
COLORADO MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Enrollment

6 th 70

7 th 80

8 th 80

Total 230

“Kindness, Courtesy, and Respect Goes A Long Way”

Highlights

January 14, 2013

Guest Speaker

On December 12, Tyson Dever will speak to students in the CMS cafeteria. Mr. Dever visits with students across the nation on “goal setting.” Throughout his life, athletics played a major role in his high school and college career. While attending college, he was involved in a serious car accident that nearly cost him his life. His personal story has inspired students to do their best no matter what their circumstances. Students wrote thank you notes to Mr. Dever for speaking to CMS. He also had the opportunity to speak to high school students that same day.

Veteran’s Day

Tumbleweed Smith spoke to students on November 12, during a special program that recognized local veterans. Local veterans were recognized by students from CMS. Dylan Hulme is currently serving in the United States Army. He was also recognized. Dylan was recently injured while serving in Afghanistan. He has recently returned to Colorado City for a visit. He is planning to do an interview with KWLF News.

Band

CMS band performed on December 9th, at the high school auditorium as part of the annual Christmas program. On December 4, CMS students attended try-outs for All-Region band in Forsan. CMS band also has been involved in a fund-raiser for a trip that will be taken in the spring. Students are also having chair tests periodically to check for skill levels.

Basketball

CMS has begun basketball season. The Wolves have played Lamesa, Stanton, and Denver City. On December 10, the girls will be traveling to Coahoma while the boys play at home. Middle school teams are scheduled to play Brownfield on December 17. On January 7, the boys traveled to Lamesa. The girl’s games were canceled. Students will be playing in the Coahoma Tournament starting Thursday, January 10th.

Field Trip

Sixth grade students who completed all their classwork were given the opportunity to visit a local fish farm owned and operated by Raymond Bassinger. Mr. Bassinger shared how the business was started and is operated. Fish from this operation are sold throughout the United States and overseas. Students also had an opportunity to visit an alpaca operation owned by Joan and Mark Tolle.

There are plans for 8th graders to take a trip to a college campus before the end of the school year. We will be working with the Talent Search group from Snyder to organize this visit.

Staff Development

Teachers were able to attend staff development provided by Region 14 in the areas of technology and language arts/reading. The training was provided here in Colorado City.

On Friday, January 4, teachers reviewed the emergency evacuation drill. There was a discussion on upcoming events for the upcoming semester. Teachers worked on individual web pages. Campus Leadership Team worked on reporting that has been required from TEA. They will be meeting with Al Cogburn on January 15th.

Livestock Show

The Mitchell County Livestock Show will be held January 11-12. A number of students through 4-H and FFA will be participating in shows throughout the spring semester.

Emergency Evacuation Drill

On Thursday, December 20, Colorado Middle School, in conjunction with the Colorado City Police Department, Sheriff's Department, the C City Fire Department, and EMS, students went through a lockdown and an evacuation drill. The lockdown drill took approximately 15 minutes to search through the building, check doors, and check unsupervised areas. The evacuation drill took approximately 2 minutes and 16 seconds for students to evacuate the building and be at the front of the campus. Each teacher took their class in single file to the First Baptist Church. Students and staff met in the church's gymnasium. Students did an excellent job during the drill. Both Chief Owens and Sheriff Tombs spoke to the students. This semester we will plan and execute additional drills for our campus. CMS would like to say "thank you" to our local law enforcement personnel for helping with this drill.

Movie, "Won't Back Down"

After students participated in the emergency evacuation drills, under supervision they walked to the Palace Theatre. They viewed the film, "*Won't Back Down*." The movie centered around a true story about improving an inner-city school in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Students enjoyed the movie.