

Cedar Crest Middle School Newsletter April, 2021



Principal's Message

Dear Falcon Families:

It is hard believe that we have completed the third marking period and are already three quarters of the way through this school year! Although this year has been full of challenges, we are grateful to have faced them together in our #CommUNITY at CCMS!

As many of you know, the state mandated PSSA testing dates will be held in April. The English/Language Arts test will be administered April 19-21 and the Math Assessment on April 26-27. Eighth grade students will take the PSSA Science test on May 3-4. All students should report to CCMS for PSSA testing on these dates. Please help your child prepare for this testing by making sure that they are well-rested and eating breakfast. PSSA information for families will be sent with this newsletter as a separate attachment. Questions about PSSA testing can be directed to your child's guidance counselor in our Counseling Office.

Please look for calendar updates and announcements for spring activities. We are excited to have our students competing in athletics, preparing their spring concerts, and participating in traditional middle school experiences!

As always, we appreciate your continued support of your child's education. If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us here at the middle school.

Sincerely,

Mariah L. Rackley, Ed. D.

Important Dates

April 1 – No School for Students – Professional Learning Day for staff

April 2 – SCHOOL CLOSED for Spring Break

April 5 – SCHOOL CLOSED for Spring Break

April 19-21—PSSA ELA Testing for all students, grades 6-8; all students report to CCMS for testing

April 26-27—PSSA Math Testing for all students, grades 6-8; all student report to CCMS for testing

May 3-4—PSSA Science Testing for 8th grade students only; all 8th grade students report to CCMS for testing

Spirit Week Events – April 12-15 Organ Donor Awareness Month Theme

April 12 – Organ Donor Awareness symbol is the butterfly. Match a butterfly by wearing bright colors and/or patterns.

April 13 – Since one of your organs is your eye, wear the same color to match your eyes.

April 14 – Your heart is a very important organ. Make your heart happy by wearing comfy clothing such as sweatshirts, sweatpants, fuzzy socks, etc.

April 15 – Wear green or blue to support and represent Organ Donor Awareness Month.

April 16 – Falcon Friday! Wear Cedar Crest apparel and colors such as blue and gray. Staff may dress down for \$5 and students may wear a hat for \$1. All proceeds benefit organ/tissue donor awareness.

Parent-School Partners (P-SP)

Thank you to everyone who ordered Hersheypark Tickets. Once the tickets arrive at the school, an email will be sent to everyone to arrange pickup.

The P-SP is already beginning to plan for next year, and we are looking for committee chairs and officers. If you are interested in becoming an officer, such as President, Treasurer, and Secretary, please contact Kristi Glassford at kglassford@clsd.k12.pa.us.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, April 15 at 7:00 pm via the ZOOM link below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87111350376?pwd=Vjd5QnJBNFNrWEdFcTlVaGFWMc8xUT09>

If you have any questions, please email Kristi Glassford, president (kglassford@clsd.k12.pa.us).

CCMS Performing Arts Performed *Shrek The Musical JR.*

Cedar Crest Middle School Performing Arts successfully presented four performances of Shrek the Musical JR. from March 25-27. Thank you to everyone who tuned in to watch either the Live Stream or one of our pre-recorded versions. Huge shoutouts to Mr. Tim McGowan, Mr. Chris Schwalm, and the CCHS Today crew who made this possible.

Our raffle basket fundraiser was a HUGE success! Thank you to everyone who donated a basket, monetary donations, and everyone who purchased tickets. Please see the next to last page of this newsletter for a list of baskets and basket winners.



Spring Book Fair

The Spring Book Fair will be April 6-8. This year Books A Million (BAM! from Park City) is providing the books! The fair is open to students during the school day. The fair will be open for parents and siblings from 3:00-4:00 pm and 5:30-8:00 pm each day. Please use the main entrance to the middle school.

Mini-THON/Diamond Dash

Cedar Crest Middle School presents its sixth annual Diamond Dash Festival on Thursday, May 6 and Friday, May 7. This is a school-wide event that raises money for Four Diamonds and other student activities. There will be food and activities that students may purchase with tickets and there will be a variety of free activities as well. If you are able to make a donation please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e48abac29a64-minithon>.

News from Cafeteria

Students should check out the MANY new menu options for both breakfast and lunch! Breakfast can be picked up Grab N' Go style in the Commons Area each morning.

Breakfast will now feature cereal, donuts, and Pop-Tart options in addition to the main hot choice each morning!

Lunch will feature students' favorite menu options, and two days of CHICKEN WING BAR! We will serve this meal twice since we have received such great reviews.

Also, make sure to make a meal for lunch on April 22 to receive a FREE POLAR BLAST ice cream for Earth Day!

Don't miss out on the great meal options!

Don't forget that ALL MEALS are FREE! All students are entitled to one free breakfast and one free lunch each day.

News from the Nurse

With warmer weather right around the corner, please encourage your child to carry a plastic water bottle at school!

Attention 6th grade parents: The state requires all 7th grade students to have both the Tdap and MCV vaccines prior to the first day of school. Any students without the state required immunizations will be excluded from school beginning their 7th grade school year. Please send a copy of your child's immunizations to the nurse. This information can be brought to the school or provided via fax to 717-389-1858. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. North, CCMS school nurse, at 717-389-1845.

