

CMS Monthly News

April

2026



Hooray for spring! We will celebrate the warmer weather with a month of family fun time.

There will be many outdoor activities planned. Children's House will be taking a tour of the city and the Elementary students will hike Watershed Park .

All of our classes will participate in activities that help us learn about and enjoy the upcoming school-wide celebration of Earth Day.

Please refer to this newsletter for all of the details and special information. Don't miss out on the fun! If you have any further questions, please contact Mrs. Ehlers in the school office.

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I Heart the Earth Family Project

At the end of the newsletter, there is a wonderful family project you can do and share with our school friends.

1. Color the Heart Earth
2. Fill out the bottom
3. Return your project by April 13th to the school office for display.

Thanks For Sharing!!!

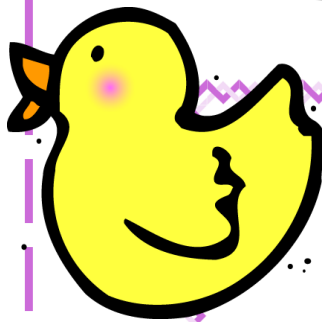
Don't Forget!

It is not too late to e-mail or drop off your child's scrapbook pictures with Mrs. Ehlers.

You will be receiving your child's scrapbook pages in their Memory Book for the end of the term.

If you have questions about this project, please ask at the school office.

Thanks!



A Special Thanks!

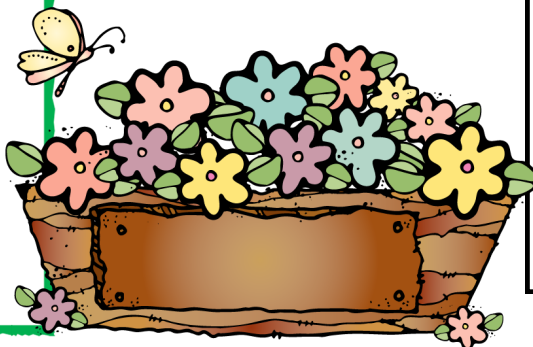
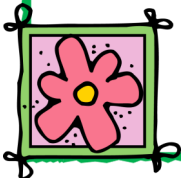
...to everyone who brought Zany Zoo animals to share. They were awesome!

...to all of the families for the wonderful donations of books!

...to all of the families for the great care activities they donated!

...to all of our parents for their ongoing support, help with our parent projects, involvement, and care.

... to those who work so very hard behind the scenes each day making our hopes and dreams come true...



Earth Day Celebration

Wednesday, April 22nd

All of the students will enjoy a fun day of celebrating the earth! Each class will explore different earth related activities and games.

Topics will include: art projects, recycling, cycles of the earth, a special snack, and much, much more! Families are also encouraged to participate by thinking of ways to help the earth at home.

Some suggestions would be through recycling, planting trees and flowers, composting, etc... We will be excited to hear what your family comes up with!



School Newsletters and Class Calendars

∴ We like to remind our families that the school newsletters and class calendars for each month are available on the school website.

Please see the "Parent Information" tab and then scroll down to the "Calendars and Newsletters" tab.

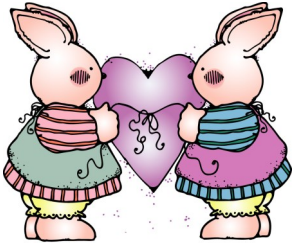
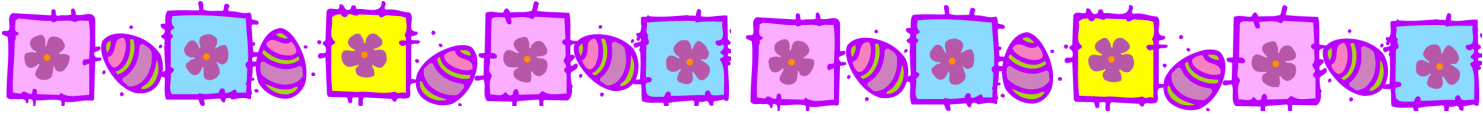
Please keep in mind that event dates and times may change for a variety of reasons.

