



# GRAND MOUNTAIN Mavericks

The Maverick Mission School Newsletter

## Principal's

## message

### 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](mailto:tafoyabakera@wsd3.org)

**Breakfast Entry: 7:20**  
**1st Bell Entry: 7:35**  
**Tardy Bell: 7:45**  
**K - 5 Dismissal: 2:45**  
**\*6 - 8 Dismissal: 1:27**  
**\*hybrid schedule**



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

**Welcome to Grand Mountain School! Thank you parents, students, and staff for making GMS a **GRAND** place to be!**

I can't say enough how grateful I am that we are now seeing all students in the building. Elementary students are here daily and grades 6-8 are here part of each week within the current hybrid schedule. We continue to do all we can to maintain student and staff health and safety amid COVID circumstances that are out of our control, while simultaneously doing the things within our control, by wearing masks, washing our hands, and physically distancing while maintaining cohorting procedures to maintain student presence here at school as best we can. This has all lead to many new systems, procedures, and schedule changes to be put into place as we work to maintain the best education possible for students, in this vein, many great things continue to occur at GMS each day. Students continue to learn to read, write, and do math, they apply this knowledge via both in-person and online means. They are learning how to best access their education via traditional in-person and newer blended and online Learning methods, through this challenge teachers and students are creating blended learning styles that promote the best of both learning platforms to reach students in multiple ways to ensure understanding and teach new concepts. As we continue to grow in new ways it is great to see the many new ways staff support students and students support each other.



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## Maverick:

(noun) /mav-rik/

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

Synonyms: individualist, free spirit, original, trendsetter.

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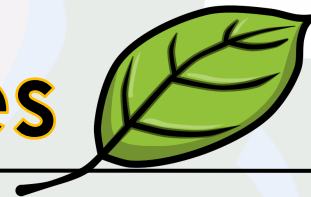
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We continue to have morning meetings to build social-emotional skills utilizing Responsive Classroom and utilize advisory time at grades 6-8 to teach R-Factor decision making skills to help our young adults become better problem solvers and approach things from a discipline-driven mindset.

**DECEMBER 7TH WE WILL NOT HAVE SCHOOL DUE TO STAFF TRAINING.** Staff will begin to learn more about developing our culturally responsive mindset. This first training will focus on self-awareness related to potential unconscious bias and developing better understanding through courageous conversations related to difficult subjects. 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

## PTO Updates



**THE PTO FUND RUN WILL BE MOVED TO SECOND SEMESTER AT THIS TIME.**

**SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR FOOD TRUCK INFORMATION THIS MONTH!**



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# PTO UPDATES

JOIN US FOR

# FOOD TRUCK NIGHT



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH 4:00 - 7:30

SMOKIN' J'S BBQ, TITO'S BURRITOS & WAFFEE

Grand Mountain School Parking Lot  
A portion of the sales will go to GMS PTO

Made with PosterMyWall.com

## School Store



Coming soon! GMS online spirit shop will be open in November. Hoodies, long and short sleeved t-shirts will be available for purchase. We will also have GMS gear (22 oz water bottles, car magnets and Grand Mountain lanyards) available for purchase via [wsd3](http://wsd3) website in the next couple of weeks! Keep checking the "news" section of our website for updates!

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# School News



*Spirit Days!!!  
Wednesdays and Fridays!!!*

*Our spirit days are every  
Wednesday and Friday!!!  
Wear MAVERICK colors or  
GMS MERCH!!!*

The GMS Student Council is sponsoring a food drive for Thanksgiving. Donations will support our own GMS families in need, as well as other WSD3 schools' families.

Please consider helping us as we work to encourage and serve our community.

The food drive runs from 10/26 to 11/13. Please make sure you bring only canned or boxed food.



