

# CMS QUARTERLY WRAP UP

**Marking Period 2:**  
**11/15/2023 - 1/31/2024**



## Exciting Events:

- 11/15 Wear red, white, & blue for Veteran's Day!
- 11/17 College Shirt Day for American Education Week!
- 11/20 Ways of the Lenape Assembly for 6th Grade!
- 11/22 - 11/24 - Thanksgiving Break
- 11/29 Science Planetarium for 8th Grade!
- 12/21 Holiday Sweater Day!
- 12/22 Pajama Day!
- 12/22 "Breakfast with Santa" held by Friday's Friends!
- 12/22 - 1/1 - Winter Break
- 1/4 Teacher Jeans Fundraiser for Ms. Brock
- 1/4 Expectations & Anti-bullying Grade Assemblies
- 1/8 Day of Expression Training for DEI members!
- 1/8 Anti-bullying Assembly with Cam Awesome!
- 1/10 Boys and Girls District Championship Games at Woodbridge High School!
- 1/11 Indoor Snow Day fundraiser hosted by NJHS
- 1/15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School
- 1/23 Visit from Colonia High School Guidance Department for 8th Grade Students
- 1/24 Drama Club Performance!

## Upcoming Events:

- 2/5 - G&T Enrichment Convocation
- 2/6 - Colonia High School Computer Science Presentation
- 2/16 - End of Have-A-Heart Food Drive
- 2/19 - No School in observance of Presidents' Day
- 2/22 - WTSD Black History Month Celebration at WHS at 6pm
- 3/23 - CMS PTO Spring Tricky Tray
- 3/28 - Environmental Assembly Program - Grades 6 & 7
- 4/17 - Day of Expression at Woodbridge High School!

## Stay in touch :

CMS Updates are posted on:



Keep up with DEI on:

<https://sites.google.com/wtsdnj.com/cmsdei2324/home>



# CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE SCHOOL

Reading "Night Diary" - a novel set during the Indian partition - in Mrs. Ciardiello's Class!

Morning announcement videos highlighted India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan & Sri Lanka

Newspaper Club is enthusiastic this year highlighting all school cultural celebrations and important events and holidays!

Mrs. Henriques's classes learned about how Christmas and Three Kings Day is celebrated in Spain and other Spanish Speaking countries

7th grade dance students learned a Bhangra dance routine choreographed by 7th grader Arvi Prajapati!

Mr. Azzarello's 8th grade Honors Language Arts students read The Diary of Anne Frank and learned about the Irish Civil War

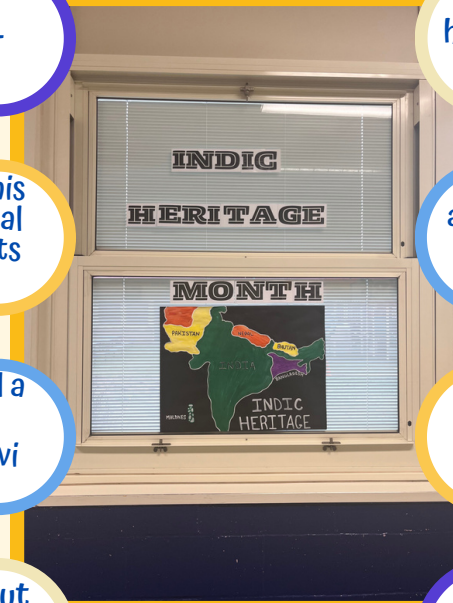
Creating presentations about individual cultural celebrations in Mrs. Ciardiello's class!

Mrs. Terebetsky's class researched Henna and Rangoli!

Ms. Paiva's class studied Jewish culture while reading Number the Stars

Mr. Bernstein's Multimedia & Publishing Classes created videos for Indic Heritage Month shown during the morning announcements

DEI members held a meeting, sparking discussion about cultural backgrounds and expression!



# SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL LEARNING CONNECTIONS

Creating 2024 Vision Boards in Ms. McDermid's class!



The 8th grade Friday's Friends planned, shopped and created "Breakfast with Santa"!

"I Am" metaphor presentations highlighting students' feelings about themselves in Mrs. Ciardiello's class!

Journalism students in Mr. Azzarello's class explored SEL topics for short news stories

Mrs. Henriques's 7th grade classes created a bulletin board with a positive message: "Tú Eres..." (You are) and filled it with positive adjectives in Spanish!

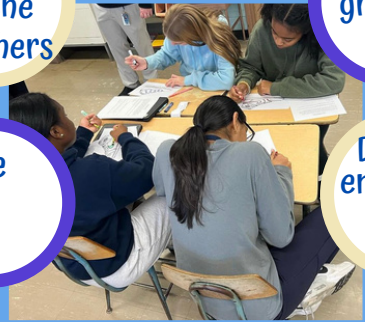


Cam Awesome came to CMS and taught students about the power in failure and never giving up!

