



## CMS News & Updates

**W**elcome to the "CMS News" Newsletter. We hope to provide you with a brief version of the latest information and upcoming events for our Columbiana Middle School community. Your feedback, questions, and comments are always welcome. Please feel free to e-mail Mr. Martin at [jason.martin@columbianaschools.org](mailto:jason.martin@columbianaschools.org) or find additional information at our website by clicking the button below.

Visit our CMS Website

Columbiana Middle School will host parent-teacher conferences on the evening of Wednesday, February 12th from 2:50-8:50 pm. It isn't too late to schedule an appoint. Please feel free to call the office at 330-428-5354 to schedule an appointment to discuss student progress. If you are not available to meet this evening and would still like to conference, please contact your child's teachers to make arrangements.



## World Read Aloud Day

"I love reading because reading I think is really calming," said Audrey Barborak, Sixth Grade student at Columbiana Middle School.

Barborak and her classmates had a unique



opportunity to connect with published authors for World Read Aloud Day. Students in Mrs. Martin's sixth grade ELA classes video chatted with three authors, and students even had the chance to ask authors questions.

"I think it's pretty cool," said Aubrey Hornsby, Sixth Grade student at Columbiana Middle School.

Hornsby is currently reading *New Kid* by Jerry Craft. She just finished the book *Game Changer*.



World Read Aloud Day was founded by LitWorld in 2010 as an opportunity for people all around the globe to celebrate the joy of reading aloud and the power of sharing stories.

Students in Mrs. Martin's class documents their life in books. In the hallway outside of her classroom, there are posters hanging revealing what students are reading and what book they just finished reading. Inside her classroom, bright colored Post-Its cover a wall breaking down books by genres. At the end of the year, students add up the amount of pages they read during sixth grade and most students are currently at 3,000 pages or more.

Alyssa Kakavros, Sixth Grade student at CMS, enjoys reading, and has taken note how being a reader helps in other classes.

"Mrs. Capp always says that math is not just math, it's reading too," said Kakavros. "You got to pick out the words and you have to help fix the problem."

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## **CMS Student Recognized at Columbiana County Art Show**

Congratulations to 6th grade, CMS



student Madelyn Huberon for being selected for the Columbiana County Art Show. Madelyn's Mixed Media Cityscape will be on display at the art show held at CCCTC on February 27th from 6:00-8:00 pm.

## Spelling Bee



Congratulations to Chloe Gill on winning the CMS spelling bee two years in a row!

Along with Chloe, Mandy Allman, Kendall Montgomery and Leah Yarwood advanced to the Columbiana County Spelling Bee which will be held on March 4 at Lisbon David Anderson High School at 6:30 pm.

(Pictured L to R: Kendall, Chloe, Leah, Mandy)

## Cold & Flu Season



Unfortunately, we are still dealing with cold & flu season. If your child is experiencing a fever or stomach flu symptoms please allow at least 24 hours (fever free) before permitting him/her to return to school. Many students are returning too soon, getting sick, and exposing others only to have to be picked up from school. We would rather see a full recovery before coming back.

## Geography Bee



Congratulations to our runner-up, Donovan Waselich (7th Grade) and to our 2020 Columbiana Middle School Geography Bee Champion, Sophia Pulcini (7th Grade).

Sophia will take the online test in order to be considered for the State Geography Bee.

Thank you to all who made this year's geography bee possible and to all of our student participants.

(Pictured L to R: Donovan, Mr. Martin, Sophia)

**EARLY DISMISSAL, APPOINTMENTS and  
TRANSPORTATION CHANGES**



Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in our efforts to minimize afternoon interruptions. We ask that any appointments you make for your child be scheduled on a day and time as to not interrupt the day (such as in-service days for teachers).

*Early dismissals from school interfere with the learning process (not only for your child but the other students in the class as well), so we ask that you only pick-up your child from school when it is ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. Early dismissal for “convenience” sake is not permitted or considered an “excused” absence.*

In addition, **transportation changes should be accompanied with a note in the morning that includes the address of destination.** We cannot guarantee a phone message or email can be delivered in a timely manner if done so in the late afternoon or last minute.

## **Congratulations, Students of the Month**

Students are nominated by staff based on our Key Clipper Components: Confident, Loyal, Independent, Proud, Punctual, Extraordinary, and Respectful. Thank you Students of the Month for being positive Clipper role models.

### **January 2020**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Annah Clemmer, Charlie Baglama

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Kendall Montgomery, Alex Kolesar

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Madison Thomas, Thomas Huber

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Leah Joy, Noah Benner



## **Planning for the State Test**

It may seem early, but the spring testing dates will arrive before you know it. When

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possible, we appreciate you planning student absences around state testing to avoid make-up testing situations for your child.

*ELA Testing Window March 30 - April 21*

*Math/SCI Testing Window April 20 - May 8*

For specific dates of grade level tests, please contact the office.

## Congratulations, Key Clippers!

Congratulations to Mrs. Holly Zelonish and Mrs. Margaret Silver on being nominated and awarded the Key Clipper Award. Both received their award at the January, 28th meeting of the Board of Education.



Mrs. Zelonish is a fantastic example of a staff member who consistently goes above and beyond, doing whatever is needed in order to make sure things run smoothly and to provide students with amazing opportunities.

Holly consistently offers her time and expertise! From painting faces at every Spring Fling event for as long as I can remember to coordinating multi-building efforts such as Christmas parade floats, street plow painting contests and county art fairs.

Mrs. Z. collaborates with her colleagues in order to provide amazing opportunities for our students. The most recent example of this being the misfit toy project. Holly has worked on this project for over a decade.



Mrs. Silver comes to work every day, eager to find new ways of reaching students. Whether it be implementing best practices in teaching middle school ELA, her high school AP course or finding new ways to connect material to student interests.

Meg constantly reflects on her professional practice, analyzing data, and tailoring instruction to meet the individual needs of her students.

Mrs. Silver can be found collaborating with teachers on cross-curricular and cross-grade level activities, supports community outreach projects, directs the most amazing middle school theatrical performances, and supports various initiatives in order to advance building and district objectives.

## Upcoming Events

February 12

**CMS Parent/Teacher Conferences**

**February 14**  
**No School, Compensatory Day**

**February 17**  
**No School, Presidents Day**

**March 20**  
**End 3rd Grading Period**

**March 23**  
**Begin 4th Grading Period**



You can also view upcoming events at our CMS Website Events Page:  
<https://www.columbianaschools.org/o/columbiana-middle-school/events>