



GRAND MOUNTAIN

Mavericks

newsletter



The Maverick Mission

Welcome to Grand Mountain School! We are now to the point in the year where the focused time and purposeful effort we have placed on building positive relationships among students and between students and staff is showing positive results. Students are gaining new friendships and learning what it means to become an adult through interactive modelling and engagement in activities through morning meetings (k-5) and advisory meetings (6-8). Students are also participating in various clubs, sports, and after school activities to learn additional skills and concepts outside the classroom. Our Future Lego League Team won the Judges Award at our district competition for their exceptional teamwork and effort they displayed by incorporating feedback from the judges into the robotic game at the competition! Moving forward we will continue working on ways for students to positively engage with each other through social-emotional learning activities and understanding how social media usage should be focused on digital kindness and creating a digital footprint that positively reflects who they are.

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.

School Hours & Office Contact

Office: (719) 391 - 3471
School Hours: 7:40 - 3:05
Breakfast Entry: 7:30
Bell Entry: 7:40
Tardy Bell: 7:45
Dismissal: 3:05

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



Visit our GMS website!
Scan the QR Code or visit:
[HTTPS://9GRANDMOUNTAIN.WSD3.ORG/9GRAND-MOUNTAIN-NEWS](https://9grandmountain.wsd3.org/9grand-mountain-news)

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4th & 5th Grade

highlights



FOURTH GRADERS

We have just finished our two units on multiplication (two-digit by one-digit, two-digit by two-digit).

In reading our modules have focused on the five senses, and facing challenges.

We have been learning the standards for visualizing, plot, theme, author's craft, and elements of drama.

In social studies we are learning about Colorado; the regions, landscape, people, and resources found here.

The classes have made maps with the regions, and have done research on the regions to present to their classmates.

In writing we are focusing on the introduction, conclusion, and descriptive details in a story.

FIFTH

GRADES

We are working on the human body system and have surgeons coming on December 16th and 17th.

In reading and writing we are working on natural disasters and the effects of natural disasters.

During math, we are expanding on double digit multiplication and will be moving into decimal long division.

After Fall Break we will be adding in fractions.

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Parents,

As a reminder, 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. 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. Also, please turn in the Impact Aid forms. There is a drawing for middle school students for a wireless Bluetooth speaker for all of those who turn in their form before December 9th!

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Book Fair Update!



The book fair did very well and earned \$5,000 in Scholastic dollars! Thank you for your support and promoting reading with your child.

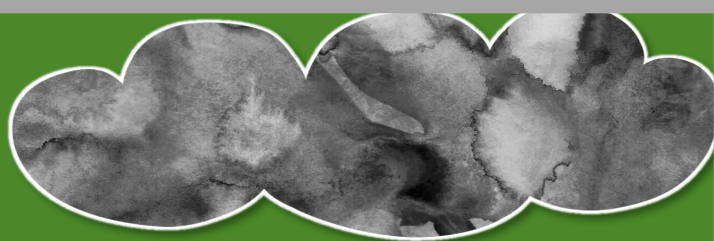
A HUGE thank you to Mrs. Knoop, our librarian, PTO, and volunteers for all their effort and helping the fair run smoothly!



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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, lightening, 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 into 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.

Red Flag Day Procedures:

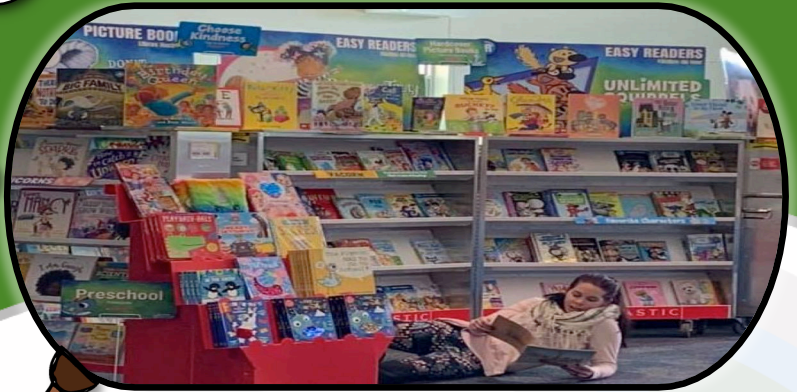
Red Flag Days will occur when the temperature during morning arrival (including wind chill) is below 25 degrees. The red flag will fly under the Colorado flag at the front of the building indicating Red Flag status. We are awaiting the installation of a red flag pole at the back of the building as well. An announcement will also be made at 7:25 a.m.

