



The Colt Connection



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Gaining Momentum in 2014-15!

We are the **COLTS!**

Great things are happening at Copper Mountain Middle this year. The Back to School Night, 7th grade orientation and the first week was so smooth. I want to thank the students, parents, staff, PTSA, and Student Government for all of their help and support. Our theme this year is **Gaining Momentum** and we are off to a great start!!

This year we have a lot of great afterschool activities students can get involved in! Please listen to the announcements or check our website for info and teacher advisors. Our new Colt Corral extension and remediation program on Thursdays is fabulous and is showing great success.

We are so proud of our students and teachers. Copper Mountain was listed in the top 25 schools for Math and Science SAGE testing scores released at the first of the month. Each student received their individual scores in the mail. All of that hard work really does pay off. Great job!

You can follow us on Facebook and Twitter to receive school announcements and information. This is just another way that we can communicate with the community and ultimately, help our students achieve great things!

I look forward to the rest of the school year. Please contact me if I can be of help to you or your student.

Sincerely,

Kim Baker, Principal

CMMS SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTIONS

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Website: <http://coppermountain.jordandistrict.org>



COOL SCHOOL OF THE WEEK!



Copper Mountain Middle School was selected to be the "Cool School of the Week" by Fox 13 TV. This meant a visit from Budda!



Budda meets music students and interviews Mr. Frohm.

COOL SCHOOL OF THE WEEK!



SpectaColts impress
Budda with their talent
and theatrical skill!



We love Copper
Mountain Middle
School, Budda!





Winter Wear Needed For The Road Home

Our school is donating winter wear items to The Road Home. We would love for everyone to participate and contribute winter wear. We will take scarves, hats, gloves, socks or any other winter wear. Please bring your items new or gently used. We thank you for your donations and hope you have a great winter!

A big "THANK YOU" to those parents and students who took the time to come to Student Led Conferences!

Students Participate in Reflections Contest!

CMMS students explored the arts and participated in PTA Reflections! This year's theme was "The World Would Be a Better Place If" Each student who entered was awarded participation points that counted towards citizenship as well as a treat from the PTA!

Entry categories included:

- *3-D Visual Art
- *Dance Choreography
- *Music Composition
- *Film Production
- *Photography
- *Literature
- *Visual Arts

Thanks to those who entered the contest. Your creations were awesome!



Congratulations 2014 PTA Reflections Winners!!!



SPIRIT WEEK AT CMMS!

Monday- Mix it up Monday: Wear mismatched clothes.

Tuesday- Twin Day: Twin with a friend

Wednesday- School Colors:

7th grade wearing grey

8th grade wearing maroon or white

9th grade wearing black

Thursday- Throwback Thursday: Pick your favorite decade and wear that style of clothes. Make sure you follow our school dress code when dressing up.

Friday- Crazy Sock Day: Wear your craziest socks

It looks like the staff had the most fun for mix match day!



Ms. Ewell, Mrs. Baker, and Mrs. Johnson join in the fun on mix match day during Spirit Week!

Someone Let the Dogs Out!



CMMS would like to thank Unified Police for helping us with a successful lock down drill. We invited the K9 team to join us Friday, November 7th. This drill allows the officers to become more aware of our building and its surroundings. We are so lucky to have such amazing students attend our school. We appreciate your support during our drills. It is our desire to keep your students safe and sound while at school.

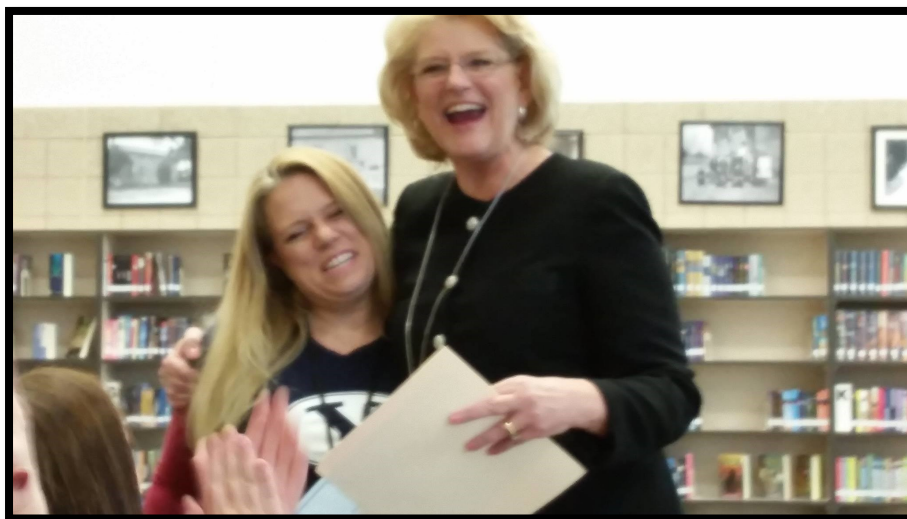
CMMS Teacher Receives \$100 Award!



