



Dear D51 Families and Colleagues,

Happy Friday, D51! As the summer season winds down and fall approaches, I hope y'all are getting outside to enjoy those cool GJ mornings and evenings! And what better way to do that than spending it outside with our students? We have a lot of great things happening throughout the district, including our fall sports, which are in full swing. Many of our schools have hosted their Homecoming pep rallies, and several are gearing up for their Homecoming football games, including Fruita Monument High School, which will take on Skyline tonight at 6 p.m. at Stocker Stadium. I hope y'all can get out there and cheer them on to victory!

As we wrap up the first month of school, I continue to be impressed with all the great things happening across the district. Our staff and admin continue to focus on fostering a love for learning and delivering high-quality instruction to our students. Over the past few weeks, I have had the opportunity to see our kids in action, utilizing their critical thinking and creativity. I have been encouraged by the sense of belonging and sense of community our schools are creating, and I look forward to our continued success in ensuring that every student feels that they belong in D51.

As we move forward, I encourage all our families to maintain open lines of communication with our schools. Your input and feedback are invaluable as we navigate through this school year together, and it will help us remain steadfast in our commitment to serving our students and providing the highest quality education possible. It is crucially important that our students are present in school every day. Our staff are eager to welcome your students to school, and they work hard to ensure each and every student is thriving in their educational journey. We cannot do that without them here...attendance matters. Every day a student misses school is a missed opportunity to engage with their peers, foster relationships, learn, and grow. Let us all strive to make sure that every student is present every day so they can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally in our school community.

Palisade High School Academic Awards

This week, Palisade High School was able to celebrate some remarkable academic achievements as students who maintained a 3.5 GPA or higher throughout the 2022–23 school year were honored at their Academic Awards Assembly. Read more [here](#).

D51 Art Teachers and Students Recognized at City Council

Photos from the City of Grand Junction Annual Calendar have been transformed with stunning artwork by three talented teachers and their students! Their creations are now proudly displayed on the second floor of the Grand Junction City Hall Building, and this week, the Grand Junction City Council recognized these students and teachers during their regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Read more [here](#).

GJHS Solar Panel Installation

Grand Junction High School is celebrating the installation of a new Solar Panel Charging Station, a project driven by the dedication of students involved in the Agents of Change Program and led by AP Environmentalist Teacher Jodee Cronk. Read more [here](#).

FMHS Bonfire

Last night, Fruita Monument High School held its annual Homecoming Bonfire, and it was a huge hit. Read more [here](#).

Student Information System Update

This is an important update for our families and staff! We recently upgraded our student information system. As a result of this update, individuals who use an iOS device might have issues logging into their APP. The resolution for this issue is to ensure you have installed the latest version of the ParentVUE/StudentVUE/AdminVUE etc. app on your device to continue accessing important information regarding your student/school.

We know these updates can cause interruption to service, so if you have any questions or issues, please contact your student's school for assistance.

Upcoming Events:

- **Board Coffee**

September 9, Chatfield Elementary School, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Join us tomorrow for a Board Coffee at Chatfield Elementary. Various Board Members will be available to answer questions regarding important topics in District 51.

- **27th Annual Valley Bands Extravaganza: A Spectacular Marching Band Event**

September 12, Stocker Stadium, 7:30 p.m.,

The Valley Bands Extravaganza, a beloved tradition that showcases the remarkable talent of local high school marching bands, is back for its 27th year on Tuesday, September 12th. Attendees can expect a mesmerizing evening filled with captivating musical arrangements, intricate choreography, and spirited performances by these talented young musicians. Each band will bring their own unique style and creativity to the field.

This lineup of schools performing includes:

- Grand Junction High School
- Palisade High School
- Fruita Monument High School
- Central High School

- **Homecoming Events**

- **Fruita Monument HS Homecoming Football Game**

September 8, 6:00 p.m., Stocker Stadium

- **Grand Junction HS Homecoming Parade**

September 13, 6:00 p.m., Grand Junction High School

- **Grand Junction HS Homecoming Football Game**

September 15, 6:00 p.m., Stocker Stadium

Stay in the know and up-to-date on all things happening at D51:

- [Fall Athletics Schedule](#)
- [District Upcoming Events](#)

Board of Education Recap

On September 5, the Board of Education held a Work Session in the Harry Butler Board Room. For highlights from this meeting, click [here](#).

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