



The Colt Connection



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Sage Testing Coming Up!

Dear Parents,

Copper Mountain Middle School will be administering the State required end-of-level SAGE assessments (**April 27 – May 15**). Make-ups will be May 18-20. 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 27-30 Language Arts

May 4-8 Math

May 11-15 Science

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.

Sincerely,

Kim Baker, Principal



Shrek! A Fantastic Success!

Over 100 cast and crew members took
"Shrek, The Musical" to the stage.
With sold out audiences these kids blew everyone
away with their performance!







.....The Entire Cast.....
Copper Mountain Middle School
 Performed March 12 - 14
 2015

Thanks to Everyone Who Participated in or Supported Our School Musical in Any Way!

SHREK
The
MUSICAL



**Foodie Friday!
We love our jobs!**

Fun Times at the Valentines Dance!



Jordan Credit Union's Teacher of the Week at CMMS!



Mrs. Lopez is Jordan Credit Union's teacher of the week! Thank you Jordan Credit Union for your fantastic support for the teachers and staff at CMMS! We love you!

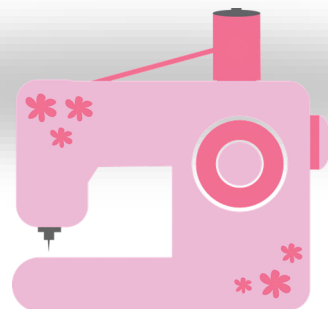
Colts Go Green!



Our Foods I Classes are learning about vitamins and minerals. They are filling up on healthy antioxidants with Green Smoothies and Whole Grain Pancakes with Cranberry Syrup! YUM!!!!



CTE Classes Make Dresses for Children in Africa!



2014-2015

Copper Mountain Middle School

Science Olympiad Team



Team Members include:

Coaches

Mrs. Tonkinson

Miss Masino

7th Grade

Abbie Bullock

Isaiah Newberry

Jaycee Potter

Braden Herrman

Lorenzo Ward

Dax DelRio

Daniel Cannon

8th Grade

Jefferson Harbaugh

Parker Nelson

Parker Reynolds

Ben Moore

Madison Rice

Landon Kearns

Alexia Heninger

Katie Edwards

Braxton Leavitt

9th Grade

Jordan Harbaugh



Copper Mountain Science Olympiad

Our Science Olympiad has had a great season so far! We've traveled to Weber State and Westminster College and have done a fabulous job at each! We have officially qualified again for the State Competition and are excited to travel to the University of Utah on April 11th.

Weber State:

At Weber State we competed in 20 different science events! We ultimately brought home medals in 10 of them. Overall we came in 5th out of 13 teams. The following students medaled in the events listed below:

Gold: Hydrogeology – Parker Nelson

Gold: Meteorology – Jaycee Potter and Jordan Harbaugh

Silver: Solar System – Jaycee Potter and Jordan Harbaugh

Silver: Write it/Do it – Parker Reynolds and Katie Edwards

Bronze: Fossils – Landon Kearns and Alexia Heninger

Landon Kearns and Alexia Heninger also had a super close 4th place finish in Entomology.



Medalist picture at Weber.

Westminster:

At Westminster, we competed better than ever before! Out of 17 teams, we came in 5th place and were amongst the top 4 schools at the event. Of the 20 events we competed in, we medaled in 4 events of them. Notably, though, we had FIVE 4th place finishes – SO CLOSE to 5 more medals! The team really worked together and truly did a great job! The following students medaled in the events listed below:

Gold: Bridge Building – Parker Reynolds and Jefferson Harbaugh

Gold: Dynamic Planet – Parker Nelson and Jordan Harbaugh

Bronze: Hydrogeology – Parker Nelson

Bronze: Wheeled Vehicle – Katie Edwards and Parker Reynolds

Notable 4th place finishes: Solar Systems (Parker Nelson and Jordan Harbaugh), Road Scholar (Jefferson Harbaugh and Alexia Heninger), Simple Machines (Ben Moore and Braxton Leavitt), Meteorology (Jordan Harbaugh and Jaycee Potter), and Robocross (Daniel Cannon and Lorenzo Ward)



Katie Edwards and Parker Reynolds earned a Bronze Medal in the Wheeled Vehicle Event.



