

THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

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Dear Orchard Mesa Families,

We are excited to begin the month of October at Orchard Mesa Middle School. Students and teachers are now well into the groove of teaching and learning and good things are happening throughout our school and beyond the school walls. For example, in late September and early October we will have had over 100 of our students attend the Outdoor Wilderness Lab (OWL) Program in Gateway and go on a Challenge Program overnight trip near Canyonlands and the Moab area. These excursions provide students opportunities to apply learning and build important collaboration and leadership skills in ways that go beyond the learning of a traditional school day. We are thrilled that our Knights have these experiences because of the hard work of great staff like our OWL lead teacher, Sam Meier, and our Challenge Facilitator, Tina Sleigh.

Other great things that are happening in the OMMS Kingdom include our fall athletics and some of our great extracurricular opportunities. Our girls led out in athletics with 7th and 8th grade volleyball and several of the teams made the playoffs. Well done Knights! Stay tuned for the boy's basketball season that is about to get underway. We also have Lego League Robotics in full swing with 30 students spread across three teams. Students had to apply to be a part of this after school club that takes place on Wednesdays. We want to thank our PTA for their generous donations that allowed us to purchase additional robotics kits and resources that were needed to add our second and third teams. Finally, our academic and enrichment afterschool program, which is supported by Riverside Education Center (REC) is posting the highest participation in its history with an average of 50 students attending daily! This extension to the school day benefits students through providing access to academic support, positive social interactions, and physical exercise opportunities. Thanks for being such great partners REC! Please consider having your child participate in this program.

Finally, I want to end by looking ahead as we close out our first quarter. Please note that during the first two weeks of October students will be participating in district wide Interim Assessments in the four core content areas of English Language Arts (ELA), Math, Social Studies, and Science. These assessments provide students an opportunity to show if they are mastering essential skills for their grade level and content area. Interim Assessments are carefully analyzed by teachers as a way to inform their planning and support for students. We ask students to give their best effort and show what they know, so we can plan to meet them with the right next step. Please partner with us in encouraging your student to give a strong effort on these assessments and in each daily lesson. Similarly, as we approach the end of the quarter it is a time to bring closure to academic tasks, to get all work submitted and revised, and to engage in celebrations of learning as a whole school. If our students maintain a daily positive attitude and strong effort, then we will finish this quarter well.

Thank you for your investment in your child's education. Continue reading below for essential information on a few important topics. As always, you can also reach out to our front office, school administrators, or your child's Advisor with questions. We look forward to another great month in the OMMS kingdom!

Go Knights!

Respectfully,

Danny
Dr. Danny Medved
Principal

OCTOBER 2023 - VOLUME 2

UPCOMING EVENTS

10/5 8th Grade Choir
Concert
@ CHS

10/5 Challenge Forward
Visioning Session

10/10 Choir/Orchestra
Concert
7pm

10/11 End of 1st
Quarter

10/12 NO SCHOOL
Teacher Work Day
Rock-a-Thon
OMMS Gym
9am -3pm

10/16 NO SCHOOL
Teacher Comp Day

10/23 6th Grade
Band Showcase
6pm

10/25 7th/8th grade
Jazz Band Concert
6pm

10/13 NO SCHOOL
Teacher In-service



Mrs. Bloxham would like photos from sporting events, school activities, concerts, and field trips to add to the yearbook.

Parents and students, if you are at an event and are able to get pictures, please send them to sarah.bloxham@d51schools.org and indicate the event.

Athletics

Boy's Basketball

10/18 8th grade @ Mount Garfield
7th @ OMMS

10/24 7th grade @ Grand Mesa
8th grade @ OMMS

10/26 8th grade @ Fruita 8/9
7th @ OMMS

11/1 7th grade @ Redlands
8th grade @ OMMS

11/2 7th grade @ West
8th grade @ OMMS

ORCHARD MESA SPIRIT WEEK



MONDAY, OCTOBER 2ND
MIXED IT UP MONDAY!

TEACHERS DRESS LIKE STUDENTS,
STUDENTS DRESS LIKE TEACHERS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3RD
TOTALLY OM TUESDAY!

WEAR OUR SCHOOL COLORS

BLUE, GOLD, WHITE

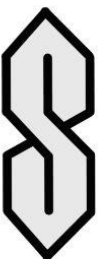


WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH
WESTERN WESNESDAY!

