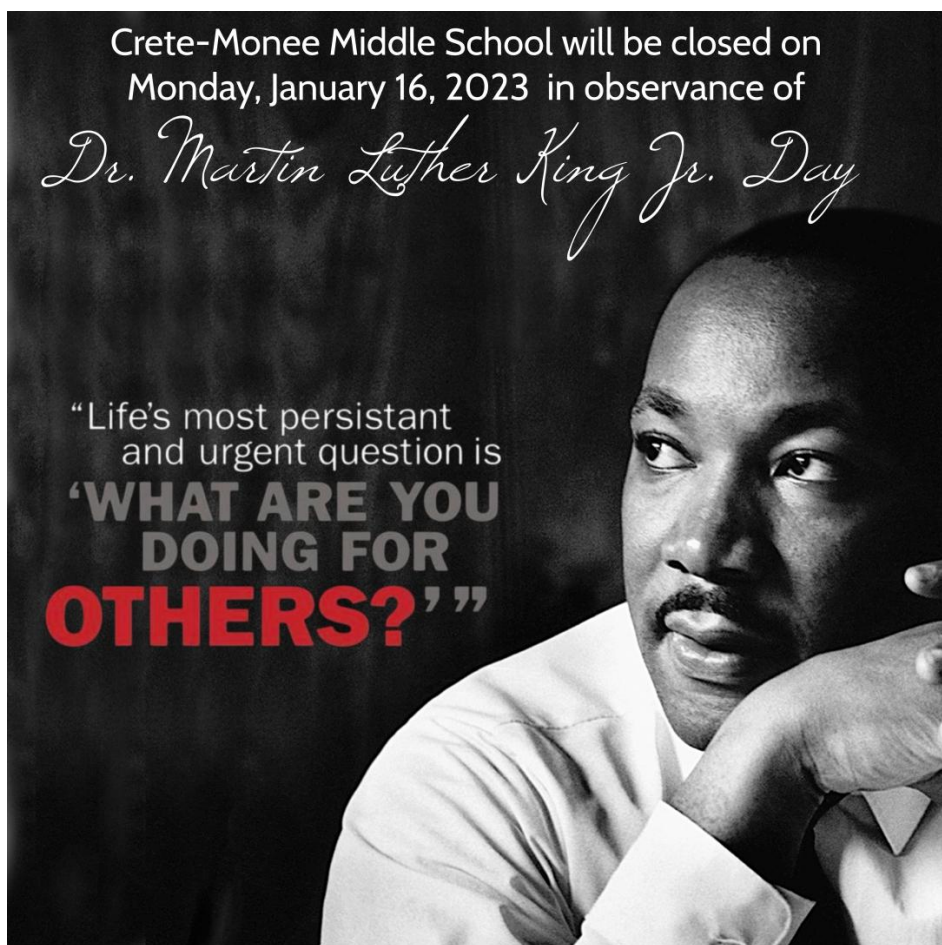


Week 18: January 13, 2023

Happy New Year! We were so excited to welcome our students back this week after a long break! Staff and students got right back into their routines and we have just one week before our Trimester 2 Progress Report window closes on 1/20/23. Trimester 2 Progress Reports will be posted by the end of the month. We will alert you to the date via Family/Student Access and our Grade Level Google Classrooms.

Please note that winter testing is coming up in a few short weeks. 8th Grade families, PSAT 8/9 Information was posted to Family/Student Access and to the 8th Grade Google Classroom on 1/12/23. This test is the first in a series of assessments from the College Board that students will take as they move from 8th grade into high school.



In observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, our schools and offices will be closed on Monday, January 16th.

We celebrate, commemorate and honor the life, legacy and impact of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

As a reminder, now is the time to REPLENISH your child's school supplies! We are always looking for BOXES OF TISSUES as well. Please send some along with your child to their advisory teacher!

Announcements: [CMMS Electronic Announcement Board](#)

Sports, Clubs & Activities:

- **Boys Basketball:** Our boys basketball has three games coming up next week! We are @ home vs. Chicago Heights Middle School on 1/17, and @ home vs. Brookwood on 1/18. The boys travel to Colin Powell for their 1/19 games.
- **Girls Volleyball:** Our girls volleyball teams play Chicago Heights Middle School on 1/17, and @ Brookwood on 1/18. The girls are @ home against Colin Powell on 1/19.
- **DOUBLE DUTCH:** Applications for the CMMS Double Dutch Club are due **next** Thursday, January 19th. The first meeting date will be Wednesday, January 25th after school. Please return completed applications to the main office. For more information, please see Mrs. Brookins.

Student Athlete Spotlight

Isla McClure- Girls' Volleyball

Who is your favorite teacher? What is your favorite subject?

