



Leap Year

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CVMS Mardi Gras dance was this evening.



Fun times, thank you everyone!



BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL, BE RESPONSIBLE

Make the Difference!

PBR's for the month of FEB:

Breanna Frosco, Esmerelda Huerta, Gabby Molina, Courtney Croft, Tiana Gilyard, Jenivieve Frosco, Taylor Lookabill, Abby Reohr, Iain Danici, Lauren Delancellotti, Jacob Hosaflook, Eddie Malapit, Kanely Aviles, Courtney Croft, Luis Correa, Chris Wilkinson, Eric Weiler, Medison Hergert, Alex Everenden, Cesar Campuzano, Natalie Peterson, and Midelyne Kassahn.

Volunteer Opportunity

Parent Volunteers

If you are looking to volunteer for the school please contact Mary Reohr at: reohrm@newberg.k12.or.us.

We currently have volunteer opportunities in our after school homework club, and in our classrooms.



Franco's Corner

Paper Drive underway! On Tuesday we began our paper drive. We have received several donations of reams and even cases of paper. Thank you! Paper, as all of you probably know is essential to what we do as educators and we can never have enough. The paper drive will last until the 29th. If you are able to donate any reams of paper it would be appreciated. As you know our budgets have been drastically cut, thus our paper is at a premium. We will be accepting paper in our main office. Thanks again!

Masquerade Dance

Students with zero behavior referrals and less than 4 tardies participated in our Masquerade Dance this Friday from 7-9 PM. This dance was for CV students only. As you can see from the pictures, the kids had a great time. Thank you to the Leadership Class for organizing the event. The kids definitely love these dances.

Sex Education

House Bill 2509 requires age-appropriate comprehensive sex education to be taught starting in the 6th grade. On Monday, March 12th we will begin this education. The timelines for the units are as follows:

6th grade-March 12-March 23

8th grade-April 2-April 11th

7th grade-April 16-April 27th

More information will be sent home with the students next week. We highly encourage all students to participate, however parents can choose to opt out their students and we will provide an alternative assignment during this time.

Did you Know?

Beginning in Spring 2015, this year's 8th graders will be the first students to take assessments on the new Common Core state standards in Reading, Writing and Math. Unlike this year and in previous years, students will only be allotted one opportunity per year to take and pass these assessments or be at risk for not graduating high school. Along with passing these assessments, students must also accrue 26 high school credits to graduate. The stakes are indeed quite high and we are all feeling this sense of urgency.

Mountain View and Chehalem Valley Middle Schools are committed to insuring that All students are on track for high school graduation when they leave here. As a result of this continuing commitment, both schools are looking in depth at how we do business. We are working collaboratively in Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) unwrapping standards, creating assessments, and talking about instruction. Both schools are also in the midst of conversations centering around grading practices and student interventions. In a nutshell, we want to make sure that we have enough supports for struggling students, and more avenues for all students to extend themselves.

CALENDAR:

- Feb 29 Late Start/Leap Day!
- Mar 1 NHS Principals Visit 8th grade
- Mar 2 Blue on 2 Day! everyone wear blue
- Mar 7 Late Start NHS forecast sheets Due!
- Mar 8 PTO 6:30 pm ADV Band Festival @ MV
- Mar 12 - 16 Doernbecker week!
- Mar 14 Late Start 7th grade forecasting
- Mar 15 CVMS Spring Concert
- Mar 16 6th grd forcstng

After School HW Club

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30-3:30 PM. A late bus is provided.

Absences

Please be cognizant that we are extremely vigilant in regards to attendance. The following is the list of reasons the state provides as excusable absences:

- Student illness
- Illness of an immediate family member
- Emergency
- Doctor/Dental Appointment
- Death of an immediate family member
- Court summons
- Satisfactory arrangements, made in advance with the school for other reasons

