

Parent Newsletter

February 9, 2026

We hope everyone is having an amazing start to February! Everyone had a great time with both the Game Night and Cultural Day over the last two weeks. We are looking forward to seeing everyone tomorrow at the Winter concert!

ASMS had a great group of students compete in the Lego Robotics FLL Fingerlakes Championships in Buffalo this weekend!

Upcoming Dates

- 2/10: Academic Showcase
- 2/10: Winter Concert (no study hall)
- 2/13: Bake Sale: Lunch
- 2/13: Casual Day
- 2/16-2/20: Winter Break



Congratulations to the Cyber Owls and all of the ASMS students on the other Corning Robotics Teams that were present.

PTO Updates

Game Night Fun!

The PTO's first-ever sponsored Game Night on Friday 1/30th was a huge hit! The student filled the space with laughter, friendly competition, and lots of high-fives as the kids gathered around board games, card games, and group favorites. It was wonderful to see everyone unplug, play together, and enjoy such a relaxed, welcoming evening.

Beyond the games, the night was all about connection—trying new games, strengthening friendships, and building school spirit in a fun, low-key way. Also, who can forget the snacks?! Thank you to the PTO volunteers who made this event possible and to all the students who came out to join the fun. If this first Game Night was any indication, we're already looking forward to the next one! 🎲😊



Cultural Day

Dear parents, we had a fantastic time with the Cultural Day event! First and foremost, I want to express my sincere gratitude to the Pitners family for their remarkable presentation of Japan and the Wyrick family for their captivating presentation of Guatemala. Your dedication and creativity were truly inspiring. The items, games, food, and crafts you showed off were all fantastic! Our students were thoroughly delighted and enriched by learning about these beautiful countries.

Additionally, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the incredible team of parents and teachers who generously volunteered their time and effort to assist in each room. Your unwavering support and collaboration made our event a truly enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

We eagerly anticipate the opportunity to welcome more enthusiastic participants next year who wish to share their countries with us. As you can see, we have a dedicated and talented team of helpers who are committed to making our Cultural Day event a resounding success.

- Oksi Chorna



PRISM Scholarship Concert: April 1

The Prism Scholarship Concert is scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, at CMOG. The event features performances by our current students, along with auctions held in the lobby to raise funds for future student scholarships.

We are looking for volunteers to help with a variety of tasks outlined below. Please take a moment to review the opportunities and reach out if you are able to help. This activity is eligible for operational hours. Questions? Email Annie : anniej@gmail.com

PRE-PRISM Volunteer Opportunities

(Work completed on your own time)

DONATION PROCUREMENT

Number of volunteers requested: 3–4

Dates: February 9 – March 25

Time commitment: Approximately 4–5 hours per person

Responsibilities:

- Work as a team to solicit donations from businesses (in person, by phone, or by email).
- A letter is scheduled to be sent out 2/4 to last year's participating businesses and can be provided for new vendors.
- A solicitation script can be provided if helpful when making the follow up phone call.
- Request and pick up donations between February 9 and March 25.
- Update the Master Spreadsheet at least weekly to keep all PRISM team members informed.
- Arrange pickup or drop-off of all donated items to the school.
- New donor ideas and contacts are welcomed and encouraged!

Ultimately, donations will be categorized as **Raffle Items**, **Silent Auction Items**, or **Live Auction Items**, including themed class/grade baskets.

CLASS OR GRADE BASKET PROCUREMENT

Number of volunteers requested: 1–2

Dates: February 9 – March 25

Time commitment: Approximately 4–5 hours per person

Responsibilities:

- Work as a team to identify and develop creative basket ideas for each class or grade.
- Share basket ideas on the Master Spreadsheet [to avoid duplicate business solicitations].
- Email parents regarding basket themes, reimbursement details, and contribution amounts (kept consistent per basket, e.g., \$10 per student).
- A copy of last year's email can be provided.
- Monitor donations as they come in and follow up as needed.
- Baskets should be ideated and assembled between February 9 and March 25.

DONATION AND BASKET PROCUREMENT CONSOLIDATION

Number of volunteers requested: 1–2

Dates: March 25 – April 1

Responsibilities:

- Create labels for donated items and bidding sheets for auction items with accurate descriptions.
- Reference prior-year materials to streamline the process.

TICKET SALES

Number of volunteers requested: 1–2

Dates: March 9 – April 1

Responsibilities:

- Track raffle ticket sales prior to the event, including purchaser name, ticket numbers assigned, and quantity purchased.
- Collate tickets into envelopes for event distribution.
- Reconcile funds received and provide weekly updates to PRISM team members.

At PRISM Volunteer Opportunities

(Work on the day of the event)

EVENT SET-UP

Volunteers needed: 4

Date: April 1

Time: 2:30–4:30 PM

Responsibilities:

- Collect prepared donations, labels, bidding sheets, and supplies from the school lobby.
- Transport items to CMOG and assist with event setup.
- Set up donations at pre-assigned tables in the lobby.
- A CMOG event manager will be available to assist with tables and supplies as needed.

