



Central Media

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Universal Studios Gradventure '19

8th Grade GradVenture May 3
Cost: Approximately \$100.00

Travel Arrangements have been negotiated for a Charter Bus which departs CMS at 3:30PM. Students will not be permitted to "check-out" of school the day of the event. Students that are absent from school that day will not be permitted to attend.

The busses will arrive back at CMS at approximately 1:30AM. Please have rides waiting for our return.

Parent Engagement

Want to Volunteer?

Call or email Diane Long, our amazing school secretary and ask how you may help.

Long.Dianna@brevardschools.org

Finalized Testing Schedule



- 7th and 8th FSA writing: Tuesday, April 2nd
- 7th and 8th FSA reading: Wednesday and Thursday, May 1st and 2nd
- 7th Civics EOC and 8th Science: Thursday, May 9th
- 7th and 8th Math, Algebra EOC, and Geometry EOC: Monday and Tuesday, May 13th and 14th
- Final Exams: May 28th, 29th, and 30th

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Students are responsible for their own personal property. Great care should be taken not to leave purses, jewelry, book bags, books, cell phones, etc. in places where they may be taken. Thefts should be reported immediately to the teacher or school resource officer. Students should never bring valuables or large amounts of money to school.

CMS Spreads its Wings at the County Science Fair

Central Middle School had wonderful results at the South Area Science Fair this past weekend. Against the powerhouses of science, West Shore and Stone, who had 60 entrants each, our 10 science research students did amazingly well. They received four “place” ribbons in their categories, received several special awards and medals, as well as \$250 in cash prizes.



The following students won awards:

- 1- Jacky Loi – 2nd place in Math and Computer Science. Also received a special award from Harris Intersil for her analysis of stars using Wien’s Law and Doppler Shift.
- 2- Will Kerschensteiner – 3rd place in Plant Sciences. Also received a medal from NASA for his research involving growing plants on Mars, a Harris STEM award for \$50, and a Bayside BETA award for \$50.
- 3- Reagan Swayze – 3rd place in Cellular/Molecular Biology and Chemistry. Also received a Harris STEM Award for \$50, and a Rising Scientist Award for \$20.
- 4- Alex Ortiz – 4th place in Chemistry. Also received a Naval Science Award medal from the U.S. Navy for her research on ocean acidification.
- 5- Ashton Potts- Received a Naval Science Award medal from the U.S. Navy for his research on the effects of storm water runoff on soil organisms. Also received a Rising

Scientist Award with \$20 and a Science Achievement Award with a \$10 gift card.

- 6- Bruna Laurent – Received a Naval Science Award medal from the U.S. Navy for her design of a device to reduce fertilizer from running off into drainage ditches. Also received a Rising Science Award with \$20, and a Science Achievement Award with a \$10 gift card.
- 7- Michael Milton – Received a Platinum Coast Amateur Radio Society Award for Excellence for his engineering project, and a gift bag from Eastern FL State College.
- 8- Kaitlain White – Received a Rising Scientist Award with \$20.

A huge *THANKS* goes to **Mrs. Julie Alban** who facilitated the time and place, as well as the wherewithal to walk patiently through those arduous tasks that were unique to each of her Science Research Students. Students inquired deeply into special subject matters that were significant to each of them individually. When I asked Ashton Potts about her, he said, “Mrs. Alban worked very hard to help us out...even at night through online accounts between 8 and 9:00pm”. It was clear that he valued her investment in them, and that he was more invested because of her exemplary work ethic. Another entrant, Will Kerschensteiner said, “...these projects are a lot of hard work, but in the end it really does pay off.” Will won 3rd place and received a medal from NASA for his project. Another example of why these STEM Research courses are so significant here in schools, not just along the space coast, but for kids everywhere who will succeed those now working in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics who make significant breakthroughs day in and day out. Mrs. Alban also offered a great deal of thanks to Mrs. Korpas and Mr. Dixon who helped several students throughout their discovery process. Central Middle School is proud of our students and developing researchers and look forward to our next batch of future inquirers.

Congratulations to our South Area Champions!



Each of our teams, the 7th and 8th grade, boys and girls teams competed at the highest levels this year laying waste to the competition. We successfully outscored each school we competed against this season. If you were able to attend one or more our meets, you surely witnessed the tremendous effort set forth by each competitor and by our event staff. Thanks to Student Council for supporting our fans and our athletes with concessions and thanks to Kona Ice who came out to offer a cool treat for everyone involved. It was always rewarding to see the community come together and encourage our team success. CMS was grateful for all community members who shared in the experience and value their presence in the lives of all our growing young adults.

At the Brevard County Track Meet our Girls won several events. 7th Grade girls placed in the several events. Caroline Bergstrom won 1st place in both the 800 and the Mile making her the most prominent middle school distance runner in Brevard County. Congratulations Caroline! The 8th Grade girls also placed in several events. We took 2nd and 3rd place in the 100, making us one of the fastest teams on the track that day. Alexis Parsons and Ryuka Roddy ran their hearts out for their teammates and represented CMS well. Katie Buchanan

placed in the 400 and the long jump against stiff competition. Alexia Arnold placed in the 800 and finished 2nd in the Mile. Way to go Girls! Combined scores placed the girls 2nd in the County! What a fantastic feat of strength and determination. A BIG Thank you goes out to Coach Hall and Coach Benitez for all those long afternoons on the track.



