



# The Colt Connection



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## Thanks for an Amazing “Year of Firsts!”

*I want to thank everyone for making Copper Mountain Middle the best school in the STATE! We had such an amazing “Year of Firsts.” Listening and watching the students everyday has made me so happy and proud to be the principal of such a fine school. From the moment I was asked to open up the new middle school to the dedication, it has been a fabulous journey. This wonderful school year did not just happen. It takes many things and perfect timing. We had an incredible staff and community, but the best thing that makes Copper Mountain so wonderful... it is the amazing students that walk through those doors every day. I will miss our ninth grade students, but know they will be successful in whatever they try.*

*This was our Year of Firsts; we will have many more happy years ahead for the COLTS!*

*Have a wonderful and safe summer,*

*Kim Baker*

*Principal*

*Copper Mountain Middle School*

*Go COLTS!*

**2014-15 School Registration will be online.**

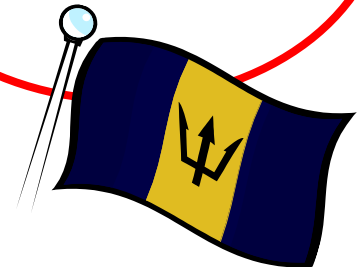
**Check your mail box for a postcard around July 5<sup>th</sup>.**

# Cultural Fair Coming May 22



Our Culture Fair is a compilation of a semester long project where a pair of students researches all of the aspects of a country including religion, population, government, physical features and current events. Students create authentic displays representing each country and present them at the Culture Fair. Displays may include food, music, games, clothing, and artifacts.

May 22  
6:00—7:00 p.m.  
Copper Mountain  
Middle School





## Want to Get Along with Others?

Here are some tips that can help:

- Be yourself. Don't try to impress others by pretending to be someone you're not.
- Get involved. Join a team or club. It is a good way to meet people who share your interests.
- Make new friends. Help someone new or a person in need.



## CMMS Offers Summer Camps

August 4-6     *Creative Writing Camp*  
August 4-14   *Math Counts Competition Team*  
August 4-14   *Math Summer Lab*  
August 4-14   *Science Olympiad Camp*  
August 11-13   *Film Making Boot Camp*  
August 11-15   *Cake Decorating Camp*  
Check with your teachers for registration information.



## USTAR Summer Core Classes

Registration is open for a few summer core classes that can help your child advance over the summer. If your student successfully passes one of the classes, they can receive the credits for that class and enroll in another class during the following school year. Check our web page for complete class lists.

# Dog Gone Night a Great Success!



In April CMMS held their first ***Dog Gone Night***! Free hot dogs and chips were served to about 400 students, families and community members. Everyone had a wonderful time socializing and downing the dogs. A BIG THANK YOU to all who donated hotdog buns (Sara Lee) and chips (Frito Lay). We greatly appreciate the staff and faculty who served hotdogs and supervised this activity. Thanks to everyone for the fantastic support that made this a successful event and a fun evening for all.

## CMMS SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTIONS

Facebook:     Copper Mountain Middle School  
Twitter:        @CopperMtColts  
Website:       <http://coppermountain.jordandistrict.org>

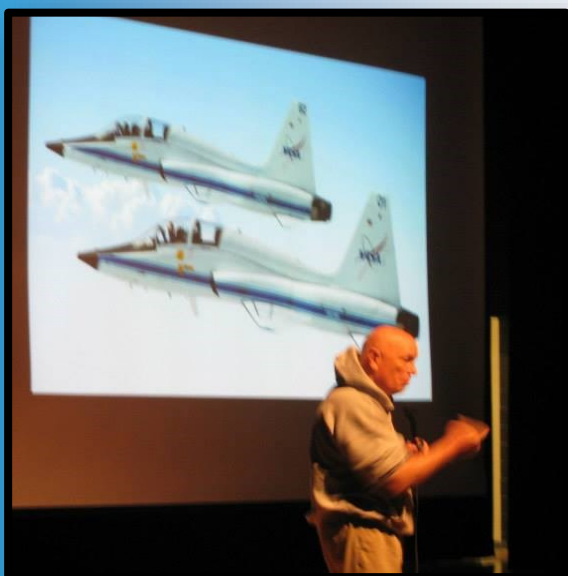




# NASA Astronaut Speaks to MESA Students



"It was the opportunity of a lifetime for Math, Engineering, Science, Achievement (MESA) students at Copper Mountain Middle School. Thanks to the Clark Planetarium, the students were treated to a visit from acclaimed NASA astronaut Story Musgrave. Mr. Musgrave flew six missions to space in his 30-year career with NASA. He also performed the first shuttle space walk on Challenger's first flight. With seven graduate degrees in the areas of math and science, Musgrave truly is an inspiration to young people. He shared his life story with the students about being raised on a farm and using his mechanical skills to eventually become an astronaut and neurosurgeon. Musgrave said anything is possible if you love what you do."





