



# The Colt Connection



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## Principal's Message

Students and Parents,

Congratulations on a fantastic 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter! It has been a great start to the school year. I want to thank everyone for the warm welcome. It has been a pleasure meeting and getting to know many of you. I have been so impressed with the caliber of students that we have here at Copper Mountain. Our teachers continue to express to me how well the students are performing this year. Thank you, thank you and keep up the hard work!

Our school theme this year is "Coltivating Connections". This can mean many different things, as we try to strengthen relationships between students, teachers, and the community. It has been great to hear stories of teachers where a positive connection with a student has made a difference in the classroom. We will continue to stress this theme throughout the year. To coincide with this theme, we will soon have a poster in the hallway with photos of all our teachers when they were in middle school. We want students to know that we have all been there before, we know what it's like to be 12-15 yrs. old and trying to balance school, family, friends, and extra-curricular activities. Be sure to look for the poster and see if you can tell who is who!

Thanks again for a wonderful 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter and we look forward to the rest of a fabulous school year!

Mr. Curtis

## CMMS SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTIONS

**Facebook:** Copper Mountain Middle School

**Twitter:** @CopperMtColts

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

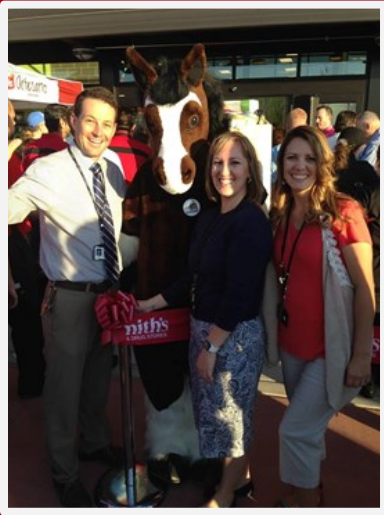
# Colton the Colt Greet People at the Grand Opening of Smith's Marketplace in Daybreak!



**Colton, our school mascot, making friends!**

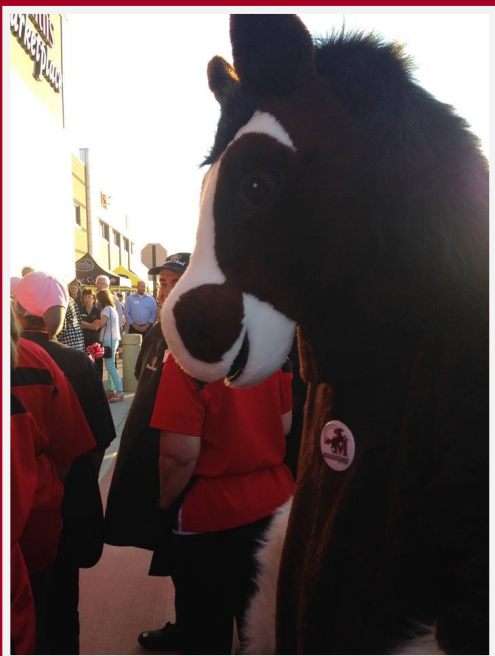






## Smith's Marketplace Makes Generous Donation!

We want to thank Smith's Marketplace for a generous \$5,000 donation to the Jordan Education Foundation! The JEF is matching the donation and Copper Mountain will receive a portion of the money to put towards student computers. Thank you Smith's and thank you JEF!





# Copper Mountain Teachers Ready to Roll!



The teachers at Copper Mountain were excited to greet our colts for the new school year! After a successful 7th Grade Orientation, Back-to-School Night and Student-Led Conferences, we are off to an amazing start!

## 2016-17 Theme for CMMS!



Our theme for this year is "COLTivating Connections". Throughout the year we will be striving to strengthen connections among students, teachers, and the community. Let's have a fantastic year together at Copper Mountain!

## Virtual Reality Rocks!



Our counselors got to check out the Experiential VR (Virtual Reality) booth at the Pathways 2 Professions CTE expo at South Towne!



