



GMMS Newsletter

April 2025

Brief Message From the Principal

Dear Timberwolves Community,

Hard to believe that it is April already! This is our first newsletter of the year, as we work to put systems into place that will best support our students and the community moving forward. We hope you find the content both enjoyable and informative. It has been a whirlwind of a school year, but we definitely feel that positive things are happening everywhere we look. Our 2025 Panorama Survey of how students perceive the climate and culture of the building shows remarkable improvement over 2024 results, but are nowhere near where we want them to be. We will continue to work hard on creating a climate where all students feel they belong, and where students feel both academically challenged and supported in meeting those challenges.



Additionally, we are in the throes of CMAS Testing, and will be administering those tests through April 25. We are excited to see the results from this assessment, as we feel that our students have made real gains with the time they spend learning, their stamina to complete their learning, and their ability to use multiple strategies throughout their learning day. Results for CMAS will not be available until August of 2025, so we get a long summer of waiting.

Our calendar for the next months-and-a-half is crazy, and will be filled with worthwhile events. We will keep the webpage up to date with all the happenings, but there is something for everyone it seems. Finally, as part of that calendar, we will be convening the final meeting of the School Accountability Committee on Wednesday, April 30, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. We hope you can attend.

Thank you for all you do for your children and supporting their education.

Sincerely
Randy Foster
Principal



Upcoming Events

Your invited to

ALTRUSA'S 62ND ANNUAL ART SHOW

The Art Center
1803 7th St.

April 10th-25th

For Middle and High School
Students

Reception April 19th 10:00-2:00

Middle School Slideshow and
awards @ 12:00 pm



The art center does not charge
Altrusa to use their facilities.
Please consider donating as
you enter.



Event Information

Altrusa's 62nd Annual Art Show

We have many middle school art projects featured in the **art show at Altrusa April 10-25!**

Join us for a reception on **April 19th** from 10:00am-2:00pm. Awards will be presented at 12:00 pm.

When?

Thursday, Apr 10, 2025, 09:30 AM

Where?

The Art Center, 1803 North 7th Street, Grand Junction, CO, USA



7th Grade Orchestra

Click to hear what our 7th Grade Orchestra has been working on!

Event Information

Music Festival

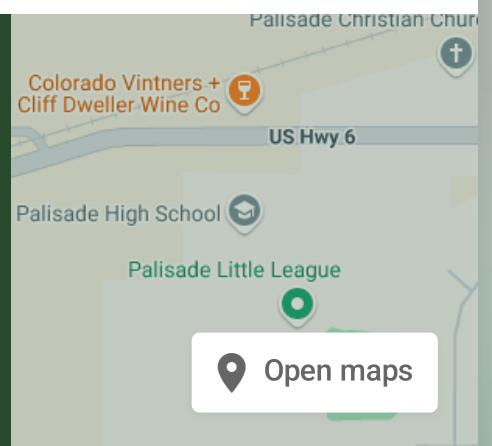
7th Grade Orchestra

When?

Wednesday, Apr 23, 2025, 09:45 AM

Where?

Palisade High School, G Road, Palisade, CO, USA





Event Information

🎵 6th Grade Choir Performance

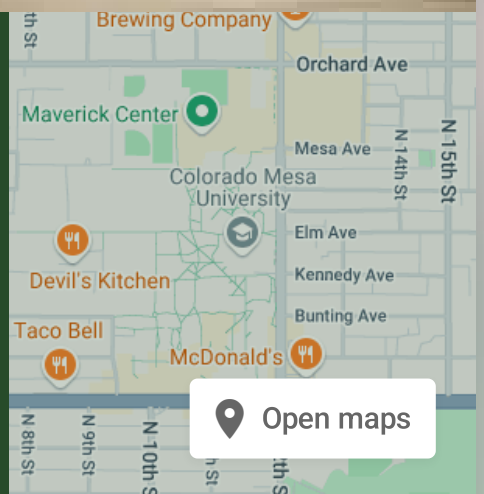
Music Festival

When?

Thursday, Apr 24, 2025, 09:30 AM

Where?

