



# The Colt Connection

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## Principal's Message

I want to thank everyone for making Copper Mountain Middle the best school in the STATE this year! What a fantastic 3rd year of "Hitting our Stride". I am so proud to be the principal of Copper Mountain, every day is better than the last. We have an incredible staff and community, but the best thing that makes Copper Mountain so wonderful... it is the amazing students who walk through those doors every day. We will miss our ninth grade students, but know they will be successful in whatever they try.

Have an amazing and safe summer,

Kim Baker



## 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. They are located at the 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 being offered at the center. Family counseling for child centered concerns can also be arranged by requesting an intake appointment.

# CMMS Passes Accreditation with Flying Colors!



On March 17, an Accreditation Team visited Copper Mountain Middle School to assess how well our school meets the standards required to be an accredited school. If you are wondering what accreditation means, following is a paragraph from the Utah State Office of Education's website:

## What Does Accreditation Mean?

- The purpose of Accreditation is to ensure excellence in education by holding schools accountable to rigorous standards and a process of continuous improvement.
- In the State of Utah, by law all public schools, granting high school credit, are required to be accredited. Accreditation ensures that the credits/diploma a student earns is the result of quality educational experience. Schools that are not accredited run the risk of not having their credits or diplomas accepted by other schools, colleges, or the military.

## Copper Mountain Middle School Accreditation Results

–ELEOT (Effective Learning Environment Observation Tool)

	<b>Domains</b>	<b>External Review (Our School)</b>	<b>AEN (National Average)</b>
<b>1</b>	Equitable Learning Environment	2.94	2.69
<b>2</b>	High Expectations Environment	3.18	2.81
<b>3</b>	Supportive Learning Environment	3.27	3.07
<b>4</b>	Active Learning Environment	3.20	2.94
<b>5</b>	Progress Monitoring and Feedback Environment	3.09	3.08
<b>6</b>	Well-Managed Learning Environment	3.28	3.14
<b>7</b>	Digital Learning Environment	2.21	1.83

# Copper Mountain Middle School Accreditation Results

IEQ (Index of Educational Quality)

	<b>External Review IEQ Score (Our School's Scores)</b>	<b>AE Network Average  (National Average Scores)</b>
<b>Overall Score</b>	330.77	278.34
<b>Teaching and Learning Impact</b>	333.33	268.94
<b>Leadership Capacity</b>	318.18	292.64
<b>Resource Utilization</b>	342.86	283.23

## End of Level Testing

Copper Mountain Middle School will be administering the State required end of level SAGE assessments (April 25 – May 20). Make-ups will be May 23-27. Students in Jordan School District will be taking Language Arts, Math, and Science tests during this window. These are exams that students prepare for all year long. Parents can help their student be ready for these important end-of-the year tests.

Here are a few suggestions to assist your student:

- **Attendance:** Students need to be in school to take the test, but it is vital that they come every day prior to the tests. Teachers review course and curriculum information, and significant learning opportunities will be taking place in the next few weeks
- **Help children understand why we test:** Tests are benchmarks. Schools use them to improve teaching techniques, develop curriculum, and strengthen the school climate. Tests are used to compare students by schools, districts, and geographic areas throughout the state.
- **Plenty of Sleep & Eat Well:** Make sure your student gets plenty of sleep and a good breakfast every test day. Children who are tired and hungry are less able to pay attention in school or to handle the demands of the test.

SAGE Test Dates:

April 25-29 Science

May 2-6 Writing

May 9-13 Reading

May 16-20 Math



If a situation exists where a student must miss school during the last month of school, it is important that this work be completed beforehand or other arrangements made. The student must check with his/her teachers and arrange for the testing or make-up assignments.

Congratulations to Ms. Ewell! She received the UEN American Graduate Champion award for her work with global collaboration and innovative curriculum. We are so lucky to have her teaching our COLTS!



Congratulations PTSA Students and Teacher of the Quarter!



## Band Excels in Competition!

Our CMMS band did extremely well at the festival on March 9. They earned a rating of 1- which is the equivalent of an A- academically. They are one of the best bands in the district! Thanks to everyone for supporting the Music Program at CMMS. Congratulations Mr. Frohm and band students!



## Students Swim for HHS!

9th graders Makenzie Manning and Irelan Ming qualified and swam for Herriman High School at the state swim meet in February. Great Job Colts!



