



This issue of the Newsletter was written by the students of Orchard Mesa Middle School.

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Message from the Principal

First, I want to let you know that the design planning for the new Orchard Mesa Middle School is in full swing. We are so excited to be able to share the initial design with our staff, students, parents and community. There will be an open house scheduled in the near future to take a look at the design and provide input and ideas as we move forward. We will communicate the date and time in the next couple weeks.

Next, our amazing PTO is planning a yard sale in April to gather additional funds that will ultimately help support our teachers and students this spring. Funds collected will be used to purchase teaching supplies, equipment and supplement field trip expenses. So, as you begin your spring cleaning, please save any items that you might donate to our first annual OMMS yard sale. More information will be available before spring break.

I would also like to remind you that CMAS testing required by the state will begin after spring break. All students will be assessed in Math, Literacy and 8th graders will also be tested in Science. Over the last few years, there has been a substantial reduction in the number of tests and time that is required to take these mandatory tests. We are just asking that you keep this in mind as we approach the testing window.

Finally, we are so excited to announce our final round of Student-Led Conferences. Teachers will be available to facilitate your student's conference on March 7th or 8th from 3:00-7:00 PM each evening. This is an amazing opportunity for your student to share with you their successes and challenges that they have experienced over the last few months. Please mark your calendar for the 7th and 8th of March. Details will be shared in the coming weeks.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns. My door is always open.

Cheri Vana



## Dates to Remember

**No School—Teacher Work Day**

March 9

**No School—Spring Break**

March 12-16

**St. Patrick’s Day**

March 19

**Science Fair**

Every Wednesday Morning before School  
Computer lab—8th grade hall

**New York Trip**

March 11-16

**Student of the Month**

Every third Wednesday of the month

**Fellowship of Christian Athletes**

Thursdays after school—7th Schafer

**Chess Club**

Every Tuesday 2:25-3:45pm



## Knights of Excellence (Student of the Month)

Teachers have the opportunity to select one student to represent the OMMS Knights. Each month they choose a student of their choice based on academic performance. Selection can also be chosen by teachers seeing your respect and leadership skills everywhere you go. These students go above and beyond expectations.

*\* There are still a couple of months left in the school year to achieve student of the month. Work on respect, leadership skills, and improve your academic performance and you will have an opportunity to earn Student of the Month.*

Congratulations to :

Penelope Schanaman

Logan Torbic

Amber Cerny

Ethan Hampton

Danielle Benites

Olivia VanMeter

Ashley Cruz

Victoria Durham

Coby Houston

Cameron Jeske

Bernice Shires

Monica Bainbridge



## Favorite Teacher!

In this month of March, we decided to let some students show appreciation to their favorite teachers:

**Bannon Sale-** “Mrs. Bavor because she is a fun teacher and makes class fun!”

**Caleb Mendenhall** “Mrs. Bavor because she is nice to me.”

**Addie Henderson** “Mrs. Belden because she is awesome.”

**Mackenzi Turner** “Mrs. Belden because she is a really nice teacher.”

## Wrestling

The 7th grade wrestlers we have this year are Wyatt Cerny, Christian Crawford, Mikey Creech, Christian Joslin-Beghan, Jacob Keating, Matthew Powell, Mason sanders, Polly Senko, Jaedon Teves-Fueston, Andrew Ward, Alex Warren, and Tyler Ziek.

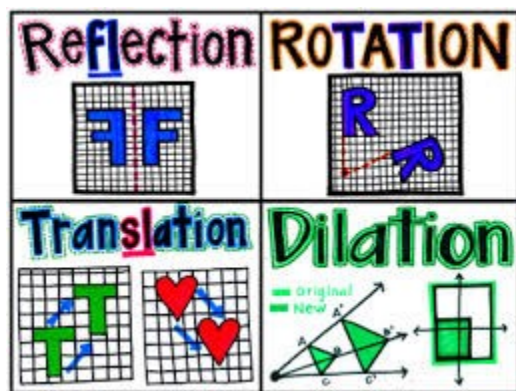
The 8th graders that are wrestling are Alfonso Banuelas, Hayden Bearault, Cody Braden, Aidan Branscom, Alex Brown, Kadan Brunk, Caleb Casto, Hunter Dolonbacs, Gabe Fenimore, Ethan Guy-Bowen, Gracie Habliston, JD Johnson, Devin Maeutau-vail, Justin Massey, Justin Massey, Ryan Raemer, Joey Rowland, Nicholas Smith, Aiden Taylor, Wyatt Thurston, Kyle Windscheffel, Domenic Wolfe. They have Practice 3-2-18, 3-5-18, and 3-6-18 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the OMMS Gym. They have a tournament on 3-1-18 from 3:45 pm to 5:00 pm. There's also a weigh in on 3-6-18, at 4:45 pm both at the OMMS Gym. On 3-7-18 and 3-8-18 they have tournaments at Central High School's Main Gym; the first is at 4:00 pm to 8:30pm and the second 4:00pm to 8:00pm.

Pin totals for 7<sup>th</sup> grade is 18 and for 8<sup>th</sup> grade 34.

Good luck to all wrestlers! Go Knights PIN!



