

Chimacum Middle School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ End of Trimester
March 18th
- ◆ No School/March
19th
- ◆ Student Led
Conferences
March 31st
- ◆ Spring Break
April 5-9

Student-Led Conferences on March 31, 2010

This March, CMS will host student led conferences. We will schedule this through our advisory program.

Each student and family will have a scheduled appointment for this conference. Regularly held classes are not in session on this day. Students need only come to school at the time of their student led conference. These conferences must be held on campus.

Hopefully, you have seen a letter from your student's Eagle Time advisor explaining the purpose and requesting input into the time for your conference. We expect all students to participate.

If March 31st does not work with your schedule, please feel free to contact the advisor to request either an alternate time or to have your student present his/her portfolio to another caring adult.

In addition to helping kids learn to organize and collect work samples, we hope this process builds reflection skills, a research-based strategy that will improve student learning. In addition, learning to speak about goals, school skills, test scores, and other portfolio elements will assist kids in meeting several state communication standards and prepare them for several school graduation requirements.

The desired results from this process are as follows:

- 1) Students will accept personal responsibility for their academic performance.
- 2) Students will learn the process of self-evaluation and reflection.
- 3) The process will facilitate the development of students' organizational and oral communication skills and increase their self-confidence.
- 4) More parents will be more involved in the education of students.

The CMS staff is eager to have you share in our students' educational growth. We want all of our students to be successful and pass all their classes. We believe your participation will help achieve this goal.

Parents are asked to allow some extra time after their conference to go to the computer lab with their child and go online and select their preferred choice of class.

Spring Break
April 5 - 9, 2010

Student Led Conferences and Registration

This year for the first time, we will be conducting our pre-registration activities during Student Led Conferences. We would ask parents to plan to spend an additional 10 - 15 minutes assisting your son/daughter with this process in our computer lab. We will send home pre-registration materials to preview the week prior to conferences. In addition, we will have clear step-by-step procedures and assistance in the lab on March 31.

It is our goal to have all students complete a student led conference and the pre-registration process. We value parents' participation in this process and look forward to seeing you all at the end of the month.

State Testing

You may have heard that there are some changes in our state testing program. The exams, now entitled the "**Measurement of Student Progress**" or MSP for short will be administered in May.

Although our schedule is not yet finalized, the testing window is May 12 - 28. The tests are shorter in duration and all extended response items have been removed from math, reading, and science exams. The content and format of other test items are similar to the former WASL.

Please know that no 8th grade exams will be scheduled during Odyssey Week. The number of test days is as follows:

- 6th grade: one day of reading, one day of math
- 7th grade: one day of reading, one day of math, two days of writing
- 8th grade: one day of reading, one day of math, one day of science

Additional information regarding these exams is at the OSPI website, www.k12.wa.us.

Washington D.C. Trip!

Our first trip to Washington DC is nearly upon us. We have a small group of 8th and 9th graders traveling to the nation's capitol during Spring break.

We are working through the educational touring company, Worldstrides, and will be touring a variety of locations key to the foundation of this country.

We look forward to an exciting and successful trip that will supplement the learning that is taking place in the 7-9th grade classrooms.

Another trip is being tentatively planned for the summer of 2011. Look for updates in future newsletters or contact Gretchen Berg in the middle school.

**Purchase
Your
Yearbooks
Now - Price is
\$30.00**

**Supplies will be
Limited!**



**Alcohol, Other Drugs &
Adolescent Development...The
Update Story**

Informational Meeting

Date: March 10th

Time: 5:00 - 7:00 pm

**Location: P.T.H.S. Library
1500 VanNess St.
Port Townsend**

No Charge *

**Dr. David Scratchley, Clinical
Director of the Matt Talbot
Drug and Alcohol Treatment
Center in Seattle will present
on these critical issues.**

**For information, please call
Barbara Hansen @
(360) 344-3030**

8th Grade Olympic Odyssey

The 8th grade Olympic Odyssey annual trip is coming up May 17 – 21.

The cost for this trip is \$125. Please try to have this paid for prior to May 15th. Monthly installment payments are gladly accepted.

Information packets will be coming home with your student soon.

Yearbooks for Sale!

There are only a few months left to purchase a yearbook! They can be purchased in the school office for \$30.

Smaller, incremental payments are also accepted. The yearbook staff is working hard to include everyone in this book.

How exciting it will be to have a record of this school year with all it's fun and interesting events.

Attendance Questions

If you receive a call from the automated phone system saying that you missed one or more periods, but you were at school all day, please see Ms. Gibson the next day and get it taken care of. It is very hard to fix mistakes at the end of the trimester.

Please remember to bring in a note from your parent/guardian with a reason why you missed school. You may also call the school at 732-4219, ext. 251 to excuse the absence. This is also important if you are tardy to school.

If you attend a medical or dental appointment, please bring a note from the doctor. This will help prevent an attendance problem.

Chimacum Middle School Dress Code

In view of the positive correlation between student dress, student behavior, and academic achievement, CMS has adopted the following policy: Student dress that is a health or safety hazard, damaging to school property, or creates a material and/or substantial disruption of the educational process shall be regulated. In addition, the following guidelines have been adopted by way of example and not a complete list. CMS will not allow:

- Clothing that is revealing in nature. Guidelines: Sleeveless shirt straps must be three fingers wide without being low-cut. Boys' and girls' shorts must not be shorter than the tips of the fingers. No bare midriffs, low cut pants.
- Sleepwear, such as nightgowns, pajamas, boxer shorts. Pajama bottoms that are clean are acceptable.
- Any slogan or insignia that implies intimidation, graffiti, discrimination, or ridicule.
- Any display of words, pictures, or references to alcohol, tobacco, illegal substances, weapons, guns, or sexual innuendo.
- Any article of clothing that has excessive rips, tears, or holes.
- Hats in classrooms offices, gym, auditorium and the commons.
- Chains or spikes, including look-alikes.
- Writing on backside of shorts or pants.
- Excessive make-up/face painting.
- Other items as deemed inappropriate.

