



This issue of the Newsletter was written by the students of Orchard Mesa Middle School.

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Message from the Principal

I would like to take this opportunity to review some of the amazing things that our staff and students have accomplished and remind you of some upcoming events. First, we have just completed our first round of Student-Led Conferences. Our students worked hard during the months leading up to conferences documenting their work and putting together evidence to support their learning. Our teachers put in many hours helping to prepare our kids and going the extra mile scheduling all their student's conferences. Thank you to all the parents and family members that helped to make this event a success. It was truly amazing to watch our students own their learning and explain to their parents not only their successes, but also their challenges. Next, in an effort to raise money for our school, students have been given the opportunity to participate in a school wide fundraiser. Fundraising packets were sent home the week of October 16th. Students may sell items from the catalogue until Wednesday, November 8th. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used for instructional materials and supplies as well as supplementing funds for field trips and classroom activities that directly impact our students. Any student who sells four or more items will be invited to the fundraiser celebration on Friday afternoon, November 17th. If the entire school raises \$12,000.00, I have been convinced to dress up in a goofy costume and kiss a pig at a school-wide assembly! Please ask your student about the fundraiser if you have not already had that conversation.

During the last month, we have been working through the process of writing our School Improvement Plan. Members of the Orchard Mesa PTO and District 51 representatives participated in our annual District Accountability Meeting on Monday, October 16th. We discussed last year's data, progress toward last year's goals and set new goals for this school year. We currently are looking to improve in three major areas: math scores, organizing student writing using the "claim, evidence, warrant" structure and developing a positive school culture. I welcome your comments, concerns and ideas as we finalize our Improvement Plan.

Finally, as colder weather approaches, please encourage your student to wear appropriate clothes including a warm coat. Students will be going outside during their lunch time for 10-15 minutes. Students have the option to go to the cafeteria or library before school in order to avoid the cold mornings. Both the cafeteria and library open at 7:10. Supervision of students on campus does not begin until 7:10 so please do not drop your students off or allow them to arrive on campus prior to that time. Thank you for your continued support. My door is always open if you have questions or concerns. Have a great Holiday Season.

-Cheri Vana



Dates to Remember

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| Teacher In-Service—No School | November 10 |
| Thanksgiving Break—No School | November 20-24 |
| Basketball | October 23– November 13 |
| Lulupalooza Fundraiser | November 18-19 |

Have a Great Start to your Second Quarter



Knights of Excellence (Student of the Month)

Lilliann Espinoza
Olivia Thurston
Kalea Baker
Amelia Lopez

Logan Duncan
Isabell Eldridge
Victoria Salazar-Morris
Makailyn Lopez

Samuel Morgan
Hayden Breault
Riannon Raymer
Johnathon Johnson



Quidditch Recap

“One quaffle, three chasers, two bludgers, two beaters, one snitch, one seeker.” Students showed up to show their support for a game of quidditch. They unfortunately did not have any flying broomsticks, but they did have PVC pipes colored for their position on the field to fly around on. They had a person who, with a golden flag on their belt, acted as the golden snitch. Quidditch is the mythical game played at Hogwarts in the Harry Potter book series. Thanks for all the support! A big thanks to Mrs. Nicholson and especially Mr. Bonner, the teacher from Fruita Middle School who not only brought the quidditch team from Fruita, but also, he brought training videos for the OMMS knights to more fully understand how to play Quidditch.





School Goals

These Goals will push Orchard Mesa Middle School Knights to do their best in writing and math, and to have empathy and compassion towards others. The students voted on these goals during their ELA time and came up with these three that the majority voted on.

Math: We will have a growth mindset and think positively in math.

Writing: We will use resources to improve our writing.

Culture: We will be positive with all OMMS knights.



Lulapalooza

On November 18th and 19th, there will be a multi-vendor event. There will be Lula Roe consultants along with 7 or more vendor booths including Paparazzi, Pink Zebra, Lipsense, The Cocoa Exchange, Zurvita, and more! All the profits made from this event will go directly to helping out the facilities at OMMS. Come and show your support for Orchard Mesa Middle School and you'll go home with lots of goodies!



Volleyball Recap

Volleyball went well for both the 7th and 8th graders. There were over thirty 8th grade girls that came out this year, and they all learned what it's like to be a team. Some of the girls had played before and some hadn't, which challenged them to learn how to pass, set, and attack. But the biggest challenge was learning how to overhand serve. All the girls had to overhand serve in practice and in games. And even though it was hard at first, they persevered through it. The 7th grade girls all won games and came a long way from the beginning of the season.









Picking up Students Early

Picking Up Students For Appointments and Other Reasons:

Please allow ample time to pick up your student from school. We will do our best to get your student in a timely fashion from their learning environment. We feel that teacher instruction time is wasted when a student is sitting in the office waiting for a parent. We will gladly take a phone call and have the "request for student slip" ready to go the minute you walk in the door. Thanks for your understanding.

