



IMPORTANT DATES

September 1

NO SCHOOL

September 4 and 5

NO SCHOOL

September 7

Girls' volleyball

7th grade @RMS

8th grade @Mt. Garfield MS

September 11

School pictures

September 13

Conferences 3-7pm by appointment only

September 14

Girls' volleyball

7th/8th grades at Plateau Valley

September 19

Girls' volleyball

7th grade @RMS

8th grade @Grand Mesa MS

September 21

Girls' volleyball

7th/8th grades @Holy Family

September 26

Girls' volleyball

7th grade @Debeque MS

8th grade @RMS

September 28

Girls' volleyball

7th grade @Orchard Mesa MS

8th grade @RMS

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Hello Redlands Middle School Parents and Community,

We are off to another fantastic start at RMS. Teachers and students are focused and working hard together, we look forward to a great year with some great learning experiences.

Checking your child's grades

Our grading system has an online component called ParentVue. In order to get set-up for ParentVue, you need to come in and talk with Mary in our main office. There is a small amount of paperwork we need to get to you in order to get you on. Our teachers are updating grades each week, so the information is current. Please understand however, we have switched to a different version of the gradebook and some the grades are not posting for parents to see, we hope to have this fixed soon.

Student Drop Off/Pick-up

Thank you for your patience and for taking all of my suggestions to improve our parking lot and student safety. I also appreciate the feedback I've gotten from some of you. Next week I am meeting with traffic engineers with CDOT. You are probably aware that CDOT will soon begin work on Hwy 340, which will include re-surfacing. As part of this re-surfacing, CDOT is interested in helping us with our traffic and student safety struggles. Stay tuned for more information.

Volunteering at RMS

Thank you to all who are interested in volunteering at Redlands. For those of you who didn't make it to back to school night, we have a volunteer sign-up form for those who are able and interested. We have a variety of opportunities to help including: academic support, school accountability committee, planning celebrations for teacher appreciation, and chaperoning. Please stop by the main office if you are interested in helping and thank you for your generosity.

Thank you for your support of our great school. Thank you for trusting us with the education of your child. Please give me a call if you have any concerns or questions.

Sincerely,

Jory Sorensen
Principal, Redlands Middle School

HEADLINES:

FROM THE OFFICE:

An early pick up reminder:

In an effort to cut down on classroom interruptions we are asking you to please send a note with your student if you are planning to pick them up early. *The note should state the time you want your student at the office.* Our goal is to prevent an overhead announcement into the classroom thus causing an interruption. We realize that sometimes this is not practical, and in this case, the office would appreciate a phone call as early as possible so that we can send a note for you.

Thank you for helping us reduce classroom interruptions.

REDLANDS MIDDLE SCHOOL GEAR FOR SALE

Stop by the office to purchase Redlands gear!



REDLANDS MIDDLE SCHOOL BANDS

2017-2018 CONCERT PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Monday, October 2 – 8th Grade Band Clinic/Concert (rehearsal during the school day)
7:00pm, Grand Junction High School Auditorium

Wednesday, October 4 - 6th Grade Band and 7th Grade Band
7:00PM, RMS Gym

Thursday, October 19 – Western Slope Marching Band State Qualifier Field Trip
2:00pm – 5:00pm, Stoker Stadium, OPTIONAL for interested 7th and 8th Graders only

Friday/Saturday November 17 and 18 – CBA Select Band (selected 8th Grade students only)
Grand Junction High School

Monday, December 11 – all Bands Winter Concert – 6th Grade Band, 7th Grade Band, 8th Grade Band
7:00PM, RMS Gym

Friday, December 22 – 8th Grade Band (with 8th Grade Orchestra and Choir)
All School Assembly, performance during the school day

Thursday, February 8 – 7th Grade Band and 7th Grade Ensemble Concert
7:00PM, RMS Gym

Friday and Saturday, February 9 and 10 – Band Solo and Ensemble Festival
Friday 4:00-8:00pm, Saturday 8:00am-4:00pm, Grand Mesa MS

Thursday, March 1 – 6th Grade Band Concert (with 6th Grade Orchestra and Choir)
7:00pm – RMS Gym

