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Paw Prints is a monthly newsletter for Grant Ranch School. This is an important communication link for parents and includes important happenings at our school.

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Virtual Conferences

Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on October 12 and October 20 from 4:00 - 7:30 pm. Look for communication from your child's teacher about how to sign up and attend Parent Teacher Conferences.





Late Fall Middle School Sports Sign Up

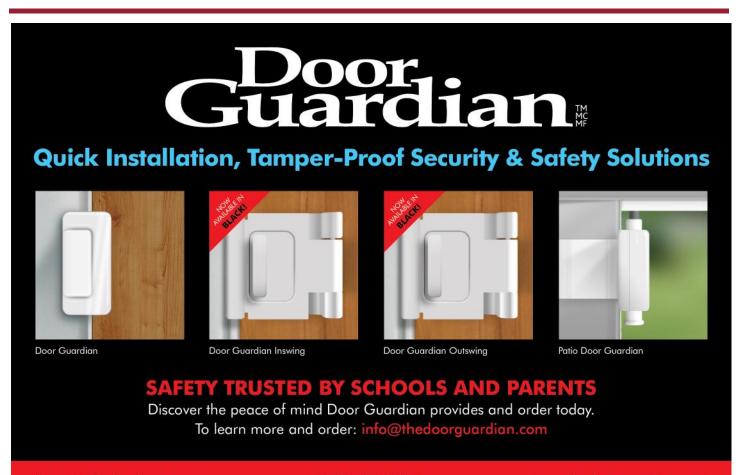
Use the links below to sign up for early fall sports at Grant Ranch - Grades 6-8

All Students must have an updated sports physical to participate in the DPS Middle School Prep League Program.

Volleyball Signup - hqnlVhEnSCMF721eZEe8%5U4

Flag Football Signup - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/ e/1FAIpQLScUj712lHbOcDsWVT d4EHdL9GYlv-djJmW0cD8CErtgr5xGw/viewform

DPS Prep League Schedules - https://athletics.dpsk12.org/prep-league-schedules/





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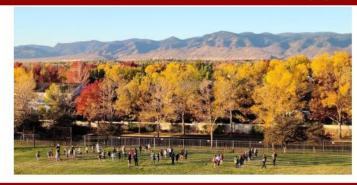
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Grant Ranch Middle School Happenings



Math - Nevarrez and Day

6th Grade: Students are exploring the concepts of rates and unit rates. Students are working together to complete practice problems and plotting the rate of two snails to determine the unit rate to determine the fastest snail! Students will complete an exit ticket on Friday, September 24th on finding unit rates from rates.

7th Grade: We are exploring different types of angles! Students are working in groups to complete mazes and scavenger hunts to find angle measures. On Friday, September 24, 2021 the students will complete their exit ticket assessment on angles!

8th Grade: Students are exploring angle measures and different types of angles. Students have been exploring alternate interior angles and alternate exterior angles. Students will complete an exit ticket assessment on their work this week on Friday, September 24, 2021!

Language Arts - Weidner and Akin

6th Grade: We have continued to read <u>Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief.</u> While reading, we have closely analyzed how a character's thoughts and feelings influence their actions. We will put our analysis skills to the test with a Mid-Unit Assessment on Tuesday September 22nd. Next, we will begin to learn about the hero's journey and how this applies to our novel. Be sure to practice vocabulary with your student, we will have a quiz next week!

7th Grade: in 7th grade we are reading supplemental texts to understand more about the cultures of our two protagonists in our story. As we learn more about our characters' cultures, we are going to delve into finding the theme of our text in, <u>A Long Walk to Water.</u> We are also building our resources to prepare for an essay coming up in the next few weeks!

8th Grade: In the eighth grade, we continued to read our novel Inside Out & Back Again with additional non-fiction texts. We have learned many new skills such as determining word choice, tone, mood, and figurative language. Our main goal has been to dig into why author's pick certain words and how they impact meaning. We have put these skills to the test by completing an "End of the Unit task on Tuesday September 22nd!

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Middle School Updates

Music

Brought to you by Mrs. Brouillette.

Art

In Art, we are working on an art fundraiser called Square 1 that will give students free stickers of their designs and help raise funds to buy clay. More info on that to come. We are also beginning our creative exploration & celebration of Hispanic & Latinx Heritage Month by studying work by local Denver artists. We will also be making a whole school Rotablo inspired by Peruvian artist, Nicario Jiminez.

-Mrs. Erin

Physical Education
Middle School students are vorking on their endurance by

ogging each week before blaying games or exercising outdoors!

-Mr. Rubald

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Science - Enns

6th Grade: We just started a new unit on Metabolism. We are studying a patient named Elisa, who is tired all of the time. We will be looking at her habits and learning about how different medical conditions affect cells.

7th Grade: We are just wrapping up a unit on Plate Motion (volcanoes, earthquakes, and Pangea). We will spend a week practicing Engineering Design Cycle by designing and testing earthquake proof buildings. Then we will start on Rock Transformations.

8th Grade: 8th Graders do not have science until 2nd semester.

Sports Updates

Middle School's Late Fall Sports begins on October 5th. We are offering Flag Football and Volleyball. It is mandatory to register your athlete at the Grant Ranch Website (first page) to be part of our teams. We must have 10 registered Volleyball athletes and 15 registered Flag Football athletes to be approved to play for Grant Ranch in The Denver Prep League.

Social Studies -Kukaewkasem

6th Grade: Beginning our journey to the contemporary studies of Central American geography.

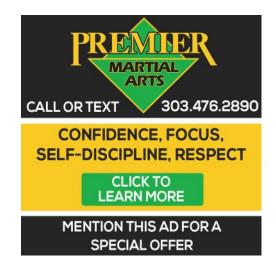
7th Grade: Will have Social Studies second semester.

8th Grade: Emerging out of the constitutional era into the Early American 19th century expansion into the west.

"If You are planning for a year, sow rice; if you are planning for a decade, plant trees; if you are planning for a lifetime, educate people" – Chinese Proverb

Upcoming Dates:

- Early Dismissal every Thursday @ 12:50pm
- 9/24 Picture Day
- 9/27 No School for students
- Virtual Family Conferences 10/12 and 10/20 more info to come!





Middle School SEL Team

From the Social/Emotional Team

All Middle Schoolers will be taking the BESS Social Emotional Screener on Friday September 24th during SEL time unless families opted out by signing the consent form. BESS provides information on where we can allocate our time and resources to best support our students! Our students will also take this screener in May at the end of the year.

This year at Grant Ranch all of our students are receiving the SEL curriculum Mosaic that focuses on skills for learning, coping and managing stress and emotions and being successful in school and life.

Visit the SEL Website by clicking here

If Your Student Needs to talk? Sign up for a meeting with a SEL team member by clicking here

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