The boys placed 5th in the County that day, but it was the 7th Graders that put on a show scoring 59 of the 67 points awarded. They won the 100, 200, and 4x100 relay as Ric'Darious Farmer took first place as the fastest 7th grader in the county, took 2nd in the long jump, and won the relay from behind as he anchored the last 100 meters of the race. Nick Ramos also placed 2nd in the 400 and ran in the relay with Alreece Brown and Cleveland Snyder. Will Kerchensteiner placed in both the 800 and the mile bringing home valuable points in distance events. The 8th grade boys also competed at a high level against some very daunting competition that day placing in the 400, the Mile, the Shot Put, and stealing points in both relays. Coach Hill was notably ecstatic about our boy's success. Coach Gent and Coach Hill both expressed great pride in the work ethic of many young men who showed up early each morning before school to prepare their bodies and minds for competition. A GIANT Thanks goes out to Coach Hill for coordinating and presiding over each meet this year. Coach Benitez also stepped up and ran one meet this year. We could not do this without them. Thanks for representing the Best that CMS has to offer.

Deans Corner

The safety and security of every single student is always our priority. If you are unsure about our policies, please refer to the **planner** or feel free to contact Mr. Ramirez or Mrs. Higham. Concerns of disrespect continue to put pressure on our school mission. Remember to use your words to lift others up, rather than putting them down. Students who use destructive language towards peers or faculty will receive consequences. Our goal is to keep students in class where they learn. Their efforts should start to reflect those of us who support education inside and outside of Central Middle School. We are also frequently dealing with the issue of "horseplay". Horseplay, which usually begins as innocent shoving, quickly escalates into lost tempers and violent episodes. This type of behavior may result in injuries and serious discipline consequences for the students involved. To avoid these incidents, horseplay will be dealt with as a serious issue before it has a chance to escalate. Our administrative team asks that you speak to your child about the importance of keeping their hands and feet to themselves. Thank you for your support as we continue to secure a trusted learning environment for our community here.



Please encourage your students to keep reading and striving towards their 20 book Challenge goals.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

A student who is absent more than nine (9) days within a semester is in jeopardy of not receiving a passing grade for that semester. Excused absences include:

1. Court Dates
2. Illness with medical documentation, *which are turned in within 5 school days after returning from absence.*
3. If your child is absent without a medical excuse, a parent must send a note for documentation of the absence, but please know that a parent note still counts toward the nine days, but changes the absence from unexcused to parent note.
4. Chronic or Extended Illness:
* The form is available through the school clinic and *must be completed every year.*

* The form must be completed by your doctor and the county nursing supervisor for your school.



A Summertime Adventure Program!
June 3rd through August 9th

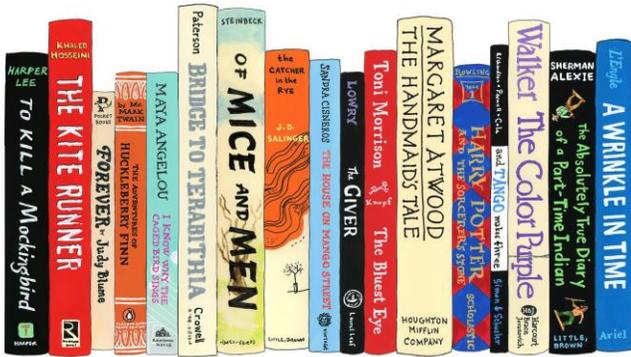
Registration Closes April 15th!

To register today, go to
[www.backyardgamesandeatery.com/
summerprogram](http://www.backyardgamesandeatery.com/summerprogram)

or call 321- 426 - 7480

World Book Night

...which will be a planned celebration of literacy on April 23rd, 5-8 pm in the Media Center. Events are forthcoming, as they will be planned by our current Spring Book Club members and Media Specialist Ms. Julie Edwards.



FREE SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Brevard Public School provides a free breakfast to all students. The School Breakfast Program promotes the increased consumption of high quality, nutritious,



agricultural products from Florida. Please remind your student to stop by the school cafeteria for a healthy, free school breakfast at 9:00am.

CLASSROOM INTERRUPTIONS

All deliveries of books, clothing, money and messages will be made through the front office. Administration will deliver items to students during their scheduled lunch time ONLY. Students will not be called from the classroom. Outside food and flowers from vendors are not acceptable items and *will not be held for students*. The Central Middle School Administration, Faculty, and Staff value classroom instructional time. We know that your child's learning time is also important to you and we appreciate your cooperation.

All students attending morning sessions with teachers will be met by the instructor at the green gate by the flagpole. They will no longer be



signing in through the front office. Please schedule appropriately ahead of time. Students can or will be dismissed from tutoring/extra help sessions beginning at 9:00 am – once we have campus wide supervision and breakfast becomes available. **During 2nd semester - Any student on campus before 9:00 am will be required to go to the media center.** Students can work on homework, read a book, study. We will no longer be allowing students to “hang-out” outside the gate for 30, 40, 45 minutes.