Thursday, March 8 – Fruita Cluster Jazz Jam – 7th Grade Jazz and 8th Grade Jazz
7:00pm, Fruita Middle School Auditorium

Middle School Jazz Showcase – 8th Grade Jazz Band only
7:00pm, Palisade High School

Thursday, April 12 7th Grade Band, 8th Grade Band, 8th Grade Jazz Band Pre-Festival Concert
7:00PM, RMS Gym

Thursday and Friday April 19 and 20 - Colorado West Music Festival
Times TBA (during school day) 7th Grade and 8th Grade Bands, 8th Grade Jazz Band

Monday, April 30 – CMU Jazz Festival
Times TBA (during school day) – Jazz Band only

Monday, May 21 – Spring Pops Band Concert
7:00PM, RMS Gym – all band students



REDLANDS MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

2017-2018 CONCERT PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

6th Grade Choir

Date	Event	Time	Place
Wednesday, February 21, 2018	6th Grade Band, Choir, and Orchestra Concert	7:00	RMS Gym
<i>Friday and Saturday, February 23rd and 24th, 2018</i>	<i>Solo/ Ensemble</i>	<i>Scheduled Individually TBA</i>	<i>Grand Mesa Middle School</i>
Wednesday, May 16, 2018	End of the Year Concert	7:00	RMS Gym

7th and 8th Grade Choir

Date	Event	Time	Place
Wednesday, October 11, 2017	Fall Choir Concert	7:00	RMS Gym
Wednesday, December 13, 2017	Holiday Concert	7:00	RMS Gym
<i>Friday and Saturday, February 23rd and 24th, 2018</i>	<i>Solo/ Ensemble</i>	<i>Scheduled Individually TBA</i>	<i>Grand Mesa Middle School</i>
Monday, April 16, 2018	Pre-Festival Concert	7:00	RMS Gym
April 18, 19, and 20, 2018 TBA	Colorado West Festival	TBA	Colorado Mesa University
Wednesday, May 16, 2018	End of the Year Concert	7:00	RMS Gym

6th Grade Orchestra

Date	Event	Time	Place
Thursday, October 12, 2017	Fall Concert	7:00	RMS Gym
Wednesday, December 13, 2017	Holiday Concert	7:00	RMS Gym
Wednesday, February 21, 2018	6th Grade Band, Choir, and Orchestra Concert	7:00	RMS Gym
<i>Friday and Saturday, February 23rd and 24th, 2018</i>	<i>Solo/ Ensemble</i>	<i>Scheduled Individually TBA</i>	<i>Grand Mesa Middle School</i>

Thursday, April 26, 2018	6th Grade String Clinic	?	Grand Junction High School?
Wednesday, May 16, 2018	End of the Year Concert	7:00	RMS Gym

7th and 8th Grade Orchestra

Date	Event	Time	Place
Thursday, October 12, 2017	Fall Choir Concert	7:00	RMS Gym
	<i>Honor Orchestra</i>		
Wednesday, December 13, 2017	Holiday Concert	7:00	RMS Gym
Tuesday, January 30, 2018	Combined Fruita and Redlands Concert	7:00	Fruita Middle School Auditorium
<i>Friday and Saturday, February 23rd and 24th, 2018</i>	<i>Solo/ Ensemble</i>	<i>Scheduled Individually TBA</i>	<i>Grand Mesa Middle School</i>
Monday, April 16, 2018	Pre-Festival Concert	7:00	RMS Gym
April 18, 19, and 20, 2018 TBA	Colorado West Festival	TBA	Palisade High School
Wednesday, May 16, 2018	End of the Year Concert	7:00	RMS Gym



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

How to Contact the Counselors or the School Psychologist:

Gwen Eller- 6th grade, 7th grade last names A-L

254-7000 ext. 39121

Gwen.Eller@d51schools.org

Shan Mixon-7th grade last names M-Z, 8th grade

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Shan.Mixon@d51schools.org

Wade Livingston-School Psychologist- RMS Tuesday/Thursday

254-7000 ext. 39123

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Maribeth Flanagan- Behavior Therapist

254-7000 ext. 39177

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Emotions in Middle School- What to Expect

Middle School Students can be moody, private, self-conscious, have changes in physical growth, and stronger attachment to peers.

