

Week 27: March 10, 2023

Congratulations to our Amazon Harlem Renaissance Winners!!!

<u>Essay Category</u>	<u>Poetry Category</u>	<u>Art Category</u>
1st Place: Chase Stone Runner-Up: Jaiden Grant	1st Place: Lucinda Joyce Runner-Up: Jadell Climmons	1st Place: Sydney Golden Runner-Up: Savannah Koppers

These six CMMS students were honored by Amazon's Black Employees Network [BEN] for their winning essay, artwork or poem. Representatives from Amazon - Vanessa Walden, Myreah Williams and Heather Rhodes presented students with their prizes on Tuesday, March 7th. Congratulations to all of the winners and a special thank you to everyone that participated. Thank you to our Division Leader, Mrs. Sandra Brookins for coordinating this competition with Amazon BEN.



Pictured from left to right. Chase Stone, Jaiden Grant, Myreah Williams [Amazon], Lucinda Joyce, Jadell Climmons, Heather Rhodes [Amazon], Sydney Golden, Savannah Koppers, and Vanessa Walden [Amazon].

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR BOOK FAIR!

Our ONLINE STORE remains open until March 20th!! Click [HERE](#) to access our book fair site. In our online store you can shop online & have books delivered to your home, OR make a donation to our school



Are you ready for a wonderful production? Please join us as our Drama Club presents:

Crete Monee Middle School Drama Club Presents...
♥"Understanding Your Pet With Dr. Marla Brett!"♥

A comedy by Andrew Frodahl

Showtimes!!

Wednesday, March 15 at 3:00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m.

Thursday, March 16 at 3:00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m.

Admission--

Adults \$2

Students \$1

Come out and see our amazing students in this production!

State Testing Kicks Off After Spring Break! We will be testing over the course of several days starting the week of April 3rd.

All 6th, 7th & 8th Graders will be taking the **Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR)**. Please take a moment to review the parent letter for more information about the IAR. [IAR Parent Letter \(English\)](#) [IAR Parent Letter \(Spanish\)](#)

8th Graders ONLY will ALSO be taking the **Illinois Science Assessment (ISA)**. Please take a moment to review the parent letter for more information about the ISA [ISA Parent Letter \(English\)](#) [ISA Parent Letter \(Spanish\)](#)



**DAYLIGHT
SAVING TIME**

Set your watch an hour ahead

March 12, 2023

8th Grade Festivities & End of the Year Information

Please read through the attached letter very carefully. There is a lot of information pertaining to 8th grade events and activities that will take place from February through June. This information will also be posted to our 8th Grade Google Classroom, Website and Family & Student Access.

[8th Grade Letter English](#)

[8th Grade Letter Spanish](#)

CMMS Make Them Care Fair

On Friday, March 3 students who did not complete a direct service such as volunteering presented in the Make Them Care Fair. This event allowed students to raise awareness and/or advocate for a cause they felt strongly about. Students will reflect on the impact of their service during the next couple of weeks and present a final reflection piece to their advisory classes.



Service in Action!! On Tuesday, March 7, CMMS National Junior Honor Society took a field trip to *Feed My Starving Children* in Aurora. Students had a great time serving others by hand-packing nutritious MannaPack meals designed to assist in reversing and preventing undernutrition. The meals are distributed in schools, orphanages, clinics, and feeding programs around the world to deliver hope and break the cycle of poverty. While NJHS was there, we helped pack 81 boxes, which includes 17,496 meals. Our three hours of work will feed 48 kids for one year! Special thanks to the parent volunteers who chaperoned for helping to make this possible.



CMMS Weekly Newsletter & Announcements



Middle Years Programme



ILLINOIS 5 ESSENTIALS SURVEY *Help us improve our schools!*

Crete-Monee School District 201-U schools will participate in the annual Illinois 5 Essentials Survey. The survey is designed to collect important information on school climate and learning conditions. This survey, developed by the University of Chicago Consortium on Chicago School Research, assesses performance on five indicators or “Essentials” for school improvement.