WEAR YOUR WESTERN GEAR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5TH
THROWBACK THURSDAY

WEAR CLOTHES FOR THE DECADES
60s, 70s, 80s, 90s



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6TH
FAVORITE ACTIVITIES FRIDAY



Wear your sports uniforms, gear, or
clothing related to your favorite
pastimes!



Attendance Reminder

All student absences must be called in by 9:00 am. If you aren't able to speak to a secretary then please leave a detailed message. Please include the student's first and last name and specific reason that your child is absent.

Please notify the office within 48 hours of the absence.

Attendance Office number: 970-254-6320 ext: 38100

Thank you.



Student Fees

There is a \$42.00 instructional fee for every student.

The instructional fee covers a portion of the cost of materials that are expendable and consumable and/or items students will retain after the class, such as art supplies, computer and technology supplies, planners, and science lab supplies. Fees can be paid at the Main Office or online at MyPaymentsPlus.com.

Other Student Fees

\$100 instrument fee (Band/Orchestra Students)

\$70 Athletic Participation (If your student is playing a sport 7th and 8th grade only)

\$25 Yearbook (Optional)

Please reach out to Lindsey Wyser -
Lindsey.Wyser@d51schools.org with any questions or concerns regarding student fees.

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GVT Bus Passes

Our partners at Grand Valley Transit will again offer free GVT bus passes for D51 middle (need to verify middle school) and high school students this year. In order for your child to receive a free bus pass, you must first fill out a [form online](#).

Everything you write on the form is completely secure and confidential. The form will be used to determine TANF eligibility, which will help GVT recoup funding and keep the program going. You or your child can pick up the bus pass (which is a sticker for their student ID) from your child's school, any Mesa County public library, GVT Downtown or West Transfer Facility.

<p style="text-align: center;">School</p> <p style="text-align: center;">As a teacher, support staff member, or administrator, we will support the success of learners by:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Parent(s)/Caring Adults</p> <p style="text-align: center;">As a parent/caring adult, I/we will support the success of our learner(s) by:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Learner</p> <p style="text-align: center;">As a learner, I will ensure my success at school by working to:</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Providing a safe learning environment where all children engage in vigorous learning that meets school, state, and district standards, whether instruction is online or face to face. ● Engaging in effective practices and providing multiple learning opportunities that foster learner agency, allow for voice and choice, and meet the needs of all students. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Communicating and collaborating respectfully with families. ● Providing time to share learner progress during conferences as well as by appointment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ensuring my child attends school regularly, is on-time, and is prepared to learn by arriving well rested and are provided a nutritious breakfast and lunch. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Monitoring the amount of time my child spends watching television and playing on gaming devices. ● Reading to/with my child at home. ● Participating in my child's school life through virtual or in-person school activities and conference attendance. ● Communicating and collaborating respectfully with Mesa View staff members. ● Supporting and encouraging my child's learning in all subject areas whether that learning is online or face to face. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Achieve my learning goals through hard work and persistence whether that learning is online or face to face. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be respectful to myself and others and follow HAWKS expectations as well as classroom rules/codes of collaboration. ● Make mindful choices in order to contribute to a safe learning environment. ● Read at home daily and bring homework back to school on-time, completed. ● Bring school information home as it is given to me. ● Make myself proud by doing my very best every day!

-----**Please Return this Section Below to Your Teacher**-----

Orchard Mesa Middle School staff, students, and the parents of the students participating in activities, services and programs funded by Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), agree that this compact outlines how we, as a learning community will share the responsibility for improving the learning of our students as they achieve the state and district's high standards.

Parent/Caretaker Signature

Date

Student Signature



Parent's Right to Know

As a parent of a student at Orchard Mesa Middle School, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teacher who instructs your child. This is a requirement for all districts that receive Title I funds. Federal law allows you to request certain information about your student's classroom teacher. The law also requires the district to give you this information in a timely manner upon request. Listed below is the information about which you have the right to ask for regarding each of your student's classroom teachers. Whether the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) has licensed or endorsed your student's teacher for the grades and subject taught. Whether CDE has decided that your student's teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of special circumstances. The teacher's college major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees, and if so, the subject of the degrees. Whether any teachers' aides or similar para educators provide to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Medved 970-254-6230