



For showing qualities of an OMMS Knight:

*Honor	*Empathy
*Courage	*Persistence
*Work Ethic	*Kindness
*Respectful	*Responsible

Teacher of the Month:
Mrs. Ocheltree
 6th Grade Math

I became a teacher because I'm naturally curious about our incredibly beautiful world and how its intricate systems and specifics work. I've been a teacher since 2006, graduating from Upper Iowa University with a B.A. in K-8 Education, and I have a Master's in English with a Multicultural/Transnational Literature concentration. This is my 2nd year of teaching in Colorado, after teaching 5th - 8th grades in both Iowa and North Carolina. I am astounded by the geography Colorado offers. Taking hikes weekly is a must. Over the summer I traveled to 13 of our country's beautiful National Parks. My goal is to visit all 50 states, only 3 more to go! When I'm not out exploring, I enjoy doing genealogical research and uncovering the fascinating familial and national histories that are embedded in each one of us. Helping children see the beauty in the world and their unique place in it is what keeps me motivated as a teacher.



Congratulations. . .

*To all participants in the Science Fair: Jana, Dylan, Max, Cash, & Sam.

*Cash - 1st for Environmental Science
 *Sam - 1st for Junior Division
 *Sam is going to STATE!!!



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*Wrestling schedule on the website.



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D51 Scholastic Results:

Congratulations to **Wylie Mead** and **Nathan Bailey** for making it to the final round in the D-51 Scholastic Tournament held on February 22 at the Bookcliff Activity Center. Ninety-nine students from across the district met to challenge each other in games designed to promote higher-level thinking. Nine students from OMMS who are connected with the GT (Gifted and Talented) program attended. The final round included only the 20 top scoring individuals and, although not finishing in the final 3, Wylie and Nathan represented OMMS well in competitive spirit. The nine schools participating also competed for an overall winner that received the traveling trophy. This year the winner was Bookcliff Middle School with Orchard Mesa finishing well at 5th. **Great Job Team!**



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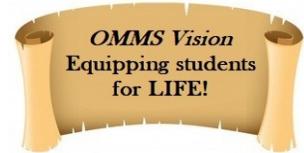
OFFERS: homework help & tutoring, games, activities, & field trips.

Where: OMMS Library
 When: Monday thru Thursday
 Hours: 2:45 to 5:15
FREE!

Registration packet from the OMMS Office

Cheri Vana, Principal
Jason Eiding, Assistant Principal
Sandy Reams, Secretary
Joni Spence, Attendance Secretary

School District Website: www.mesa.k12.co.us
OMMS Website: <http://omms.mesa.k12.co.us/>



March/April 2019

*March 18-22 - Spring Break

*April 13—PTO Yard Sale

*April 17 - Knights of Excellence Breakfast

*April 22 - 5th gr. Visitation Performance

*April 24-27 - Colorado West Music Fest



A note from the principal. . .

Students and Staff at OMMS are starting to prepare for our state testing. CMAS stands for: Colorado Measure of Academic Success. CMAS exams are designed to help teachers, schools, students and parents determine whether students are on track in their learning for success after high school, and to assess mastery of updated Colorado Academic Standards. We are mandated to administer the tests as a public school in Colorado. This is not a test that is passed with rote memorization and last-minute drills. It calls for critical thinking, problem-solving and the ability to synthesize information from various sources and provide evidence and reasoning when making an argument or solving a math equation. Rather than just asking students to select the correct answer and fill in the bubble of a multiple-choice test, it pushes student to apply their knowledge, thus better preparing them for higher education and a career. That being said, you can help by making sure your child gets a good night's sleep, eating a good breakfast and avoid scheduling any unnecessary appointments on the days they are testing. I have included the testing schedule for your convenience. Please contact Mr. Eiding or myself if you have questions concerning testing.

Testing Schedule

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, April 2 nd , 3 rd , and 4 th and Friday, April 12 th	8 th Grade is Testing
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, April 9 th , 10 th , and 11 th	7 th Grade is Testing
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, April 16 th , 17 th and 18 th	6 th Grade is Testing

On a different note, students and staff are looking forward to an all-school celebration on the afternoon of March 15th. Students will have the choice to play board games, watch a movie or participate in a dance/carnival in the gym. Students and parents were notified early in the quarter concerning the following criteria in order to participate.

No out of school suspensions allowed

Only one in-school suspension allowed

Students can only have one "i" in all their classes

If a student has 5 or more tardies, they will miss ½ of the party



It is our intent to motivate our students to maintain good behavior, be on time to classes and focus on learning. Students who fail to meet the above expectations will have time to work on missing assignments, work on current assigned work, read quietly or reflect on their behavior during the celebration.

I hope you have a relaxing, fun filled spring break with your children. With one quarter left in the year, our teachers still have a great deal to teach and our students have the opportunity to continue to grow! Thank you for your continued support. As always, if you have questions or concerns, please feel free to call our office and schedule some time to visit. My door is always open!

Cheri Vana

PTA Yard Sale Fundraiser - April 13th

*IF you have items for the yard sale, bring them to the office anytime. If you have a large item, please let Ms. Reams know and she will take care of the rest. 254-6320

Thank you for supporting PTO and OMMS students.