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Cut-A-Thon Fundraiser

The current 8th graders just returned from their Washington D.C. trip and it was a fabulous learning experience. Be sure to read the article below.

The current 7th graders are already gearing up to go next year. They are having their 1st fundraising event on Sunday, May 3rd. The Artistry in Hair Styling is opening their salon and donating 100% of the proceeds. You will be able to get a top notch hair cut for \$25 (a great deal) and know that it is going to support CSMH students. Be sure to see the flyer attached to today's e-packet and make appointments for the whole family to get their summer hair styles!!

School Budgeting

We have all heard the gloom and doom for school budgets in the news. Since we are funded with public money these budget cuts will be hitting us as well. The CSMH Board will be meeting this Tuesday, April 28th at 7:00 pm to begin budget discussions. A budget advisory committee consisting of staff, Board members and parents have met and reviewed the school budget. They will be presenting their recommendations at the meeting. As always, Board meetings are open to everyone and we encourage parents to attend. I will also keep our school community informed and will share the recommendations in next week's newsletter. This meeting will be our first look at the 2009-2010 budget and further discussions will occur at the May meeting.

Candidates Needed

The Board of Directors election will be taking place at the end of May and we need candidates!! There will be one community and one parent representative position open. If you would like to run for the Board or know someone who would be a wonderful candidate, please pick up a packet in the office or call the school to have one sent. Applications must be turned in by May 18th. If you, or someone you know, is interested and would like more information, please feel free to contact me or one of our current Board representatives.

The following article has been submitted by the CSMH journalism class.

Washington DC

By Christine Himbauch and Erika Beardsley

This year's 8th grade history class went to Washington DC. Luckily, we went when the Cherry Blossoms were in full bloom - so it was really beautiful.

We all had so much

fun and didn't want the trip to end! We visited as much as we could in a week. Right when we got to DC, we went to visit the Washington Monument and the Capital Building.

On Saturday, we went back to the Washington Monument and climbed to the top to see the wonderful view down below. Next, we visited the World War II Memorial. It was amazing! We proceeded to the Roosevelt Memorial and the six acre park dedicated to President Roosevelt. At the Capital Building, we had to wait outside for about one and a half hours because of a suspicious package inside the building but we were lucky and did get to go inside. Later on, we went to see the White House and took a group picture in front of it. Unfortunately, due to security concerns, we were unable to tour it. We also went to the Albert Einstein Memorial and got another group photo. The last place we went to was the Lincoln Memorial which was great! We got to see the 19 foot tall statue of President Lincoln.

On Sunday, we went to The Arlington National Cemetery which was very amazing to see. There are many famous people such as President Kennedy and Robert Kennedy buried there. Also, many brave service people are laid to rest at the famous cemetery. Our last stop was the Marine Corps Memorial, a huge statue in honor of those who served in the United States Marine Corps. Later that night, we went to a dinner-theater called Toby's where we ate and watched a performance of High School Musical.

On a rainy Monday, we went to Mt. Vernon which was where George Washington lived. We later went to the National Cathedral. It was amazing to see such a beautiful place. We also visited the National Zoo and saw amazing animals such as pandas and cheetahs.

On Tuesday, we went to the Navy Museum and saw the USS Barry. We visited the Air & Space Museum, American History Museum and Natural History Museum. After visiting all the museums, we drove to Williamsburg, Virginia. Our night activity consisted of learning about the African-American experience and watching the chaperones and teachers dance!

On Wednesday, we went to Colonial Williamsburg, the Jamestown settlement and to the Yorktown Battlefield - all in one day! The Yorktown Battlefield was surprising because it was actually small; it looked like just some normal field. After dinner, we went back to the hotel, and had time to go swimming!

Thursday was our last day, sadly. We didn't go to much that day. We went to visit Pamplin Park to learn about the Civil War, and toured around until lunch. We then hopped on the bus to head back to the airport to go home. We arrived at the San Jose airport around 11:30 pm.

That summarizes what we did. We all had a great experience and wish we could go back and do it again. We would like to thank everyone who supported our trip, our parents and our great chaperons. A special thanks to Mr. Cross and Mr. Chagnon.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

April 27 th	Academic Chess
April 28 th	3 rd grade (Pfefferlen and Jordan) on field trip Golf Club after school from 3:00-3:45
April 29 th	3 rd grade (Seah) on field trip Minimum Day - Staff Development Order hot lunches for the following week by 5:00 pm
April 30 th	1 st graders on field trip K-5 talent show dress rehearsal at 2:45
May 1 st	K-5 talent show at 6:30 pm
May 3 rd	Cut-A-Thon (Washington D.C. fundraiser)
May 4 th -13 th	STAR testing window
May 4 th	Academic Chess
May 5 th	Golf Club after school from 3:00-3:45
May 6 th	Order hot lunches for the following week by 5:00 pm
May 8 th	Middle school dance No spirit day due to testing
May 11 th -14 th	Staff Appreciation week
May 11 th	Academic Chess
May 12 th	Golf Club after school from 3:00-3:45
May 13 th	Minimum Day - Staff Development Staff Appreciation Luncheon - be sure to see the flyer in today's e-packet about how you can help support this event! Order hot lunches for the following week by 5:00 pm
May 14 th	Spring Exhibition (watch for details)
May 15 th	No School - Staff Development