Dear Wildcat Families,

October is here already! It is a great time of the year to get out and enjoy the outdoors. Hopefully, you have the opportunity to do so.

We are currently in the process of implementing new school and department goals that teams have been working on as a result of ongoing data reviews. These goals become part of our annual building plan that all schools are required to do. Our goal as a school is to work collaboratively to increase student growth and proficiency through data use and professional development while focusing attention on continuous school improvement as we move throughout the year. We are excited about our work for the year.

There is a teacher workday on October 13th with the end of 1st quarter. We have a teacher in-service day in which our staff will be completing several trainings. This training for teachers happens October 14th. Please see our school calendar on our website for calendar dates as it pertains to in-servicess, breaks, and conferences.

It is important to us to establish a school culture that is positive and respectful. Through our discussions in advisory and our building teams and clubs, we have been working to establish a great school culture. This includes discussion centered around integrity, responsibility, ownership, achievement, and respect. It also includes discussions around leadership and role-modeling. Go Wildcats!!.

In order to communicate school information, we post our activities and events on our website for the most current and in-depth information please see our website at http://fruita89.d51schools.org/

We look forward to continuing our partnership with you and your student(s). Thanks for your support!

Sincerely,

Jason Plantiko
Fruita 8/9
Principal
IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

Oct 4th~ Boys Basketball Starts

Oct 7~ 8/9 Orchestra Concert @ FMS 7:30 p.m.

Oct 10th~ FMS & 8/9 Choir Concert @ FMS 7:00

Oct 13th~ No School - Teacher Workday

Oct 14th~ No School - Teacher In -Service

Oct 31st~ Happy Halloween
If you give permission for your student to leave school for LUNCH with someone who is not the parent/legal guardian, or on the Emergency Contact you are asked to provide written, signed notification stating the time the student is to be picked up and the name of the person with whom he/she is leaving campus. That person is required to come to the office to sign the checkout book when the student leaves. Note that when leaving Campus for lunch, the student will be excused for their school lunch wave only. If the student is not signed out by the person they go to lunch with it will not be excused. Please plan ahead. Phone calls or faxes will not be accepted as permission.

YEARBOOK
REMINDER: Don’t forget to order Your Yearbook!
$30 if you order before January 1st.
https://www.jostens.com/yearbooks/students-and-parents/aboutyearbooks
Order your yearbook recognition ad!!
Create your ad online at: http://www.jostensadservice.com/student
Have pictures you want to share with the yearbook staff?
We would love to use them if you want to share!
https://images.jostens.com/ImageShare/upload
Questions: Contact Mrs. Willford
Jill.willford@d51schools.org

COME CHECK OUT OUR FRUITA SWAG
HOODIES
LONG SLEEVES
T-SHIRTS
LAYNARDS & STICKERS
BAGS

Happy Halloween
Fruita Monument Sport Dates 2022 - 2023 for 9th-12th Graders

Plan ahead to get involved with FMHS Wildcat sports!
Sport fees for high school are $140 per sport and a sports physical is required to participate.

Athletes must create an account to register for the sports season:

All freshman athletes are required to have a physical before participating. The forms are found on the same registration page or link below.

The link to register can be found here: https://fmhsd51-ar.rschooltoday.com/ and on the FMHS Athletics page under Registration. The high school athletic fee is $140.00 and can be paid online through, https://www.mypaymentsplus.com/ or check or cash.

Winter Sports: Practice begins November 14

Boys Basketball
Boys Wrestling
Girls Basketball
Girls Swimming & Diving
Girls Wrestling

Spring Sports: Practice begins February 27

Boys Baseball
Boys Lacrosse
Boys Swimming & Diving
Boys Track & Field
Girls Golf
Girls Lacrosse
Girls Soccer
Girls Tennis
Girls Track & Field

8th Grade Sports Options:
Boys Basketball - October 3 - November 11
Girls Basketball - November 14 - January 27
Boys & Girls Wrestling - January 30 - March 15
Boys & Girls Track - March 27 - May 3
WILDCAT POWER HOUR @ F8/9
Wednesdays: 3:15—4:15 Room 100

- Drop in to get help with your studies
- Use a computer to finish projects
- Quiet Place to work on assignments
- Catch up on missing homework!!!
- WE TAKE ATTENDANCE!!