**Colorado Mesa University, North Avenue, Grand Junction,
CO, USA**





7th and 8th Grade Choir Preview

Click to hear what our 7th and 8th Grade Choir has been working on!

Event Information

7th and 8th Grade Choir Performance

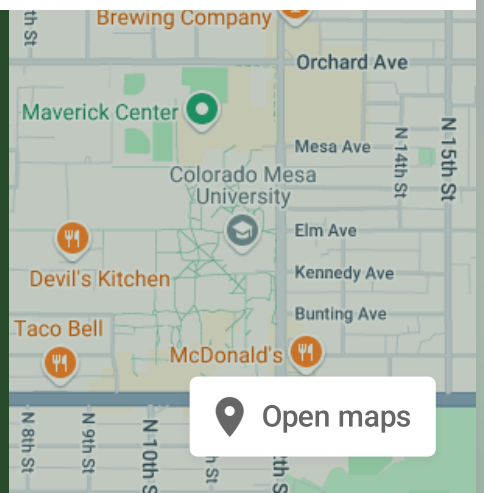
Music Festival

When?

Thursday, Apr 24, 2025, 10:45 AM

Where?

Colorado Mesa University, North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO, USA





Event Information

8th Grade Band Performance

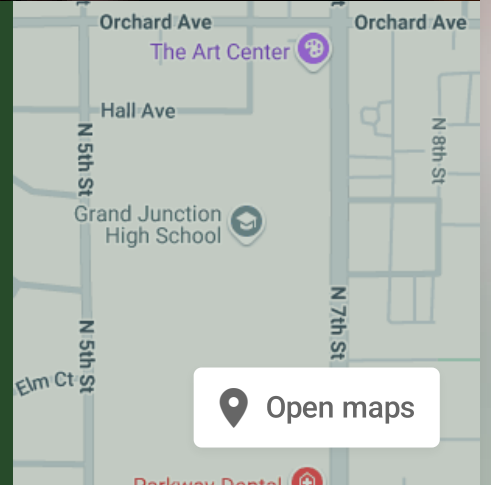
For the Music Festival

When?

Thursday, Apr 24, 2025, 08:00 AM

Where?

Grand Junction High School, North 5th Street, Grand Junction, CO, USA





Event Information

7th Grade Band Performance

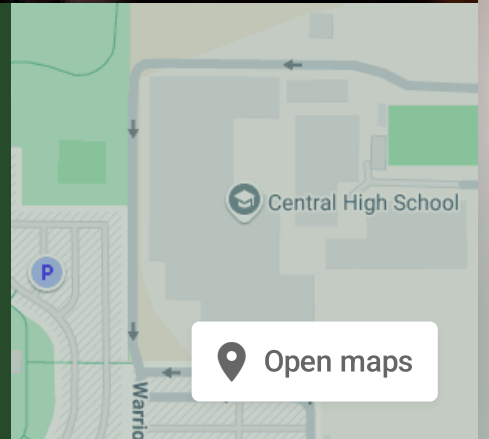
for Music Festival

When?

Thursday, Apr 24, 2025, 01:00 PM

Where?

Central High School, Warrior Way, Grand Junction, CO, USA





Event Information

8th Grade Orchestra

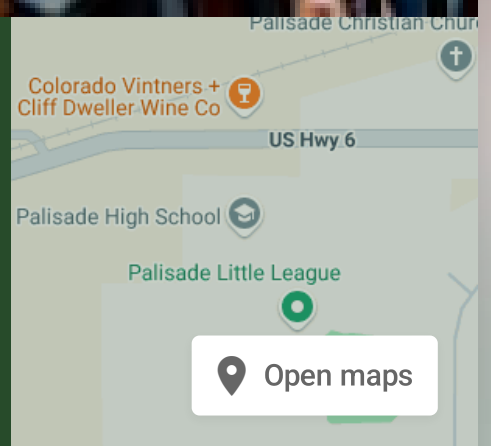
for the Music Festival

When?

Friday, Apr 25, 2025, 02:00 PM

Where?

Palisade High School, G Road, Palisade, CO, USA





Jazz Band Preview

Click to hear a little of what the Jazz Band has been working on!

