

A Message from Principal Brooks

Dear families,

I wanted to take a moment and ask for your assistance in helping to educate our students about the inappropriateness of racial/discriminatory language. We continue to discuss racial stereotypes with our kids as their use of derogatory comments still plagues the school. While the things our children see on TV, social media and in the news impact their words, it takes all of us working together to reiterate that hurtful language has no place in our school, our community and our world.

We have to be consistent in our messaging that what they see and hear outside our school walls is not acceptable within our diverse community. I want you all to know that I maintain a zero tolerance for any language that is hurtful to others based on their race or ethnicity. Be it the “n” word, comments about cultural foods, smells, different religions, sexual orientation (the word “gay” needs to be removed from our children’s vernacular) or other, I will address it and parents will be notified. Most recently we have had children calling Asian students “coronavirus.” And while these incidents are isolated and few, even one is too many. Additionally, the excuse of “we were just roasting each other” is not going to be tolerated at CHMS. Furthermore, I will address the “n” word whether it is used by a white child, a black child or otherwise, and whether it has an “a” or the “hard r.” In this building, we do not speak to one another in this manner – even if some children say they are using words with friends and in a playful manner. Again, in this building we do not play that way. Please make sure that, regardless of your personal beliefs, you help me spread the word that at Community House we do not tolerate language of a racial or stereotypical nature by any child, regardless of race. Thank you for your support as we attempt to teach our children not simply to tolerate differences but to celebrate them.

February

17 Presidents' Day -
Makeup Day

March

4 Early Release Day

6 Principal's Chat &
PTO Meeting

20-
26 Book Fair

27 Teacher Workday



Community News



CHMS Teacher Starts Non-Profit

Ms. Neilsen, a 6th grade Social Studies teacher at CHMS, has started a non-profit, A Teacher in Need. The mission of A Teacher in Need is to support public school employees across North Carolina facing financial hardships. To learn more visit ATeacherInNeed.org.



CHMS Students Host Blood Drive

Have you heard about Advisory from your student? If not, make sure to ask them about it. The 6th grade advisory classes have decided to host a blood drive on April 9, 2020. This is part of the Red Cross' Future Blood Donors program. Please consider stopping by and being a hero to someone in need.

Chess Team Competes in Southern Scholastic Tournament

The Community House chess team participated in the K-8 Southern Scholastic chess tournament in January. Pulak Agarwala received 1st place out of 86 kids and earned a CMS sponsorship to play at the National Junior High School chess championships in Jacksonville in April.

Our team placed 3rd out of 12 middle school teams. It was a very close competition!

Rohan Hansalia tied for 9th place. Samarth Kedari placed 21st. Taran Karthik Bellam and Pranav Balamurugian tied for 21st. Pragnya Kothapalli, Saanvita Challari, and Nehal-Om Shatagopam tied for 38th place. Rohan Vemugunta and Ananya Dantala tied for 48th place. Sohan Vemugunta tied for 78th place.

Congratulations Pulak and the CHMS Chess Team!



6th Grade Math Club

Begins February 18 at 8:00 AM in the Media Center

If you have a 6th grader interested in taking advanced math as a 7th grader or even possibly Math 1 as a 7th grader, have them come to the 6th grade math club! Students can enrich and extend their current understanding of math every Tuesday before school.

Questions?

Summer Program



Are your rising 7th - rising 9th grade students looking for an interactive and engaging summer STEM experience?

Introducing the new Wake Forest University Middle School Summer STEM Program! Our six-day, residential summer program offers hands-on learning of STEM topics such as forensics, genetics, hydrology and epidemiology led by our very own Wake Forest faculty and staff. Students will engage in learning through the lens of a Zombie Apocalypse on campus. They will be charged with the task of curing the infected and preventing the

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Questions?

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