RAFFLE MANAGEMENT

Volunteers needed: 3

Date: April 1

Time: 5:00–7:30 PM

Responsibilities:

- Assist with raffle ticket sales at three tables:
 - Will Call (pre-purchased tickets)
 - Cash/Check
 - QR Code (Credit Card/PayPal/Venmo)
- Assist guests as needed.
- During the show, help select raffle winners and record them in a pre-prepared Excel sheet.
- Volunteers will be rotated into the show as quickly as possible—if your child is performing, please go watch!
- Remove certificates and gifts from frames and place them into envelopes for winners.

LIVE AUCTION & PRIZE MANAGEMENT

Volunteers needed: 6

Date: April 1

Time: 7:30–8:30 PM

Responsibilities:

- Assist with prize distribution and event cleanup.
- Collect payments from auction winners inside and outside the auditorium.
- Verify raffle winners as prizes are collected.
- Clean up the lobby and gather all PRISM materials.

Thank you SO much for supporting ASMS - the PTO sincerely appreciates your time and involvement!

Community Updates

CMOG Winter Break Activities

MARVELOUS MARBLE DAY

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KIDS FREE CORNING MUSEUM OF GLASS

FEBRUARY 15, 10 am–4 pm

Roll into the Museum for a day of fun and games!

Be wowed by [live glassmaking demonstrations](#) and marble-themed frameworking!

LEGO fans won't want to miss the ROCLUG Great Ball Contraption, a mesmerizing chain reaction of rolling marbles and clever engineering.

Mega-Marble Run Alert! Help build a room-filling, mega-marble run in the Auditorium.

Learn how to play from the pros! Players from the National Marbles Tournament will be on site, teaching visitors classic marble games and sharing their skills.

Feeling lucky? Drop a marble down our Plinko board to [win raffle tickets toward a prize](#).

Look at glass in a whole new way with a [marble-themed gallery hunt](#).

Refuel with [marble-themed treats from the Café](#).



All ages welcome. Curiosity encouraged!

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IT'S AN ARTY PARTY

KIDS FREE CORNING MUSEUM OF GLASS

FEBRUARY 14–22, 2022

This Winter Break, CMoG is throwing a big Arty Party for its 75th birthday! Join us for a week full of balloon art, one-of-a-kind art projects, hands-on design challenges, special live glassmaking demonstrations, and more.

GLIMMERING CRAFTS | FEB. 14

Fashion your own magical, glimmering art! Learn about iridescence and then make it yourself.

MARVELOUS MARBLE DAY | FEB. 15

See details on second page.

BUILD ART | FEB. 16–17, FEB. 21–22

Get artsy—all in bold technicolor Magna-Tiles and fun bricks. Build your favorite piece of art and add it to our Museum map.

BALLOON MURAL | FEB. 19–20

Join Airigami to create a Balloon Mural inspired by the luminous quality of Tiffany glass! This hands-on installation invites visitors of all ages to contribute to a growing, colorful work of art.

LIVE GLASSBREAKING DEMOS | FEB. 19–20

Daily Glassblowing, Frameworking, and Glassbreaking demos. Plus, submit a drawing for a chance to see it brought to glassy life in *You Design It, We Make It!*

WINTER WONDERS HUNT

Search for artworks with our Winter Wonders Scavenger Hunt!

MAKE YOUR OWN GLASS (FEE)

Take home a glassy piece of art—made by you! Try your hand at glassblowing, fusing, sandblasting, frameworking, and more at the *Make Your Own Glass* workshop.

Winter Hours (January–March):

Museum: Monday–Tuesday, Thursday–Sunday, 9 am–5 pm

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Library Corner

Greetings Owls,

February is Black History Month. In the ASMS Library, we are using this time to recognize and celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black and African Americans. Throughout the month, our focus will be on books by Black authors and stories that highlight Black experiences—historical and contemporary.

Black History Month has been recognized in the United States since 1926. It was established by Carter G. Woodson, often called “the father of Black history,” who envisioned a dedicated time to encourage the coordinated teaching of Black history in public schools (Franklin, 2022). February was chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, both of whom played significant roles in the fight against slavery.

In 2016, President Barack Obama remarked:

“Black History Month shouldn't be treated as though it is somehow separate from our collective American history... It's about the lived, shared experience of all African Americans, high and low, famous and obscure, and how those experiences have shaped and challenged and ultimately strengthened America.”

In the library, we will be featuring books by Black authors and books that center Black characters and stories. If you or your student would like to explore Black history further, the following resources are excellent places to start:

[400 Years of Black History – National Park Service](#)

[African American Heritage – National Park Service](#)

[Black History Month – Library of Congress](#)

[National Museum of African American History and Culture – Virtual Exhibitions](#)

[National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom](#)

[Stories to Celebrate Black History Month – StoryCorps](#)

Happy reading,
Mrs. Daniels

Source:

Franklin, J. (2022, February 1). Here's the story behind Black History Month—and why it's celebrated in February. NPR.

PTO Meeting Information

PTO Meetings are held the first Monday of every month via Zoom, from 6:00-6:45. The next meeting will be held Monday, March 2nd. Connection info is below:

[PTO Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 949 775 3403

Passcode: 1SYauh

Don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or suggestions! - ASMS Parent Organization

PTO Board	
Current Team	
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