

CMS Celebrates Black History Month

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Black History Month Program February 16th
 Coordinated by CMS 8th Grade Dean of Students Michael Turner, the Black History Program will be held on Thursday February 16, 2012 at 9:00 AM. The program will begin with a video presentations featuring various aspects of Black contributions to American history. The CMS Vocal Music Department will present selections. Parents are invited to attend.

About Black History Month
 Recognition of black history originated in 1926 by historian Carter G. Woodson as "Negro History Week". It was later celebrated as Black History Month. Woodson chose the second week of February because it marked the birthdays of two Americans who greatly influenced the lives and social condition of African Americans: former President Abraham Lincoln and abolitionist and former slave Frederick Douglass. Until the study of black history, blacks were absent from history books. Carter G. Woodson established the in 1915 the Association for the Study of African American

Life and History, and a year later founded the widely respected *Journal of African American History* (formerly the *Journal of Negro History*). "Negro History Week" was intended to bring national attention to black people's contributions throughout



Carter G. Woodson, 'Father of Black History Month'

history. In 1976, U.S. President Gerald Ford designated February to be Black History Month. In honor of the efforts of people of African descent to destroy slavery and inaugurate universal freedom in the United States, the As-

sociation for the Study of African American Life and History has selected "Black Women in American History and Culture" as the 2012 National Black History Theme.

Important February Dates Related To Black Heritage
 Other important dates in February that align with a study of black history are:

- 2/23/1868 - W.E.B. DuBois was born - civil rights leader and co-founder of the NAACP.
- 2/03/1870 - The 15th Amendment was passed - allowing black men to vote
- 2/25/1870 - Hiram Revels, the first black U.S. senator took office.
- 2/12/1909 - The NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) was founded.
- 2/21/1965 - Malcolm X was assassinated.

STEM Club

The CMS Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Club will host a Gang Task Force presentation by the Lawton Police Department on Thursday February 9 at 3:15 pm.

On Saturday February 11 the STEM Club will be traveling to the Wichita Moun-

tains Wildlife Refuge Boulder Cabin for a day of hiking the *Narrows* and *Dog Run Hollow Trail System*.

The STEM Club will return to the Wildlife Refuge on March 10 for hiking to the *Rock Rooms*.

Other STEM Club activities include: Science Fair Projects and Webrangers on February 23, March 2 and 8 in Room E-12 at 3:15—5:00 pm.

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6th Grade GT Students To Attend Piano Concert



Dr. Hyunsoon Whang, performing Mozart's Sonata in C Major

On Friday, February 10th, the 6th grade Gifted and Talented students will attend a piano concert performed by Dr. Whang, Professor of Music at Cameron University. The title will be "Shall We Dance?" Dr. Whang will focus on the composers Bach, Mozart, Chopin, Ravel, and Tchaikovsky. The dance theme will stress how certain styles of dances, such as the waltz, the minuet, the march, etc., became popular genres for instruments.

Born in Seoul, Korea, Hyunsoon Whang began her piano studies at the age of four and started playing public concerts at age twelve. Whang came

to the United States in 1978 and studied at the North Carolina School of the Arts, the St. Louis Conservatory of Music, the Juilliard School, and holds a doctorate from Indiana University School of Music. She has been a faculty member in the Department of Music at Cameron University since 1993. She was named "Entertainer of the Year" by the Cleveland Earth Day Coalition in 2001 and "Artist of the Year" by the Lawton Arts and Humanities Council in 2002. She was inducted into the Cameron University Alumni Association's Faculty Hall of Fame in 2004. She was named the Louise D.

McMahon Endowed Chair in Music in 2006. In 2010, Whang received the Arts and Education Award from Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry.

Prior to the piano concert, students in Mrs. Adair's Exploration Class will be completing a research project, The Great Concert. Students will have an exciting job as concert promoters. Each group will travel back in time to the Baroque, Classical, Romantic, and Modern time periods and plan and promote a concert for one famous composer from one of those time periods.

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Test Monitors Needed

Please contact 8th Grade Counselor and CRT Test Coordinator, Mrs. Brown if you are available to volunteer for *Test Monitor* during the upcoming annual CRT Testing in April

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NJHS: Valentines Dance and Other Happenings

Valentine's Dance

On Friday February 10th annual Valentine's Dance from 3:15 pm to 4:45 pm, with NJHS hosting. The cost is \$3.

NJHS Induction Ceremony

January went out with a bang, as sponsors of the CMS chapter held an interest meeting on Friday January 27. An induction ceremony for new NJHS members will be held on Friday



February 17, at 2 pm in the CMS Auditorium. Parents are invited to attend.

