

D51 Gifted Education Newsletter

May 2023

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News from our GT Director

As we come to the end of the school year, I want to take a moment to reflect and express gratitude for all the contributors to D51 gifted education.

- I want to express gratitude to our GT Teachers and Liaisons. Thank you for the hours you put in every week for things like innovative teaching, collaborating with classroom teachers, supporting academic growth, providing social and emotional support, setting and monitoring goals, adjusting schedules, attending meetings, learning new processes, and the list goes on. I think back to many times this year when I heard a story about one of our teachers that amazes me. Your commitment to our students and schools has not gone unnoticed, and I am grateful for all you do.
- Our families' involvement, support, and partnership help create an environment where our gifted students can thrive. We cannot do the work we do without all of you, and we absolutely



FOUR CORE BEHAVIORS

D51 focuses on the whole learner to foster growth and high achievement.

D51 believes in the strengths of our people, our schools, and our communities.

D51 values individuality, inclusivity, and belonging.

D51 commits to continuous improvement.

VISION

Engage, equip, and empower each and every student, each and every day.

MISSION

D51 engages our community, families, and staff to deliver individualized, collaborative, and challenging educational experiences to prepare each and every student for their brightest future.

would not have this amazing work without the students you send us every day. We are grateful for them and for you.

- That leads me to the students we support. I want to say thank you for showing us your unique talents and abilities. We continue to be amazed and inspired by the hard work, creativity, dedication to learning, problems you solve, and honestly even times you challenge us to solve problems. We are so glad you bring the unique "you-ness" for us to get to know.
- The D51 GT Department and Student Services Department include people dedicated to our students and staff getting the tools, resources, training, and support they need every day. Brandy Headless, our GT Coach and guru of young adult literature is a wealth of knowledge and support. Summer Allen, our Administrative Assistant, has not been with us long but she is already an amazing resource and constant positive energy. My boss, Patti Virden, will be moving into another position at Thompson Valley School District next year. However, she has stepped in to support gifted education over the past few years. Next year, we will be supported by Dan Bunnell as the Executive Director of Student Services.

As I reflect on the last year, there are celebrations and sorrows. However, I have great faith in the people around me to continue

this great work and support as we move forward. Good luck to all of our seniors and I can't wait to see all the rest of you next year. Have an amazing summer!

Student Work - Chatfield Elementary School

Submitted by Sue Jerome, GT teacher

Fifth graders at Chatfield used a list of Greek and Latin word parts to create new spells, fears, and inventions!

Students who participated are:

- Brody Callow
- Talia Dobransky
- Parker Douglas
- Mya Lara
- Fable Patterson
- Emmanuel Santiago-Ellis
- Kaimi Santiago-Ellis
- Khiana Sisneros
- Ava Wirth

Chromopingerepupa
(color, paint, doll)

A robotic doll that serves paint and d



DINO-PED
(TERRIBLE FOOT)

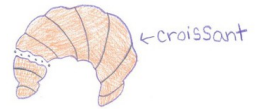
One who smells so bad that everybody in the state that it is in dies.
Because it is too stinky



Fable P

Sciliseservientes
(pastry, serving)

A Serving of a pastry:



popu-psych-Anti-ex-ped-phobia

People thinking against outside feet fear

The fear of other people who do not like feet out of shoes or without covering them.



Lib-PSYCH
(Free mind)

A Happy Person
that likes to make other
people happy



Anthro-phobia
(human-fear)

This is an invention that is a vest and will automatically inflate itself and turn into a bubble around you when you are scared.

One moment



TERRA-THEO-LOGY
(Earth God To Study)

This Greekemon is a scientist that studies the god of earth



Phon-veri-omni
hear-truth-all

This Greekymon can hear the truth even if it is not being spoken.



Student Spotlight

Submitted by Sean Gregersen, GT teacher

Ryan Brown is a 4th grade student at Thunder Mountain Elementary. He has many awesome qualities. Recently, Thunder Mountain needed to change its mascot and held a contest to come up with a new one. Ryan entered the name Mountaineers and came up with the acronym CLIMB for its school goals.



Thunder Mountain Mountaineers

C- Capable

L- Learner

I- Integrity

M- Mindful

B- Belong

Both were chosen out of hundreds of ideas and now represent Thunder Mountain. In addition, once a year Thunder Mountain also holds a Pinwheels for Peace Assembly to make the school, community, and world a more peaceful place. Ryan wrote a speech and presented it at a whole school assembly.

In school, his favorite subject is math. He is currently learning algebra and wants to learn more about how it connects to physics. He enjoys reading books that are fantasy themed or have magic in them. Greek Mythology interests him and he is currently reading the Percy Jackson series. He would like to continue reading more challenging books.

Outside of school, he is very active. He especially likes playing basketball. He currently is on a team called Rise in a competitive youth basketball league. He also plays for GJ Blackout. He enjoys playing defense the most. At home he likes to play basketball games with his family like HORSE and Knock-Out. His family plays card games like Monopoly Deal and board games like Risk.

An odd or unique fact about Ryan is that he likes mixing drinks at fast food soda machines. One combination that he found was surprisingly tasty was Orange Fanta, Sprite, Dr. Pepper, Coke, and HC. One combination he found gross was lemonade, Dr. Pepper, Powerade, and HC. He likes experimenting and is very curious about the world around him.

