER CAMP

CMH Summer Camp Enrolling NOW!
Join us the weeks of June 20, June 27, July 11, and July 18.

For up-to-date information, follow CMH on

