

Chehalis Middle School

January/February 2023

Chris Simpson, Principal

Heidi Fagerness, Assistant Principal

As many of you know from first hand experience, our parking situation is less than ideal. However, that should not diminish the need to keep students (and others) safe.

The already congested parking situation is only compounded when people intentionally park and/or wait in Fire Lanes, block part of the entrance/exit or line up in places that significantly interfere with others' ability to safely navigate the parking lot. This could also prohibit emergency vehicles from being able to respond to a situation at our school.

Please remember that the busiest times for traffic and congestion are immediately before and during dismissal time, however, within 5-10 minutes, the parking lot is much less crowded. Also, exercise patience and good judgment by obeying the laws and rules of the parking lot, including not entering the bus zone to turn around and line up to exit the parking lot in order to make sure everyone can be safe.

Thanks for your cooperation!

~ Mr. Simpson



The winter months are proving to be very successful for CMS leadership students! They continue to nurture a sense of belonging for students here at CMS with our monthly themes. The theme for January is **Commitment**, and February is **Honesty**. I cannot think of two better words to describe these developing leaders. This is a perfect time to highlight our ASB leaders, Riley Pennington - President, Lucy Hornby- Vice President, Rebecca Fogde -Secretary, Jack Robison - Treasurer, and Cooper Brown- Sergeant of Arms. These leaders along with 2 leadership classes, and an entire student council of 45 members have done a terrific job of keeping student activities in the forefront. They recently planned a virtual assembly to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, and held some lunch time activities. Upcoming events will include a Pet Food Drive, Food Drive and a potential Talent Show. Thank you students!!

~ Mrs. Fagerness

Spring Break 2022

April 3 - 7



CMS Social- March 10th

3:00 - 5:30

\$3.00 with ASB Card

\$5.00 w/o ASB Card or at the door

Students with overdue library books, fines or suspensions will not be able to attend the social.

Please call the office if you'd like information on chaperoning a school social.



-Important Dates-

Feb 20 - No school. President's Day

Feb 27 - Mar 3 - Conference Week -
Early Release all week @ 12:20

Mar 17 - 1st Make-up Day or No
School

Apr 3 - 7 - Spring Break

Apr 21 - Early Release @ 12:20

May 5 - Early Release @ 12:20

May 26 - 2nd Make-up Day or No
School

May 29 - No school - Memorial Day

June 16 - Last Day of School

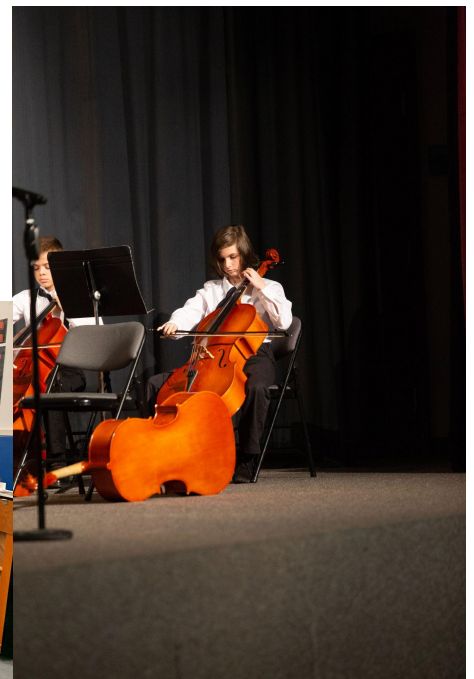
Early Release @ 11:05 - No lunch served



Music Department

Upcoming Events

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| February 2nd | Solo/Ensemble Showcase
CMS |
| February 4th | Instrumental Regional Solo/Ensemble
Kelso High School |
| February 11th | Vocal Solo and Ensemble
CMS and WFW, all day @ Kelso HS |
| February 17th-19th | All NW-Music Conference & Student Ensembles
Jr All-State Music
Bellevue, WA |
| February 24th | Warner Pacific Festival
Symphonic and Jazz Band |
| March 14th | Middle School Band Festival |
| March 16th | String Orchestra Concert
7:00 PM @ WF West Commons |
| March 23rd | Festival Band Concert
CMS |
| March 25th | Liberty Jazz Festival
Spanaway, WA |





FROM THE NURSE'S DESK



Donated clothing needed:

