

# Grand Mesa Middle School



November 2016

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## Important Dates

### Girls Basketball

November 1, 2016 3:45pm  
7th grade @ GMMS;  
8th grade @ BMS

### Girls Basketball

November 3, 2016 3:45pm  
7th grade @ GMMS;  
8th grade @ BMS

### Honor Choir Auditions

November 3, 2016 3:00pm  
@ GMMS

### Dodge the Hunger Finals

November 4, 2016 6:00pm-  
8:00pm @ GMMS GYM

### Girls Basketball

November 7, 2016 3:45pm  
7th grade @ WMS; 8th  
grade @GMMS

### Girls Basketball

November 8, 2016 3:45pm  
7th grade @ GMMS;  
8th grade @ EMS

### Girls Basketball

November 10, 2016 3:45pm  
7th grade @ FMS;  
8th grade @ GMMS

### No School –

### Middle School In-Service

November 11, 2016

### Girls Basketball

November 14, 2016 3:45pm  
7th & 8th grade @ GMMS

### Girls Basketball District Tournament

November 17-19, 2016

## A Message From Principal Jennifer Marsh

The leaves are turning, the chill of fall is in the air, and the school year has hopefully settled into a productive and positive routine for your family. I've thoroughly enjoyed getting to know your student since the beginning of the school year. Recently, we completed our first quarter on Oct. 14th and are well into the second. Your student's 1st quarter report card is available on ParentVue. The GMMS student counsel planned and hosted our end of quarter assembly and celebration. We also completed our second round of Parent/Teacher conferences on October 26 and 27th. Thank you to all the students and parents who attended. It's important that students see your support and communication regarding their academic progress. It shows them that you understand how important their education is, and helps students view it as a priority as they become increasingly more responsible for their education as they grow older.

Please continue to support your student by checking ParentVUE, setting aside time for homework, encouraging your child to attend school and joining us at school functions. If you notice that your student is not performing academically or behaviorally as you know they can or expect, please contact your student's teachers with your concern so we can work together to provide the needed support he or she needs.

The month of November is full of opportunities and important dates for our students. We continue to hold Wolf Pack at the end of our day in order to provide student opportunity to strengthen or expand their academic and social/emotional skills and provide time for students to read a book of their choice. Girls basketball is underway, our orchestra students will be holding a concert on Thursday Nov. 17th and the choir will hold theirs on Thursday, Nov. 3rd. On November 11th there will be no school for students, as all middle school teachers will be in a district wide in-service and Thanksgiving Break will be November 21 – November 25.

We look forward to continuing our work together in providing your child with the best educational experience here at Grand Mesa Middle School. On behalf of our staff, we hope you have a great Thanksgiving holiday with your family and friends. This year, I am very thankful for the opportunity to work with a student-centered staff, supportive parents, and with your amazing students within a great school district.

Thankful to be a Timberwolf,

Jennifer

## Important Dates Continued

### Honor Orchestra Concert

November 17, 2016  
7:00pm @ GJHS

### Thanksgiving Break – No School

November 21-25, 2016

### Pickup Fundraiser Orders

November 28, 2016  
2:00pm-6:00pm @ GMMS Cafeteria

### Boys Basketball Practice Begins

November 28, 2016  
@ GMMS GYM

### 6th grade – 8th grade Holiday Choir Concert

December 1, 2016 7:00pm  
@ CHS Auditorium

### Holiday Orchestra Concert 6th – 8th grade

December 6, 2016  
7:00pm @ GMMS GYM

### Jazz Holiday Concert

December 7, 2016  
7:00pm @ CHS GYM

### 6th, 7th, & 8th grade Holiday Band Concert

December 8, 2016  
7:00pm @ GMMS GYM

## GMMS MAKERSPACE

The GMMS Library hosts a makerspace for all students on Monday each week. This is an after school club. We are currently creating and developing games made out of cardboard. We hope to have a working arcade for the Winter conferences. Students are planning, and constructing a game that is made mostly out of boxes. The innovation is AMAZING to watch. Parents are welcome to come and support! We are also accepting donations of craft supplies, jewelry supplies, fabric, and legos. If you have any of these items at home that are not being used we would love to have them!

For more information please contact Catherine Gardner (Catherine.gardner@d51schools.org).

## GMMS HAS GONE BOX TOP CRAZY!!!

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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!

\*\*\*Please be careful not to cut off the expiration dates.



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!

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### 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!**



## Fundraiser Order Pickup

Thank you for participating in our school-wide fundraiser! Items that were order from the school-wide fundraiser will be available for pick up from the GMMS cafeteria on Monday, November 28th, from 2:00pm-6:00pm. Students that ride a bus will be called down to the cafeteria before the end of the school day to pick up their orders. If your student has sold more items than will fit on their lap then you will have to pick your student up from school on November 28th because they are not allowed to take more than they can hold on their laps on the bus. Students who walk home may also need to be picked up if they have a large order or frozen food items. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

## Announcing:

### GMMS 8th grade Saturday School

On the following Saturdays in November and December from 9:00 – 11:00

11/05 and 11/12

12/03 and 12/10

Saturday School is an opportunity for any GMMS 8th grade student to complete missing assignments and/or receive additional help with academic work, from an 8th grade teacher. Your 8th grade student may be invited to attend Saturday School or you may bring your student to GMMS, on any scheduled date for additional support.

If you have any questions, please email Lindsay Rueck or Annie Olson at [Lindsay.chavez@d51schools.org](mailto:Lindsay.chavez@d51schools.org) or [annie.olson@d51schools.org](mailto:annie.olson@d51schools.org)

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Parents,

District 51 has invested in a district-wide communication system (called SchoolConnects) that will allow all schools and the district to contact you regarding important news, events, and emergency or safety-related situations. Schools and the district can only send texts to phones who have subscribed to receive the messages. If you want to receive SMS text messages from the school or district, you must first do the following:

1. Ensure that your child's school has your cell phone listed in the student database under "Mobile".
2. From the SMS-capable telephone where you want to receive the text messages, text the word Join to the number 56360. If our messaging system finds a match for your phone number in its database, you receive a confirmation message thanking you for joining school alerts. If our messaging system does not find a match for your phone number in its database, you will receive a message that the number could not be found, and then you should contact the school to add the number to the school's Student Management System.

In order to receive the quickest and most accurate information in an emergency situation, parents need to be sure that all home phone, cell phone and email addresses are up-to-date in the student information system, Synergy. Contact the school office if you have any questions. The texts, calls and emails will only go to those families who have those fields filled in in the database.

Should you have any questions about this new service or other emergency communications, don't hesitate to call Communications or Tim Leon in Safety at 254-5100.

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