Dear Copper Mountain community,

I am excited and honored to introduce myself to you as the new principal! I have been impressed with the teachers, staff, and students I have met over the past two weeks. Mr. Curtis and I have been working together closely during this transition time - I have learned a lot from him about what makes this school wonderful and I look forward to carrying on the great traditions and education we have here at CMMS.

This is my 15th year in education. I started teaching middle school math in Maryland, taught high school math in Washington, D.C., and taught at Oquirrh Hills Middle School before entering administration. Most recently, I was an assistant principal at Fort Herriman Middle School. I love middle school students - they are exploring who they are, what they want to be, and gaining independence. I believe that middle school has an important role in setting students up for success in high school and beyond.

On a personal note, my husband and I have two sons aged 6 and 4. My 6-year-old just started 1st grade and looks forward to the day he can come to school with me. My 4-year-old pretends to be a Pokemon. We spend as much time as possible in Utah’s mountains hiking, camping, and fishing.

I look forward to meeting you! Please stop by during parent-teacher conferences on September 25 and 26. You are also welcome to call, email, or stop by the office.

We are going to have a great school year! #Cthegood!

Lauren Peacock

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Upcoming Events

**September 23-26**
Book Fair

**September 25 & 26**
Parent/Teacher Conferences

**October 2**
Picture Day Make-Up

**October 17**
Brown Bag & a Book
(See page 2 for details)

**October 14-18**
Career Week

**October 18**
End of 1st Quarter

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Parenting Event

Herriman High and its feeder schools have combined to offer three free parenting nights in our community this year. Please join us for the first, **Connection Currency,** September 24 at 7:00 pm, Mountain Creek Middle School. Join us as we welcome David Kozlowski, LMFT as he talks about the most valuable currency we can have. The currency of healthy relationships with our kids. He will explain why it is important to have this currency, what tools you can use, and why parents and teachers need to be on the same page.

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Counselors' Corner

Welcome back Colts! We are excited to be back at school with all of your wonderful students. Here is what is happening in the Counseling Center...

Career Week – October 14-18

Mark your calendars! Career week is coming up October 14-18. This week is a fun week full of career related activities in classes and at lunch. This is an exciting and engaging way to get your teen to start thinking about their future career. Each grade also participates in a Career Day Activity on October 16.

Career Day – October 16

7th grade - Spy Hop Career Assembly. Students will learn what it takes to be a video game designer in this exciting and interactive assembly. Throughout this assembly, students learn about coding and programming languages while walking through the steps of developing a video game using a combination of GameMaker and life-size video game controllers. Working in groups, they explore errors in the video game and code that they have to solve to continue through the game.

8th grade - Job Shadow. Students love this career exploration activity! Their participation in the activity counts as their attendance and school assignments at school that day. Please do all you can to help your student set up a meaningful experience for Job Shadow in a career field they find interesting. If they do not have somewhere to go, they will need to complete a career packet at school.

9th Grade – Reality Town. Come join us for Reality Town on October 16 from 8:45-11:30 am. In this activity, students fill out a job application, receive a career and family situation, and learn how to budget expenses for the month. We need volunteers (see link below) to make this event a success. This is a low stress, no previous experience needed, volunteer experience that can have a profound impact on our students as they discover what it really takes to live in the real world and learn how to pay for all the things they currently take for granted. You do not need to have a 9th grade student in order to volunteer. All parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, neighbors, and friends (18 +) are welcome!

If you would like to volunteer, go to https://volunteersignup.org/9BFWD and sign up today!

In the Media Center

Brown Bag & a Book

Our first Brown Bag event is taking place Thursday, October 17 during both lunches. We are reading Wait Till Helen Comes. Students bring their lunches and gather in the library for lunch and a book chat. Fifty students will be eligible to get a free book starting September 24. (Thanks for supporting the upcoming Book Fair that helps us have funds for giving away books to students!)

Book Fair

Check out and support our Book Fair. Online shopping is already available. New this year is the Student eWallet feature. (Directions in QR Code link.) Parents can preload money for students to use only at the Book Fair. Students will not receive cash back from their purchases.