

Grand Mesa Middle School



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Important Dates

No School—MLK day
January 15

Girls B-Ball Game
January 16, 3:45pm
7th—Home
8th @ Home

Girls B-Ball Game
January 18, 4:15pm
7th @ 4:15pm DeBeque
8th @ 5:15pm DeBeque

Girls B-Ball Game
January 22, 3:45pm
7th @ Home
8th @ Caprock

Girls B-Ball Tournament
January 25–27, Times and
Dates to be determined.

First Official Day of Wrestling
January 29

Letter from the Principal:

Dear Timberwolf Families,

We're back from our Winter long break, and it's cold out there! I hope you and your children had the opportunity to spend quality time with family, friends, and loved ones during the time away from school. It's important to take advantage of these moments, so we can rejuvenate, refocus, and approach the new year with a renewed sense of purpose. We ended the month of December with our End of Quarter Celebration! A big thanks to our Student Council Students for planning and hosting the celebration. Second Qtr. grades should be available on Synergy, by Friday, 01/19. If you are having any trouble accessing these marks, please call our front office 970-254-6270.

I am often asked by parents and guardians what they can do to support learning at home. I encourage all parents to check Schoology often and ask their children about what they are learning in school. While academics are important, so are behavior grades. Please be sure to ask about how they understand and manage their own behaviors at school. Here are some questions/tips for talking to your child about school:

- Tell me something specific that you are studying in _____?
- What are you reading during SSR on Mondays?
- How do you know what good work looks like?
- Why do you think you are learning what is being studied at school?
- How do you ask for help when you need it? (This question could be for academics or social/emotional needs)

Our next Parent Teacher Student Led Conferences will be held on the evening of Wednesday, February 15th. The timing of this conference should work out well with the mid-year NWEA testing window 01/26 – 02/15. Many of our students have developed academic goals based on their fall NWEA assessment scores and will be looking at their growth with the mid-year NWEA assessment results. We know that students who set and track their own learning goals are more likely to succeed than students who do not set and monitor goals. Student led conferences are an exciting way for your student to share their learning with you.

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Letter from the Principal *(continued)*

I wanted to take a moment to share a few cold weather FYI's as they relate to school. **Any** cancellations of school, afterschool programs or events will be placed on the [D51 website](#). Please be sure to check the website if you think something may be canceled due to inclement weather. On most winter days students will continue to go outside for recess. This is an opportunity for our middle school students to get outside, move, play, and get some fresh air. We encourage & remind students to dress for the weather when they go outside.

As we make our way through the winter months, let's take advantage of this time and make sure our students continue to approach each school day with purpose. While staying warm may be a seasonal focus right now, it's important to remember that hard work, learning, and achievement develop the invincible summer that our students can carry with them through every season.

Warmly,

Jennifer Marsh

Vision and Hearing Screening

There will be Hearing and Vision screenings for all 7th and 8th grade students at Grand Mesa Middle School February 20, 2018 from 7:30 am and 1:00pm. Please make every effort to make sure your child attends school that day. If your student wears glasses or contacts they will need to wear them or bring them with them to school for the screening.

Thank you,
GMMS Health Office.

Central HS Speech & Debate Fundraiser

GMMS Science teacher Britny Walker is also the Speech and Debate Coach at Central HS and they are having a fundraiser at Chipotle on January 17th from 4-7.

Additionally, if your student is interested in participating in Speech and Debate next year at the high school, they should make sure to stop in to discuss it with her this spring.



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GMMS has gone Boxtop 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.**

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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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office collection box.**

Thank you!!!