



PANTHER PRESS



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Greetings CSMS Panther Families,

Spring Break and sun shine are just around the corner! Our hard working students and staff deserve a chance to relax and recharge. Spring break will be March 18th to 22nd. Upon our return, we will begin the 4th Quarter of school. I feel like the year is moving way too fast! I am very grateful for all the support we receive that continues to drive this successful school year.

A couple of reminders – please reinforce with your student that the Chromebooks are a tool for school use, completing assignments, doing research etc. and not for playing games, watching You Tube videos and emailing friends during the school day. Thank you for your support.

Next, after Spring break we will be rolling out a bus pass system for qualified riders called Zonar. Students living outside the 1 mile limit from CSMS will be receiving the pass. This will help us to know who is and isn't on our buses and where the student exited the bus. There is nothing more heart wrenching for a parent and the school as when we are not sure if a student was on the bus or not. Zonar will help to elevate some of the stress associated with this. More information will be coming to you under separate cover before Spring Break. Thanks for your support and we welcome your thoughts on how the Zonar is working.

Girls' basketball is winding down with a CAC play-off berth. While baseball and track will be beginning their seasons.

Please check out the calendar section of this newsletter as many things are happening at CSMS this spring. The Spring Band Concert, STEAM Night, Art and Music Festivals and Career Day just to name a few events.

Finally, as always, Thank You for your continued support of Colonel Smith Middle School. Here's to an excellent 4th quarter of the school year!

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***** Coming soon! Scholastic Book Fair - 1st thru 5th of April *****

100% ID Check

**Parents and visitors,
please be aware that we
currently have a 100% ID**

Dates to Remember

- 5 Mar Middle School Band Fest @ CSMS 7:30 am to 1:30 PM
- 6 Mar FHASD Art Show @ the Post Exchange, 4:00 to 5:30 PM in the Lobby
- 7 Mar CSMS Site Council-Special Meeting @ 3:05 PM
 - YES Fair Public Viewing @ Windemere Conference Center
 - YES Fair Awards Ceremony @ 7:00 PM, Windemere Conference Center
- 11 Mar 8th Grade Registration Packets are due by 9:00 am
- 13 Mar FHASD Board Meeting @ 4:15 PM
- 14 Mar SCA Renaissance Faire 8:05 am to 1:50 PM
 - Rodeo Clown Visits during all lunches
 - Spring Band Concert @ 5:30 PM
- 15 Mar End of the 3rd Quarter

18 March to 22 March

Spring Break –No School

- 29 Mar National Geography Bee - Tucson, AZ

Academic Team, Baseball and the Track schedules are posted on the CSMS website.

Homework

Homework Club

The Homework Club is available for all students from 2:55 to 3:50 pm. The club facilitator is Mrs. Rigney and meets on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of every week. Please come prepared with a writing utensil and any work that you need to finish or need help with.



From the Office

We would like to remind parents to contact the office by 8:00 a.m. if your child will be absent from school. It is important to have an accurate account of all students, even if your child will only miss a few minutes. You may reach the office at (520) 459-8892 or email black@fhasd.org Please send a note with your student following an absence or email us for (required) documentation purposes. Thank you for your support regarding this important matter.

Music & Art Month

March is Music in our Schools and Youth Art Month. Visual Art from all three Fort Huachuca schools will be on display in the Post Exchange. There will also be a multi-school band day here at CSMS on March 5th. In addition, we always display mini portraits by everyone in our school. There will be other activities going on during lunches throughout the month of March. We hope you will find fun ways to celebrate Art and Music with your families. Mrs. Blocker (Art Teacher) and Ms. Pepper (Band Director)

Talent Show

Talent Show auditions will be March 26th, 27th, and 29th during lunch/recess time. Sign-ups and permission forms will be available starting March 4th.

Band News

Congratulations to the honor band members on a FANTASTIC concert on February 16th. 8th grade: Julius Carter, Alyssa Sacci, and Angeliz Rosado-Torres. 7th grade: Alannah McDermott and Kyle Bowman. 6th grade: Marley Denton, Lukas Chang, and Owen Anderson. They worked incredibly hard leading up to the concert and we couldn't be more proud of our CSMS Band members!



6th grade



7th grade



8th grade

Engineering Girl Essay Competition

First Place Tie-

Roman Randazzo
Ian Rapp

Second Place-

Reagan McGuire
Allyssa Martin
Alex Woody

Third Place Tie-

Mia Miller
Julia Cooper



PTO News

The CSMS PTO needs you! We are looking for parents and community members willing to support the PTO for the 2019 - 2020 school year. We have volunteer opportunities for the PTO board and special projects. Our next board meeting is March 25th at 3:30 PM in the conference room.

Thank you,

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Future Cities

The 6th Grade Honors ELA Writing class is working on their Future City Project designing and building scale models from recycled materials of what Fort Huachuca might look like 100 years in the future. Students have interviewed special guest speakers with knowledge of the origins and history of our Post. They have done extensive research on individual units and their daily operations, and have made predictions about the future of Fort Huachuca.



Colonel Smith Middle School – 2019 AzMerit and AIMS Testing Schedule

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Content Area:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	
Tuesday 4/9/19	Writing (6 th – 8 th)	8:15 – 10:00 a.m.	Writing: 45 – 90 minutes Reading Part 1: 45 - 75 minutes
Wednesday 4/10/19	Reading Part 1 Reading Part 2 (6 th – 8 th)	8:15 – 9:30 a.m. 9:40 – 10:55 a.m.	Math Part 1: 60 - 85 minutes Reading Part 2: 45 - 75 minutes
Thursday – Friday 4/11/19 – 4/12/19	Writing make-up tests	8:15 – 10:00 a.m.	Math Part 2: 60 - 85 minutes Algebra Part 1: 50 – 85 minutes
Monday 4/15/19	Reading make-up tests	8:15 – 10:55 a.m.	Algebra Part 2: 50 – 85 minutes Science: 120 minutes
Tuesday 4/16/19	AIMS Science (8 th)	8:15 – 10:30 a.m.	
Wednesday 4/17/19	Math Part 1 Math Part 2 (6 th – 8 th)	8:15 – 9:40 a.m. 9:50 – 11:15 a.m.	Wednesday – 4/10/19 Grade 6 lunch - 11:00 – 11:34 a.m.
Thursday 4/18/19	Reading, Science and Math make-up tests	8:15 – 9:40 a.m. 9:50 – 11:15 a.m.	Wednesday – 4/17/19 Grade 6 lunch - 11:20 - 11:54 a.m.
Tuesday 4/23/19	Algebra EOC (8 th)	8:15 – 9:40 a.m. 9:50 – 11:15 a.m.	Grade 7 lunch - 11:40 a.m. – 12:14 p.m.
Wednesday – Friday 4/24/19 - 4/26/19	Reading, Science, Math and Algebra make-up tests	8:15 – 10:55 a.m. 12:50 – 2:45 p.m.	Grade 8 lunch 12:00 – 12:35 p.m.

Grade level AzMERIT/AIMS meetings will be held during the week of March 25, 2019.

