

# Grand Mesa Middle School



January 2017

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

## Important Dates

### Boys Basketball

January 10, 2017 3:45pm  
7th grade @ GMMS,  
8th grade @ BMS

### Boys Basketball

January 12, 2017 3:45pm  
7th grade @ GMMS,  
8th grade @ MGMS

### No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 16, 2017  
7:00pm @ GMMS GYM

### Boys Basketball

January 19, 2017 3:45pm  
7th grade @ WMS,  
8th grade @ GMMS

### Honor Choir Concert

January 19, 2017 7:00pm  
@ FMS

### Boys Basketball

January 24, 2017 3:45pm  
7th grade @ GMMS,  
8th grade @ EMS

### Boys Basketball

January 26, 2017 3:45pm  
7th grade @ FMS,  
8th grade @ GMMS

### District Spelling Bee

January 28, 2017 8:00am  
@ Cafeteria

### Boys Basketball

January 30, 2017 3:45pm  
7th & 8th grade @ GMMS

### District Boys Basketball Tournament

February 2 - February 4

## A Message From Principal Jennifer Marsh

Dear GMMS Families,

Happy New Year! As we enter our 2nd semester of this school year, I would like to thank each of you for your support during 1st semester. As a staff, we appreciate the continual involvement you provide to your students and us, on a daily basis. I feel privileged to be a part of such an excellent school and community. With the end of our 2nd quarter, you are able to view your student's quarter marks, via ParentVUE. If you have any questions concerning your student's progress, please contact us. In addition, if you would like a hard copy of your student's quarterly report card, please contact the main office at 254-6270, and we will print off a copy and send it home with your child.

At GMMS, we are always focused on academic achievement and meeting the social and emotional needs of each student. Towards that end, we will continue to stress the importance of showing the POWER while attending our school. I encourage you to ask your student how they show the POWER at GMMS.

- Perseverance
- Ownership
- Willingness
- Empathy
- Respect

I would also like to remind our parents who transport children to school to be mindful of the winter road conditions. The streets around the school can be slick so it is imperative that you exercise caution when driving around the school. Please do not stop your vehicle in the middle of the street to drop a student off. When you pull in to the school parking lot, please pull up as far as possible to let your student out along the curb. This will prevent the parking lot from becoming a bottleneck. Watch for pedestrians in the crosswalks and be cognizant of the posted speed limits.

Best Wishes and continued success in 2017,

Jennifer Marsh

It's hard to believe that the school year is already more than half over. Now is the time to purchase a yearbook for your student. We have only ordered a limited supply, and the number of available yearbooks to purchase is dwindling every day. The last day of school always has a few very upset kids because they waited too long to buy one, and the yearbooks have sold out. Guarantee a copy for your student by purchasing one now. Price is \$28.

## BoxTops for GMMS

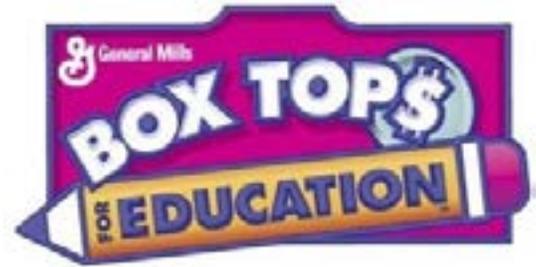
### Clip Box Tops for Education Coupons

All you have to do is cut the little pink and white box with the Box Tops for Education logo out of various grocery items and turn them into the school office. Each box top is worth 10 cents with the exception of Super Box Tops and Bonus Box Tops which are worth more. Twice a year, the Box Top Coordinator for your school will mail all the coupons collected to General Mills who will then mail Grand Mesa Middle School a check. It's that simple! So please, start cutting out those little coupons and turn them in.

The school greatly appreciates it! Can you imagine how many box tops we can collect if the whole school participates? Every little bit helps!

Our school collects Box Tops for Education. Every Box Top that you turn in enables the school to earn cash for our school, which can be used to help purchase educational materials and other student activities!

**Drop off your box tops in the front office collection box.  
Thank you!!!**



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## NEW CLUB AT GMMS – GIRL STRONG

### A New Club for GMMS Girls

Girls need opportunities to support and encourage one another! Join this group that will focus on physical, emotional, and social well-being. Together we will become stronger and use our collective power to change our school, our community, and our world.



We will have a different focus each week: healthy food, healthy lifestyle, healthy relationships, healthy mind. Occasionally, guest speakers will join us to share their passions and expertise.

Meetings begin November 3rd  
Every Thursday from 2:45-3:30 in the GMMS Library  
FUN ACTIVITIES!  
SNACKS!  
NEW FRIENDS!



## 2017 Mesa County Spelling Bee

The 2017 Mesa County Spelling Bee will be held at Grand Mesa Middle School on January 28, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. There will be a written portion and an oral round. Students from Grand Mesa Middle School who would like to participate can contact their ELA teacher or Kimberly Kracht for more information.

## Backpack Program

The Kid's Aid Backpack program is available at GMMS. The purpose of the program is to bridge the gap on weekends for students of District 51 schools who may benefit from extra food. Volunteers deliver the bags of food to schools at the end of each week. Bags are then discreetly delivered to students who have turned in the form stating they would like to participate in the program. If you are interested in participating this year, you may pick up a form in the office and return it to the counseling office.

## NOW ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS!

- Sports Physical Special: \$25! No appointment necessary. You do not have to be a current patient.
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Happy Holidays!

For the last two months, I've been serving as the new D51F Coordinator. Many of you know me from my years serving on the D51F Board. I've been a strong supporter of D51 for years, and I feel this new position will help me continue supporting the best of D51.

First, I want to thank you for the time you are taking in nominating an Outstanding Educator at your school. I know this is a busy time of the year, and I sincerely appreciate it. The selection committee will meet on Monday, and we will be making the announcement of the winners at the Tuesday, January 3 Principal Academy. In addition to the Outstanding Educators, we will again be recognizing the schools with Outstanding Academic Growth.

Secondly, I'm attaching our Avalon PBL Forum flyer. (See next page) If you have a way through your school's website to promote this, we would appreciate it. The PBL Forum will be held on Thursday, January 12 at 6:00 p.m. at The Avalon. It will be a chance for our community to hear from students, teachers, and principals about PBL. Your promotion of this event is appreciated. We can see the impact it makes when our entire community comes together to support public education.

Sincerely,  
Angela Christensen

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