

## Central Middle School

'A Successful Title I School'

April/May 2010

# RELAY FOR LIFE

In the Comanche County Relay for Life, CMS is sponsoring the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority in benefitting Cancer elimination. The Relay for Life will be at Ron Stephens Stadium on June 11—12, 2010. Relay for Life is a fun-filled overnight event that celebrates survivorship and raises money for research and programs for the Comanche County American Cancer Society. Relay participants are able to celebrate those who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and empower individuals and communities to fight back against a disease that takes so much. As a result of the community service and campus cancer education, CMS benefitted from the experience.

CMS helped a national community service organization to earn \$1,166 to donate to the American Cancer Society of Comanche County. March 22, 2009 - March 26, 2010 was "Stomp our Cancer" week, which was sponsored by the National Honor Society (NJHS). NJHS sold cards that honored and remembered individuals, who were battling against cancer. The faculty donated to the Relay by having a dress down week. Additionally, the NJHS sponsored a "Stomp out Cancer Dance" on March 12, 2010.

CMS also planned a Hat Day for Family which was a compassionate outreach to one of our own who is battling the disease this year. Approx \$1100 was donated to our CMS family member during that event. The hats were amazing and so much fun to wear! We are pleased to say that the individual was very honored and surprised, and is recuperating well.

# PARENT UNIVERSITY

Parent University is an annual event for parents, grandparents, foster parents, educators, guardians, childcare providers and anyone wanting to know more. This year's keynote speaker is Larry Griffin with his presentation "Lost Boys and Their Failure to Launch" or why boys learn differently than girls. A \$500 donation will be presented to the school that has the highest number of guests in attendance / according to their school's enrollment. There will also be numerous agencies with valuable information to share. See you at 6 pm!

## **Cougar Academic Team** *is Runner Up in State Competition and receives Slam-In System from PTSA!*

This spring, the **Cougar Academic Team** (CAT) is competing against other teams throughout the state in online tournaments in subject areas such as Language Arts, Science, Humanities, Social Studies and Mathematics. The Oklahoma Division II Online Academic Tournaments include over twenty junior high and middle school teams competing from across the state. So far this spring, CAT has twice placed within the top three in these tournaments, taking Runner Up (2<sup>nd</sup> Place) in Humanities and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Science. Congratulations to team members present at the Tournaments: Team Captain Camilla Moreira; Devante Thomas-Pittman; David Pirez Ihsan; Katelyn Pope; Tia Shelton; and Cameron Biggers. Other Team Members practicing but not competing have included: Trystin Jarvis and Chance Moody.

Two more tournaments are scheduled, Mathematics on March 29<sup>th</sup> and Social Studies on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Since Academic Team's season is from August to April, it is not too late to join, students are welcome to attend practices Mondays 3:15 pm to 5 pm and Zero Hour study session, both in Mrs. Menzie's room, N01

New members are currently being sought from sixth and seventh grade to complete the teams for the August tournaments next school

year. Next year's team captain selection will be based on the March-April tournament participation and teacher recommendations. Students who are interested in joining the team need parental permission and must attend three practices or study sessions and have a coach's permission to be placed on the team roster. Students must be on the team roster and have a planner signed by their Zero Hour Teacher to attend the morning study sessions. After-school practices can only be attended by students who have arranged transportation ahead of time and have been placed on the Team Roster by one of the coaches, Mrs. Batten or Mrs. Menzie.

Spring practices are going to be particularly fun as we introduce the new Slam-In Buzzer System the Academic team was given by the CMS Parent, Teacher and Student Association (PTSA) in March. We are using them to get geared up for the fall tournaments against Tomlinson, Eisenhower and surrounding schools. The Slam-Ins are also available for check out by teachers throughout the school, so students should be seeing them in classrooms soon.

For more information about the Cougar Academic Team, please email [tmenzie@lawtonps.org](mailto:tmenzie@lawtonps.org) or call 355-8544 and ask for extension 1101.

## **GT News from Mrs. Adair, GT Facilitator**

Students in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Explorations class are researching and remembering the events of April 19, 1995. "The Hope Trunk: An Offering of Positive Education" is an educational program using the story of the Oklahoma City bombing to educate students about the senselessness of violence and the need to find more peaceful means to solve our differences. The trunk contains artifacts, DVD's, books, lesson plans and other resources. After completing the program, students will share their findings with other Central students and meet requirements for becoming a Hope Bear School.

Oklahoma's favorite son, Will Rogers, will visit CMS! As a culminating activity for the Explorations class's unit on "Famous Okies", both sixth grade teams will enjoy a program that highlights Dr.

Doug Watson, professor of English at OBU, as a historical impersonator of Will Rogers. His program, "Will Rogers was not Just a Cowboy", will be performed on May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00-11:00 AM in the auditorium.

I think this is a wonderful opportunity for all of us! Look at his website: [www.watsonswill.com](http://www.watsonswill.com)

## **CMS YEARBOOKS**

The price is currently \$50.00 It will stay that price until May 1<sup>st</sup> where it will go up to \$55. They will be delivered the last week of school. We do have extra copies, but not many. Once we are sold out though that is it! And this has happened the last two years.