Paula Landeen received the Project 100 award from Jordan Credit Union. She now has \$100 dollars to spend on anything she would like! Thanks, Jordan Credit Union for appreciating what great teachers we have at CMMS!

“Applause” for Ms. Swallow!

Superintendent Johnson presented our amazing Choir Director, Ami Swallow, with an applause award for recognition from a thankful parent. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful talented teacher at CMMS.



Play Chess? Join the Club! Beginners Welcome!



Our Chess Club has so much fun! Come and join us on Tuesdays and Thursdays in R205 right after school.



Learning About Heart Rate and Using Activity Monitors is Fun!





**Check Out the
Softball
Action in
Coach T's
P. E. Classes!**





Men's Basketball Team is Announced!

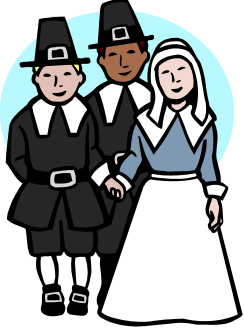


Introducing our 2014-15 Mens Basketball Team! Back Row Left to Right: Mr. Brian Thompson, Kyle Peck, CJ Evenhuis, Jaxon Palmer, Braxton Pearce, Jake Anderson, Austin Andersen, Isaiah Fernandez, Mr. Shawn Ormond. Front Row Left to Right: Ryan Montoya, Gavin Cox, Nick Westenskow, Nathaniel Simonsen, Gavin Davey, Spencer Lee, Joshua Panicker. We look forward to a fantastic season.

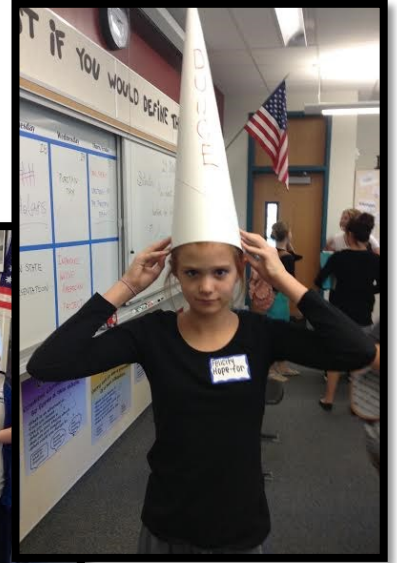
No one can upstage our fantastic STAGE CREW!



Students Experience Life in Colonial America!

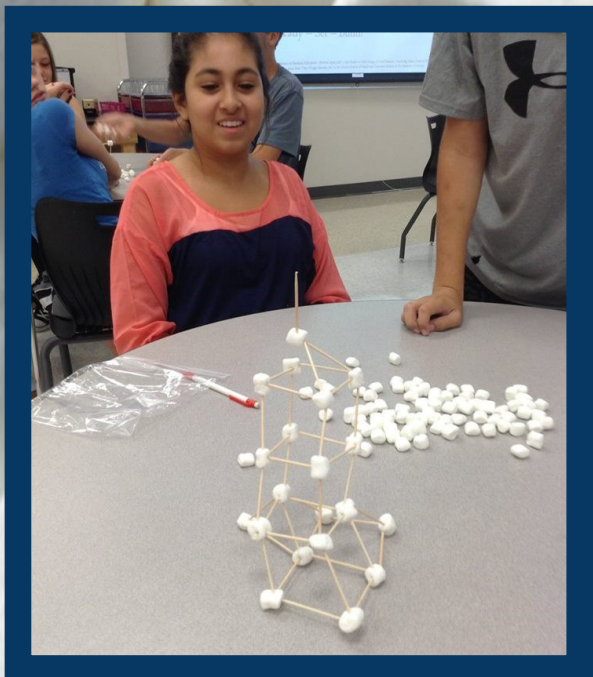


On October 29th the 8th graders at Copper Mountain Middle School participated in the annual Puritan Day. Every year the social studies department transports the 8th graders to the 1600s where they experience colonial America. Students dress in puritan attire, act solemn and attentive at all times and reflect upon the deep puritan beliefs taught to them in class. History comes alive for these students as they do their best to accomplish the goals of this day.





**Mrs. Murray's FACS Exploration students
use S.M.A.R.T. Goals to build
Marshmallow Towers. Yum...**



We are Excited to Announce the CMMS Musical for 2014-15!



