



Mustang News

September 1, 2017

Principal: Brenda Fletcher

Assistant Principal: Jason Wisor

Upcoming Events:

September 4

No School- Labor Day

September 8

Fall Social 2:30-4 PM

September 18-29

Cookie Dough Fundraiser

September 20

Family Dinner 6-8 PM

September 22

Early Release 12PM

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From the Principal...

Welcome Back!

We have been busy working this summer to create an amazing year for our students. We have hired nine teachers, including one teacher swap from Creighton, and a new counselor. The energy from staff is so positive and they have all been so excited to meet all of the students.

Daily student expectations: As classes get rolling, it is important to remember that students should be reading 30 minutes per day, using their planner every period, and checking Campus frequently. Students have been doing some amazing things in classes. At dinner, ask students what the most interesting thing of the day was and what is the hardest thing they are learning. These conversations are rich and can help you communicate with teachers and counselors if your student starts to struggle.

Lockers: To teach time management and organization, we are encouraging students to take what they need for 2-3 classes at a time so they do not spend their entire passing period at their locker. With 4 minutes to get to class, removing the need to go to the locker gives them more time for the restroom, water fountain, and socializing. Our facilities crew tested every locker over the summer; however if your student experiences issues with their locker, please have them speak with Mr. Wisor.

FSCP: Family School Community Partnership is Moore's priority this year. At Family Dinners, I will be sharing information as it pertains to planning, scheduling, budgeting, and facilities. Please consider coming to all Family Dinners and other opportunities to have a voice in what goes on at Moore. I am looking for a single point person who can represent the families, bringing suggestions, questions, and concerns and to partner with me as we work together to continue to improve Moore.

Upcoming Events: Watch for additional information coming soon

9/8 Back to School Dance/Social 2:30-4:00 pm (concessions needed)

9/20 Family Dinner – BBQ – Pick up free tickets at the main office

9/22 Early Release – Community Outreach, Lemons Day, student day ends at 12:00

10/11 and 10/12 Conferences – 4:00 – 8:00 pm both nights

Counselors Corner

We are excited to begin a new school year. There are many important areas counselors will focus on with your students throughout the year. We work hard to serve students, staff, and parents in the complete development of the academic, personal/social, and post middle school planning needs for all students. We plan to head into classrooms at the beginning of September to talk with your student about how and when to access their school counselor.

Our Team

Dan Keane 7th Grade Counselor

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My name is Dan Keane and I am the 7th Grade Counselor here at Moore Middle School. I am excited to be here at Moore and to be your counselor. My job here is to assist 7th Grade students (or any students really) with all academic, scheduling, social/emotional and career development needs, as well as to answer any questions or handle any concerns as you transition into middle school. In my time away from school, I enjoy spending time with my kids, camping, watching football...GO PATRIOTS...riding motorcycles & dirt bikes, skiing & snowboarding and hanging out with my dog Archie in the Colorado outdoors. We are happy to have you here at Moore and please feel free to stop in and say hello during appropriate times.



Veronica Brown 8th Grade Counselor

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My name is Veronica Brown and I am the 8th grade counselor here at Moore Middle School. My role is to assist 8th grade students in their academics, personal/social needs, and to help prepare them for life after middle school. I welcome the opportunity to collaborate and communicate with parents/guardians - my door is always open. I am a Colorado native who enjoys country music, going to Broncos games, and hanging out with my family and friends. I am very excited for the 2017/18 school year and getting to know each and every one of your students.



Julie Bolding Psychologist/Special Education

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I'm Julie Bolding, the School Psychologist at Moore. This is my 10th year at Moore, 20th year in Jeffco and I started in education 27 years ago. I love working with kids and helping solve problems. I also coordinate the WEB program and run the Sea Camp field trip every Fall.

Outside of school I enjoy doing agility with my border collie mix, Cosmo, spending time with my family doing outside activities like fishing, biking, hiking, and keeping up with my almost 15 year old son. In the summers I garden a lot and often volunteer in wildlife rehabilitation.

My office is on the second floor; it's easy to identify by the fish tank in the window.

Sadhana Schneider Social Emotional Learning Specialist

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My name is Sadhana (sod-nah) Schneider, the Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Specialist here at Moore Middle School. My job is to help students develop skills in self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship and responsible decision making skills. I am a Colorado native; I have a six year old daughter and a 12 year old miniature schnauzer. On the weekends I like to explore new places, try new foods and spend time with my friends and family. I am excited to be here and I look forward to getting to know all of you!

