November SIT Meeting

Members Present:

Kelly Blake-1st Grade parent
Sarah Blanchard-Instructional Staff
Erika Gregory-3rd Grade Parent
Patricia Hughes-2nd Grade Parent
Katy Hurd-Instructional Support Staff
Wendy McElhinny-Instructional Staff
Scott Otolski-Assistant Principal
Tiffani Petti-5th Grade Parent
Melissa Roy-Principal
Kylie Turturro-Instructional Staff

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Upcoming Dates:
- **Friday, November 18**
  - 8:15 School Spelling Bee
  - PTO Staff Appreciation- Feast of Friends
- **Wednesday, November 23-Friday, November 25**
  - Thanksgiving Break- No School
- **Wednesday, November 30**
  - Hat Day- Wear a Hat for $1.00 (proceeds go to 5th grade field trip/end of year celebration)
- **Thursday, December 1**
  - 7:15 Character Breakfast for selected students
  - Plaid and Flannel Day
- **Friday, December 2**
  - Hawaiian Day
  - PreK Reports Go home with students
  - Yearbook Cover Entries due today
- **Monday, December 5**
  - Wear Red, Green and Black
- **Tuesday, December 6**
  - Wear Winter or Holiday Shirt
  - 6:00 K/1 Winter Concert
  - 7:00 w 2 /3 Winter Concert

- **Wednesday, December 7**
  - Wear Workout Clothes
- **Thursday, December 8**
  - Progress Reports Go Home
  - Wear Winter/Holiday Socks
- **Friday, December 9**
  - Wear Scarves, Winter Hats and Holiday Headgear
- **Monday, December 12**
  - Wear Red, Green and White
  - 8:30 Parent Coffee Chat
  - 6:00 School Improvement Team Meeting

New Website:

- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools launched a new website in hopes of providing a more engaging experience.
- The district teamed up with a design team at Blackboard to create what CMS says will be a "powerful communications hub."
- Each school will get a fresh look on its website and the design can be used on devices such as desktops, mobile phones and tablets.
- District Website: https://www.cmsk12.org/
- School Website: https://www.cmsk12.org/barnetteES
- Some of the highlights of the site include:
  - A consistent navigation across school websites with expanded menus for middle and high schools.
  - Spanish translation in one click, and other translation options.
  - A mobile-friendly design that adjusts easily to computers, tablets and smartphones.
  - Quick links to the most searched pages.
  - A choice of calendars in digital and printable formats.
  - Easy web page editing for staff, even from mobile devices

2023-2024 Calendar:

- Calendar approved by the CMS Board of Education on Wednesday is a hybrid of two proposed calendars of which the district asked the community for feedback.
- School starts Monday, Aug. 28, 2023.
- The last day is Friday, June 7, 2024.
- The calendar includes 177 instructional days and 1,062 instructional hours.
- Winter Break begins Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2023 for students and runs through Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2024. Teachers have a workday on both sides of that break — Dec. 20 and Jan. 2, 2024. Students and teachers return to school Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024.

- Spring break, students will have Friday, March 29, 2024 off through the following week. They will return Monday, April 8, 2024. Teachers have a scheduled workday on March 29.

*This information is posted on the CMS website at this time.

Staffing Updates:

- Senior Admin.- Eleatha Cooper
- PreK Assistant- Sarah Victory
- .4 Speech- Lindsey Schiefen
- MCL- Rusty Bice (Beginning 12/5)

Gaggle:

- The importance of student safety and security is paramount. For this reason, CMS has partnered with Gaggle to mitigate cyberbullying, monitor student internet activity, and assist with suicide prevention services.
- **Barnette Elementary School has been selected to participate in the second phase of deployment. Monitoring student CMS Google and Canvas accounts will begin by November 29th.**
- School-Based Trained Team-Ms. Roy, Mr. Otolski, Ms. Cowley, and Mr. Purcell
- Gaggle's technology scans students' accounts for harmful content and alerts school officials if students show signs of self-harm, depression, thoughts of suicide, substance abuse, cyberbullying, credible threats of violence against others, or other harmful situations.
- Will alert trained staff members to anything regarding drugs, alcohol, self harm, etc. that a student places in a CMS Google or Canvas Account