o **Managing the Moods-** The expectations of middle school, worries about friends, sports, schoolwork, changing bodies and family expectations can all cause moodiness in your son or daughter. Let them know you are available to talk and invite them to open up by asking questions like, “Hey _____, I know Middle School can be a challenge, describe how your week was...” or “It seems like something is bothering you, and I am here to listen whenever you are ready. Let me know when and I will make time for you.”

o **Finding Privacy-** This is a natural desire for the “tweener” phase of life. Giving a middle school child reasonable space is healthy. Set the limits of that privacy so they know what to expect.

o **Fitting in-** Feeling self-conscious is also common in middle school. Help foster opportunities for your child to focus on his/her strengths and common interests in healthy ways. Encouraging participation in teams, clubs, and activities is a great confidence builder.

***The counseling office will be providing workshops and support groups for students, parents, and staff in addition to scheduling, individual intervention, and social emotional support throughout the year. We look forward to partnering with you and your student! ***

Kids Aid-

The backpack program has been around for some time now. Each Friday students needing a supplement of food to support them through a weekend will be able to pick up their bags discreetly each Friday beginning September 8th. If you would like to have your student pick up a bag please email or call Mrs. Eller or Mrs. Mixon to set that up. We are glad to support this program.

Groups.....Groups.....Groups!!!!

Groups can benefit all kinds of people and are designed to support and complement skills students already possess as well as improve coping skills in any life situation.

Groups are structured and goal focused. Students learn important life skills that enhance their ability to succeed academically and socially as well as cope with stressful situations. Groups usually meet once a week over several weeks for approximately 45 minutes.

The following is a list of possible groups that RMS Counseling team will offer:

- Managing Difficult Emotions - skills to help cope with challenging emotions and situations
- Personal Growth - empowering students to build self-esteem
- Student success skills - academic and social skills needed for school success
- Communication and conflict management
- Self-control and anger management
- Changing Families - dealing with divorce and other family changes
- Grief- support dealing with emotions, changes, and loss of loved one
- Friendship- developing skills to build, maintain and make new friends

Career Cafe

This year we will be trying something different with our college and career component of the counseling curriculum. We would like to use lunch time to expose all grade levels to different careers. Students will have an opportunity to sign up for these workshops in advance. Most will take 45 minutes and involve some hands on exposure to the career as well as a presentation about the level of education needed, what kinds of classes to take, information about the market for the career and a question answer time. Right now we are looking for vendors to volunteer their time to work with our students.

If you are interested or know someone we could contact that might be available to come present, please contact Mrs. Mixon or Mrs. Eller at the aforementioned numbers or email. We are very excited to offer this opportunity to our students and to connect more with our community.

2018 BARCELONA AND PARIS SPRING BREAK TRIP

Attention 8th Grade parents:



We are now accepting enrollment for next year's eighth grade Europe trip to Barcelona and Paris. During Spring Break 2018, we will depart on March 9th and return March 17th. Below is a link to our travel site, EF Tours, where you will find our itinerary and enrollment access. Feel free to contact our trip sponsor, Joy Mandeville, for more information.

Email: joy.mandeville@d51schools.org Website:
<http://www.eftours.com/tour-website/1930295JS>

Washington DC & Williamsburg, Virginia

8th Grade Trip

Parent Meeting- September 14th at 6pm.

(This meeting will be for new sign-ups, not for students/parents who are already registered)



Trip is scheduled for June 5-9th, 2018

Chaperone is Gwen Eller- 254-7000 ext 39121

**** Note- this is not a school sponsored trip****

You do not need to attend this meeting to register your child. For more information go to

www.worldstrides.com/signup and use trip #143826

2018 HAWAIIAN DISCOVERY FIELD TRIP

Aloha!

Announcing the 2018 Hawaiian Discovery Field Trip. You are invited to attend an FYI meeting on Tuesday, August 29 at 6:00 PM in the cafeteria. It is the same agenda for the meeting last spring.

The Trip is a 9 – day learning adventure which allows students the opportunity to *experience* Hawaii from a scientific perspective. The Big Island provides an ideal setting for students to *discover* firsthand the dynamic interaction of sun, sea, and volcano which created a diverse collection of tropical ecosystems.

