

East

Middle School



Our Vision:

Encouraging Growth, Exploring Passions, Sparking Curiosity

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Important Dates

Girls are Great

March 6, 2:55pm, EMS Cafeteria

Wrestling Tournament

March 7, 4pm, Central HS Gym

Wrestling Tournament

March 8, 4pm, Central HS Gym

No School—Teacher Work Day

March 9

No School—Spring Break

March 12-16

Girls are Great

March 20, 2:55 pm, Cafeteria

Girl Scouts

March 20, 5:30pm, Cafeteria

Girls are Great

March 27, 2:55 pm, Cafeteria

Letter from the Principal:

Dear East Middle School Families,

Welcome to Spring! Can you believe that this school year is nearly three quarters old? Wow, time sure did fly quickly. The end of quarter 3 happens on March 8th, followed by the teacher work day so staff can complete grades. The last quarter of school can be challenging for students or it can be ripe with all the possibilities of completing the year with a bang! It is the beginning of "crunch time" and finishing strong is the outcome we want for every student enrolled at our school. We need your support in helping to encourage your child to continue doing their best for the remainder of this year. The assessment schedule is finalized and we believe we will be able to assess in the least impactful way for instruction. We have a lot of activities in April and want to make sure you are aware of what is going on at East.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
March 12 th – 16 th	Spring Break				
March 19 th – 23 rd	no tests	no tests	no tests	no tests	no tests
March 26 th – 30 th	no tests	6 th Grade ELA/Math	6 th Grade ELA/Math	6 th Grade ELA/Math	<i>Makeups and extended time</i>
April 2 nd – 6 th	no tests	7 th Grade ELA/Math	7 th Grade ELA/Math	7 th Grade ELA/Math	<i>Makeups and extended time</i>
April 9 th - 13 th	8 th Grade ELA/Math	8 th Grade ELA/Math	8 th Grade ELA/Math	8 th Grade CMAS (Science)	<i>Makeups and extended time</i>

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Principal Letter *(continued)*

We are excited about the conferences coming up in April - the 25th and 26th to be exact. This time, students will present to the audience (parents and Advisory teacher) their learning and will use a presentation rubric to help them prepare. The rubric is below. Your student's Advisor will be contacting you to schedule 20 minutes of time for these presentations. We will also have a presentation by our District, regarding cyberbullying on April 25th from 5 to 6:30 in the East Middle School cafeteria. More information will be coming, but we will be asking for RSVPs, since they are providing dinner.

PRESENTATION RUBRIC for East Middle School student's Presentation of Learning (for grades 6-8; Common Core ELA aligned)

	Emerging	Progressing	Mastering	Inno- vating
Explanation of Ideas & Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> uses too few, inappropriate, or irrelevant descriptions, facts, details, or examples to support ideas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> uses some descriptions, facts, details, and examples that support ideas, but there may not be enough, or some are irrelevant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> uses relevant, well-chosen descriptions, facts, details, and examples to support claims, findings, arguments, or an answer to a Driving Question (CC 6-8.SL.4) 	
Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> does not include important parts required in the presentation does not have a main idea or presents ideas in an order that does not make sense does not have an introduction and/or conclusion uses time poorly; the whole presentation, or a part of it, is too short or too long 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> includes almost everything required in the presentation moves from one idea to the next, but main idea may not be clear or some ideas may be in the wrong order has an introduction and conclusion, but they are not effective generally times presentation well, but may spend too much or too little time on a topic, a/v aid, or idea 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> includes everything required in the presentation states main idea and moves from one idea to the next in a logical order, emphasizing main points in a focused, coherent manner (CC 6-8.SL.4) has an effective introduction and conclusion organizes time well; no part of the presentation is rushed, too short or too long 	
Eyes & Body	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> does not look at audience; reads notes or slides does not use gestures or movements lacks poise and confidence (fidgets, slouches, appears nervous) wears clothing inappropriate for the occasion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> makes infrequent eye contact; reads notes or slides most of the time uses a few gestures or movements but they do not look natural shows some poise and confidence (only a little fidgeting or nervous movement) makes some attempt to wear clothing appropriate for the occasion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> keeps eye contact with audience most of the time; only glances at notes or slides (CC 6-8.SL.4) uses natural gestures and movements looks poised and confident wears clothing appropriate for the occasion 	
Voice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> mumbles or speaks too quickly or slowly speaks too softly to be understood frequently uses "filler" words ("uh, um, so, and, like, etc.") does not speak appropriately for the context and task (may be too informal, use slang) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> speaks clearly most of the time; sometimes too quickly or slowly speaks loudly enough for most of the audience to hear, but may speak in a monotone occasionally uses filler words tries to speak appropriately for the context and task 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> speaks clearly; not too quickly or slowly (CC 6-8.SL.4) speaks loudly enough for everyone to hear; changes tone to maintain interest (CC 6-8.SL.4) rarely uses filler words speaks appropriately for the context and task, demonstrating command of formal English when appropriate (CC 6-8.SL.6) 	
Presentation Aids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> does not use audio/visual aids or media attempts to use one or a few audio/visual aids or media but they distract from or do not add to the presentation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> uses audio/visual aids or media, but they sometimes distract from or do not add to the presentation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> uses well-produced audio/visual aids or media to clarify information, emphasize important points, strengthen arguments, and add interest (CC 6-8.SL.5) 	
Response to Audience Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> does not address audience questions (goes off topic or misunderstands without seeking clarification) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> answers some audience questions, but not always clearly or completely 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> answers audience questions clearly and completely seeks clarification, admits "I don't know," or explains how the answer might be found when unable to answer a question 	

As always, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me at school. Enjoy the last of the cold weather (hopefully)!

