



Important Dates

**7th/8th grade boys
basketball tournament**
February 3, 2017 TBA

**7th/8th grade boys
basketball tournament**
February 4, 2017
7th grade-morning
8th grade-afternoon
@ Bookcliff MS

Wrestling practice begins
February 6, 2017 3:00pm
@ RMS gym

**Parent-teacher
conferences**
February 8, 2017
3:30-7:30pm @ RMS

**7th grade
solo/ensemble concert**
February 9, 2017 7:00pm
@ RMS

**Band- solo/ensemble
festival**
February 10, 2017
4:00-8:00pm
@ Grand Mesa MS

**Band- solo/ensemble
festival**
February 11, 2017
8:00am-4:00pm
@ Grand Mesa MS

**NO SCHOOL-
teacher in-service**
February 17, 2017

**NO SCHOOL-
Presidents' Day**
February 20, 2017

**6th grade band, orchestra,
choir concert**
February 22, 2017 7:00pm
@ RMS

A Message From The Principal

Redlands Middle School Parents -

I want to take this opportunity to tell you why I think you should allow your child to take part in this Spring's CMAS/PARCC testing. Here are some top reasons:

1. Students will be testing a much shorter amount of time than what most people may think. 6th & 7th graders will test both ELA and Math for a maximum of 9 hours. We will accomplish this during 3 school days. 8th graders also test science, so they will test a maximum of 12 hours. These times are the maximum amount of time allowed, it is likely that your child will finish some or all of the tests in less time.
2. The data parents receive about their child's results is very informative. Parents get personalized results which conveys how their child's results, compare to same age peers from around the district and state.
3. RMS uses the results data. We use it to place some students in courses, develop and update learning plans, and as evidence for those students/parents seeking honors or advanced math placement.
4. Standardized testing is a reality of life and a skill to be practiced. The ACT/SAT test is not far away. In addition, many occupations require some type of test.

Just a few years ago, the state testing season was painful. Normal school schedules were upset for months and our kids felt the stress. Parents and our public spoke out and our elected officials and Colorado Department of Education responded. The result ... we have a reduced amount of testing and receive valid result data. For the reasons I've mentioned, the staff of RMS and I recommend that you choose to have your child take the CMAS/PARCC test this year.

Sincerely,
Jory Sorenson
Principal, RMS

FROM THE OFFICE

Parent-Teacher Conferences

February 8, 3:30 - 7:30 pm: These are by appointment only. Teachers are contacting those parents we would like to meet with. Parents - If you would like to meet with your child's teacher, we are always willing to do that. Please contact your child's teacher(s) and we can set-up a time to meet. There will be an additional Parent-Teacher Conference later in the year.

Drop-Off, Pick-Up

Parents - we are seeing more of a back-up in traffic during the morning. Please pull all the way forward, before dropping off your child. The cold temperatures are compelling drop off to occur right at our front door - we want to ask you to make sure you are using the entire drop off area, which means driving past the main entrance sometimes. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

WASHINGTON DC/NYC TRIP

8th GRADE STUDENTS- IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!

Join us on the Washington D.C. and New York Trip
June 6th-10th

We need more people to join us on the DC/NY trip! Go to www.worldstrides.com/signup use trip # 135169 to register.

Sign-up by February 3rd to be entered in to drawing for a \$500 scholarship.

Deadline to sign up is February 24th for financial assistance and March 23rd is the absolute final day for sign-up, with full payment due that day.

Gwen Eller, school counselor, is the chaperone for this trip. We will be joined on the trip with Fruita 8/9 school and their 8th graders.

Reminder- this is not a school sponsored activity.

WANT TO GO TO SPAIN?

Attention 7th Grade parents:

We are now accepting enrollment for next year's eighth grade Europe trip, more details will be available next month. During Spring Break 2017, we will depart on March 17 and head to Spain! We will travel eight days through Spain and return on March 28. Below is a link to our travel site, EF Tours, where you will find our itinerary and enrollment access. Feel free to contact Joy Mandeville, joy.mandeville@d51schools.org, for more information.

<http://www.eftours.com/tour-website/1807233SD>

Note: This is not a school sponsored activity.