# Math Counts Team Wins First Trophy for CMMS!

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Congratulations to our Math Counts Team! They brought home the Region 4th place trophy! This is the first trophy for our school. We are so proud of our amazing math masters and their fantastic coaches. Go COLTS!

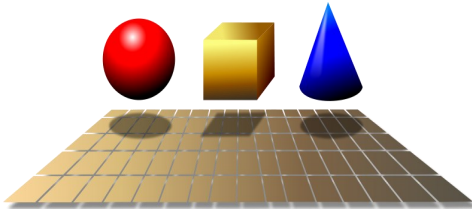


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Our amazing Math Club math masters did a wonderful job at the district Math Counts competition. We swept 1st, 2nd, & 3 place. Here is a list of the team members. Ethan Ancell, Suelen De Maria, Katie Edwards, Jefferson Harbaugh, Jordan Harbaugh, Davyn Larm, Noah Miller, Tanner Isabell, Hailey Jensen, & Ashlyn Gillen. We are so proud of our COLTS!



Congratulations to Ms. Roberts 6th period Math class. They all received student of the day. They are fantastic students and cheer for each other when they get great scores!!!



Math + Money = Fun and fitness in Coach T's PE !





The Halls are Alive with the Sound of Music!



Step into Copper Mountain Middle School and you may be greeted by the amazing sound of any one of our school choirs! There is a spot in the hallway where the acoustics are just right and passersby often stop to listen. Our choirs are fabulous! Thanks, Ms. Swallow, for the hallway serenades.



Fun with light waves in Ms. Jolley's 8th grade science class!



# The Wizard of Oz



Our first school musical was a resounding success thanks to our fantastic directors, the Cast and crew, and amazing support from our parents and community.





# The Wizard of Oz



We performed March 20-22 to huge audiences with one night completely sold out! Directors were Sarina Armstrong, Ami Swallow and Caroline Anderson. Seventy students participated on stage and another 13 students made up the stage crew. Thanks to everyone for the great support!





# Lady Colts Rock the Court!

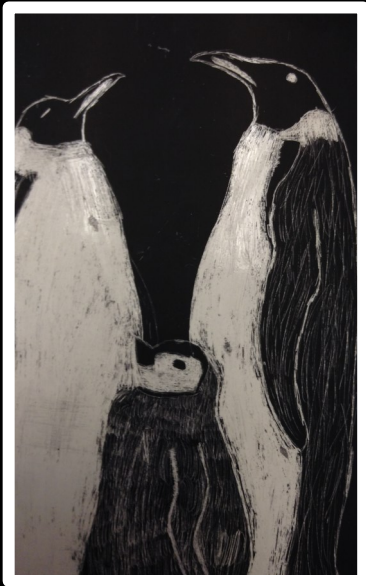


The first season of Lady Colt basketball was full of blood, sweat, tears, and most importantly laughter! The 13 freshman girls that made the team were both excited and anxious as the season began. The majority of the girls had never played on a basketball team before but quickly developed the skills necessary to be successful in the game. Those with experience led the team both on and off the court. Before the season even began myself and Coach Beus made it clear that academics always come before athletics. Knowing this, the girls strived to maintain above average grades in order to play in the games. Practices were a combination of running drills and working on the fundamentals over and over again until they became habit. At the games, the girls ALWAYS gave their best. They made sportsmanship the most important aspect of their game. Even when opposing teams or referees acted in a way contrary to a true athlete, they rose up and became the better people. As the numerous fans, consisting of parents, faculty and students, cheered the lady colts on they were able to complete the season as 5<sup>th</sup> overall in the district. It could not have been done without the many hours of consistent practice and sheer determination from each and every Lady Colt. A special thanks to the parents, faculty and student supporters that came and cheered us on.