Don't forget to send completed 6th grade physical exams and 7th grade dental exams to the school nurse as soon as possible. The states requires every 7th grade student to have a dental examination. School dental exams are scheduled for Friday, April 16, 2021. Permission forms for the school dental exam were due in the nursing office by March 26. Please contact the nursing office as soon as possible, if you would like your 7th grade student to have a school dental exam, but have not yet returned the permission slip.

If you received a referral for medical evaluation, as a result of the school's vision, hearing, and/or scoliosis screenings, please remember to have the completed referral form(s) returned to the nurse, after your child's evaluation by your health care practitioner.

Please keep your child home if they have symptoms of COVID-19, have a pending COVID-19 test, or anyone in the house tests positive for COVID-19. Please notify the nurse, Mrs. North, at 717-389-1845 or via email at north@clsd.k12.pa.us.



Star Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students selected as their team's "Star Student of the Month" for March. Stop by the bulletin board located between the main office and the attendance office to see the star students and why they were chosen by their team of teachers.

Team Blast 6-1 – William Werner
Team Blue Aggies 6-2 – Aiden Davis
Team Ironmasters 6-3 – Samuel Starleper
Team Horizon 7-1 – Ali Gatto
Team Spartans 7-2 – Evan Garman
Team Knights 7-3 – Haylee Cook
Team Mariner 8-1 – Alexander Barr
Team Enterprise 8-2 – Derek Dombach
Team Endeavor 8-3 – Malachi Victor

News from Yearbook Book Staff

Yearbooks are still on sale! Reserve your copy at <https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/general/displayLanding?portal=true> using the code 13619. The price of the yearbook will be \$25.00. Orders may also be submitted to Ms. Oblinsky in Room A-19. Include your child's full name, grade, homeroom teacher's name, and a check made payable to Cedar Crest Middle School. If you have any questions, please email Ms. Oblinsky at toblinsky@clsd.k12.pa.us.

Interested in sharing photos for the yearbook? Use the eShare link to upload school related photos: <http://www.hjeshare.com/eShare/?code=CCMS21>
The code is CCMS21.

News from the District

Falcon Foundation Grants/Awards & Recognition Reception, scheduled for April 28, is cancelled. Awardees will be notified by mail of their award.

Jazz Band Concert CCHS/CCMS: Friday, April 23, 7:30 pm. Check the District website calendar for more information.

The online **CLSD Community Bulletin Board** has information about sports activities, summer camps, scouting opportunities, and many other activities for students and families: <www.clsd.k12.pa.us> under the "Community" tab. Info is updated regularly!

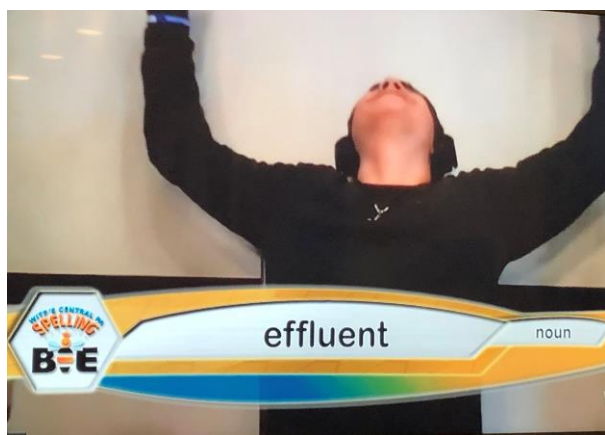
Viseth Meng Crowned Regional Spelling Bee Champ 2.0

On Saturday, February 27, 2021, Viseth Meng won the WITF Regional Spelling Bee for the second consecutive year.

In March 2020 Viseth was anticipating his limo ride to Washington, D.C., to participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Unfortunately, the national bee was cancelled due to COVID-19. To earn the chance to compete in the 2021 national bee, Viseth had to win the school and regional bees. He defeated the other challengers at CCMS in our school bee, scored high marks in the written to qualify for the virtual regional oral spelling bee, where he won with the word *effluent*. Now Viseth faces virtual preliminaries, quarterfinals and semifinals in May/June, leading up to the July 8 finals. The rounds of the bee will be broadcast live on ESPN platforms. The semifinals are slated for June 27.

The final rounds of this year's Bee will be hosted in person at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex at Walt Disney World Resort, Orlando, FL. The finals, featuring 10-12 accomplished spellers, will be broadcast live in primetime on ESPN2.

Stay tuned to our social media accounts to follow Viseth's quest to the Scripp's National Spelling Bee!



Katherine (Katie) Idgunji CCMS Student of the Year

On Monday, March 15, 2021, at the Cornwall-Lebanon School Board meeting, Katherine (Katie) Idgunji was presented to the Board as the Cedar Crest Middle School Student of the Year.

Katie is a leader who is immensely talented in so many different areas. Katie recognizes a need and takes it upon herself to respond to that need. Katie has organized our Falcon Family Food Drive, raised money for MiniTHON, and planned numerous events in our multiple disabilities classroom. When we say that Every Falcon Counts at CCMS, Katie takes that to heart and makes it her mission to live up to that belief statement. Katie is a mature, confident, and compassionate young lady who is an outstanding member of our Cedar Crest community.



