



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

Breakfast Entry: 7:20
1st Bell Entry: 7:35
Tardy Bell: 7:45
K - 5 Dismissal: 2:45
***3rd-5th Distance Learning**
***6 - 8 Dismissal: 1:27**
***Distance Learning**



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

Welcome to Grand Mountain School!

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. COVID continues to create new circumstances that we are doing our best to adapt to as we create the best learning environment we can under the scenario current circumstances dictate. I am thankful for the staff, students, and parents within our GMS community as we all continue to work through this challenging time we are in. I cannot repeat enough how I value the essential people and work we continue to complete amid these challenging times. **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.

The PTO Fund Run will be moved to second semester at this time.

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



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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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

THANK YOU!



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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!!!*

Thanksgiving Food Drive Update!

Student Council extends a huge thank you to all students, their families, and staff for contributing to the food drive this year! Our grand total was 577 items of food donated!

WAY TO GO MAVERICKS!!



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

Breakfast Entry: 7:20



Counselor's Corner

Hello Maverick Families,

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.

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“No act of kindness,
however small, is
ever wasted.”

-Aesop

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3rd GRADE

Highlights

We are finishing our Module 4 of our HMH reading curriculum *Stories on Stage* and soon starting Module 5 *Teamwork*. We loved acting our plays, tall tales, and Italian fables. We enjoy showing off our reading comprehension weekly when we complete our Thoughtful Responses. In math we are mastering our multiplication facts and will soon use our multiplication facts to help us solve for an area of an object. In Computer Science we are working on Code.org lessons, working on our typing skills in TypingClub, and working on projects in Scratch. We have become smarter scientists by learning the scientific method and have even worked on simple machines to create parachutes! In Social Studies we have learned about the English, Spanish, and French early explorers...
Wow they sailed a long way!

(Pictures of Mrs. Garcia's students making parachutes)



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Publication & Design

yearbook info



DEADLINE
EXTENDED

Our Publication and Design class is hosting a Custom Cover Design Contest for all K-8 students. The deadline has been EXTENDED!

Contest!

Return any submissions to
Ms. Selke's box by

DECEMBER 11TH!

SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR MORE DETAILS!

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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. Or complete it digitally!
Use up the whole sheet of paper - the bigger the better.

Questions? Email selkedanielle@wsd3.org

Entries due by ~~November 20th~~. EXTENDED: DECEMBER 11th.

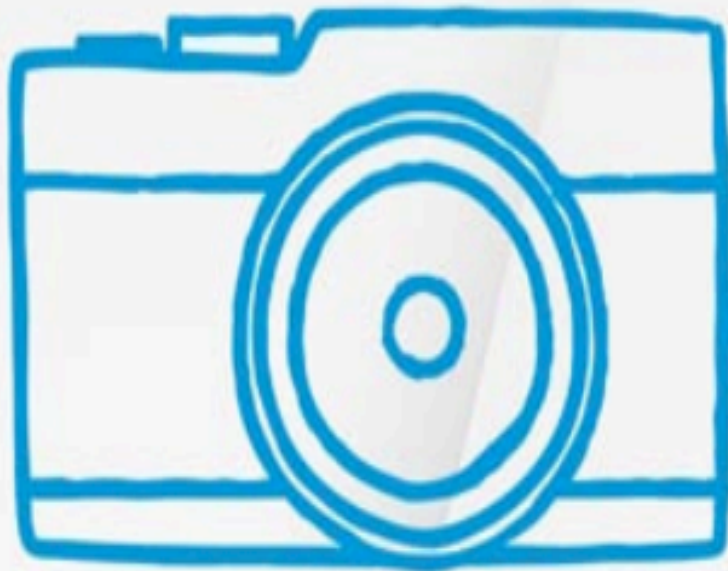
Attach this form (filled out) or another sheet of paper with this information to the drawing and return to your classroom or advisory teacher. Email Ms. Selke for submission details if staying at home.

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Teacher: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone #: _____

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK!



Cherish Every Memory

Celebrate this history-making year
with a yearbook today on YBPay.com
using our unique school code.

Yearbook ID Code: 14276221

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

Lifetouch

Color Me!

Submit your designs to smithburgerc@wsd3.org

to be featured on our GMS Website!

Grade: _____

By December 17th!

Name: _____



This calendar is subject to change

Important Dates:

- December 7th - NO SCHOOL - PD Day
- December 11th - Yearbook Design Contest Deadline
- December 14th - 18th - Christmas Spirit Week
- December 17th - PTO Meeting at 5:30-6:30
- December 18th - 2nd Quarter Ends
- December 21st - January 5th - Winter Break

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

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



December 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Professional Development Day No School	8	9	10	11 Yearbook design contest deadline	12
13	14	15	16	17 PTO Meeting	18 2 nd QTR Ends	19
CHRISTMAS SPIRIT Week						
20	21	22	23	24	25 Merry CHRISTMAS to you	26
WINTER BREAK						
27	28	29	30	31	HAPPY New Year 2021	** Students Return on Wednesday, January 6 th , 2021 **
WINTER BREAK						