

# THURSDAY NOTICE

### IMPORTANT DATES

January 24-26:	Second Grade Post Office
Friday, January 27:	ASM: Enrichment, 9:30 & 10:45 am Movie Night, 6:30 pm
Thursday, February 2:	PTA General Mtg., 7:00 pm
Friday, February 10:	ASM, 2:30 pm YA Gr. 1-4, 3:45-4:45 pm Sweetheart Dance, 6:30-8:30 pm
<b>Thursday, February 16:</b>	<b>School Closed – Professional Day</b>
<b>February 17-20:</b>	<b>School Closed – February Recess</b>
Monday, February 20:	Family Skate Day
Friday, February 24:	ASM: Black History Shares, 9:30 am

### Upcoming All School Meetings

**Friday, January 27, 9:30 & 10:30 am:** Enrichment Program: “Science through Circus Skills,” presented by the Little Apple Circus. Two program times: 9:30 am for grades K-2 and 10:45 am for grades 3-5.

**Friday, February 10, 2:30 pm:** This All School Meeting will include a Young Astronaut 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Mission update and classroom shares.

**Friday, February 24, 9:30 am:** This program will feature Black History presentation by several classrooms. We will list the classes sharing as the date approaches.

### Magical Mailbox Submissions

The Magical Mailbox is a component of our HOT Schools program that encourages and celebrates students’ writing. Students submit their best writing to the “Magical Mailbox,” located upstairs outside the fifth grade classrooms. **The deadline for submissions is Friday, February 3.** Once submitted, a student Editorial Board reviews, conferences and edits the work with the authors, and then determines how best to showcase the pieces at the March 10 All School Meeting (please note change of ASM date).

### CMS 2017 Lottery

The CMS 2017 Lottery Application Period is January 23 – March 23, 2017. **All current CMS parents are reminded that they must submit applications for siblings entering CMS next year.** Siblings receive priority, but their applications must be received by March 23 in order to be factored in before the actual lottery drawing. You may pick up an application in the CMS office or download a copy from the school website. Please contact Terry Lakin at [lakint@norwalkps.org](mailto:lakint@norwalkps.org) with additional questions.

### CMS Movie Night is almost here!



**Friday, January 27, 2017:** Doors open at 6:30 pm and our feature presentation “The Secret Life of Pets” begins at 7:00 pm. Bring your blankets, pillows and/or sleeping bags and WEAR YOUR PAJAMAS! Admission is \$3.00 per person, with a maximum fee of \$10.00 for a

family of 4 or more. Refreshments are available for purchase. Deadline for reservations was Wednesday, January 25. Contact Melissa Blank at [Melissa.iacovacci@gmail.com](mailto:Melissa.iacovacci@gmail.com) for more information.

### PTA Winter Enrichment Programs

Now is the time to sign up for CMS’ Winter Enrichment Programs. Selections include Cooking, STEM, Art, Knitting, Arts & Crafts, Dance & Musical Games, and All Star Sports. Classes start Thursday, February 2 and run for seven weeks. Enroll online at <http://tinyurl.com/CMSWinter2017> and send in your payment and completed form in a sealed envelope marked “PTA Enrichment” by Monday, January 30. Each selection costs \$100.

### Important Enrichment Updates:

**Two classes are at risk of not running, these classes each require a minimum number of students to run. They are: STEM (Gr. 3-5) and Music & Dance Games (K-2). If either of these classes end up being cancelled, Lisa Mastrota will contact you directly if you already signed up.**

**The classes listed below have room for a few more students:**

- **Knitting (Gr. 3-5) needs more students. Come learn this intricate craft.**
- **Art (Gr. 3-5) has room for more aspiring artists!**
- **Arts & Crafts (Gr. K-2) is looking for more crafty friends.**
- **Overtime Athletics (Gr. K-5) has availability for those wishing to get that after-school energy out!**

Please contact Lisa Mastrota at [lisacmspta@gmail.com](mailto:lisacmspta@gmail.com) with questions.

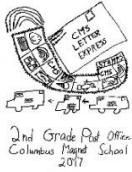
**HELP! HELP! This program cannot run without parent volunteers. To sign up, use the enrollment form or go to: <http://tinyurl.com/CMSVolunteerWinter2017>.**



### **Family Sweetheart Dance**

Join us for a sweet evening of fun, laughter, and dancing for the entire family. Bring your parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, siblings and other special guests. (Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.) Our evening's activities include DJ entertainment, light refreshments, karaoke, dance contests, arts & crafts, and more! The cost is \$20 per family. Please return your RSVP with payment by Friday, February 3. Contact Olga Zargos-Traub with questions or to volunteer at: [zargos@sbcglobal.net](mailto:zargos@sbcglobal.net)

### **CMS Letter Express Post Office**



The CMS Second Grade students and staff would like to thank all the members of the Columbus community who supported the CMS Letter Express Post Office. The students loved doing their "real" post office jobs and taking on the roles of CMS Community Helpers! This unit not only emphasizes the importance of helpers in our community, it also integrates language arts through letter writing and math as the children sort, group, count, and graph the daily donations.

### **PTA General Meeting**

The next general meeting of the CMS PTA is Thursday, February 2 at 7:00 pm in the school library. The guest speaker is Academically Talented teacher Jennifer Mendez. All parents interested in learning more about the Academically Talented Program and the recommendation process are encouraged to attend.

### **Academically Talented Recommendations**

Recommendations for the Academically Talented Program for students in Grades 3-5 are due on February 10, 2017. Parent and teacher recommendations will be due the same day. Parents may recommend a student one time during their elementary school years. Teachers may recommend a child each year. To recommend your child, please visit the district website and download the parent forms. Place the forms in Mrs. Mendez's mailbox in the CMS main office. Please read the selection process documents on the website for information on testing and when you will be notified of your child's eligibility. Please contact Jen Mendez via email at [mendezj@norwalkps.org](mailto:mendezj@norwalkps.org) for additional information.

The link to the A.T. website is:

[http://www.norwalkps.org/curriculum/k-12\\_programs/academically\\_talented/](http://www.norwalkps.org/curriculum/k-12_programs/academically_talented/)

### **SAVE THE DATES!**

**Family Skate Party:** *The CMS Family Skate Party is Monday, February 20. Flyers are coming home soon.*

**First Grade "Nature's Rainbow Market:"** *The First Grade Produce Market will be Monday, February 27 through Thursday, March 2 (snow date is Friday, March 3). More details to follow!*

**CMS Triathlon:** *Mark your calendars! The CMS Triathlon is Saturday, June 3, 2017!*

### **February Recess**

School will be closed on the following dates:

**Thursday, February 16:** Professional Day for staff. School Holiday for students.

**Friday, February 17:** School Holiday.

**Monday, February 20:** School Holiday.

