

# GRAND MOUNTAIN *Mavericks*

## 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: 3:05**  
**\*Junior High students are back in the building!**



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

## Welcome to Grand Mountain School!

As we continue to grow, change, and evolve here at GMS we will add additional staffing this summer as dictated by our increasing student population as housing continues to be built around the school with additional staff for next fall. Having redrawn the boundaries for next year and having added the modular unit this spring I am hopeful we will have enough space into the foreseeable future. We just learned at the March BOE Meeting that we will have a new administrator joining us next year as well to help balance our growing needs here at school. Jen Bonds will be coming to us from Webster Elementary, where she has a long history, to act as a co-principal and she will work primarily with elementary concerns in primary and intermediate grades. Our administrative team will continue to be all hands on deck as we work together as we all help in every facet of our operations, but you will see Mrs. Bonds here next August in this new capacity. Please give her a warm Grand Mountain welcome!

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



[HTTPS://9GRANDMOUNTAIN.WSD3.ORG/9GRAND-MOUNTAIN-NEWS](https://9grandmountain.wsd3.org/9grand-mountain-news)

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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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***(Continued)***

We participated in the district speech GMS placed in the event getting competition. We also

contest and one student from third place at the third grade participated in the elementary coding competition, our students will receive medals for their work, which included presenting an app design they created entitled "Find a Friend." They created this in Scratch and then wrote code for an Arduino using lights

that blinked in different patterns, which the judges were impressed with. ***\*See photos on the next page***

*Due to Covid constraints we opted against the possibility of doing a virtual fund raiser this spring and are going to plan the fund run, "Maverick Stampede," we began planning last spring and will do this next fall. Thank you for your support of this event coming in the fall.*

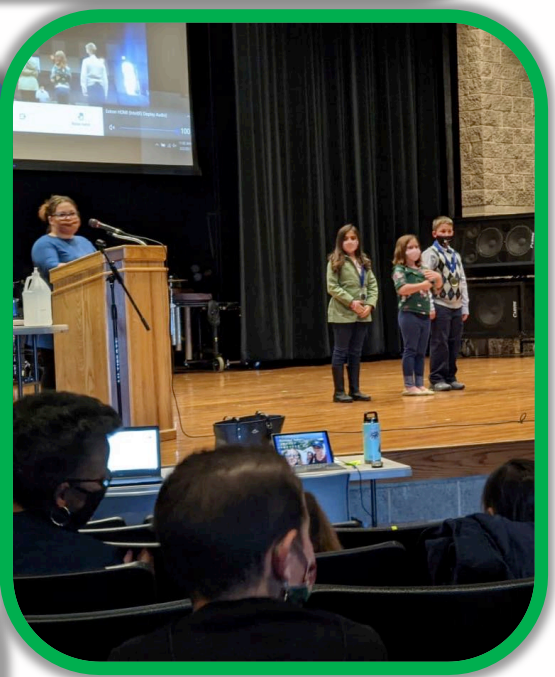
**Thank you, parents, students,  
and staff  
for making GMS a GRAND  
place to be!**

- Mr. Pohl, Principal
- Ms. Keri Lindaman, Secondary VP
- Ms. Ursula Reese, Elementary VP

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**A HUGE Thank  
you and  
congratulations to  
our Speech  
Competition and  
Coding Club  
participants!**


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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. Thanks!

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**Front Office:**  
(719) 391 - 3470

\*Mrs. Tafoya-Baker, from the front office, sliming Ms. George, our Elementary PE teacher, for the Heart Heroes Fundraiser!

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# counseling Corner



Do you read to your children regularly? Children love to be read to, and there are so many benefits!

## Did you know?

- By Kindergarten, children should be on their way to learning 4,000 words!
- Kids who read at least 20 minutes a day are exposed to 1.8 million words a year!

## Here are 9 benefits of reading to your children regularly:

1. Reading increases creativity and imagination.
2. Reading together builds strong family bonds.
3. Reading expands a child's vocabulary.
4. Reading opens minds to new and diverse people, places, and situations.
5. Reading is fun and helps children relax.
6. Reading promotes and enhances critical thinking skills.
7. Reading teaches children about the complex world we live in.
8. Reading promotes positive communication in families.
9. Reading helps build character.