## CMMS Choir Rocks!

The Concert and Intermediate Choirs performed at the district Large Ensemble Festival. They received a Superior rating for their performance and really impressed the adjudicator. Sing on, Colts!



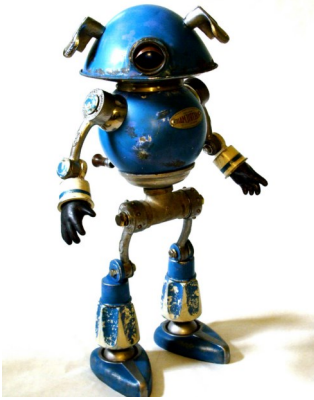
Thanks Jordan Applied Technology Center for coming over and helping our 9th Grade students with their career and school plans.



Congratulations CMMS Orchestra for receiving an Outstanding Performance Award in the Utah State Orchestra Festival for Middle Schools.



# CMMS Students Attend Utah STEM Fest 2016!



Our students were part of the most unique gathering ever assembled in Utah! The Utah STEM Fest 2016 was held on February 2-4 at the South Towne Expo Center. Students enjoyed exciting hands-on experiences with science and technology that sparked their imaginations and gave them a peek into their future career opportunities.





# STEM FEST





# Day of Dance!



CMMS Advanced Dancers participated in the statewide Middle School Day of Dance at the Rose Wagner Performing Arts Building, hosted by Repertory Dance Theatre! It was so much fun!!





# Our SBOs are Amazing!



## Representative Knotwell Visits Copper Mountain MS



Representative Knotwell came to CMMS and met with Principals of Herriman City schools. He is a fantastic support for education and really cares about our students!



# Hockey & Basketball!



Last month in PE, Ms. Thompson's students had fun learning how to play Hockey and Basketball!





# Volley Ball & Heart Rate!



This month in PE, Ms. Thompson's students are learning about Volleyball and heart rate!





# CMMS Teacher Wins Award!



Congratulations to Mrs. Chelsea Johnson for winning “Teacher of the Year” from the Veterans of Foreign Wars. We are so proud of our amazing History Teacher.

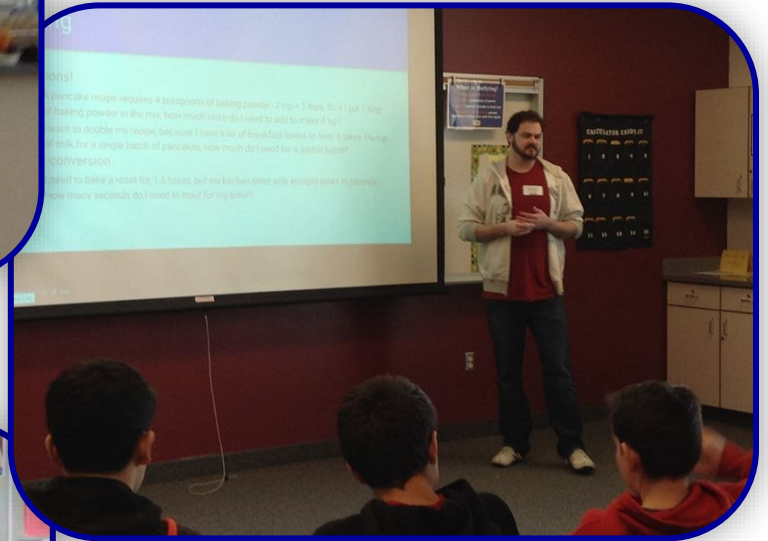
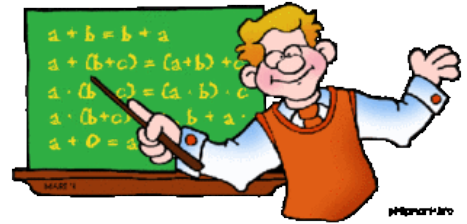
# Dancers Visit RDT



Our talented advanced dance class working with RDT dancer, Tyler Orcutt.

# Math at Work!

We had about 27 amazing parents and volunteers come in to present how they use math in their jobs every day. Thanks for supporting our COLT Corral!