## Life as an OMMS Mathematician



In OMMS, all grades have something different to learn. There are two classes for each grade. They are honors math and regular class. We interviewed one teacher from each grade level for math:  
**6th Grade-** In 6th grade we interviewed Mrs. Ocheltree. She said that her students are doing NWEA testing and preparing for the questions that they had. She has three different math periods including regular class and honors math.

**7th Grade-** Mrs. Cranmer told us about 7th grade math. In math, she is also working on NWEA but just finished up geometry and percent. They also did Vitruvian man projects that are hanging up at the end of the 7th grade hall. She also said she has many outgoing students who did very well with the projects.

**8th Grade-** Mrs. Cranmer told us that in 8th grade they are working on transformation of objects. This is rotating objects to make cool patterns and puzzles out of them. They learn how to flip things with symmetry.



## Days Off in March

The days we have off during March are a teacher work day which is the 9th. Then we have spring break which is the 11th-16th.



## New York Trip

The New York trip is a fun, once-in-a-lifetime experience you can do once you're in seventh and eighth grade. The trip is during Spring Break from March 10th to the 13th. There's round trip transportation and three overnight stays at a hotel in Manhattan. Students will get breakfast and dinner daily except for arrival and departure days. They will be visiting and touring many attractions. On the first day once we get there they will walk and tour The Rockefeller Center, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Times Square and The Grand Central Terminal. After eating dinner they will go visit the Empire State Building then go back to the hotel. The second day we'll be going to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty by a ferry. Then on a guided tour and sightseeing at Trinity Church, Wall Street, 9/11 Memorial Visit, Chinatown, and Little Italy. Then have dinner at the hotel and stay there for the rest of the night. On the third day they go to the Radio Music Hall then the Metropolitan Museum of Art. They then are going to Central Park to visit Cherry Hill, Strawberry Fields, Belvedere Castle, and Delacorte Theater. After Central Park they're going to Madison and Park Avenue then to dinner and a Broadway show.

For the fourth and final day they're going to the American Museum of Natural History then the 9/11 Museum after we're packing up and traveling home. The people going on the trip are **Nathan Bai-**

**ley, Kozette Cisneros, Leanna Clement, Kendalle Costello, Raelyn Feaster, Ayden Ford, Ethan Hampton, Heidi Hyatt, Alyce Jarvis, Ruzena Lehmann, Carlos Martinez, Amelia Moore, Bailee Nave, Braden Prettyman, Jonathon Rodriguez, Nicholas Smith, Trinity Smith, BayLea Sparks, Jacob Spencer, Olivia Thurston, and Amiah Will plus**





## Yearbook Tributes Page

Knights 8th Grade Tribute Page:

Do you want to leave your mark on OMMS? Do you want to help kids who need help buying their own yearbook? You can pay \$10 for a portion of the tribute page if you are in 8th grade. You can add any picture you want and a quote of your choice or message from a teacher, friend, or family member (up to 40 words). If you are interested, please email your picture and message to Mr. Bavor at [dbavor@d51schools.org](mailto:dbavor@d51schools.org)

Deadline to submit your 8<sup>th</sup> grade tribute is March 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Spring Break Plans

This year during Spring Break, there are many different activities and places to go. We interviewed two students and two teachers to see what their plans for Spring Break are:

**Mrs. Belden-** She is going to have a baby shower during Spring Break and most of her time planning it out and preparing for it!

**Mr. Hadley-** He might be going to New Mexico to check out the Chaco Canyon National Park.

**Brandon Brake-** He might be going to Arizona to hang out with his family.

**Robert King-** He will be catching up on work that he doesn't finish, and he will be spending times with his friends.

## St. Patrick's Day



Saint Patrick's Day is a day that celebrates the Roman Catholic feast day. It is celebrated because of a man named Saint Patrick who died on March 17, 461. His birth name was Maewyn and he lived in Roman Britain, but he was taken into slavery to Ireland. He did escape and went to Gaul, France and turned Christian. This is celebrated because he was able to escape, which was hard in those times. Saint Patrick's Day was first celebrated in the eighteenth century by Irish Soldiers who fought in the Revolutionary War. The parades are special to the Irish because they connect with their roots after they moved to America.

## **Last Day of the Quarter**

Reminder, last day of the quarter is March 8<sup>th</sup>. Students be prepared to come in and give your best effort for the remainder of the school year.

## **Expectation of the Month**



Most of the students who eat breakfast in the cafeteria before school, do a great job with behavior and cleaning up after themselves before they go. However, some students have been leaving messes for someone else to clean up when the bell rings, or are not behaving the way they should be in the cafeteria. Students need to keep an eye on the clock, and when they know it's getting close to time for school to start, they should throw away their garbage and wait for the bell to ring. All OMMS Knights should live their Codes of Collaboration which includes being respectful. This means being respectful to Mr. Rodney, our custodian, or the cafeteria ladies who do a great job of keeping the cafeteria clean, but have other things to do other than pick up garbage left behind by unthoughtful students. Let's all do our parts to take ownership of our school and show pride in being Orchard Mesa Knights. Take care of your areas, and kindly remind those around you to

## **NWEA Testing**

For testing this year, we had some very confident students! We interviewed a couple students on how they think they did and what they found on the test they all thought that testing went really well and they did adding and subtracting fractions. All of the sixth graders felt like they were really prepared and they were confident that their hard work paid off.