

Mt. Garfield

Middle School



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Important

NO SCHOOL— December 3, 2018
District In-Service

PTO Meeting, December 6 at 5pm.

MESA DANCE-
December 7, from 6-8pm, \$6 in advance, \$7 at the door

TALENT SHOW-
December 21, students only

End of 2nd Quarter—
December 21st

NO SCHOOL—
December 22—January 8, 2019 for Winter Break

From the Principal

Dear Mt. Garfield Families,

Greetings Gator Community and Happy Holidays! We want to invite you all to our Parent Teacher Organization meeting on December 6th at 5pm. This is a newly formed PTO that can really benefit our school and community. Our Mesa Club is having a School Dance this Friday the 7th from 6pm to 8pm. And we're really excited about our annual Talent Show that we'll be having the last day of the Quarter, Friday December 21st.

Enjoy Winter Break!

Sincerely,
Mike Haase

Colorado Nature Photo/Art Contest

Mt. Garfield is running its First Annual Colorado Nature Photo and Art Contest for students. Please email photos to tere.walker-weinberg@d51schools.org or bring your 2d art to the library. Nature means no buildings, vehicles, people, or anything man-made.

Familiar Faces at MGMS

Irina Adams

I was born and grew up in Russia. I graduated from college with the degree of Linguistically Diverse Education in English and German. I lived in Germany and explored Europe after college. I taught English as a Foreign Language (EFL) courses at a private language school in Russia for two years before I moved to the US in 2006. I enjoy working with my ESL students and their families. I love seeing my students' growth and have an opportunity to support them along the way while they are learning English as their second language.



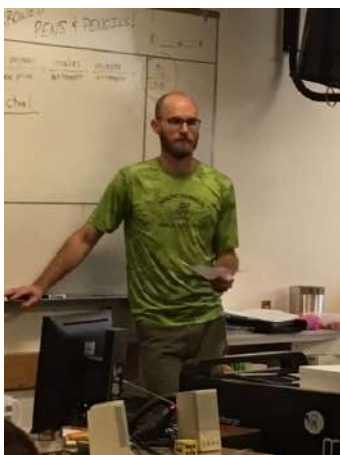
Rachel M. Smith



I was born in California but grew up in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. After my high school graduation I enlisted in the US Navy and was a Hospital Corpsman. After my active duty, I enrolled in college where I received my teaching degree and taught social studies for a few years. I then went onto teach for the Colorado Department of Correction. This led to me getting my Masters in Affective Education and returning to teach children. I have taught in District 51 for the last 17 years. The last 6 years here at MGMS. I love teaching middle school because I believe it is at this age where we can really impact the lives of our students. My favorite thing about teaching is having past students come back and introduce me to their families and share with me about their lives. My life outside of school revolves around my family. I have an awesome son, who attended MGMS and is now a student at CMU. Our favorite family activity is traveling.

Stefanie Morgan

I was born in Quito, Ecuador, very close to the Equator. I was fortunate to be immersed in Spanish growing up, so I am fluent in Spanish and English. As an adult, my husband and I have also enjoyed different cultures. We lived and worked in Kabul, Afghanistan, for 5 years, working in relief and development. I got to help run a language school where Afghans could study English, but more importantly learn to read and write their own language and become literate. We also took a year to teach at Ashgabat International School in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, where we were privileged to have the opportunity to teach students from many different countries. During our work abroad, we also got to visit Thailand, Turkey, Germany, the Netherlands, and the United Arab Emirates, where our daughter was born. Here in Colorado, I've worked in Boulder Valley School District, Jefferson County School District, and Mesa County Valley School District. I have taught English, Spanish, English as a Second Language, and now I teach Literacy Intervention. In my free time, I like to spend time with my husband, my 14 year old son, and my 11 year old daughter, hiking, biking, camping, reading, cooking, eating, and traveling!



Ed Eichler

I was born and raised in Texarkana, Texas where I graduated high school in 2006. After high school I attended college at the University of Oklahoma where I graduated in 2010 with degrees in Finance and Accounting and a minor in Marketing. After selling retirement plans in Oklahoma City for about one year, I decided that life would be better as a teacher. I applied to be a substitute teacher for the rest of that school year. The year after that I applied to be a 7th grade math teacher at Jefferson Middle School in Oklahoma City. I taught math and coached basketball for 3 years before moving to Grand Junction. I have been teaching 8th grade math and coaching basketball at MGMS for 5 years.

Boxtops for Education

Remember to collect those box tops and turn them into the main office.
Thank you for supporting our students and MGMS.



Office Information

Please call the office at (970) 254-4720 X37111 if your child will be absent for any reason so that we may note the absence correctly.