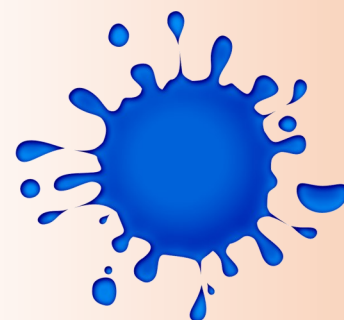
# Aprons Measure Up in Ms. Lummus' Class!







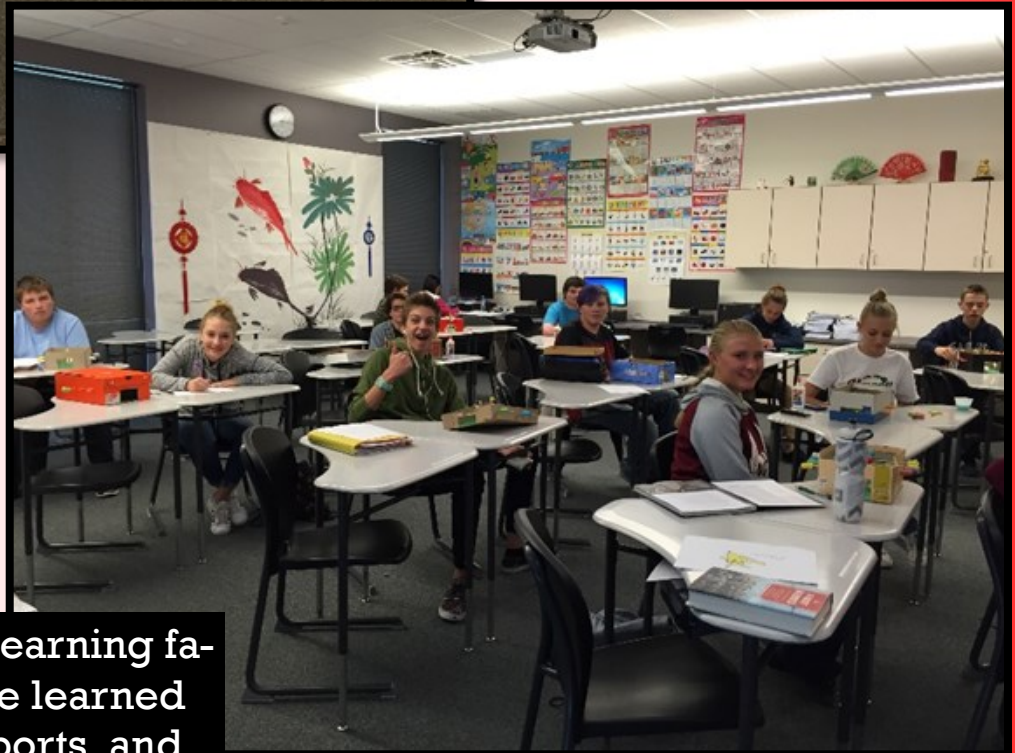
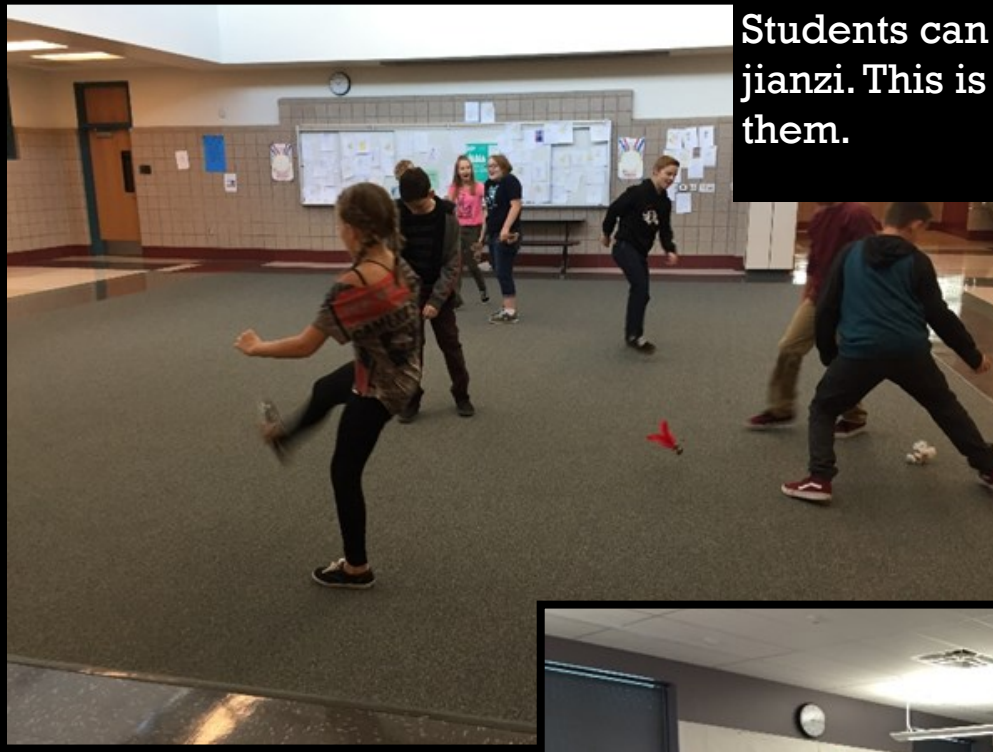
**Ms. Blue's Art students created paintings with charcoal and watered down tempera paint. This is called "color splash" because the students splash paint on their boards then throw their boards across the field to create a cool splash effect. Congratulations to our art students and Ms. Blue for a very successful art project.**