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# SOURCES OF STRENGTH

I ♥ EARTH

# Grand Mountain's Sources of *strength*

The mission of Sources of Strength is to increase help seeking behaviors and promote connections between peers and caring adults. Sources of Strength moves beyond a singular focus on risk factors by utilizing an upstream approach. This upstream model strengthens multiple sources of support (protective factors) around young individuals so that when times get hard, they have strengths to rely on. Grand Mountain middle school has spent the spring semester doing fun activities based on the Source's wheel. In the fall of 2021, we will be adding a select group of youth leaders to help promote the Sources of Strength mission!

More information to come!

Check out our Instagram @  
[gms\\_mavericks](#)

*April*

## What lifts your spirits?

Make a class music playlist of all the songs that  
make you happy! and practice

*mindful*  
meditation



**SOURCES  
OF STRENGTH**

Questions? Reach out to Ms. Moore in the counseling center!

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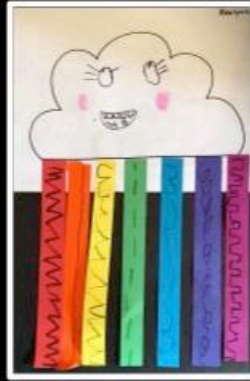
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# School News



DALZANIQUE LAURY, 8TH SPROUL



RAEYNN D., KINDERGARTEN WIDEFIELD EL.



MICHAELA ROWE, 8TH SPROUL

## WSD3

District Art  
Showcase-  
Online

Save the Date  
April 26, 2021



Website goes live on April 26, 2021  
♦Online Only♦  
Website link will be provided at a later date.

Scan the QR code to be taken to our  
PTO FB page or find us at Grand  
Mountain Families



To keep up to date with all PTO  
happenings please like Grand  
Mountain Families page on  
Facebook.



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

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

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# School News



## Ms. George gets SLIMED!

Thank you to all our Heart Hero participants who donated and/or received donations!







Be sure to continue to practice ways to keep a healthy heart!  
For more photos of this event, check out our website at:

<https://grandmountain.wsd3.org/grand-mountain-news/selected-news/~board/grand-mountain-k8/post/ms-george-gets-slimed-heartheroes>



\*see calendar for dates

## Upcoming Events

-  CMAS State Testing  Earth Day
-  District Art Showcase  SOS PJ Day
-  April Day  Family Night at Papa John's
-  PTO + BAAC Meetings

Junior high students are back in the building Tuesday - Friday! Check out the news section of our website for details and updates!



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# YEARBOOK SALES "TRACTOR"

[Ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://Ybpay.lifetouch.com)

Yearbook ID Code: 14276221

Yearbook Price: \$30



21%

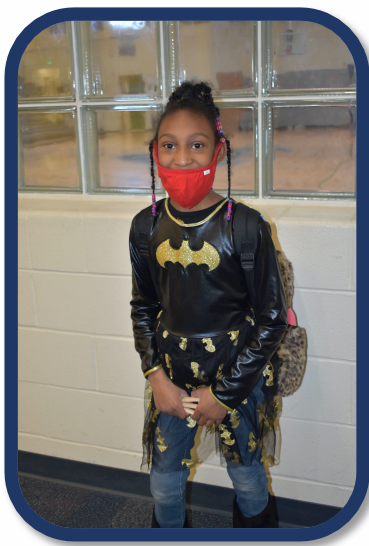
HELP US MEET OUR GOAL.  
BUY YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!

-YOUR MAVERICK YEARBOOK STAFF



# Superhero Day!

From March 19th



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# Color Me!