- a. Kindergarten students should enter the building through their exterior classroom doors and will be supervised by kindergarten teachers.
- b. Students in grades 1-4 should enter the building via the back cafeteria door entrance. This door will unlock at 7:25 a.m. Students in grades 1-4 should report to their grade level wings and will sit in assigned areas outside of their classrooms.
- c. Students in grades 5-8 will enter the building via the back gym door entrance. Students in grade 5 will sit with their classes at the half-court line. Grades 6-8 will sit in rows along the south wall of the gym.
- d. Breakfast will continue as usual in the cafeteria.
- e. Parents must check-in through the Front Office in order to enter the building.



PTO

corner



- ★ Grand Mountain Spirit Night at Chick-Fil-A (Fundraiser) - December 3rd 4:30-7:30
- ★ December 19th - BAAC (4:30) & PTO (5:30) Meetings
- ★ 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.



Download the Box Tops App at

<https://www.boxtops4education.com/>

then take a photo of your receipts. Any eligible items will automatically go to our school.



You can still bring in the physical box tops!

if you have any holiday decor to **donate** for the Santa Shop, it would be greatly appreciated!

Reminders:

please read



We have plenty of bike rack space now, please remind your child if they ride to utilize the bike racks, not trees or lamp posts.



If you have not done so already, please turn in the Impact Federal Aid Form. There is a drawing for middle school students for a wireless Bluetooth speaker for all of those who turn in their form before December 9th!




Lost and found is growing...if your child is missing an item please have them check the lost and found (or you are welcome to come in and look for yourself). All items left in the lost and found will be donated at the beginning of winter break.

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fundraiser Updates:



Dominoes!! GMS earned \$187.00 –
Mrs. Hovasse's Kindergarten class
won the pizza party!
Congratulations!

Student Council raised \$1785 in
cash/donations (including 26
turkeys) during the Harvest of
Love Food Drive!



Fountain
7925 Fountain Mesa Rd
Fountain, CO 80817



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December 3rd
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Art Room News!

A handful of middle school art students participated in the 2019 National Christmas Tree Lighting by decorating ornaments that will represent Colorado in Washington, DC this holiday season!



Using our school motto, "A school for the mind; a home for the heart," middle school students from Grand Mountain School in Widefield School District 3 designed ornaments based on their home of Colorado Springs and surrounding areas. Under the guidance of art teacher, Danielle Selke, students were given complete agency in their creations, exploring various design techniques in regards to color, shape, space, and texture.

We are very honored to be included in the 2019 National Christmas Tree Display.

From our home to yours,
happy holidays

from Colorful Colorado!

See us
in the
Gazette!

Visit:



<https://bit.ly/381s1Qb>

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Important Dates:

December 3rd - Spirit Night @ CFA
 December 4th - Hearing/Vision Screening for new students
 December 9th - No School for students (Innovation Day)
 December 16th - Holiday Photos
 December 16th - 20th - Spirit Week
 December 16th - 20th - Santa/Penguin Shop
 December 19th - BAAC & PTO Meeting 4:30 - 6:30 (5:30 for PTO)
 December 20th - End of 2nd QTR
 December 23rd - January 7th - Winter Break - No School

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

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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							
1	Algorithm	2	Programming	3	Blue	4	Green	5	Grey	6	7		
													
8			9	Grand	10	Mountain	11	Mavericks	12	Algorithm	13	14	
15	Programming	16	Blue	17	Green	18	Grey			19	Grand	20	21
			***HOLIDAY SHOP***AND***SPIRIT WEEK***										
22	23	24	25	26	27	28							
29	30	31					<p>** Students Return on Wednesday, January 8th, 2020 **</p>						