



Dear D51 Families and Colleagues:

Graduation season is upon us, marking a significant milestone in the lives of many of our D51 students. It is a time to celebrate their hard work, dedication, and achievements throughout their educational journey. It is also a time to celebrate all of the individuals who helped our students get to this point. Shoutout to our D51 teachers, staff, and administrators for all that you have done to support our graduates through their time in D51, and thank you to our D51 families for being engaged and supportive partners with us as we have worked together to help our students reach academic, social, and emotional success.

As our graduates embark on their next chapter, whether it be higher education, entering the workforce, heading to serve our country in the military, or pursuing other passions, we have every confidence that they will make a positive impact on the world. So, to our graduates, we extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for a bright and successful future. Your accomplishments are a testament to your determination, and we are excited to see what you do next!

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

This week marked Teacher Appreciation Week, and schools around the district honored, celebrated, and recognized the amazing teachers in our D51 family. Read more [here](#).

NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSES DAY

Wednesday was National School Nurses Day. This is a day dedicated to recognizing and celebrating the invaluable role that school nurses play in ensuring the health and well-being of students and school communities. Read more [here](#).

NATIONAL SCHOOL COMMUNICATORS DAY

Today is National School Communicators Day! Transparent and effective communication about D51 programs, services, plans, decisions, and priorities to students, families, staff and community stakeholders are critically important. Our D51 Communications Department works tirelessly to ensure meaningful family and community involvement through communication to build support for schools and the children they serve. Read more [here](#).

CHIPETA RECOGNIZED WITH CO GOVERNOR'S MATH BRIGHT SPOT AWARD

We are thrilled to announce that a second District 51 school has been recognized with the Governor's Math Bright Spot Award. Read more [here](#).

D51 SCHOOLS RECEIVE RECOGNITION FROM CDE

I'd also like to recognize several schools within District 51 that have been awarded Colorado Department of Education awards. These awards recognize the outstanding achievements of our schools and the hard work they put in each and every day. Read more [here](#).

MESA VIEW ELEMENTARY 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Mesa View Elementary turned 40 this year and celebrated its anniversary in style! Read more [here](#).

GIRLS ON THE RUN

Every year, schools across District 51 participate in the Girls on the Run Western Colorado program. Girls on the Run is an incredible initiative committed to empowering and supporting girls in grades 3-8 across Western Colorado through the sport of running. Read more [here](#).

GJHS STUDENTS EARN RECOGNITION FOR ORANGE & BLACK NEWSPAPER

In the remarkable 105th year of publishing, the student newspaper of Grand Junction High School, the Orange & Black, achieved outstanding success in the Colorado Student Media Association (CSMA) annual contest, Best of Colorado. A total of 11 awards were earned by nine of our talented GJHS students, including three 2023 graduating seniors. Read more [here](#).

SPRING SPORTS HEAD TO PLAYOFFS

As the spring sports season comes to an end, our high school student athletes have shown tremendous dedication and skill in their respective sports. Read more [here](#).

D51 UPCOMING EVENTS

- **R-5 MOTHERS SAY PLANT SALE**

Saturday, May 13th, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at R-5 High School

R-5s Annual Spring Garden Sale is this Saturday! Come check it out and pick up some homegrown, beautiful flowers to celebrate Mother's Day! All proceeds will help fund the student-run garden and aquaponics center at R-5 High School.

- **D51 ATHLETICS**

Spring sports are wrapping up but continue through the weekend. Click [here](#) for the D51 athletic calendar.

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