

Centauri Middle School

February Newsletter



We're On A Mission!

The grade level teams of Centauri Middle School recently came together in a friendly competition to develop a mission statement for our school which was then voted on by students. It was a close race with many great statements put forth. The statement created by our specials team, led by Mrs. Naranjo, received the most votes! We are proud of what we do here at CMS and feel that our new mission statement reflects this.

Mission Statement

We believe that all students can achieve academic growth and success to help them become well-rounded individuals both at school and in society. Therefore, we are dedicated to providing an academic environment that will ensure, for each and every student, the following:

- ***A positive, safe, healthy, nurturing, and respectful learning environment***
- ***Daily instruction that meets individual student needs***
- ***Programs and activities that enhance not only academic growth, but social and emotional growth***
- ***Curricula aligned with Colorado Academic Standards***

On to the News!!!.....



CMS Regional Science Fair Winners!

Biomedical - Slade Sowards - HM (honorable mention)

Botany - Tayler Horton 1st

Consumer -Harper Armstrong - HM / Austyn Johnson 3rd /Kortney Johnson 2nd

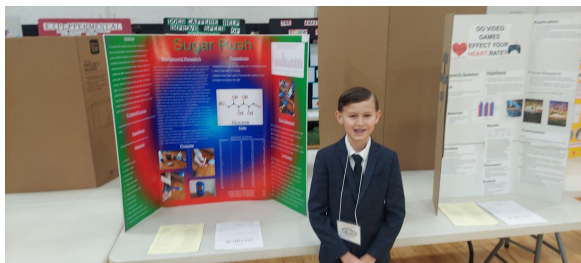
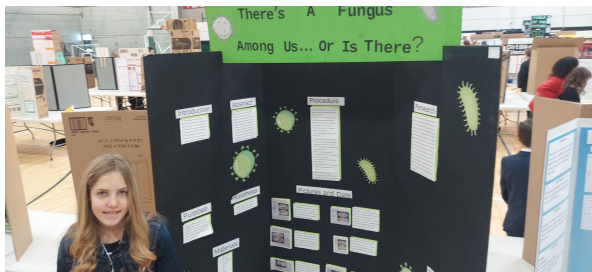
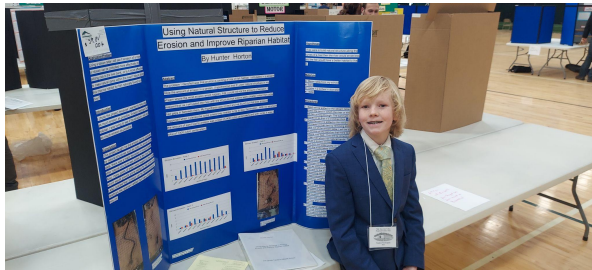
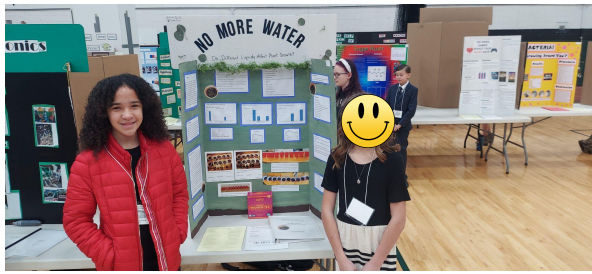
Earth and Space - Tara Robins 3rd

Environmental -Hunter Horton - HM

Hannah Shelton (senior division) -1st and going to state

Physics - Analynn and Alaysha - HM / Edynn J and Braelynn S. 3rd/Rhett Taylor (junior division)-1st and going to state

\$890 dollars of award money, all kids received at least one award in placing or special awards. 2 students (one in junior division and one in senior division) are going to state! Good Luck at the state competition at CSU!! **Great Work Mr. Shelton and students!!!**



Art News:

CMS Student's Imaginations Shine through Their Art!

In the north corner of CHS, middle school students are demonstrating their incredible talents through the art of paper mache and weaving. Earlier in the semester students took a look at the world of common objects and popular personalities of the 50s and 60s through the lens of Pop Art artist, Andy Warhol! Students learned how Warhol took a simple soup can and made it into a work of art no one could ignore!

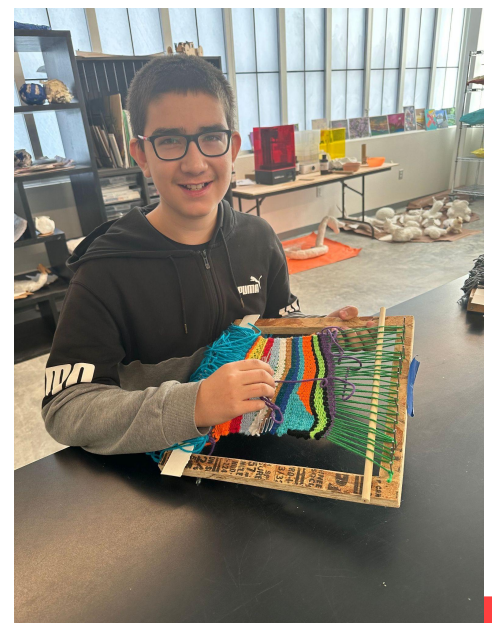
By reimagining the way we look at pedestrian everyday objects, middle school students took the ordinary and turned it into an artistic masterpiece using simple materials such as Elmer's glue, flour, newspaper, acrylic paint, and of course students' creative skills. Voila...Pop Art!!! Students are now working on a weaving in homage to one of our well known former San Luis Valley artists, Eppie Archuleta. Eppie is well known for her Rio Grande style of weaving along with Navajo designs and many others. Her work hangs in the Smithsonian and She was a recipient of the 1985 NEA National Heritage Fellowship, the nation's highest honor in the folk and traditional arts, and was the first Hispanic woman to receive this prestige's national award. Archuleta also opened the San Luis Valley Wool Mill in La Jara, Colorado, hoping to supply pure woolen yarn to weavers throughout the country. With this tid-bit of knowledge our CMS students are creating their own weavings, but with a more contemporary spin, and I have to say, they are looking fantastic!!!