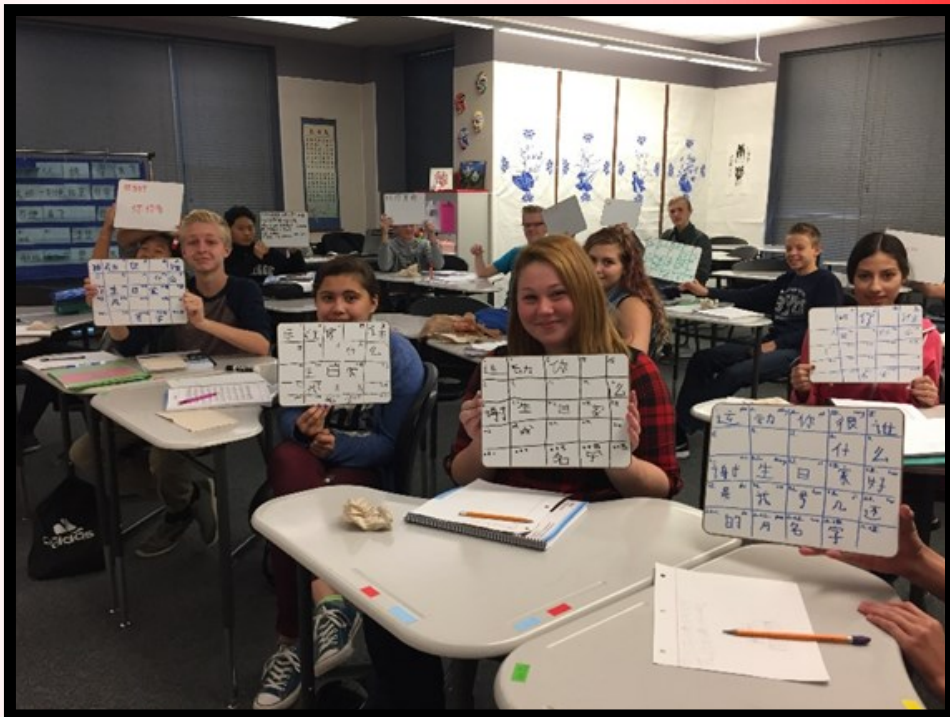
# 你好

During Chinese culture history and media class, we are learning activities and sports. We made shuttlecocks (called Jianzi in Chinese ) with feathers and playdough. Jianzi was a traditional Chinese national sport in ancient China. Students can also learn how to kick jianzi. This is a really fun activity for them.



During Chinese 1, we are learning favorite sports. Students have learned the names of all kinds of sports and how to write them in Chinese. We used shoeboxes to make soccer fields. As a result, students can now use their imaginations to create their favorite sports field.

In Chinese 1, students practice the strokes of a Chinese character.