**SCHOOL-WIDE GOAL: 1000 ITEMS!**

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# 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. YOU MAY

ALSO SEND AN EMAIL AT

[tafoyabakera@wsd3.org](mailto:tafoyabakera@wsd3.org)

# THANK YOU!

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School Hours (Junior High): 7:45 - 1:27

Breakfast Entry: 7:20

# Counselor Corner

Parents and guardians,

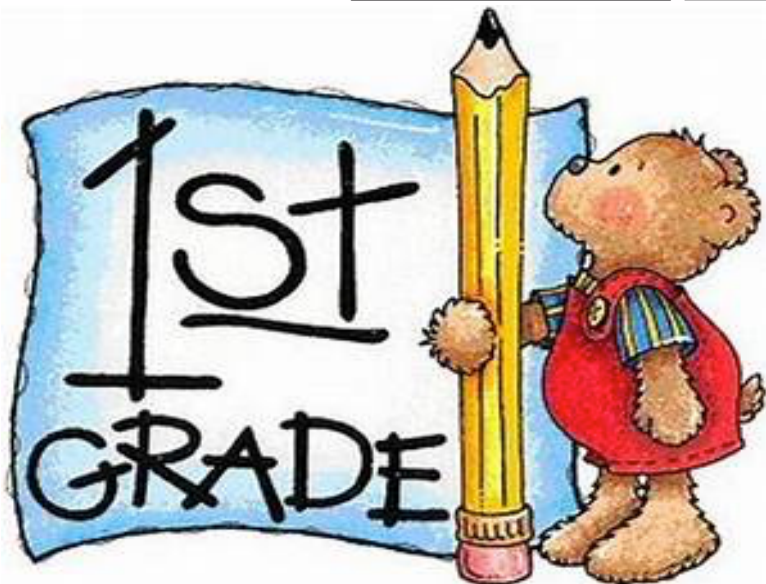
The holidays are quickly approaching and we want to be available to help! Every year several organizations in the Widefield and Colorado Springs community offer a variety of ways to make the holidays special for our families who are in need of a little extra assistance. If you are anticipating needing food baskets, holiday gifts, and/or winter clothing/shoes for your students, please reach out to Tiana DeSimon at 391-3494 or [desimontiana@wsd3.org](mailto:desimontiana@wsd3.org).

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Reading: How do animals' bodies help them?

Science: Natural disasters

Social Studies: Leaders and their roles/responsibilities - Intro to local, state and US government

Coding: Sequencing using directional block coding

SEL: Zones of Regulation

➤ HIGHLIGHTS ➔

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# The Book Fair

JOIN US *today!*



for our virtual  
Scholastic Book Fair  
November 10<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

*Scan* the QR code or visit:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/grandmountainschool>



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# Publication & Design

## yearbook info



Our Publication and Design class is hosting a Custom Cover Design Contest for all K-8 students. Please see the box to the right for further details. Visit our GMS Website at:

<https://grandmountain.wsd3.org/grand-mountain-news/selected-news/~board/grand-mountain-k8/post/2020-2021-yearbook-custom-cover-competition>

or scan the QR code to be taken to the post and download the PDF:



Return any submissions to Ms. Selke's box by **NOVEMBER 20TH.**

Order your yearbook today at [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com)

Encarga hoy tu anuario

**Order Deadline:**  
Fecha Tope Para el Pedido:  
December 31, 2020

**Yearbook ID Code:**  
Código ID del anuario:  
14276221

**School Name:**  
Nombre de escuela:  
Grand Mountain K8

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2020-2021 GRAND MOUNTAIN **YEARBOOK**



**COVER DESIGN CONTEST**



Entries due by November 20th.

We are looking for all Elementary and Junior High Mavericks to enter their artwork in our Yearbook Cover Contest. One student will be selected to be displayed on the front cover. Those entries not selected for the cover will be displayed as Honorable Mention inside the yearbook.

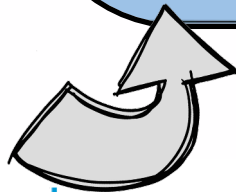
Submit art on:  
8.5x11 sheet of white paper.  
Vertical orientation.



