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East

Middle School



Our Vision:

Encouraging Growth, Exploring Passions, Sparking Curiosity

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Important Dates

Girls are Great

April 3, 2:55-4pm, EMS Cafeteria

Track Meet

April 10, 3:45pm, Stocker Stadium

NJHS

April 11, 2:45-3:45pm, Cafeteria

End of Testing Dance

April 13, 1:30-2:45pm, Cafeteria

Girls are Great

April 17, 2:55-4 pm, Cafeteria

Track Meet

April 17, 3:45pm, Stocker Stadium

5th Grade Parent Meeting

April 23, 6-7pm, TBA

Girls are Great

April 24, 2:55-4pm, Cafeteria

Presentations of Learning

Student Lead Conferences

April 25-26, 3-7 pm, Classrooms

No School—Non Contact Days

May 3 & 4

Letter from the Principal:

Dear East Middle School Families,

I hope you enjoyed the Spring Break weather Grand Junction afforded us over the break. We had some sun and some snow - welcome to Western Colorado! There are several things coming up during the next 9 weeks of school that I would like to highlight; besides testing - the schedule can be found in this newsletter - we have loads of opportunities for students to show what they have learned this year. On April 13, to celebrate the end of testing, we will have a dance at the end of the school day. The theme of the dance will center on the unluckiness of Friday the 13th. Our eighth graders will be walking to CMU for the annual Career Fair. More information will be coming out, but usually we go to the afternoon session. We will need field trip permission forms filled out. We host a track meet on April 17, for several valley middle schools. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact our office. Colorado West Music Festival starts the 18th and continues through the 21st. Our music students gain so much experience in this and have an opportunity to shine in front of all the schools performing. Our music directors have been working extremely hard to prepare students for this exposure. On April 23, we will be hosting our next class of sixth graders from the feeder elementary schools. Students will be transported to our school from their elementary school so that they can become familiar with our school and community, including their music choices for their 6th grade year. As we endeavor to shape our shared vision with our students, staff, and parents, it became obvious to us that music is VERY important to our students. I am confident there is something for all students to participate in that scratches their musical itch! That evening, we welcome those families back to school for a parent informational meeting from 6-7 in our gym. There will be a presentation and time for questions and answers about the transition to middle school. We would like to invite all parents to attend our PTO meeting on April 24, to see how you can help support your student and their school.

We are excited about the Presentations of Learning coming up in April - the 25th and 26th, to be exact. This time, students will present to the audience (parents and Advisory teacher) their learning and will use a presentation rubric to help them prepare. We encourage you to help your student prepare for these presentations by asking them to reflect on what learning has been the most impactful to them this year. Additionally, having students think about what has been the most challenging as well as what they have learned from those challenges. Your student's Advisor will be contacting you to schedule 20
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minutes of time for these presentations. Though you may know what your student is going to present, the opportunity to present to an audience is a great way for students to hit several of the language arts standards. We will also have a presentation by our District, regarding cyberbullying on April 25, from 5 to 6:30 in the East Middle School cafeteria.

Our PTO has been working all year in fundraising efforts to support our annual PRIDE BBQ. This year, we will have the BBQ on Wednesday, May 2 and parents are invited! More information will come, as we will likely want to have a headcount so we can order the correct amount of food. An East Middle School tradition, Enrichment Day, is scheduled for May 7. This is a great opportunity for our students to be exposed to activities that the normal school curriculum and day may not afford. Students will be given opportunities to choose two different activities to enrich their middle school experience. They will be able to choose from activities such as; origami, American Sign Language, mountain biking, CMU campus visits (3 or more), coding, downtown walk to discover the history of GJ, yoga, medical prep, decorative painting, drones, fieldtrip to the Eureka McConnell Science Museum, the Audubon Trail, tennis, basketball, board games - and many others. The cost ranges from free to \$20 for activities such as rock climbing and paddle boarding. We will need permission forms for any of the classes that leave campus and for those businesses that require parental consent. That week is also Teacher Appreciation Week, with the 8th being a specific day of appreciation. Each grade level will coordinate an end of year field trip (again permission slips) and students will need to earn the privilege of attending those field trips by showing their PRIDE by being safe, respectful and responsible. Office referrals may preclude a student's invite to these special activities. Our last day with students is on May 24. It has already been an amazingly full year for us - one that I hope your child has grown measurably and immeasurably from experiencing. As always, if you have any questions about anything, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. Enjoy the beginning of spring!

Sincerely,

Leah Gonyeau, Principal,

254-5020

Testing Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
April 2 nd – 6 th	no tests	7th Grade ELA/Math	7th Grade ELA/Math	7th Grade ELA/Math	<i>Makeups and extended time</i>
April 9 th - 13 th	8th Grade ELA/Math	8th Grade ELA/Math	8th Grade ELA/Math	8th Grade CMAS (Science)	<i>Makeups and extended time</i>

7th Grade End of Year Trip

7th grade students will be able to participate in a rafting adventure **OR** a hiking adventure
Friday, May 18th.

Hiking: The Bangs Canyon Trailhead lies at the heart of the Bangs Canyon Special Recreation Management Area and provides access to several different trails and recreation opportunities. These include: hiking in Rough Canyon and Ladder Canyon – home to an historic mica and quartz mine. Fee \$3

Rafting: Sit back and enjoy a peaceful and relaxing float down the beautiful Colorado River while our guide does all the work. With several wildlife opportunities and knowledgeable guides, you can't get much better for a short float down the river. Fee \$38

Permission Slips to be sent home soon.....