Future NJHS Activities Slated

March 8-9: Oklahoma State NJHS Convention

March 16: NJHS Members Field Trip

March 30: NJHS Sponsored 'Stomp Out Cancer' Dance

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Zero Hour Seminars Enabled By Grant

Thanks to a grant from the Lawton Foundation, the CMS Library was able to purchase many new books to correlate with **two programs during Zero Hour**. Allow me to share:

Feb 24: A Seminar for all CMS students during Zero Hour in the auditorium. Guest Speaker: Amanda Thomas. She will be share the importance of reading to toddlers & preschoolers and how to effectively do this. She will

ignite enthusiasm for reading and activities to extend from books for their younger siblings and those they babysit for. The new Library "Sitters Section" will open this day for CMS students to check out a variety of books for preschoolers.

March 1: A Seminar for all CMS students during Zero Hour in the auditorium. "Sports Spectacular" featuring FCA speaker, Vince Carter. He will speak to our students on the

value of sports and education/reading, keeping your body strong & clean, making good choices, being a role model at school, etc. All the new Sports Books purchased through this grant will be featured in the library starting March 1.

Both Zero Hour Assemblies for all students will end at 8:25 am. - Amy Watkins
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CMS Library.

8th Grade Pre-Enrollment

8th Grade pre-enrollment for Lawton High School will be held on Wednesday February 8 at 9:00 am.

A Make-up session will be held on Tuesday February 14 at 9:00 am.

Thank You For Your Donations To The CMS Clothes Closet

I would like to send out a huge thanks to all of my parents and faculty for your generous donations to our school's clothes closet. We have so many of our students visit the closet for a variety of reasons; from warm coats and clothes to school supplies or hygiene products. We would not be able to take care of so many

students without the donations from our community. Thank you again!
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National Pan Hellenic Council
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Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Lawton Alumnae Chapter
Presents

'Black Women In American History And Culture'



February 23, 2012
1:30 PM—3:00 PM
Central Middle School

CMS Science Fair Scheduled For March: Don't Procrastinate – Get Started Now

Central Middle School's Science Fair will be held on March 14, 2012. All students are encouraged to participate in the Science Fair.

A successful science fair project does not have to be expensive or even terribly time-consuming. However, it does require some planning and careful thought. Projects become frustrating to students, parents and teachers when they are left to the last minute and thus don't have the chance to be as good as they possibly can. You can't rush good science!

Science teachers will be giving students ideas for science projects over the next few class periods, and will need to approve the various science projects students choose to research and perform.

Students and parents can consult with CMS science teachers for school-appropriate science projects.

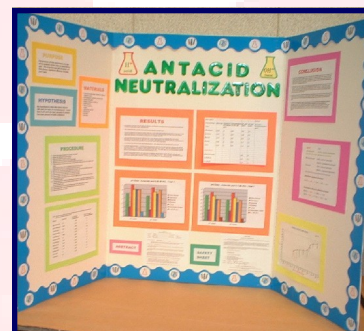
The CMS Science Fair has a several fold purpose:

- To encourage student, parents and teachers to take a **more active interest in the study of science** by providing a curricular opportunity for students to conduct and publicly present an independent scientific inquiry.
- To provide an **opportunity** for students who are interested in science to do science.
- To encourage and **highlight the use of "scientific" process** and the fundamental principles of science as students are guided in their development of a topic, complete the required research, and conduct an experiment or inquiry that shows an understanding for many of the processes of science.
- To encourage parents, teachers and the greater scientific community in the **guidance of science students.**
- To make available an opportunity to **recognize "student" scientists.**
- To **awaken** the interest of the public in the scientific ability of its youngest members.
- To **encourage excellence** in science and engineering.
- To present an **educational experience** for top student participants through exposure to expert judges.
- To engage the **corporate community** in recognizing outstanding students in technological and scientific fields.

Projects are due to the student's science teacher by March 13. Judging for the Science Fair will be on March 14 from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the CMS Gymnasium. Parent viewing of the Science Fair will be on March 14 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

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Typical science fair project board display.

CMS February 2012 Calendar

Feb 1: NJHS, Media & Technology, Zumba, Reading & Drama, Homework Help 3:15 – 5 pm

Feb 2: Leadership Team 8 am
Science Club, Scrapbooking, Design & Construction and Homework Help 3:15 – 5 pm

Feb 3 & 4: All-Region Honor Band Members gone to SWOSU in Weatherford (gone all day both days) *for selected 7th & 8th advanced band members.