Jordan Harbaugh and Parker Nelson earned Gold Medals in the Dynamic Planet Event. Parker Nelson also got a bronze medal for his solo work in Hydrogeology.

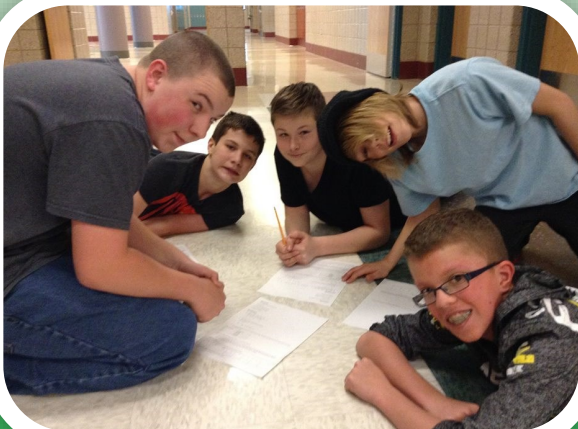


Jefferson Harbaugh and Parker Reynolds earned a Bronze Medal in the Bridge Building. Their bridge weighed 10 grams and held over 27lbs of sand!

We Love Our Honors Choir, Band and Orchestra!



Hurray for Pi Day!



3-14-15



Reflections Contest!

Thanks to all the students who participated in the Reflections contest. They did an awesome job! The winners are:

Daniel Cannon-3-D art
Grahm Molley - Film Production
Anika Bruce-Literature

At the Jordan district Regional Reflections awards night, Anika Bruce received the Award of Excellence in literature, which means she won at region level and now her entry will go on to compete in the PTA State Reflections contest in April! Also Grahm Molloy received an honorable mention for the stop motion animation film he produced. Great job Colts! Good luck!

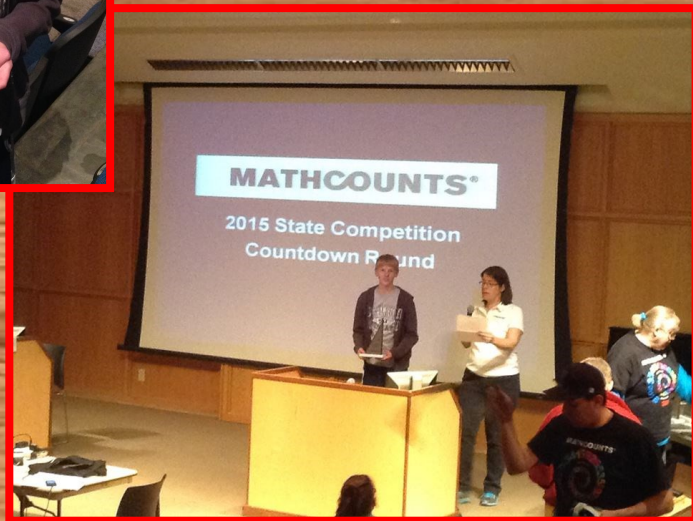


Thanks
Utah Grizzlies and
Herriman Hockey Club
for visiting us at lunch!



Math Counts!

Congratulations to our Math Counts Team! They did a great job at the State competition at SLCC. A special shout out to our amazing Jefferson Harbaugh who placed 8th in the Regional competition and 10th in the entire State!!! Well done COLTS!!!





Cookie Day in FACS!



Ms. Threet Retires



We want to wish our amazing counselor Gayle Threet a wonderful retirement. Thanks for helping CMMS be such a terrific school!



CMMS Student Wins Scholastic Award

Congratulations to Anika Bruce for winning the 2014-2015 Scholastic News Kids Press Corps. They pick 32 student reporters, who hail from 20 states across the country—with international correspondents in Puerto Rico, the Philippines, and Thailand—to report “news for kids, by kids.” Sports, politics, and entertainment are among the topics they cover. Anika Bruce, a student at our school, founded girls-rock.org, a site where girls go to discuss issues that matter to them. Anika does volunteer work in her spare time. Her favorite subjects are Language Arts and History. She says, “I enjoy meeting new people, and I like seeing how ideas start.” Way to go Anika!!