Students participated in a "Crumpled Heart" activity that highlighted the effect mean words can have on others

Heroes & Cool Kids met with sixth graders to talk about the importance of kindness!

Ms. Paiva's class shared positive qualities about their class environment!



DEI students discussed the topic of empathy and created a bulletin board to highlight the importance of "walking in each other's shoes"

CMS held a Clap Out to congratulate our boys and girls basketball teams on an incredible season!



Gym classes have focused on being active listeners, setting and achieving goals, and teamwork!



Mr. McLaughlin's class read a fable about rumors and gossip, and discussed the negative impacts words can have, connecting it to McCarthyism!



# CLUB & CLASSROOM NEWS

A group of the CMS Dance Company students are preparing to perform a Hip Hop dance routine at the districtwide Black History Month Celebration

Benches were installed in front of the building thanks to the CMS PTO!



Drama Club had an amazing performance 1/24!



Journalism students have been researching topics and interviewing classmates and staff to write in-depth news articles set to be published on Mr. Azzarello's Google site at the end of the month



Boys Basketball Team won the District Championship for the 6th time in school history! They defeated WMS 62-55!

In Mr Bernstein's Multimedia & publishing Classes Q2, the students thoroughly enjoyed creating their first podcast on the topic of their choice!



Both boys and girls Basketball teams had an incredible season! Girls finished as runner up in the district!



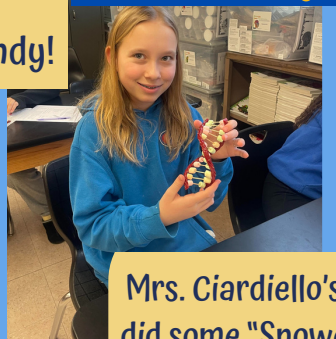
DJ Club is now in full swing and the students are doing great. They even had some other clubs stop in to listen to them mixing!

Veteran Bill Curia came to CMS for a flag raising ceremony and presentation for Veteran's Day!



8th grade students experienced a science planetarium!

Mrs. Sacco's class created DNA patterns with candy!



NJHS held an "indoor snow day" for students!



8th graders took part in an Engineers Teaching Algebra Workshop, where they learned about real world algebra, such as traffic light patterns!

Mrs. Ciardiello's class did some "Snowetry" - poems about winter with displayed snowflakes!

A greenhouse was installed in the CMS courtyard thanks to the Woodbridge Township Municipal Green Team!



# Student Shoutouts!

# Teacher Shoutouts!

Sanjana

Tú eres una estudiante brillante!

-Mrs. Henriques

Special thanks to the PTO, especially Mrs. Mortagua & Mrs. Marques  
-Mrs. Skiba-Velez

Mrs. Guida and Mrs. Meehan  
For organizing the hot-cocoa fundraiser for the Student Council!  
-Ms. McDermid

Mrs. Henriques's Semester 1 Classes

I hope you have a great 2nd semester! Hablan español!

-Mrs. Henriques

Jack Cowen

A force to be reckoned with. He has a great personality and an eagerness to learn, be creative and most importantly, have fun in school!

-Mr. Bernstein

Mr. Bagnato  
For doing the scoreboard for basketball this season!

-Mr. McLaughlin

Mr. McLaughlin and Ms. Twomey

For great basketball seasons!

-Mr. Azzarello

Jayce Rodriguez

For scoring 210 points this year for the boys basketball team!

-Mr. McLaughlin

Mr. Mac and Ms. Twomey  
Excellent coaching this year!

-Mr. Shanker

Mrs. Glusky and Mrs. Fluck

For organizing the NJHS "indoor snow day!"

-Ms. McDermid

Mrs. Henriques's Period 4 7th Grade Class

Gracias por una clase muy divertida! I will miss our class!

-Mrs. Henriques

Ms. Mocci  
For doing a great job coaching the cheerleaders this season!

-Mr. Azzarello

DEI Committee

For taking risks and being open to sharing in discussions! You guys are awesome!

-Ms. Paiva

Mrs. Terebetsky  
A wonderful addition to Newspaper Club as a co-advisor making it possible for more one-on-one time with student reporters  
-Mrs. Skiba-Velez

Equity Council, Culture & Climate Team, Sustainable NJ Team, WIN Team, PBIS Team, Counseling Team, Child Study Team, Student Assistance Counselor, Ms. Burascano, Mr. Azzarello, Ms. McLaughlin, and staff for all of your help with the student learning, climate, and culture this quarter.  
-CMS Administration