



## Important Dates

### Spanish Club meeting

Wednesday March 1, 2017  
3:00-4:15pm Ms. Skinner's  
room

### Spring Break trip

2017-Spain meeting  
Wednesday March 1, 2017  
5:30pm @ RMS library

### Wrestling

Thursday March 2, 2017  
3:30pm @ RMS

### Student Senate Talent Show

Friday March 3, 2017  
6:00-9:00pm @ RMS café

### Gym crews

Tuesday March 7, 2017  
Elective times @ RMS gym

### Wrestling

Thursday March 9, 2017  
3:30pm @ Grand Mesa MS

### End of third quarter

Thursday March 9, 2017

### NO SCHOOL-teacher workday

Friday March 10, 2017

### Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sunday March 12, 2017

### 4th quarter begins

Monday March 13, 2017

### Spanish Club meeting

Wednesday March 15, 2017  
3:00-4:15pm

### Wrestling-championships

Wednesday March 15, 2017  
4:00pm @ GJ Central HS

## A Message From The Principal

Redlands Middle School Parents -

Last month I wrote about the upcoming PARCC/CMAS testing. At this time I'd like to update you in regard to how testing will look at RMS. At RMS, we will be testing using the normal class schedule. We will not be creating any special testing schedules. The advantages to this: your child will still have classes each day, students will not be testing all day long, and the testing sessions are spread out throughout a week or so. 6th and 7th graders will complete 1 ~90 minute session/day and finish testing in 6 school days. 8th graders will complete 1 ~ 90 minute session/day and finish testing in 9 school days.

I want to again communicate my opinion on the reasons why you SHOULD have your child take the PARCC/CMAS test:

- 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. 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 and staff 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. Thank you for the support of our school, we have great kids at RMS!

Sincerely,  
Jory Sorenson  
Principal, RMS

## Important Dates

**2018 Hawaii trip meeting**  
Wednesday March 15, 2017  
6:30pm @ RMS cafeteria

**Wrestling-championships**  
Thursday March 16, 2017  
4:00pm @ GJ Central HS

**Spring Break**  
Monday March 20-  
Friday March 24, 2017  
6:30pm @ RMS cafeteria

**Track practice begins**  
Monday March 27, 2017  
3:00 @ RMS gym

## FROM THE OFFICE

Dear Parents;

An early pick up reminder:

In an effort to cut down on classroom interruptions we are asking you to please send a note with your student if you are planning to pick them up early. The note should state the time you want your student at the office. Our goal is to prevent an overhead announcement into the classroom thus causing an interruption. We realize that sometimes this is not practical, and in this case, the office would appreciate a phone call as early as possible so that we can send a note for you.

Thank you for helping us reduce classroom interruptions.

## 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](http://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 BARCELONA AND PARIS?

Attention 7th Grade parents:

We are now accepting enrollment for next year's eighth grade Europe trip to Barcelona and Paris. During Spring Break 2018, we will depart on March 9th and return March 17th. Below is a link to our travel site, EF Tours, where you will find our itinerary and enrollment access. Feel free to contact our trip sponsor, Joy Mandeville, for more information.

Email: [joy.mandeville@d51schools.org](mailto:joy.mandeville@d51schools.org)

Website: <http://www.eftours.com/tour-website/1930295JS>

Note: This is not a school sponsored activity.

## 2016 – 2017 EVENING BAND CONCERT PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

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.

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# RMS ARTISTS

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade



Kaleigh Cruickshank



Caleb Heine



Douglas Brown

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade



Madison Stockton



Taylor Wall



Kylie Williams



Makenna Mason

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade



Keegan Womack



Mariah Lara



Allison Gammon

In February I took the opportunity to speak to each of your 8th graders during their Social Studies class. Over the course of two days I spoke to approximately 160 students about the following topics:

- Internet Safety & Staying Safe Online
- Internet Predators (“Creepers”)
- Cyber Crime & Cyber Bullying

At the end of my presentation I asked each of the 8th graders three questions:

Question #1: I have been bullied. YES / NO

Question #2: I have bullied people. YES / NO

Question #3: I have sent / received sext messages or nudes. YES / NO

Each of your students was asked the questions and was advised this was voluntary and they did not have to participate. The questions were submitted in a manner which their responses were anonymous. Of the 160 students I surveyed, I received 137 responses; this calculates to an 86% participation rate. The following is a summary of what I learned from our 8th graders.

