Seasons Greetings from Cambridge Intermediate School!!

Trimester 1 is now complete, and here we are straddling the busiest time of the year between Thanksgiving and Christmas/Holiday Season! Our worlds seem to spin faster, and that needed and valuable quiet time to reflect on all the good that we have and the many joys that surround us, can slip away. So, I am taking a moment to reflect on Cambridge Intermediate School…..

Teamwork of our students…strengthened during our Morning Meeting time!!

Healthy students/families and our staff!

Another year, attempting to be a better principal…better person!

Notable accomplishments from our students recognized during Blue Jacket Pride Recognition – recognized as a Reward School!

Kids! They bring life to our classrooms and hallways!!

Families of our students – their support is appreciated, needed and valued!

Unbelievable teachers and staff striving for excellence!

Laughter! It truly is the best medicine!

I wish everyone a great, relaxing, peaceful and enjoyable Season!

Please contact me if you have any questions, concerns or thoughts regarding Cambridge Intermediate School!

Scott Peterson, CIS Principal
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Music News  

Grade 4 Winter Concert  
The grade 4 choir concert is on December 4th at 6:30 pm in the CIS Auditorium. Students will line up in the cafeteria at 6:20. Students can wear something festive or nice. Songs are on the CIS webpage for students to practice at home.

The deadline for music recorders and supplies was November 21st. **All CIS students need a music recorder.**

Sticker Acts for Trimester 2 will be February 12-19.

If you have questions, please call or email me at wressell@cambridge.k12.mn.us

Thank you, Mrs. Gloria Wressell, Music Teacher
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Counselor’s Corner  

COACHES ARE A GIFT  

For those of you that know me, a big part of my life is running around to my kids’ different athletic events. I enjoy watching them make connections with other kids’ on the team and seeing them grow in confidence not only in their sports but in who they are as people. As Thanksgiving came and went this year and I took time to be aware of what I am thankful for, my thoughts turned to these activities that are constantly around me. I am thankful for a community that provides a variety of athletic and activity options, I am thankful my children are healthy enough to participate, I am thankful to be able to go and support them, I am thankful for the friends my kids have made, I am thankful for the parents/friends I have made, and I am thankful for the COACHES my kids’ have and have had.

I hope others can join me in saying thank you to their kids’ coaches for all they do. As parents we have given the coach the gift of our child for a season and they will shape them in that time not only for a season but for their life. The least we can do is give the gift of our support by showing our kids how to treat their coach using our district’s five character traits:

- **Honesty** – follow the rules of the game, no exaggerating injuries, no lying about skipping practice
- **Responsibility** – instill in our kids how important it is to show up for practice, work hard, and be a team player
- **Self-Discipline** – teach our kids to look at challenges as obstacles to overcome, you earn your playing time by hard work and improving yourself
- **Compassion** – caring about their teammates and good sportsmanship, the other team is not the enemy they are an athlete the same as you
- **Respect** – tell your kids to LISTEN to their coach, Let the coach “COACH” (parents are spectators in the stands for encouraging the whole team, not just your child and not for calling out plays)

As a school counselor and as a parent I feel the self confidence that can come from these activities is priceless as are the coaches that are either not paid enough or not paid at all. Coaches are there because they want to help our kids become better athletes and better people. Let’s show our kids how we can be better people as well.

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3rd Grade News

**Multiplication is Fun!**

Multiplication has started in all 3rd grade classes. Practice in the car on your way to various places, and make a game out of it! Try just counting by 3’s up to 30, or any other numbers in sequence, so they begin to understand the concept of multiples of the same number. There are lots of card games that can be played to emphasize the facts, and then learning them is a lot of fun! Yahtzee and cribbage also work with multiples, and the mental counting is great for all ages! Don’t forget to check the internet for a multitude of fun games! Practice! Practice! Practice!

**December Reading Challenge!**

We will be having a reading challenge for the students this month! If they read 300 minutes by December 18th, they will earn a FREE movie pass to the GTI Theatre on December 19th! Further details will be sent home at the beginning of the month!

**Winter!**

What does your student need for winter recess? If there is snow on the ground, we want them to have boots on, primarily to keep them warm and dry. If they want to play in the snow, they need to wear snow pants. Head gear from hoods to hats or headbands are acceptable, along with mittens or gloves. Warm winter jackets are a must! We go out for recess unless the wind chill dips to 10 degrees below zero!

Fourth graders were recently able to participate in two fun filled activities! On November 25th we had the grade level read-in and first MICRO celebration!

**4th Grade News**

**4th Grade Read-In:** Fourth graders practiced their reading stamina and read their favorite books while rotating through the 4th grade classrooms for 25 minute sessions!

**MICRO Party:** The fourth grade students have been hard at work in their MICRO units. Their efforts paid off when they were able to use $800 of their MICRO money to buy an activity of their choice. Students were able to choose between a movie room, craft room or game room! Talk to your child about what they chose and enjoyed about the day.

The Fourth Grade Team is thankful for all the support you give your children and us throughout the year. We wish you and your families a healthy, joyous and peaceful holiday season!

**5th Grade News**

Fifth Graders have been learning about Experimental design in Science class. Experimental design is a process of designing an experiment or study that results in the collection of data. They have been working hard at forming a question, setting up a way to test the question, and collecting data. Students have analyzed their data and have drawn conclusions about their experiment. It has been exciting to see some of the creative designs that they have come up with. Ask your child about some of the experiments that they have done in class.

Changes in the weather have been happening. Our cold Minnesota seems to already be upon us. We will continue to go out for recess unless the wind chill temperature dips to 10 degrees below zero. Recess is much more enjoyable when students are dressed properly. When appropriate, please send a warm jacket, boots, hat, snow pants, and gloves with your child.
MRS. MICHELE BERGMAN, one of our fabulous Special Education teachers, is our CIS Staff Person of the Month! Mrs. Bergman is being recognized for her tireless and consistent work with students. She is very professional and positive in how she communicates with students and staff.

We appreciate your dedication, Mrs. Bergman. Thanks for making our school a GREAT place to learn!

The Friends of the Cambridge Public Library and CIS invite your students to take part in choosing the Maud Hart Lovelace Award!

Here's a great way to encourage reading, and help your students to feel empowered!

Students get to help pick the best book of the year!

The Friends of the Cambridge Library invite your students to take part in the Maud Hart Lovelace vote for the best book this year.

Background:
Each year, students and adults from across Minnesota select the best book from those nominated for the Maud Hart Lovelace Award. The Award goes to the best books for young people.

How to participate:
This is free, and we tried to make this easy for teachers to take part.
Here's what happens:

1. Students read any 3 of the books nominated for Maud Hart Lovelace. The list of titles is available at the CIS Media Center and on Betsy Miller’s Web page. (http://www.cambridge.k12.mn.us/~betsy_miller/)
2. Students show that they have read 3 books by passing the AR quiz.
3. Students fill out a "Certificate to Vote," and ask a teacher to verify the reading.
4. Students take their completed "Certificate to Vote" to the CIS Library to cast their vote.
Deadline to vote is Wednesday, March 25, 2015.
5. In early May, all student voters will be invited to a party at the Cambridge Library, complete with pizza, snacks, and activities. We hope you will be part of this fun celebration.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Betsy Miller, CIS Media Specialist.

Thank you,
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