



Fruita 8/9

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Hello & Happy November!

There are a lot of activities happening from clubs to athletics to concerts. It's great to see our students involved in so many things throughout the school year. We encourage students to get involved as much as possible.

We have completed improvement planning and goals and are now focused on taking the needed action steps to successfully complete targets for growth and achievement. Our building focus will now be on implementing the action steps, monitoring, and adjusting goals to best meet student needs.

In the busy lives of our 8th and 9th graders (and all of us as parents) time is always an issue. It is important for us to continue to reinforce keys to student success. Important keys to student academic success include consistent time for homework, appropriate levels of sleep, good attendance, systems for organization, and our positive support as partners in educating our students.

As we continue to have shorter and shorter days, the light will continue to be an issue. Please use extra caution as we navigate to and from school, especially when students are crossing streets, as we work to get students safely to their destinations.

Our lost and found bin is filling up. If students are missing items, please encourage them to check out the lost and found bin. We have a lot of lunch boxes, clothing, and school supplies in the bin.

Thank you for all you do and for all your support!

Go Wildcats!



Jason Plantiko
Principal
Fruita 8/9 School



IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

November 2 ~ 9th Band Concert @ Avalon 7:00

November 3 ~ 8/9 Jazz Concert @ FMS 7:00

November 4 ~ Talent Show @ F8/9 Cafeteria 7:00

November 11 ~ Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:30

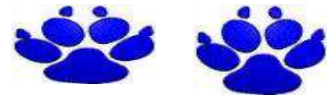
November 18 ~ Honors Orchestra @ GJHS 7:00

November 22-26 ~ Thanksgiving Break

Time Change November 7th



F 8/9 CLOSED CAMPUS POLICY



If you give permission for your student to leave school for LUNCH with someone who is not the parent/legal guardian, or on the Emergency Contact you are asked to **provide written, signed notification stating the time the student is to be picked up and the name of the person with whom he/she is leaving campus.** That person is required to come to the office to sign the checkout book when the student leaves. Note that when leaving Campus for lunch, the student will be excused for their school lunch wave only. **If the student is not signed out by the person they go to lunch with it will not be excused.** Please plan ahead. Phone calls or faxes will not be accepted as permission.

COME CHECK OUT OUR FRUITA SWAG

HOODIES

DRI-FIT LONG SLEEVES

T-SHIRTS

LANYARDS & STICKERS



YEARBOOK

ON SALE NOW!

\$30 if you order before January 1st.

New this year!! Order your yearbook

recognition ad!! Create your ad online at www.jostensadservice.com

Have pictures you want to share with the yearbook staff?

We would love to use them if you want to share!

Submit online : Log on to images.jostens.com

Login ID: 416225866

Questions: Contact Mrs. Willford

Jill.willford@d51schools.org

WILDCAT POWER HOUR @ F8/9

Tuesday & Thursdays: 3:15—4:15 Room 126

- ◆ Drop in to get help with your studies
- ◆ Use a computer to finish projects
- ◆ Quiet Place to work on assignments
- ◆ Catch up on missing homework!!!
- ◆ **WE TAKE ATTENDANCE!!**



Library News

What's Happening in the F8/9 Library?



Thank you to our 8th Grade ELA Teachers for jumping into the *Dystopian Escape Room*. Students LOVED this experience. Students are also creating Book Trailers using Greenscreen and 9th Grade Science is using our Virtual Reality with the Natural Disasters Unit.

Makerspace Spotlight

What is a Makerspace?

Simply put, a makerspace is a place where you can make things. It's a place for hands-on learning with all the tools for creativity.
(Gallimore)

Students can access the space during their lunch or study halls with a pass

Maker Activities Include:

- Building/Engineering
- Robotics/Coding
- 3D Printing
- Paper Crafts
- And More...

Donations Needed for our Makerspace:

- Legos
- Tubs/Totes with lids to house legos

November Genre of the Month:

Staff Picks Historical Fiction



How to check Student Library Accounts



October-November 2021

Questions? Please contact Elyza.Willms@d51schools.org



F 8/9 & FMHS Music Departments will once again be selling BUTTER BRAIDS!!! For those who don't know, Butter Braids are a frozen pastry w/various fillings that you leave out overnight to 'rise' and you bake it in the morning. YUM-MY! They are great during the holidays and having extra 'visitors' for breakfast.☺ If they stay frozen, they are still good a year later—I've done this for many years! The cost is \$13/each, with \$5.20 of that amount going directly to our music programs. Besides the famous Butter Braids, we also will be selling Caramel Rolls, (GF) Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough and 2 kinds of K-cup coffee pods (12 pods, \$16/ea). Students should have order forms on November 5th and all orders are due Monday, Nov. 29th (money is collected when order is placed). Delivery date is Friday, Dec. 3rd at FMHS after school. Feel free to contact any F 8/9 music student or director (Rachel Lavadie-orchestra, Teri Bohl-choir, Cameron Honnen-band) if you'd like to place an order. We thank you in advance for helping to support our music programs!

The items/flavors this year:

Caramel Rolls

Butter Braids: **Apple**, **Blueberry Cream Cheese**, **Cherry**,
Cinnamon, **Strawberry Cream Cheese**
Bavarian Cream

Cookie Dough: **Chocolate Chip (gluten-free)**

K-Cup pods: **French Vanilla**, **Italian Roast (12 pods; \$16)**



9th GRADE WINTER SPORTS OPTIONS:

The following sports are offered for the winter season.

