



Mead High School

Energy Focus & AP Capstone School
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Dear Mead Students and Families:

I hope you are enjoying a bit of this unseasonably warm weather over the 4 day break. I got to clean up flower beds early and give my lawn a bit of a makeover this week. If your tulips and daffodils are like mine, they are starting to peek through the soil. Hopefully we will get to enjoy their beautiful blooms.

Wrestling season came to a close this weekend. Congratulations to Coach Tatham and the boys! You had an outstanding season. Caleb Mendez took 3rd and Jeremy Ashton placed 4th this weekend at the state meet.

The boys and girls basketball teams have qualified for the first round of the state playoffs. Congratulations! We hope to continue following you as you make your way up the state brackets.

Schedule: Tuesday, Feb. 21 @ 6:30 pm Girls varsity will play @ MHS
Saturday, Feb. 25 @ 6:00 pm Boys varsity will play @ MHS

We have really noticed a spike in “negative” social media communication at Mead High School. We are constantly mediating posts, likes, and chats about student groups. We are asking for your help. Please talk to your child about the “right kind” of communication on social media. If want some tools to help set boundaries with your child please visit the following [link](#) for more information. We want to keep our halls and classrooms safe for all students. Please partner with us by monitoring your child’s use and communication.

ATTENDANCE FACTS



- The academic impact of missing school is the same whether the absences are excused or unexcused.
- When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating.
- Missing as few as three days of school is strongly predictive of lower achievement and missing 10 days of school is predictive of dropping out. Every day counts!
- Statistics show that students with more than 20 absences per year have less than a 1-in-5 chance of graduating.
- By ninth grade, school attendance is a better predictor of graduation than eighth-grade test scores, according to a 2007 study by the University of Chicago.

RECOGNIZING IMPACTFUL TEACHERS

Each year, the Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley recognizes area teachers in front of their peers at the Tribute for Teachers in May. Teachers are nominated by students, parents, community members, and colleagues by submitting a nomination form to the Education Foundation. Please take a moment and nominate a “special teacher” that has impacted his/her community, classroom, or your child in a meaningful way. It is the greatest compliment that they can receive.

The nomination form is on the Education Foundation's website www.efsuvv.org. Click on the word Programs on their home page, then Encore Award Program, and finally the nomination form. **Nominations must be received or electronically date stamped no later than March 15.** You can also visit the Mead website www.mhs.org under Community to print out the nomination forms or come into the main office to pick up forms.

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

1. Any senior that has a time release, should be using this time to get on Naviance and start filling out applications for scholarships. Last year, we gave out \$3,000,000 in scholarships to Mead HS seniors. We would like to beat that this year, but it takes some active work on our seniors part. Please see counselors for more information if you need some help.
2. The annual Rocky Mountain RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) conference is being held this year in June at the YMCA of the Rockies. This opportunity is open to next year's juniors and seniors by application only. You do not have to be part of Rotary to apply and be selected. This is a unique leadership opportunity and a wonderful add-on for a college and scholarship resume. Please visit www.rmRYLA.org for registration details. Our local Rotary club sponsors the cost for several students to attend each year. Please do not let funds get in the way of applying for this great opportunity. **The deadline is fast approaching.**

3.



Poster Contest

All of Colorado's K-12 students are invited to showcase their artistic talent and their commitment to the environment. Prizes for students and schools!

Entries due April 24, 2017

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Questions?
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4.

Teens and adults can now apply for summer jobs with Boulder County Youth Corps

Deadline to submit youth applications is Fri., Mar. 31

Boulder County, Colo. - Boulder County residents ages 14-17 can now apply for summer jobs with the Boulder County Youth Corps. Boulder County is also hiring adults to be team leaders. Boulder County is especially in need of female Corps members and leaders.

The deadline to submit youth applications is Fri., March 31. Other positions are open until filled.

