



CMS NEWS LETTER

November

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

Our Veterans Day program was a huge success. We always welcome our veterans to Cascade Middle and we appreciate their willingness to serve and protect our country. Mr. Harwell was the guest speaker for the event and he did not disappoint. His story about his father who served in the armed forces and the great example that he was to him was touching to us all. Our Middle School students read some of their written work about what veterans mean to them. As always, the high school band started the show off with the playing of the national anthem and finished the show with the playing of taps by Grant Curtis. Our art students decorated the halls and the cafeteria with their beautiful handwork. Our veterans were very appreciative of the show and we hope they decide to come again next year. A special thanks to Mrs. Thompson for helping organize this event on the middle school end.

CAMS WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM WEEK

The week of November 16-20 all CAMS students are involved in our first annual writing across the curriculum event. In ELA, math, science, and SS classes; students and teachers are engaging in subject specific texts and also writing in response to the texts. The new standards and curriculum in Tennessee requires that all learners are consistently exposed to high-level tasks. Students and teachers will discuss scoring of the writing pieces and each student has been trained on the rubrics for each subject. Data from these activities will be used to gauge all future instructional practices in this area.

At home, please encourage nightly reading. Research shows that just 4-6 minutes of extra reading makes a difference in developing on grade level reading ability. We're building reading and writing stamina, and we greatly need assistance from parents to make this work. The rigor of the new standards and new assessment requires 21st century teaching and learning for ALL stakeholders to "subvert the dominant paradigm." (GET OUT OF OUR OLD WAY OF THINKING.) Students are no longer just selecting a letter as an answer.

IMPORTANT DATES

11/16 Westwood Home
11/19 Community Home
11/23 Fayetteville Away
11/24 Booster Club Chili Supper
11/25-27 No School
11/30 MTCS Away
12/3 Huntland Home
12/7 Moore Co. Home
12/10 Eagleville Away
12/14-19 DRVC
TNMNT
12/18 Abbreviated Day
12/21 Christmas Break begins
1/5 Students return to school