R5 High School

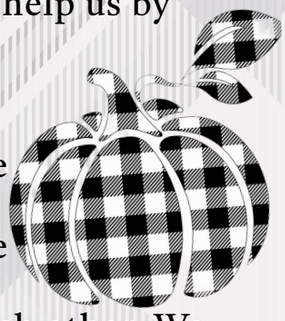
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Hello R5 Community,

Fall is now here and we are already three weeks through the second quarter of this school year. At the conclusion of the first quarter we celebrated 11 students who had 95% or better attendance through the month of September and into the final days of the quarter in October. These students also showed significant academic progress which stresses the importance of showing up to school everyday to achieve high school graduation. We ask that you please continue to help us by stressing the importance of coming to school regularly with your students.



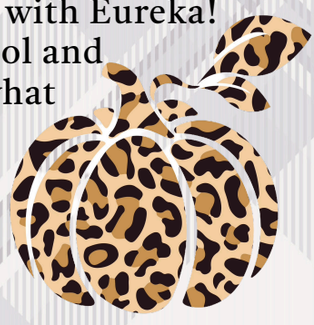
We had a successful end to the first quarter with students sharing their projects at our end of quarter Exhibitions. This is a chance for students to share their projects with their peers while they develop communication and presentation skills. The projects that students shared are a true reflection of the hard work they are doing each day. Students take pride in their work and the excitement on their faces shows how proud they are to share their work with each other. We are thankful to students for their hard work and willingness to share their growth and learning with each other as it inspires them to continue moving forward together.



As we look forward, we want to remind you of a few upcoming important events this month. The first is our second Student Spotlight of the year on Thursday, November 20th at the Eureka! McConnell Science Museum. Come join us between 3:15-6:15pm to learn more about how your student is doing and to speak with teachers regarding questions and any concerns you may have. Our partnership with Eureka! has made a significant impact in the lives of many students from R5 High School and we're thankful for their impact. This is a great opportunity to hear first hand what your student is doing and the learning they are engaging in. Right behind the Student Spotlight this month is the fall break which means there is no school from November 24th-28th. We'll return to school on Monday, December 1st to complete the final 3 weeks of the second quarter.



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WHAT IS THE DISTRICT 51 FOUNDATION?

The D51 Foundation (D51F) raises money to support our local schools, prioritizing funding for professional learning, technology and innovation, and staff and student wellness. Our mission is to raise funds for academic growth and achievement while promoting outreach to benefit kids and our community.

WWW.D51FOUNDATION.ORG

R5 STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Slade Gallegos

Slade is the R5 Student of the Month because he…

- *Shows remarkable self motivation by earning credits before school even started in our summer program.*
- *Builds positive relationships*
- *Exhibits real grit and determination in the face of adversity.*

We are delighted to have him rising with us at R-5.





R5HS PRINCIPAL ADVISORY MEETING



The R5 High School Principal Advisory Committee (PAC) brings together the school community and school leadership to continue growing and improving R5 High School. Mr. Steinmetz, the principal of R5, invites families of current R5HS learners to join any and all PAC meetings to provide feedback and be involved in school improvement efforts. Please join us in partnership to discuss current successes, challenges, and next steps as we continue to make R5 be the place where all learners can succeed.

Please reach out to RSVP, if you have any questions, or need additional information. We hope you can join us!

NOVEMBER 12TH @ 11:30
R5 CONFERENCE ROOM

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER 13TH
SUPERINTENDENT ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

NOVEMBER 20TH
STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS @ EUREKA MATH AND SCIENCE CENTER

NOVEMBER 21ST
R5 PHRIENDSGIVING POTLUCK

NOVEMBER 24TH - NOVEMBER 28TH
FALL BREAK

R5 ROCKSTARS

Steven Morrow

is this month's Rock Star because he

Builds Meaningful Relationships through wide recognition by students as a trusted and caring adult, fostering belonging and connection through empathy, inclusiveness, and genuine respect for everyone.

Exemplifies Positivity and Support through a cheerful attitude, constant willingness to help, and proactive check-ins with staff and students creating a welcoming, uplifting environment throughout the school.

Models Professionalism and Dedication through exemplary demonstration of maturity, teamwork, and a strong work ethic while approaching challenges with openness, solving problems intentionally, and consistently going above and beyond to support others.



