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CMS Ram-O-Gram

May and June 2018



From the Principal:

Dear CMS Families,

One of the most important roles Ms. Fox and I have at CMS is professional development and working with teachers to support and improve instruction in the classroom. At the end of the year, this process kicks into high gear. Teachers are submitting their measures of student learning, and are reflecting on over 320 elements on the state teacher evaluation document. With a full time staff, that totals 8,320 boxes we need to check by the end of May. Throughout the year, we go classroom to classroom doing observations, talking with teachers, sitting with teams, and discussing ways we can improve our teaching and our school for next year.

Even if no state process was in place, we would still perform these important coaching sessions, because they inform what we do as individual professionals and as a school. It's a great opportunity to reflect on what's working and to pinpoint areas for improvement. It's such a privilege to witness the remarkable hard work of both teachers and our students. This year we've seen how we've made great progress with integrating technology to enhance student learning, increasing structured writing throughout the content areas, increasing student engagement, and building relationships and creating adventure in Crew. As the

year closes, our teachers are reflecting on their experiences and translating them into a plan for another successful school year ahead.

Please join me in thanking all the staff – both teaching and support staff – who make this school the terrific community it is and a wonderful place of work and learning. Congratulations to our 8th grade students who will be continuing on to the high school on June 6th. We look forward to the year 2022, seeing them parade through our halls in their caps and gowns. As we begin to plan the new academic year, I am excited about our journey in becoming a school of excellence. Your partnership in this journey is so very important, and we look forward to continuing to work with you and providing your child with an education he or she can be proud of. Please find below some key dates for the coming months.

May 3-4: Honor Band Performance in Summit County
May 4: School wide Community meeting
May 8: 5th Grade Prospective Parent Night, 5:30-7:00
May 17: Spring Band Concert 11:15-11:45; Community Barbeque 11:45-12:45, Come say Farewell to 3 of our Best!
May 18: No School for students, Staff Development Day
May 24-25: 5th grade to Denver- Ameritowne and Night at the Zoo
May 28: No School, Memorial Day
June 2: RFHS Graduation
June 6: Field Day
June 6: 8th grade Continuation Celebration, The Orchard, 5:30 PM
June 8: Last Day of School
August 20: First Day of 2018-19 School Year

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and look forward to welcoming your child back on Monday, August 20th.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Lamont
Carbondale Middle School, Principal

2018-19 School Calendar

At the April 11, 2018 Board of Education meeting, the Roaring Fork Schools' [2018-19 calendar](#) (<http://www.rfsd.k12.co.us/>) was approved as presented upon the second and final reading. The planning process and feedback received is described in detail in this [comprehensive summary](#). A draft for the 2019-20 school year was presented at the April 25 board meeting for first reading.

The calendar committee is not proposing a later start of the school day for high schools for the 2018-19 calendar. However, the committee is still exploring a later start for high schools as an option for 2019-20 and beyond. The committee will be doing additional research and outreach to determine if a later start is the right decision for our high schools.

Please take a look at 2018-19 calendar when scheduling vacations and appointments for next school year. Strong attendance in school has a huge impact on a student success. In middle school, families play a key role in making sure students get to school every day and understand why attendance is so important in school and in life. Our hope is that having the calendar now will help everyone plan accordingly.



Roaring Fork Schools 2018-2019 Academic Calendar

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August						
Aug 6: New teachers report						
Aug 13: All teachers report						
Aug 20: First day of school, grades 1-12						
Aug 20 & 21: Kindergarten Orientation						
Aug 22: First day Kindergarten						
September						
Sept 3: Labor Day holiday, no school students/staff						
October						
Oct 17: End of 1st quarter						
Oct 18-19: No school students/staff						
November						
Nov 2: Parent-teacher conferences, no school students						
Nov 19-23: Thanksgiving holiday, no school students/staff						
December						
Dec 20: End of 2nd quarter						
Dec 21: Teacher work day, no school students						
Dec 22-Jan 4: Winter break						
January						
Jan 7: Teacher professional development day, no school students						
Jan 8: School resumes						
Jan 21: Martin Luther King Day, no school students/staff						
February						
Feb 15: Parent-teacher conferences, no school students						
Feb 18: President's Day, no school students/staff						
March						
Mar 20: End of 3rd quarter						
Mar 21-29: Spring break						
April						
Apr 8-25: CMAS/PSAT/SAT testing window						
Apr 26: No school students/staff						
Apr 29: Teacher professional development day, no school students						
May						
May 6-17: AP testing window						
May 27: Memorial Day, no school students/staff						
May 30: Ready for the World graduation						
May 31: Bridges High School graduation						
June						
June 1: High School graduation						
June 5: Last day of school for students						
June 6: Teacher work day						

W/PD Teacher Work/Professional Development (no school students)
Green First and Last Day of School
Orange Holiday/Break – No School
Red Parent Teacher Conferences
ER Early Release Days
Blue Academic Events
Pink Graduation

Carbondale Middle School presents the first ever 8th GRADE CHAIR PROJECT 2018!!!



THEMES, DREAMS and MEMES CMS 8th Grade Chair Project

Sponsor a Chair for First Friday in May!!

What: A project to promote youth and art in the community by having businesses sponsor and host hand-painted 8th grade chairs.

When: FIRST FRIDAY, May 4--Chairs on display in front of businesses--(Chairs will be dropped off on the Wednesday before First Friday and picked up the Saturday after.)

****Any monetary donations will go towards the Continuation Celebration for our 8th grade students at CMS in May! Thanks in advance for your support!!!**

Questions?
Contact Christy Sanzaro--CMS Art Teacher--csanzaro@rfschools.com

**Carbondale Middle
School presents
Community Barbeque
Thursday, May 17
Concert 11:15-11:45
Lunch 11:45-12:45**



CMS Community Barbeque and Concert

Come say Farewell to 3 of our Best!

TBT (Throw Back Thursday)

What: Like the Old Days, CMS will be hosting a Community Barbeque with the grill out back. Join us for a picnic lunch and wish happiness to Rita, Nicki, and MOMG as they head into their new journey of retirement!

When: Thursday, May 17th

Concert 11:15-11:45, CMS Auditorium

Barbeque 11:45-12:45, Cafe and Patio

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