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Dear Mead Students and Families:

Well... Spring sports have begun, and for those of you who have done this before that means we pack an umbrella, sunscreen, our parka, blankets, and layered clothes that we can peel off or put on at a Colorado moment's notice. It also brings a lightness in the air and a feeling of renewal. With this, it means that we lose a precious hour of sleep, so find a time to just sleep in for an hour or go to bed just a bit earlier to catch up.

Congratulations to the girls soccer team on their win against Grand Junction. The girls Tennis team started strong against Frederick this week. Boys Baseball won their first two games, beating Battle Mountain on Tuesday and Thornton on Saturday. Track enjoyed a successful day on Saturday with their season opener this weekend in Pueblo. If you had the opportunity to attend the band concert this week, it was a wonderful showcase of their talent and hard work -- great job! One of the indicators of a thriving school is the involvement of students in extracurricular and club activities. Mead High School continues to grow in each of these areas every year. It is a tribute to the relationships our teachers develop with students, the heart of our community, and the connectedness that our students feel. It is a good time to be a Mead Maverick!

A group of our students participated in the Polar Plunge to raise funds for the Special Olympics. Please enjoy the video of their experience. We would love to grow this event next year in support of our own students with disabilities. This is awesome! <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BwdzMS5qWs15eHBQNFF0aTFUZFU/view>. The Mead Unified team finished their basketball season this weekend. It is always an amazing experience to participate in their games. Kudos to Amber Vanzant and all of her teammates.

NOMINATE GREAT TEACHERS

Teachers can be nominated by students, parents, community members, and colleagues by submitting a nomination form to the Education Foundation. The nomination form is on the Education Foundation's website www.efsvv.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. Thank you to those who have already taken a moment to acknowledge the work that our great teachers do!

COLLEGE AND CAREER FAIR --- Don't miss this opportunity!

Mead HS will host the College and Career Fair this **Thursday, March 16 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.** More than 40 college, career and professional organizations will be available that evening. Please come with your son or daughter to ask relevant questions about postsecondary options. Plan your future... one step at a time!

MEAD'S GOT TALENT -- Showcase of student talent

Student Council is sponsoring "Mead's Got Talent" as a fundraiser for The Water Project, a nonprofit organization providing clean water to drought-stricken African countries. All proceeds from this event will help them reach their goal of \$5000. This will be a fun-filled night and a celebration of the beauty, quirkiness, talent, humor, and passion of Mead High School Students.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend --- April 7 at 6:00 pm in the MHS auditorium.

March 16 is the deadline to submit a student entry, and all auditions will be held March 21 and 22 after school in the choir room. See Mrs. Derden in the office for an application.



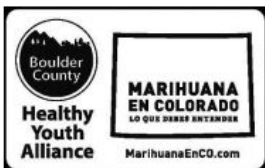
SENIORS

Submit your baby photos for the senior slide show to Meadseniorslideshow@gmail.com.

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

Please mark your calendars - May 23 - plan for a fun filled senior day at Mead HS. We will be handing out caps and gowns, retracing our steps back to the Middle school and Elementary School, followed by Graduation rehearsal, and a senior/staff barbecue. That evening we will join our community as we celebrate our seniors at Senior Night.

Please take some time over Spring Break and over the next couple of weeks to apply for a couple more scholarships.



MARIJUANA AND TEENS LEARN ABOUT CONSUMPTION AND PREVENTION

Wednesday, March 22 @ Frederick HS
6:30-8:00pm
5690 Tipple Pkwy

Starting a conversation about youth about marijuana can feel awkward. Learn about the laws, local trends, health effects, brain development, and tips to help youth stay drug free.

Presentation in English & Spanish

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.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

#schooleveryday

At Mead High School, we aspire to a 96% attendance rate in 2017. We are currently at 94%. Please help us reach our goal by prioritizing all absences over the next 3 months. We can do it with your help. GO MAVS!
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SPORTS and ACTIVITIES

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| Girls Tennis | 3/14 @ Northridge | 3:30 pm | |
| Boy's Baseball | 3/13 @ MHS vs. Pueblo Cent. | 4:00 pm | 3/16 @ MHS vs. Frederick 4:00 pm |
| | 3/18 @ Frederick | 11:00 am | |
| Girl's Soccer | 3/13 @ MHS vs. Centaurus | 6:00 pm | 3/14 @MHS vs. Peak to Peak 6:00pm |
| Track | 3/18 @ Windsor HS | 9:00 am | |
| Band Concert | 3/14 @ MHS in the auditorium | 6:30 pm | |
| Choir Concert | 3/15 @ MHS in the auditorium | 6:30 pm | |
| Special Golf Event | 2017 Pac-12 Men's Golf Championships @ Boulder Country Club -- April 28- 30 | | |

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

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| March 16 | College and Career Night @ MHS | 5:30 - 7:00 pm |
| March 21 | Senior/Parent Graduation Mtg. | 6:30 - 7:30 pm |
| March 24 - April 2 | Spring Break | |
| April 5 is National Walking Day | | |
| 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) -- last advisory of 2017

STATE TESTING

The state testing schedule is posted 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)

PSAT10 --- April 11 (sophomores)

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

CMAS --- April 18 (juniors)

AP Testing begins on May 1

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.

I hope you all turned your clocks back on Sunday. We are rounding the last corner of the year and are in a critical space (especially seniors) when it comes to class grades. Please connect with your child's teacher if there are any red flags at this time. We can work on developing a strategy with you to ensure your child's success before the semester ends.

Thank you for your tireless devotion to your children. They are our best investment in life -- as they will be in charge when we no longer can be. I am confident, just like the generations before them, that they will be our greatest advocate when the time comes. Right now, it is us who must be that for them. Have a great week!

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ALWAYS A MAVERICK!