

**Gardner School Board Report
October 23, 2014**

by Theresa McCain

In the sports arena, volleyball season ended with our last matches in Cotopaxi on October 16th. The girls had a strong season. Basketball will start within the next couple of weeks.

It is pumpkin season. Just ask any preschooler a question about pumpkins or squash and they can tell you the different characteristics such as lumpy, bumpy, and rigid. They have collected seeds and now they are cooking pumpkins.

The 7th and 8th graders have started to read Freedom Writers and there are lively conversations in their literature circles around the book. They just finished an Egyptian unit with mummified apples, and their study of the 3 branches of government also finished with a Venn Diagram. In current events, they have been researching Ebola; where it started and how it spreads.

In science, the 8th graders are looking at calories in food and the amount of energy the food generates. They burned peanuts to calculate the calories. The 7th graders finished an earth science unit studying the plates of the earth and the causes of tsunamis. The 6th graders have been learning about movement and potential and kinetic energy.

The kinders are doing a lot of reading and they love it. They are even writing their own sentences and will soon be authors of their own books.

The 1st and 2nd graders have been productive and have created some wonderful fall poetry and art. To build the students' vocabulary and knowledge in science and social studies, Miss Jody has a beautiful word wall full of pictures and definitions.

The 3rd and 4th graders completed a fairy tale unit by writing their own perspective on a fairy tale. They also have been learning about the different forms of energy; heat, light, and electricity and they have projects to reveal practical applications of their new knowledge.

Gardner School just purchased STAR 360. This is a web based comprehensive assessment tool for both reading and math. It allows teachers to test students' performance in a short amount of time and then group students for targeted instruction, measure growth, and monitor progress. Only one staff member had ever used STAR, so we got three one-hour webinar training sessions along with the program. Last Friday, Oct. 17, the staff came in and we sat through 2 hours of instruction. We look forward to having this added tool for documentation of student achievement.

Liz Schneider, Kevin Crosson, Casey Huff, and I applied for scholarships to attend the Space Foundation Discovery Center in Colorado Springs. This scholarship is valued at \$980 and awards 52 students, 3rd through 8th, and their teachers to participate in a 20-35 minute presentation followed by a 40-60 minute hands-on activity or demonstration taught by an accredited Space Foundation instructor, plus a 60-minute pre-class session and a 60-minute post-class session via distance learning. Our field trip day is Monday, November 10.

Please join us at our Open House the evening of October 28, and see the work of our students and meet the Gardner staff. Also, our book fair will be open that evening and this allows for a great opportunity to do some shopping.

Board Report JMHS, George Purnell, Principal 10-23-14

JMHS Personal Finance class under the direction of Mr. Greg Holland is leading the state in all classes in the **Stock Market Game**.

JMHS school newspaper has gone electronic with it's own website gholland.wix.com "**Paw Print**" and the students are really doing some great work.

Mr. Holland is working on additional websites for the teachers at JMHS using **Google Drive/Document**. He will hopefully expand to district wide when everything is operational/functional.

Culture Club will be requesting permission for an overnight trip to Cimarron NM November 6-7 to visit the southwest culture, parks, arts and architecture.

Culture Club is also interested in celebrating the "**Day of the Dead**" prior to Halloween (normally celebrated Nov. 2nd).

Counselor Janna Tranter has spent a lot of time reviewing **graduation and concurrent enrollment** policies to comply with board policy. TSJC has offered to provide accu-placer testing for free to our sophomores and juniors. Forty-five students have signed up. The test will take 90 mins and cover four areas of sentence skills, reading comprehension, arithmetic and elementary algebra. Students will be able to test into certain level classes at the college based on their test score.

Students are in the process of updating their **ICAPS** to reflect their career and educational plan.

Seniors have been completing **college applications** and students are starting to receive acceptances and now are working on scholarship applications.

Outdoor club and Mr. Thompson have been active the past few weeks with trips to Zapata Falls and Rock Climbing at City Rock Gym in Colorado Springs and will be going on a hike scheduled for October 31st.