For long term goals, he hopes to be tall and play basketball in high school, college, and the NBA. Ryan enjoys competition and is a fast learner. However, sometimes when he is not successful at something quickly, he struggles to keep a growth mindset and positive thinking. He has made good growth in this area, and wants to continue improving his growth mindset further. He wants to take more advanced math classes. Ryan is interested in a future job with technology and engineering.

Ryan makes Thunder Mountain a better place.

Student Recommendations

Submitted by Kasey Daugherty, GT teacher

By: Aubrey B. Blackburn

Name of Book:

A Series of Unfortunate Events

No. 5 The Austere Academy

Author

Lemony Snicket

Illustrator

Brett Helquist



Summary:

In the beginning of *The Austere Academy*, Violet, Klaus, & Sunny, the unfortunate orphans who lost their parents in a fire in the first book called *The Bad Beginning*, are for the first time, going to school. The name of the school they were going to was "Prufrock Preparatory School", & the school motto was "Memento Mori", which meant "Remember you will die", which is quite strange for a school's motto. At the school was a mean, pushy girl named Carmelita Spats, who called the Baudelaire children "cakesniffers". They have to sleep in a crab filled, drippy fungus, sleeping on bales of hay, & green walled with heart print shack.

In the middle of *The Austere Academy*, the Baudelaire's meet other orphans named Duncan & Isadora Quagmire who also lost their parents in a fire, but it wasn't just their parents they lost. Their brother, Quigley, was killed too. The 5 of them think that their new gym teacher, Coach Genghis, is actually Count Olaf in disguise, once again, trying to steal the fortune that Violet, Klaus, & Sunny's parents have left behind for when Violet comes of age. Every evening, Vice Principal Nero has a violin concert that all of the students must attend. So, Duncan & Isadora helped with the plan. Because Coach Genghis (Count Olaf) has S.O.R.E (special orphan running exercises) a class during the concert, & every time you miss a concert, you pay Nero back by buying him a bag of candy & watching him eat the whole [thing.So](#), the five children came up with a plan. The Quagmires would prop open the door of the auditorium so they could look out & see if anything suspicious was going on & Violet, Klaus, & Sunny would do S.O.R.E, and if Duncan and/or Isadora saw anything they thought was odd, they would alert Nero that second, but nothing went wrong.

In the end of *The Austere Academy* Nero wanted to expel the Baudelaire's for thinking that Coach Genghis was Count Olaf, but didn't tell their teachers why he wanted to expel them. So they thought "Oh, Violet & Klaus are great students," and "Sunny is just a baby, don't expect so much from her," because she was the secretary, so their teachers set up a test to show that Vice Principal Nero had no reason to expel them from Prufrock Prep. So, of course, they had to study. Instead, Duncan & Isadora disguised themselves as Violet & Klaus so they could study out of the Quagmire's notebooks, but since they couldn't bring Sunny, they snuck into the kitchen & used a bag of flour instead. OK, here we come to the part of the story where there is some good news & some bad news. The good news is that Violet & Klaus pass their tests & there is no reason to expel them, the

bad news is that Count Olaf (Coach Genghis) finds out that the Baudelaires are trying to trick him by disguising the Quagmires as them & captures Duncan & Isadora. The chefs in the cafeteria are Count Olaf's helpers. Also, Nero expels the Baudelaires anyway.

Review

I would recommend this book to those of you who like sad stories & mysteries. I would give this book a 4 out of 5 star review because sad stories are not my favorite. This book was interesting, but in a good way. I have enjoyed this book & the rest of the series.

About the Author

Lemony Snicket was born on February 28th, 1970 in San Francisco, California. He is married to Lisa Brown & has 1 child named Otto. He is 53 years old. Lemony Snicket's real name is Daniel Handler. Daniel has one sibling named Rebecca Handler & his parents' names are Sandra Handler Day & Lou Handler. Lemony Snicket has written 41 books including A Series of Unfortunate Events & Girls Standing on the Lawn.

The Mystery at Snowflake Inn

By: Josephine Portra

This book is part of the series The Boxcar Children. The title is The Mystery at Snowflake Inn. The author of this book is one of my favorite authors: Gertrude Chandler Warner. The Illustrator of the book is Charles Tang. This story is part of the fiction world. I chose this book because I love mysteries that aren't too scary and The Boxcar Children series. Plus, the author is one of my favorites.



First, I will tell you where the story takes place. This story takes place at Snowflake inn which is located in New England. When you walk into Snowflake inn it's like you stepped back in time all the way back to 1767. There's even a secret space under the staircase where they hid soldiers and spies. The book said that "George Washington slept on a bed they still had". The stove was a wood-burner. They had no phone, no TV, and almost no electronics. So instead of watching TV they play jigsaw puzzles and board games. It looked like it wasn't touched for 200 years. This story takes place over a week.

Now I'll tell you the characters of the story. The Boxcar Children are Benny, Violet, Jessie, and Henry. The Boxcar Children love to solve mysteries. Benny is very talkative. He is also goofy. Benny is the youngest at 6. Violet likes to paint, draw, and color. She is very shy. Violet is 10 years old. Jessie is very organized. She is 12 years old. Henry is the oldest at 14.