**MATH  
ROCKS**





# Colts of the Quarter



Congratulations  
7th Grade



Congratulations  
8th Grade



Congratulations  
9th Grade





# 2nd Quarter Triple Crown Winners!

*To qualify as a CMMS Triple Crown winner at the end of the quarter, a student must have perfect attendance, an Honors grade in citizenship in all of their classes, and a 4.0 grade point average. Congratulations on a great accomplishment!*

**7th Grade Winners!**



**8th Grade Winners!**



**9th Grade Winners!**





# 6th Grade Showcase!



We were so excited to meet our incoming 7th grade students for next year. Go baby COLTS!





# "Mary Poppins"

Congratulations to the cast and crew of "Mary Poppins." It was a fantastic production. We appreciate the support of our parents and community. Special thanks to all those volunteers who assisted with the production.













**JOIN THE CMMS  
CHESS CLUB TODAY!**







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**What a fantastic Basketball Season! Thanks players, coaches, and parents for all of your support!**





# The Colt Creamery!





# Theater Classes Receive Storage for Sets & Props!



Thanks to our school administration for the new storage unit where we can store our sets and prop pieces. We appreciate your continued support of our theater arts program!



## Students Win T-Shirts!



These students are the lucky winners for filling out our climate survey! Thanks parents for taking the time to take the survey. We appreciate your support!



# CMMS Students to Compete in National History Bee!



## THE NATIONAL HISTORY BEE MIDDLE SCHOOL COMPETITION

Congratulations to Chase Erickson, Will Hughes, Evan Janis, Jonah Johnson, and Grace Watson for qualifying to compete in the statewide History Bee that was held at Rowland Hall on March 24th. Chase, Will, Evan, and Jonah all made it into the top 8 and Will Hughes got 1st place! We are so proud of these students! All of our students qualified to compete in the National Competition in Chicago, Illinois in June. Congratulations and good luck at the National History Bee!





# Fitness Day Was a Blast!



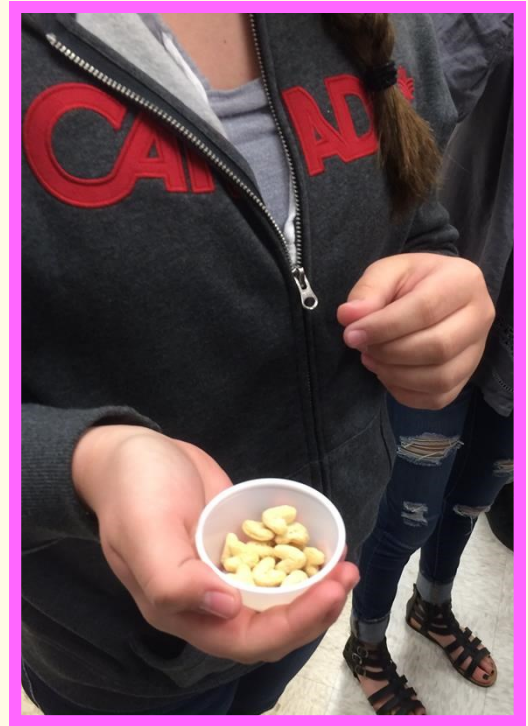
## Pi Day Celebration!

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Ms. Monsen's students participated in pi day on March 14th, by having an in-class pie eating contest!

# Feeding Infants Relay in Mrs. Baker's Child Development class!



After discussing how to feed an infant properly, students participated in a relay. In groups of 6, students had to decide who would drink a 5 ounce bottle of water, feed someone/be fed a container of peach baby food, feed someone/be fed a small cup of rice cereal, and eat (without chewing!) 15 dissolving Apple Strawberry puffs. The first team to complete all 4 won candy-- definitely yummier than baby food!





# Students Learn Parenting Skills!

If you hear a baby crying in the hallways at CMMS, it will probably be one of the electronic baby simulators students are caring for. The baby simulator program has begun and will continue into the first part of May. Students pick up their babies on a Friday and carry them throughout their school day. They return the babies the following Monday morning. The simulation is part of both a standard and performance objective for Ms. Kesler's *Teen Living* classes. This program gives students the opportunity to participate in an activity that simulates the demands and responsibilities of parenting. Best of luck to parents and babies!





# Fun times at lunch!



How low  
can you go?







# The Taco Cart is Here!



Our Spanish Language classes had a great time ordering meals in Spanish and playing games. Thanks to Tacos El Pariente, teachers, staff, and especially all the parent volunteers who made this event so fun!!