The Youth Corps will hire 160 teenagers to work 30 hours per week. The teens will work Monday through Thursday, from June 12 to Aug. 2 on a variety of community service projects. Team leaders overseeing the projects will be employed from May 31 to Aug. 4 to work up to 40 hours per week, Monday through Friday. Team leaders start at \$17.67/hour and assistant team leaders start at \$15.67/hour.

Applications, salary info., and qualifications can be found on www.BoulderCounty.org/youthcorps.

PARENT OPPORTUNITIES

1. Would you be interested in hosting a foreign exchange student? I have several agencies that are looking for family placements. This could be a very fun, growing experience for a family. Please let me know if you are interested. Please send an email to ayers_rachael@svvsd.org.
2. Would you be interested in helping proctor AP Tests? We are looking for some great volunteers to help with AP testing starting May 1. Please email anderson_calan@svvsd.org if you are interested.
3. We are in need of 5 volunteers to help with health screenings on March 2. Please email long_rachel@svvsd.org if you would like to help.

SENIORS



- Please double check that your caps and gowns have been ordered
- All school fees must be paid to get your diploma. You can find all fees listed on IC.
- Please make sure you are academically on top of your credits.
- Submit your baby photos for senior slide show to Meadseniorslideshow@gmail.com

Graduation meeting **Tuesday, March 21 @ 6:30 - 7:30 pm** in the high school auditorium.
All seniors and their parents should attend.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

March 2	Spring Sports Parent/Athlete Meeting	6:30 - 8:00 pm (date change)
March 21	Senior/Parent Graduation Mtg.	6:30 - 7:30 pm
March 24 - April 2	Spring Break	
April 7	MHS Talent Show	TBD
April 11	PSAT (sophomores) and SAT (juniors) State test	
April 12 - 13	PARCC testing (Freshmen)	
April 18	CMAS testing (Juniors)	
April 22	Health Fair at Mead High School	
April 28	Film Festival	6:30 pm
May 17	Seniors Last Day --- Full, normal day	
May 27	Graduation at MHS	11:00 am

SCHEDULE CHANGES --- PLEASE MARK ON YOUR CALENDARS

- March 16 --- Alternate Advisory Schedule
- April 13 & 14 --- No Advisory on these days
- April 28 --- Alternate Advisory Schedule -- Prom assembly
- May 12 --- Assembly Schedule dedicated to seniors (schedule will be posted)



Have you been wondering where you can get Mead gear? Visit our website mhs.svvsd.org. We have added a new tab, "online store", next to the calendar link on the webpage. **New items available.**

STATE TESTING

The state testing schedule is posted on our website www.mhs.svvsd.org. Please take a moment to pencil in the days so that your child is present during their state testing day. We believe strongly that every child should be present on these days.

SAT --- April 11 (juniors)

PARCC ---- April 12, 13 (freshmen)

AP Testing begins on May 1

PSAT10 --- April 11 (sophomores)

CMAS --- April 18 (juniors)

The MHS library has many support books for students. There are practice tests, test strategies, and exam constructs in each of the manuals. Please see Alice York in the library for help.

AP EXAM REGISTRATION

All AP Students need to register for the AP Exam by March 5th, 2017. Students can register on total registration at <https://user.totalregistration.net/AP/60962>. You can also access the link on the MHS Counseling homepage under quick links. If you have any questions about AP or registering for exams please contact Mrs. Anderson in the counseling office.

[AP exams for students who are on Free or Reduced Lunch will only cost \\$15. Please talk to your counselor about registering. Do not miss out on this incredible opportunity!](#)

We appreciated the opportunity to meet with you on Thursday evening at Parent Teacher conferences. Please let us know if there is any additional support that you might need. If you were unable to attend, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher for an individual report.

We are quickly approaching the 4th quarter. Continue to monitor student grades and let us know how we can partner with you if needed. Have a blessed week.

Rachael Ayers

ALWAYS A MAVERICK!