Health Office Reminder

As a reminder to parents, the Colorado State Law requires all students be up to date with their required immunizations. If your child is not up to date with their immunizations, you can: Contact their primary care physician OR Contact the Mesa County Health Department at 248-6900 and schedule an appointment. They are located at The Community Service Building, 510 29 1/2 Rd, Grand Junction, CO (29 1/2 Road & North Ave.) If your child cannot receive an immunization for medical reasons, it is against your religious beliefs, or you have personal beliefs opposed to an immunization, an exemption form needs to be completed yearly. Exemption forms can be obtained from the health office or online at: https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/vaccine-exemptions. Please note that Colorado has changed the exemption process for the 2021/2022 school year. Your exemption will need a Dr. signature or a certificate showing you have watched the required video. Please contact the health office at 970-254-6720 Extension 34117
What’s Happening in the Library?

Fall is finally here! September was a great month and we are gearing up for another great one in October. Our Book Club and Robotics Club is off and running. Book Club meets weekly on Tuesdays at lunch and Robotics is every Tuesday after school. Our 8th grade Robotics members are preparing for their First Lego League competition in November. We have had many generous donations and they will be recognized on our t-shirts, banners, and thank you letters.

October brings our annual Dystopian Escape Room. All 8th grade students will try to escape at the end of the month during their ELA class.

We will have 3 Book Boxes to give away this month, along with a separate movie ticket and book giveaway. The Genre of the Month is Horror. Any student that checks out a Horror Book will receive a trick-or-treat goodie.

Check out the new and improved F8/9 Library Website.

Genre of the Month: Horror

Staff Picks

Donations needed for the MakerSpace:
- Yarn and Embroidery Floss
- Legos
- Old Glass Bottles
- Christmas Wrapping Paper

Questions?
Contact: Elyza.Willms@d51schools.org
Fruita 8/9 Teacher Librarian & Media Specialist
Fruita 8/9 National Junior Honor Society

All 8th and 9th graders interested in joining NJHS are invited to attend our upcoming meeting on Wednesday, October 5th from 3:15 - 4:00 p.m. in Room 140. **Students must have a GPA of 3.7 or above to apply to NJHS and the application process will be explained during that meeting. Applications for joining NJHS will be due by the 25th and must be accompanied by a copy of first quarter grades to verify the 3.7 GPA qualification.**

The National Junior Honor Society is an academic club focused on the following 5 Pillars:

- Scholarship
- Leadership
- Service
- Character
- Citizenship

Throughout the year our club members participate in various service projects to benefit our school, our community and our world. Students in NJHS commit to a minimum of 10 hours of community service per year.

Contact Mrs. Rachel Lavadie (rachel.lavadie@d51schools.org) or Mrs. Ruth McKee (ruth.mckee@d51schools.org) for further information.
Congratulations to the Fruita 8/9 students that auditioned for D51 Honor Orchestra. The following students made it to the final groups and will preform in November.

**High School Honor Orchestra**
- Benjamin Brinton
- Aaron Frandsen
- Daine Hancey
- Zach Johnson
- Addie Luckett

**Middle School Honor Orchestra**
- Briana Aguilar
- Aaliyah Deherrera-Derrera
- Carter Hopkins
- Madisyn McGuire
- Evan Welch

**FMS and Fruita 8/9 Fall Choir Concert**
- Monday October 10th
- 7:00 PM FMS Auditorium

**BUTTER BRAIDS ARE COMING!!!**
Our annual music fundraiser will begin November 1st!!
Please see any music student for more information or to order.
Thank you for your support!!

**goodbye SUMMER**
**hello AUTUMN**