If you have any questions please contact the coaches for each sport listed.



Boys Basketball Coach Contact: TBD

Girls Basketball Coaches Contact: Blaine Buck: blaine@bighorneng.com
& Michael Wellls: Catsketball@gmail.com

Girls Swimming Coach Contact: Sky Hirsch Sky.Hirsch@gmail.com

Boys Wrestling Coach Contact: Lucas Archuleta: Lucas.Archuleta@d51schools.org

Girls Wrestling Coach Contact: Chad Dare: Chad.Dare@d51schools.org

ATHLETES MUST CREATE AN ACCOUNT TO REGISTER FOR THE SPORTS SEASON:

The link to register can be found here: <https://fmhsd51-ar.rschooltoday.com/>

All freshman athletes are required to have a physical before participating. The forms are found on the same registration page. The high school athletic fee is \$140.00 and can be paid online through, <https://www.mypaymentsplus.com/> or check/cash to the main offices.

Please register early! First official practice is November 15 and all paperwork and fees have to be finished prior to participating.

If you have questions or need assistance with registration contact FMHS Athletic office at 254-6600.



JOIN BURTON ORTHODONTICS

Feed Our Hungry.....

Win \$1 000.00 for your school!

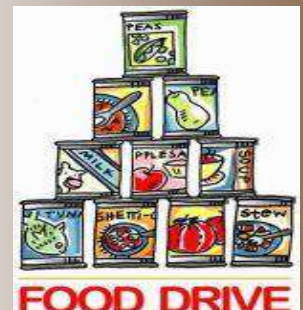
This year's food drive will run from **November 1, 2021 to November 17, 2021.**

Deliver nonperishable food items to your local school

Dr. Burton is offering a top prize of \$1000 to hardworking school, with an additional \$1500 in prizes divided among other schools

For more information contact Burton Orthodontics at (970)243-6455

Burton Orthodontics - 2640 Patterson Rd. - Directly north of St. Mary's Hospital

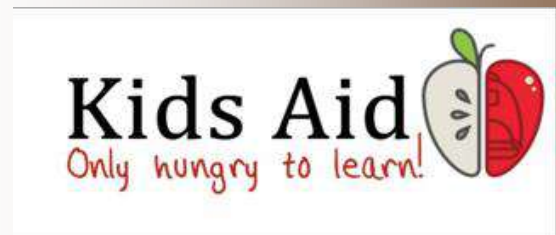


Kids Aid is here to help with extra food over the weekends so our Grand Valley kids can be kids! We serve 70 sites from preschool through college and provide up to 2,000 food bags per week. We give bags to any child, no qualifications necessary. Be sure to ask your school site coordinator, administrator, or teacher to get you signed up! (All requests are anonymous.)

Food bags contain breakfast, lunch/dinner, and snack options to cover weekend meals for one child. We do our best to offer a variety of items based on availability and cost. Families with multiple children can request a bag for each child in the household. Starting in the fall of 2021, Kids Aid will partner with Food Bank of the Rockies to include kid friendly, easy to cook recipes to encourage creative and nutritious meal preparation with items included in our weekly food bags.

If you have any questions, please visit our website for more information: www.kidsaidcolorado.org

Call or email our office directly at:
admin@kidsaidcolorado.org (970) 210-8754



Health Office Reminder

If your child has had both COVID shots please send a copy to the health office of the vaccination card. As a reminder to parents, the Colorado State Law requires all students be up to date with their required immunizations. If your child is not up to date with their immunizations, you can:

Contact their primary care physician OR

Contact the Mesa County Health Department at 248-6900 and schedule an appointment. They are located at The Community Service Building, 510 29 ½ Rd, Grand Junction, CO (29 ½ Road & North Ave.)

If your child cannot receive an immunization for medical reasons, it is against your religious beliefs, or you have personal beliefs opposed to an immunization, an exemption form needs to be completed yearly. Exemption forms can be obtained from the health office or online at: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/vaccine-exemptions>. Please note that Colorado has changed the exemption process for the 2021/2022 school year. Your exemption will need a Dr. signature or a certificate showing you have watched the required video. Please contact the health office at 254-6720 ext 34117, if you have any questions.

Congratulations

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Dean Stafford Zoey Walz
Jayda Fien Sagan Robinson
Angelica Martinez Jax Brach

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Zach Mattingley Carter Unfred
Regan Gear Sarah Batali
Danny Ipson Riley Roush
Tala Luatua Konnor Campbell
Liv Campbell Josh Weaver
Jayce Roberts Trevor McCarty
 Vincent Martinez

STAFF OF THE WEEK

Mrs. LaCount
Mr. VanHoose
Mrs. Warinner

MARCHER OF THE WEEK

Mitchell Yerkes
Ellie Finholm
Kelsie Wayt

8th Grade Alpine Bank Students of the Quarter

Dylan Testa and Maggie Meyer



FEELING
GRATITUDE
AND NOT
EXPRESSING IT
IS LIKE
**WRAPPING A
PRESENT**
AND NOT
GIVING IT.

~WILLIAM ARTHUR WARD~