We ask that you make every effort to schedule Doctor visits and appointments after the school day ends so that we do not continually interrupt valuable teaching time. We understand this is not always possible, but certainly appreciate your efforts to limit these interruptions.

In addition, **if you have an address or phone number change, please let us know right away. This information is vitally important in case of an emergency.** We must be able to reach you.

Thank you in advance for your attention to these matters.

Health Office

The Health Office needs pants for both boys and girls, various sizes. Thanks.

Mesa Club News

We are hosting the next competition at the end of January. It will be a Rube Goldberg machine competition. A Rube Goldberg machine is a complicated, over-engineered contraption that ultimately performs a simple task. Each school that is competing will build a portion of the whole machine, bring it to MGMS, and we'll join them all together to ultimately release a lighter-than-air object that advertises MESA. It should be awesome!

Before this competition, we will be hosting our annual MESA Winter Dance on Friday, Dec. 7, from 6:00-8:00 in the evening. This dance is our MESA fundraiser. There will be a DJ, lights, and smoke machines. We will be selling drinks and snacks, photos and bling. Ticket costs are \$6 in advance and \$7 at the door. The dance is always a super event, and our MESA students are extremely excited to host it. Student ID's required to attend.

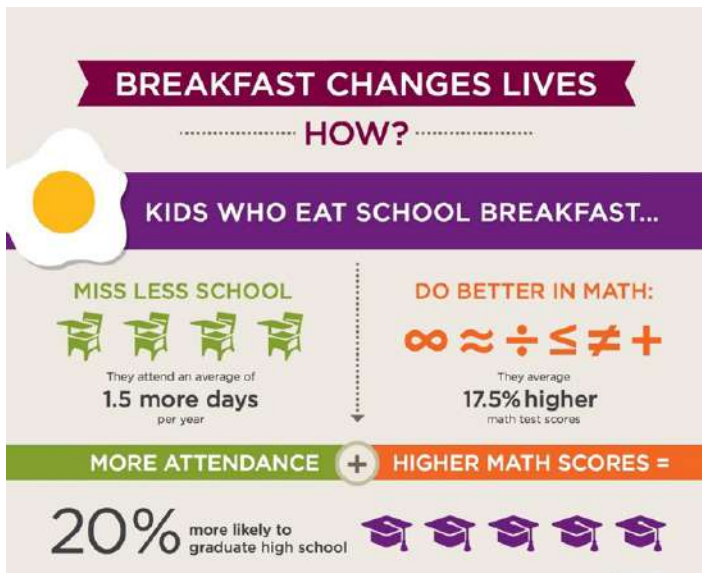
Come to PTO and support our kids and school. Our next meeting is Dec. 6th at 5pm. Attendance is not required, however, always appreciated. Thank you for your support any questions please contact Nicole Pinnt at 254-4720 ext. 37115.

PTO

PTO and our next meeting is De. 6th at 5pm. Attendance is not required however always appreciated. Thank you for your support any questions please contact Nicole Pinnt at 254-4720 ext. 37115.

Student Drop-off/Pick-up

We would like to reiterate the importance of families pulling all of the way forward to the East end of the parking lot to the **official student drop-off and pick-up area**. Students should not be dropped off directly in front of any part of the Mt. Garfield Middle School Building or along the East side of the building prior to school starting. Orange cones will continue to be placed in front of the building in an effort to remind families that this area is for Student Transport of America/busing only. In addition, please do not cut across traffic in order to drop your students off or pick them up along the East end of the building between our gym and track field. Automobiles attempting to leave from this area ultimately cross in front of moving buses and a steady stream of traffic heading to the correct drop-off/pick-up area causing great concern for safety. We understand that during cold mornings, everyone would like to walk a little shorter distance, but these guidelines have been established in an effort to keep everyone safe and we must ask that you adhere to them. Should you have any questions about these policies, please feel free to contact the office. We appreciate your support!



COME EARLY- All students Receive a FREE hot breakfast

ARRIVE LATE –All students Receive a FREE cold packaged breakfast

Available at

Bookcliff MS
Chipeta
Dos Rios

Mt. Garfield MS
Clifton
Fruitvale

Rocky Mountain



FREE BREAKFAST

FOR ALL COLORADO

SCHOOLS WITH A 70% OR GREATER FREE AND

REDUCED %

WHY?

INCREASE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

WHERE?

IN THE CAFETERIA

for hot breakfast before tardy bell grab 'n' go cold pack after tardy bell

WHO?

All STUDENTS no matter the eligibility

For breakfast menu go to d51schools.org/Parent tab/Meals Tab/Menu Tab