YOU'RE INVITED

2nd Quarter Exhibitions

Thursday, December 18th
10:00 am - 10:30 am

Harry Butler Board Room @ R5

Hi I'm Forrest.

I teach math here at R5. I am a second-generation American who runs a small ranch. The river is my second home. If I'm not working that is where you can probably find me.



We have an unknown distance yet to run, an unknown river to explore."

- John Wesley Powell

SENIOR PICTURES

NOW ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS FOR THE YEARBOOK

Seniors may submit photos via email to Mrs. Casey at sutton.casey@d51schools.org or Ms. Jay at candace.jay@d51schools.org

STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

Thursday
November 21st, 2025
3:15 - 6:15 pm

@ Eureka! Math & Science Center
1400 N 7th St
Grand Junction, CO

EUREKA!



If you need help outside of regular school hours and this is a crisis situation, please use one of the following resources:

- Call 9-1-1 Emergency Line
- Safe2Tell - call 1-877-542-SAFE to submit an anonymous report to law enforcement and school administration
- Suicide Prevention Lifeline @ 988lifeline.org or call 1-800-273-TALK
- Colorado Crisis: 1-844-493-8255 or Text: 38255

Hi! My name is Kauai Fitt and I was lucky enough to grow up in Grand Junction, taking full advantage of everything the Grand Valley had to offer!

This is my second year teaching at R-5, and I am thrilled to be sharing my crazy passion for Math with our students. Being comfortable with Math is crucial in life, and I love helping our students become prepared for their next chapters in life.

When I am not working, you can find me trying out a new recipe, landscaping, practicing yoga, falling trees at the cabin, soaking in hot springs or attending my boys' basketball games.



IT'S A PHOENIX

PHRIENDS Giving



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST

EACH ADVISORY WILL CONTRIBUTE A DIFFERENT PART OF THE FEAST.

DIAZ/MARIZ- DESSERTS
FITT/LONGSHORE- MAIN COURSE
JAY/MORROW- SIDES
MORALES/DIONNA- DESSERTS
HARTY/REID- DRINKS
JONES/HRUBES-SIDES
BEELER/SHEFFIELD- SNACKS & APPS
CASEY- MAIN COURSE

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GRAND VALLEY TRANSIT

D51 STUDENT BUS PASS PROGRAM

D51 Middle School & High School Students
Ride GVT for FREE

Parents must complete form before student can obtain pass



Hi!

My name is Katherine Beeler and this is my first year teaching math at R5 and my 11th year in education. I spent my first few years teaching elementary school before moving to middle school to finally end up in High School. I learned early on that math was a struggle for most students (and adults) so I have devoted my career to learning and understanding the vast greatness of mathematics. It is my goal to make every student in my class hate math slightly less. I completed my Bachelors degree in youth development in Minneapolis and recently completed my Masters degree in Educational Leadership. I hope to someday complete a doctorate program in theoretical mathematics to spend time discovering and learning about all the great mysteries of the world.



I grew up in Minnesota and moved to Colorado after I finished my Bachelors degree after spending a few months here and absolutely fell in love with the outdoors. When I am not in school you can find me doing something active. I love hiking, mountain biking, skiing and just being outside as much as possible. I love to workout and find new challenges for myself. I am thrilled to be a part of R5 High school and cant wait to see what this year holds.

If you need assistance with anything at R5, please visit the R5 website or call the main office at 970-254-6880 during the hours of 8:00a.m. - 3:00p.m. M-F

OUR STAFF IS COMMITTED EACH AND EVERY DAY TO THEIR WORK, OUR MISSION:

R5 USES RESTORATIVE PRACTICES AND PROJECT-BASED LEARNING TO SUPPORT LEARNERS IN BECOMING THRIVING CITIZENS. R5 IS COMMITTED TO ENSURING ALL LEARNERS WILL DEVELOP CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS, CULTURAL AND SELF-AWARENESS, AND GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP THROUGH AN INDIVIDUALIZED WHOLE-PERSON APPROACH, COMMANDING HIGH EXPECTATIONS AND PROVIDING MASTERY LEARNING WITH A COMPASSIONATE, RESPONSIVE, AND COLLABORATIVE ENVIRONMENT. . . .
TO GUARANTEE THAT 100% OF OUR GRADUATES WILL BE POST-SECONDARY READY.