All entries must include:  
Reference to our theme: Decades.  
Our school colors: blue, green, gray, black, and white.  
The year: 2020-2021

Tips for a good entry:  
Not a lot of white space - lots of color including the background.  
Mix up your medium - you can use anything! - crayon, paints, markers, oil pastels, etc.  
Use up the whole sheet of paper - the bigger the better.

Questions? Email [selkedanielle@wsd3.org](mailto:selkedanielle@wsd3.org)





# Color Me!

Submit your designs to [smithburgerc@wsd3.org](mailto:smithburgerc@wsd3.org)

to be featured on our GMS Website!

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

By November 20<sup>th</sup>!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



**I AM MOST THANKFUL FOR**

thanksgiving

# Word Search



Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

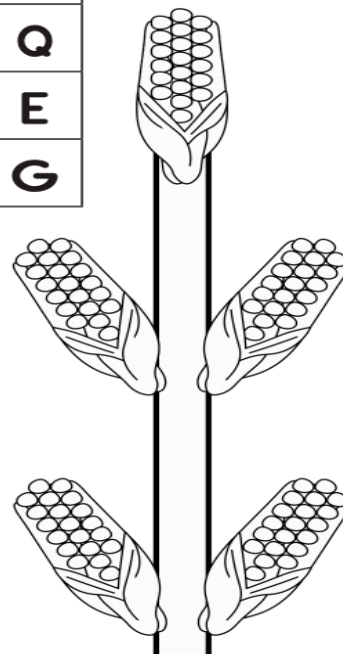
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**WORD LIST:**

APPLES  
 BONFIRE  
 FAMILY  
 FUN  
 HARVEST

LEAVES  
 PARADES  
 PUMPKIN  
 SMORES  
 THANKSGIVING

TURKEY  
 VACATION



# CONGRATS!

# NJHS Inductees



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# NJHS Inductees 2020

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Grand Mountain's first ever members of the **NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY!**

Students were recommended by their teachers and invited to membership based on the qualities of scholarship (3.75 cumulative GPA or higher), service, leadership, character, and citizenship.

These students would have been inducted last year, however, school closures due to COVID-19 caused the Induction ceremony to be delayed.

The following students were inducted virtually in ceremonies on September 24th and October 6th:

#### 7th Grade:

- Zachary Agurkis
- Ava Archuletta
- Braelynn Clark
- Delia Dozier
- Jaxon LeFree
- Olivia McCutchen
- Ileana Nistor
- Storie Taylor-Wilson
- Brooklyn Vowels
- Devin Willson

#### 8th Grade:

- Zander Iwanski
- Adriana Palmares
- Elijah Spencer
- Samara Whitus

#### 9th Grade:

- Bryan Benavides
- Divine Okoro

**WAY**  
— To —  
**GO**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL NEW MEMBERS!**

We can't wait for an amazing first year with you!

~Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Joerger

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# Important Dates:

October 26<sup>th</sup> - November 13<sup>th</sup> - Food Drive  
 November 10<sup>th</sup> - November 23<sup>rd</sup> - Virtual Book Fair  
 November 11<sup>th</sup> - NO SCHOOL - PD Day  
 November 12<sup>th</sup> - Midterms go home  
 November 13<sup>th</sup> - World Kindness Day  
 November 17<sup>th</sup> - Food Truck Night! 4:00pm - 6:30pm  
 November 19<sup>th</sup> - BAAC Meeting - 4:30-5:30  
 November 19<sup>th</sup> - PTO Meeting - 5:30-6:30  
 November 23<sup>rd</sup> - November 27<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Break  
 November 26<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving


This calendar is subject to change

For information on blue/green days for secondary students, please visit:

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



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	FOOD DRIVE					
8	9	10	No School	11	Midterms go home	12
	VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR					
	FOOD DRIVE					
15	16	Food Truck Night!	17	18	BAAC & PTO Meetings	19
	VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR					
22	Last day of the book fair!	23	24	25	Thanksgiving	26
	THANKSGIVING BREAK					
29	30					
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