In the beginning, Henry, Jessie, Violet, Benny, and their grandfather were going to an old New England inn. They had fun ice skating, playing in the snow, and working puzzles. In the middle weird things started to happen. Things like missing horses. At the end there were a couple strange things

including broken glass, but they did find the person who was doing all this. To find out who it was read this book.

In my opinion I would recommend this book.



Scholarship Application

22-23 GT Scholarship Application.pdf

[Download](#)

85.9 KB

22-23 GT Spanish Scholarship Application.pdf

[Download](#)

74.1 KB

Facebook

This group is to support Westernslope Parents of Gifted & Talented and 2E kids.

We share hope, empowerment, ideas, opportunities, and overall support each other.





FRUITA MIDDLE SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS:



QUANTUM PROBLEMS



Mannequin Zombies



FMS AUDITORIUM
FRIDAY, MAY 5TH
7-8PM



~ ~ \$10 SUGGESTED DONATION ~ ~

CONTACT: [SSIMPSON@D5SCHOOLS.ORG](mailto:ssimpson@d5schools.org)



2023 SCHOOLS OUT 3 vs 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

WHO: Boys and Girls Currently in Grades 5 - 8

WHAT: 3 vs 3 Tournament

WHEN: Wednesday May 24, 2023

TIME: Games begin at 9am*

WHERE: Central High School

COST: \$25 per player

Register online by Friday May 19, 2023
Click the link or scan the QR code to register

<https://forms.gle/fuSEBRWq1YdF44cG8>

2 Divisions

Tier 1: Competitive (Players have played AAU or club basketball)

Tier 2: Recreational (Players have played city league or middle school)

Tier 1 and Tier 2 teams may have to play in the same division depending on the number of teams registered

*Start and end times for games are subject to the number of teams registered



CENTRAL
WARRIORS

15 minute games.

3 game guarantee.

Teams must register a minimum of 4 athletes.

Each player must register by clicking on the provided link or scan the QR code by Friday May 19, 2023.

<https://forms.gle/fuSEBRWq1YdF44cG8>

Don't have a team?

**- Register as an individual.
(teams will be created by attendance area if possible).**

QUESTIONS: CONTACT JOHN SIDANYCZ

EMAIL: sidsid@d51schools.org

PHONE NUMBER: 970-589-2720

Follow us on Facebook at "CHS Future Warrior Basketball"

FUTURE WARRIOR BASKETBALL WEBSITE:
<https://d51schools.org/central-warriors-basketball>



ANNUAL BOOK GIVE AWAY

June 16 & 17, 2023 • 8am - 3pm

REDLANDS MIDDLE SCHOOL
2200 BROADWAY, GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81507

Volunteers Needed!
For Questions, Please Contact
Matt.Sprott@D51Schools.org





The Save-A-Life Jacket Program has been helping our community stay safer by providing loaner life jackets at kiosks along frequently floated sections of the Colorado River near Grand Junction, Colorado.

Always Wear a Life Jacket When On The Water



Donations



From Palisade - Fruita 8 Kiosk Locations

River Tips



This event is not sponsored by or endorsed by District 51 and the District assumes no responsibility for the conduct or safety during the event. In consideration for the privilege to distribute this information/hold this event, the organization shall defend, indemnify and hold District 51 harmless from any and all claims, injuries, damages, losses or suites, including attorney fees, arising out of or in connection with this event, except for injuries and damages caused by the sole negligence of the district.

River Safety Seguridad en el Río

The river is powerful and always changing- be prepared!
Cold swift water and dangerous currents exist- even in shallow water.

El río es poderoso y siempre cambiante, debes estar preparado!
Existen aguas rápidas y frías y corrientes peligrosas, incluso en aguas poco profundas.

Use boats and paddleboards approved for whitewater, fast currents, and sharp objects. Pool toys and inner tubes are dangerous on the river.

Utiliza lanchas y tablas de pádel que estén diseñadas para aguas bravas, corrientes rápidas y obstáculos filosos. Los juguetes de piscina y las cámaras de aire son peligrosos en el río.



Always wear a life jacket.
Children under 12 MUST wear a life jacket.
Life jackets are FREE to borrow and return at Save-A-Life-Jacket kiosks.



Utiliza siempre un chaleco salvavidas.
Los niños menores de 12 años DEBEN llevar chaleco salvavidas. Los chalecos salvavidas se pueden tomar prestados y devolver de forma gratuita en los quioscos de Save-A-Life-Jacket.

Not all hazards can be seen from the surface, rocks and debris on the bottom of the river can trap feet, pop inflatables, and are a downing hazard.



No todos los peligros se pueden ver desde la superficie, las rocas y los escombros en el fondo del río pueden atrapar los pies, reventar los inflables y son un peligro de derribo.



Stay away from trees, limbs, and debris around banks and bridge supports. There is danger of drowning from getting trapped or tangled up.



No te acerques a los árboles, las ramas y los escombros alrededor de las orillas y los soportes de los puentes. Existe peligro de ahogarse por quedar atrapado o enredado.



Paddleboarders- do not wear a leash on the river. Leashes without a breakaway can lead to drowning.
Lose a raft or board? Call 911 and let dispatchers know you are safe, other people will be calling 911 to report seeing an empty craft.



