



GRAND MOUNTAIN Mavericks

The Maverick Mission School Newsletter

Principal's Corner

Welcome to Grand Mountain School! Thank you, parents and students, for making this unusual COVID induced transition back to school this year one I am grateful for! Since last seeing students in the building last March, it has been a long transition back to in-person schooling with modifications in place due to COVID for grades K-5. I truly feel students, staff, and parents alike are all very grateful to have students back to in-person learning despite the many updates and modifications we have had to put into place to account for COVID with physical distance, mask wearing, etc. I hope in the coming month we see the transition of grades 6-8 back into the building also. I want to thank the community for all the support the school has received in the past few weeks, the recent events have drawn us closer as we continue to work to support every student at GMS so they get the social-emotional, academic, and other supports they need. Also, with our PTO, we are hopeful to begin re-planning our Spring Fund Run that was cancelled last year due to COVID for this Fall in some form, more details to come! Thank you, parents, students, and staff, for making GMS a grand place to be! We know you have been looking forward to sending your child back to GMS this year, or even sending them here for the first time if they are a new student, and I would like to highlight some of the many reasons why- (continued on next page)

School Hours & Office Contact

Office:

(719) 391-3470

Attendance:

(719) 391-3471

Report absences no later than 9:00am. You can also email or leave a voicemail message. Email April at tafoyabakera@wsd3.org

Breakfast Entry: 7:20
1st Bell Entry: 7:40
Tardy Bell: 7:45
K – 5 Dismissal: 2:45
6 – 8 Dismissal: 3:05



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



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



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Maverick:

An unorthodox or independent-minded person, an unbranded range animal.

(noun)
/mav-rik/

Synonyms:

individualist,
free spirit, original,
trendsetter.

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- An amazing staff, we have hired 14 additional teaching staff and added a K-8 Dean of Students since last spring who bring great personal character that is in alignment with our shared values and a strong work ethic to our school. We have new staff who came from 10 different states and one who even spent the last few years teaching in another country.
- Innovation focus on computer science/coding integration, all staff have received initial professional development in this with ongoing opportunities available to grow in this area. Computer science needs are on the rise in this area and abroad, we will be teaching skills that apply to many future jobs creating great opportunities for our students.
- Staff focused on human growth & character development of students utilizing Responsive Classroom techniques. RC will build staff and student relationships through teaching positive social-emotional skills. It also teaches appropriate use of language to maximize efficiency and relationship building in a way that is clear, authentic, and positive. It uses 6 principles to guide this approach:
 1. Teaching social and emotional skills is as important as teaching academic content.
 2. How we teach is as important as what we teach.
 3. Great cognitive growth occurs through social interaction.
 4. How we work together as adults to create a safe, joyful, and inclusive school environment is as important as our individual contribution or competence.
 5. What we know about our students-individually, culturally, developmentally-informs our expectations, reactions and attitudes about those students.
 6. Partnering with families-knowing them and valuing their contributions- is as important as knowing the children we teach.
- Teachers with high instructional and management capacities. Our initial focus is on the academic growth, character and relationship building utilizing RC techniques, and computer science integration. We will have high expectations, be supportive, and be intentional about how we interact with students.

Please view your child's handbook information to further clarify expectations at our school. It is posted online on our website under information and student information, students (grades 3 and up) are also given a printed copy. Our website is a great location to search for many questions you may have about GMS. Also, remember to keep your contact information updated in Infinite Campus if we need to contact you. - Mr. Pohl, Principal / Ms. Keri Lindaman, Secondary VP / Ms. Ursula Reese, Elementary VP

From the Front Office

Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school please contact the front office *as soon as possible* - before 9:00am. If no one answers, or if it is early, you may leave a message and our front office staff will update your child's attendance. Thank You!

Attendance:

(719) 391 - 3471

Front Office:

(719) 391 - 3470

Kindergarten

spotlight



Kindergarten is underway!

Our Mavericks are learning the routines and expectations here at school. They get to travel to a specials class each day, play outside for recess and they are making new connections with their with their peers. They are learning about numbers, letters and correct letter formation. Students are also learning how to utilize the tools in the classroom.

We are excited to see them grow!

Important Dates:

September 1st - Elementary Picture Day

September 7th - NO SCHOOL - Labor Day

September 16th - 1st QTR Midterms

September 18th - NO SCHOOL - PD Day

September 24th - PTO/BAAC Meeting

This calendar is subject to change

2020 September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Elementary Picture Day	2	3	4	5
6	7 No School (Labor Day)	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	1 st QTR Midterms	16	17	18 No School (PD Day)
20	21	22	23	24 BAAC/PTO Meeting	25	26
27	28	29	30			