# Amazing Scratch Art by Copper Mountain Artists!



**When doing scratch art, the student uses a tool to scratch on black coated white paper to create the value and texture of an animal.**





# Incredible Art Work by Copper Mountain Artists!



Art Teachers:  
Jerrilynn Packer  
Connie Thorkelson



CMMS students participated  
in the District Art Show at  
South Towne Mall!



# CMMS Science Olympiad Students Bring Home the Gold at Competitions!



The coaches of our Science Olympiad team have been so incredibly proud of how well our students have done at competitions throughout the past few months. Though they got a late start in the season, the students did an outstanding job!



Congratulations go out to all members of the Science Olympiad team. They truly worked incredibly hard and did a wonderful job representing our school in tournaments across the state.

# Science Olympiad Students' Incredible First Year Competitions!

## Weber State Regional

The team competed in 16 events at their first competition and took home 4 medals, 3 of which were GOLD! Overall they placed 7<sup>th</sup> out of 15 teams...which wasn't too shabby for only 3 weeks of practicing.

### Medalists included:

GOLD in Anatomy: McCauley Conder, Megan Edwards

GOLD in Dynamic Planet: Parker Nelson and Jordan Harbaugh

GOLD in Road Scholar: Alexia Heninger and Ellen Bake

BRONZE in Water Quality: Natasha Thompson and Megan Edwards



## Westminster Regional:

Having learned what competition entailed, the team brought with them even more gusto to their Westminster Regional competition. Out of 22 teams that showed up at Westminster they took 5<sup>th</sup> place and brought home 5 medals!

### Medalists included:

GOLD in Water Quality - Megan Edwards & Natasha Thompson

SILVER in Anatomy - Megan Edwards & Mac Conder

BRONZE in Metric Mastery - Parker Reynolds & Jefferson Harbaugh

BRONZE in Robotics - Mac Conder & Christian Lemmon

BRONZE in Wheeled Vehicle - Parker Reynolds & Katie Edwards

HONORABLE MENTION 4th PLACE in Sounds of Music: Russel Horrocks & Jefferson Harbaugh  
(Sounds of Music required the students to design, build, and play 2 musical instruments).



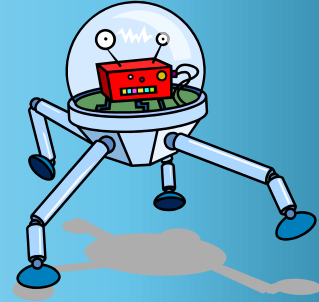
# First Year Competitions Continued...

## University of Utah State Championship

Both of the regionals lead up to the large state-wide competition held at the University of Utah. The team pulled together and competed in ALL 23 events, which is generally unheard of for a first year team.

Ultimately, they went home with 3 silver medals and came in 4<sup>th</sup> on two events.

Overall they tied for **7<sup>th</sup> place out of 30 teams!**



### State Medalists included:

SILVER in Anatomy: McCauley Conder and Megan Edwards

SILVER in Meteorology: Jordan Harbaugh and Parker Nelson

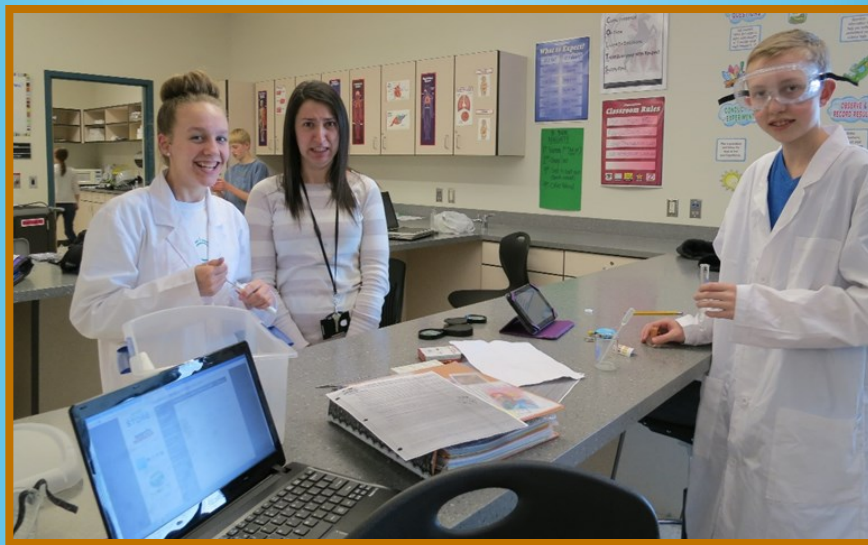
SILVER in Write it/Do it: Parker Reynolds and Jefferson Harbaugh