# Provecho!





# Dog Gone Night a Great Success!

On April 12 CMMS held their annual *Dog Gone Night*! Free hot dogs and chips were served to about 500 students, families and community members. Everyone had a wonderful time socializing and downing the dogs. A BIG THANK YOU to Walmart for donating the hot dogs, Sara Lee for donating the buns, and Frito Lay for donating the chips! Their support of our school is fantastic. We greatly appreciate the staff and faculty who served hotdogs and supervised this activity. Thanks to everyone for the incredible support that made this a successful event and a fun evening for all.



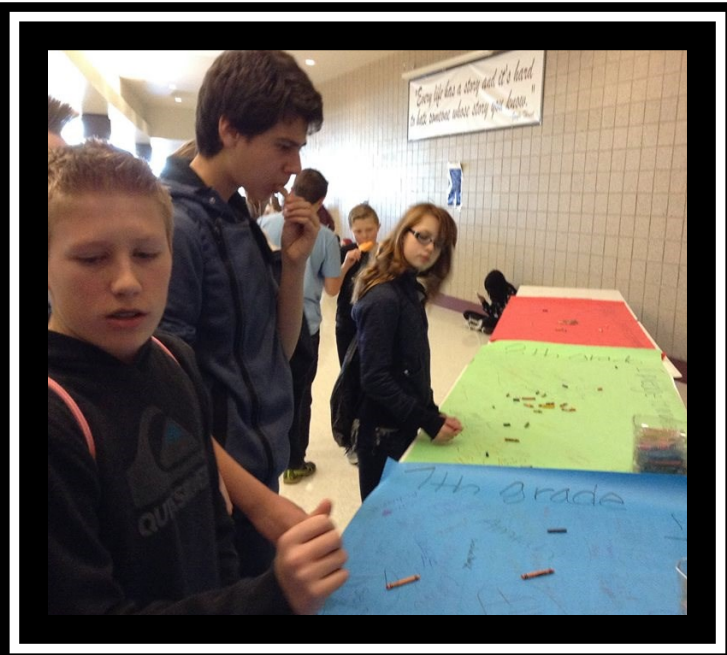
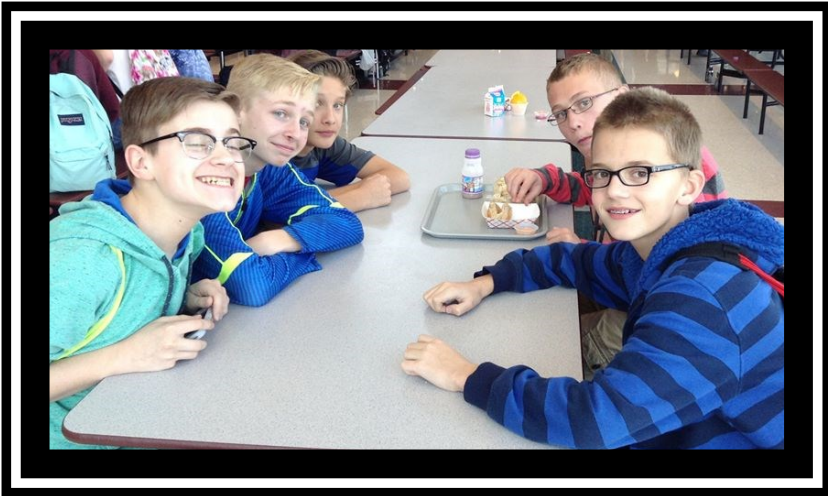






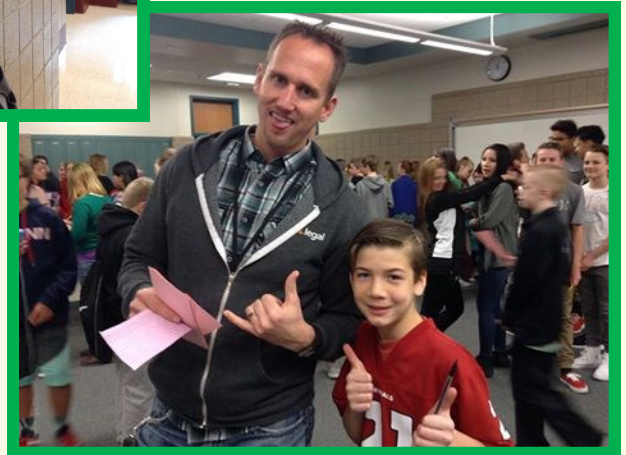
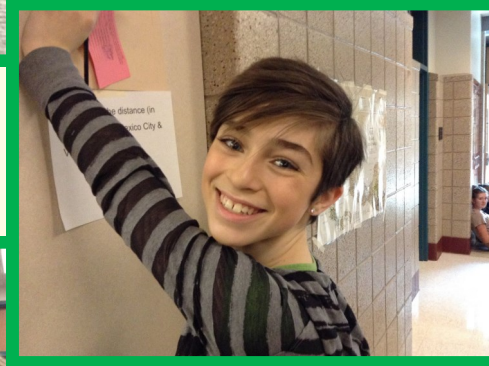


