Mustang News

Gunnison Middle School

"Achieving high levels; intellectually, physically, socially, and emotionally"

9/9/11

We are excited at how well students have started their year at Gunnison Middle School. I have had the opportunity to visit every classroom and have been very impressed with the energy and enthusiasm. The WEB program helped the 6th graders make a smooth transition to the Middle School and the 7th and 8th graders have settled back into a routine. The fall sports teams have been working hard and we are looking forward to competition this weekend. Once again, thanks for all you have done to make the beginning of your student's year a success. Hope to see you around the school.

Mr. Tredway

Student Activities

We are encouraging all students to get involved in activities and programs at school. Students can find out how to get involved in clubs and student activities through their advisor. We have both interscholastic and intramural athletic programs throughout the year. We also have very high quality band and choir programs that offer students an opportunity to be involved in solo and ensemble contests. If you have questions about activities, please contact your student's advisor.

Collaborative Planning Time

We have been taking advantage of the Collaborative Planning time at the beginning of the day. Teachers have been meeting with grade level teams, advisory teams as well as Site Improvement teams during this time. Tuesdays from 7:45 to 8:25, during Collaborative Planning, have been set aside for Student Access Time. During that time students can meet with teachers individually or in groups to work on assignments or get tutoring. Parents are also encouraged to use that time to access teachers.

Outdoor Education

The 8th grade Taylor Challenge was once again a huge success. Most of the 8th grade students participated in at least part of the three-day outdoor education trip to Taylor Park. This once in a lifetime activity would not be possible for our students without a huge amount of teamwork. Thanks to Emily Kowal and Stacie Dowis who worked together to coordinate the Taylor Challenge, and a very dedicated staff, including faculty members and volunteers, for making the trip possible.

The 7th graders will be going to Mill Creek for an outdoor experience Friday, September 16. The 6th graders will be taking a trip to the Tenderfoot Excavation site on W Mountain September 29.

Homecoming

This year's Gunnison High School Homecoming is Friday, September 23. We will take the opportunity to celebrate by attending the Homecoming Parade on Main Street at 2:00 p.m.. The High School will have the Homecoming Volleyball games in the gym starting at 4:00 and the Football game at 7:00 in the new Football stadium.

Booster Club

The Booster Club is off to a great start thanks to the work of Mrs. Nordberg and Mrs. Wilson, our parent organizers. The Booster Club will normally meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 5:30 in the library. The next meeting is Wednesday, September 14.

Power School

Power School, the electronic grading program, is up and running again. The program is designed to help parents keep track of their student's progress. The parents of 6th graders and new students will receive a letter from the school with directions on how to use the new program and a password for access in the next few weeks. If you have questions about your password please contact Patti Garrison (pgarrison@gunnisonschools.net).

Homework Hour and Library Access

Homework Hour has already begun at GMS. All Middle School students are welcome to come to Homework Hour from 3: 45 to 4:45 Monday through Thursday in the Community School Library. Please contact your advisor or the office if you need more information.

Students also have access to the library at 8:00 AM every morning if they need a quiet place to do homework before school.

School Attendance and State Funding

Although attendance is always important, on September 30 attendance has huge implications for our school. This year the State will use the attendance count on September 30 to figure out the amount of funding the school will receive for the year. When students are present on September 30 the paper work for funding is much easier. We can still get funding for students that are registered but not in attendance, but it is more difficult. Please help us in our goal to have 100% attendance on September 30.

Evacuation Drills & Hold All Classes Drills.

The students have done a great job on the Evacuation (fire) Drills so far this year. We will have one more unannounced drill before the end of October. We are also planning on practicing both a Hold All Classes and a Lock Down Drill with students this September. As a district we have updated our Emergency Management Plans to help be inline with state recommendations. Attached to this News Letter is a letter from Jon Nelson, our school Superintendent with more information about our new Emergency Management Plan.

Magazine Sales

We are participating in the QSP Pay Later Program again this year. This is an important fundraiser for our school because we retain 40% of every magazine subscription dollar received through this program. The kick off assembly was September 8 and all students were encouraged to be involved. We use the money to partially support the 6th grade ski program, 7th grade Mill Creek trip, and 8th grade Taylor Challenge. The money we earn helps us defer some of the cost of all the outdoor education programs at Gunnison Middle School.

Gunnison Community School Site Advisory Accountability Committee

The next GCS-SAAC meeting will be on October 4, at 4:00 p.m. in the GCS Library. The agenda will include reviewing CSAP testing results, goals for the 2011-2012 school year and discussion of issues that face our school. We encourage you to attend.

Mustang Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9/11	9/12	9/13 Football home Volleyball away Hold All Classes Drill	9/14 Student Access Booster Club @ 5:30	9/15 Soft Lock Down Drill	9/16 7th grade Mill Creek trip	9/17 Volleyball home Cross Country home Football away
9/18	9/19 A Day	9/20 A Day Volleyball & Cross Country away	9/21 A Day Lock Down Drill	9/22 O Day	9/23 E Day Homecoming Parade 2:00 Cross Country away	9/24 Football away
9/25	9/26 A Day	9/27 O Day Volleyball home Football home	9/28 E Day	9/29 A Day 6th grade Tenderfoot Trip	9/30 A Day Attendance Count day	10/1 Football away Volleyball away
10/2	10/3	10/4 Volleyball away Football away SAAC meeting @ 4:00	10/5	10/6 Picture Day	10/7 Cross Country home	10/8 Volleyball tournaments away
10/9	10/10	10/11	10/12	10/13 No School	10/14 No School	10/15 Cross Country away