



## Upcoming Events

January 21<sup>st</sup>  
Korean writing contest

January 25<sup>th</sup> –  
February 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Term 3 Dalton Cup

February 1<sup>st</sup> –  
February 5<sup>th</sup>  
Term 3 Dalton Cup

February 8<sup>th</sup> –  
February 10<sup>th</sup>  
Seollal Break



The roots of  
education are  
bitter, the fruit is  
sweet

*Aristotle*

## Welcome to our world!



Fifth graders in Ms. Kim's art class imagined different worlds depending on their interests. Students then created 3D models of their worlds using different materials. Students used creativity, critical thinking, and problem solving skills to invent transportation, government, and communities helping their worlds come to life. The fifth grade art class invites you to take a peek into our worlds!



한글로  
「ABOUT ME」  
대회

# ABOUT ME

Korean Department hosted 2015-2016 Korean essay writing contest on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, during lab time. This year's theme was 'About me'. Participants wrote essays about what they have experienced in their daily lives and how they feel about them. There were 10 topics students can chose: 'Future daily journal on a day 30 years from now, A letter to myself, The best thing I did in my life, The things I regret the most, My biggest strength, My biggest weakness, The most precious thing in my life, My favorite number, What I want to improve on in 2016, What friends are to me'. Contest participants chose one of the topics and write an honest essay based on their experience and feelings. Overall, 35 students signed up for the contest. We hope students could have reflected on their lives and develop critical thinking through this Korean essay writing contest. Winners will be awarded on Term 4 assembly.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



**G5 P.E. Teacher**

Aloha, my name is Jitesh Parmar, a high school PE teacher from Canada. Having spent the past 6 years in Korea teaching PE and English to elementary students, led me down a path to my recently acquired Junior level qualifications and an MA in Education for TESOL. I enjoy learning, teaching, and continued growth as a professional. From a young age, I developed a reputation of being natural leader and a hard-nosed player, especially when it came to playing sports. However, coaching students/athletes brings just as much joy if not more. Either way, I love sports (talking, watching, and playing), am a huge fitness and health enthusiast, and enjoy all sorts of activities both indoors and outdoors. Beyond that, I love traveling and uncovering what Earth has to offer, reading, listening to music, watching tv-shows/movies and quoting them, cooking, etc. I am very thankful for CDS giving me the opportunity to share my expertise with the rest of the teaching staff in teaching PE to the First Program and coaching sports. It's game time!



**Learning Support**

Hello students, parents, and staff of CDS! I am Jacob Morris and am very excited to meet all of you in the near future! I am from Columbus, Ohio, USA. I recently finished teaching English for two years at Danbong Elementary School in Geomdan. I graduated from Muskingum University in Ohio with bachelor's degrees in Special Education and Physical Education. My teaching license is in Special Education (K-12). What brought me to Korea originally was my passion for teaching and experiencing the world. I am eager to share my experiences with the students, help them grow, and learn from them along the way, as well. I want to bring an exciting, enjoyable atmosphere to every class. I am especially excited to come back for the food, culture, and kindness of Korea. Korean has easily become my favorite food. I am also hoping to help out with the soccer team at CDS. I played competitively through college and have coached for close to 10 years including my two years at Danbong. Some other interests include: reading, hiking, Netflix, being outdoors, and athletics. Again, I am excited to meet everyone soon and start this new adventure at CDS!





## Term 3 Dalton Cup (Basketball) starts!

CDS Middle School's year-long event Dalton Cup is starting from Monday Jan 26<sup>th</sup> to Feb 4<sup>th</sup>. Currently, team Cheongna is in the lead with 290 points followed by team Korea with 280 points, team Pheonix with 260 points, and team Dalton with 240 points. Because team Cheongna is not winning by a huge gap, this term's competition will be a chance for other teams to get ahead! After winter break, we had 4 new students joining us, and they have all been assigned teams. This term's competition will be basketball. Our PE teacher Ms. Aylward and other teachers spent a lot of time coordinating this term's Dalton Cup so that every student can be involved and enjoy. Dalton Cup pictures will be posted on CDS Middle School website as soon as it starts. All of us are eagerly looking forward to this term's Dalton Cup!



Dalton Distinguished. Congratulations!

**Gary Zhang**

Gary is being awarded the Dalton Distinguished Award for his attitude inside and outside the classroom. His positive attitude and meaningful contributions inside the classroom have livened up the overall environment of his class. Outside of the class, he is loved and respected by his peers as he is friendly to all.

Keep up the good work Gary!

## Upcoming Birthdays



G7 Emily Cho (1/20)  
G7 Jinwoo Hwang (1/21)  
G7 Emmanuel Kim (2/8)  
8A Annie Woo (1/31)  
8B Alan Park (2/10)



We all wish you a very happy birthday ☺



**KEEP  
CALM  
AND**

**WELCOME  
BACK**



## Extra Curricular activities for Winter

### Swimming

With Swimming Coach

### Fencing

With Fencing coach

### Horseback riding

With Coach

### Table Tennis

With Mr. Kim

After Winter break, CDS Middle School started new Extra Curricular activities for the winter season. Instead of outdoor sports, we offered team sports and fitness which students can do indoors. Also, to prepare for SKYMUN, Mr. McMath is holding Model United Nations EC every Thursday, with 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders who signed up for SKYMUN. Winter season EC will last until Spring break. Have fun!







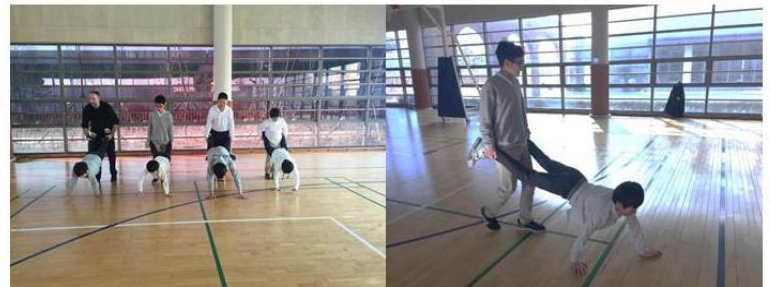
## Orchestra

With Mr. Tolley



## Team sports and Fitness

With Mr. Brennan, Mr. Cavasin, Mr. McMath



## Model UN

With Mr. McMath



## Film Club

With Ms. Navarro, Ms. Jeon



## Coloring Club

With Ms. Yoon







# Here ye! Here ye!



Just last week the 6th grade took a journey back in time to recreate life during Medieval Europe. Students were tasked with representing one of the different social groups or occupations during that time and creating a "booth" for the fair that would teach about their life. The different groups that were represented were kings, lords, knights, monks, merchants, artisans (craftsmen), and peasants. Each group had to create a poster with information to display, a prop that represented something from their group, and lastly an activity that allowed our visitors to get a feel of what life was like for each group of people.

Students ranging from Pre-K all the way up to 11th graders took part and participated in our fair. We had students hunting rabbits while others played a knight training game. Some learning how to plant strawberries while others recorded their "history" of the day. Some making decisions about how to handle problems in their kingdom, while others made tools or exchanged goods. It was a fun and meaningful experience for all that took part in the fair. More pictures are available on Middle School Website (<http://cdsmiddleschool.weebly.com/>)

