



The Colt Connection

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Hello Copper Mountain Parents:

Happy 2nd Quarter! Thank you so much for all of your support and a great start to the year. I would like to celebrate with you some improvements that were made in attendance and grading during the first quarter this year. Overall, the number of tardies and guardian excused absences decreased from last year's numbers during the same period. Thank you for encouraging your students to be in school and on time to their classes. However, the number of unexcused absences and late check-ins did increase slightly this year from last and so we continue to ask for your support in improving student attendance.

Also worth celebrating is the fact that the number of failing grades in 1st quarter has decreased in each of the last three years. We feel the practice of standards-based grading has helped teachers more accurately assess levels of learning and allowed for students to remediate and improve their grades. Thank you again for your support of standards-based grading and the 4-point grade scale.

Here's to a wonderful 2nd Quarter as we approach the holiday season!

Sincerely,

Cody Curtis
Principal



Upcoming Events

November 7

Math Counts
after school
School Community Council
6:00 pm

November 8

Veteran's Day Band Concert
7:00 pm

November 15

Brown Bag & a Book
(See page 2 for details)

November 20

SBO Spirit Assembly

November 21-23

Thanksgiving Recess

November 29

2nd Quarter Mid-term

After School Tutoring

Tuesdays and Thursdays
3:00 – 4:00 pm
Students should ask their teachers or look for posters around the school for details and subject locations.

Math Counts

Math problems, games, and logic puzzles. First meeting November 7th after school. Students should contact their math teacher for more information.



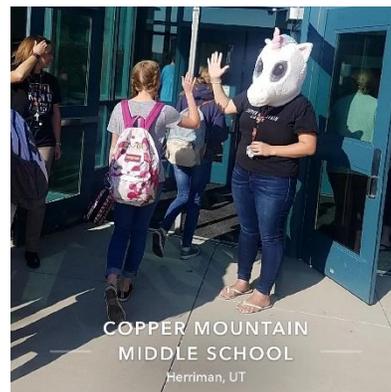
Sign up for Snow Blitz!

Skiing or snowboarding lessons at Brighton Resort
Each session includes the bus ride to and from the resort, your lift ticket, 4 lessons, and optional rentals!

Session 1 open for registration October 15th - December 14th

Session 2 open for registration October 15th - January 18th

Price per session: \$202 with rentals, \$145 bring your own gear



Counselors' Corner

October 22-25 was **Career Week** at CMMS! Thank you to all of our many volunteers who worked to make this event possible. Career Week consisted of a variety of career related activities. Monday through Wednesday, the counselors hosted lunchtime activities in the cafeteria. These activities talked about how important it is to explore career options, choose careers wisely, and persevere even when obstacles get in the way of their career goals.

On Thursday, October 25, we hosted a **Career Assembly** for our 7th graders. KSL's Morning Show came and talked about careers available in broadcasting, journalism, and careers behind the scenes. 8th graders participated in **Job Shadow**. This is a great opportunity for 8th grade students to explore careers in a very real, hands on way. A big thank you to all of the businesses and organizations in our community who welcomed our students in to see a career option up close. 9th graders experienced a glimpse of reality as they participated in **Reality Town**. Reality Town gives students an occupation, income, and a family scenario. Students have to learn how to budget, manage expenses, and discover how expensive life can be. Thank you to our volunteers who helped us with Reality Town. We couldn't have done it without your help!

8th Grade Plan for College and Career Readiness Meetings

The counselors are currently meeting with each 8th grade student and their parents for their annual Plan for College and Career Readiness meeting. This meeting is a wonderful opportunity for the counselors to get to know students better, help students discover what careers interest them, explore college opportunities, and map out their classes for high school. This important meeting is most effective when parents attend so thank you for those parents who are able to take time out of their busy day to support their student's future. If you are unable to attend during the day, there may be a few evening appointments still available.

In the Media Center

Brown Bag & a Book

Our second Brown Bag event is taking place Thursday, November 15 during all three lunches. We are reading Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone. Students bring their lunches and gather in the library for lunch and a book chat. Seventy copies of the book were given to students. (Thanks for supporting the Book Fair which helps us have funds for giving away books to students!)

Battle of the Beehive Books

Students read a book from a list of 19 Beehive Book Award Nominees, pass a short quiz, and get the title signed off. When students read 5, they will be invited to come to the end of year activity. Top 5 readers and one alternate will be eligible for the district battle in the spring against other middle schools at Riverton High School.



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