

<b>Enrollment</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> 72
7 <sup>th</sup> 79
8 <sup>th</sup> 78
<b>Total 229</b>

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

**Highlights**  
**March 21, 2013**

**Band**

The Colorado Middle School band received a Division 1 on stage and a Division 2 in Sight-reading at the UIL Concert/Sight-reading contest held at Colorado High School on February 28, 2013.

*Chaz Branch*

**Athletics: Track**

8th grade boys track team placed second at the Forsan Track meet and the 7th grade boys placed third. They competed extremely well.

*Harold Sowa*

**Career Investigation**

We are using study Island to get ready for the STAAR Tests next month with the 7th graders. We are covering math and reading to try and help them boost their scores.

*Harold Sowa*

**Art**

The CMS and CHS Art Classes are working on various projects. The students are working with pencil, colored pencil, oil pastels, water color, and acrylic paints. Students are working toward an art show to be hosted by the West Texas Art Guild. Prizes will be given for first through third place with a few honorable mentions. The show will be displayed in the Mitchell County Library during the month of April. A reception for the artist and guest will be held Saturday, April 6th, from 9:00 until 12:00. Refreshments will be served by the art guild members. You are more than welcome to attend the reception.

The students' creativity, knowledge, and skills are coming alive in their work. Some even compete against others to make their piece the best! (Some of the students also actually help other students in troubled areas of their painting. Teamwork!) The students and I are enjoying working daily to reach a level of success and satisfaction.

A few of the art pieces may be displayed by Mr. Merrell for you to enjoy at your meeting.

*Linda Mathis*

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Workshop

Kathy Hale, from Region 14, provided a math workshop for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on February 26. The boys met with Mrs. Hale in the morning and the girls attended her presentation in the afternoon. The program was designed to help students on the upcoming STAAR Test. Mrs. Hale was very complimentary of our students.

### Parent Meeting – Open House

CMS hosted an open house for parents on two separate evenings, one for 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents and students on February 7, the other for 7<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents on February 21. There were discussions on the upcoming STAAR Tests. Students received copies of their CSR's (Confidential Student Report). The objective for each test was discussed by core subject teachers. Parent Guides to Understanding the STAAR Tests were also handed out to parents. We are planning to meet with 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents next week.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade WTC Field Trip

February 21, 2013

