

Grand Mesa Middle School



April 2017

Jennifer Marsh, Principal | Scott Moore, AP | Jason Eidinger, AP | Jackie Walters, Secretary | Phyllis Taylor, Secretary

Important Dates

Track Meet

April 10, 2017 3:30pm
@ Stocker Stadium

CMU Career Fair – 8th graders

April 10, 2017
@ CMU

Track Meet

April 18, 2017 3:30pm
@ Stocker Stadium

Colorado West Music Festival

April 20-21, 2017
@ CHS

5th Grade Orientation

April 24, 2017 9:00-11:15am
@ GMMS GYM

Track Meet-GMMS Host

April 27, 2017 3:30pm
@ Stocker Stadium

CMU Jazz Festival- 8th grade

May 1, 2017
@ CMU

District Track Meet

May 2, 2017 1:00pm
@ Stocker Stadium

A Message From Principal Jennifer Marsh

Welcome back from spring break! The fourth and final quarter is here and we have lots to do before the end of our school year. On March 28th, we began our annual round of required state assessments. Sixth graders will be taking both ELA and math assessments. Seventh graders will be taking ELA, math, and social studies assessments. Eighth graders will be taking ELA, math, and science assessments.

Students are encouraged to “show what they know,” giving their very best effort on these assessments. Each school receives a specific performance rating based upon the combined individual scores from each student as well as the overall participation rate by the student body. This rating is then reported to the school and the school district by the State of Colorado. In addition, schools consider the scores on these assessments to help determine where the student is at in his or her academics, using this as data to help ensure that the instruction the student is receiving in their classrooms is being delivered at the appropriate level. As students get older, this data is also used to determine which classes would be most appropriate for our students.

The testing schedule is as follows

- Sixth grade will be assessed March 28th to March 30th
- Seventh grade will be assessed April 4th to April 6th and April 14th
- Eighth grade will be assessed April 18th to April 20th and April 25th.

We have scheduled the assessments to be held in the mornings only and have developed a schedule that promotes as normal a day as possible. If you would please give these dates your consideration in scheduling any out of school appointments for your child. While an extra morning snack will be provided each day of the assessment, we also encourage students to eat a healthy and nutritious breakfast to help them give their very best effort.

Along with students taking the annual state assessment, the track season has begun, and our performing arts students are preparing for the Colorado West Festival on April 20th and 21st. All of our students have been working hard and I expect they will do well in all of these areas.

The class of 2021, our current 8th graders will begin their transition to high school. As we are a direct feeder to Central High School, all transition activities will be with done with CHS staff and students. To kick off the transition, our 8th grade students attended

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Important Dates (Continued)

Parent/Teacher Conferences

May 3, 2017 3:00pm-7:00pm
@ Stocker Stadium

No School – Middle School Inservice

May 4, 2017

No School – No Contact Day

May 5, 2017

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an assembly at CHS, on the March 31. During the month of April, CHS students and staff will be visiting GMMS to register and welcome our students to the “Warrior Way”. Central High School is planning an Open House on April 13th, at 7PM for all incoming freshman parents and students. Even if your student does not plan on attending CHS next fall, all scheduled activities will prepare your student for any high school they may attend.

Please save the date for our last 2016-17 Parent/Teacher conferences on May 3rd, from 3-7.

Thank you for all of your support in encouraging your child to do their very best, every day. As always, we are happy to help answer any questions that you may have.

Best,

Jennifer Marsh

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StuCo News

Well Timberwolves of 2016-2017 our school year has been a fantastic one, but sadly the end is near. In our three quarters together your very own StuCo has spent countless hours putting together and planning activities you and your classmates have hopefully enjoyed. From our first celebration to the shyness of Lina and I becoming the “Leaders of The Pack” we graciously appreciate all the welcoming environment you have created. This year we have accomplished many things and have been kept busy with our agenda. For example, we helped raise money for leukemia, helped the hungry with our school-wide canned food drive, had three exciting assemblies and a “Fun in the Sun” with two dances that followed. During our last couple months we all have been working very hard to make our final celebration memorable, and this time there will be something new that you won’t be expecting - a “splashes and dunks” to go with it. All of student council would like to give a big thanks to Mr. Kennedy and Ms. Shaw for making all we do possible and understanding each and every one of us. Let’s make the rest of the year great! More to come from StuCo news.

Miranda Sanchez

Lina Flores

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Book Review

A Great and Terrible Beauty

by: Libba Bray

Reviewed by: Kenna Delahanty

Do you like secrets? Do you like adventure? Then A Great and Terrible Beauty, by Libba Bray, is the book for you!!! This book is about four girls that have the power to travel to a secret realm. They end up becoming best friends. They get into trouble at their finishing school and in the realms. Unfortunately, tragedy strikes the group. (I'm not going to say anymore.) You should read this book because it can take your mind out of reality. When I was reading this book I felt as if I was there with them. I bet that this book could help take your mind off any problems you have going on. I honestly felt connections between me and the main character, Gemma Doyle. I hope you are willing to read this fantastic book and I hope you enjoy.



Colorado West Music Festival

April 20th-21st is the Colorado West Music Festival. This is a judged festival and gives the students a great opportunity to work with judges from around the State. Please make sure all students are dressed in Concert attire for this event.

The 7th Grade Concert Band will perform April 20th at 11:45am at Central High School.

The 8th Grade Concert Band will perform on April 20th at 5:15pm at Grand Junction High School. Please make sure to have your students at GJHS no later than 4:30pm. Transportation is not provided.

The 8th Grade Jazz Band will perform April 21st at 9am at Central High School.

You are more than welcome to stay and be a great Audience member.

Ms. Stiles
GMMS Band



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District Wrestling Tournament

Congratulations GMMS Wrestlers for taking first place at the District Wrestling Tournament for the fifth straight year.

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Kaden Byus

Ben Archuleta

3rd Place finishers:

Christian Reynolds

Gage CFarter

A.J. Foster

Blaze Eckert

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Claudio Baca

2nd Place finishers:

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