## Fantastic Fall Orchestra Concert!



Congratulations to our Copper Mountain Orchestra! Their Fall Concert was fantastic! Great job students and well done Ms. Allen! Thanks to all who attended!



# Ms. Baker's Class Dines at La Caille!







# Copper Mountain Colts Share Talents!





# Career Week at CMMS!

got grit?

Grit - firmness of mind or spirit,  
unyielding courage in the face  
of hardship or danger.

~Merriam-Webster Dictionary

Follow your career dreams.



Get some grit! Sometimes following your dreams is hard work, but you can be anything you want to be!



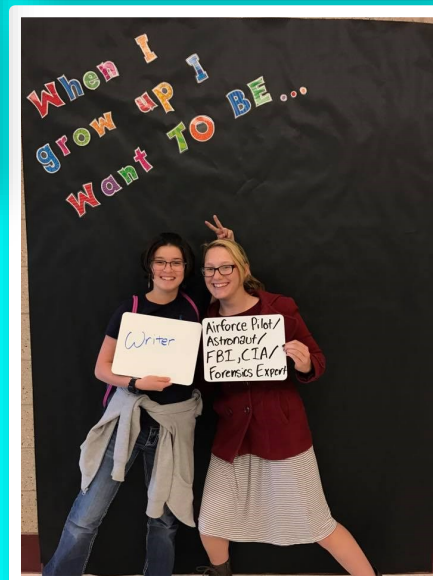
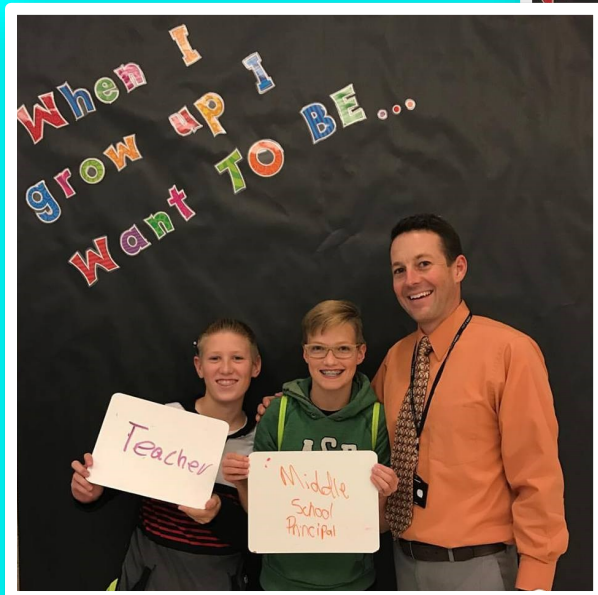
# We Love Reality Town!

Reality Town for 9th grade took place during CMMS Career Week. This activity gives students the opportunity to gain a better understanding of adult life. Each student is assigned a career with a specific income. Students must manage a budget in order to pay bills and meet other financial needs on the income they earn. They visit booths that represent a variety of financial transactions and family expenses such as: taxes, banking, childcare, clothing, communications, entertainment, donations, groceries, healthcare, home improvement, housing, transportation and insurance. Students enjoyed a very successful Reality Town experience.