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

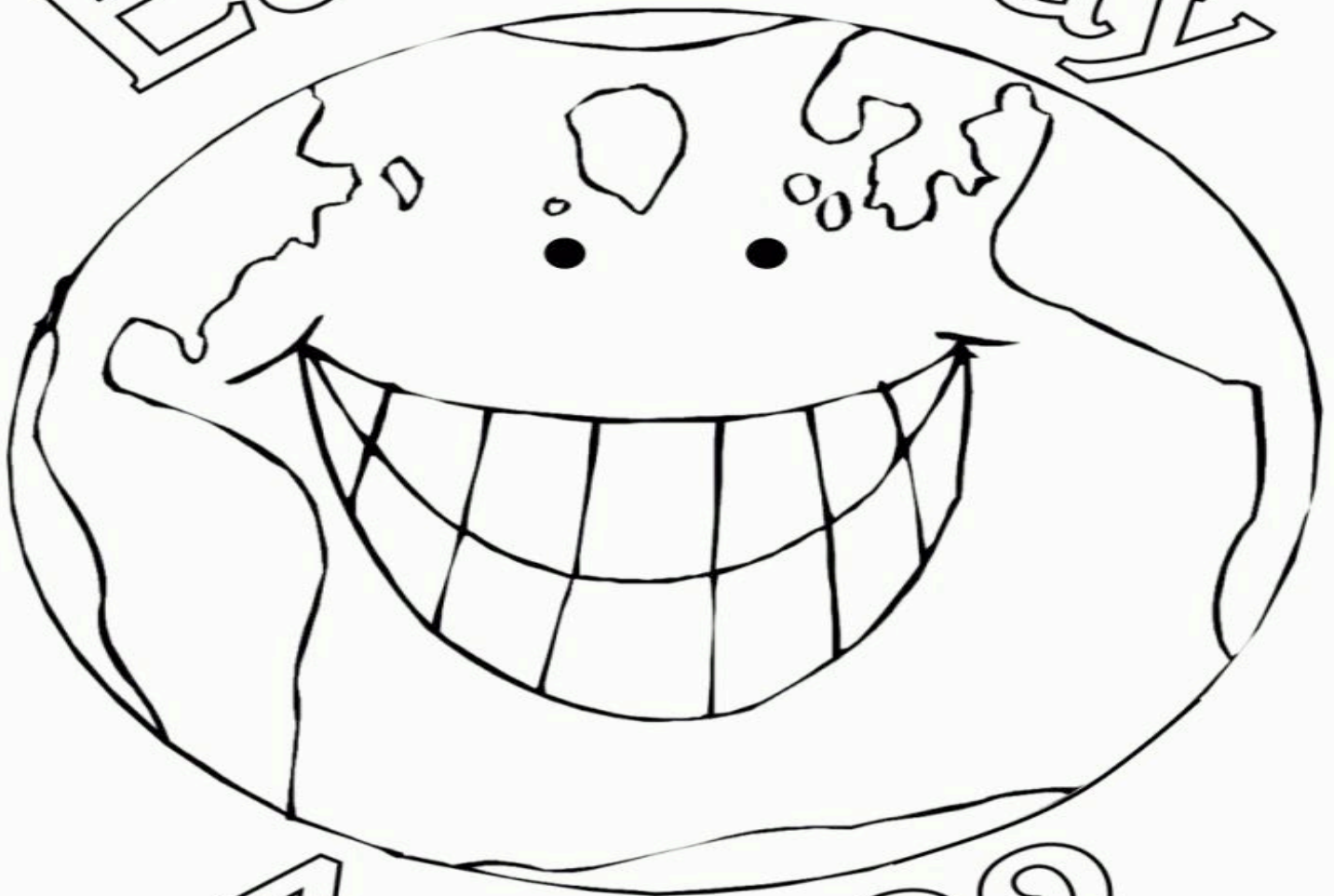
to be featured on our GMS Website!

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

By April 16<sup>th</sup>!

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

Earth Day



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# Important Dates:

CMAS Testing Begins this month!  
 April 4<sup>th</sup> - Easter  
 April 9<sup>th</sup> - Sources of Strength PJ Day  
 April 14<sup>th</sup> - Midterms sent home  
 April 22<sup>nd</sup> - Earth Day  
 April 22<sup>nd</sup> - Family Night at Papa John's!  
 April 23<sup>rd</sup> - April Day - NO SCHOOL  
 April 26<sup>th</sup> - District Art Showcase \*virtual  
 April 29<sup>th</sup> - BAAC Meeting @ 4:30pm  
 April 29<sup>th</sup> - PTO Meeting @ 5:30pm

This calendar is subject to change

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

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

For school updates please visit:

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



# April 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	CMAS Testing Begins!			1	2	3
4 Easter 	5	6	7	8	SOS Pajama Day 	10
11	12	13	Midterms sent home 14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	Family Night 	23 No School (April Day)	24
25	26 Art Showcase (virtual)	27	28	29 PTO + BAAC Meeting	30	