## **Girls and Boys Track**

This year we had around 100 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls and boys sign up for track and 35 girls and 35 boys came out to practice at the beginning of our season. Track is a very demanding and tiring sport and we have 28 girls and 25 boys who are determined and hard working young women and men still going strong. Our track season got off to a great start with the first track meet at Elgin on March 9. Athletes bringing home medals were Andrea Brisby, Nina Castillo, Chris Constancio, T'Shawn Dennis, Tiara Dowling, Brandon Galloway, Jacorian Jacobs, Ontreal Lax, Derek Muse, Gennaro Penn, Genaisha Robinson, Lexi Rodriguez, Kierra Shannon, Myykhail Shaw, Jordan Smith, Jaquan Strother and Tichina Williams.

Coach Sanders, coach Urbanski, Coach McKillip and I are very proud of the girls and boys! We are excited to see what the rest of the season holds. Our last three meets are March 25 at Duncan @ 2:00, April 3 at Lawton High @ 9:30 and April 8 at Marlow @ 1:30. We would love to have support from our parents and faculty! Hope to see you there!

## Science Teachers Rock!



Mrs. Batten, Mrs. Berry, Ms. Bauchman, Mrs. Henley, Ms. Miller, Mrs. Nichols, Ms. Pritchard, Mr. Schlect (Student Teacher), Ms. Veal, and Mrs. Weber attended the OERB Workshop at Cameron University on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

The Oklahoma Energy Resources Board (Oil and Natural Gas) provides free training, science kits, and a field trip for students through their yearly revenues. We returned with fun activities and lessons for our students.

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**If your student has lost a pair of glasses, please see Mrs. Holland in the CMS Student Office.**

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## MEAL PAY PLUS

Lawton Public Schools offers Meal Pay Plus, which offers you the convenience and information you need to manage your student's meal account. MealpayPlus offers you a convenient, easy, and secure way to make prepayments using your bank account or your Visa or MasterCard. Registration is free and quick, so get started today. Enter the website [www.MealPayPlus.com](http://www.MealPayPlus.com) and simply click on the New User Registration button for your type of account and follow the easy, step-by-step instructions.

## POETRY CONTEST

The Library is sponsoring its annual CMS Poetry Contest in honor of National Poetry Month and National Library Week. This year's theme: My America. Submissions must be turned into the library or an English Teacher before April 26. Prizes will be given!

**Poem in your Pocket Day – April 29** \* The idea is simple: select a poem and carry it on April 29th to share with friends and family!

## DATES TO KNOW

- April 6: Title 1 Chess Tournament
- April 8: Parent University
- April 17: Reading Test
- April 19: Online Testing begins
- April 27: End of Year Instruction begins
- April 27: LPS Celebration
- May 3: Will Rogers Program at CMS for G/T
- May 6: Vocal Music Spring Concert 7 pm
- May 7: Cougar Pride Awards Assembly 9:15 am
- May 7: Athletics Awards Assembly 1:00 pm

- May 13: Band Concert  
May 14: Yankee Doodle Dandies: Olympic Game Day  
May 18: 6th Grade (incoming) Parent Orientation 7 pm  
May 20: Special Olympics Banquet in CMS Plaza  
May 21: Americana Festival  
May 24: Essay Test  
May 26: Hours 1, 3, 5, 7 Semester Tests  
May 26: Career Day for 8th Grade (qualifying students)  
May 27: Hours 2, 4, 6 Semester Tests  
May 27: 8th Grade Promotion Practice  
May 28: 8th Grade Promotion – 9 am in CMS Auditorium

## **TEAMS**

The Yankee Doodle Dandies will be having an Olympic Game Day on May 14, 2010. The students will be competing in a variety of events. We will enjoy a picnic lunch.

## **STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

Yankee Doodle Dandies:

February: Kyla Hemingway, Marie Louise Jones, Alexis Lebel, Lucas Farnham, Fernando Vasquez

March: Alec Orellana, Zach Cook, Nina Hill

The Drifters:

February: Victoria Quiroga, Jocelyn Mendiola, Jonathan Higgins

March: Monique Dubose, Chase Maudlin

The Coasters:

February: Aaron Allen, Victoria Smith, Marial Bagay

March: Alexis Hipp, Antony Willis

The Cougar Colony:

February: Kristina Ly and Donavan Glasgow  
March: Deandre Lemay, Chanae Cooper

Colonial Cougars:

February: Dominic McCumber, Madlina Gaamad  
March: Sundas Shahid, Chris Foley

The Patriots:

February: Thorston Rushing, Theresa Barr  
March: Gabriel Morgan, Brittany Faries

## **AMERICANA FESTIVAL**

**MAY 21, 2010**

**In recognition of the thematic unit which students have been involved with this year, CMS will have an Americana Festival. To start the day off with a flair, the Americana Fashion Show will be quite entertaining and will be followed by a fun Activity Fair with games and food. Then in the afternoon, grade levels will rotate through three activities which include a Sock-Hop dance in the big gym, an Old Wild West Shoot Out in the bus area, and enjoy music from either the Cameron Jazz or Ragtime bands as they perform various types of Americana music. Additionally, each class will create their own Apple Pie to be judged by faculty later in the afternoon.**