We recommend speaking with the school office if you are planning to arrive or pick up after 9 am or before 3 pm just to be safe.

Spring Break

April 6th
Through
April 10th

School Closed



Pajama and Game Day

Friday, April 3, 2026

All classes will be having a Pajama and Game Day on the last day before Spring Break.

A movie may be shown, but as always, alternative activities are available for anyone not wishing to watch.

A sign will be posted of the movie title once it is selected. No pillows, blankets, or sleeping bags please - Thanks!!!

Items to Bring
Pajamas
A Game to Share
A Change of Clothes

Crazy Sock Day!

It will be CMS Crazy Sock Day on Wednesday, April 15, 2026

On this day your child can wear their crazy socks for the day.

There will be lots of fun activities, Games, and photos for all...

Parents are welcome to join in the fun!



CMS SUMMER CAMP

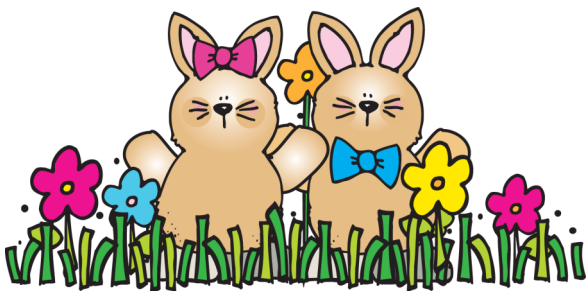
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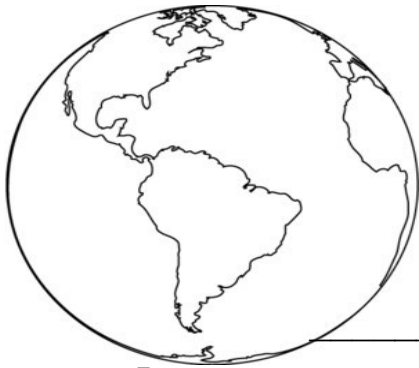
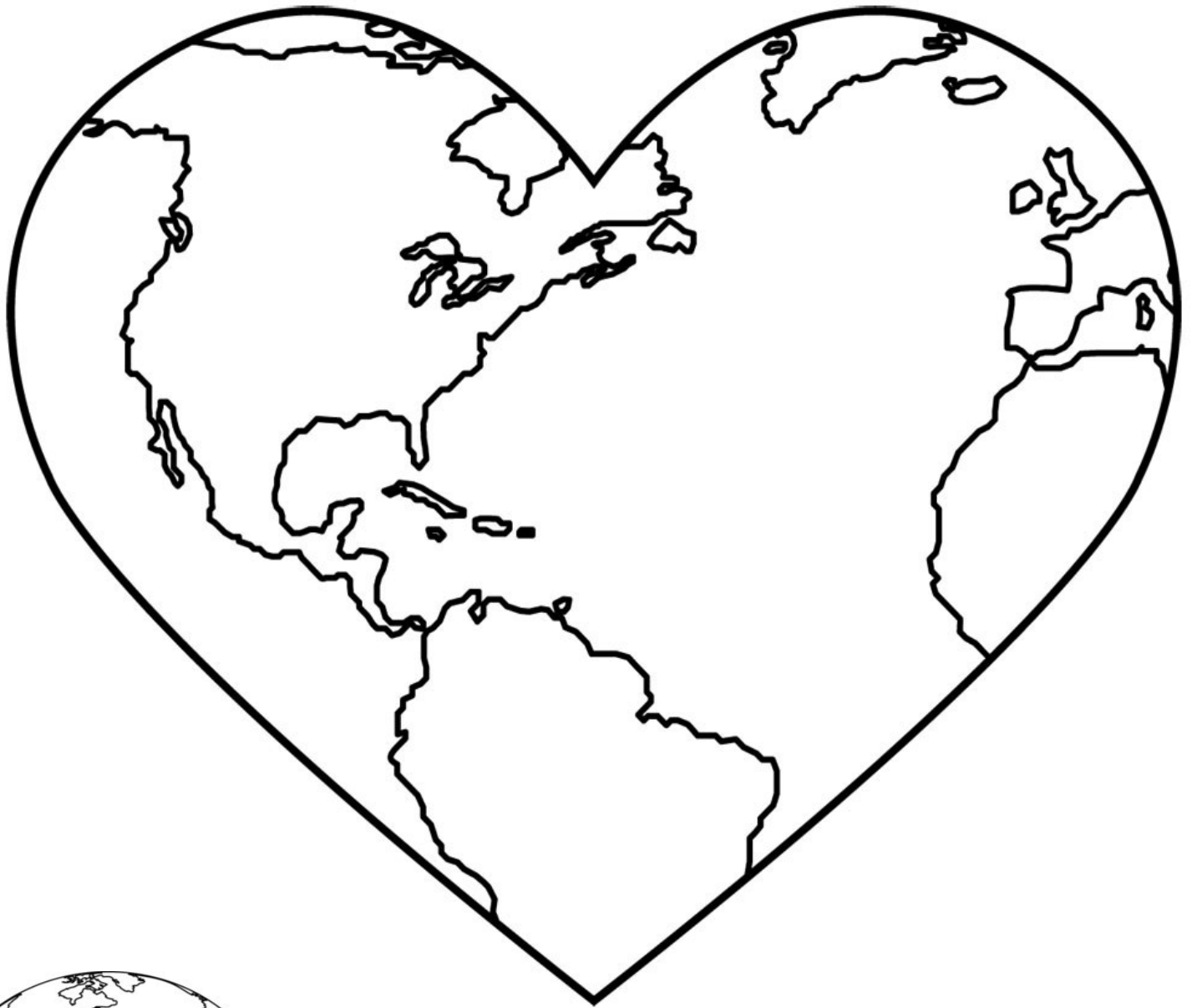
Monday, July 6th
Through
Friday, August 14th

