



Cleveland Metro Remote School K8

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Happy New Year!

January 2023 Parent Ambassador Message

India Jones Parent Ambassador

Welcome back everyone and Happy New Year. I hope everyone had a wonderful and restful Winter Break. We have made it halfway through this school year. Our students have been working very hard this year. Let's encourage them and continue to motivate them so they can keep up the good work. Continue to focus on engagement and attendance. Make sure that our students are participating and present in live classes. Let's help them keep up with assignments by checking Seesaw or Schoology.

This message will include a thank you and acknowledgement for our school faculty for putting on the Winter Celebration last December. We really appreciate it. Thank you to all of the families and caregivers that attended. CMRS K8 faculty worked really hard to pull that off. I will also share important information about CMSD's search for a new CEO.

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National Search for a New CMSD CEO

As we all know, CEO Eric Gordon is stepping down and resigning as our district CEO. The Board with assistance from a consulting firm is on the hunt for a Gordon's replacement. The Board has asked for input and feedback from the community. They are launching a survey for us to fill out starting January 12th, 2023. There will also be three meetings in the community for us to attend to provide input. Our input as parents of CMSD students and community members of this city is vital and needed. Please take every opportunity possible to make your voice be heard.

Follow this link for more information. <https://www.clevelandmetroschools.org/CEOsearch>

You can attend meetings on the following dates at these locations. Meals and childcare will be provided. Sign language and simultaneous language translation will be provided at all

meetings. At the Max Hayes location, there will be a Spanish language breakout session. You can also attend virtually here:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/b4c3c8b7243345669851e756c944f04f>

- **Tuesday January 17th, 2023 from 6-8 pm at East Professional Center**
- **Wednesday January 18th, 2023 from 6-8 pm at Max Hayes High School**
- **Thursday January 19th, 2023 from 6-8 pm at John F Kennedy High School**

We can also provide more comments, questions and concerns at this email address CEOsearch@ClevelandMetroSchools.org

I will continue to stay current on this matter and will try to provide information to our school community as often as I can. If you have any questions or concerns, we should share them with one another.

Attention parents and caregivers of 8th graders!

The High School Choice Portal is closing January 13th, 2023 at 5 pm!

Here are the links to the pdf handbooks for high schools in the district if you and your child still need more information making a choice. Please call the enrollment office with any questions and concerns. **216-838-3675**

https://www.clevelandmetroschools.org/cms/lib/OH01915844/Centricity/domain/166/2022/23-24HSChoiceBk_Nov30_web.pdf

https://www.clevelandmetroschools.org/cms/lib/OH01915844/Centricity/domain/166/2022/23-24HSChoiceBk_SPN_Nov30.pdf Spanish version

All parents and guardians making high school choices for their children will need to make a new account in the school choice portal. The portal has been redesigned and will not recognize previous usernames and passwords.

When you create your account, be sure to use a valid email address and cell phone number. You will receive email and/or text communication about your child's application through those methods.

Parents and guardians making choices for a **current CMSD student** will need the student's first and last name as it appears on their report card. They will also need the student's nine-digit student ID number to access their child's profile in the system. You can find your child's ID number on their report card or progress report. You can also request them in Schoology or call the school to get the ID number.

Need help? [Watch a tutorial on youtube](#) or contact the Office of School Choice & Enrollment at 216.838.3675 for questions and assistance in making a school choice.

Important Upcoming Dates

January 6th, 2023: End of 2nd marking period

January 9th, 2023: Start of 3rd marking period

January 16th, 2023: MLK Day! All facilities will be closed today.

January 17th-19th, 2023: CEO Search Community Meetings.

February 8th, 2023: Parent Teacher Conferences

Happenings in the community:

Mayor Bibb made an announcement last year, launching a citywide literacy initiative, Cleveland READS! This is a reading challenge for the whole city. The goal is to read 1 million books for the 2023 year or read 1 million minutes. We can sign up and starting logging our reading minutes and books here; <https://cpl.beanstack.com/reader365>

I think this is a great way for us to read with our children and get them more excited with reading. There are only positive outcomes here if we participate. Our students have school ID badges that are also a library card. Call the school or ask your child's teacher if you guys don't have the ID yet. If you guys have any ideas for us to participate as a school community or ideas for reading and book clubs, send me an email. Also, visit the Cleveland READS website. <https://clevelandreads.com/>

MLK Day is the 16th of this month. Be sure to visit one of our cultural institutions this day. Many of our museums are free for everyone on this day. They usually have special events and programming on this day. You can see a special concert or see artwork and archives about MLK in these places on this day. Make sure to call ahead or checkout their websites for details. Here is a list of potential attractions;

- **Discovery Day at The Cleveland Museum of Natural History: Free Admission**
- **MLK Day at The Cleveland History Center: Free Admission**
- **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day at The Cleveland Museum of Art: CMA is ALWAYS Free**
- **Martin Luther King Jr. Day at The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame: Free VIRTUAL Event**
- **Hear Our Voices: MLK Day Celebration at Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage: Free Admission**

The Cleveland Botanical Garden, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and The Great Lakes Science Center will also be offering free admissions. Visit thisiscleveland.com for more information. There is a list of events. You can also type: "MLK day in Cleveland 2023" in Google and get plenty of results.

CMSD will be launching a new and improved website this month. Let's be sure to visit this new website and provide any comments or concerns with the layout or functionality.

The City of Cleveland's Division of Recreation has many opportunities for afterschool activities. Remember that these rec centers are community resources. Try to utilize them as often as possible. Don't forget to register yourself and your whole family and see what offerings they have for you. There is programming for senior citizens, youths 8-17 and for adults. There are about 20 centers in the city, with at least one in each neighborhood. This is a great way for our students in the remote school to be able to participate in other things outside of school. I was a rec kid growing up and I got a lot of positive things playing sports and participating in other non traditional recreational activities.

Send a huge shout out to Principal Wyland, AP Shepard and Mr. Dorotics and all the staff at our school. Thank them for a wonderful Winter Celebration. Thank them for organizing the giveaways. It was a fun event and I look forward to our school giving us more opportunities to gather.

Thanks for reading this month. I appreciate it! I am here for all of our families and caregivers if you think you need to contact me for support. Send me an email.

Also, Black History Month is coming up and our school is already trying to plan things for our students. If anyone in the parent community has suggestions or wants to volunteer or help planning, please email me so I can let our school staff know that they have support from parents.

[CMRS K8 WEBSITE](#)

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