

OMMS NEWSLETTER

October 2020- Vol. 1



Dear Orchard Mesa Middle School Families,

Welcome to October and almost the end of 1st quarter! First quarter ends Oct 9, 2020. That means that Monday, Oct 12th and Tuesday, Oct 13th students will not be in session. Those will be teacher workday and inservice day.

We are thrilled that we have made it this long in in-person learning. Thanks to everyone for working so hard to keep our doors open! Our teachers are spending a lot of time cleaning between classes, most everyone is doing a great job wearing their face coverings and completing the daily symptom tracker, and our custodians are working to disinfect daily! We have had to make a lot of adjustments in order to try and keep everyone safe and I appreciate all of your patience along the way!

We have completed conferences. Due to Covid, we could only have conferences virtually. It wasn't ideal however we really are grateful to everyone for working with us to support our students! We are a team and we always appreciate your insight and knowledge of your child when we work with you!

We are pleased to announce Ms. Cassidy Flick has joined the OMMS family. She is taking the place of Ms. Alex Ward. Ms. Ward was our choir/orchestra teacher and she has resigned in order to take a position closer to her home on the Front Range. Ms. Flick is a Grand Junction native, a graduate of Grand Junction High School, she received her Bachelor of Music from University of Denver, and her Master of Music from The New School in New York. Welcome to Ms. Flick!

We are going to try and set up a Google Meets for anyone interested in joining the PTO or School Accountability Committee. Please let us know if you have any interest in participating and we will send you the link to join the meeting. It is an odd year for sure and we would love to hear from our families on how we can support and meet the needs of our students! Our first meeting will be October 13, 2020 at 6:00PM online.

Band, Orchestra and Choir concerts are also being impacted by our inability to let folks in the building. Please know that our fantastic teachers are working on "virtual" concerts. They will be in the end October so please stay tuned.

Finally, as always thank you for all of your support as we make our way through this interesting year! Please know that your students are doing some outstanding learning and living at OMMS this year. Even with all the strange things this year has brought us, your students have shown real grit and determination and we couldn't be more proud! Thank you for trusting us with them every day! And thank you for being such great team mates! We are honored to be at OMMS!

Dr. Susan Birdsey
Principal

School Absences

Reminder: All student absences must be called in - within 48 hours of the absence or the absence will be unexcused. Please make every effort to call or send a note to school. Please have your child drop the note off at the office. Call: 970-254-6320 or email:

Joni.Spence@d51schools.org



Rockathon

The Orchard Mesa Middle School Music Department will be hosting its annual Rock-a-thon fundraiser on October 12, 2020. This event has been held for over 25 years and is the main source of funding for the music program. Funds raised will go directly to music equipment and scholarships for music camps or private lessons. If you are interested in donating to the program, please see any OMMS music student or Mr. Rabito. Thank you for your continued support of District 51 students.

Student Fees

Reminder: there is a mandatory \$42.00 instructional fee for every student. The instructional fee covers a portion of the cost of materials that are expendable and consumable and/or items students will retain after the class, including but not limited to art supplies, computer and technology supplies, planners, and science lab supplies. If you have already paid or have a student attending school remote please disregard. Fees can be paid at the Main Office or online at MyPaymentsPlus.com. Please reach out to Lindsey Wyser -

Lindsey.Wyser@d51schools.org with any questions or concerns regarding student fees.



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Orchard Mesa Middle School - School ID # 10416

Dear Parents,

A big "THANK YOU" if you have already placed your spirit wear order.....and a little reminder if you have not. Now is the time to help us promote spirit and pride in our school. To celebrate our return to school, we are offering our classic spirit wear products along with two specialty shirts you are sure to love. We have been given permission to offer the Peanuts Gang and Scooby-Doo commemorative shirts, celebrating our students and staff being "Together Again" for the fall of 2020. All products are discounted from last year's prices and for safety reasons, all orders will be placed online or by a toll-free phone number.

2 Ways To Order

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spiritandpride.com

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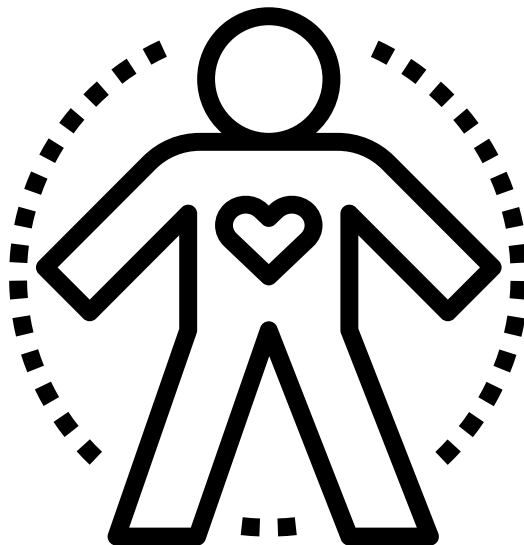
School ID # 10416

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with your order.

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