

Dear Parents,

The 2016-17 school year is well underway! We have had a very exciting and productive first month of school. Our teachers are actively getting to know your child and working hard to find ways to meet each child's needs. Our teachers, as well as the students of OMMS have determined three very important school-wide goals.

- We will accept and respect others.**
- We will accept change with a growth mindset.**
- We will improve our math skills.**

Our teachers will be implementing lessons and activities during the year to help students meet these goals. You can also help by spending some time with your child throughout the year encouraging and supporting them in doing their part to achieve these goals.

Cheri Vana, Principal

I would also like to encourage you to become more involved in your student's education.

There are a couple upcoming events that would allow you to accomplish this.

- * Attend our Patriotic Assembly on September 9th beginning at 7:10 AM in the courtyard.
- * Attend our next PTO Meeting on September 12th at 6:00 PM in the Library.
- * Participate with your student in our Annual 5K Run/Walk on September 17th (Details available on our website).

Thank you for your continued support and please remember that my door is always open and I am always willing to respond to your questions and listen to your comments and concerns. Cheri Vana

5K 5K

Hey, did you hear that OMMS is having the Annual 5K run/walk on Sept 17th.

This is our ONLY Fundraiser for the year. If you cannot participate please consider a CASH donation. Just think, no silly catalogs and no "junk" to purchase. Plus it is 100% profit.

The annual Gifted and Talented Parent Information Night for Orchard Mesa Middle School will be held on Wednesday, September 14 at 6:00 PM in the OMMS Library. The presentation is open to all who have an interest in the Gifted and Talented program at Orchard Mesa whether or not your student has been served by the GT program in the past or is currently involved in the GT elective.

This meeting is designed to help you understand what is available at OMMS, including the GT elective, and how GT students are identified. The program will last approximately 20 - 25 minutes and Ms. Hoffman, OMMS GT teacher, will be available for questions.

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2016

- Sept 8: Volleyball Match
Sept 9: 9th Ceremony Courtyard 7:10 a.m.
Sept 12: PTO meeting in library at 6:00 p.m.
Sept 13: Volleyball Match
Sept 14: Parent/Teacher Conference 3:00 p.m.— 7:00 p.m. School is in session during the day.
Sept 14: Gifted and Talented Parent Information Meeting OMMS Library at 6:00 p.m.
Sept 15: Volleyball Match
Sept. 17: 5K 5K 5K 5K 5K at Eagle Rim Park Registration 7:30 a.m. — 8:15 a.m. Race begins at 8:30 a.m.
Sept 20: Volleyball Match
Sept 21: Choir/Orchestra Concert OMMS gym 7:00 p.m.
Sept 22: Picture Re-takes
Sept 22: Volleyball Match
Sept 24: Colorado West Marching Festival
Sept 26: Volleyball Match
Sept 27: Band Clinic 7th & 8th grade at Grand Junction High School
Sept 28: Parent Meeting for Girls Basketball 5:30 p.m. in the Band room
Sept 28: Band Concert OMMS gym 7:00 p.m.
Sept 29: Volleyball Finals
Sept 30: Volleyball Finals
Oct 3 - 7 Fall Break

Library News



Keep those box tops coming!

Thanks to all the parents, staff, and students who have been supporting the library by saving box tops. If you haven't registered online, it's not too late. You can earn bonus points and register your store value cards to automatically earn additional points. You can also earn box tops by shopping online at retailers like Walmart, Cabela's, Barnes and Noble, J.C. Penney, Expedia, and Home Depot. Visit the Box Tops for Education website (www.boxtops4education.com) to learn more about it.

News from the Health Office

The State of Colorado requires that all students have a Tdap shot upon entering middle school. If your child has not had this booster, make an appointment to have his/her shots updated and the records faxed to the health office (970.245.7343). There are some changes in approved Non-prescription medications allowed at school. All medications must be aspirin and caffeine free. No Benadryl (off-brand diphenhydramine) or Pepto-Bismol (off-brand bismuth subsalicylate) is accepted. Medications must be brought into school by parent or guardian and appropriate forms signed. For more information regarding immunizations or the changes in allowable medications, please, call the Health Office. 254-6320 ext: 38105

Help for Overweight Children & Their Families

We Can! Mesa County: a program supporting healthy changes for overweight children and their families.

Weekly sessions: Wednesdays, 5 – 7:30 p.m.

Contact Western Colorado Pediatric Associates: 970.243.5437.