



GRAND MOUNTAIN *Mavericks* newsletter

The Maverick Mission

Welcome to Grand Mountain School! We are streamlining the many systems we have put into place and are continuing to improve on the way we do things here since opening. We continue to add additional staffing as we continue to add additional students at the current rate of about a student per day on average. With the continued growth of Lorson Ranch we look to planning for the future to find sustainable ways to handle our continuous growth. Thank you to our PTO for their help during parent teacher conferences and with picture days, as well as, helping to create the float for the parade which won first place. Thank you parents, students, and staff for making GMS a grand place to be! - Mr. Pohl, Principal /Ms. Keri Lindaman, Secondary VP /Ms. Ursula Reese, Elementary VP

Maverick - (noun) /mav-rik/ - an unorthodox or independent-minded person, an unbranded range animal. Synonyms: individualist, free spirit, original, trendsetter.

Meet Our New GMS Mascot!

WE HAVE A NEW MASCOT! THE STUDENTS WILL BE CHOOSING NAMES AND VOTING ON WHICH NAME FITS OUR FRIEND THE BEST! UPDATES TO COME! IF YOU'D LIKE TO STAY IN THE KNOW ON GMS NEWS, CHECK OUT OUR GMS WEBSITE'S "NEWS" SECTION BY VISITING:

[HTTPS://GRANDMOUNTAIN.WSD3.ORG/GRAND-MOUNTAIN-NEWS](https://grandmountain.wsd3.org/grand-mountain-news)

OR SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR SMART PHONE TODAY!



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2nd & 3rd Grade Highlights



The **SECOND GRADERS** are off to a great start at GMS! We continue to work daily on being a learner and good citizen both in and out of our classroom. Every day we are thinking of new ways to show that we are *Respectful, Responsible and Ready to Learn!*

In reading we are reading many different genres of text. We are working on finding the central idea and supporting details in all our texts. We have also been discussing our characters and the traits that define them.

We have used what we have learned about characters and turned it into some fun homework. Our job is to turn a *pumpkin into our favorite storybook character* and write a book report. On Friday we will have a pumpkin character walk and present our pumpkin to our class.

In math we are continuing to work on double digit addition. We have learned many different ways to find our sum. We

have also had some friends make it into the thousands club! Our goal is that each student in second grade will write to 1,000 by the end of the school year! Each of us will continue to work at our own pace to *reach our goal!*

Coding is one of our favorite subjects! We have been using our coding vocabulary to give our robots (our teacher) commands! We used to get frustrated when our robot would not do what we wanted but get a little better every time we *try!* We are excited to get into Code.org and learn how to build codes!

We are "Mavericks On A Mission."



Our **THIRD GRADE** computer scientists have been working hard and having fun this year. During reading we have been reading a number of different genres while focusing on central idea, point of view, and summarizing. We are currently in the middle of a reading unit about how historic places, symbols, and documents represent our country.

We just finished up multiplication and are

now **FOCUSING** on division in math. Both multiplication and division are a big focus in third grade. In science we have been learning about states of matter.

Third graders have been enjoying

COMPUTER SCIENCE this year! We have explored code.org, Scratch, and even started programming Dash robots. Through computer science we are learning **CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS** and how to work as a team. Third grade is excited for the rest of the year!

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 Breakfast Entry: 7:30
 Bell Entry: 7:40
 Tardy Bell: 7:45
 Dismissal: 3:05

Counselor Corner

Parents,

Every year, the community of Widefield offers holiday assistance to families of Widefield School District 3. Grand Mountain School is asking your family to let us know if you are needing assistance this upcoming holiday season. This is only for GMS students/families. Based off of the number of requests we cannot guarantee all needs will be met, but we will connect your family to the various community organizations who have resources for food and gifts during the holiday season. Please contact the GMS counseling secretary if you would like to be put on a list to receive assistance:

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 Counseling Secretary
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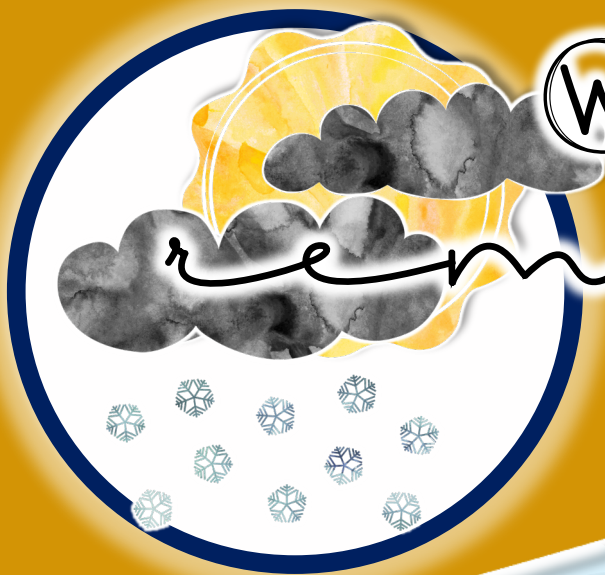
Courtnee Divine Social Worker
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The Book Fair is Coming! November 12th-19th