Performing Arts Fundraiser

Our raffle basket fundraiser was a HUGE success bringing in a total of \$1513.00! Thank you to everyone who donated a basket, gave monetary donations, and everyone who purchased tickets. Below are the winners of the baskets and a few pics of the 33 baskets that were donated.

- 1 – Yoga - Yoga mats, resistance bands, core ball and more - Austin Brubaker
- 2 – Beach Tote - Towels, goggles, sunscreen - Wendy Seager
- 3 – Macram Plant Hanger, Pot - Kim Sullivan
- 4 – Palmyra Bowling Gift Card, Sinkhole Saloon Gift Card, Socks and Candy - Austin Brubaker
- 5 – Luxurious Bath Bombs – Makenzi Thies
- 6 – Lowes Bucket full of tools - Ray Truex
- 7 – Vera Bradley Large Get Going Tote and Purse - Maria Eager
- 8 – Starbucks Gift card, coffee sign, mug, wicker Basket, coffee - Anita
- 9 – Vera Bradley Large Tote and Tote bag - Pam Manbeck
- 10 – Stranger Things- Dungeon and Dragons, Posters, Tervis Mug, Stickers, Cheeseball ST Hat - Jena McDowell
- 11 – Starbucks Coffee Mug, Gift card - Jackie Kohr
- 12 – Red Robin insulated bag, gift card, seasonings - Dan Stoddard
- 13 – Mary Kay- Timewise products - Wendy Seager
- 14 – Bath and Body gift set - One in a million - Cindy
- 15 – Monat Hair Care gift basket and Bag - Olivia Webber
- 16 – Starbucks mug, water bottle, gift card - Gwyneth Young
- 17 – Mary Kay Botanical Effects Gift Set - Heather Fink
- 18 – Rainy Day Retreat, blanket, crossword puzzle book, snacks, Soduku puzzle books -
- 19 – Garden Lover Basket- Pots, Seeds, Tools - Sue Schulz
- 20 – Pet Lover- Dog Dish, Treats, Toys - Lisa Fisher
- 21 – Summer Fun- Games, Water Toys, Juice Boxes, Bubbles - Vicki Seigrist
- 22 – Best of Hershey- HUGE basket of assorted Hershey's candy - Abigail Maclean
- 23 – 80's candy- HUGE basket full of 80's candies - Razzles, Nerds, etc - Dom
- 24 – Vera Bradley Essential Cross body Purse and Wristlet Wallet - Grace Young
- 25 – Vera Bradley Hipster Purse and Euro Wallet - Avery Lechleitner
- 26 – Blue and Silver Deco Wreath made by Dr. Rackley - Greg Fulkerson
- 27 – Spring Wreath made by Dr. Rackley - Beth Rodkey
- 28 – Bakers delight- Filled with all kinds of baking supplies and tools - Teresa Davis
- 29 – Craft Basket- Handmade cards, Purse, DIY crafts - Megan Dodson
- 30 – Tupperware- HUGE assortment of Tupperware Containers - Gina Young
- 31 – \$200 Gift Cards for Bagel Rack, Chipotle, CC's and Panera - Bonnie Schott
- 32 – Norwex Supplies - Leanne VanAulen
- 33 – Camping - Firepit, Camp Chairs, Mountain Pie Maker, Smores Kit, Bubbles, Chalk, Yard Game - Kim Sullivan



April 2021

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 No School for Students <i>(Professional Learning Day for Staff)</i>	2 No School	3
4	5 No School	6 Day 5 Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends at CCMS. Blue Cohort (A-L) attends virtually.	7 Day 6 Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually.	8 Day 6 Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends at CCMS. Blue Cohort (A-L) attends virtually.	9 Day 1 Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually.	10
11	12 Day 1 Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends at CCMS. Blue Cohort (A-L) attends virtually.	13 Day 2 Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually.	14 Day 2 Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends at CCMS. Blue Cohort (A-L) attends virtually.	15 Day 3 Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually.	16 Day 3 Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends at CCMS. Blue Cohort (A-L) attends virtually.	17
18	19 PSSA Testing--ELA Day 4 Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually.	20 PSSA Testing--ELA Day 4 Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends at CCMS. Blue Cohort (A-L) attends virtually.	21 PSSA Testing--ELA Day 5 Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually.	22 Day 5 Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends at CCMS. Blue Cohort (A-L) attends virtually.	23 Day 6 Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually.	24
25	26 PSSA Testing--Math Day 6 Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends at CCMS. Blue Cohort (A-L) attends virtually.	27 PSSA Testing--Math Day 1 Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually.	28 Day 1 Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends at CCMS. Blue Cohort (A-L) attends virtually.	29 Day 2 Blue Cohort (A-L) attends at CCMS. Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends virtually.	30 Day 2 Gray Cohort (M-Z) attends at CCMS. Blue Cohort (A-L) attends virtually.	1
2	3 PSSA Testing--Science Day 3	Notes				