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## COLORADO MIDDLE SCHOOL

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<b>Enrollment</b>
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6 <sup>th</sup> 74
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7 <sup>th</sup> 77
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8 <sup>th</sup> 89
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Total 240
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***“Courtesy, Kindness, and Respect Goes a Long Way”***

**Highlights**

**May 14, 2012**

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies**

Andra Maxwell's 8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies class is doing a research project on ancestry.com to trace their family history. They are using their classroom set of mini computers bought with grant money.

### **Survivor Day**

The 9<sup>th</sup> annual Survivor Day was a huge success, despite the rainy weather. Last minute plans were made to move the inflatable games to the Railhead Building, and the movie theater allowed the kids to watch “Mirror, Mirror”. It worked out well, as we were able to divide the student numbers in half which made it a lot more manageable. Thanks go out to Amanda Jo Ritchey who allowed us to use the Railhead Building.

### **RAD (Rape Aggression Defense Systems)**

Self defense class for 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls will be conducted on May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, with the support of the Midland College PD. Students will go through two hours of classroom training with the rest of the time working on techniques in the gym. This course was offered earlier to graduating seniors. This program was organized by Janine Lemons. We hope to make this an annual event. Students have to have parental permission. RAD is the only self-defense program indorsed by the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators. Approximately 50 individuals are participating at the CMS campus.

### **Run for the Wall**

Run for the Wall will take place on May 19, at the Railhead Building. We are expecting bikers to come in around 11:30 or 12:00. Because of their time schedule they will be here for approximately an hour and a half. Each year Kiwanis service organization cooks steak. Coach Sowa's classes will prepare jalapeño peppers. Staff from all campuses, along with students will help serve the meal. We will welcome any volunteers in the community to help with this year's program. TDCJ helps prior to Saturday's event by helping set up display boards, tables, and chairs. They will also come in on Monday and help clean up after the luncheon and program. We would like to invite the entire community to this year's event.

### **National History Day**

This year our National History Day class took four students to the State competition in Austin, Texas on May 5.

This year's contestants and projects were as follows:

Cameron Oakley – Prohibition

Sierra Salazar – Model T

Mckenzie Kildow and Calvin Spencer – Animation

### **Awards Program**

On May 22, CMS will host an awards program for students in each grade level. The schedule is as follows:

7<sup>th</sup> Grade – 11:00

6<sup>th</sup> Grade – 1:00

8<sup>th</sup> Grade – 2:00

The program will be held in the middle school cafeteria.

### **5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation**

Fifth graders visited the CMS campus on May 9. Presentations were made by Mrs. Strain and members of the National Junior Honor Society. Students were then given a tour of the campus. Eighth grade students will travel to high school on May 16, at 9:00 in the morning.

### **Speaker**

Gabe Salazar, a motivational speaker, visited with our kids on May 2. His message covered topics such as bullying, drug and alcohol abuse, and abstinence. He encouraged students to set goals. His use of humor and high energy kept students' attention throughout his presentation. The response was great. I would like to thank Nurse Natalie for setting up this special event for our students.

### **Campus Leadership Meeting**

On May 22, the CLT Team will be meeting with Al Cogburn to review data from the previous semester. We will also review reports required to be submitted to TEA.

### **National Junior Honor Society**

National Junior Honor Society has helped with a variety of programs this year including Retired Employee Luncheon and the Veteran's Day program. They also helped with the Meet the Candidate program for the Office of State Representative in the 83<sup>rd</sup> District. On May 11, members traveled to Lubbock, Texas for their annual trip which included a visit to the Science Spectrum.

### **Band**

Seventh and eighth grade band traveled to Abilene, Texas on May 4. They competed in a concert contest in which they received straight I's from judges. Both the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade bands received superior ratings. The contest was held in Clyde, Texas. They will have their end of year performance at the high school Tuesday, May 15, at 7:00, in the auditorium.

### **Summer School**

Summer school will be provided for students that need extra help in the areas of math, reading, and science. Students who have too many absences, low test scores, and/or failing grades may be required to come. A tentative schedule will start on Monday, May 28, and will go through June 14. Classes will be held from 8:00 – 12:00 in the mornings. There will be an emphasis on science.

### **Special Ed. Field Trip**

Each year special ed. classes complete a unit on manners at the conclusion of this project. Students take a field trip to put in practice what they have learned. They traveled to Abilene, Texas and ate at a restaurant. They practiced their manners at Johnny Carino's and Primetime. They were very successful! Students raised the money for this trip.

### **Summer Camps**

Volleyball and basketball camps are being scheduled for this summer. They will be held at the Pit.



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