Greetings CMS Families: Welcome to the update for Week 14.

- Special thanks to all families who came out to support the PTA Skate Night and E3 Tech interest meeting.

- All 8th grade participants attending the College Tour on Monday-Nov 5th will wear red tops and jean bottoms (dresscode compliance is required).

- **NATIONAL HISTORY DAY FAIR.** Please plan to join us for an informational meeting on **Wednesday 11/7/2018 at 5:00p**. National History Day is the expanded Social Studies Fair Project. It gives students an opportunity to complete a project in an exciting way. They can choose to make a website, a documentary, an exhibit, a play/skit or a paper on any topic from this year’s theme of "Triumph to Tragedy". Your student will be given the opportunity to represent our school at the regional NHD Fair. For more information visit NHD.org and come to the meeting on Wednesday.

- The deadline for purchasing pictures or returning of unwanted pictures is **November 8th**. Picture retake day will be November 9th. If your student has not returned previously taken pictures they will not be allowed to participate.

- In appreciation for their service to our country, Veterans are invited to enjoy a free special Thanksgiving meal with us during lunch on **Friday, November 9, 2018**. In addition, we’d like to create a commemorative presentation including pictures of Veterans who are family members of CMS students and/or staff members. Please send your RSVP intent and/or picture (including name, rank and branch of service) to Lillian Tomlinson at ltomlinson@rockdale.k12.ga.us. If joining us for lunch, please feel free to wear or bring military uniform clothing, pins, or medals to share during your visit.

- Students really enjoyed being able to redeem “Bulldog Bucks” to purchase items from Friday Treat Carts. Students earn “Bulldog Bucks” as an incentive for exhibiting positive behavior and appropriate work habits. Parents we need your help maintaining inventory for Friday Treat Carts. Donations of the following items will help us continue this incentive program which has already proven to positively impact overall school-wide behavior and academic achievement:
  - Potato Chips
  - Capri Suns
  - Candy (Skittles, M&Ms, Sour Straws, etc.)
  - Powerades

Bulk purchases from Sam’s, BJ’s, or similar stores would be greatly appreciated. Please bring donated items to Ms. Lillian Tomlinson in our Parent Center.

- **CMS Encore Afterschool Tutorial Program** (4:15p-5:30p / Mon-Thu / now until Dec 13th).
  - 6th & 7th grade (ELA and Math)
  - 8th grade (ELA, Math, Social Studies & Science)
  - Please contact Sonja Vernon with questions or concerns at svernon@rockdale.k12.ga.us.
Please continue to encourage your student to read every night and complete all assignments given by their teachers. Helping your student establish a regular studying routine/schedule will help them understand how much of a priority their academic career is and ensure their overall success.

School Events:

- "Scoliosis Screening" on Nov 7th that is for 6th and 8th grade students only. All students will be screened unless parents return the form requesting their student to be excluded.

- All State Chorus auditions are on November 10 at Union Grove High School. Contact Ms. Farris if you have any questions.

- Parent to Parent Café hosted by CMS PTA on Tuesday, Nov. 13th from 8:30am - 9:30am. With an RSVP, you’ll also receive free items sponsored by the J’Lore Foundation, while supplies last. Please click on the link below or on our school’s website to RSVP by Nov. 8th. No RSVPs will be accepted after this date. https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=uF7Sv_w9XE6tq60HPyOscke2ET76MBhLmi4qGMILkBUINloyOFNDWUs1VkJU1NKjVTQVc3UjRTWi4u

Important Dates to remember:

- Nov 6th – Independent Learning Day: All students will be responsible for completing a SCIENCE assignment during this time (Available in “ItsLearning” platform). Early check-outs by 1:00p / Early Dismissal starts at 1:35p

- Nov 7th 4p-7p: CMS Spirit Night at Zaxby’s (PTA Sponsored Event)

As always, please be mindful of our Administrative Team structure as we stand ready to assist you with any question or concern:

- Ms. Kimberly Dyer kdyer@rockdale.k12.ga.us - 6th Grade, 7th Grade (A-L), Math & Science
- Ms. Fannetta Gooden fgooden@rockdale.k12.ga.us - 8th Grade, 7th Grade (M-Z), ELA & Social Studies
- Dr. De’borah D. Reese dreese@rockdale.k12.ga.us - Special Education & Connections

We’re looking forward to a great week ahead at our: WORLDCLASS school with a WORLDCLASS staff facilitating WORLDCLASS instruction for our WORLDCLASS students to empower our surrounding WORLDCLASS community. Enjoy the rest of your weekend!

CMS PTA Board:

| Jestacia Jones – Co President / Romona Anderson – Co President / Jamila Decuir – Vice President |
| Regina Porter - Recording Secretary / Chris Porter - Corresponding Secretary / Adrienne Wise - Treasurer |
| Email Contact: conversmiddleschoolpta@gmail.com |
Parents!!

Do you have a moment to send a quick thank you note or e-mail to a staff member?

Expressing gratitude can fill your cup and our staff member’s cup. Positive connections between home and school foster mutual respect, in turn creating a rich learning environment. If you’re interested in sharing a quick thank you with someone who is having a positive impact on your student, please email me at dreese@rockdale.k12.ga.us with subject line: Gratitude for ‘staff member’s name’.