NOTABLE 4th PLACE in Road Scholar: Alexia Heninger and Ellen Bake

NOTABLE 4th PLACE in Heredity: Katie Edwards and Megan Edwards



# Preparing for Competition!







# Top Notch Instrumental Music Program at Copper Mountain!



The Copper Mountain Instrumental Music Program represented itself very well this past school year! We experienced our difficulties in the beginning of the year when our instruments and music took a while to arrive. We would like to thank our administration here at the school for the support in this program's infancy. Our students hung in there with us patiently. Eventually, everything came and the hard work began on a stellar beginning to this blossoming program.



The Percussion Studio worked very hard this year. The majority of the class showed up the first day with no prior experience in music. This group of students quickly developed into percussionists that contribute a great deal to the program, including many percussion-only ensemble performances. The Advanced Studio received many complimentary remarks at the band festivals they attended for their expertise and execution.



The Orchestra Department did some amazing things! The Beginning Orchestra started small and grew to a medium size throughout the year. These students also came with little to no experience. They have developed nicely, playing some very challenging repertoire throughout this year. They will be ready to join the ranks of the Advanced Orchestra next year. The Advanced Orchestra stood out as one of the largest orchestras in the district with a membership nearing 50. Quite a few of our students participated in the honors groups that the district runs with the Jordan Youth Symphony and the Middle School Honors Orchestra. This group also performed at the Jordan School District Middle School Orchestra Festival where they showcased their hard work and talent resulting in an Excellent rating from the adjudicator. Many of our 9<sup>th</sup> graders auditioned for the Chamber Orchestra at Herriman High School for next school year. Of those who auditioned, four of them made it in with a fifth in an alternate spot. That is an incredible accomplishment! Although we will miss our 9<sup>th</sup> grade class next year, the Advanced Orchestra will grow as we continue to build our program with an entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade class nearly dou-







The Band Department really turned some heads this year! Like all of our groups, the bands started out facing the huge challenges of not having instruments nor music. Upon arrival of our instruments, the Beginning Band really cranked out some sound. They have steadily progressed all year and continually bring the energy. The Concert Band, as with many of our other groups, started with the challenge of blending together students of many different backgrounds and skill levels. Once we overcame that challenge, we really did some special things while growing throughout the year. Our Symphonic Band surprised even themselves with their accomplishments this year. In January, they submitted an audition CD to the State Junior High/Middle School Band Festival sponsored by the Utah Music Educators Association. They received and accepted an invitation to perform at this festival standing as the lone representative from not just Jordan School District, but the entire Salt Lake Valley as well. After performing and receiving a Superior rating at the district festival, the Symphonic Band went on to perform at the state festival where they received an overall Excellent rating from the judges. Similar to the Advanced Orchestra, many of our Symphonic Band students performed in the Jordan School District Honor Band. Of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade class of band students, four students passed an audition to make it in to the Herriman High School Symphonic Band with an additional two also securing spots in the Herriman High School Jazz Band. The Band Department also experience amazing growth adding over 70 beginners for next year!

*Spencer Frohm, Director of Instrumental Music*

## Food Drive Brings in Over 6,000 Canned Goods and Food Items!

CMMS students recently participated in a Food Drive to stock shelves at local food banks. Our food drive went from April 14th to 25th. Ms. Masino's TA earned breakfast served by the SBOs for bringing in the most cans of any TA class. They brought over 700 canned goods/food items. Our goal was 5,000 food items to fill 4 large Food Bank boxes. We ended up collecting over 6,000 food items! We celebrated our success by providing a lunch activity for the students who brought in 25 cans/items or more. We had a pie eating contest and an oatmeal scavenger hunt. Some of our teachers volunteered to be targets for a pie throwing contest. Students enjoyed throwing the whipped cream pies at them. We express our appreciation to everyone who supported this event. Thanks to you, we surpassed our goal and provided much needed food for hungry families.