Go COLTS!

Congrats to Mrs. Decker!



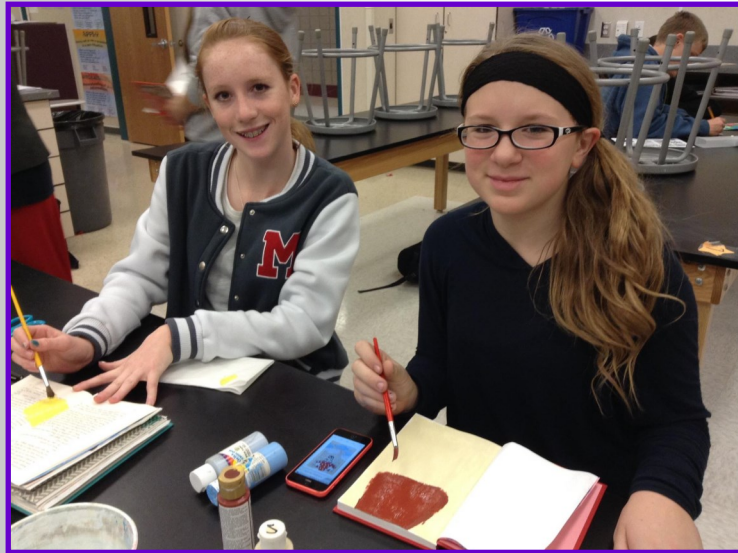
Congratulations to Mrs. Decker-Decker! She received her Masters of Science for Secondary School Teachers (MSSST) in the Earth Sciences program from the University of Utah! We are so proud of our fantastic Science teacher. Thanks for teaching at CMMS!!!

Job Shadow a Success!

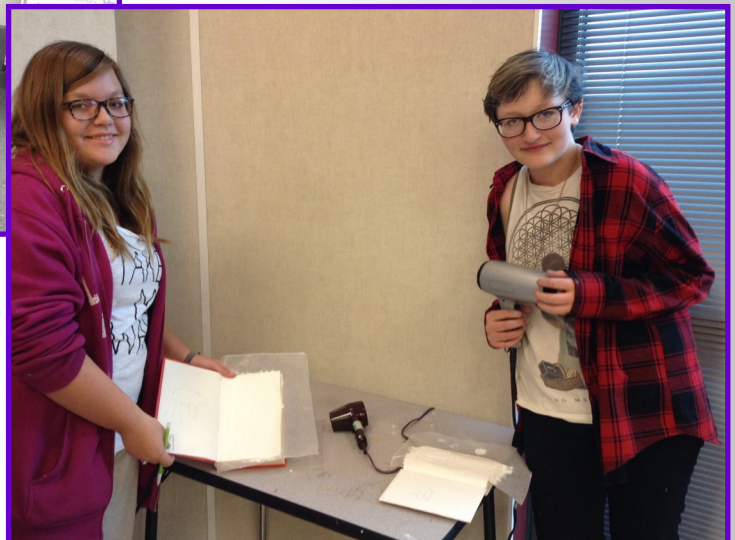


Congratulations to our 8th Grade Job Shadow winners. Austin Mino won \$100 from Jordan Credit Union and Savannah Suman received \$100 from Goldenwest Credit Union!! Thank you to our wonderful sponsors for supporting our COLTS.

After School Art!



Come and join
Mrs. Thorkelson
for
After School Art!
They have a blast!





The Colt Creamery is the creation of Ms. Kesler and her 7th grade CTE students. The delectable ice cream treats and the menu were designed by the class. Each student had the opportunity to apply for a specific job at the creamery and participate as both a worker and a customer. Parents, teachers and students enjoyed their visits to the Colt Creamery. Congratulations to Ms. Kesler and her students for a very successful venture!