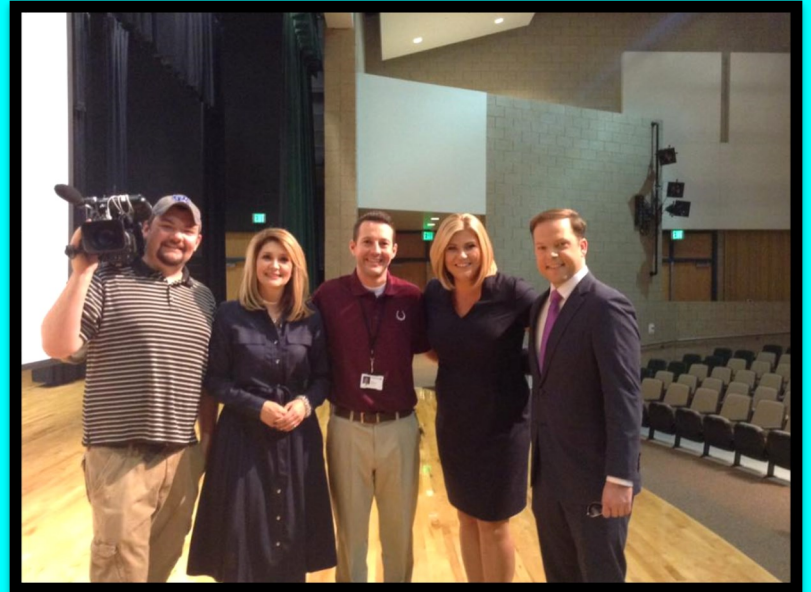




# Let's Play Career Jeopardy!



## 7th Graders Meet the KSL Morning News Team!



Seventh grade students enjoyed an assembly presented by the KSL Morning Show Crew during Career Week.

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We just want to give a huge THANKS to all those who helped make our 2016 Career Week so awesome: KSL Morning Show, JSD Work-Based Learning Team, our wonderful community and Colt family who adopted our 8th graders for Job Shadow, ALL the Reality Town volunteers, and of course, our amazing students!



# CMMS Teacher Wins Award!



**Congratulations to Whitney Marcum for winning the Jordan Credit Union Project 100 teacher recognition award! Mrs. Marcum does a fantastic job “cultivating” connections with her students. We are lucky to have her on staff at Copper Mountain Middle! Also, many thanks to Jordan Credit Union for their efforts in recognizing the outstanding teachers in our district.**

**Copper Mountain Students ranked 3rd in the State of Utah on the 2016 SAGE Science Test! Congratulations to our Science Department and students! Great job!**



# Harry Potter at CMMS!



While reading "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," Ms. Dobson's class was sorted into their houses.

## Red Ribbon Week!

RED RIBBON WEEK: 10/31 - 11/4

MONDAY - Black & Orange  
Halloween Day (No Costumes)

TUESDAY - Crazy Sock Day

WEDNESDAY - Sports Day

THURSDAY - Crazy Hair Day

FRIDAY - 80's Day

Students always enjoy Red Ribbon Week. The activities this year are listed in the poster above. We have had fun taking part in the events and the spirit of Red Ribbon Week!





# Snow Blitz Fun!



Copper Mountain Middle School will be participating in the Snow Blitz program this year. Snow Blitz is sponsored by Salt Lake County. Students sign up and pay to ride a bus up to Brighton, take skiing or snowboarding lessons, get an hour or two to practice what they learn, then ride the bus back to school. Supervisors will accompany students and make sure all students who are registered get on the bus to ride up, pick up their equipment, find their instructors, and get back on the bus to return to the school where parents can pick them up. Buses leave right after school and they return to the school at approximately 8:00 p.m. If you are interested, contact Mr. Bona.

## Students Participate in Amazing Race!



During Colt Corral, students used their geography knowledge as they traveled the world answering trivia questions. The fun and learning never stop at The Mountain!

## Learn to Be Netsmart!



So many awesome things have been happening at CMMS! We had our Netsmartz Assembly to learn all about Internet Safety. Then our 8th graders were treated by some awesome community volunteers. They learned all about becoming a Utah Scholar and about the Regents' Scholarship. Thanks to our volunteers for sharing their time and knowledge with us!





# COUNSELOR CORNER

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## Spotlight

Derek Anderson:

Mr. Anderson is our school psychologist. he was born and raised in Salt Lake City. He completed graduate school in Colorado and just moved back with his wife and six-month old son. Previously, Mr. Anderson worked at an in-residential treatment center for four years before graduate school. Fun fact about Mr. Anderson: he went to Elementary school in Jordan School District. He is also a huge sports fanatic and enjoys watching the Red Socks, Utah Jazz, and U of U football.

## 7th Grade

Copper Mountain Middle School Counselors had the wonderful opportunity to meet with your 7th grade student during 7th grade Meet and Greets. This was held during your student's College and Career Awareness class in September. It was a fun way for us to get to know our 7th graders and see how their transition into middle school is going. When asked what they liked about 7th grade so far, some of our students said...

"I love Middle School! It's so much better than elementary."

"The food is so good and I love to have lunch with my friends."

"I feel more grown up because I get to move from class to class without having to follow a teacher"

Many students also shared that they love having several classes throughout the day.