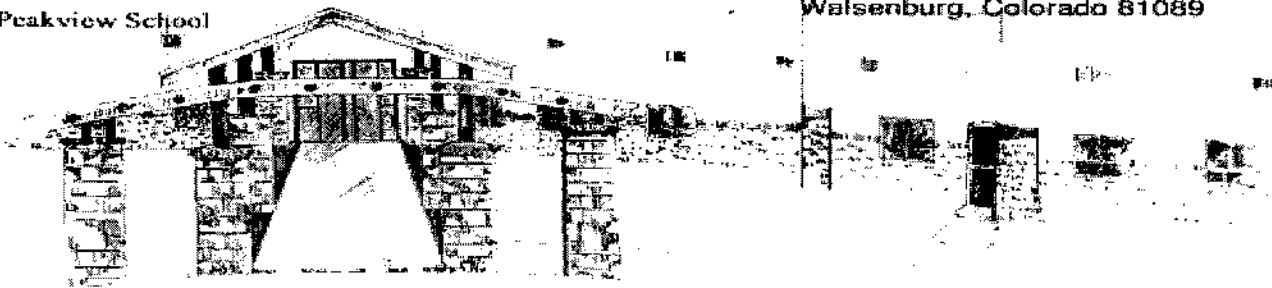
Stem classes are using laptops for **CREO (computer aided design)**. Basic Electricity moving into AC and **home wiring** with emphasis on national electric code. Mr. Thompson will be looking to organize the movement to the Stem facility and will be checking with district office on the yard sale date.



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BOE Principal's Report – 10/23/14

- ESS Re-Structure. Includes three levels of support. Intensive, Moderate (Pull-Out), and Inclusion (Push-in). Desire is to start providing services under new structure immediately after Thanksgiving.
- MTSS Pyramid Completed. Training to begin in the second quarter, along with problem-solving process and identification procedure in the third quarter.
- Random Acts of Kindness Challenge for Middle School. PBIS Intervention designed to improve student behavior and peer interactions within the middle level.
- Halloween Carnival is October 30th. Be there or be spooked!
- Peakview iPad Orientation scheduled to start in the Gymnasium and break out into three separate locations by Alpha (Gym/Cafeteria/Library).
- PLC Work – RTI2, PBIS, and CIA work continues. Positive phone call for RTI2, Goals and Rewards for PBIS, R.A.C.E. Strategy for CIA and development of student led portions of the PTC.
- Athletics - Boys Basketball began last week.

Technology Report 10/228/2014

Our iPad program is moving along. At the time of this writing we have deployed all Teachers iPads. Teachers received training conducted by our Apple sales team Friday, October 3rd. We received the Life proof cases for the iPads October 9th and distributed them to Walsenburg campus teachers that same day. Gardner teacher received theirs the next week. We have enabled all iPads for the John Mall Students. Students and their parents have been asked to attend an information meeting Thursday night October 23rd. The purpose of this meeting is to explain the districts expectations for Students, Parents, Teachers and the District. Students and their parents will sign an agreement indicating their understanding and acceptance of the obligations and responsibilities that accompany the iPad. Student iPads will be handed out to students Monday afternoon at the end of the school day

We are currently setting up iPads for Peakview School. An information meeting similar to the John Mall meeting is planned to be held October 27th at peakview. We anticipate being able to hand out iPads to student by Thursday, October 30th.

As we complete setting up Peakview's iPads, we will set up Gardner's iPads. An information meeting for Gardner is scheduled for Wednesday, October 29th, with ipads being handed out within three days of that meeting, or by Tuesday, November 4th

Our Mobile Device Management Solution is Air-Watch. This solution gives us the ability to manage the ipads according to Teacher or Student groups and allows us to set restrictions on the devices at group levels. Our App catalog, accessible to all users, contains over 40 free apps. Eventually, it will contain textbooks as well.

As you can tell from the subject of this report, the iPad project has been consuming most of Manuel's and my time; we have not ignored the day to day requirements of our school user population

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AD Board Report

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The Panthers will host the Centauri Falcons this Friday 10/17/14 at 7pm. This will be another great opportunity for the young Panthers to test themselves against a solid team. The Centauri Falcons are the returning class 1A State Runner-up. The young Panther squad is currently 2-5 on the season. This will be the last home game of the season for the Panthers. Next week they head to Center for the last game of the regular season.

The Panther volleyball team is set to play Rye tonight. The Lady Panthers will then host Fowler on Thursday in the last game of their regular season. The Panthers are currently 7-10 on the season and will begin district play on Tuesday 10/23/14. The volleyball team has been very competitive throughout the season and continues to improve on a daily basis. Recently, the C-Team finished 2nd at the annual Santa Fe League C-Team tournament that was hosted at JMHS this year.

John Mall will also host the Santa Fe League Sportsmanship Symposium on November 14th. The sportsmanship symposium is an effort to promote good behavior on the playing field and in the classroom. It is a collaborative effort between CHSAA, The Positive Coaching Alliance, and the Santa Fe League. The guest speakers for the day include, CHSAA and School Administrators, High School and College Coaches, members of the Positive Coaching Alliance, and longtime officials. Additionally, this year's sportsmanship symposium will have a special presentation addressing bullying and hazing.