Dear CMS Families,

The health room is in need of gently used clothes of various sizes. If you are cleaning out the closets and have shirts/pants/athletic shorts preferably of the stretchy/comfortable variety I would appreciate your donations. Loaner clothing is given when a student has soiled or torn clothes, needs PE clothes or has violated dress code. Donations can be dropped off at the office. Please email me, Nurse Somer, if you have any questions sosmith@chehalisschools.org

Healthy Reminders:

- If your student has had a fever or diarrhea they must remain home until free of symptoms for 24 hours.
- If your student needs medication at school (This includes cough drops, inhalers, ibuprofen, etc.), please be sure we have a medication authorization on file. You can obtain that form from the office, the district website, or your child's doctor.
- At age 11 students should receive a tetanus booster, called tDap, at their annual check-up. Please note this immunization is required once they reach 7th grade. Find more information here <https://doh.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2022-12/348-284-IndividualVaccineReqs2023-24.pdf?uid=63c1c87ef3b8a>

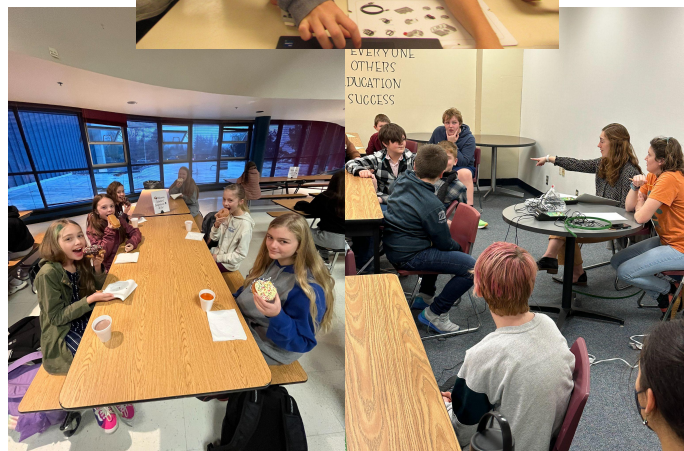
Volleyball Starts: February 15th

Make sure to have all your paperwork done in order to compete.

<https://chehalisschools.rankonesport.com/New/NewInstructionsPage.aspx>

Track Starts: April 10th

6th graders may turnout for practice, but are unable to compete in the meets. All sports fees paid and physicals completed in order to practice.





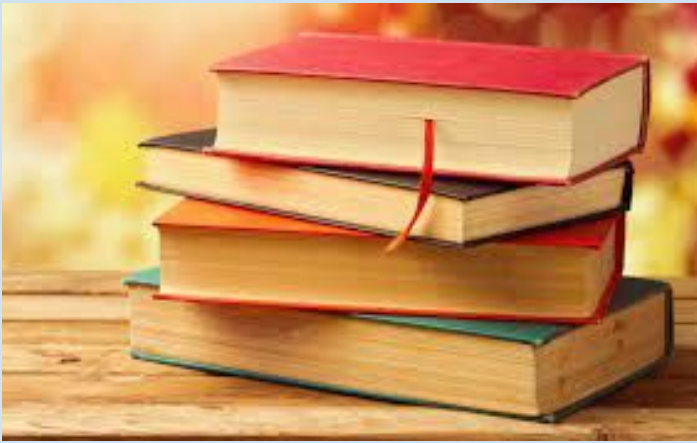
Library News



Circulation Statistics

During the months of November and December our students checked out 2,216 books! That puts us at 5,663 checkouts so far this school year. Incredible!!

Book Fair News: We will be hosting our spring Scholastic Book Fair during spring conference week, February 27th-March 3rd. Stop by during conference hours to find your next favorite book (or books!).



Make a Request!!

Is our library missing a book or series that you would like to read? Let us know! While we cannot get every book requested, we will surely try.

Hi-Cap Nominations

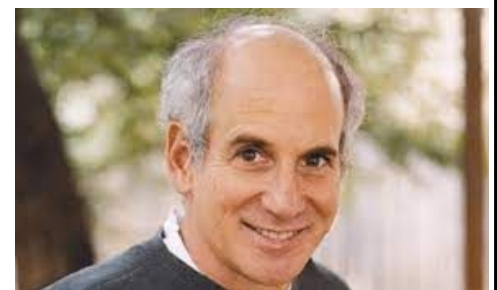
The nominations period for all potential Highly Capable students for the 2023-2024 school year is open now and nomination forms will be accepted until March 17th . Nomination forms are available in each school office or can be downloaded from the Chehalis School District web site www.chehalisschools.org. All completed nomination forms must be returned to the school office before the end of the day on March 17th. The District Multi-Disciplinary Selection Committee (MSC) will notify parents of the nominations and obtain written permission for further assessment.