# Food Drive Celebration!





# Summer Reading

Summer is a great time for kids to connect to books. With no school in session and no homework to do, summer is prime reading time. To become successful readers, kids need to have easy access to books and encouragement to read them. Quote from Snow, Burns, & Griffin:

“The value placed on literacy in the home, time spent reading with children, and the availability and use of reading materials have been identified as important elements in children's reading success .”

Here are 20 ways to encourage reading at home:

1. *Scout for things your children might like to read. Use their interests and hobbies as starting points.*
2. *Leave all sorts of reading materials including books, magazines, and colorful catalogs in conspicuous places around your home.*
3. *Notice what attracts your children's attention, even if they only look at the pictures. Then build on that interest; read a short selection aloud, or simply bring home more information on the same subject.*
4. *Let your children see you reading for pleasure in your spare time.*
5. *Take your children to the library regularly. Explore the children's section together. Ask a librarian to suggest books and magazines your children might enjoy.*
6. *Present reading as an activity with a purpose—a way to gather useful information for, say, making paper airplanes, identifying a doll or stamp in your child's collection, or planning a family trip.*
7. *Encourage older children to read to their younger brothers and sisters. Older children enjoy showing off their skills to an admiring audience.*
8. *Play games that are reading-related. Check your closet for spelling games played with letter tiles or dice, or board games that require players to read spaces, cards, and directions.*
9. *Perhaps over dinner, while you're running errands, or in another informal setting, share your reactions to things you read, and encourage your children to do likewise.*
10. *Set aside a regular time for reading in your family, independent of schoolwork—the 20 minutes before lights out, just after dinner, or whatever fits into your household schedule. As little as 10 minutes of free reading a day can help improve your child's skills and habits.*
11. *Read aloud to your child, especially a child who is discouraged by his or her own poor reading skills. The pleasure of listening to you read, rather than struggling alone, may restore your child's initial enthusiasm for books and reading.*



## Summer Reading (continued)

13. *On gift-giving occasions, give books and magazines based on your child's current interests.*
14. *Set aside a special place for children to keep their own books.*
15. *Introduce the bookmark. Remind your child that you don't have to finish a book in one sitting; you can stop after a few pages, or a chapter, and pick up where you left off at another time. Don't try to persuade your child to finish a book he or she doesn't like. Recommend putting the book aside and trying another.*
16. *Treat your children to an evening of laughter and entertainment featuring books! Many children (parents, too) regard reading as a serious activity. A joke book, a story told in riddles, or a funny passage read aloud can reveal another side of reading.*
17. *Extend your child's positive reading experiences. For example, if your child enjoyed a book about dinosaurs, follow up with a visit to a natural history museum.*
18. *Offer other special incentives to encourage your child's reading. Allow your child to stay up an extra 15 minutes to finish a chapter; promise to take your child to see a movie after he or she has finished the book on which it was based; relieve your child of a regular chore to free up time for reading.*
19. *Limit your children's television viewing and computer gaming in an effort to make time for other activities, such as reading. But never use TV or computer gaming as a reward for reading, or a punishment for not reading.*
20. *Not all reading takes place between the covers of a book. What about menus, road signs, food labels, and sheet music? Take advantage of countless spur-of-the-moment opportunities for reading during the course of your family's busy day.*

**Source:** RIF Parent Guide Brochure. ([www.rif.org](http://www.rif.org))





## 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.



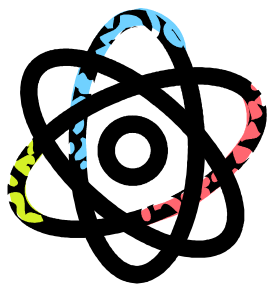
## **1 in 5 Teenagers Now Suffer From Hearing Loss!**

With hearing loss affecting 36 million American adults and spiking in younger populations in recent years, May's Better Hearing and Speech Month is the ideal time for parents, spouses, and the general public to learn how to recognize the early signs of hearing problems. Jordan district audiologists are encouraging people to educate themselves about the signs and available treatment options through the *Identify the Signs* campaign, a national effort of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). The campaign is designed to combat an overall lack of awareness about hearing as well as speech/language disorders—a major barrier to treatment. Hearing loss is a significant and growing public health issue for people of all ages. Approximately 15% (26 million) Americans between the ages of 20 and 69 have high frequency hearing loss due to exposure to loud sounds or noise at work or in leisure activities. One in 5 kids ages 12–19 is suffering from hearing loss, an increase of 31% since the late 1980s/early 1990s. This is a trend that coincides with skyrocketing use of personal audio technology. Hearing loss is a significant and growing public health issue for people of all ages. Hearing loss can be present at birth or acquired. Although newborn hearing screening is widespread in the United States, hearing issues may develop after children leave the hospital. They also may result from ear infections, other illnesses such as chicken pox or influenza, head injury, or noise exposure. Therefore, parents should be attuned to the early signs of hearing loss even if their child passes a newborn hearing screening in the hospital.

