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Round Mountain Middle School



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Popcorn Fundraiser

Thank you to all the kids who made the effort to sell gourmet popcorn from Popcorn Palace. We made about \$1,500 for supplies and activities!! Thanks again to all of the families who participated in and supported the middle school in this fundraiser!



Common Core Strategy of the Month

The language arts classes are working on College and Career Readiness Anchor Standard Literacy.CCRA.W.10 which is "Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences."



For more information on Common Core Standards, you may also visit the Nevada Department of Education website for more information:

http://www.doe.nv.gov/Curriculum_Standards/

FFA Adopt a Pet Project

The middle school FFA program has been working on a project in conjunction with the SPCA of Northern Nevada. Students have created posters and flyers to be sent to Northern Nevada in hopes of finding homes for animals in SPCA shelters. Great job helping to find these animals homes!



Circle of Life Fundraising

In October, the middle school participated in two fundraisers to benefit the Circle of Life Walk. The middle school and high school classes competed in a penny war to raise funds for the cause. Pennies put into a class jar counted as positive points and any higher denominations; nickels, quarters, dimes, and bills counted as negative points (put in by members of other classes.) Between the middle school and high school, over \$245 was earned from the penny wars!



On October 16th, the middle school joined the elementary for the annual Circle of Life Walk to raise money for the cause as well. Middle school students walked around Hadley Circle.

Announcements:

- December: Winter NWEA Testing
- 12/7—Middle School Winter Sports Practice Begins
- 12/17—Report Card Grade Cut-Off
- 12/21—1/31—Winter Break

Conduct Card Parties!

At the end of each month we like to celebrate our students who have not received a conduct card for the entire month. We appreciate these students' hard work and excellent behavior! For the month of October, we celebrated with lunch from Shoshone Market. November participants played a game of Fall Bingo where the winners received a treat! Congratulations to the following students who received no conduct cards in the month of October!

Jordyn, Brooklyn, McKenna, Blake H., Airalynn, Emma, Jeffrey, Kevin, Candace, Emma Jane, Mattie, Olivia, Braylee, Chris, Madison, Bayek

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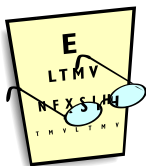
Gia, Jordyn, Brooklyn, McKenna, Blake H., Airalynn, Emma, Jeffrey, Emily, Byron, Saige, Sandie, Kaiya, Kevin, Candace, Emma Jane, James H. Mattie, Olivia, Chris, Madison

NWEA Tests

NWEA tests are taken by students three times per year—Fall, Winter and Spring. NWEA tests are benchmark tests that show growth. Teachers will often share the scores and projected growth with students in order to make these tests relevant. We have already completed our Fall assessment for this year. The next test will be before Winter Break in December

Does Your Child Require Eye Glasses?

If your child needs glasses and doesn't wear them, please consider making an appointment at an eye doctor. Headaches, eye strain, blurry vision, and poor reading skills are just some of the results of needing glasses, but not wearing them. Call the mine clinic for an appointment at **Speedy Specs.**



Friendly Reminders

Please check in with your child to make sure that he or she has the supplies that are needed daily at school; pencils, lead, erasers, paper, etc. It is important that students are prepared for every class every day. If your child is currently in a P.E. class, please make sure they are bringing home their clothes each week to be washed. Don't forget to bring them back each Monday!



Math Fact Time

There is a 10-minute math fact time built into our day. Each day students spend 10 minutes practicing math facts. The middle school focuses on multiplication facts and moves on to division facts. We are using the Mad Minute program to encourage automaticity and growth in knowledge of math facts. Students receive tickets for growth and for completing their page of 30, 40, or 50 facts in under a minute. The students will be able to use those tickets for a school auction at the end of each semester!

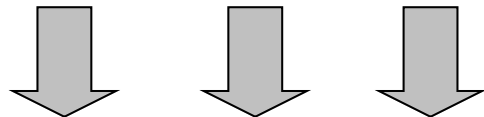


Math Game of the Month

Salute

You need three players to play. Remove the face cards from a regular deck of cards (ace represents one). Deal out the cards evenly to two players who sit facing each other; each holds the stack of cards face down. The third player sits where he or she can see the other two players. When the third player says "Salute," the two players with cards simultaneously take the top cards off their respective piles and hold them on their foreheads with the face of the card outwards so that they can only see the other person's card. The third player announces the product (multiplication) of the two cards. Each of the two players holding a card tries to be the first to announce the number on his own card. The winner takes both cards. Rotate players so everyone gets a chance to be the one who says, "salute," and gives the product. **If your family plays this game at least once during the month of December, please fill out the ticket below and have your child return to school for an extra 20 math fact tickets to use for the school auction.**

C'mon, Middle Schoolers!
Play the Salute game and win extra math tickets!



Yes, we played this game at home this month!

Student Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____