It is an academic trip. Lessons are conducted on an on-going basis as we encounter various aspects of terrestrial ecosystem biology, geology, marine biology, and other related science topics. In addition, the cultural history of Hawaii is a natural extension of the coursework.

We camp the entire trip at county and National Park campgrounds. Students are responsible for all of the camping skills – pitching tents, cooking meals on a backpack –style stove, etc.

The trip is open to next year's 8th graders and students from other schools may apply. It costs \$2475 (additional costs may include purchasing items like snorkeling gear and some camping gear). \$300 non-refundable deposits and applications are required. Space is limited.

A hui hou!

Brad Loucks 254-7000 bradley.Loucks@d51schools.org



2018 Itinerary (Proposed)

Tuesday, May 29

Flight to Keahoolie (Kona)
Drive to Hookena Beach Park -Set up camp

Wednesday, May 30

South Point/Green Sand Beach Hike
Move to Punaluu Beach Park
Swim @ Punaluu black sand beach

Thursday, May 31

Move to Namakani Paio Campground
Keahou Bird Conservation Center
Volcano National Park
Kilauea Iki/Thurston Lava Tube Hike
Lava viewing hike

Friday, June 1

Kaumana Caves
Akaka Falls State Park
Arrive Laupahoehoe County Park

Saturday, June 2

Kohala Peninsula Tour
Makaiwa Bay snorkel/swim/sun/fun

Sunday, June 3

Snorkel at Kahaluu
Afternoon at Hapuna Beach - Swim/surf/sun/fun
Sunset Barbeque at Spencer Beach Park

Monday, June 4

Natural Energy Lab Tide Pools
Captain Zodiac - Snorkel Kealakakua Bay
Kailua-Kona - Shopping/Dinner

Tuesday, June 5

Tour Puuhonua Ohonaunau National Park
Snorkel Honaunau Bay
Coffee farm tour
Luau

Wednesday, June 6

Pack up / Complete journals
Hapuna Beach
Flight to Mainland

Thursday, June 7

Return Home



RMS ARTISTS

8th Grade Sihlloutes



Raya Adams



Tesa Johnson-Balding

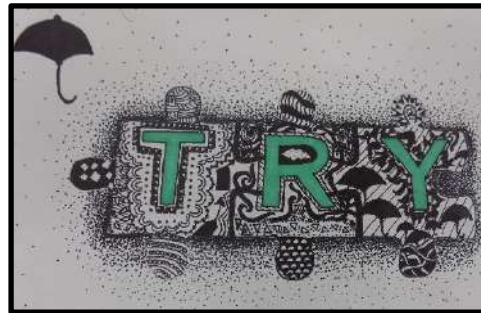


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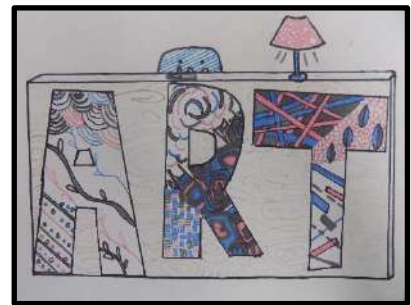
7th Grade Word Zentangles



Ann Johnson



Mackenzie Legg

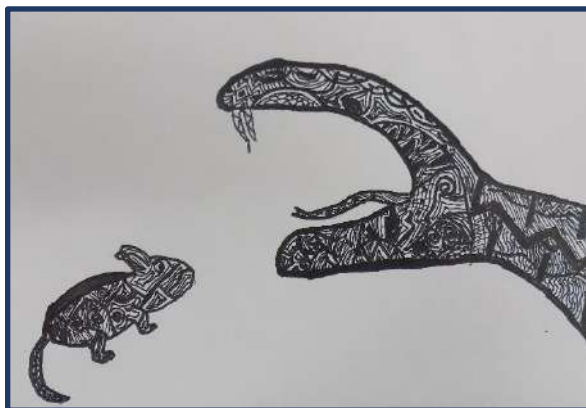


Allison Gammon

6th Grade Hand Zentangles



Ava Rivera



Darian Joos



Quinton Jones

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