



Mead High School

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Dear Mead Students and Families:

Almost hard to believe that March is here. Spring break is right around the corner, and then we will be moving into the last phase of the school year. This year has been busy with festivals, games, classes, dances, and all things teenager. It is our privilege to work with such an amazing group of young people.



Last week on Thursday, we packed the gym with Mead HS students to watch our Unified basketball team take on a Mead teacher team. There is nothing that can lift your soul and encourage your heart more than to watch these young people play. It was a celebration of the Mead spirit and a recognition that regardless of our differences, we are here to serve each other. Congratulations to Noah, Tabitha, Gavin, Kaden, Casey, Emma and all of their teammates. YOU ARE MEAD!

I want to thank our MAV FANS for coming out and cheering on the boys basketball team as they battled for a place in the top 8 on Tuesday, and then a place in the top 4 in the state on Saturday night. I had the wonderful opportunity to share the spirit bus with about 40 dedicated students, along with Mrs. Rue, Mr. Baisley and Mrs. Russell. **Thank you to the Mead Booster Club for sponsoring the Spirit Bus on both occasions.** We are proud to call ourselves Mavericks, and felt a tremendous amount of community support and unity. Congratulations to the boys basketball team, Coach Reese, Coach Ward, and Coach Rosenbrock --- You had a fantastic season, and we are proud of you! WE ARE MEAD!

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

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!

FREE TEST PRACTICE

The Longmont Tutoring Club is offering a free SAT/ACT/PSAT practice test on Saturday, March 11th at 9am. Please call ((303) 651-0800) or email (longmontco@tutoringclub.com) to save a space. This is a great way for students to get a sense of their skills and ease into the process of preparing for the upcoming state tests. The test will run approximately 4 hours. Students are welcome to bring their own calculator, a water bottle, and a small snack. We will have the test results ready two days after the test. At that point, we will schedule a meeting with the student and their parents to discuss the test results and potential prep course options.



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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SOCIAL MEDIA

Like many of you, we have noticed a spike in “negative” social media communication involving our students at Mead High School. We hope to partner with parents and our community to mediate and improve social media posts, likes, and chats about student issues. We are continuing to ask for your help with this important Mead HS community concern. You can help by talking to your child about the “right kind” of communication on social media. If you would like to review some tools to help set boundaries with your child, then visit the following [link](#) for more information. Together, we can work to support good communication for our children while also partnering to keep our community, halls, and classrooms safe for all students. I hope you will partner with us by monitoring your child’s social media use and communication.

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

1. 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.**
2. Boulder County Youth Corps is hiring for summer jobs. Applications are due March 31. Applications, salary info., and qualifications can be found on www.BoulderCounty.org/youthcorps.

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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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.

SENIORS



Summit your baby photos for the 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.



SPORTS and ACTIVITIES

Girls Tennis	2:30 pm	3/6 @ MHS vs. Sterling	Frederick	3/9 @ MHS vs. 3:30 pm
Boy's Baseball	3/9 @ Battle Mtn.	3:00 pm	3/11 @ MHS vs. Thornton	11:00 am
Girl's Soccer	3/9 @ Mtn View HS	4:00 pm	3/10 @ MHS vs. Grand Jct	6:00 pm
Track	3/11 @ CSU-Pueblo	9:00 am		
Band concert	3/7 @ MHS in the auditorium	6:30 pm	3/14	
Unified Basketball	3/11 State Tournament @ Gold Crown Facility in Lakewood	8:00 am - 10:00 am		

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

March 11	StuCo Badminton Tournament	10:00 am - noon
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) -- 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.

With Spring, comes renewal ... in the plants, in the warm air, in the animals, and in our school. Enjoy the warm weather, maybe take in a game, and connect with others. As we near 3rd quarter, please encourage your child to maintain good grades, make up missed work, and connect with his/her teachers. It is the connection that keeps us all moving forward.

Happy Spring --- Enjoy your Week!

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ALWAYS A MAVERICK!

