

November/ December Ram-O-Gram

From the Principal:

In the spirit of the upcoming Thanksgiving season, I am thankful to our teachers and support staff for their enthusiastic and positive mindset. They have been working extremely hard to create welcoming classrooms, outdoor education experiences for our students, and participate in a wide range of professional development to improve their craft.

I am grateful for our parents for supporting their children- navigating pre-teen adolescent behavior presents challenges for children and parents alike. I am impressed with our

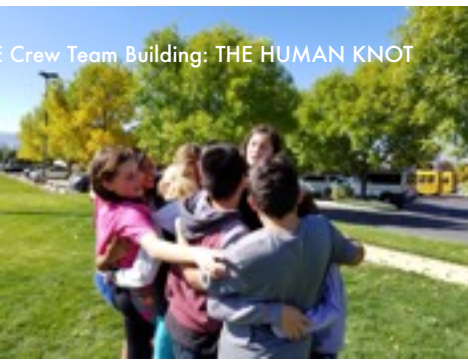
parents who are committed to make CMS a school that students and families want to be a part of. We appreciate our families who have supported our Wreath and Poinsettia Fundraiser. The funds raised are used to support many initiatives such as outdoor education and leadership experiences, young adult literature for our classes, enrichment opportunities in science, technology and math, and community based programming such as the Roaring Fork Conservancy. Moreover, I appreciate our parents who gave up their time to attend our first PAC (Parent Accountability Committee) meeting. Parent feedback is vital in making learning at CMS

even stronger. Our next meeting will be on Monday, December 11th at 6:00PM. If you were unable to attend our first meeting, you will find the meeting minutes on our website under the "Parents" tab under "Parent Accountability Notes".

Finally, I am thankful for our students. Day to day they inspire me with their challenges, perspectives, and enthusiasm for life that fills our school with an incredible energy that you would not find in other settings. I am grateful for our relationships we build, and for the moments when they finally "get it."

In the coming weeks, if you happen to be at CMS or feel gratitude to a student or teacher, please feel free to jot down a note of gratitude or send a thankful email. Celebrating and recognizing kind acts is something that is positive for not only the receiver but the giver too! As always, if you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to call 384-5701, or email jlamont@rfschools.com.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Lamont
CMS Principal



Student Led Conferences:

In the coming weeks, students will begin to set up their Student Led Conferences for the week of November 13th. Each conference lasts 30 minutes. Conferences are a great opportunity to see what your child is learning and what goals they are setting academically and with the Habits of a Scholar.

Understanding Student-Led Conferences

Clarifying Questions

You seem to be having a difficult time with _____. Why do you think that is?

If you know why _____ is happening, what would be a possible solution?

Tell me what is the most important thing that you learned in _____.

What is one goal you have for the next quarter _____?

What is your favorite time during the school day and why?

Parents should...

- Offer support and encouragement throughout the conference
- Focus on your child's learning, their insights
- Trust your child's assessment
- Help set realistic goals with your child
- Ask clarifying questions

****If at any time, you feel you need to talk with a teacher, you may email the teacher to set up a meeting. Teachers' contact information is in the Student Planners.**



The Benefits of Student Led Conferences:

Research shows that SLCs are consistently preferred to traditional parent-teacher conferences by parents, students, and teachers for a variety of reasons. SLCs help students:

- Take responsibility for their learning in both academics and habits of scholarship and character
- Share insights about themselves as learners
- Engage in assessment for learning
- Discuss academics with their parents in a positive and proactive way
- Hone their verbal communication and critical thinking skills
- Build open relationships with their families about school progress
- Meet speaking standards
- Learn how to substantiate a claim with evidence

Supportive Conversation Stems

I am so proud of you because _____!

I see you put effort into _____.

You really surprised me when I learned you _____!

Tell me more about _____!

I can't wait to see your work in _____!

Upcoming Events

End of the First Quarter 11/3/17
Week Of Student Led Conferences
11/13-17
Thanksgiving Break 11/20-24

HOME SPORTS GAMES:

11/7/17 Boys Basketball vs. Glenwood Springs 4:30PM
11/9/17 Boys Basketball vs. Grand Valley 4:30 PM
11/14/17 Boys Basketball vs Basalt 4:30PM
11/16/17 Boys Basketball vs Aspen 4:30 PM
11/28/17 Boys Basketball vs Rifle 4:30 PM
11/30/17 Boys Basketball vs Riverside 4:30 PM
12/5/17 Boys Basketball vs Riverview 4:30 PM

CMS Celebrates:

Mary Hernandez, English as a Second Language Teacher of the Year.