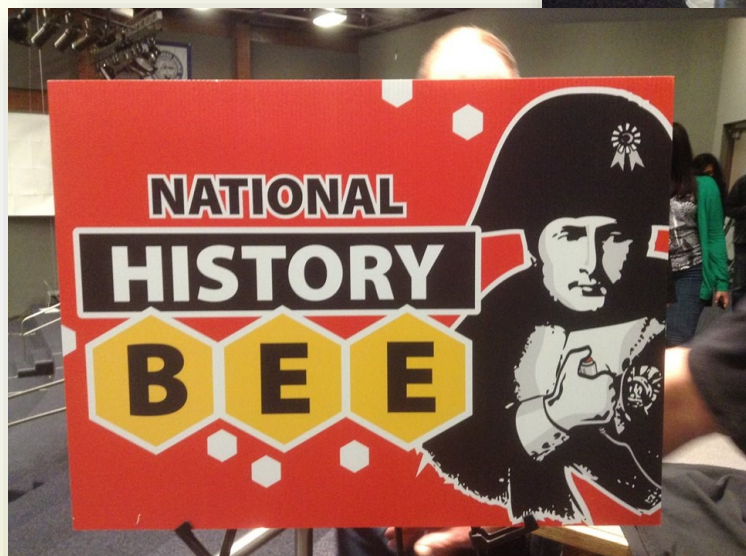


**We had a fantastic
History Bee
at CMMS!**

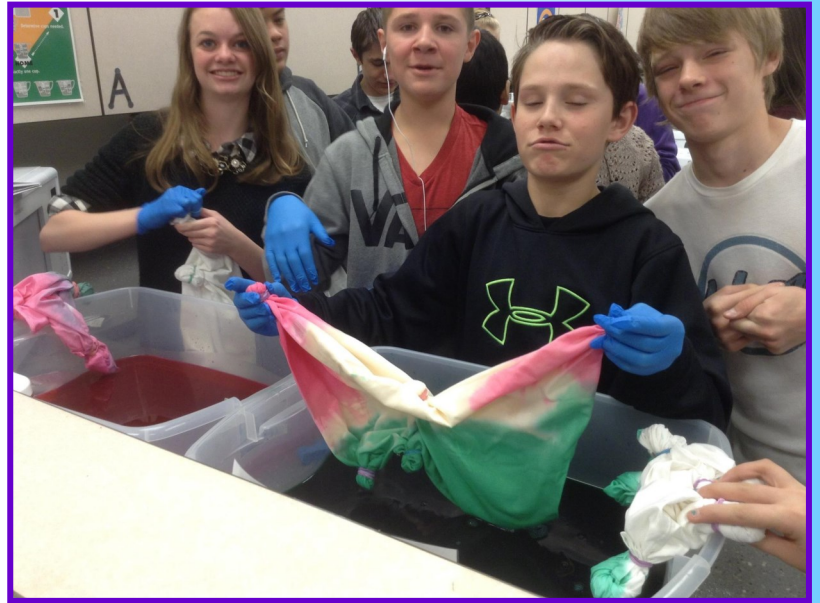
**Thanks to all
participants!**



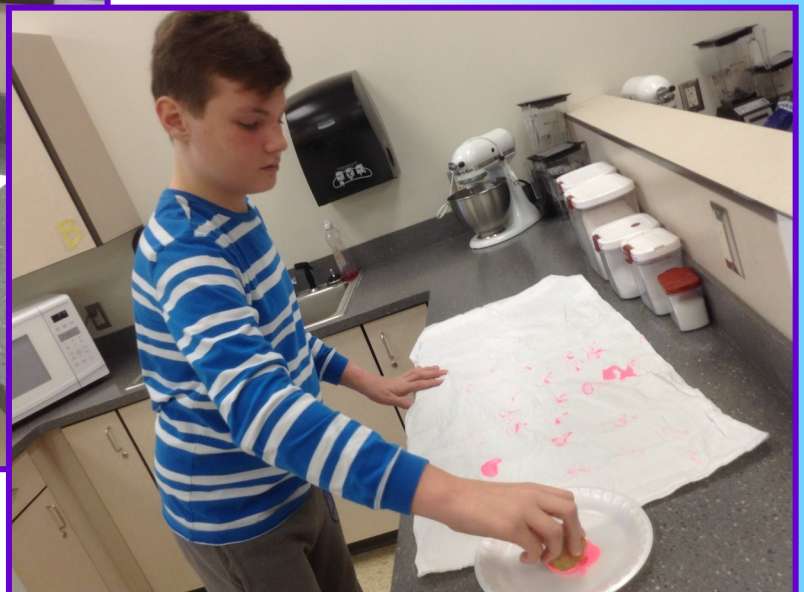
**CMMS Students
Compete
in
National History
Bee!**