- *Effective Leaders*
- *Collaborative Teachers*
- *Involved Families*
- *Supportive Environment*
- *Ambitious Instruction*

The survey results are reported on the school report cards that are available to parents.



The parent survey is available from January 24, 2023, through March 31, 2023. All district parents are encouraged to take the survey. Your identity and your child’s survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child. The survey will be administered online and will take less than 20 minutes to complete. Please note that all survey information is confidential. Each school in the district must have 20% of eligible parents participate for a parent report to be generated. To take the survey, please click on the link below: <http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/>

Interested in winning a gift card? Join in on our PARTICIPATION INCENTIVE! Once you have taken the survey for our school, please forward your confirmation survey to Ms. Chrisos (chrisosk@cm201u.org) so that you can be entered to win one of six \$50 gift cards!! If you already completed the survey for our school, thank you!! Check for an email from impact-surveys@uchicago.edu and forward it to us by the deadline. The survey window closes on 3/31/23. You have until 3/31/23 to share your email confirmation to be included in the raffle. Our drawing will take place the week of April 3rd. Please note, this is limited to parents who have completed the survey specifically for CMMS.

Announcements: [CMMS Electronic Announcement Board](#)

Sports, Clubs & Activities:

- **Track & Field:** Team information will be posted today. Practices start on Monday for all who made the team!
- **Intramurals:** Flag football begins this Tuesday, March 14th. You will be meeting in 117 with Mr. Chapman immediately after school. Dress for the weather and bring a water bottle! If you have any questions, you may reach out to your sponsor and check your google classroom for information.
- **Heart & Sole:** Calling all 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls! Heart & Sole (the middle school version of Girls on the Run) will meet after school twice a week (Mondays & Tuesdays) starting in mid-March. You will learn important life skills while training to run a 5k. Program fee is on a sliding scale and financial assistance is available. All skill levels welcome, no previous running experience is required. Sign up is located [HERE](#) or paper forms may be picked up in the Main Office. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Williams or Ms. Bollam.



Crete-Monee Middle School Presents Spring After Hours PARTY

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023

2:45-5:00 P.M.

PERMISSION FORM AND \$5 ADMISSION FEE

DUE BY MARCH 15TH TO THE MAIN OFFICE

Hang out with your friends!

DANCING

Photos

Games

Karaoke

PIZZA

**BOUNCE HOUSE
OBSTACLE COURSE**

Concessions

CRAFTS

- Hard Copy ID Required
- Pre-purchased tickets only/no tickets at the door
- Students must have a ride home/no activity busses

CMMS After Hours are back!!

Don't miss out on this fun event!! Our planning team has some FANTASTIC activities organized for you! Come and hang out with your friends, participate in a variety of activities.

Pizza and a drink are included in your \$5. fee. Concessions will also be available for sale! Paperwork MUST be turned in by Wednesday, March 15th!!

This event is open to all grade levels, but space is limited!! Sign up is on a first come first served basis! Click here for [PERMISSION FORM](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Friday, March 17, 2023

- **Early Release Day for Students** 11:30 a.m. Dismissal for Students
- Staff School Improvement Day

Thursday, March 23, 2023

- **Spring Parent Teacher**
- **Conferences--ONSITE--5:00-8:00 p.m.**

Friday, March 24, 2023

- **NO SCHOOL, District Holiday**

Monday, March 27, 2023-Friday, March 31, 2023

- **NO SCHOOL, Spring Break**

Monday, April 3, 2023

- **Classes Resume!**



**CRETE-MONEE
WARRIORS**

Our school spiritwear shop is OPEN!
Show your CM201U Pride!

Click here for your [Crete-Monee Warriors Gear](#)! Order your gear today!!

- Easy & secure ordering process.
- Pick from a wide variety of styles, brands and colors.
- Items delivered to your home.