Chehalis School District students that are currently identified as a Highly Capable student do not need to be tested again.

Author Highlights

Louis Sachar
(Born March 20)

Sachar is known most widely as the author of the book turned movie, Holes, as well as the Wayside School series. Sachar has been making children and adults laugh their socks off for decades. You can check out these titles and others at the library!



Feel free to reach out to the librarian at dvelazquez@chehalisschools.org



Information from Todd Thornburg, Chehalis School District Security and Safety Officer

BeReal is an app that encourages users to share an unedited photo once per day in response to a push message. The user's friends also receive the same notification, prompting the group to take a photo of what they are currently experiencing at the time.

When users receive an alert, they have up to 2 minutes to share the photo and may then view the images their friends have already uploaded. The software is straightforward to use, recording a selfie and a front-facing shot simultaneously.

What Parents Should Know

- *In-App Communication
- *Parental Controls
- *The BeReal app does not feature parent controls
- *Once you react to an image with an emoji, you can now comment back and forth
- *Spontaneous photos are taken of whatever the user wants to share this could be obviously be exploited by those with bad intentions.
- *Geo-location is enabled by default.
- *Inappropriate Content Can Still Be Shared
- *Photo Sharing
- *Location Information Can Be Shared

Potential Problems

Negative Reinforcement of App Usage

If you miss the two minute time restriction for taking the shot, the user receives a message that they are "late". Negative reinforcement could lead children to prioritizing between the app and school.

Consistent Documentation of Personal Nature

The app encourages users to take "candid" images and videos of themselves, which means users are continually divulging their whereabouts, interests, and other possible personal facts. With no privacy features or blocking abilities, it is possible for strangers to observe your child or teen's posts and gain a more intimate knowledge of their day-by-day activities and whereabouts.

Recommendations

Use with caution for children 13 or older. Disable the geo-location tracking. Only add close friends or family members.

Some Good Options for Parents

Monitor, Alert, and Protect with Bark

- Where other app's safety and inappropriate content filters fail, you can utilize Bark!. The best parental control and notification app for mobile devices, monitoring your child's app activity has just become easier.

Get the Pinwheel Phone

- Parents ask, "what's a safe phone for my child? I don't want to worry about all the apps and headaches. I have found it in the Pinwheel smartphone! It gives the caregiver unprecedented levels of control over how their child's phone works. Easily enable/disable apps, control screen time, no unapproved calls, and monitor your child's conversations as they learn healthy communication. Deleted texts still show. The Parent portal provides deep insight into your child's internet safety.

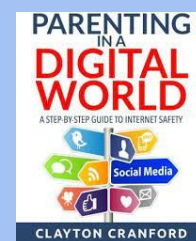
For helpful information follow:

Cybersafetycop

Instagram: cybersafetycop

Twitter: @CyberSafetyCop

Cybersafetycop.com



CMS Counselors

A - L Mr. Kyle State

M - Z Mrs. Alicia Hill

Mrs. Autumn Ledgerwood



Looking ahead

We've reached the halfway point! You know what that means? **8th graders only have one semester left before they go from being Wildcats to Bearcats!** To help them prepare, we will be holding some transitional activities and discussions in Wildcat Time throughout second semester. In addition, our annual visit from the high school counselors will take place on March 27th. Students will receive information about registering for high school classes and parents will receive similar information at an evening event held on March 29th.

Supporting our students

We love to find new ways to support our students and make them feel more comfortable at school. This year, we were lucky enough to add a calming space to our building as an additional resource to our students. "The Den", as we call it, is available for students to take a quick break from class if they need a few quiet moments to recenter. Students may also work with counselors to come in and use the space for studying when needed. We have been thrilled with how this space has developed and how the students are utilizing it.

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Accountant,
Cathy
Durgin



Firefighter,
Kevin
Reynolds



McCallum
Rock
Drilling



THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS COMMUNITY MEMBERS,
WHO TOOK THE TIME TO COME PRESENT WHAT MAKES
THEIR CAREERS AWESOME!

