



NEWS FROM MR. HUYCK

Hello Charger Families!

The school year is well under way. As we enter the second quarter of the year, I want to thank you for supporting your students to be successful in their growth, not only as students, but as **P**roud, **P**roductive, **P**olite, and **P**repared students in our school community.

As you will read about in this issue of our newsletter, the second quarter brings some exciting learning opportunities. Students are well on their way in completing their science fair projects. Our Odyssey of the Mind teams are creatively problem solving in preparation for our district competition in February, and our 7th grade science classes have been learning about the Wetlands at Starkey Park.

I would also like to announce our Teacher of the Year and School Related Personnel (SRP) of the Year. Congratulations to 7th grade science teacher, Ms. Carver for being selected by her peers as CHMS Teacher of the Year. Media Assistant, Ms. Hasson, was selected by her peers as our SRP of the Year. We are very proud of them, as well as all of our nominees!

Please continue to stay up to date on our CHMS events and happenings by “liking” our Facebook page or joining our Twitter feed.

Thank you for all you do to support your children, their teachers and the entire Chasco Middle School community!

CHARGED UP NOVEMBER 2014

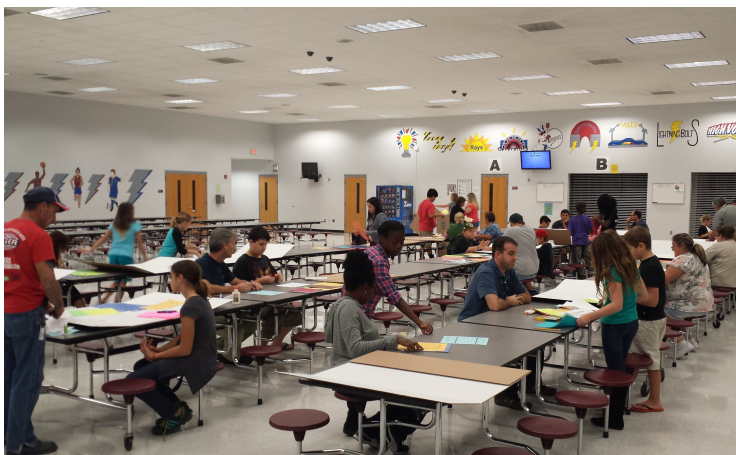
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Science Fair Spotlight

Our Science Fair Make and Take Night was a HUGE success! Many students and families enjoyed a night together, collaborating and working collectively on creating Science Fair Backboards!



Science Fair Deadlines

Friday, November 14th: ALL students (6th, 7th, & 8th grade) must submit their Science Fair Project!

Monday, November 17th: Class presentations will begin.

Thursday, December 4th: Science Fair judging

December 8th: Parent Night--Science Fair Viewing. Parents and students are invited to the CHMS Media Center from 6-7pm to view the finished Science Fair Projects.

Supporting your Child in Science

6th grade students are learning about Earth Systems Patterns. Students are also working to complete their science fair projects. Parents, ask your children to identify the vocabulary terms that are being taught and how they relate to the real world! Also ensure that your students are working on OR have completed their science fair projects.

7th grade students are learning about Energy and Waves and working on completing their science fair projects; they are required to submit assignments each week. Parents, help your students generate testable questions for their science fair projects and help them to follow through with the steps of the scientific method for completing the project. Make sure that an adult is supervising the science experiment!

8th grade students are learning about Matter, Atoms and the Periodic Table. Parents, ask your children to identify the vocabulary terms that are being taught and how they relate to the real world. Those who are completing the Science Fair project outside of school, parents ensure that your students are submitting the required assignments on the correct due dates.

Civics

Last week, our Charger Students participated in a mock election for the Florida Governor race!



Students each had the opportunity to practice their civic participation by casting their vote in their social studies classes. Results are in and the winner for Chasco Middle School is....



Governor and Lieutenant Governor			
	Name	Party	Votes
	Charlie Crist	DEM	411 (64.22%)
	Rick Scott	REP	145 (22.66%)
	Adrian Wyllie	LPF	32 (5%)
	Glenn Burkett	NPA	27 (4.22%)
	Farid Khavari	NPA	25 (3.91%)
Total Votes: 640			

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week 2014 was a fun-filled week Chasco Middle! Our students took part in the theme, "Love Yourself. Be Drug Free" and each day was filled with a variety of activities! Our Student Leadership Advisory Panel helped to contribute to the success of this week!



**Pledging to be DRUG FREE because
Chargers Are Better than Drugs!**



Ms. Medkiff celebrated Wacky Tacky



Mix it Up Lunch—

**Chargers getting to know
her students!**



Red Ribbon Week (con't)



Corporal Jim Derner and Attorney Tonya Oliver educated our students about the long lasting criminal and legal implications of drug use.

Celebrating Shut-Eye to Drugs Day!

Student Leadership Advisory Panel 2014-2015



Athletic Showcase



Girls Basketball

Girls basketball season is getting underway and teams have been hard at work in preparation for their 1st game!

7th Grade Chargers:

Leila Bove
Shayla Brewer
Vanecia Brown
Alyssa DeFreitas
Alexis Hayden
Angelina Kosa
Abianna McDonough
Meghan Price
Alyssa Riddle
Meadow Scarfone
Mya Skinner

8th Grade Chargers:

Abigail Dunn
Danielle Oshon
Krista Sizemore
Kayla Sizemore
Jacquelyn Gelb
Morgan Jacobs
Breanna Lezark
Victoria Hilbish
Alyssa Vazquez
Hailey Cote
Mariah Barr

Attendance Matters

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other potentially serious difficulty.
- **By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.**
- Missing 10 percent, or about 18 days, of the school year can drastically affect a student's academic success.
- Students can be chronically absent even if they only miss a day or two every few weeks.
- Attendance is an important life skill that will help your child graduate from college and keep a job.

Chasco Middle School is continually striving to increase our attendance! Our challenge this school year is to maintain and improve our overall percentage, especially since attendance numbers historically drop after the holidays.

Out of Field Teaching Assignments

Individuals who are teaching out-of-field are certified in at least one area and are qualified to teach but are required to take additional course work or testing to add a coverage/endorsement to their certificate. The state also requires a teacher to take coursework/in-service towards an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) endorsement when the teacher is the primary language arts provider and/or reading teacher for an ESOL student.

The following teachers have agreed to work towards the ESOL endorsement:

Mercedes Formby

GREAT AMERICAN TEACH-IN

On November 19th, Chasco Middle School will be hosting the Great American Teach-In! This is a great opportunity to showcase your profession to students! The District's Mission of creating students who are college, career and life ready embodies this event, and YOU can play a part in educating our students about the careers of the real world! If you are interested in participating, please contact Debi Hasson at (727) 774-1322.

Annual Community Garage Sale**At The Chasco Campus!****Saturday, November 15th****8AM-2PM****\$10.00 Per Spot—YOU keep ALL profits!****Cash/Check (payable to Calusa PTA) due November
13th, 2014****Questions? Call Andrea Morrow****(727) 774-3727 OR****amorrow@pasco.k12.fl.us****DATES TO REMEMBER**

November 11th: Math Night---The Price is Right—6PM-7PM Chasco Middle School Media

November 12th: 1st Girls Basketball Game—6PM

November 13th: 1st Boys Soccer Game (Ridgewood Field)---6PM

November 15th: Community Garage Sale—Chasco Elementary/Middle School Campus, 8AM-2PM

November 17th: Progress Reports Go Home

November 19th: Great American Teach In

Nov. 24th-28th: NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Break)