



GRAND MOUNTAIN Mavericks

The Maverick Mission School Newsletter

Principal's message

School Hours & Office Contact

Office:
(719) 391 - 3470
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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 In-Person Learning**
***6 - 8 Dismissal: 1:27**
***Hybrid Learning Schedule**



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

Welcome to Grand Mountain School!

Welcome to Grand Mountain School! Welcome back to second semester and the start of the new year in 2021. I think it is safe to say we are all glad to see the year 2020 in the rear-view mirror and looking forward to a much brighter and better 2021, especially with the new COVID vaccines beginning their rollout and thus the anticipated return to greater normalcy over time. I hope 2021 meets our expectations.

You will continue to notice progress on a modular unit that is being placed on the east end of the building for use next school year as our continued growth has warranted. These modular units have been delivered and will be constructed in place soon, now that the excavation work and pre-plumbing/pre-wiring, etcetera have been completed. The units should be ready by the month of April for use next school year. There will be 8 classrooms and restrooms in the modular unit.

Our continued growth as housing continues to be built around the school is exciting to see as we add new staff to teach the new students who join us on a consistent basis. We have added additional WSD3 teachers that came to us through the decrease in enrollment at D3 My Way to our 2nd and 5th grades in order to lower the student-teacher ratio at those grades at GMS.

Additionally, the boundaries for GMS have been re-drawn for next school year and the families affected by this have been notified by the district. This includes those families south of Lorson Boulevard and into Peaceful Valley Subdivision.

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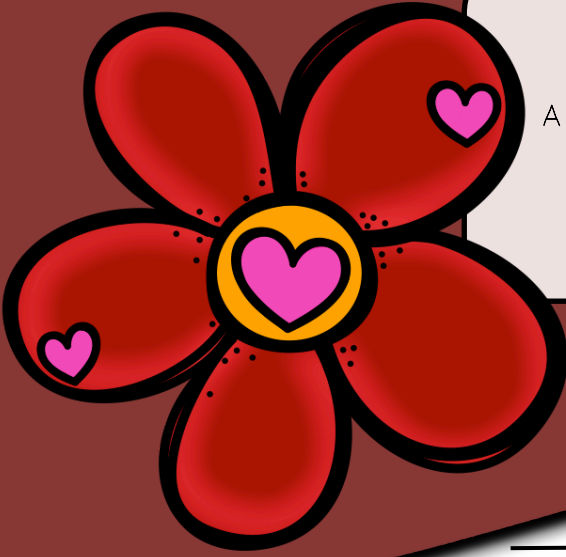
Visit our GMS website!
Scan the QR Code or visit:

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




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"A SCHOOL FOR THE MIND; A HOME FOR THE HEART."



Maverick:

(noun) /mav-rik/

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

Synonyms: individualist, free spirit, original, trendsetter.

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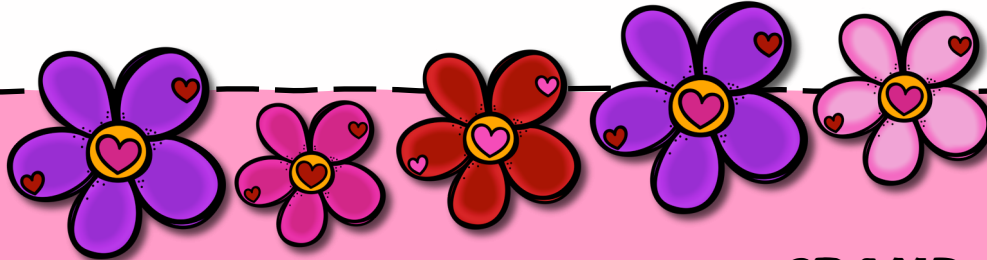
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These families do have the possibility to choice enroll back into GMS depending upon the grade level of their child although there is no guarantee of re-admittance, otherwise, their new home school will become Webster Elementary or Janitell Junior High. We have outpaced the planning process based upon historical growth due to the many homes being built around the school necessitating this immediate change to school boundaries. If you have questions about this contact WSD3 Central Administration Office at (719) 391-3007.

I hope you all enjoyed a great holiday break and were able to maintain the health and safety of all. This has been an unusual year so far with COVID dictating much of the way we do things. I look forward to a hopeful return to a greater degree of normalcy as we enter 2021 and vaccines continue to be distributed. Despite any vaccine we must continue to be safe and promote healthy habits by wearing masks, washing hands, and physically distancing to reduce the impact of COVID on our school and potential quarantine situations that arise from transmission of the virus, which hopefully occurs in reduced percentages as spring arrives and the vaccine helps as intended.