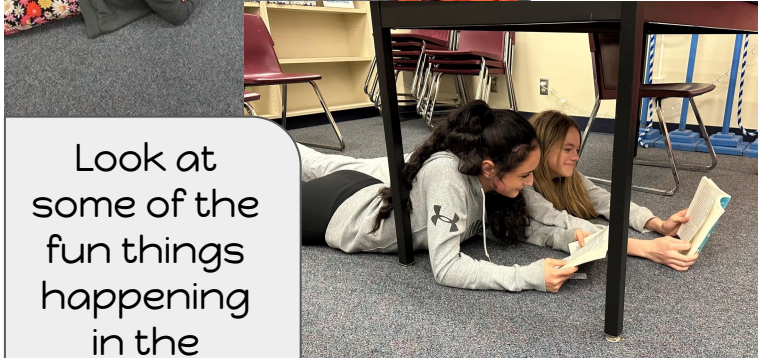
CHECK THIS
OUT!!!

Spring Conference Week
February 27th - March 3rd

School will be dismissed at 12:20 each day (Mon - Fri)
Conferences will be held February 27th and 28th from 1pm to 6:45pm
Sign-ups for conferences will be available through Skyward
starting February 14th



CMS Moments



Look at some of the fun things happening in the library!



Sophie and Gabe are amazing office TAs.!



Students enjoying the sounds of the the Caribbean Breeze before school



P.E. CLASSES PARTICIPATED IN THE ANNUAL DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT IN DECEMBER. IT'S A FUN TIME! THE WINNING TEAM PLAYED THE STAFF. IT WAS A CLOSE GAME WITH THE STAFF JUST BARELY WINNING. PICTURED IS THE 6TH-PERIOD CLASS TEAM, CROCS-N-SOCKS, WHO ENDED UP WINNING THE TOURNAMENT THIS YEAR. MR. VELTKAMP WAS THE ENTERTAINMENT AND A MEMBER OF THE STAFF TEAM.

Chehalis School District Annual School Report

Chehalis School District and the State of Washington believe that important information about local public schools should be provided to educators, parents, community members and the general public. The combined support of these various stakeholders ensures the success of all students. Information regarding current and past test scores, demographics, teacher qualifications, graduation and dropout rates for secondary students, and the status of school improvement can be obtained from the following website:

<http://reportcards.ospi.k12.wa.us/> search for Chehalis School and click on the school of choice.

Printed copies of the annual school report or newsletter may be obtained from the Chehalis School District Office at 310 SW 16th Street, Chehalis, WA 98532 (360) 807-7200. You may also log on to the district website at: <http://chehalisschools.org> and click on the appropriate link to view each document.

Title I Notification

Parents can request the following information regarding instructional staff who work with their children:

- Whether or not the child's teacher has met state certification for the grades and subjects she/he is teaching.
- Whether or not the teacher is working with an emergency or conditional certificate where state certification criteria has been waived.
- The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held, including field of discipline of the certificate or degree.
- If the child receives instructional services from a paraeducator, the paraeducator's qualifications.

Chehalis School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

El Distrito Escolar de Chehalis no discrimina en ningún programa o actividad por sexo, raza, credo, religión, color, origen nacional, edad, estado veterano o militar, orientación sexual, expresión o identidad de género, discapacidad o el uso de un Guía de perros entrenados o un animal de servicio y proporciona igual acceso a los Boy Scouts y otros grupos juveniles designados. Los siguientes empleados han sido designados para manejar las preguntas y quejas de supuestas discriminaciones:

Title IX/Affirmative Action Officer: _Jeff Johnson - 310 SW 16th Street, Chehalis, WA 98532 360-807-7235

jjohnson2@chehalisschools.org

Section 504/ADA Officer: _Katie Howell- 310 SW 16th Street., Chehalis, WA 98532 (360) 807-7245

khowell@chehalisschools.org

Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator _Debby Gregory - 310 SW 16th Street, Chehalis, WA 98532 (360) 807-7235

dgregory@chehalisschools.org

Habla Espanol?

El distrito escolar de Chehalis ofrece servicios de traducción al Espanol a nuestros padres y familias.

Por favor comuniquese con Ines Perez al 360-807- 7230, o al correo electrónico a iperez@chehalisschools.org