# White Ribbon Week!

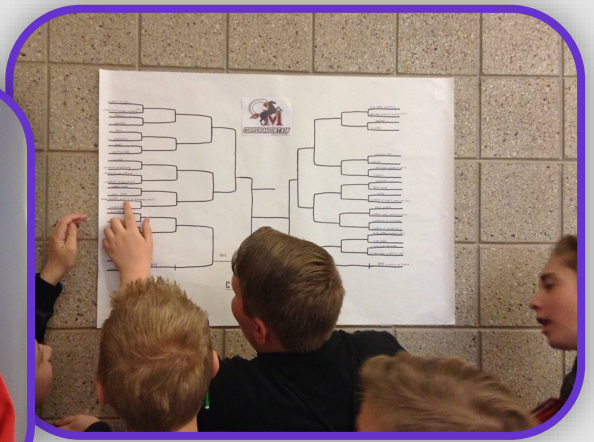




# Social Studies Colt Corral Amazing Race!







# College Week!





# CMM

# Counselor Corner

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## College Week

March 14th kicked off our first annual March Madness, College Week tournament. Each 2nd period class was assigned a college or university. At the beginning of College Week, each class opened their college acceptance letter to see which college or university they would be "attending". The counseling department created a March Madness bracket to show which teams were competing against each other for the day.

Points were earned daily by completing short college related activities in class such as creating a college brag sheet where students learned more about their college, completing a financial aid worksheet which helped students learn about finan-

cial aid options, and asking their teacher about the college they attended. Additional points were earned by wearing college gear and competing in lunchtime activities.

One of the highlights of the week was the brag posters students created. These posters were hung near their classroom and were designed to help inform other students about their college. Competition was fierce and we had many creative, artistic, and unique posters.

All week classes competed to become the most college savvy class at Copper Mountain Middle School. Classes could win by either being the last team standing at the end, or being the team with the most points at

the end of the tournament. With bragging rights and donuts on the line, students worked hard to bring glory to their team. At the end of the week, we ended up with three winning teams! Georgetown (Ms. Rakowski's 2nd period class) earned the most points overall for the week. Great job!

For our final bracket, MIT (Ms. Putnam's 2nd period) and Harvard (Mr. Bergum's 2nd period) faced off and tied at the end of the final day. Both teams worked so hard. However we still wanted to declare an overall winner.

So...based on the week's overall points, our first ever College Week, March Madness Champion was...HARVARD!!!! Congratulations to Mr. Bergum's 2nd period class!

The counseling department wants to thank all of the students, teachers, and staff at Copper Mountain Middle School for their participation and support to make this event so successful. We look forward to this new tradition.

## 9th Grade

### Planning for College and Career Readiness

On March 17th our 9th graders were invited to attend Herriman High School's Sophomore Orientation. Each student who attended received a packet of information outlining programs, classes, and how to complete arena scheduling. If you or your student were unable to attend orientation, packets were handed out to students at CMMS or were mailed home to you. If your student still does not

have a packet, please contact Herriman High School for more information or contact your student's school counselor.

On March 29th and 30th CMMS counselors met with your students individually during their language arts class to go over the Herriman High School packets, review credits earned, discuss what credits your student still needs to take to graduate on time, and talk

about what classes your student wants or should take next year.

Each student received a credit summary, an arena schedule worksheet, and a Copper Mountain Middle School Plan for College and Career Readiness 2015-2016 booklet. Please review this material with your student and help them make final plans for 10th grade classes. **Arena Scheduling is on April 20-21, 2016.**

### Herriman High School

#### Arena Scheduling

**When: April 20-21, 2016**

School Counselors will be available at the high school on April 20th and 21st from 3:30-5:30 pm to help your student sign up for classes. If you have any questions please contact the Herriman High School Counseling Department at 801-567-8560.