Question #1: Response YES: 99 / 137 = 72%

Question #2: Response YES: 54 / 137 = 39%

Question #3: Response YES: 31 / 137 = 23%

Of the 99 students who stated they had been bullied, 50 of them also reported they had bullied others.

So... what do the numbers mean?

According to <https://www.teensafe.com/blog/teensafe-parenting-guide-tech-safety/> we, here at Redlands Middle School are tracking with national statistics.

What it also means... One in Four of our kids answered yes to Question #3.

For more information on this, please give me a call or stop by my office at Redlands Middle School.

Deputy Mark Johnson #2313  
School Resource Officer  
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# February 2017 Student of the Month

Adams	Raiya	Core 7-1	Persistence
Alford	Logan	Computers	Creating, imagining and innovating
Christensen	Elizabeth	Tech Ed	Thinking and communicating with clarity
Chynoweth	Daniel	Core 6-1	Thinking Flexibly
Geer	Macey	Core 6-2	Thinking and communicating with clarity
Haley	Drake	Core 7-2	Creating, imagining and innovating
Hansen	Lauren	Core 8-1	Striving for accuracy
Hart	Gavin	Core 6-2	Thinking interdependently
Haupt	Ella	Core 8-2	Listening with understanding and empathy
Hyde	Mariah	Core 6-1	Remaining open to continuous learning
Lynch	Isabelle (Issy)	Core 8-2	Listening with understanding and empathy
McGill	Amanda	Core 7-2	Taking responsible risks
Mortinsen	Jessica	Band	Creating, imagining and innovating
Peters	Maizy	Choir/Orchestra	Striving for accuracy
Snyder	Shay	Core 7-1	Thinking about your thinking
Storheim	Tate	Art	Creating, imagining and innovating
Teats	Olivia	P.E.	Listening with understanding and empathy



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## MATH COUNTS SCHEDULE

Congratulations to our Math Counts team!

They participated in the Chapter Competition on February 4, and Raegan Allen qualified for State!

## 2018 Hawaiian Discovery Field Trip

There will be an FYI meeting for families of next year's 8th graders who are interested in the 2018 Hawaiian Discovery Field Trip. The meeting will be Wednesday, March 15 in the cafeteria at 6:30 PM. Please contact Mr. Loucks with any questions you may have.

## RMS track and field 2017

Registration for the 2017 RMS track team is March 6 - 17. All 7th and 8th graders are encouraged to participate. The first practice is the Monday following spring break, March 27.

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## Gaga pit project

Gaga pit project. Mr. Loucks' Advisory has set the goal to construct a gaga pit on campus by April. We are pleased to announce Major Mortgage has agreed to sponsor 1/2 of the pit and Sorter Construction will assist in the construction. Officer Mark Johnson is on the task of fabricating brackets for assembly. We are seeking additional sponsors so we may complete the project. The gaga pit is an 8-sided enclosure with panels about 3 1/2 high. Sponsorship is \$55/panel. If you are interested in assisting us accomplish our goal, please contact Mr. Loucks.



Gaga is a fast paced, high energy sport played in an octagonal pit. A version of dodge ball, the game is played with a soft foam ball, and combines the skills of dodging, striking, running, and jumping, while trying to hit opponents with a ball below the knees.

## ALL STATE CHOIR

CONGRATUALIONS to Ava Paul and Emmalie Kaluza for their performance at All State Choir- Bellco Theater- Denver.



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