



Central Intermediate School



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Principal's Message.....Mrs. Gahan

Dear CIS Families,

The REALLY cold weather has arrived! We were all surprised when we checked wind chill today and it was below 15 degrees! Welcome Ohio winter!

In just a few weeks, we will wrap up our second nine weeks of this school year. We sure hope it has been a good first half of the year for your child. We are proud to see most of them working really hard, bringing their best effort to the classroom each day. If your child is having some difficulty, you may want to check in with teachers to see if your child is giving their best.

Some of our classrooms are exploring Google Expeditions, a technology product that helps us provide virtual-reality field trips to our students. Using this technology, kids can take virtual field trips to the moon, under the ocean, to the Great Wall of China and many other adventures. Attached to this email is a document explaining the requirements for these donated phones. If you wish to help, we would appreciate it. Thank you for considering! If you donate a phone and would like a tax receipt, please include your contact information when you drop off your used phone.

As always, our canned food drive was amazing! The students loved the healthy competition as we announced who was ahead each morning. Our student council creates bar graphs and displays them by class in our atrium each day. Kids stop by often to see who is in the lead. Our final total, fifty items short of our school goals, was 5,950 items! Way to go CIS! Thanks to Student Council and all of you for helping to fill our Salvation Army Food Pantry this year!

We are wrapping up our 2016 International Hour of Code this week. Every student at CIS is invited to participate in one hour of coding, to help them experience a little computer science. If you are interested, you can take a look at additional information at <https://hourofcode.com/us>.

Finally, by Friday afternoon, the Ohio Schools to Watch Committee will have visited our school and determined if we still qualify as an Ohio School to Watch. We are excited to show them all of the wonderful things about our school. Stay tuned.....

As we head toward the holiday break, we hope you take time to make memories with those awesome children of yours! They are to be cherished! Thank you for sharing them with us each day. We will see you in 2017!

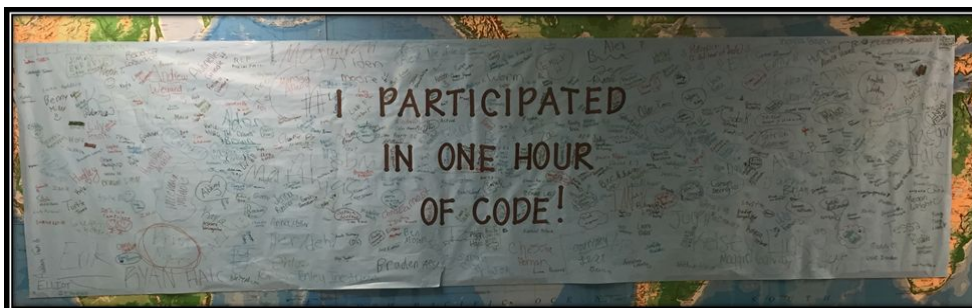
Mrs. Gahan

DECEMBER 2016 CALENDAR EVENTS

- 12-10 Student Council - Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Buehler's 9:00-1:00
- 12-12 through 12-16 6th Grade RSVP lessons
- 12-12 Strings Ensemble 3:30-5:00
- 12-14 Pizza and Pages 3:30-4:15
- 12-15 Holiday Choir Concert 7:00-8:30
- 12-16 Spirit Day
- 12-20 Holiday Band Concert 6:30-8:30
- 12-22 through 1/3/17 NO SCHOOL - WINTER BREAK

JANUARY 2017 CALENDAR EVENTS

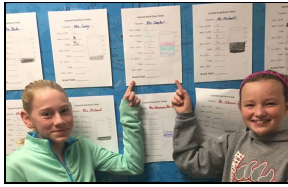
- 1-9 through 1-13 6th Grade Huddle Lesson (Pressure/Social Media)
- 1-11 Pizza and Pages 3:30-4:15
- 1/12 Altercare Visits (Schmitt/Kirven) 10:30-11:30 Mentoring Program (Albanese) 3:30-4:30
- 1-13 Report Cards Issued Spirit Day 6th Grade Movie Night 3:30-6:00
- 1-16 NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Day
- 1-18 Candid Picture Day Lockdown/Evacuation Drill STEM Club 3:30-4:45
- 1-19 Student Council Meeting 3:30-4:15 (Library)
- 1/20 5th Grade Movie Night 3:30-6:00
- 1-23 5th Grade Intramurals 3:30-4:15
- 1-25 6th Grade IntraMurals 3:30-4:15
- 1-27 NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Development Day
- 1-30 5th Grade Intramurals 3:30-4:15



HOUR OF CODE BANNER

Student Council Food Drive

Our final total was 5,950 items
 Fifth grade brought 1957 items
 Sixth grade brought 3883 items



Thanks to all who donated!

The Counselor's Corner.....Mrs. Albanese

6th Grade Students will receive a lesson on the topic of depression awareness and suicide prevention during the month of January. A letter will be sent home to all 6th grade parents in January with more information. In January, 5th graders will have a lesson on the topic of accepting their own individual differences. In December, 6th graders are finishing up lessons on the topic of managing stress.

6th graders should be actively using Progress Book to monitor (but not obsess about) their grades. If your student has forgotten how to sign in, they may view the short presentation that you will find at the bottom of the Guidance page on the CIS website. If you do not already have a parent Progress Book account and would like to have one, please call me and I can help you get it set up.

I have been fielding many concerns from students who are having difficulty with other students while using the app, Snapchat. It is ultimately a parent's decision as to what apps their children use but I generally find that students at this age have not developed enough impulse control and maturity to understand how their social media activity may impact them for years to come. There are apps that capture "snaps" and of course, taking a screenshot of a "snap" can cause it to hang around much longer than a student might imagine. Feel free to contact me for more information.



CIS is proud to announce that we were given the 2016 Momentum Award by the State Board of Education. This award recognizes schools that have received A's on every value-added measure included on the 2016 Ohio School Report Card. It showcases schools who ensure that children of every background and ability level can achieve. CIS received an official letter and a certificate from the President of the State Board of Education. We are proud of this award and recognize that it takes a "village" to accomplish this. Great students, support staff, teachers and families make this happen. Thank you, families for partnering with our school to meet the needs of kids!

NOVEMBER - STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

5TH GRADE

Anthony Brown
 Kaitlynn Hartley
 Benjamin Moser
 Isabella Schoonover
 Izaak Skidmore

6TH GRADE

Kaylee Dowling
 Lexi Dunn
 Laura Flaker
 Kenna Kempel
 Nolan Selby

NOVEMBER - BOARD STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Brendon Roberts

CONGRATULATIONS
 to our November



Brooke Manfull #112
 Mark Gal #211
 Vincent Pike #211
 Sahara Lehman #201
 Chloe Ramsier #301

LOST and FOUND



Our lost and found is overflowing with items that we know kids need. Please make sure your child checks the lost and found for missing things. Coats, hats, gloves and lunchboxes are just a few items we see. All unclaimed items left in lost and found at our holiday break will be donated to Marian's Closet in Wadsworth. Parents are welcome to stop in during the school day to help claim items. Thank you for your help.
 Mrs. Gahan

Jingle Bell Jaunt Parade



Girls on the Run 5K Event



Car Pick up

We have a few families who pick up their students with special needs, in the afternoon. We would like to reserve the pickup spaces from the flagpole forward, and allow them to pull through our after school traffic to wait there. Please understand this change and support these families. Thank you
 Mrs. Gahan