SAVE THE DATE...

CMMS SPRING 2023 PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thursday, March 23, 2023
5:00-8:00 p.m.
@ CMMS

Enter through Door 1.
Conferences will be
conducted on a first come
first served basis.
We look forward to meeting
with you.

Crete-Monee Middle School **CAREER DAY**

**CMMS STUDENTS ARE INTERESTED IN
LEARNING ABOUT YOUR CAREER!
IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL OPTIONS ARE
AVAILABLE FOR OUR PRESENTERS!**



**Monday, April 24, 2023
7:30 -11:30 a.m.**

PRESENTERS NEEDED



Help us by
volunteering to be a
presenter!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
MS. BILMA CHAVEZ, CMMS COUNSELING DEPT.**

**708-367-2414
chavezb@cm201u.org**

Crete-Monee Middle School will be hosting our 2022-2023 Career Day on Monday, April 24, 2023 from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. We are looking for professionals like yourself to share details regarding your occupation with our students.

For this year's Career Day, you have the option of either presenting in person or you can create a pre-recorded 20 minute presentation for us to share. If you choose to present in person we ask that you come prepared to present for the entire day (6, 20 minute sessions with Q&A).

Keep in mind that you are presenting to students between the ages of 10 and 14. If you are interested, please fill out the [Career Day Registration Form](#) by April 10, 2023, and let us know whether you would like to present in person or create a presentation. You can see an example [here](#) of a video from last year.

Please feel free to contact Bilma Chavez, *CMMS School Counseling Dept.* with any questions or concerns.
(708) 367-2414 chavezb@cm201u.org

YOUNG LADIES EMPOWERMENT NETWORK
PRESENTS

INSPIRED & EMPOWERED
CONFERENCE FOR YOUNG LADIES GRADES 7-12

BE YOUR OWN BOSS | **EMPOWER YOUR VOICE** | **I AM ENOUGH**

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

2023 **SATURDAY**
APRIL 15
10 AM - 2 PM
Breakfast & Lunch will be provided
CRETE-MONEE HIGH SCHOOL
1515 W. Exchange St. Crete, IL
Enter Door #3

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT
Ms. Keeyana Riley
rileyk@cm201u.org
(708) 367-8329
Mrs. Keely Lewis-Childress
kchildress@university-park-il.com
(708) 473-8165

SIGN UP TODAY!



**VOLUNTEERS, PANELISTS & VENDORS ARE WELCOME.
A BACKGROUND CHECK IS REQUIRED.**

Interested in participating? Turn this form into the Main Office!

📎 [YOUNG LADIES' CONFERENCE 2023 FORM \(4\).pdf](#)



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.

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

Bilingual Parental Advisory Committee Brochure (English) Brochure (Spanish)	Catholic Charities
211 United Way of Will County	211 United Way of Will County (Espanol)
Rental Assistance	University Park Home Energy Assistance
Mobile Food Pantry Calendar	LIHEAP Assistance
SNAP Help Northern IL Food Bank Assistance	Food Bank Flyer
Mobile Workforce	Meals on Wheels
Aunt Martha's Health & Wellness	Catholic Charities; Aging & Disability Service
Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program IHWAP_English IHWAP_Spanish	
Need Food & Public Medical Benefits? RespondNow (English) RespondNow (Spanish)	



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



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

WE ARE IN STILL IN SECOND PLACE as of January 14th... 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.

LOOK FOR THE NEW LABEL:



HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:



BUY BOX TOPS PRODUCTS

You can find Box Tops on hundreds of products throughout the store.



SCAN YOUR RECEIPT

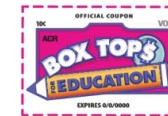
Use the app to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.



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.



BUY BOX TOPS PRODUCTS



CUT OUT THE BOX TOP FROM EACH PACKAGE



SEND YOUR BOX TOPS TO SCHOOL

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