"I always try to choose musicals that have a message that really applies to all those involved in the show! Shrek has some real, true-life principles that are EXACTLY what I want each of my students to come away with! I want my students to feel empowered against any bullying they encounter in life. We are each special and our differences should be celebrated! This musical embraces the idea of loving yourself how you are and being the best person you can be! " (Ms. Armstrong)

CMMS Clubs are Awesome!

Film Club

Wednesdays after School

Room R202

Advisor: Ms. Blanchard

Rubiks Cube Club

Wednesdays after School

Room G205

Advisor: Ms. Putnam

Rainbow Loom Club

Thursdays after School

In the Library

Advisor: Mrs. Herget



Cupcake Wars!



What does an Atom really look like?



**Our 7th grade Science
kids know how to find out!**



Join the Math Club!



**Wednesdays after School
Advisors: Ms. Asay and Ms. Barlow**

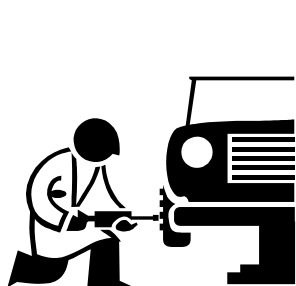
CMMS Student Takes 5th Place in World Trampoline and Tumbling Competition!

Our own Kaden Brown was invited to compete at the World Gymnastics Championship in Florida. Eight different countries participated and Kaden took 5th place! We are super excited for him and wish him the very best. We are all proud of you, Kaden!

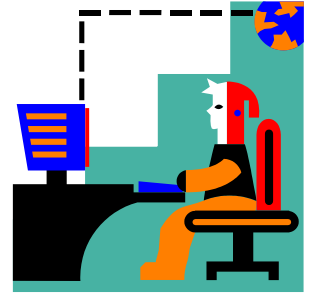


8th grade Job Shadow a Success!

On November 19th, 8th graders were able to have a fantastic work experience by job shadowing someone in a particular profession. Students who participated in this activity learned first-hand what it's like to work in their field of interest.



Internet Safety Taught in Net Smart Assembly!



Parenting Classes and Counseling Services Offered to JSD Families at **Jordan Family Education Center!**

The Jordan Family Education Center is open for family intakes and classes at their new location, West Jordan Elementary School (7220 South 2370 West). Some of the classes offered are: High School Anger Management, Self-Discipline School (grades 7-9), Calming the Storm Within (adult anger management), Bully Stoppers (bully-proofing for kids grades 2-5), Positive Parenting Practices for the Children with ADHD, Effective Parent Training, Reading Your Environment (two social skills groups for children grades 3 through 9 with high functioning autism/ asperger's) and an attendant parent support group, Parenting the Difficult Child and Teen, Blues Busters (for sad or worried children grades 3-6). Classes are offered Tuesday through Thursday evenings 7-9 p.m. Classes are offered at no cost. Please call the JFEC at (801)565-7442 to register, or for a schedule of these and other classes offered this fall. Family counseling for child centered concerns can also be arranged by requesting an intake appointment.

Congratulations CMMS for the fantastic SAGE scores. We were listed in the top 25 schools in the STATE for Science & Math. Well done students and teachers!



4 Things You Need to Know About Sage Testing

The results of last spring's first-ever computer-adaptive Student Assessment of Growth and Excellence (SAGE) tests were released in October. The results showed that 41.7 percent of Utah students are college and career ready in language arts, 38.7 percent in mathematics and 43.7

percent in science. Many were concerned to see these scores. Of course, we all want Utah students to perform better, but Tami Pyfer, education advisor to Gov. Gary Herbert says there are four things you need to know about Utah's new SAGE test and our student performance:

1. Comparing these new scores to the previous scores is like comparing apples to oranges.

The SAGE tests are much different from the tests students have traditionally taken. Under the new format, the way a student answers one question will determine what the next question will be. The emphasis is on ensuring students have mastered concepts rather than simply testing their ability to regurgitate information.

Though students also took computer-adaptive science assessments, the science standards have not been updated within the past five years as have the language arts and math standards.

2. More accurate assessments of performance are essential to prepare our students to compete in the marketplace.

We need to assess Utah student performance accurately so that students don't graduate from high school only to find they are unprepared for the rigor of college coursework. If students are ready for college level work when they step on campus, they will save time and money as they work toward college graduation.

3. It is not unusual to have test scores drop when standards are raised.

Spring 2014 marked the first time Utah students took computer-adaptive tests that were based on the more rigorous Utah Core Standards in language arts and math. When Utah last raised the math and science standards a few years ago test scores dropped. However, after the initial drop, test scores steadily increased. We expect the same thing to happen again.