- Office Staff



Alpine Bank Students of Month

Kalea Baker and Chayton Moffitt



Outstanding Growth

Outstanding Growth in Reading:

6th Grade: Serenity Blee, Wyatt Dolobacs, Christopher Ramirez, Lillian Espinoza, Kylee Daniel

7th Grade: Dustin Barniville, Camden Cooper, Andrew Croley, Christian Joslin-Beghan, Julie Kohlman, Alexander Warren

8th Grade: Christian Diaz, Azeneth Lugo, Nick Orona, Kaden Peterson, Laci Thames, Blake Turner

Outstanding Growth in Math:

6th Grade: Olivia Delao, Hunter Dolobacs, Parker Haile, Angelina Lloyd, Adan Morales-Robles

7th Grade: Isabella Fromang, Heidi Hyatt, Kelly Love, Autumn Martinez, Andrew Richmond, William Wharton

8th Grade: James Chandler, Johnathon Johnson, Mariah Labrum, Gabby Ripa, Damion Steckel, Jacob Oberding



The North Pole Store

OMMS Student Council members will once more host the North Pole Store at Dos Rios Elementary on Wednesday, December 20th. The little kids get to partner with a STUCO member and "shop" for gifts for their family members to make Christmas memorable. The Dos Rios students enjoy choosing gifts for their loved ones, and the Student Council kids have a great time running the store. We are currently accepting donations for the North Pole Store in the front office of OMMS. Please drop off any NEW items during school hours from now until December 19th. We need gifts for: moms, dads, young sisters and brothers, teen sisters and brothers, and grandparents. We always need lots of items especially for dads and teen boys.

Spirit Week Recap

A big thanks to everyone who participated in the spirit week! These photos were from twin day, which was on Tuesday the 10th. (From left to right) The 7th grade teachers dressed up in plaid, two 7th grade students, Braden and Benton Kellerby, dressed up the same. Mrs. Bloxham, one of the 6th grade social studies teacher; she wore Thing #1 and Thing #2 since she's having twins in April. On Friday, we had the first school dance of the year. The theme was a masquerade ball, and kids were encouraged to dress in their best clothes because it was formal day, and either bring a mask or buy one when they went into the gymnasium



Media Team Request

If you have an idea for an article or have a question about the newsletter, write us a letter and drop it off in the box next to Mr. Bavor's (Computer teacher's) room. You can also write to the other Media team, the Four Knights, and they might feature you in their next episode.

Boys Basketball Schedule

8th and 7th grade Game Schedule Regular Season

Thursday November 2, 2017 5:15 pm OMMS 7 th vs. DeB 7 th @ DeB A/?

Thursday November 2, 2017 4:15 pm OMMS 8 th vs. DeB 8 th @ DeB A/?

Monday November 6, 2017 3:45 pm OMMS 7 th vs. PV 7 th @ OMMS A/?

Monday November 6, 2017 4:45 pm OMMS 8 th vs. PV 8 th @ OMMS A/?

Tuesday November 7, 2017 3:45 pm to 6:45 pm OMMS 7 th vs. WMS 7 th @ OMMS C/A/B

Tuesday November 7, 2017 3:45 pm to 6:45 pm OMMS 8 th vs. WMS 8 th @ WMS C/A/B

Thursday November 9, 2017 3:45 pm to 6:45 pm OMMS 7 th vs. RMS 7 th @ OMMS A/B/C

Thursday November 9, 2017 3:45 pm to 6:45 pm OMMS 8 th vs. RMS 8 th @ RMS A/B/C

Monday November 13, 2017 3:45 pm to 6:45 pm OMMS 7 th vs. MGMS 7 th @ OMMS B/C/A

Monday November 13, 2017 3:45 pm to 6:45 pm OMMS 8 th vs. MGMS 8 th @ MGMS B/C/A



What do Kids like about Thanksgiving?



We interviewed five students and a teacher about Thanksgiving. Our questions that we asked were what their favorite food was, what their family does, and what their favorite part of the break was. Here are their responses:

Benton K: My favorite food would be turkey and I always go to my grandparents' house, which is why [my] favorite part about the break would be spending time with my family.

Andy R: My favorite food would be turkey! I like to just stay at home and my family comes over. My favorite part of not having school, would be not having school.

Aaron C: Turkey would be my favorite food as well as my favorite part being that you eat. In actuality, I don't like the break.

Kendell C: My favorite food is stuffing. I experiment with different foods and enjoy spending time with my family.

Jaiden D: My favorite food is ham and I enjoy spending time with my family at my grandma's house.

Bavor D: I eat mash potatoes and every part of my family comes to my house. We normally watch football, eat, and go outside if the weather is nice. The thing I like most is just spending time with my family as well as having the time to relax.



Reminder

We can no longer take messages after 2:00 p.m. unless it is an emergency. The office receives multiple requests for messages to be delivered to students regarding after school plans rides, etc. The office is very hectic at times and we cannot guarantee that your message will be received by your student. Please have your after school plans made before your child comes to school.