Some of the challenges our students shared with us about starting Middle School included forgetting their locker combination, being late for classes, or going to the wrong lunch. However ,

most students said they were able to overcome these challenges within the first week.

This insight allowed us to celebrate this important transition and embrace some of the new changes they are experiencing for the first time. We were also able to address concerns, such as the locker challenges by helping them practice before or after school or in-between classes .

We were able to discuss with your student why they have a school counselor and what we can do to help them.

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## 8th Grade

This month volunteers from local businesses, community, or education leaders met with your 8th grade student during history class to discuss the Utah Scholars Program.

The Utah Scholars Program takes a holistic approach to college readiness. The program is intended to motivate students to complete specific tasks while in high school to help prepare them for college. They focus on helping students know what it takes to succeed in college and the workforce. Volunteers spoke to students about why college is important, what they can do now to prepare for college and how to pay for it. Thank you to our amazing volunteers for helping us

with these important presentations. Please visit <https://stepuputah.com/id/students/utah-scholars-sign-form/> for more information or to sign your student up for the Utah Scholars program.

### Planning for College & Career Readiness

Counselors would like to meet with all 8th grade students and their parents for a Planning for College and Career Readiness meeting (PCCR). During this meeting we will discuss high school graduation requirements, post-secondary education plans, and career goals. We will also outline a custom 4-year high

school plan to help your student plan how to fit in important graduation requirements. PCCR meetings will be held by appointment during November and December. If you have not set up an appointment, a time has been assigned to you. Contact Julie Read in the counseling center to see when your appointment is or to reschedule. We look forward to seeing you and your 8th grader at your appointment.

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**“Education  
is the most  
powerful  
weapon we  
can use to  
change the  
world.”**

**-Nelson Mandela**

## 9th Grade

9th graders were officially welcomed to high school during a Freshman Kick-off Assembly the first week of August. Herriman High School's SBO's, drum line and cheerleaders were able to join us as we discussed the important transition from middle school into high school. Herriman High SBO's went over new opportunities and freedoms, new challenges, and the new responsibilities that this transition includes.

Our 9th graders enjoyed Reality Town on Oct. 27th. The Reality Town activity is a simulation held in the school gym. Before entering Reality Town students receive a Student Handbook and Personalized Pay stub which contains information about their Reality Town family, their spouse, or lack thereof, and the ages and gender of their children. In the Reality Town simulation, students make financial decisions regarding their Reality Town family and their monthly expenditures as they visit 22 dif-

ferent businesses that have been set up around the gym. These include groceries, housing, a medical office, and child care. Booths are staffed by local professionals, community volunteers, and parents.

**A BIG thank you to all of the volunteers who helped us with Reality Town. We appreciate your support!**

## INTERNET SAFETY

Earlier this year your student attended an internet safety assembly. Here are a few internet safety tips you can help implement at home. The following tips and suggestions came from <http://www.netismartz.org/InternetSafety>.

### Tips

#### Learn the basics of Internet safety

Children use a variety of online services, and each of these services can have different safety concerns. However, there are some basic tips which you can employ no matter how your children use the Internet.

- Keep the computer in a high-traffic area of your home.
- Establish limits for which online sites children may visit and for how long.
- Remember that Internet technology can be mobile, so make sure to monitor cell phones, gaming devices, and laptops.
- Surf the Internet with your children and let them show you what they like to do online.
- Know who is connecting with your children online and set rules for social networking, instant messaging, e-mailing, online gaming, and using webcams.
- Continually dialogue with your children about online safety.

## Discussion Starters

#### Start a discussion with your child

- What are your favorite things to do online?
- What is personal information? Why should you keep it private?
- What could you do to be safer online?
- What would you do if anyone online asked to meet you face-to-face?
- Besides me, who do you feel that you can talk to if you are in a scary or uncomfortable situation?

For more internet safety ideas please visit: [www.netismartz.org/InternetSafety](http://www.netismartz.org/InternetSafety).



## 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.

A big "THANK YOU" to those  
parents and students who  
took the time to come to  
Student-Led Conferences!  
We appreciate the  
opportunity to  
"Cultivate Connections"  
with all of you!