It is important to remember we are establishing a new baseline. Going forward we will have a more accurate understanding of how Utah students are prepared to compete with their competition from other states and from other countries.

4. The test scores show we have a lot of work ahead of us.

Utah has clear, challenging academic goals. Now we have a better understanding of where we are and we can chart a course to get where we want to be.

Utah has wonderful teachers, great parents and community members and education leaders that are going to work together to help us get there.

If you want to see for yourself what a SAGE test looks like or take a practice test, you can visit SAGEportal.org.

(Posted in [Featured Articles](#))

COUNSELOR CORNER

The month of October was a busy month for the Copper Mountain Middle School counseling team. We spent the month presenting 9th grade guidance lessons, and introducing/helping 8th grade students to become college and career ready.

Guidance Lesson to 9th Graders

Damen Lopez said, "College readiness is not the belief that every student will go to college. It is the idea that every student deserves the opportunity to be educated in a way that prepares him or her for college."

The purpose of our 9th grade guidance lessons was to provide each 9th grader the opportunity to be educated in college and career readiness resources. We accomplished this goal by discussing:

- How many credits a high school student will need to graduate high school in the Jordan School District (27 Credits).
- Different scholarship resources and options.
- What the requirements are to become a Utah Scholar and how to apply for the Regents Scholarship (www.utahscholars.org, www.higheredutah.org/regents scholarship/).
- What kind of education or skill is needed to attain a desired career (www.utahfutures.org).
- How much money a student will need to make to live the life they desire.

8th Grader Plan for College and Career Readiness (PCCR)

The purpose of our 8th grade PCCR is to help 8th graders prepare for high school. In these one on one meetings we discuss with parents and students:

- The results of the Explore Test.
- How the Explore Test is a preparatory exam to help 8th graders prepare for the PLAN and ACT Test in High School.
- Why the ACT Exam is so important, and how it can help a high school student get into a College or University.
- How many credits a high school student needs to graduate.
- Ways to earn college credit in high school.
- Ways to pay for college.

Our counseling team will be conducting these PCCR Meetings until the end of December.

Reality Town Thank You

A big thank you to all those who participated or volunteered for Reality Town. It was a huge success, and our counseling team could not have been more pleased with the turn out. Thanks again for all your help, and we hope to see you again next year. More to come next month!

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Snow Closure Guidelines

Emergency Communications Procedures

Copper Mountain will remain open, if at all possible, on all scheduled school days. Even when weather conditions are extreme, every effort will be made to keep schools open in the belief that it is in the best interest of the students. Since parents are the primary protector they will need to decide what is right for their children. The option to keep children home when weather conditions are extreme is always at the parents' discretion and the school understands and respects the decision.

Parents and employees should listen to these designated radio or television stations for school closure information between the hours of 6-8 a.m. (If schools dismiss early, the media will air the announcement as soon as possible.) Parents are asked to meet their students at bus stops when buses are running on delayed or emergency schedules.

AM Radio Stations

KSL-1160

Metro Network —25 stations

TV Stations

KUTV—Channel 2

KTVX—Channel 4

KSL—Channel 5

Fox-News—Channel 13

School closures will be posted by 6:30 a.m. on Jordan School District's Web site at:

www.jordandistrict.org

Make-up Days

The Utah State Office of Education requires a minimum of 180 instructional days of school. Days lost because of inclement weather will be made up first on Washington and Lincoln Day (Presidents' Day) Recess and then during Spring Recess. (As per District Policy D207—Calendar Development)



Copper Mountain Middle School Loves



Trust Land Funds

We wanted to take the time to let everyone know how our school has benefited from the School Trust Land funds. At Copper Mountain Middle School we provide tutoring in Mathematics, Language Arts, Science, Study Skills, Social Studies, computers, and electives. The program is structured to target those students who just need more help in their classes. Also, students struggling with attendance issues can use this time to make-up missing work.

We are dedicated to continuing implementation of middle level philosophy complete with integrated curriculum, developmentally responsive instruction, and collaboration between staff members. Funds are used for in-school mentor training with substitutes to cover, team curriculum planning, registration fees for local middle level and gifted conferences, and professional development in content specific areas. The academic goals to improve student performance at Copper Mountain are many. We also use Trust Land money to purchase mobile computer labs, interactive support for teaching, and computer equipment. Trust Land money is used for summer camps, explore programs, and remediation. Our goal in Language Arts, Math and Science are to reduce the percentage of students performing at Levels 1 and 2 on the Sage Test.

I would like to thank the School Community Council for their support, and help, in writing the School Land Trust proposal. We would also like to thank the Utah Legislators for their continued support for the School Land Trust Fund; we see tremendous benefits each year.