Students of the Month—March



Alexis Heley, Ava Smith, Jeremiah Gault,
Brennan Fetherston
Not pictured: Kate Cramer, Zach Egli

Enrichment Day

East Middle School is very excited to offer our 14th Annual Enrichment Day on May 7, 2018. We will have a morning session from 8:30 – 11:30 and an afternoon session from 12:00 – 2:30. Enrichment Day offers students the opportunity to choose from a wide variety of interesting, unique and hands-on activities on and off campus. This day is always a success because of community and parent volunteers. If you would like to help, here are ways you can help out:

- Volunteer to help out in a class
- Provide breaks for presenters or staff
- Deliver water to presenters or staff
- Donate bottled water (drop off in the office)

Donate money to help with scholarships for students (some of the classes do cost a small fee and many students are not able to pay that fee)

If you are interested in volunteering in some way, please contact our main office at 254-5020 or e-mail Mr. Moore at rob.moore@d51schools.org.

Annual D51 Scholastica Tournament



Seventh and eighth grade students in Mrs. Sleight's class were able to participate in the 4th annual Scholastic Tournament at Bookcliff Middle School in February! We took 14 students to compete in strategy, visual-spatial, and math games against other middle schools students across the valley. East placed 3rd overall with Andrea Reyes placing 2nd in the final round! Great work Cheetahs!

Choir & Orchestra News

Our festival concert will be Tuesday, April 17 at 7:00pm **IN THE GJHS AUDITORIUM!** All the choirs and orchestras will be performing in the Colorado West Music Invitational Festival on Wednesday and Thursday, April 18-19. Check the separate flyer that will be coming home with your student along with the permission slip. **WE NEED CHAPERONES FOR THIS EVENT! PLEASE CONTACT MRS. QUINN IF YOU CAN ASSIST.** We would LOVE to see parents in the audience as we perform for judges!!

Check the choir/orchestra room postings for camps this summer! Any student who participated in the Rock-A-Thon AND solo/small ensemble may apply for a scholarship in May to be used toward a summer camp or music related event over the summer.

April

17 – Festival Choir/Orchestra Concert, 7:00pm (GJHS Auditorium)

18/19 – Colorado West Music Invitational Festival, Colorado Mesa University/Palisade High School (See flyers!)

23 – 5th Grade Concert, EMS 6th Graders Perform, Morning (Gym)

26 – 6th Grade String Clinic, GJHS (Permission slips will be sent home!)

May

17 – Final Concert, 7:00pm (GJHS Auditorium)

Until next time.....Stay Tuned!!!

Sing-cereely Yours,
Raisha Quinn

MESA News

MESA club competed at the Mount Garfield mouse trap car competition on March 1. (Pictured: Taggart Blake, Nick Warner, Brock Hale, Kale Potter, Alena Wilson, Calladora Hensley, Nina Abeyta, and Emily Carter). The students designed, engineered, and built a car powered only by the spring of a mouse trap. The car had to travel a total distance of 7 meters, the car that stopped closest to the 7m mark was deemed the winner. 6th grader Maya (not pictured) won third place in the competition with a distance of 15cm from the 7m mark.

We have 2 more competitions for the school year. In April, we will go to CMU to compete in the Egg Drop Competition where students have to create a device that will protect three eggs as it falls from a height of 50ft. In May we will compete downtown at the Solar Car competition where students will make a car that uses a solar panel to power the motor of the



Band News

Welcome to 4th quarter. The bands have several performances spread throughout the next quarter. The next band concert date has been changed due to a conflict with the GJHS stage. We will be performing on April 11th.

Over the next few months students will be preparing for the Colorado Music Festival on April 19th and 20th. We are in need of chaperone volunteers for both of those days. I sent home an e-mail, but need to confirm volunteers now so we can get them fingerprinted (paid by the district). Please contact me if you can help.

Next year, we will be implementing a modern band class next year. We will learn the basic fundamentals of guitar, bass, drums and keys. If anyone has any extra guitars, basses or keyboards they are not using, please consider donating them to the band so we can get all students in this class on their own instrument (not sharing). Little Kids Rock has already provided free training, 8 new guitars and 14 mini keyboards to get this program started. Thanks Little Kids Rock!

Upcoming Dates

April 11th – Band Concert @ GJHS

April 19th, 20th All bands attend Colorado West Festival

Please be aware that on April 19th, the 7th grade band members may miss their bus home from EMS. We are scheduled to be back at 2:50, but could be earlier or later depending on the actual time we get picked up at CHS. Please start making transportation arrangements

April 23rd – 6th graders perform for 5th grade orientation at EMS in the morning

May 15th – Final concert @ EMS

Jen Daigle

Health Office Reminder

Please remember to pick up your student's medication before the end of the school year. This includes all prescription and over the counter medications. We are obligated to discard it if not picked up by the last day of school. We are not permitted to send medication home with the student, it MUST be picked up and signed out by an adult.

Thank you,

Katelin Gumfory, EMS Health Assistant
254-5020 Ext: 33118

Cheetah Leadership Team Council–Dance

Dear Parents and Students:

Cheetah Leadership Team Council is planning a Dance to celebrate the end of testing and the hard work East students and staff have all put into it! The dance will take place during school on Friday, April the 13th, 2018. The event will happen during school hours it will start at 1:30 and ends at 2:45. There is a fee to attend the dance. C.L.T. council is offering a V.I.P admission prices of \$4.99. With this you will receive 10 tokens, V.I.P. badge, price when you enter and early entry. General admission is also available for \$3.00 or 6 cans of food. The week of the Celebration you may purchase entry passes in the A.M. before school in the Cafeteria and 2 days that week during Lunches.

Thanks for your support!

C.L.T. Council