



# Life at Kent Denver's Middle School

## Electives

Every middle schooler chooses one elective per semester to explore an area of interest outside of the normal classes. Electives meet twice a week. Some examples of what middle schoolers are enjoying this year:

- Crazy4Crochet
- Creative Writing
- Games! Games! Games!
- Gardening
- Geobaseball
- Homemade Wellness
- Journalism
- Innovation Scholars
- MSSLC - Middle School Student Leadership Council
- Minecraft
- REEFS (marine science and SCUBA certification, levels I and II)
- Short Film Making
- Speech and Debate
- Traveling Sun Devils - Thailand
- Ukulele Building
- Vocal Arts
- Web Design



## Trips

At the beginning and end of each year of middle school, students and faculty build relationships, reconnect, and celebrate all they have accomplished through multi-day trips.

These trips together - without parents, classrooms, or technology - create opportunities to build trust, meet new challenges, and strengthen their sense of belonging within their KDS community.

### 6TH GRADE

#### FALL

Two days in an on-campus experience

#### SPRING

Three days in Deckers

### 7TH GRADE

#### FALL

Two days in Granby

#### SPRING

Three days in Estes Park

### 8TH GRADE

#### FALL

Two days in Granby

#### SPRING

Four days in Moab, Utah



## Athletics

Everyone is a part of the team (we group by grade in middle school, not ability) and there are many options for many interests!

### FALL

Cross Country (coed)  
Field Hockey (girls)  
Football (boys)  
PE  
Boys' Soccer  
Strength & Performance  
Tennis (coed)  
Volleyball (girls)  
Yoga

### WINTER

Boys' Basketball  
Girls' Basketball  
Middle School One Acts  
Outdoor Ed  
PE  
Robotics  
Rock Climbing  
Strength & Performance  
Yoga

### SPRING

Baseball (boys)  
Boys' Lacrosse  
Girls' Lacrosse  
PE  
Girls' Soccer  
Strength & Performance  
Track & Field (coed)  
Yoga



## Interim

In March, all middle schoolers sign up for a two-day mini-course called "Interim," where faculty offer a variety of non-traditional, in-depth learning experiences. Past offerings have included painting and pottery, a Denver-based "Amazing Race," candy making, Harry Potter Mania, Haunted Colorado, overnight trip to Snow Mountain Ranch, and a trip to Washington, D.C.



## Semester-long Grade Competitions

The deans, Mr. Ballantyne and Ms. Stokes, stage multiple competitions throughout each semester for students to win points for their grade, culminating in a big prize! Ask a current student about weekly Minute-to-Win-It Competitions, the Snowflake Challenge, or the Halloween Contest.

## Lunch

Kent Denver's lunch is the best, including three hot entrees, extensive and colorful salad and soup bars, scratch-made breads and pizza crusts, locally sourced ingredients, and dessert everyday.

## Community Spirit First Day of School

Kent Denver's seniors start the year off right by dressing up in crazy costumes, lining the driveway, and cheering wildly as everyone arrives on campus for a new year. Here at Kent Denver, school is something we celebrate!