Sincerely, Leah Gonyeau, Principal, 254-5020

Students of the Month—February



Left to right: Cache Davis, Isaiah Newbury, Hailey Terlouw, Ashlyn Miller
Not pictured: Karston Crawford, Dominick Carver-Martinez, Kaitlyn Akers, Ashton Harmon

Wrestling News

East is off to a great start this wrestling season! We had a great showing at West Middle School on February 15th and we will wrestle at Bookcliff against Bookcliff and Fruita on Feb 22 and we wrestle at Redlands and Mount Garfield at Redlands on March 1st. Our season ends with the District tournament on March 7th and 8th. The tournament is held at Central High school and there is a charge for admission.

Buy Your 2017-18 Yearbook Today!

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Remember all those fun times you had this year? Dances, sports, Rock-a-thon, clubs, field trips, and many, many more are featured in the 2017-2018 yearbook! Time is running out (Last date to order in the office is March 23rd) \$25 for a hardcover or \$15 for a softcover. You can order them through the office or you can order online at <https://eastmiddle.picaboo.com/>. If you order through Picaboo you can even personalize your yearbook!

School of Choice

The school of choice window will open at 10 a.m. on Monday March 5, 2018 and will close at 4 p.m. on Friday March 30, 2018. All School of Choice (SOC) applications will be done thru ParentVUE. All parents/guardians who wish to fill out a School of Choice (SOC) application will need to have a current ParentVUE account. Please contact the school if you need to set up a ParentVUE account 970-254-5020. Thank you, Ruth

Choir & Orchestra News

Welcome to “Music In Our Schools Month”!!! This month will be our “PREPARE FOR FESTIVAL” month. We will perform these pieces in April at our concert on the 17th and then again at the Colorado West Music Festival on the 18th-19th. We are very busy in class, so encourage your student to keep up with their written work as well as rehearsals and AT HOME practice! Thank you to all the parents and students who helped raise funds for the choir and orchestra department at this year’s Rock-A-Thon! A BIG Thank You to all the businesses that donated prizes for the Rock-A-Thon! We truly appreciate you! Have a wonderful break!

Until next time.....Stay Tuned!!!

Sing-cerely Yours,
Raisha Quinn

GT / Challenge News

Mrs. Sleigh is currently working with 8th grade GT students during electives. Next quarter, Mrs. Sleigh will have 6th grade GT students. The 8th grade students are researching college and careers while learning about the Growth Mindset by Carol Dweck and playing games that challenge different learning styles.

Challenge Program News: Applications for the 2018-2019 school year are now being accepted. Visit our site at <http://emschallengeprogram.wikispaces.com/> if you want to learn more. **We will accept applications until 2:45 on March 2, 2018.**

Tina Sleigh

MESA News

All D51 MESA program schools received a 3D printer to use for our monthly competition. Thank you so much to the Western Colorado Community Foundation for donating the printers!



Math News



Thanks so much to Western Colorado Community Foundation for purchasing and donating K'Nex building sets (roller coasters and ferris wheels) plus lessons to us for our math classrooms! Here are some 8th-graders enjoying this project-based STEM activity in Mrs. Bichler's 8th-grade math class



Band News

It has been a busy start in 2018 for the band program. We started the year with the 43rd annual EMS Rock-A-Thon. The band students alone raised \$6,881. In addition, Alpine Bank gave us a grant for \$250 which helped buy us a brand new snare drum! We will be using all this money for festivals, scholarships, books, music, and instrument maintenance supplies. In addition, we will be purchasing several new instruments. At this point, our most pressing needs are a new oboe and a new baritone horn.

On February 9th and 10th ninety-two EMS band students participated in Solo and Ensemble at Grand Mesa Middle School. All students represented EMS with great performances and behavior. All groups from EMS received either a superior or excellent rating. Kuddos to all the students who performed and thanks to their parents for driving them and supporting their musical education.

Solo and ensemble was quickly followed by our first concert of the New Year on February 13th at GJHS. Not only did the concert bands play, but the 2018 jazz bands had their first performance and our newly formed percussion ensemble made their debut.

Over the next few months students will be preparing for the Colorado Music Festival on April 19th and 20th. We are in need of chaperone volunteers for both of those days. Please contact me if you can help.

Finally, we will be implementing a modern band class next year. We will learn the basic fundamentals of guitar, bass, drums and keys. If anyone has any extra guitars, basses or keyboards they are not using, please consider donating them to the band so we can get all students in this class on their own instrument (not sharing).

In the next month, please be on the look-out for permission slips and more info on our upcoming concerts. Keep practicing Cheetahs!

Also, A BIG THANK YOU to Alpine Bank and their donation of \$250.

Jen Daigle

Art News

I would like to submit a heartfelt thank you to the Winery Restaurant for donating over 1,000 wine corks to the EMS art department for our 3D Tic-Tac-Toe wine cork art project. The 6th grade art classes are creating their own unique teams of hand-painted tic-tac-toe players that can be used to compete against other students. We were originally limiting students to one team of five, but because of the Winery's generosity, student can create both teams for a full set. That's why we would like to send a special thank you to Steve from the Winery! Thank you for your generous donation.

Cheers! Tracy Hughes Stewart, EMS Art teacher.