Event Information

Jazz Band Performance

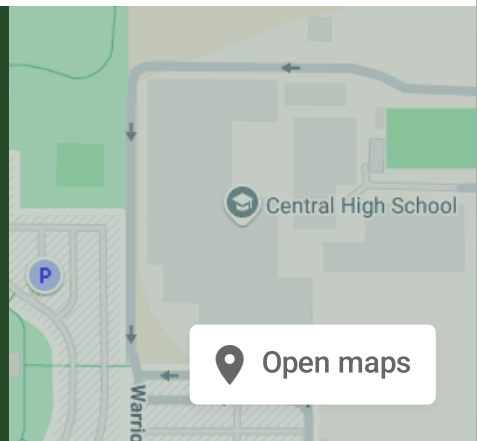
for the Music Festival

When?

Friday, Apr 25, 2025, 08:30 AM

Where?

Central High School, Warrior Way, Grand Junction, CO, USA



Counselor's Corner

INDIVIDUAL

Career

and

ACADEMIC PLAN



INDIVIDUAL CAREER
AND ACADEMIC PLAN



ICAP Testing

Students will be completing their Spring Individual Career and Academic Plans (ICAPS) in their Wolf Packs this month. Students will explore different education and career opportunities, as well as create academic goals. Students will complete their ICAPS through the use of SchoolLinks, a college and career readiness software platform.

Clubs and Organizations

Middle school clubs provide students with opportunities for social interaction, personal growth, and skill development outside of the traditional classroom setting. These clubs cater to a variety of interests, ranging from academic subjects like math and science to creative pursuits such as art and music, as well as sports and community service. Joining a club allows students to explore their passions, make new friends, and develop important life skills like teamwork, leadership, and time management. Moreover, participating in clubs can foster a sense of belonging and contribute to a well-rounded educational experience by offering students a chance to engage in activities that complement their academic learning.

Please note, some clubs may be seasonal. Contact the faculty advisor for more information.



Craft Club



E-sports



Gardening Club
(In spring)



GSA

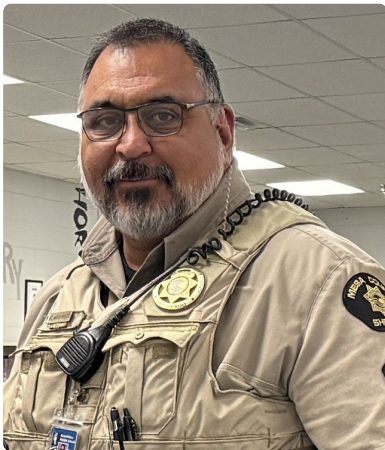


Lego League
(In Fall)



Sewing Club

Safety and Security News



Hello Grand Mesa Middle School Families,

I wanted to take a minute and introduce myself. My name is Marco Montez and I am a Sergeant with the Mesa County Sheriff's Office, I took over as the SRO Supervisor in the fall of 2021 and this has been the most rewarding position I have had while working in law enforcement.

I am often asked what an SRO's job in a school is. Our mission is ultimately to:

1. Provide a safe environment for staff, students, families, and

visitors

2. Build trust with students and families by acting as mentors, positive role models, trusted adults, and informal counselors.

3. Assist teaching staff as a law-related educator in classrooms.

An SRO must engage in three distinct roles in their designated schools:

1. Law enforcement officer
2. Law enforcement counselor
3. Law-related educator

These roles are vital to building relationships with students, school faculty administrators, and parents.

Per Colorado State Law an SRO position has to be 100 percent voluntary, and requires each SRO to be properly trained and certified to work in any school district. This training is provided by NASRO or the National Association of School Resource Officers. This name is very misleading as this national organization is composed of several thousand school district administrators from across the country. We have hundreds of hours in de-escalation training and working with special populations in our community and schools.

In closing, I would like to express that I am always open for questions and enjoy working with and supporting D51 students and families. I can be reached by calling the non-emergency dispatch number of 970-242-6707 by leaving a message with central dispatch, calling Grand Mesa Middle directly, or feel free to send me an email at marco.montez@mesacounty.us.

Thank you ,
Sergeant Marco Montez



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