FACS Students are “SEW” Busy!



For the sewing and textiles unit in FACS students learned to tie dye and potato print fabric.







Counseling Department


The Counseling department has been gearing up for the next year. Students have been registering for next year classes, and we have been busy putting together the master schedule. The counseling department also finished up 7th grade plans for college and career readiness lesson. This plan for college and career readiness lesson focused goals for next year and their future.

8th Graders! Want to take P.E. in the Summer? Here are your options:



SUMMER PST *OPTIONS* for next year's 9th Graders

On-line PST	Summer PST
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$0 if taken during the school year (if Release Time is in your Schedule) ~ Sign up with your school counselor• \$90 for .5 credit if taken during the summer• March 30th – June 5th sign up for 2 classes (.5 credit) with your counselor at school• Classes run from May 26th – July 30th• Go at your own speed• Complete assignments at home• Flexible for scheduled camps & vacations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ONLY for students going into 9th grade (2015-16 school year)• \$120 for .5 credit• Attendance is mandatory ~ No more than 2 absences for credit• Registration: March 12th @ 4:00 p.m. Through May 14th• Classes DAILY: June 9th – June 29th• ONE MAKE-UP DAY ~ June 30th• Classes at: South Jordan MS 10245 S. 2700 W.• Transportation is the responsibility of the parents• Session #1: 7:30-11:00 a.m.• Session #2: 12:00-3:30 p.m.• ALL students MUST be present on June 29th for testing to receive credit.



To Register, you will NEED:

- Student ID
- Create your own account, username & password
- PAY on-line at time you register (VISA, MasterCard, & Discover cards ONLY)
- READ & ACCEPT PST requirements

SUMMER AND Online P.E. OPTIONS

8th grade Students

Just as reminder all 8th graders going into 9th grade have the option of taking online or summer P.E.

Figure 1.0 displays the two options 8th graders can take. See figure 1.0.

ARENA SCHEDULING

9th graders

In other news, Arena Scheduling is also coming up April 21st – April 22nd for all 9th graders. If you have questions please contact the high school. [801-567-8560](tel:801-567-8560)



TIPS TO HELP YOUR STUDENT SUCCEED

The rigors of school work, extracurricular activities, and home life can be hard to balance. Students are often overwhelmed by all these facets of life. Middle School is a time of learning, organization, time management, and balance. Students are often thrown into all these at once and it can be hard for them to cope. When a combination of stressful activities or events occur, we as humans have the natural tendency to eliminate or give up something. A prime example of this is when students miss school. A recent article posted by the Jordan School District <http://jordandistrict.org/2015/01/fun-fact-friday-every-minute-in-the-classroom-counts> states the importance of students being in class and at school.

Here are some national statistics to which parents should pay attention:

“MISSING JUST TWO DAYS OF SCHOOL A MONTH CAN PUT A CHILD AT RISK FOR ACADEMIC FAILURE.”

- Chronic absence in kindergarten leads to lower academic achievement through 5th
- Missing just two days of school a month can put a child at risk for academic failure.
- One in ten kindergarten and 1st grade students miss nearly a month of school per year.
- By 6th grade, chronic absence is a clear predictor that students may drop out.

This article states that the best thing parents can do for their child's future is to get them to school. The statistics above speak for themselves; missing school is not the best way to eliminate the stress of school.