¿Perdiste una lancha o una tabla? Llama al 911 y hazle saber a los despachadores que estás a salvo, otras personas estarán llamando al 911 para reportar que vieron alguna lancha vacía.



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**FMHS VOLLEYBALL
FRESHMAN PREP
CAMP**

June 5-8, 2023

Open to incoming Freshman girls and boys who want to explore or refine volleyball skills, play games, meet friends, and be part of the FMHS VB family. Come to learn and have lots of fun.

Visit the website and register at:

www.fmvolleyball.com

TAKE ACTION

MEDICAID BENEFITS ARE CHANGING



HEALTH FIRST COLORADO MEDICAID BENEFITS ARE CHANGING AND YOU MUST ACT!

Call 211



get connected to Hilltop's Health Access to find your renewal date & understand what's to come.

Update



your information & communication preferences.

Respond



when you receive your renewal packet.



MESA COUNTY

SPRING WALK & WHEEL CHALLENGE

TIME TO CLAIM YOUR PRIZES!

Did you log trips in the Mesa County SRTS Mobile App between March 1-April 30?
Prizes will be available for pick up from Mesa County RTPO (525 S 6th Street)

Mesa County RTPO Prize Pick-Up Times

Monday, May 8 - 3:00 PM-5:30 PM

Thursday, May 11 - 3:00 PM-5:30 PM

Tuesday, May 16 - 3:00 PM-5:30 PM

Open the mobile app, select the rewards page, show device at pick-up

- Level 1 (6 Trips) = Sticker
- Level 2 (15 Trips) = Local sweet treat
- Level 3 (25 Trips) = Local activity venue



MesaCountySafeRoutes.com

Pre-Register



MAY 24TH-26TH 9-11 AM

PLAYERS ENTERING
2ND-8TH GRADE

KIDS CAMP

FMHS GIRLS BASKETBALL
PRESENTS

Questions:

Jeff Johnson 970-405-3471

Brian Hott 970-778-7014

Fruita Monument High School - 1102 Wildcat Avenue

\$75 INCLUDES
BASKETBALL

Pay Day Of: Check or Exact Cash Only

D51 Universal Pre-School

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

D51 Universal
Preschool (UPK) CO
programs provide a
positive early education
experience for 3, 4, and
non-school-age 5-year-olds. The
program is part-time, offering 12 hours
weekly through either a morning or
afternoon session.

Class size is limited.

All families must complete
an application.

For more information contact
preschool@d51schools.org
or follow the QR code to apply.

School District 51
MESA COUNTY VALLEY
Engage, Equip, and Empower



GOLF

TOURNAMENT



THE
Hi
FIVES
4944
ROBOTICS

When?

Saturday, May 13, 2023
Registration at 7am
Shotgun Start at 8am

Where?

Adobe Creek National
Golf Course, Fruita, CO

Cost:

By April 1: \$400/4 person team
After April 1: \$475/4 person team
*Checks payable to Hi Fives, send to
2591 Legacy Way, Grand Junction CO
81503

Includes: Greens fee, cart for 4,
breakfast, lunch, prizes, swag bag

Contact Us:

Phone: (970) 260-5003
Email: thehifives@gmail.com
Website: hi5robotics.com



Sponsors:

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Chevron



Sign up on our
website:



Mental Health/Suicide Prevention 2023 Educational Opportunities

Free for Community Members



Mental Health First Aid - 8-hour course that teaches you how to help someone who may be experiencing mental health or substance use challenges. The training helps you identify, understand and respond to signs of addictions and mental illness. www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org
January 31st, February 23rd, April 6th, June 6th, August 30th, September 28th, November 3rd

Email jennifer.daniels2@k51schools.org for location and to register



ASIST (2-day interactive Suicide Intervention Skills training, 8 hours each day), an intense class that will teach you how to keep someone who is suicidal safe. www.livingworks.net
January 19/20, April 20/21, September 14/15, October 12/13, December 7/8

Email jennifer.daniels2@k51schools.org for location and to register



QPR(Question, Persuade, Refer-1 hour Brief Suicide Intervention Skills) Will teach you how to start the conversation with someone who may be thinking about suicide. www.qprinstitute.com
Email jennifer.daniels2@k51schools.org or mbofts@mindspringshealth.org to schedule yours today www.qprinstitute.com

Great Lunch and Learn for your employees, schedule one today!

Youth Mental Health First Aid: 8-hour course teaches adults how to help a youth experiencing a mental health crisis. www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org
March 10th, August 31st, October 20th

Email jennifer.daniels2@k51schools.org for location and to register



Mental Health/Suicide Prevention 2023 Educational Opportunities

Free for Community Members

S.A.V.E Suicide is a national health concern that affects all Americans, whether or not they have served in the military, and we believe everyone has a role in the prevention of suicide. Our goal is to work with community partners to prevent suicide among ALL Veterans, including those who may never come to the VA for care. Here are some ways we can help your community with preventing suicide:

- Provide materials listing the Veterans Crisis Line contact information.
- Provide free cable gun locks to assist with safe firearm storage.
- Attend community events to provide local and national resources on suicide prevention.
- Offer VA Veteran Suicide Prevention S.A.V.E. ("Signs", "Ask," "Validate," and "Encourage" and "Expedite") trainings to anyone in the community interested in learning more about Veteran Suicide Prevention. Training is free, provided virtually or in person, and time commitment is 75 minutes.
- Help Veterans who are eligible for VA Healthcare access services.

