

October 9, 2013

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The 17th Annual Cabot Middle School South Frontier Festival will be held on **Friday, November 1**. The day will begin at 6:45 a.m. with a pioneer breakfast in the cafeteria. Tickets for the breakfast will go on sale next Tuesday, October 15 (see additional letter for more information about the breakfast).

Throughout the day of the festival, students will be exposed to hands-on learning provided by reenactors and specialists from the Early Arkansas Reenactors Association, the History Helpers, the Mississippi Valley Living History Program, and other reenactors. The school campus will be transformed to early 1800s Arkansas with the authentic log cabin in the front serving as a backdrop. Students and faculty will dress in pioneer attire to add to the authenticity of the day. Parents and guests are invited to attend all or part of the festival with their child's class.

The fifth-grade teams will also be offering pioneer foods and goods for sale throughout the day at Traders Row. A list of goods and prices will be sent home on Wednesday, October 30. A portion of booth sales from Traders Row goes toward the furnishing and upkeep of our authentic log cabin, as well as future Frontier Festival costs. The log cabin is used as a learning lab for all students.

A chili supper and hoe down in the evening will conclude the events for Frontier Festival. Students, parents, and guests are invited to come for the supper and hoe down, which will feature Dr. David Peterson and his band. The times for the chili supper and hoe down will be sent home in a separate letter.

Frontier Festival is a grand event at CMSS. I hope you will be able to take part in this "living history" opportunity with your child. If you have any questions, feel free to call the school at (501) 743-3570, or you may e-mail Edward.Meharg@cps.k12.ar.us or Debbie.Polston@cps.k12.ar.us. We hope to see you on Friday, November 1.

Sincerely,

Edward Meharg

Frontier Festival Coordinator