We are beginning the process of planning for our spring fund raising event with more information to come!



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

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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 TO

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!!!*



Valentine's Day Guidelines For Elementary Students

Students can bring in cards to exchange. Cards must be brought in a sack/envelope into the classroom to quarantine by Monday, February 8. Unfortunately, there will be NO TREATS OR EXCHANGING OF GIFTS. Students can bring in their OWN snacks/holiday treats for a class party. Students are not allowed to exchange food.

Happy February!

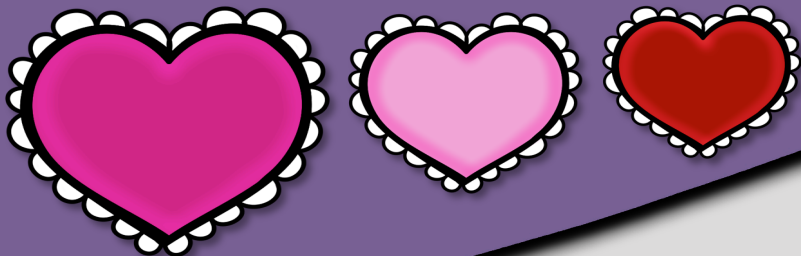
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School Hours (Elementary): 7:45 - 2:45

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

Breakfast Entry: 7:20



Counselor's Corner

Hello Maverick Families,

The counseling center hopes that the Grand Mountain community had a very happy holiday season and New Year! Please utilize the following Google Site if you need information on community resources. You may access it at:

<https://sites.google.com/wsd3.org/gms-school-counseling/home>

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I 'heart' you just the way you are. Stay cool!



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ELA Department

highlights

6TH GRADE

Sixth graders are starting to work on non-fiction text in Unit 3 - Modern Technology. Students are gearing up to answer the Essential Question: "How is modern technology helpful and harmful to society?". We will be analyzing argumentative text as well as writing some of our own.

Seventh graders are grappling with the Essential Question in Unit 5- Facing Adversity: "How do we overcome obstacles?" reading informational texts and will craft their own informative essays. The same question will be examined as we begin reading our novel *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred D. Taylor and relate the text events to what's happening in the world today.

7TH GRADE

8TH GRADE

Eighth graders are currently studying Unit 3 – What Matters. We are focusing on the Essential Question: "When is it important to take a stand?" In this unit we will practice analyzing persuasive arguments and crafting some of our own. Students are also reading *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton. "Stay gold, Ponyboy!"

As a department, we would like to thank the Grand Mountain community for all of their support this year as we have transitioned between distance learning and the hybrid schedule. Your flexibility and your willingness to partner with us in making this year the best it can be is invaluable. Go Mavericks!

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Color Me!

Submit your designs to smithburgerc@wsd3.org

to be featured on our GMS Website!

Grade: _____

By February 19th!

Name: _____

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♡ Happy Valentine's Day! ♡
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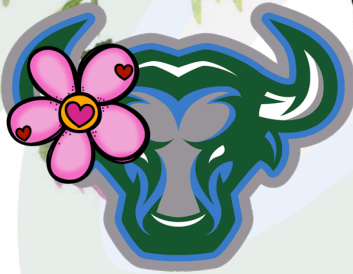
Important Dates:

- February 1st - 5th - National School Counselor's Week
- February 5th - NO SCHOOL - PD Day
- February 12 - NO SCHOOL - GMS INNOVATION DAY
- February 10th - 3rd QTR Midterms Sent Home
- February 14th - Valentine's Day
- February 15th - NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day
- February 15th - 19th - Random Acts of Kindness Week
- February 25th - Virtual BAAC Meeting at 4:30-5:30pm

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 NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day	6
	National School Counselor's Week					
7	8	9	10 3 rd QTR Midterms Sent Home	11	12 NO SCHOOL - GMS Innovation Day	13
14 Happy Valentine's Day	15 PRESIDENTS' DAY NO SCHOOL	16	17	18	19	20 Kindness is Magic
	RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS Week					
21	22	23	24	25 (Virtual) BAAC Meeting	26	27
28	<p>"If you judge people, you have no time to love them" - Mother Teresa</p>					