This will be 6 weeks of fun in the sun!!!

Looking forward to seeing you there...

Space is limited, so please let the office know if your child will be attending - Thanks!!!





I heart the Earth by...

My Name: _____



**Mrs. White
and
Mrs. Noble's
Classroom News
2026**



This Month's Field Trips
and Special Events

Spring Break

School Closed

Monday, April 06th-Friday, April 10th

*CMS Resumes Regular Schedule
Monday, April 13th*

Family Project:

"I Heart The Earth"

Monday, April 13th

Special Project:

Crazy Sock Day

Wednesday, April 15th

Olympia Junior Programs

All Class Trip

Tuesday, April 21st

Earth Day Celebration

Wednesday, April 22nd

All School Special Project

Trash Free Lunch Challenge

Thursday, April 23rd

Class Trip

Hike at Watershed Park

Friday, April 24th

All School Peeps Week

Monday, April 27- Friday, 30th

Class Trip

Lacey Timberland Library

Tuesday, April 28th

Classroom Birthday

No Birthdays



"It is not

What you do

For your

children,

But what you

Have taught them

To do

For themselves

That will make them

Successful

Human

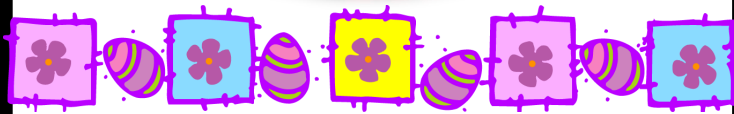
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Social Studies Classes

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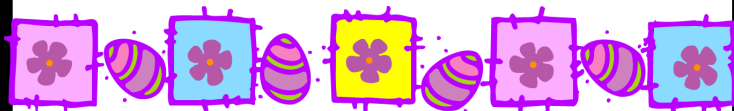
1. First Look at History
 - * People and Families
 - * Past and Present
 - * Communities
2. Stories Around the World
 - * Fiction and Nonfiction
 - * Character
 - * Story Telling
 - * Plot
3. Earth
 - * Our Planet Earth
 - * Taking Care of the Earth





THANK YOU!!!