Calendar of Events

March 2010

2-3	Early Release @ 12:15
18	2 nd Trimester Ends
19	No School / Trimester Break
29	Girls Basketball Awards Night @ 6:30
29	Track practice begins
30	MS Band Concert
31	No School / Student Conferences

April

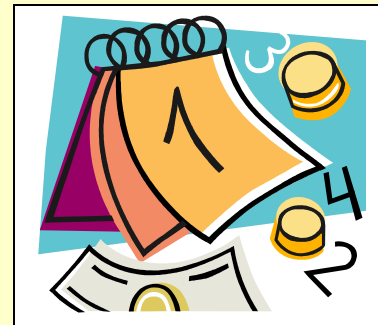
5-9	Spring Break
26-30	Spirit Week
30	April Awards Assembly
30	MS Dance

May

5	3 rd Trimester Mid-Terms
14	Early Release/Kiddies Parade
17	ASB Elections
17	5 th Grade Visitation
17-21	Olympic Odyssey - 8 th grade
20	Market Day - 6 th grade
31	No School / Memorial Day

June

1	No School
8-9	Track & Field Day - 6 th grade
18	Last Day of School / 12:15



Dates to Remember

ASB Activities

Penny Wars are going on right now. This is a competition between classes to raise funds for purchasing sound equipment to be used for music at dances and other functions.

It will offset the cost of a DJ at each event, saving approximately \$300 per activity.

So, bring in that loose change!

Thanks from your ASB officers

ASB Upcoming Dates

March 26th ~ Game Time ~ 2:30-4:30

The purpose of this activity is to raise \$ for Cispus and Odyssey. It will be a time for the students to gather and enjoy board games, card games (and with parent permission & supervision), Wii and other electronic games.

April 30th ~ Dance ~ 7:00-9:00 pm

Science Olympiad

On Saturday February 27th, Tami Robocker and David DiPrete took 19 middle school students and 12 high school students to the Regional Science Olympiad competition held at Seattle Central Community College.

There, Chimacum students joined several hundred other students representing some three dozen schools around Puget Sound. Between 9am and 4pm they competed in events as diverse as model **building events** requiring the designing, constructing, and testing of launchers, planes, bridges, and battery buggies; **knowledge events** such as astronomy, anatomy, electrical circuits, and fossils; and **lab events** such as chemistry, electricity, and forensics.

The Chimacum High School team earned three medals in their events and all students came away with renewed inspiration and ideas for making improvements in their respective events. Coaches Robocker and DiPrete were extremely impressed with the skills demonstrated and enjoyment displayed by the teams during a very full day of science exploration.

A “Note” from Mr. Delgado

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

Spring is a good time to refocus energy on keeping grades up. In the next couple of weeks, I will be meeting with students in need of encouragement with their school work. As a reminder, we have homework help available Monday through Thursday from 2:20 to 3:15 in Room 502. Students are encouraged to arrange times to stay after school with their individual teachers to make up assignments or get extra help. Also, the Jefferson County Library has homework help available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 to 4:30.

Spring is also a busy time for sports. Middle School Girls Basketball season is in full swing, and Track season is just three weeks away. Since our Spring Break is the first full week of April (5-9), we will start Track on Monday, March 29th to make sure our athletes are eligible before the first meet. Please make sure that all of your sports paperwork is in and your physical is current for the Spring. The Jefferson County Health Clinic at Chimacum High School offers sports physicals; call 385-9400 for an appointment.

Finally, I just want to remind parents and students of three expectations for Middle School students.

- First, please remember to be in the Commons in the morning before the first bell at 7:40.
- Second, students staying after school need to be supervised in a classroom, in homework help, or at the Teen Center. Bus passes will only be given to those students who have been supervised by staff after school. Students who leave campus are not allowed to come back on campus or get a bus pass to go home.
- Third, please remember to have all cell phones and electronic devices off during class. Students can come to the office to call home, or parents can call the office at 732-4219 Ext. 251 and leave a message for students.

Consequences for violating the policy are as follows:

1st Offense: Device confiscated and sent to the office, can be picked up after the class period.

2nd Offense: One day of After School Detention, device confiscated and sent to the office to be picked up at the end of the day.

3rd Offense: Two days of After School Detention, device confiscated and parent must pick up the device.

4th Offense: 3 day suspension, device will be confiscated, parent conference, device returned to parent.



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Sports Schedule - Girls Basketball

February

22 Sequim @ Sequim
 25 Port Angeles - Blue @ Chimacum

March

1 Port Angeles - White @ Chimacum
 4 Forks @ Forks
 8 Blue Heron @ Chimacum
 11 Sequim @ Chimacum
 15 Port Angeles - Blue @ Port Angeles
 18 Port Angeles - White @ Port Angeles
 22 Forks @ Chimacum
 25 Blue Heron @ Port Townsend

Game Time: 3:30

Girls Basketball Awards Night on March 29, 2010

Sports Schedule - Track

Track practice begins on March 29th from 2:30 - 4:00 pm

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