2016 – 2017 EVENING BAND CONCERT PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, February 9 – 7th Grade Band and Solo/Ensemble Concert

7:00PM, RMS Gym

Friday and Saturday, February 10 and 11 – Band Solo and Ensemble Festival

Friday 4:00-8:00pm, Saturday 8:00am-4:00pm, Grand Mesa MS

Wednesday, February 22 – 6th Grade Band Concert (with 6th Grade Orchestra and Choir)

7:00pm – RMS Gym

Thursday, March 9 – Fruita Cluster Jazz Jam – 7th Grade Jazz and 8th Grade Jazz

7:00pm, Fruita Middle School Auditorium

Tuesday, March 14 – Middle School Jazz Showcase – 8th Grade Jazz Band only

7:00pm, Palisade High School

Tuesday, April 11 – 7th Grade Band, 8th Grade Band, 8th Grade Jazz Band Pre-Festival Concert

7:00PM, RMS Gym

Thursday and Friday, April 20 and 21 – Colorado West Music Festival

Times TBA (during school day) 7th Grade and 8th Grade Bands, 8th Grade Jazz Band

Monday, May 1 – CMU Jazz Festival – 8th Grade Jazz Band only

Times TBA (during school day)

Tuesday, May 23 – Spring Pops Band Concert

7:00PM, RMS Gym – all band students

REDLANDS MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR/ORCHESTRA CONCERT

7th and 8th grade orchestras- February 23rd at Fruita Middle School

7th and 8th grade Choirs- March 6th at Fruita Middle School

Orchestra, choir, and piano Solo and Ensemble day- February 24th and 25th at Grand Mesa Middle School

6th grade ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR CONCERT- February 24th at Redlands Middle School GYM.

Please turn in payments for Solo and Ensemble ASAP! More info, please revisit yellow entry form.

ALL CONCERTS START AT 7:00 PM AND CALL TIME FOR STUDENTS IS 6:30 PM.

EACH STUDENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING THEIR INSTRUMENT TO FMS CONCERTS.



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1. Consider important college characteristics you want in a college
2. Understand your learning style and find colleges that embrace you for you
3. Prioritize and use the college characteristics as a filter when choosing your college list
4. Create a list that has two Safeties, three Targets, and two Reach colleges
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Counselor’s Corner

In both 6th and 8th grade students were introduced or reintroduced to the College in Colorado website by the RMS school counselors. In 6th grade the students were introduced the website and played around with the “Learn about Yourself” assessments to find out careers they might be interested in. In 8th grade the students utilized the website to help prepare themselves for high school. They took a little time to look into career clusters that best fit them so they can design their high school classes to fit the career they may want to go into. While lessons have not been done with the 7th grade students, they are always welcome to go into the College In Colorado website to do assessments and explore all that the website has to offer.

Students FAQ’s include:

Do I have to go to a college in Colorado, since I am using this website? The answer is NO, this is just a tool that is offered to help students decide if they want to go to college, and what field they may want to explore. It offers education to students who may explore many areas of career choices- some that include working after high school, and some that include doctorate degrees.

After I took the assessment it said I should be an editor of a newspaper, and I want to be a marine biologist. Should I dump my dream? Absolutely NOT! The assessment reports the careers that fit with the answers that the student answered. The assessments are NOT the end all be all to understanding the students. We laughed when one student said the assessment reported she should be a “killer whale shark trainer.” It was just one profession in a slew of 100 professions that was recommended for her, and she knew that was not something she wanted to do.

Can I go on CIC at home? YES YES YES!!! This is the student’s website, so we encourage them to go on any time! The website is www.collegeincolorado.org Their log in is their student number and their last name- ex: 12345smith, and the password should be their school password that they use to get on the school computer.

I can’t log in to CIC. What do I do? Contact the school counselors- Gwen Eller or Shan Mixon- and they will reset the password with the student.

Enjoy all the College in Colorado website has to offer!



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6th Grade



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Piper Johnson



Maci Maynard

RMS JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Core/subject			Habit of mind
Band	Aggen	Wayne	Persistence
Art	Bird	Lori	Striving for accuracy
Core-1	Feltz	Aidan	Responding with wonderment and awe
Tech Ed	Grossman	Claire	Creating, imagining and innovating
Core 7-2	Hartmann	Makenna	Thinking and communicating with clarity
Core 7-1	Hicks	Alexa	Striving for accuracy
Computers	Howe	Hayley	Striving for accuracy
Choir/Orchestra	Kaluza	Emmalie	Persistence
Core 8-1	Lee	Trinity	Thinking and communicating with clarity
Core 6-1	Marquez	Emily	Striving for accuracy
Core 8-1	Maynard	Jaidynn	Creating, imagining and innovating
Core 7-1	Miller	Jason	Finding Humor
Core 6-2	Morse	Jacob	Persistence
Core 7-2	Reimer	Tessa	Thinking and communicating with clarity
Core 8-2	Schultz	Blake	Remaining open to continuous learning
P.E.	Shihady	Jayme	Applying past knowledge to new situations Applying past knowledge to new situations
Core 6-2	Stoffel	Olivia	Remaining open to continuous learning
Core 8-2	Wade	Celine	Remaining open to continuous learning

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Come to our fundraiser

Bring this flyer to the Costa Vida at

2430 Patterson Rd in Grand Junction on **Feb. 21st from 4-9pm**

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