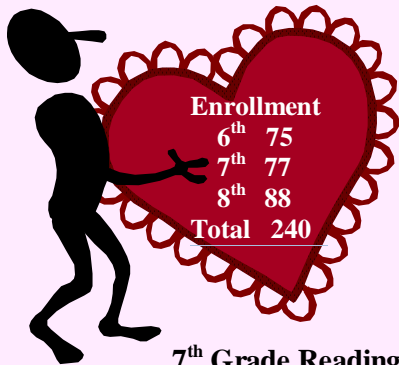


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**COLORADO MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**Highlights**  
February 13, 2012



### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading**

7<sup>th</sup> grade reading classes were able to utilize some of the Super Bowl commercials as examples of persuasive techniques used to influence a person.

*Joan Tolle*

### **Career Investigation**

My class has started their cooking unit. We are getting good responses from parents. We have had a few parents already volunteering to help and they think it is wonderful their children are learning to cook

*Harold Sowa*

### **Sixth Grade Math**

Sixth grade students are completing a geometry unit in preparation for an upcoming benchmark assessment. Students will take their STAAR/TAKS benchmark on February 28, 2012. Students who do not perform well will be required to attend Extended Day Tutorials through mid-April.

*Eva Salinas*

### **Benchmark Dates**

Students will be benchmarking for the upcoming STAAR Tests. Dates are the following:

Writing	January 24, 25
Reading	February 1
Math	February 28
Social Studies	April 3
Science	April 4

### **After-School Program**

Students will continue the after-school program which will help them prepare for the STAAR Tests given in the spring. Currently 8<sup>th</sup> graders are working on math and reading. They will rotate after 3 ½ weeks of each. Science and social studies will begin after math and reading are completed. Currently Mrs. Alvarez is working with seventh graders on writing. Reading, math, and science, and math will follow. Sixth graders are participating on reading and math. Science tutorials will be during homeroom.

### **Bullying Workshops**

On February 6, a bullying workshop was held for parents and staff members in the Colorado Middle School cafeteria. It was sponsored by Delta Kappa Gamma. A group of students from Ira presented the program. SAVE-“Students Against Violence Everywhere” encourages and empowers students with positive skills while engaging them in educational activities in opportunities in good citizenship. We hope to have this group of students back in the future to speak to middle school students concerning this issue.

Rod Pruitt spoke to students on January 25. Mr. Pruitt is a consultant and speaker from Region XIV. He spoke to our student body on bullying and cyber bullying. The response from students was very positive. We plan to have him back in the future.

### **Talent Search**

Students met with Kay Jones from Western Texas College on January 24 and February 7. They continue to work on college prep information.

### **Distance Learning Program**

Distance Learning Program for Region XIV will be available for Colorado Middle School students. The program will be about the Tuskegee Airman Corps. During World War II there was a group of African American soldiers that were fighter pilots in Europe. The Palace Theater will be showing “Red Tail,” which is about this group of soldiers. We plan to take middle school students for a special showing of this movie.

### **Retired Employee Luncheon**

The Retired Employee Luncheon will be next Tuesday, February 14, at 12:00, in Coach Sowa’s classroom. Board members are invited to attend.

### **Gateway Family Services**

Gateway Family Services will present a program on Cyber Bullying on March 8, at approximately 11:00 AM, in the middle school cafeteria. Parents and community members are invited to attend.

### **Campus Leadership Team / Campus Intervention Team**

Al Cogburn will be meeting with staff members on March 6, to review the campus improvement plan that has been implemented at CMS. Members of the CLT and CIT teams will be meeting at 9:30 to review improvements at CMS.

### **Athletics**

Basketball season is coming to an end. Boys will play the last ball game of the year Monday, February 13. Track season will begin. The track schedule is as follows:

March 1	C City Relay Meet
March 8	Roscoe
March 22	C City
April 5	Big Spring
April 16	Forsan District Track Meet

### **Congratulations to CMS Staff!**

Jeran Cannon has a new son, Ledger.

Christina Rico Espinoza has a new son, Zeke.

Brantlee Lemons has a new son, Breck.

Chaz Branch has a new son, Levi.