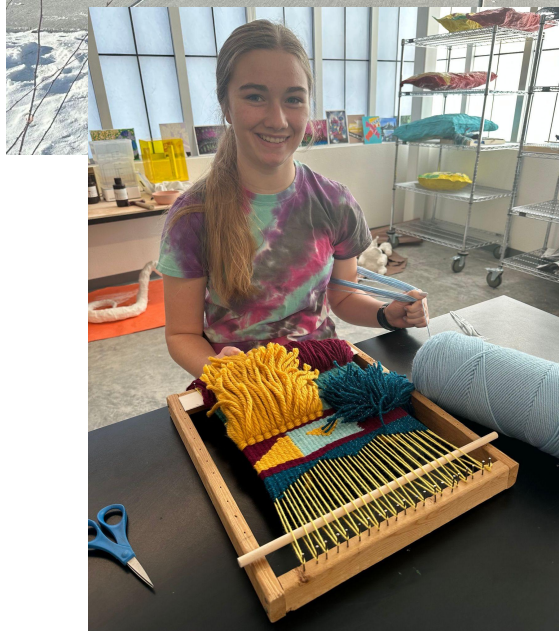
Kirsten Riccatone, CMS/CHS Art

Every child is an artist.

The Problem is how to remain an artist
once we grow up.

- Pablo Picasso





History Fair State Qualifiers!!!

On April 27th and 28th CMS students will be traveling to the state history fair! These students qualified in the regional competition at ASU and have earned the right to move on to state! Congratulations students!!! Also, thank you Mr. Talburt, Mrs. Keys, Mrs. Kelley, and Mrs. Haslett for all the work you do with our students! Great Job!

7th Grade

Laila Martinez

Bristol Pence & Misty Crowther

Lyndie Sowards & Lincoln Bagwell

8th Grade

Ariana Gallegos

Hailey Robins

Diego Cortez & Blake Johnson

Mylee Gallegos & Sophie Sowards

Faith Medellin & Kynlei Curtis

Analynn Dwyer

Leah Smith

Donovan Jarvies & Dallyn King

Natalie Garcia

Ana Archuleta

Bree Crowther

CMAS Testing

Our middle school will be doing our state testing April 3rd through April 28th. Our students have been working hard all year and will have the opportunity to show the skills they have learned at this time. Although this is only one measure of what students at CMS are learning, we take pride in our past performance in state testing and look forward to seeing improvement every year on this assessment.



CMS Wrestling Tournament

Middle school wrestlers have been training hard and they will get the chance to showcase their talents at the CMS will host their wrestling tournament on March 17th at the middle school.

Falcon wrestling has a storied history and this is where it all starts! **GO FALCONS!!!**

7th Grade House Games



The Wolves, Kit Foxes, Bears, and Wolverines will be holding their 3rd Quarter House games on March 16th! This time 7th grade students will be competing in a lip sync competition! After all the points are tallied from the quarter, who will come away with the win???

–Artwork by 7th grader Angelia Santiz Lujan

Spelling Bee

6th Grade

Kaylan Crowther
Brooklyn Gallegos
Arriyana Lopez
Eunice Casillas
Lawliet Montoya
Jayla Cary
Edynn Jackson

7th Grade

Daelyn Jackson
Sydney Haslett
Jasmine Bright
Kourtney Heikes
Paityn Sowards
Rylie Sowards
Macey McCarroll
Alyvia Jarvies
Bristol Pence
Alivia Jarvies

8th Grade

Alaysha Silva
Rylie McCarroll
Beijah Sowards
Ana Archuleta
Analynn Dwyer
Bree Crowther
Natalie Garcia
Joslyn Sowards



Edynn Jackson



**Bree Crowther, Rykiel Sowards,
AnnaLynne Dwyer, Joslyn Sowards, Ana
Archuleta, Edynn Jackson- oral round
participants**



Whole Group

Valentines For Nursing Home Residents!



Mrs. Montoya's Creative Ideas class extended their hearts and minds to create valentines for the residents of the Rio Grande Nursing Home. Thank you Mrs. Montoya and students for your kindness and effort!

A Message from the Counselor

Hello!

There are a number of summer programs available for your student(s) to take this summer! Some are on campus but many are virtual as well; ranging from day camps to weeklong opportunities. If you go to the district website, select Centauri Middle School under the school drop down, click on Counselor's Corner under CMS Links on the right side of the webpage and you'll find many of these opportunities.

There are also a few local opportunities in the valley and in Colorado. Cheyenne Mountain Zoo is offering day camps, as well as weeklong camps, in June & July. The Great Sand Dunes National

Park has a Youth Archeology Camp offered this summer – flyers are coming soon – and Beaver Creek Youth Conservation Camp will be offered again this year in South Fork, CO. There are scholarship opportunities available for all these programs so be sure to check them out!

CSU has a program called SPUR (it's all FREE) where students can watch dog and cat surgeries, view interactive exhibits, special demonstrations, visit the rooftop greenhouse, and check out their virtual reality program!

I hope you can find something that peaks your child's interest!

-Mrs. Shawcroft

Thank you Parents and Community!!

Our school depends on your support and we could not do everything that we do without you! Thanks for all the love and support you give CMS students everyday! Together we can make a difference in the lives of our students and provide them the opportunity to thrive as they grow and develop the skills to become even greater!

– CMS Staff

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