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*A Message From the Principal – Mr. Leane*

FMS Parents,

In this season of Thanksgiving, I want you all to know how thankful I am to be able to work with your children - they are hard-working, inquisitive, and enthusiastic learners!

PARCC exams are coming this spring, and we have taken several steps to minimize the impact to your child and to our school.

- First, our collaborative staff has created a schedule where your child will be tested for only TWO days. Most FMS students take this test and the results really help us to know as a school how well we are preparing our students in comparison to their peers around the nation. When your child is not testing, there are no disruptions to their schedule – this was very important to all of us.
- Second, our teachers have decided that they will take any student whose parents have chosen not to test in a different core for the testing days. This will reduce lost instruction and will keep kids in school during the testing window. This decision sends a message from our teachers to all of you of the importance they place in your child taking the PARCC test. Most FMS students take this exam – we would like for every FMS student to take it.
- We can have every student tested within a three-week timeframe, where each student only tests for two days, starting in late March. The PARCC schedule is in this newsletter.

If you are thinking of having your child not take PARCC, please consider emailing me or talking with me about your concerns, as I would like to hear them.

I am thankful to work with such a tremendous staff, great students, and such supportive parents! Thank you for your involvement in your child’s education.

Sincerely,  
Brig

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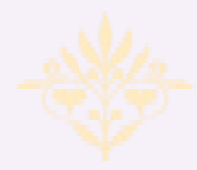
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**FMS Mission**

Fruita Middle School is excellence in action, where students maximize their academic potential in a safe, respectful learning environment.



**Please give the FIRST Lego League teams a big congratulations. They worked hard and had a great showing at the Grand Junction Qualifier.**

**Biohazrdz:**

**Hailie C**

**Tai J**

**Alexander L**

**Dante L**

**Keegan D**

**Diamond Miners:**

**Alex C**

**Matthew D**

**Caleb J**

**Michael R**

**Westley H**

**Nuclear:**

**Anna Z**

**Felix S**

**Dominic B**

**Jackie Williams**




**FMS Science Core 6-1**

**FIRST Lego League Team #17879 Coach**



# Music News

FYI

Band	Choir	Orchestra
		
<p><u>December 1</u> 6th and 7th Grade Band 700 pm Auditorium</p>	<p><u>December 8</u> 6th, 7th &amp; Fruita 8/9 Choir 700 pm Auditorium</p>	<p><u>December 14</u> 6th grade and Fruita Monument High School Orchestra 6:30 pm FMS Auditorium</p> <p><u>December 14</u> 7th, 8th, and 9th Grade Orchestra 7:30 pm FMS Auditorium</p>

Free Math Tutoring!  
 Thursdays  
 2:45-3:45 pm  
**In Ms. Henderson's**  
 classroom (117)



# Art Club

Art club started August 23rd. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge, up to 35 people, come and sign in. We start after school and end at 5:00. All materials provided - just bring a positive attitude and your creativity.

**NEW:** Outside the art room is a notice board for upcoming art exhibits, classes and contests. Check it out for the latest information. Currently we have a juried exhibit (that means there will be prizes) at the Mesa County Public library in November. The theme is "Cultures Around the World". So show your diversity and create some art!

**What:** Art Club where we make art for fun and learn about new materials and techniques from books, each other, visiting artists and Mrs. Baker

**When:** Tuesdays after school until 5:00 pm when Mrs. Baker leaves to make sure student is picked up or has left for home. Cell phones are allowed at Art Club, or Mrs. Baker has a phone in her office that students can call home on. Students do not have to stay the whole time they may leave earlier or even come later after sports practice or another club meeting.

**Where:** Art Room students must stay in the room. Bathrooms next door but no wandering the halls, playing outside and coming in and out. Once you leave you can't come back unless it is for another school activity like tutoring, sports practice, drama practice etc.

**How:** No cost, no sign up needed, just show up. 35 kids maximum (no other chairs sorry) first come first serve.

Any other questions or concerns please contact Lauri Baker at

[lauri.baker@d51schools.org](mailto:lauri.baker@d51schools.org) or call 970-254-6570 extension 35159

**Attention Bicycle Riders: Please bring a lock to secure your bike during the school day to prevent theft!**

# Boys Basketball Schedule

Please see the FMS Web Site  
(link below) for an up to date  
Basketball Schedule.

<http://fms.mesa.k12.co.us/athletics/index.htm>



Thursday February 2- Saturday February 4, 2017  
District Tournament- TBA



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# 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Yearbook Picture Ads

Create a special, personal ad just for your child in this year's FMS Yearbook. Each ad will be \$25. This cost is in addition to the cost of the yearbook. Each \$25 ad will be approximately 1/6 – 1/8 of the yearbook page. This offer is first come, first serve, so get yours in now. Each ad will consist of a picture and a brief writing from whomever is submitting the ad.

All ads are due the last school day in January!

Photos may be sent to the school along with this form and the payment. Please make sure the picture has your name and phone number on the back so we can make sure the photo gets returned to you.

You may also send your photo and the text via email if you wish. The photo must be in the .jpeg format. Be sure to include the information listed below. The message cannot exceed 20 words.

Send to: Shannon.Carroll@d51schools.org

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Your Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Message: (Please proofread your copy. We will use exactly what is on this page)



# December Community Events

## Santa Cause Run

Saturday, December 17th.



Come out for a 5K run or walk that's in the spirit of the season. Parks and Recreation is teaming up with Kiwanis for an event that will benefit Grand Valley area kids. All participants will receive a Santa hat and beard to wear during the race. We encourage you to complete the costume with style. What a sight it will be as a wave of Santa's take off down the trail! For kids under 12 there will be a 1K option. Receive a free 1K entry with a paid 5K entry. Registration deadline is December 9. \$10 late fee begins December 10 and hat and beard are not guaranteed.

Call 970-254-3866 for more information!



## Cookies 'N' Clause - Movie and Storytime with Santa

Wednesday, December 21st  
Fruita Community Center  
6:00 pm



Listen to a story, have a snack with Santa and watch a kid-friendly movie.  
Bring a blanket and pillow and wear your pajamas!