My favorite teacher is Mr. Mills and my favorite subject is IGS.

What is your favorite food?

Pasta

What is your favorite hobby?

I love to bake and play softball.





#CMMSATHLETICS&ACTIVITIES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Monday, January 16, 2023
 - **NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
- Wednesday, January 25 & Thursday, January 26, 2023
 - **PSAT 8/9 Testing--8th Grade**
 - **NWEA/MAP Winter Testing--6th & 7th Grade**
- Friday, January 27, 2023
 - **Early Release Day for Students** 11:30 a.m. Dismissal for Students
 - Staff School Improvement Day
- Monday, February 6, 2023
 - **Early Release Day for Students** 11:30 a.m. Dismissal for Students
 - Staff School Improvement Day
- Monday, February 20, 2023
 - **NO SCHOOL, Presidents' Day**



In January, We Are Thinkers!

Students who are THINKERS work to solve problems independently. They can imagine many solutions to a question or challenge. Thinkers make good decisions and can predict the outcomes of their actions. They think creatively and critically.

How can parents help to develop students who are Thinkers at home?

- Encourage your child to try to think of solutions to problems independently.
- Pose different real-life problems and questions to your child:
 - "I'm not sure how to arrange the glasses so they can all fit in the cupboard."
 - "I wonder how much the groceries in the cart will cost... how can we make an estimate?"
 - "We need enough cookies for the 20 people in your class. What kind of change should we make to our recipe?"
- Ask your children questions when they are working on a problem:
 - "Do you have any ideas about how we might begin?"
 - "How can we do this differently?"
 - "I had never thought of that. Tell me more about it."
 - "What other ways can we show that?"
 - "Why do you think that?"



REMINDER

JANUARY

25 CMMS PTO MEETING

Join us for this month's PTO Meeting
Wednesday, 1/25
@ 6:00 p.m. in the CMMS Library
Please enter through Door 1!



PSAT™ 8/9

Attention 8th Graders!!

PSAT 8/9 Testing

Wednesday, January 25th & Thursday, January 26th

You will be taking the test digitally!

Students **MUST** have their charged **CHROMEBOOK** in school with them every day & especially on testing days. You will **ALSO** need your calculator.

Bring your charger to school if your computer does not stay charged throughout the day!

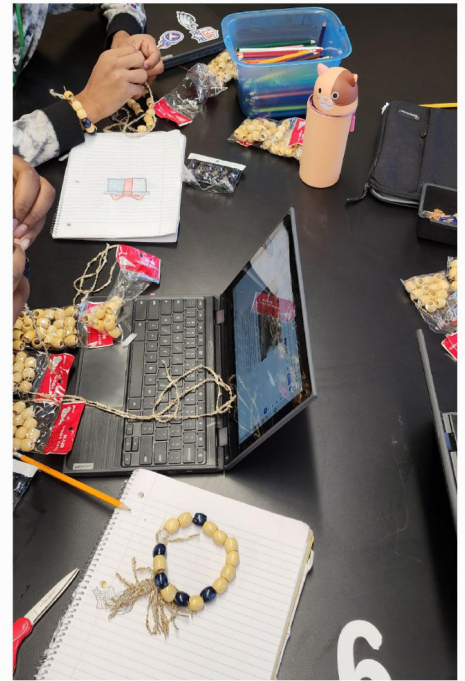
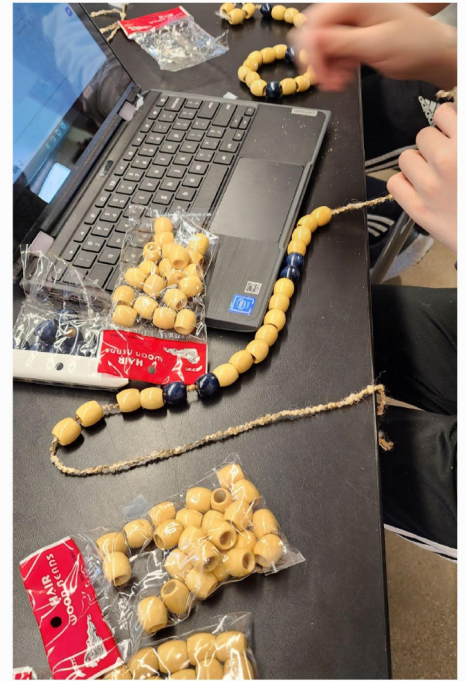
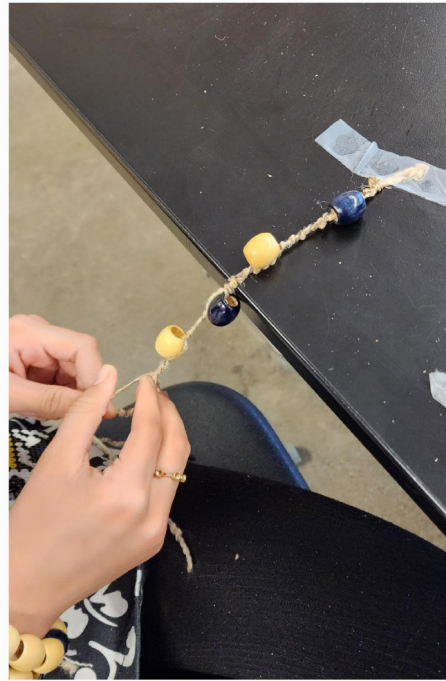


