



GRAND MOUNTAIN

Mavericks

newsletter



The Maverick Mission

Welcome to Grand Mountain School! We are now halfway through our inaugural school year. It's hard to believe that we started this all since August 16th, just a little over four months ago. It is amazing how much we have grown in that time. Relationships have grown.

Our students have grown academically, physically, socially and emotionally. We have grown in sheer numbers of both staff and students and we continue to grow daily. The informal poll we took at Parent Teacher Conferences showed that we have students who came from 35 states last year and multiple countries. We have learned since AYPYN Forms have been returned that half of our students come from families of military service. Thank you, Veterans for the many freedoms we cherish and hold dear, you and your entire families cannot be thanked enough for your service to this country. Veterans, we truly appreciate you and the sacrifices you make. I want to wish everyone happy holidays, especially those Veterans returning from deployments, and I hope you get to spend time together with family and friends and use the time away from school to renew yourself and have a fresh start to the New Year when we will see you again in 2020.

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

Do not drop
off your
child before
7:20 AM
There is NO
supervision
during this
time.

Office: (719) 391-3471
Breakfast Entry: 7:20
1st Bell Entry: 7:30
Tardy Bell: 7:35
Elementary Dismissal: 2:45
Junior High Dismissal: 3:05



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HAPPY HOLIDAYS



We are Hiring!

Lunch Duty Assistant Needed!

3.75 hours! Contact the front office if you are interested

ELL TEAM:

Parents/guardians,
WIDA testing of the
student's English Language
level will be taking place
between January 13, 2020
through February 14th!

Hot From The Kitchen!

Attention Parents/Guardians:
On January 27th, 2020 the
cafeteria will be serving pork
chops instead of chicken
fried steak.



Scan this QR code
to be taken to our
menu & to pay your
child's lunch
account!

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Weather Reminders & Schedule Changes

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 Days

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.

Schedule Changes

Grand Mountain School will be adding 10 minutes to the start of the day for both elementary and junior high students beginning January 8th, 2020 through the end of the school year. The Board of Education approved this last evening for WSD3 Schools in order to meet required student-teacher contact time per Colorado State Statute. The new start time will be 7:35 a.m. (with the first bell ringing at 7:30).

The end time for elementary will also change to 2:45 p.m. The end time for junior high students will remain the same at 3:05 p.m.

At the elementary level, the adjustment to the end of the day is necessary to ensure our elementary staff has adequate planning time commensurate with other district elementary staff.

We did not add time to the elementary day because GMS students are already in school 20 minutes longer than other innovation elementary schools, and 40 minutes longer than our traditional elementary schools. We shortened the elementary day to align with our other innovation elementary schools and to give GMS elementary teachers comparable plan time.

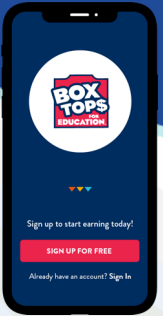
There are many considerations we have to take into account as we adjust to these new times. Our plan is to notify you once we have the new plans in place and any adjustments that we foresee may affect your students here at GMS due to these changes being made and how we can ideally account for them.

We greatly appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work through this new schedule.

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PTO



Upcoming Events

Grand Mountain Spirit Night at
Noodles & Company (Fundraiser)
- January 22nd 4:00 - 8:00pm

BAAC (4:30) &
PTO (5:30) Meetings
- January 30th

Download the Box Tops App
at

<https://www.bboxtops4education.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!

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 will be doing the
FundRun in the spring
(date has yet to be
determined) and will need
volunteers to help with
everything from seeking
donations to helping to run
the actual event. If
interested in helping,
please let us know.

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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 right, or by visiting:

<https://grandmountain.wsd3.org/calendar>



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:

December 23rd - January 3rd - Winter Break - No School
January 6th - 7th - PD for staff, No school for students
January 8th - 3rd QTR & 2nd Semester begin - Welcome back students!
January 10th - Report cards go home
January 17th - 2nd QTR Renaissance Assemblies
January 20th - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School
January 22nd - Spirit Night Fundraiser @ Noodles & Company
January 30th - BAAC & PTO Meeting 4:30 - 6:30 (5:30 for PTO)

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5			Mountain 8	Mavericks 9	Algorithm 10	11
			3 rd Quarter Begins 2 nd Semester Begins			
12	Programming 13	Blue 14	Green 15	Grey 16	Grand 17	18
					2 nd QTR Renaissance Assemblies	
19		Mountain 20	Mavericks 21	Algorithm 22	Programming 23	24
						25
26	Blue 27	Green 28	Grey 29	Grand 30	Mountain 31	