Thanks so much for all your support
this year with all of our special projects.
Together our families and staff
make a wonderful team!!!



*We cannot create observers
by saying "observe," but by
giving them the power and
the means for this
observation and these means
are procured through
education of the senses*

- Dr. Maria Montessori



Character Building Classes

Our Character Building Classes this month
will include the topic of Leadership.

Many leaders also serve as parents, happily balancing a daily workload with ball games and family dinners. Along the way, most of these leader-parents also realize the influence they have over young minds. Today's children are tomorrow's leaders, especially if those children have parents who are leaders.

While leadership skills can come naturally, children learn lessons along the way that significantly impacts them later in life. The right words at the right time can make all the difference. Here are 10 tips to help you instill the right skills in the future leaders in your life:

- 1. Set a Good Example:** As a leader, you realize the importance of setting a good example for your team. This is ever truer of your role as a parent.
- 2. Encourage Team Activities:** Early on, identify your children's interests and encourage their participation in group activities.
- 3. Emphasizes Perseverance:** The best leaders learn to handle failure as gracefully as they handle success. Children need to learn to handle loss and move forward.
- 4. Build Negotiations Skills:** Every good leader knows the art of compromise. Teach them negotiation skills like never giving up something without asking for something else in return.
- 5. Hone Decision-Making Abilities:** Children should learn how to make good decisions as early in life as possible. Children become overwhelmed by too many choices, narrow down the options to two or three. Teach your child to weigh the pros and cons of each option. This will help them to make correct decisions in everyday life.
- 6. Practice Confident Communication:** Allowing children to order and speak directly to others will help them gain confidence in themselves and be able to communicate what they need.
- 7. Encourage Work:** Often children are eager to begin working in some capacity. Start with simple jobs around the house and as the your child gets older expand to jobs outside the home. Early jobs will be essential to building leadership skills.
- 8. Have Family Game Night:** Instead of spending an evening staring at your respective screens, consider an evening of board games instead. It helps children learn to be a good sport, play by the rules, and think strategically.
- 9. Teach Project Planning Skills:** As a family, you likely have many planned events. Don't leave the children out of the planning process. Treat each event as though it were a business project.
- 10. Reward Optimistic Thinking:** The fact that optimism is connected to success should not be lost on your family. Reward optimism, especially when that optimism is connected to attempting to reach a goal.

Financial experts say that "to teach your children money management you need to allow them to make mistakes." It will teach them valuable lessons that will help them throughout their whole life. It will also help them know what they can and can't afford.

In small ways, today's leaders can prepare younger generations for their future as business leaders. Each of these suggestions will not only create better leaders, but can help children perform better in school and develop better personal relationships throughout life.

Tumwater Fall Walking Trail







Capital Montessori School

CMS Lower Elementary
Mrs. White/Mrs. Noble
2026

April



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
National Garden Month National Poetry Month Keep America Clean Month National Education Month			1 I See Yellow Day	2 Walking Trip Walking to Dairy Queen	3 Pajama Rama Game Day	4
5 Thematic Unit All About Butterflies	6	7	8 Spring Break April 6-April 10	9	10	11
12 Thematic Unit What is The Spring Season?	13 Turn in "I Heart The Earth" Project All Classes Resume Regular Schedule	14 Special Project Earth Day Challenge Fire Drill	15 CRAZY Sock Day 	16 Special Project Earth Day Recycle Game	17 Special Cooking Dirt and Worms	18
19 Thematic Unit Celebrating Our Earth	20 Special Project Making Litter Bags	21 Special Trip Olympia Junior Programs Earthquake Drill	22 All School Earth Day Celebration 	23 Science Project Trash Free Lunch Challenge OT/Speech Screenings	24 Arbor Day Special Trip Hike at Watershed Park	25
26 Thematic Unit The Continent of Australia	27 Peeps Week 04/20-04/24	28 Special Trip- Lacey Timberland Library	29 Special Project My Favorite Peeps	30 Happy "Peep Day"	All School Special Project Adopt A Baby Peep	