• Schedule your training today by contacting Michael LeFebvre, VA michael.lefebvre@va.gov



Soul Shop:

Soul Shop™ is an interactive workshop that equips faith community leaders and other people of faith to train their congregations to minister to those impacted by suicidal desperation. Suicide is a public health crisis which requires our communities to respond. We believe all congregations are well situated to be significant sources of hope and healing for those impacted by suicide, and Soul Shop™ trains leaders how. www.soulshopmovement.org Courses range from 90 minutes to 8 hours, and a small fee may apply to some courses. Email: jennifer.daniels@spmesacounty@gmail.com on how to schedule one. At a Soul Shop™ workshop attendees will learn:

- How to prevent suicide in your community
- The signs of suicide risk and warning signs
- How to ask a person at risk if they might be thinking about suicide
- How to be a companion to those experiencing suicide loss
- About local and national resources available for suicide prevention
- What the Bible has to say about suicide
- How to integrate suicide prevention into the life and ministry of the church





“ YOU CAN NEVER GET ENOUGH
BOOKS
INTO THE HANDS
OF ENOUGH
CHILDREN”
Dolly



INSPIRE A LOVE OF READING

Enroll your child in the Mesa County Imagination Library program and get a **FREE BOOK** every month until their 5th birthday.

“ Our daughter **LOVES READING** and being read to, and the **VARIETY** she receives from the Imagination Library is a **SIGNIFICANT** part of this ”

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is dedicated to inspiring a love of reading by gifting books free of charge to children from birth to age five, through funding shared by Dolly Parton and local community partners in the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and Republic of Ireland.



Mesa County Imagination Library
P.O. Box 153
Grand Junction, CO 81502
Phone: 970.243.5364 | keira@uwmesacounty.org



WWW.IMAGINATIONLIBRARY.COM/USA/AFFILIATE/COMESA/

Wildkitten Kids Camp

Hosted by the FMHS Girls Volleyball Team

June 12-15, 2023



Come learn new skills, experience game play, have fun, meet new friends, meet some of the high school players, get a t-shirt, and be part of our amazing FMHS volleyball family.

Age divisions for athletes entering grades 3-8, boys and girls are all welcome. **THE BEST VOLLEYBALL CAMP IS BACK!!!** Be prepared for 4 days of VB fun. Find more details and register at:

www.fmvolleyball.com

Cost
\$90 per session

Ages
5 and up

Bring
Suit Towel, Goggles,
Cap and a Snack

For more information please contact:
Mickey Wender
Head Coach
970.248.1445 (o) 845.494.0514 (c)
mwender@coloradomesa.edu

Location
El Pomar Natatorium
1100 North Ave.
Grand Junction, CO
Community Hospital Unity Field is located on
the Northeast corner of CMU main campus.

2023 CMU MINI SWIM CAMPS

- Please join Olympic Coach Mickey Wender and the Top 5 Nationally Ranked CMU Mavericks for the swimming experience of a lifetime.
- CMU Head Coach Mickey Wender will oversee this minicamp program. He has over 30 years experience as a HEAD collegiate swim coach. He has coached All American swimmers at every level.
- Coach Wender, his wife Kate and their qualified staff will teach, train, coach and inspire campers of ALL levels. Day ONE will include skill assessment and campers will be placed in lanes according to swim level.
- This mini swim camp runs in tandem with Ron Elliot and Mesa tennis. Campers will be escorted from the CMU tennis courts to the pool, and then BACK to the CMU tennis courts after lessons. Drop off and pick up occur at the CMU Tennis courts.

Typical Schedule

- Meet at tennis court
- Escort campers to locker rooms
- Change into suits
- Stretch/Dryland/Lesson/Workout/Fun!
- Back to lockers/change
- Back to tennis courts

Each camper will receive a t-shirt at the end of the session

Session Dates

Session 1

May 31, June 2, 5, 7
9:15-10:15am OR 10:30-11:30am

Session 2

June 12, 14, 19, 21
9:15-10:15am OR 10:30-11:30am

Session 3

June 26, 28, 30, July 5
9:15-10:15am OR 10:30-11:30am

Session 4

July 12, 14, 17, 19
9:15-10:15am OR 10:30-11:30am



Register online at [CMUmavericks.com/camps](https://cmumavericks.com/camps)
For campus maps and directions to campus
visit coloradomesa.edu/maps



McConnell Science Museum

EUREKA!

SUMMER CAMPS

Camps
available for
ages 5-15

WEEK LONG STEAM CAMPS
FROM MAY 24 - AUGUST 10

Camp Topics:

- LEGOs
- Robotics
- Coding
- Girls Inspire
- Traveling day programs
- Traveling overnight programs
- and many more!

Scholarships
are available!