(Information from: [www.asha.org](http://www.asha.org) )



# Summer Science Courses Offered at Herriman High!



Are you a student who wants to get ahead in science? Need a summer activity that will help you get scholarships, while freeing up a period in your schedule? Take either Biology or Honors Physics this summer! Offered at Herriman High, these courses can earn you an entire year of core science credit at no cost to you! Both courses can help qualify you for the prestigious Regent's scholarship and you will have the advantage of smaller class size, breaks for both the July 4<sup>th</sup> and July 24<sup>th</sup> holidays, and a great deal more one-on-one attention than you can get during the school year. Registration can be completed online at <http://tinyurl.com/jwdzy6j>. Registration must be completed by May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Think that Honors Physics might be too hard for you? Think again. Over the last two years more than 20 incoming sophomores took this class, and all received grades of A's or B's. If you have passed Secondary Math I with B's or better, you can do this!

## Herriman High Summer Honors Physics & Biology Schedule

June/July				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	1	2	3	4
July/August				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	1
4	5	6	7	8
Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Days Off

Course Time: 8:00 am – 12:00 Noon

Quarter 1: Monday June 16 – Wednesday, June 25.

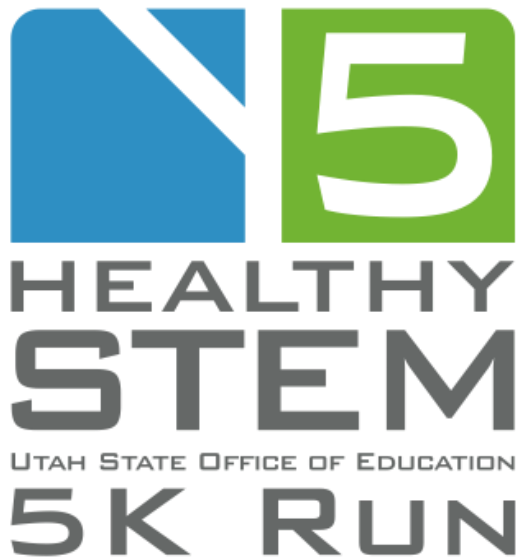
Quarter 2: Thursday June 26 - Tuesday, July 8

Quarter 3: Wednesday July 9 – Friday, July 18.

Quarter 4: Monday, July 28 – Wednesday, August 6.

Students may enroll for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter only, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters only, or for all 4 quarters, depending on the credit they desire.

Additional Classes being offered by the District include Earth Systems, Biology, and Secondary Math I (South Jordan Middle), Chemistry (Copper Hills High), Secondary Math II (Bingham High).



**Copper Mountain is Ready to Run!**

**Join Us!**

**Saturday, May 31st, 2014**

**The University of Utah Campus  
Salt Lake City, UT 84112**

This 5K event is for students, parents, and educators to engage in **Healthy STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) experiences with the community. The event combines a 5K with a Healthy STEM fair, where participants learn about educational STEM opportunities and organizations in the Utah community. It's a great way to kick off an active and engaging summer for K-12 students!

Participants will receive a variety of prizes at the end of the race:

- \*Healthy STEM t-shirt (sizes are given on a first come, first serve basis)
- \*Healthy STEM water bottle

The three schools (one elementary, one middle, and one high school) with the highest participation will win prize packs of PE equipment.

## ***SCHEDULE:***

***Saturday, May 31st, 2014***

***7:30 AM - STEM Fair Set-up***

***8:00 AM - Race Start 1 (competitive runners start, strollers NOT allowed)***

***8:10 AM- Race Start 2 (recreational runners and walkers, strollers allowed)***

***9:30 AM - Prizes Awarded***

***10:30 AM - Conclusion of STEM Fair and 5K Event***

Proceeds will go to supporting high school students from Utah's MESA National Competition Team to attend the national competition for 2014.