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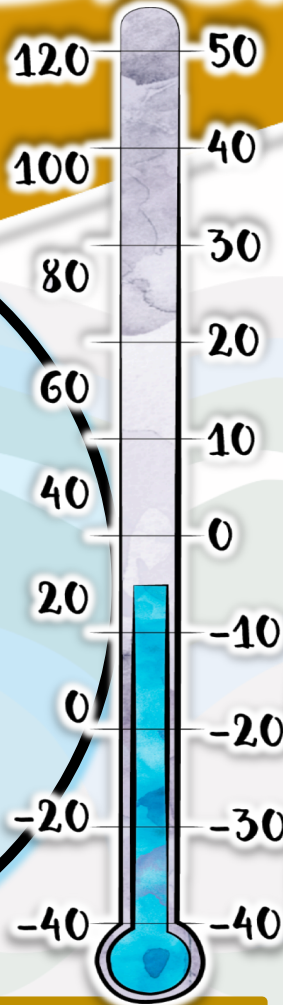
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weather

reminders

With colder weather here please be sure to send your child to school with the appropriate cold-weather gear: jacket, gloves/mittens, scarves, closed-toed shoes, etc. If you would like assistance in this area, please contact our school's counselors or social worker.



Severe weather reunification:

Due to severe weather, lightning, wind or snow, Grand Mountain is unable to release students safely to parents. Staff will relocate students to areas that parents can go to inside the school for pick up.

1. Preschool and Kindergarten will remain in their rooms and parents can pick them up there.
2. 1st grade, 2nd grade and 3rd grade will move to the cafeteria and parents can enter through the front door and into the cafeteria.
3. 4th grade, 5th grade, 6th grade, 7th grade and 8th grade will move to the gym parents can enter through the front doors and in to the gym.
4. Teachers are to escort their class to the assigned areas.

Once the parent unites with their child they will exit out the front doors. Phone calls to parents will be made for remaining students.

If busses are able to run, students will be released to load the bus. If busses are unable to run students will be picked up in the above areas by parents.

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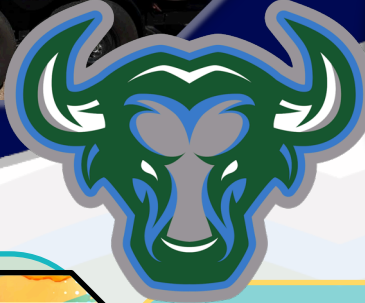
Do not drop off your child before 7:30 AM. There is no supervision at this time.

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PTO

corner



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ★ Panda Express Fundraiser- November 20th
- ★ November 21st — BAAC & PTO starting @ 4:30 {PTO starts @ 5:30}
- ★ Chick-fil-a Fundraiser- December 5th
- ★ Photos with Santa/winter themed- December 16th
- ★ Santa Shop - December 16th- 20th



Scan the QR code to be taken to our FB page

To keep up to date with all PTO happenings please like Grand Mountain Families page on Facebook.

PTO has been very busy so far this year. The parade float turned out great and Grand Mountain ended up **winning** first place. Thank you to all who participated in the parade. It was a lot of fun! With the winnings from the parade, as well as what we raised from the t-shirt fundraiser, we were able to purchase a mascot for the school!

Our school is now official for **BOX TOPS!** Please send box tops in with your students, drop them off at the front office, or download and use the **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION APP** and pick GMS to submit box tops that way.

We are **in need of volunteers** specifically for weighing canned goods for the food drive that student council is putting on, as well as Santa Shop. Lastly, if you have any holiday decor to donate for Santa Shop that would be greatly appreciated as well.

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Elementary Specials:

Blue = Day 1
Green = Day 2
Grey = Day 3
Grand = Day 4
Mountain = Day 5
Mavericks = Day 6
Algorithm = Day 7
Programming = Day 8



Important Dates:

November 11th - No School
November 12th - 19th - Book Fair
November 13th - 2nd QTR Midterms
November 20th - Panda Express
Fundraiser
November 21st - BAAC & PTO Meeting
4:30 - 6:30 (5:30 For PTO)
November 25th - 29th - Fall Break - No
School



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Note: If your child participates in any before or afterschool sports or programs, please know that those dates are not on this calendar. Check out our school's calendar by scanning the QR code to the left, or by visiting: <https://grandmountain.wsd3.org/calendar>

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					Programming 1	2
3 Blue	4 Green	5 Grey	6 Grand	7 Mountain	8	9
10 	11 PD Day No School	12 Mavericks	13 Algorithm	14 Programming	15 Blue	16
17 Green	18 Grey	19 Grand	20 2 nd QTR Midterms	21 Mountain	22 Mavericks	23
24	25	26	27  Fundraiser	28 BAAC & PTO Meeting	29	30 