Social Emotional Learning

This year we will be utilizing an evidence-based social emotional learning curriculum called School Connect. Lessons will be delivered on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings during Mustang Minutes. Some of the topics we will be covering this year include using active listening, collaborating effectively, cultivating curiosity and grit as well as focusing and prioritizing. The curriculum is designed to improve students' social, emotional, and academic skills and strengthen relationships among students and between students and teachers.

Please feel free to contact Sadhana Schneider, the Social Emotional Learning Specialist, with any questions or concerns at sfuller@jeffco.k12.co.us or 303-982-0410.

From the Teachers

One of the most important skills for all middle school students is organization. There are several things that you, as a parent, can do to help your student build this important skill. Check to see that your student is using his or her planner daily. All students are given a planner at the beginning of the school year in which to record their daily assignments. Ask to see your child's planner and encourage them to record something for every class every day. If they have no homework that day, they can record that, or what they did in class that day. This is an excellent communication tool between school and home. Many students expect that they will remember their assignments without recording them, but after seven class periods, that is difficult, if not impossible. Writing assignments on your hands has also proven to be ineffective. A daily planner is a very useful tool, and its' effective use promotes academic success.



Washington D.C. Trip

We are still registering current 8th grade students for our 2018 trip to Washington D.C. We had a blast on our inaugural trip this last spring and I really hope your student can join us on what promises to be an educational, fun, and life-changing adventure.

We will be sharing a video at our upcoming community event on September 20 as well as additional information to get you signed up. Check out the parent video on the website using the link below!

If you've already registered, thank you! If you haven't, don't miss out! There's only a \$49 deposit to register. To sign up:

Online at <https://worldstrides.com/register/>

By phone - call the WorldStrides Customer Service Team at 1-800-468-5899, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

By mail - use the return envelope in your student invitation.

I recommend registering online. Please use our Trip ID #149074 when registering. You can also get started with fundraising by creating your own personal Gift of Education link to share with family and friends

All the best,
Daniel Karr

P.S. - If you know any other parents who you think may be interested, please share this with them!

Daniel Karr

Applied Imagination(STEAM)

7th Grade World History

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Music Fundraiser

Dear Parents,

The school year is well underway and the kids are hard at work making music! Now that we are in the swing of things, it's time to turn our attention to the first music fundraiser. The music students will be selling cookie dough from September 18-29. Participation in this fundraiser is optional. Proceeds from all sales will go directly to the music program to help fund sheet music and instrument purchases, equipment maintenance, and general classroom needs.

For every ten items that a student sells, they will receive one item for free. Additionally, the top seller in the music department will receive a \$25 cash prize.

Sincerely,

Derek Miller and John Reed
Music/Band Teachers



Coaching Connections

Our students have had very productive start to the school year and one of the tasks that they are currently working on is MAP testing. MAP stands for Measures of Academic Progress and is an efficient, online assessment in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science for students in grades three through ten. The MAP assessment is unique in several ways:

- Tailored to individual students. The difficulty of each question is based on how well a student answers the previous question. As the student answers correctly, questions become more difficult. If the student answers incorrectly, the questions become easier. Final scores provide an individually-tailored report of each student's achievement level. Progress and growth are precisely measured for each student, helping teachers to pinpoint individual instructional needs.
- Next day results. Teachers and students receive results the day after the MAP test is taken. These real-time results can be put to use right away to enhance quality planning and instruction.
- Time Savings. MAP tests typically take an hour, about half the time it took for previous exams. It also saves time for teachers because it is graded automatically.

This assessment is currently being administered at Moore as well as throughout the district because MAP assesses students on a range of content areas rather than focusing solely on skills at a particular grade level. Results from MAP tests given in the fall, winter, and spring help teachers track progress and growth in basic skills for each student throughout the school year. They let teachers know where a student's strengths are and if help is needed in any specific areas. Educators can use MAP data to identify trends across their classroom, compare their students' achievement with local and national norms, and strengthen instructional planning.

For additional information about Measures of Academic Success and view your student's results, email Jen Brozovich, jthomson@jeffco.k12.co.us or contact Jeffco Public Schools' Dept. of Assessment & Research (303.982.6565).

New Wellness Policy:

Due to changes in Federal guidelines, school districts must have standards for foods provided (not sold) to students. With copious amounts of public input, consideration of food allergies, and equity, as well as guidance from leadership, the below standards will be required for all schools next year (unless noted).

The new standards will include:

- Holiday celebrations - offer at least half "healthier" food options (using the district definition of "healthier," or one customized by your school).
- Birthdays - starting the 2018-19 school year, birthday recognition/celebrations should not include shared food (e.g. food brought in by families for students to share).
- Rewards - Do not offer food as a reward for behavior or academic performance, unless approved as a need by school leadership.