REGISTER: eurekasciencemuseum.org

TIGER CUB CAMP 2023



Fundamental Skills Camp Elementary Girls: 1st Grade - 6th Grade (Grade you are going into)

THURSDAY - SATURDAY
25TH - 27TH
MAY 2023
 Grand Junction HS

8:30 AM - 3:30 PM TH / (Lunch 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM)
 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Saturday
 Walk-in Registration 8:00 A.M. May 25th

Pre-registration fee \$70 (Form and payment must be received by May 1st)
 Registration fee after May 1st \$90
 Each camper will receive a t-shirt.
 Campers need to bring their own lunch and water bottles.
 *NO REFUNDS

Elite Skills Camp Middle School Girls: 7th - 9th (Grade you are going into)

TUESDAY - THURSDAY
30TH - 1ST
MAY / JUNE 2023
 Grand Junction HS

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM
 Walk-in Registration 1:30 PM May 30th

Pre-registration fee \$50 (Form and payment must be received by May 1st)
 Registration fee after May 1st \$70
 Each camper will receive a t-shirt.
 Campers should bring water and snacks.
 *NO REFUNDS

Name (first and last): _____ Age: _____

Current School: _____ Grade Next Year: _____

T-Shirt Size (Circle): **Youth** - S M L **Adult** - S M L XL 2XL

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Insurance acknowledgment

School District #51 does NOT carry any form of accident or medical insurance to pay medical costs should your child be injured. Parent/guardian must carry adequate health and accident insurance or enroll in the district offered insurance in order for the student to participate in the Tiger Skills Camp.

Insurance Carrier and Policy #: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Please fill out this form and email it to
 sbrandon@d51schools.org or mail it with payment
 to:

Coach Sydni Brandon
 Grand Junction High School
 1400 N 5th St. Grand Junction, CO 81501

Make checks payable to:
 GJHS Girls Basketball

Pre-registration (Received by May 1st)
 Cost increases by \$20 after the 1st

***NO REFUNDS**

Call or text Coach Syd with any questions or concerns:
 (970) 424 - 7898

Three sports in one fun-filled camp

DATE: May 30, 31, June 1 (Tuesday-Thursday)

WHO: All boys and girls entering grades K-8

LOCATION: Palisade High School



COST: \$65 per sport

Scan to Register



Participants may sign up for one, two, or all three sports for an all-day camp experience!



MINI BULLDOG SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Our multi-sport camp is designed to teach young athletes a variety of different sports in one setting.

Basketball and Volleyball Camps

Instruction in the fundamental skills of each sport

Track Camp

Age-appropriate speed, agility, and coordination training



K-5th Grade Boys and Girls			6th-8th Grade Boys and Girls	
8:30 am-10:00 am	Basketball Camp		10:30 am-12:00 pm	Basketball Camp
10:30 am-12:00 pm	Track Camp		12:00 pm-1:00 pm	Lunch (provide own)
12:00 pm-1:00 pm	Lunch (provide own)		1:30 pm-3:00 pm	Track Camp
1:30 pm-3:00 pm	Volleyball Camp		3:30 pm-5:00 pm	Volleyball Camp

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR CAMPS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR HEAD COACHES AND CAMP DIRECTORS

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Cory Hitchcock
cory.hitchcock@d51schools.org
(970) 819-5845

TRACK
Jill Reetz
jill.reetz@d51schools.org
(970) 210-2540

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Don Bavor
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VOLLEYBALL
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Youth 11 & Under
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Ride Grand Valley Transit FREE

Complete the online form to get started

Pick up the free-ride sticker at participating locations

D51 Schools, GVT Transfer, Mesa County Public Libraries, Grand Junction Parks & Recreation



Check out the Learn to Ride Video
Snap the QR Code



gvt.mesacounty.us

Ages
8-14 years


Cost
\$450 per player
\$325 commuter option

Dates
June 15-18, 2023

Location
Community Hospital
Unity Field
1100 North Ave.
Grand Junction, CO
Maverick Field is on the Colorado Mesa
Campus on the corner of Orchard
Avenue and 12th Street.

For more information please contact:

 **Brandon Bautista**
Assistant Soccer Coach

 970.248.1094 (o)

 bbautista@coloradomesa.edu

2023 CMU Soccer **OVERNIGHT CAMPS**

Our 2023 CMU Winter Break Soccer Camps are designed to introduce players to an environment where they can develop their fundamental skill, learn valuable leadership traits, and grow their love for the game. Morning sessions will primarily be skill based, with afternoons focusing on team play. All skill levels are welcome, and groups will be divided based on ability.

COMMUTER SCHEDULE

June 15-18

Thursday 15 12:45pm check-in / 8:15pm check-out (dinner included)

Friday, Saturday 16 & 17 8:45am check-in / 8:15pm check-out (lunch and dinner included)

Sunday 18 8:45am check-in / 11:15am check-out

DAILY SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 15

11:30am-12:30pm

1pm

1:30pm

5pm

7pm

Check in

Camp Intros & Meeting

at Field (Optional for Parents)

Afternoon Session

Dinner

Games Under the Lights

(Pizza slices available; cash only)

Friday, Saturday June 16 & 17

8am

9:30 am

12pm

1:30pm

5pm

7pm

Breakfast

Morning Session

Lunch

Afternoon Session

Dinner

Games Under the Lights

(Pizza slices available; cash only)

Sunday, June 18

8am

9:30am

11am-12pm

Breakfast

Morning Session (2)

Check Out

WHAT TO BRING

- Pillow, sheets, and blanket
- Towel and toiletries
- Ball
- Cleats
- Shin guards
- Running shoes
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen



Register online at CMUmavericks.com/camps

For campus maps and directions to campus
visit coloradomesa.edu/maps

Ages
6-14 years

Cost
\$150 for half-day camps
\$250 for full day camps

Dates
Option 1: June 5-9
Option 2: June 26-29

Location
Community Hospital
Unity Field
1100 North Ave.
Grand Junction, CO
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Campus on the corner of Orchard
Avenue and 12th Street.