NWEA/MAP WINTER Testing
6th & 7th Grade **ONLY**

- **Wednesday, January 25, 2023**
- **Thursday, January 26, 2023**

Students **MUST** have their charged **CHROMEBOOK** in school with them every day & especially on testing days.

Bring your charger to school if your computer does not stay charged throughout the day!



ART STUDENTS DISCOVERED AND
EXPLORED 3D ART WITH BEAD CREATIONS!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- **ID's:** All students received a color coded ID and lanyard. It is the student's responsibility to wear both around their neck at all times during the school day and on our buses. Your account will automatically be charged \$5 every time a replacement ID/lanyard needs to be issued.
- **Clear Backpacks:** ALL students are required to use a clear backpack. Please make sure your child is following our: [CMMS Backpack Expectations](#).
- **Cell Phones:** All cell phones and non-school issued electronic devices need to be turned off and put away during the school day. Students who fail to adhere to this expectation will be subject to Board sanctioned consequences. .
 ■ [cm201u-cell-policy-flyer.pdf](#)
- **Chromebooks:** Students are expected to bring their charged chromebook daily.
- **Water Bottles:** Students are welcome to bring their own refillable water bottles. We have bottle fillers located throughout the building. Please make sure your child's name is clearly written on their bottle.
- **Food Items:** There are set times for students to eat breakfast & lunch. Students are not permitted to "order" lunch to be delivered to the school. Parents, if you are dropping off lunch for your child, it needs to be in our office prior to the student's assigned lunch time.
- **Activity Busses** (4:15 p.m) will be available for students who are participating in any of our after school athletics, clubs or activities. Please note that your child will not be dropped off at their usual spot, but rather a close location in your neighborhood.

Community Resources

Click below for more information on these community events/opportunities.

Bilingual Parental Advisory Committee Brochure (English) Brochure (Spanish)	Catholic Charities LIHEAP Assistance
211 United Way of Will County	211 United Way of Will County (Espanol)
Rental Assistance	University Park Home Energy Assistance

Has your child's chromebook charger gone missing?? Please hop on to Amazon for a replacement charger. Click here: [Student Chromebook Replacement Charger](#)



ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING CONTEST

CMMS has joined Belson Steel's SCORE Recycling Contest!

Will you help us?

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3:



1. COLLECT YOUR ALUMINUM CANS & BRING THEM TO BENSON STEEL IN BOURBONNAIS FOR RECYCLING. YOU GET PAID CASH FOR THE CANS!

2. MENTION CRETE-MONEE MIDDLE SCHOOL WHEN YOU GET PAID! BELSON'S WILL ADD ONE POINT TO OUR SCORE FOR EVERY POUND OF CANS THAT YOU ARE RECYCLING!

3. AT THE END OF THE CONTEST IN APRIL CMMS WILL RECEIVE \$\$ FOR EVERY POINT! PLUS...THE TOP SCHOOLS WILL WIN THOUSANDS IN EXTRA CASH & PRIZES!

CONTEST RUNS
FROM
OCTOBER 10, 2022
THROUGH
APRIL 22, 2023



Belson Steel
1685 N. Route 50
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
815-932-7416

**WE ARE IN
SECOND PLACE**

in the [BELSON STEEL
SCORE RECYCLING
CONTEST!!](#) Check out
the standings by
clicking on the blue link
above!!

Thank you to everyone
who is recycling!!
Keep up the great
effort!!



EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

NO MORE CLIPPING. ALL YOU NEED IS YOUR SMARTPHONE.

The NEW and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

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BUY BOX TOPS PRODUCTS

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SCAN YOUR RECEIPT

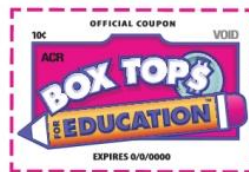
Use the app to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.



EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated at BTFE.com.

You do not need to clip or send Box Tops labels to school.



BOX TOPS CLIPS ON PACKAGES

Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store as packages transition to the new Box Tops labels. **You can still clip these and send them to school.** Please make sure each clip has a valid expiration date.



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