R5 High School

Phoenix Gazette

Hello R5 Community,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. Our annual R5 Holiday Extravaganza celebration and dinner were wonderful and it was great to see so many of you join us. Thank you for your support of R5 High School and your children as they grow to become successful adults.

January always brings new life and uplifted spirits to R5 High School as we start the second semester. It is a fresh start for everyone and a chance to continue making progress towards graduation which is now only 5 months away. Our team here at R5 High School has already begun preparing for graduation and our Senior Class Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 4th at 9:45am. Any and all seniors planning to graduate this year need to attend this meeting to receive important information about graduation planning and requirements.

As we begin 2026 and a new quarter, we want to ask for your continued support and partnership in communicating the importance of strong attendance at school by all learners. Attendance has direct correlations to success in high school and beyond. We always link attendance at school with responsibility in the workplace and life as showing up is winning half the battle. Please encourage your children to attend school and stay resilient as they work toward achieving their goals. We hope you have a wonderful start to your new year and look forward to our continued partnership in helping all learners develop strong, thriving futures.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT 51 FOUNDATION

WHAT IS THE DISTRICT 51 FOUNDATION?

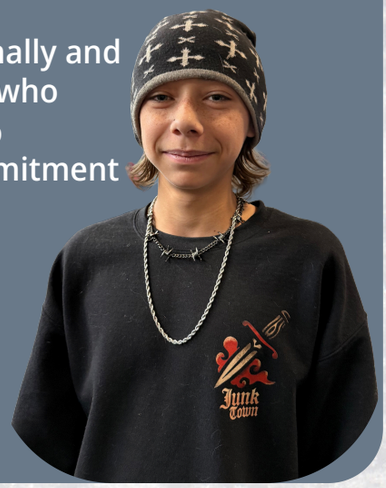
The D51 Foundation (D51F) raises money to support our local schools, prioritizing funding for professional learning, technology and innovation, and staff and student wellness. Our mission is to raise funds for academic growth and achievement while promoting outreach to benefit kids and our community.

WWW.D51FOUNDATION.ORG

THE R5 STUDENT OF THE MONTH IS:

Daniel Meyers

This month, we proudly recognize Daniel as our Student of the Month. The comments from several staff members highlight a student who embodies remarkable growth, leadership, and a truly positive influence on his peers.



Daniel has shown tremendous maturity this year, making 'huge strides' both personally and academically. He is consistently described as a respectful, self-motivated individual who demonstrates strong social awareness and considers the feelings of others. His 93% attendance rate and hard work to accelerate his learning reflect an impressive commitment to his goals.

A real leader, Daniel was nominated for and has excelled in the leadership class. He consistently "cheers on and helps his peers," coming in every day with a positive attitude and a willingness to be his best self while encouraging others to do the same. Daniel is a positive role model whose dedication and supportive spirit are valued by everyone in our school community.

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

MARIO MORALES

Mario Morales is a Grand Junction native joining the R5 team after two years as a Mentor and Esports Director at Colorado Mesa University. Mario Has two children, a teen and an eight year old. He spends his time reading, watching movies and spending time with his kids. Mario enjoys hiking, camping and kayaking as well.

He has 3 cats and two dogs.

Mario is thrilled to be an ELA teacher here at R5, and taught for six years at Fruita Monument High School and spent a year teaching overseas in Japan as well. He is ready and excited to meet and connect with students!

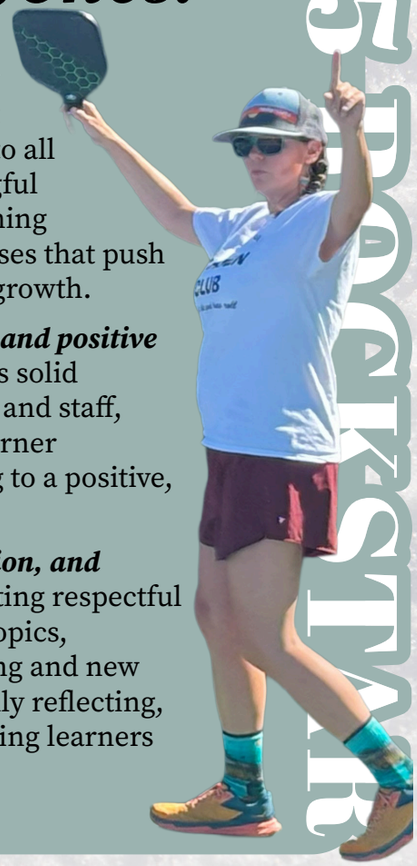
STAFF HIGHLIGHT

R5 ROCKSTAR

Our Rock Star staff this month is

Christina Jones!

because she



Creates inclusive, engaging learning environments that makes learning accessible to all learners, sparking meaningful discussion daily, and designing challenging, engaging courses that push students to high academic growth.

Builds strong relationships and positive culture as she quickly forms solid relationships with students and staff, consistently celebrating learner successes, and contributing to a positive, supportive school climate.

Leads with courage, reflection, and empathy by bravely facilitating respectful dialogue around complex topics, encouraging critical thinking and new perspectives, and continually reflecting, improving, and always putting learners first.

IMPORTANT DATES

January 5th - Teacher Workday - No School
January 6th - Inservice Day - No School
January 7th - First Day of Third Quarter
January 13th - Eureka! Returns to Regular Programming
January 19th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School



PINE COUNTRY

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Thank you to CalFrac Well Services and Pine Country Trailers for helping R5 and the garden team with our annual garden cleanup! We couldn't have done it without you!









Sutton Casey, ELA

"I am thrilled to be teaching at R-5 this year. I teach English and am part of the Young Parents Program and am the yearbook adviser.

I was raised in Grand Junction and attended Fruita Monument High School. After graduating from FMHS, I attended Mesa College and earned a BA in English and earned a MAT in Humanities from Colorado College. I began my teaching career at Central High School in 1987 where I taught English and directed the theater program. I transferred to FMHS and worked there from 1990-1994 teaching English and directing theater. In 1994, I transferred to Grand Junction High School. I taught English and Music Theater and was the Orange and Black adviser until 2018. In 2018, my husband and I moved to Galena, Alaska which is a small village on the Yukon River in interior Alaska. I taught English and was the theater director, Drama, Debate and Forensics coach, Jr/Sr class adviser, National Honor Society Adviser and the Educators Rising adviser.

In 2023, we moved back to Grand Junction in order to spend time with our six wonderful grandchildren and their parents. We have four grown sons and three terrific daughters-in-law. When I'm not teaching, I love to travel. I've been all over the world and have loved seeing many iconic places and learning about people and culture. In my spare time, I sew, crochet, read, hang out with my grandchildren and play with my dog, Pearle, and my wonderful husband, Dave.

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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.