

# OWN IT. RISE UP. ROCKON!

#### MMS Parent Newsletter November 2022

Dear MMS Community,

With the end of the first quarter and start of second quarter, this is an excellent time to check in on your child's progress. Our second set of Parent Teacher Conferences are on November 10th from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. Meeting with your child's teachers is a great opportunity to touch base and learn about their successes and struggles in the classroom. Partnering with each of you allows us to best support your child.

As the weather begins to get colder, please remind your child to dress accordingly. In the



morning, we will begin letting students into the building at 7:00 a.m. if it is below 20 degrees. During lunchtime, we will continue to go outside using these same guidelines.

Milliken Police Department would also like to remind parents/guardians there are no u-turns in front of the school. There is a sign posted, and they will be ticketing offenders. Also, please remember the handicap parking in front of the school is for our handicap students to be picked up and dropped off. This is not a student drop off zone. Please either use the drop off zone in the north lot or the surrounding street parking.

Before we know it, the holidays will be here as well as the end of the semester. See below for some important dates you'll want to be sure to put on your calendar.

- On November 6 Daylight saving time ENDS.
- Our lost and found is overflowing. If your child is missing an item, please encourage them to look in the lost and found. We will donate items left in the lost and found on November 14th.
- Our Parent Teacher Student Organization next meets at 3:45 p.m. on November 16th at Milliken Middle School. It's not too late to join! We would love to have more parents get involved.
- 2nd Semester schedules will be available to view in the student portal of Infinite Campus beginning on December 5th. If there is an error on your child's schedule, please email the appropriate administrator. Schedule changes will only be made on a very limited basis and must be made prior to December 16th.
  - 6th Grade: Aspen Sanders
  - 7th Grade: Michael Curtis
  - 8th Grade: Brynn Stevens
- Lastly, but not least, the End of Semester Awards Ceremony will be on December 16th. There will be more details in next month's newsletter.

Sincerely, Ms. Sanders Principal, MMS

## **STUDENT SPOTLIGHT - CTE**



On Tuesday, November 1, approximately fifty 8th Grade MMS students had the opportunity to visit Aims Community College for "Get into the Guts of Healthcare", presented by NoCo Health Sector Partnership in conjunction with Weld County District 6, Weld RE-4 School District, and Weld RE-5J School District.

This unique partnership brought together Northern Colorado 8th grade students with healthcare professionals and educators in real-world medical or training

settings to increase awareness of different healthcare careers.

Healthcare Partners/Exhibitors

- Banner Health, Nursing
- Banner Health, Security
- Columbine Health Systems
- Centennial Area Health Education
- Home Instead
- North Range Behavioral Health
- UCHealth, Interventional Radiology
- UCHealth, Ultrasound
- UNC, Nursing Program

All three school districts would like to thank NoCo Health Sector Partnership and Aims Community College for their partnership and The Weld Trust for sponsoring the event.



## **ROCK FAIR**

Have we got something for you! It's a pop-up store called The EARTH/ROCK FAIR, and it is coming to Milliken Middle School November 28-December 2. The store will be open from 7:10-3:00 all week long, and a bonus time during the home basketball game Thursday, Dec 1 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. If you need incredible holiday gifts for friends or family, The Earth Fair is definitely a place to get



almost everything you need. You may even decide you like something there for

YOU! Items include incredible fossils, gems, rocks, jewelry, polished stone chessboards, and much, much more! All profits will go directly to MMS Science. We look forward to seeing you at The Earth/Rock Fair.

We are looking for parent volunteers to help run this event. If you are interested, please use the <u>Sign Up Genius</u> to pick a date and time. Thank you for your help.

## SOURCES OF STRENGTH



Sources of Strength is one of the many after school opportunities that we offer our students at MMS. Sources of Strength is a national best practices suicide prevention program that uses Peer Leaders and Adult Advisors to build a sense of hope and offer help and support to our student body. We spread hope by focusing on stories of strength rather than on stories of trauma. We know our most powerful impact comes from our personal actions, conversations, and messages that use our music, art, writing, activities,

and our voice. This gives life to our efforts. Our mission is to ensure that during the rough times, no one gets so overwhelmed or hopeless that they want to give up. We focus on the desire to help students and staff turn to their strengths and their supports that are all around.

*Sources of Strength* believes that we can help when we see friends, family, or fellow students stuck in unhealthy or even life-threatening situations. We recognize that our voice has great power and we use it to break the silence when someone is struggling and help connect them to the help they need and deserve.

Our membership is open to all students at MMS. The students have already helped with our Bullying Awareness Week and will soon begin a school campaign titled "We Belong". Meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. There are times when we schedule extra meetings to prepare for our campaigns, but students know several days to a week ahead of time about these extra meetings.

If your student is interested in being a part of *Sources of Strength*, please have them contact Jenna Hall, MMS Counselor and the Sources of Strength Advisor, at jenna.hall@weldre5j.org or by phone at 970-587-6349.

## **BULLYING PREVENTION WEEK**

November 28th-December 2nd

We will have a guest speaker, inclusion/acceptance activities, and a community building campaign. Our Bullying



Prevention Week in October was memorable with activities that stretched across our school.

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### BULLYING PREVENTION CAMPAIGN

## WE BELONG NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 2

As part of a bullying prevention grant, we are hosting our first districtwide bullying prevention week later this month. During that week, we will provide 3rd - 12th grade students with the chance to complete a brief anonymous survey about their experience at school. Scan the QR code below or <u>click here</u> to opt your child in for the survey. Thank you!



#### WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

You can help our bullying prevention efforts by signing an Opt In form for your student(s). This data collection will help us focus our anti-bullying course of action.



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#### WE HAVE CREATED AN **OPPORTUNITY FOR** ALL TO BECOME A PERMANENT FIXTURE **OF THE "NEW RHS"**

#### DEAR NEIGHBORS,

As members of the community, most of you are fully aware of the building of our new Roosevelt High School. The process, from securing the funds to the design and now construction, has been several years in the making, and we thank the community for their support in making this happen for our students. We understand there is an immense sense of pride in being a Roughrider, whether you are a current student or a family with a long history of Roughrider alumni. In response to this, we have created an opportunity for all to become a permanent fixture of the "New RHS". We have a RHS pavilion area in our new building and within that area we have created an "R" of Donor Bricks. The Roosevelt "R" will be made up of nearly 2000 bricks, all of them engraved with the names of families and friends of the RHS community, both past and present. Many of our families will include the name of the family, the names of the students with the year they have or will graduate from RHS.

The website is now active and is available for you to view. Specific information about what the money raised from this project will be earmarked for is included within the site. The link is below, and many of our community members have already purchased a brick and found the site easy to use.



https://www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/roosevelt





The next Weld RE-5J Board of Education meeting will be on November 16th at 7 p.m. at Knowledge Quest Academy. These meetings are also streamed and the link will be available on the District website and Facebook pages.

Have questions? Get in touch!

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