



# Paw Prints

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GRANT RANCH SCHOOL ECE-8



## About Paw Prints 2017-2018

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*Grant Ranch Webpage -* <http://grantranch.dpsk12.org>



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.

You can read, download, and print this newsletter monthly on the Grant Ranch Webpage.

<http://grantranch.dpsk12.org>

### FACT:

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## A Message from the Principal

Happy winter families of Grant Ranch! Updates! With bond money we will install new carpet in the main entrance and hallway. There will be some painting in the cafeteria along with the installation of new shades. We are hoping to have the work completed over spring break.

As you may have heard there will be some reductions and additions for the upcoming school year. We are adding an Early Childhood Education (ECE) program for students who will be three years old on October 1, 2018. We already have 15 students who have registered! Tech, PE and music will continue next year. Instead of having an art teacher, art will be taught by the classroom teachers and the art room will be used as a lab space.

Please remember that we are helping students learn to live healthy lifestyles. This means that students should bring healthy snacks and drinks like water and individual servings of snacks. It also means that students should not bring soda or any other sugary drinks or large bags of chips or Takis to school. There are policies in the Denver Public Schools and the Colorado Department of Education that support this mission and with guidelines that we must follow. Any soda or sugary drinks will be thrown away. For more information on the policies I've included the following links:

[Health & Wellness Policies & Procedures](#)

[DPS: Policy ADF – School Wellness](#)

[DPS: Policy ADF-R – School Wellness Supporting Details](#)

[DPS: Policy EFEA – Nutritious Food Choices](#)

[DPS: Fundraising Food and Healthy Snacks](#)

[CDE: Competitive Food Policy](#)

[CDE: Healthy Beverages Policy](#)

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## UPCOMING DATES

March 3 - Destination Imagination Competition

March 16 - Class Pictures

March 16 – Moms and Muffins 7:00 am – 7:40 am

March 19 - April 23 – PARCC/CMAS Testing

March 26 – March 30 Spring Break – No School

April 2 – Teacher Planning Day – No School

April 3 - Students return from Spring Break



## Help Beautify Grant Ranch!

Sign up for our Grant Ranch volunteer day! We will be beautifying the grounds of our school on April 7th.

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## **Snapchat Contest for Colorado Teenage Students** ***Teens compete to design top Geofilter to celebrate International Women's Day***

Grant Ranch students helped create and design this contest for Colorado teens aged 13-18

Grant Ranch middle school students entered the Snapchat contest. Good luck to all of our students! The winner will be announced on March 8. The winner will receive:

### **Prizes:**

- Finalist's geofilter to be shown on Snapchat on International Women's Day
- Finalist and family to be invited as guests to Colorado Women's Hall of Fame gala
- Finalist to be recognized and geofilter to be shown on Snapchat at the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame Gala
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## Colorado Measures of Academic Success

The Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) are the state’s common measurement of students’ progress at the end of the school year.

<u>Grant Ranch School Testing Dates</u>	
March 20, 21, 22	ELA Testing: Grades 5, 6, 7, 8
April 4, 5, 6	ELA Testing: Grades 3, 4 Math Testing: Grades 7, 8
April 10, 11, 12	Math Testing: Grades 3, 4, 5, 6
April 17, 18, 19	Science Testing: Grades 5, 8

### Families

- Attendance is extremely important during testing dates.
- Be sure that your child gets a good night’s rest.
- Be sure that your child eats a healthy breakfast.
- Ensure that your child gets to schools on time.
- All testing will occur in the morning hours.
- Breakfast will be provided at school as usual.
- We ask that you not schedule any appointments for your child during these dates but if needed, please schedule any appointments for the afternoon.

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## Family Game Night

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Grant Ranch and PTO will be hosting a Family Game Night on March 21<sup>st</sup> in the gym. We will be playing BINGO, hold prize drawings, and enjoying the evening with the community of Grant Ranch School.

This is a FREE event for the families of Grant Ranch. There will be pizza that can pre-ordered and make a dinner event for the entire family.

If you pre-register you will receive tickets for our prize drawing that will be held throughout the evening. Grant Ranch would also like to give back during this community event. For every non-perishable food that families bring in on Family Game Night, they will receive an extra ticket for the prize drawings. All non-perishable food that is brought in will be donated to the Food Bank of the Rockies. Visit us at the link below to pre-registrar for the event. We look forward to a fun evening with you and your family.

<http://www.tinyurl.com/GrantRanchFamilyGameNight>



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## English Club

Grant Ranch is looking for parents who would like to be a part of the English Club. This is a beginners English class that will be held after school at Grant Ranch and will be available for 12 participants. If you have any more questions please contact [astrid\\_duhome@dpsk12.org](mailto:astrid_duhome@dpsk12.org). Flyers will be passed out to students.

### English Club Schedule:

*We are starting our English classes on Tuesday, March 6, 2018*

*Classes will be from 3:00-4:00 p.m. in Room 142*

**Here are the dates we are meeting this year.**

Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Tuesday, April, 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

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## News from PTO

### PTO Meetings:

Thursday March 8th at 6:00 pm Full PTO Meeting

Friday March 9th at 7:15am Informative PTO Meeting for parents who can't make Thursday nights

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## Donate Your Gently Worn, Used and New Shoes To

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Collected shoes are used to support micro-enterprise vendors.  
Micro-enterprises are small businesses in developing nations.  
They are typically operated by one person or family and  
friends, depending on size.

## WHERE & WHEN

Bring your gently worn,  
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Grant Ranch School  
during school hours and  
drop them off in the  
designated shoe  
collection bins.

We will have the  
collection bins available  
from February 26th to  
April 26th. Help us collect  
enough shoes to fill 100  
bags!

### Contact

Please email your Grant  
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**Dr. Joy Lawson Davis** is a college professor, author, consultant on gifted education and advocacy. The focus of her work is in improving access and equity in gifted and advanced programs for culturally diverse learners.

Dr. Davis is the author of the first book of its kind on the market to specifically address the advocacy needs of Black families raising gifted students.



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## News from Gifted and Talented

On March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Dr. Cameron Hays will be holding a parent coffee talk at Denver Language School on the topic of “Curiosity and the Gifted”. Join Dr. Hays as the group discusses links between curiosity and giftedness, as well as curiosity in our children (and ourselves). Dr. Hays will discuss his dissertation research on these patterns as well.



## Destination Imagination

The Grant Ranch Destination Imagination Teams will be competing on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at the Evie Dennis Campus. Students in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade have been working on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills (collaboration, teamwork, problem solving, critical thinking, creativity and imagination) as a key component of their Destination Imagination challenge. Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade team, The Collaboration Connection, will be performing at 9:42 a.m. and our 5<sup>th</sup> grade team, The Wise GRS Grizzlies, will be performing at 10:00 a.m. Both teams will compete in room 202. Anyone is welcome to come and watch the teams compete! *Thank you to the generosity of the Grant Ranch PTO for making this opportunity available to our students.*

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