Feb 6: Media/Technology, CSI, Reading & Drama and Art Club 3:15 – 5 pm

Feb 7: Military Student Club, Art Club, Scrapbooking, Homework Help & Math Tutoring 3:15 – 5 pm

Feb 8: Mandatory Track Meeting 8 am

Feb 8: NJHS, Media & Technology, Zumba, Reading & Drama, Homework Help

Feb 9: Gang Task Presentation in Library 3:15 – 4:45

Feb 9: Pre-District Band Clinic @ CMS *for all 7th & 8th advanced band members.

Feb 9: Open Doors Field Trip for 7th Grade to SWOSU & Re-lands 8 – 5 pm

Feb 10: Valentine Dance 3:15 -4:45

Feb 10: Cameron University Tour for 8th Grade

Feb 10: 6th Grade G/T Piano Concert at Cameron University

Feb 11: Science Club to Wichita Mts for Hiking

Feb 13-14: Leadership Team sells "Message In a Bottle" for Valentines

Feb 13: Media/Technology, CSI, Reading & Drama and Art Club 3:15 – 5 pm

Feb 14: The Novel Café, Art Club, Scrapbooking, Homework Help and Math Tutoring

Feb 15: NJHS, Media & Technology, Zumba, Reading & Drama, Homework Help

Feb 16: Black History Program 9 am

Feb 16: Open Doors 6th Grade Field Trip to Science Workshop at Cameron University

Feb 16: Science Club, Scrapbooking, Wii Fit, Homework Help

Feb 17: NJHS Induction Ceremony 2 pm

Feb 21: Military Student Club, Art Club, Scrapbooking, Homework Help, Math Tutoring

Feb 22: NJHS, Media & Technology, Zumba, Reading & Drama, Homework Help

Feb 22: Anime Book Club – 8 am

Feb 23: Science Club, Scrapbooking, Design and Construction, Homework Help

Feb 23: Leadership Team 8 am

Feb 24: 8 am— All students attend seminar on the importance and how-to's of reading to Preschoolers for siblings and those they babysit. Kick off of new Library "Sitters Section" of books to be checked out for toddlers and preschoolers. Featured Speaker: Amanda Thomas

Feb 24: Cameron University Tour for 8th Grade (part 2)

Feb 25: District Solo & Ensemble Contest for band & orchestra @ MacArthur High School – (all day) *for selected 7th & 8th advanced band members.

Feb 27: Media & Technology, CSI, Reading & Drama, Art Club

Feb 28: The Novel Café, Art Club, Scrapbooking, Homework Help, Design and Construction

Feb 29: NJHS< Media & Technology, Zumba, Reading & Drama, Homework Help

Feb 29: District Band Contest @ Duncan High School – (all day) *for all 7th & 8th advanced band members.

CMS Title I Parent Information

Central Middle School Is a Successful Title I School

2010 School Report Card

Parents are encouraged to access the Lawton Public Schools Website and view our 2009 School Report Card. The Lawton district and school site report cards are available at the following website address:

<http://www.lawtonps.org/departments/testing/>

If you do not have internet access at your home, you may request a copy of the school report card at the principal's office.

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The Purpose of OK Parental Information and Resource Center (PIRC) is to help implement successful and effective parental involvement policies, programs, and activities that lead to improvements in student academic achievement and that strengthen partnerships among parents, teachers, principals, administrators, and other school personnel in meeting the education needs of children.

Contact information
www.okpirc.org

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Parent Involvement at the Middle School

A Title I Parent Resource Article

Why Is Parent Involvement Important in Middle School?

Many parents who are actively involved in the education of their children at the elementary school level become less involved when their children reach middle school. However, parent involvement in a child's education during the middle school years is just as important in a child's success at school as it is in earlier grades. If the school doesn't have a formal participation plan for parents, it is important that parents take the initiative to continue their involvement and collaboration in their children's school.

Why Is It Important For Parents To Be Involved at the Middle School Level?

The results of recent research are very clear: When parents are actively involved in their

children's education, they do better in school. *The academic level of the parents, their socioeconomic level, and their ethnic or racial origin are NOT determining factors for academic success.* It is essential for parents to have a positive attitude regarding education, and to demonstrate trust that their children can do well.

How Will Your Children and Your School Benefit From Your Involvement?

- When parents become involved, both students and school benefit:
- Grades and test results are higher;
- Academic programs are more successful; and
- The schools, as a whole, are more effective.

What Are the Positive Consequences of Parent Involvement?

The participation of all parents, including those with limited knowledge of English, is important to the academic achievement of their children. Such participation has many positive consequences for the family, the school, and especially for the young adolescent:

- The family has the chance to understand the school system better.
- The teachers can understand students who come from other cultures more easily.
- The students receive support from adults in order to confront the problems of adolescence—particularly where these problems are accentuated by the conflicting cultures of home, friends, and school.

Excerpt from: <http://www.middleweb.com/ParentInv1.html>

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