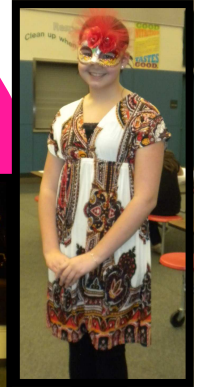
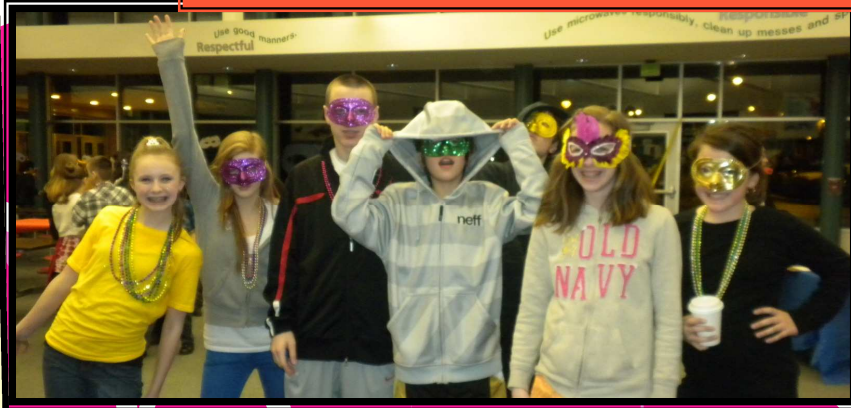
Mardi Gras Dance!!!!

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State Testing Information

Next week we continue state testing in Math and begin the 2nd round of state testing in reading. I will let you know what classes are testing the following week so you can re-enforce the importance of eating breakfast, and getting a good night's sleep beforehand. Attendance is obviously very important! The following teachers will be testing their Math and Science classes next week:

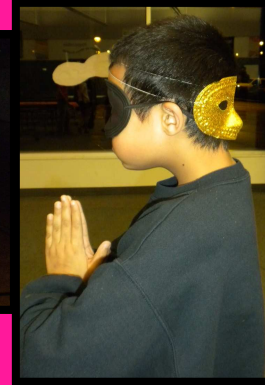
- Ms. Boles (Math) Monday-Friday
- Mrs. Childs (Math) Monday, Tuesday
- Mrs. Plummer (Reading-2nd Round)

What Parents Can Do At Home

- Acknowledge test-taking anxiety as normal, but stay positive.
- Encourage your child to think positive thoughts like "I can do this!"
- Give compliments for effort: "I'm proud of how hard you have studied."
- Go over the test-taking tips with your child.
- Adequate rest makes a difference! Make sure your child goes to bed at a reasonable time; being active earlier in the day (not right before bed) can help kids get to sleep.
- Nutrition also influences how well children do on test; a good breakfast is important, but a large meal right before the test can be distracting.
- Your child should wear comfortable clothing for long test-taking periods.
- Help your child learn how to relax. Some find it helps to take a few deep breaths before starting the test; others like to imagine a peaceful place like the beach or park.

If your student(s) meet or exceed on the state tests you can ask to be exempt from future opportunities this year.

All students in grades 3-8 participate in the statewide Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (OAKS) tests in reading and math. Students in grades 5 and 8 are also tested in science. Students have up to three opportunities per year to demonstrate their proficiency on these assessments. Students who have met or exceeded the state standards in a given subject, may be asked to take the assessment again at a later date. This is to measure individual student achievement and/or educational program effectiveness.



NHS transition dates for upcoming meetings:

Monday, February 27th - Welcome letters mailed to families.

Thursday, March 1st: NHS Counselors and Principals will be at CVMS to hand out forecasting materials with the students.

Wednesday, March 7th: ALL forecasting sheets are due to the CVMS office. HS staff will collect the sheets at the end of the day.

What Teachers Have To Say About CV Students

Mrs. Brower: Cesar Campuzano is doing an amazing job in class, he is focused and on task. He has all of his work completed and done to a high standard. Cesar is a gentleman.

Mr. Johnston: Breeana Frosco came to this school as a new student and has managed to excel academically, primarily because of her strong sense of self. Very impressive!

Mr. Sanders: Iain Danici has straightened, arranged and organized the band room, and expects nothing in return. He is always respectful and his actions demonstrate maturity.

Mrs. King: Midelyne Kassahn always comes to class early, and is ready to start working when the bell rings. She works diligently on all of her assignments and she is respectful and kind to her peers and teacher.