2023 CMU Summer Soccer DAY & HALF DAY CAMPS

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Schedule

9am	Check In
11:45am	Half-Day Checkout
1:30pm	Afternoon Session
3pm	Full Day Check-out

WHAT TO BRING

- Ball
- Cleats
- Running shoes
- Shin guards
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen

For more information please contact:

 Izzi Howard
Assistant Soccer Coach
 970.248.1092 (o)
 ehoward@coloradomesa.edu



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WINTER/SPRING

2023 ACTIVITY GUIDE

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City of Grand Junction
PARKS & RECREATION

CRC

COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER

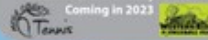
Visit gjparksandrec.org to view the City Council adopted 2022 CRC Plan at Matchett Park and the 2021 PROS Master Plan. See page 2.



Lunch Loop Phase II to South Camp Rerouted, coming mid-2023. Thank you Partners!



20 Pickleball courts at Lincoln Park
16 Tennis courts at Canyon View
Coming in 2023



Riverfront Revitalization Continuing with Dos Rios, Thank you Partners!



Program Registration Begins
TUESDAY JANUARY 3
www.gjparksandrec.org
970.254.3866

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NEIGHBORHOOD PARK PARTIES

We've got something sweet and FREE for you and your family! Come get to know your neighbors during the Neighborhood Park Parties.

Saturday, May 6 @ Eagle Rim

Saturday, July 1 @ Riverside

Saturday, September 16 @ Columbine

12:00 – 3:00 P.M.

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- Bump 'N' Jump •
- Music •
- Food Trucks •
- Cornhole •
- Bocce Ball •
- Giant Jenga •
- Connect 4 •
- and much more!

FREE ICE CREAM FOR
THE FIRST 100 KIDS





Mental Health **FIRST AID**
from NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR MENTAL WELLBEING

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

LEARN HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND NEIGHBORS

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adults. You'll build skills and confidence you need to reach out and provide initial support to those who are struggling. You'll also learn how to help connect them to appropriate support.

AFTER THE COURSE, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO:

- Recognize common signs and symptoms of mental health challenges.
- Recognize common signs and symptoms of substance use challenges.
- Understand how to interact with a person in crisis.
- Know how to connect a person with help.
- Use self-care tools and techniques.

Join the more than
2.6 MILLION
First Aiders who have chosen to be the difference in their community.

REGISTER TODAY!

Delivery Format:

In-Person

Date and Time:

April 6th , June 6th 8:30 - 5:00pm

Location:

Colorado Mesa University

Where to Register:

jennifer.daniels@d51schools.org

Learn how to respond with the Mental Health First Aid Action Plan (**ALGEE**):

- A**ssess for risk of suicide or harm.
- L**isten nonjudgmentally.
- G**ive reassurance and information.
- E**ncourage appropriate professional help.
- E**ncourage self-help and other support strategies.

For more information, visit MHFA.org



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SUMMER CAMP
 We Make It Better!

REGISTRATION BEGINS:
 MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023

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 970.254.3866

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CAGT Happenings



Conversations With CAGT

1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month at 5:00 pm MST on [Facebook Live](#)

Conversations with CAGT is back with an all-new season of timely, relevant topics by preeminent local, national, and international specialists in the field of gifted education! CWC has a new format this season with programs premiering on the **first and third Tuesdays of the month** at 5:00 pm MST on Facebook Live. [Check out past Conversations with CAGT programs on our website](#), where you may rewatch experts anytime, including Linda Silverman, Jim Delisle, Julie Skolnick, Jonathan Mooney, Joy Lawson Davis, Jaime Castellano, and many others. *Conversations with CAGT* is an incredible opportunity to get expert advice on topics regarding giftedness for FREE with time to ask your questions. The best part is that as a CAGT member your questions get priority! Join us on the **first and third Tuesdays of the month** at 5:00 pm MST on [Facebook Live](#)!

Tuesday, May 16th: PJ Sedillo

"Gifted LBGTQ+ Stages of Identity"

Every Kid Outdoors Program

Fourth graders and their families receive free access to public lands

Ongoing until year 2025

[Click here for more information](#)

[Visit our website](#) for upcoming "Conversations" and to view past sessions!

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Rocky Mountain PBS



'Shoe project' teaches first graders empathy and perseverance through a global lens

ESTES PARK, Colo. — When asking a first grader how they practice empathy in their day to day lives, you'll commonly hear answers like "I help friends if they fall down" or "I hug people when they're crying." And while these are touching insights, have you ever heard a first grader say, "I use an empathy-based process to design shoes for children in other countries?"

At Estes Park Elementary School, this might just be the answer you get.

Design thinking



In 2019 computer, science, library and technology integration teacher Polly Greenblatt set a professional goal to implement the design thinking process into classroom curriculums.

