



Message from the Superintendent, Lori Haukeness

Dear Staff,

It does not seem possible that we are coming to the final month of school. I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication to students in our district. Now is the time to finish the year strong and plan for next year.

The Board of Education will be voting on staff contracts at the next board meeting on May 15. Contracts will be sent to schools and departments May 16-18. The deadline for returning the contracts will be May 25.

The Board of Education and I are committed to recruiting and retaining quality staff. As we move forward in the budgeting process, addressing the salary issue continues to be a priority. Those of us in education are well aware that the State of Colorado funding structure does not allow the state allocation to districts enough funding to adequately address the significant discrepancy in salaries that we are experiencing.

The District Board of Education has asked me to provide them with a current needs assessment in potentially moving forward with another Mill Levy Override in November, 2018. I will be reaching out to staff to elicit feedback as I move forward with this task. Thank you for the commitment you have shown to the district. It is an honor to be part of such a dedicated team.

In case of a district-wide emergency, we want to notify all staff with the same message that would be sent to parents and community. Therefore, we are asking staff to update their cell phone contact information. Forms will be available at the District Health Fair and at school offices. Please complete and return as soon as possible.

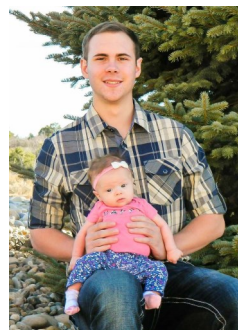
School Bus Drivers' Day was Tuesday, April 24

We wish to recognize and thank all of our school bus drivers. Please take a moment to thank the men and women working in our transportation department for the efforts they make in keeping Montezuma County Children safe each day.



M-CHS Daniels Fund Scholars

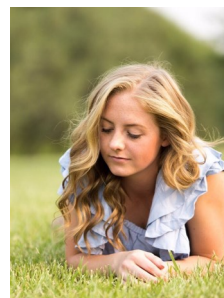
These promising young people were chosen for strength of character, leadership potential, contribution to community, academic performance and promise, and well-roundedness.



Benjamin Aaron Chupp



Maddison Raye Cooper



Josie Yvonne Sitton

Olivia Story won the Honors Diploma Scholarship for her presentation "If the World's a Stage"



Professional Development Schedule for April 27

Elementary teachers (except Mesa) will have math training at the MCHS Library by Chris Burnett.

9:00-11:30 a.m. is for 3rd-5th grades

12:30-3:00 p.m. is for K - 2nd grades

Secondary teachers will have AVID training on reading strategies with Gordon Mosher III in the CMS Library.

9:00-11:00 a.m.- MCHS

12:15-3:15 p.m. CMS

The Health Fair is on Friday, April 27.

The Health Services Team will also be providing training on standard health precautions.

Professional Development Opportunity

Joe LoVerde has advised our district that he has added a couple of new classes to his online offerings. Seven on-line classes are listed below for you to take advantage of. Teachers can start them at any time and work on them at their own speed. They are similar to the in-person classes a person has taken, as you will view a Powerpoint for each Module (3-4 modules for a class) and then complete a Practicum.

Please go to the website: JoeLoVerde.com and find a course description for each class and a registration form.

ALL classes:

Credit: 3 graduate level credits from Brandman University-
Cost: \$345

Title: Differentiation Strategies: How to Meet the Instructional Needs Each Student in Your Classroom:

Course#: EDCU 9095

Title: Creating a Culture of Excellence in Your Classroom

Course#: EDUC 9094

Title: Closing the Gender Gap: Understanding How Males and Females Learn Differently

Course#: EDDU 9136

Title: Today's Cyber World: How to Manage Its Impact Upon Learning in Your Classroom

Course# EDKU 9422

Title: Visual Representations: An Effective Tool to Promote Learning and Complex Thinking in Your Students

Course#: EDDU 9494

Title: Reaching the Reluctant Learner

Course#: EDDU 9005

Title: Building Resiliency in Your Students: Preparing Them for Success in Your Classroom and Life

Course#: EDDU 9778



District Administration

Lori Haukeness, Superintendent

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Carol Mehesy, Director of School Improvement & Grants

BRIEFLY...

Montezuma-Cortez RE-1 School District Presents

The 10th Annual Benefits Fair 2018

Who? – ALL full-time employees & their covered spouse

When? – Friday, April 27th, starting @ 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Where? – School Administration Building Gym

The following tests are available! Payments are due at the door. Comprehensive Metabolic Panel (free), Lipid (free), Complete Blood Count (free), Thyroid Stimulating Hormone (\$27), Prostate Specific Antigen (\$28), Vitamin D (\$42), Hemoglobin A1C (\$24).

Please email Silver at sdenison@cortez.k12.co.us to schedule. All covered employees and covered spouses are welcome to participate in the blood draw. There will be giveaways, door prizes, vendors and refreshments.



Manaugh Elementary is hosting a **Cinco de Mayo Fun Run on Saturday, May 5th.**

There will be carnival games and food available throughout the event. Race day registration starts at 9:15 a.m. and the Fun Run will start at 10:00 a.m. Tickets can be purchased on the day of the event and are \$5 per person, or \$15 for groups of three or more.

Professional Development Opportunity

Grand Canyon University (GCU) has notified our district that they will be waiving application fees for Educators along with offering the staff the National Cohort Scholarship of 23% for the districts in the Southwest. Take advantage of GCU's 23% scholarship off tuition and sign up for an education cohort program for just \$395 per credit hour!

GCU Program Benefits:

Academic Excellence: Quality programs provide the essential knowledge and skills needed to effectively lead in today's complex classroom

Networking Opportunities: Connect with teachers and instructors from your school district or around the country

Early Graduation: Accelerate your program with 3- or 4-credit courses each being 1 course at a time and very flexible (Designed for the working profession)

Contact **Kyle Harriman** – Phone: **602-247-4797** or email kyle.harriman@gcu.edu