WEB

1-2-3 YOU ROCK! We want to send a big THANK YOU out to our 2017-2018 class of WEB Leaders! The 8th grade WEB Leaders did a fabulous job preparing for the 7th grade orientation during two days of summer training in August and arriving bright and early at 6:45 am on August 17th to welcome the incoming class of 7th graders. At the orientation, each pair of WEB leaders was given a small group of 7th graders to work with that day and throughout the year. For the second time we had some awesome Pomona High School students who were former WEB Leaders join us to help with orientation. It was a wonderful collaboration!

Periodically, during the school year, WEB leaders will meet again with their student groups to touch base, discuss problems, and take part in social activities. We know that the more contact a 7th grader has with his/her WEB leaders the more successful the 7th grader will be. The WEB Leaders were selected in May based on an application process, interview and their performance in some small group activities on early release day. We selected the students based on their communication skills, leadership potential, responsibility, and personality that have helped them succeed in the middle school environment. WEB Leaders are held to a high standard of expectation and expected to be role models for the school year both in and out of school.

We will have some great activities going providing opportunities for the WEB Leaders to connect with their 7th graders. In September the WEB Leaders will be joining the 7th graders for an ice cream social during lunch and some guided conversation. In October the WEB Leaders will be hosting the Halloween Dance which is our primary fundraiser to pay for our awesome WEB shirts that help 7th graders identify the leaders as well as help build community amongst the leaders. Also, we'll have a "Halloween Alley" during our October family dinner for our elementary feeder schools. In the future we will have a movie night and some academic follow ups in the classrooms. Stay tuned.

Please give the following WEB Leaders a pat on the back for their hard work and dedication to making Moore Middle School a better place.

Katie Black, Shayna Bryan, Jasmine Church, Tiana Carlson, Avery Coover, Tyler Frazer, Audrey Gaertner, Olivia Garcia, Emma Haberthier, Emma Hill, Audrey Johnson, Valerie Johnson, Kayla Jones, Kiely LeRette, Kaitlyn Lied, Alondra Martinez, Ethan McCurdy, Audrianna Ortiz, Tori Reese, Ashley Reveles, Abby Sexton, Caitlyn Shehorn, Deziree Smith, Jolene Trujillo, Audrianna Trujillo, Kezni Wallis, Jimmy Wells, and Shyanne Zuhlke.

A special thanks to the following Pomona High School students!

Ceadyr Goans, Hailey Innes, Cat Osborne, Danny Pergola, and Archer Rule



SEA CAMP
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MARINE SCIENCE PROGRAM
Moore Middle School

This year we have 37 SEA CAMPERS who will be traveling to San Diego for our annual marine science field trip in late September. They'll have an opportunity to boogie board on La Jolla Shores, take part in dissection labs, touch tanks with marine life, go to the Sea World, snorkel in La Jolla Bay and learn on our floating classroom/whale watching boat trip. Time has run out to sign up for this year's trip, but keep your eyes and ears peeled in April for information about next year's trip.

Parents of this year's lucky participants, we'll hold a meeting on **Tuesday Sept. 5th at 6 pm.** It is not mandatory to attend, I'll send an email out after the meeting with a summary of all the important points, but this will give you a chance to ask questions in person if you prefer and to arrange carpools to the airport.



Students,

Do you like TRIVIA? Are you a team player? Do you have a competitive spirit?

JOIN BRAIN BOWL!

What is it you ask?

Brain Bowl is an academic competition in which teams of students are pitted against one another.

Teams consist of up to six players, only five of whom play at any given time. A moderator reads questions from four subject areas including [humanities](#), mathematics, [natural science](#) and [social sciences](#). Each area is equally represented. A buzzer system is used to identify the player who answers first. Points are awarded for correctly answering the questions. If one team answers the question wrong, the other team can earn two points if they answer correctly. After 30 questions, the team that has accumulated the most points wins the game. No questions about [popular culture](#) or [media](#) are used in Brain Bowl.

In January, our team or teams will compete with other regional teams of the same grade level. The top finishing teams at regionals will go the state competition.

Brain Bowl club will meet **on Tuesdays from 2:30 – 3:30** to practice and prepare for the January competition. It is fun and exciting competition, not unlike watching a game show. Keep an ear out for the announcement coming soon. Parents, please encourage your child to join. There will be a late bus on Tuesday afternoons that stop at each elementary school.

If you have questions, see Mrs. Bolding!