As luck would have it, Bodin had significant connections in the shoe industry.

“As a teacher, well, a lot of us need extra jobs,” explained Bodin, “So my other life is running. I’m a coach.”

Through his running career, Bodin gained the opportunity to test out shoe brands. One of those was the acclaimed shoe company Merrell.

Bodin tapped his contacts at Merrell and a partnership was formed. Merrell agreed to not only be interviewed by students to share their design process, but also to create digital prototypes of the designs students created.

Soon enough, the students were diving into design thinking. They began by designing something for a friend to exercise empathy practices. Eventually, they were confident enough to help solve problems for kids in other countries – kids they had never met.

The process started with gaining an in-depth understanding of the day-to-day life of the children in the region the students were focused on.

They watched documentaries, researched and even did an obstacle course where they walked on Legos without shoes to better understand the challenges children in other regions faced on their long walks.

[Design thinking](#) is a nonlinear 5-step method of innovation and invention, but instead of the goal being success or money, the focus is to create effective solutions for others through the practice of radical empathy.

“I think it’s important to include empathy in curriculums because we’ve become such a global society, but we all still kind of live in our own little bubble, especially up here in Estes Park. We’re a small, rural town. Some of our kids don’t really go outside of Estes Park very much,” said Greenblatt.

Greenblatt decided the best product to develop with this process would be a pair of shoes. She said that she noticed that when first graders tried designing a backpack for a friend, they would focus on their own needs and desires in the design process.

“I was looking for something that they *really* understood. They knew what it was, it wasn’t too far out of the realm of their own little reality, but it was completely removed from themselves,” she recalled.

Greenblatt ideated around the idea of school – the fact that many children around the world had schools, but that the ways they got there varied greatly. This is where she landed on the idea of shoes.

The concept was that students would research the commute to school children from different regions of the world experienced, then create a shoe design to help the children have a safer, more comfortable way to get to class.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 hit right about when Greenblatt had begun to implement the process. This year, she partnered with first grade teacher Taylor Bodin to try again.

Animal adaptability as inspiration

Next came synthesizing the information and determining the specific needs the children in other regions had. Once the students had a good grasp of the issues they wanted to address, they were free to brainstorm to their heart’s desire.

To help guide the process and deepen the learning on a scientific level, students were prompted to use animal adaptability traits to help design their prototypes. This was the part Greenblatt found to be the most inspiring.

“Elementary kids can do way more than we think,” she said. “They really don’t have the constraints

One example of these limitless ideas in action was a student's connection to the adaptability of starfish.

"He came up with the idea that like, starfish grow and if we made shoes out of a starfish type skin, that it could grow with the kid as their foot was growing. And just ideas like that, that they might not be possible right in this moment, but they're going to be, and maybe that kid is the kid that's gonna make that happen," she recalled.

Bodin was inspired by the application of the Komodo Dragon to one of the shoe designs.

"They knew a lot about the Komodo Dragon, its skin, the bacteria in its mouth, and they were able to use their favorite part about it, the armored type skin to lay over top of their shoe, to help that other student feel protected from the elements," he shared.

Perseverance through prototyping

Once their ideas were generated, the students were able to put them to the test. If an idea didn't work toward their goal, they were encouraged not to give up, but instead to go back in the process and adjust, or try a new idea.

Putting the final touches on a prototype

"Perseverance, at Estes Park Elementary School, is one of our what we call 'global outcomes,'" Greenblatt explained. "It's one of those big ideas that we want kids to have as a skill along with math and reading."

Rocky Mountain PBS joined the first graders on their "Celebration of Learning," day, where parents and friends were invited to see the designs the students created, as well as witness the unveiling of Merrel's digital prototypes.

The event also acted as a launch for an ongoing shoe drive, where shoes can be sent to different global regions in an effort to help impoverished countries generate income.

According to Bodin, turnout was better than he had expected. The halls were packed with excitement, and the communal support was palpable.

Empathy: Not always an instinct

While the children learned elements of science, geography and even art in the process, teachers were sure to return to empathy as the core element of learning. Although kids can be great at being kind to their friends — like adults — the next level of empathy for those outside their social circles can be more challenging.

"That has been the goal and the biggest challenge," Bodin reflected, "because students always want to go back to what they know and what they love, but they really, really, have to work to keep other people's needs at the front of their mind."

He continued, "If we can teach them and give them experiences where empathy is so valued, then they're gonna absorb it. They're gonna start using it in their daily lives. Whether it's years down the road they realize it, or today they can step forward in empathy, that would be the big goal."

Greenblatt agreed, stating "Kids everywhere around the world are kids, but they have very different lives and face very different challenges, and for our kids to be able to care about them, and literally put them in their shoes to build that empathy about how someone else feels and the problems someone else is facing, we think that's gonna make our kids better global citizens for our world."

And it isn't just the students the teachers hoped to impact.

As Greenblatt and Bodin had touched on, Estes Park is a rural community. And while many people come into the town from other countries, it's much more rare for some community members to step out of the "bubble."

"It challenges — empathy — to really step up in our community," he said. "Our particular small community is really segmented. With a lot of different ideas. A lot of great ideas, but again,

segmented. So if this can bring our community together under one cause or one purpose, or just get us talking more with people who might be different from ourselves, that would be wonderful.”

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