

President's Message

What a year it has been. From the perspective of the PTSA, almost every event we normally plan and execute was canceled due to COVID-19. It would have been easy to focus on all the things we couldn't do (Renaissance Faire, Colonial Days, Mardi Gras Celebration, Holiday Lunches, in-person Book Fair and Stallion Showcase, etc.). Instead, the PTSA Board opted to focus on what we could do. With limited opportunities to support our students, we made the decision to shift our attention to supporting our teachers. This year has required lots of adjustments and pivoting not only for our students, but also for our team of dedicated teachers and staff. Whether it was our Thanks & Joy Friday events in November and December or Teacher Appreciation Week and Hospitality meals, we sure hope our teachers felt the love! Serving the ones who daily pour into our children was truly an honor. On that note, thank you to every family who so generously supported the PTSA in these efforts with financial donations (truly amazing in this financially challenging year), gift and food donations and a willingness to do anything that needed to be done to make these events a success. I think we all realized how much we needed interaction with one another this year and your tremendous support of our teachers offered us limited opportunities to encourage our faculty and staff in person.

We had an amazing time meeting our incoming 6th grade families at our first true in-person event of the year – Contract Signing. It was modified to keep everyone safe, but it was so nice to invite our newest Stallions INTO the school building and share a warm welcome with them. Many of them had never been on our campus. Our remaining PTSA events for the year include our final Hospitality Teacher Luncheon on May 17th and the 8th Grade Celebration on May 27th. As always, stay informed with everything going on at school with the PTSA Monday Memo and Mrs. DeBusk's Friday email blast.

As we wrap up this highly unusual school year, we would like to wish a fond farewell to several of our very active PTSA parents who will be graduating with their 8th graders this year. In this group are ladies (and lots of helpful husbands!) who have done just about every job our PTSA offers from President & Vice President to Teacher Appreciation, Contract Signing, Mardi Gras, 8th Grade Celebration and are always willing to help where needed. We are normally able to honor them at our PTA Founder's Day Luncheon, but you guessed it, it was COVID canceled this year! Lots of smiles and positive, can-do attitudes in this group. Not a one of them will ever say, "We can't do that." Without each of you, our PTSA would not have been able to do all that we do and CMM would not shine quite as bright as it does. On behalf of the PTSA, I would like to offer sincere thanks to Amy Watts, Katie Simpson, Jennifer French, Allison Bruce, Dawn Townsend, Kristi Carr and Beth Brady. You have forever left your mark on CMM and we cannot thank you enough for the hours you have given to the students and faculty here at CMM. You will be greatly missed next year!

We have one remaining PTSA meeting for this school year, and we would love for you to join us on May 10th at noon via Zoom (link in Monday Memo). We welcome any feedback and suggestions you may have to help us be as successful as possible! With only four weeks left in the 2020-21 school year we are well on our way to summer vacation. That is definitely something to cheer about! As we approach summer, we are already busy preparing for what we hope will be a much more "normal" year in 2021-22. We would love to have your help. If you would like to take on an active role in our PTSA, please contact Kelly Byrd at kbyrd1@icloud.com and she will find the best place for you to get plugged in.

I pray that as we ease back into more “normal” days ahead that we can look back on this year of uncertainty and dramatic change and be proud of how our CMM family has taken it in stride, adapted and thrived. I am proud of our CMM community and it has been a true honor to serve as PTSA President this year. Let’s finish the year strong and make next year the best yet!

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PTSA President