It is important for students to be in class learning, doing their work, and socializing with their peers. Your counselors are here to help and can be a great resource for students to utilize when their social, emotional, and academic needs are not being met.

Sincerely,

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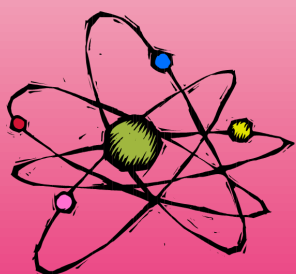
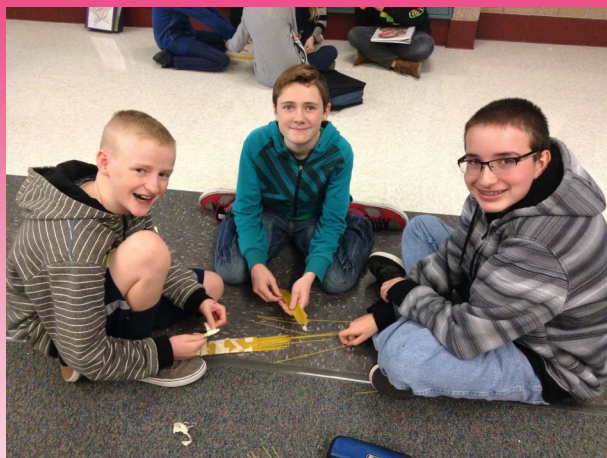
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It was Science Day for our Colt Corral!
Thanks Herriman High for sending over your
terrific Science teachers and students to
demonstrate and help.



Congratulations Geography Bee winners!

Participants were: Cassandra Lovelace, Baylee Graham, Grace Brown, David Tiller, Parker Nelson, Anylu Doyle, Hannah Christiansen, Brooklyn Lambson, Wyatt Crossland, Madison Cook, William Mangum, Cameron Paschal, Jesse Elizondo, Jake Mitchell, Mafi M., Dominic Lugo, Isaac McQueen, Noah Miller, Sophia Silva, Alexi Fund, Colin Lumley, Erik Stephenson, and Hannah Vermillion. Go colts!



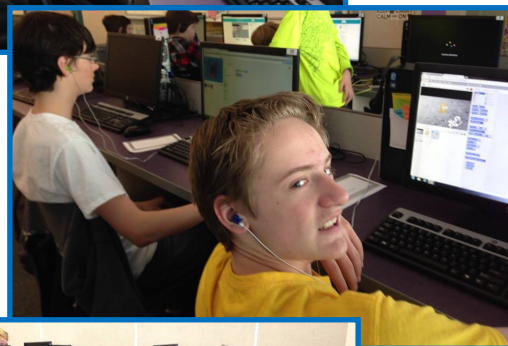
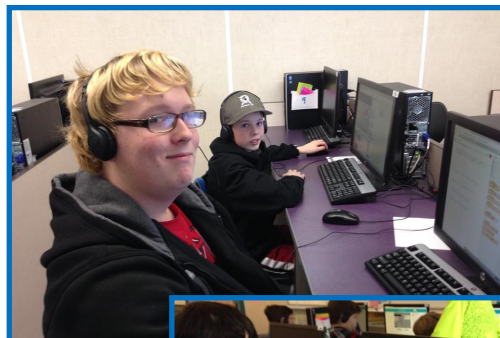
CMMS Students Utah Math Cup Winners!



Congratulations to Ms. Roberts 4th period Math class on winning the Holiday Hero category in the Utah Math Cup! All your hard work has paid off and now you receive a Pizza or Subway Party!



Say hello to our Google Club!



A shout out to all the amazing Zumba instructors who came out and helped us with our Colt Corral. So much fun!!



**Band & Orchestra
Concerts are Awesome!**



CMMS winter dance concert was fantastic! The theme was 'Life Elevated'. Mrs. Terry does a fantastic job with our talented dancers!



Come and Explore FACS!



CMMS Basketball Teams are Awesome!



volleyball Rocks!



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Minute to Win It!

