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Coming Soon:
Summer!!

Central Middle School
Ms. Maass and Mr. Totka were invited to visit China during the first week of May. After a 15-hour flight they arrived in China and had an opportunity to visit different middle schools and one elementary school. Ms. Maass taught a lesson in China to a middle school class. Some of the students that attended the lesson will be visiting CMS this summer! After they visited Zhuhai they flew to Beijing and visited The Great Wall of China, Summer Palace, Tiananem Square, and the Forbidden City.
The National History Day Club has given our students the opportunity to become researchers, developers, thinkers, and experts. On February 26th the club participated in a school National History Day Showcase in order to prepare for the regional competition. They showcased their projects to their peers and also their school administrators and teachers. The regional competition was at Seton Hall University on March 12th.

Two 8th grade students Victoria Taco and Eileen Zhang competed in the National Competition in Washington DC. They conducted research on Theodora and how she took a stand for herself and women during the Byzantium Empire.
David Lubar Visits CMS

With many thanks to the Central Middle School PTSA for sponsoring this event, popular author, David Lubar, visited Central on Friday, May 26th. Mr. Lubar gave three grade level presentations, ate lunch with 6th, 7th and 8th graders, and then visited individual classes to answer questions and speak informally with students. He also autographed many books for students and staff. It was a day packed with wonderful insights about a writer's life.
A collection of CMS students’ creative writing will be published and distributed to contributors and teachers with the help of 8th grade Literary Magazine Club members Abby Bresalier, Elizabeth Cogan, and Ritika Patel under the advisement of Mrs. Hare. The magazine is filled with sonnets and other poetry, short stories and memoirs by students of all grade level, as well as a range of illustrations. Cover by Jacob Meth.
Student Council Elections 2017

Elections were held on May 26.

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Field Trips

This year, the Sixth Grade went to the Liberty Science Center for a field trip. This trip is a great learning experience and also a very fun time. It was a combination of viewing exhibits and a bunch of hands on science experiences. The 6th grade goes every year and they always have a great time.

The Seventh Grade trip took place at the Palisades Mall where the students attended two Imax presentations. One film showed astronauts exploring the International Space Station, and the second was an exploration under the sea. The films were exciting as well as informative. The students even got to wear 3-D glasses!

The Eighth Grade trip was to Dorney Park; a tradition that has been in place for many years. It has always been a great time, and was again for our 2017 graduates. The eighth graders roamed around and went on many of the rides. It is a great trip for their last year at Central.
Bring Your Child to Work Day

Once again, “Bring Your Child to Work Day” was a huge success. The children participated in a multitude of activities throughout the day. They created neat art projects and got to read in our library and play in our gym. Y’all come back now y’hear!
Art Show

The CMS art show was held on May 20th. The show included works from CMS art students in 6th, 7th and 8th grade. There was also a lot of artwork that students did on their own time throughout the school year. This was a really great showcase of artwork because CMS has a ton of students with different artistic talents; this art show really brought out those talents. During the show there were a lot of students and parents enjoying and appreciating the artwork. I believe this show was an excellent way to promote the arts here at Central and I hope to incorporate more forms of art work for next year such as, culinary arts, woods and metals, multi-media, and creative writing. Thank you to everyone who came to see the art show and Ms. Rizzo can't wait to make it bigger and better for next year!