



A message from 8th Grade Chair
Nicole Williamson

Dear Copper Ridge School 8th Grade Parents,

Hope your 2018 is off to a great start. It's hard to believe in a few short months our precious 8th graders will be leaving Copper Ridge and preparing for High School. Below are some of the important end-of-the-year dates, more information in the next newsletter.

ACT Aspire Test Results - MEETING TONIGHT!

Mrs. Slover will host a parent meeting on **February 6th from 5:30-6:30 in Room 608** to discuss the ACT Aspire Test objectives, results, and answer any questions you may have.

8th Grade Promotion Party

The 8th Grade Promotion Party will be held on **May 18th at 7:00pm at the DC Ranch Country Club**. Music, food and fun. More information and a SignUp Genius will follow.

8th Grade Promotion Ceremony

The 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony will be held on **May 24th in the Copper Ridge School Gymnasium**. Parents, family and friends are invited to attend. Siblings are invited as well. More information to follow.

8th Grade Party, Promotion Ceremony & Field Trip Committee Meeting

We need your help to help run these events! If you would like to volunteer please attend the meeting on **February 26at 1:30pm in Room 608**. If you can't attend the meeting then email me!! I'm sure we can find some way for you to be involved.

And now a few messages from our teachers...

ELA

This is an important quarter for 8th grade students! During third quarter, students write argument essays. Over the next several weeks, students will learn the important skills they will need to organize and produce a complete, research-based essay.

In ELA, the process is just as important as the final product! Students have already written multiple sample introductory and body paragraphs using a variety of strategies to engage the reader. These skills will be applicable on upcoming testing and, more importantly, in high school!

In addition to working through the research and writing process, students will read a novel. Honors classes are reading *The Book Thief*, and General Education courses will read *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*. These novels offer a wonderful opportunity to connect ELA with what they have been learning in Social Studies.

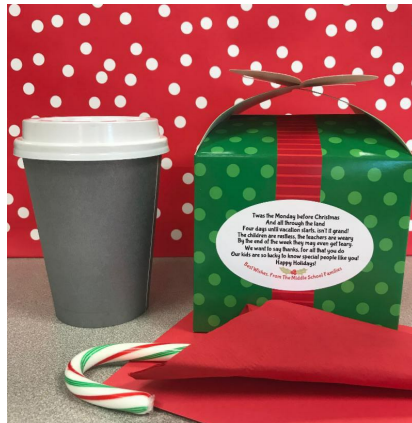
- Mrs. Kadavy

MATH

On Wednesday, January 17, the eighth graders toured Chaparral with StuGo members. The students were able to see inside multiple classrooms - some saw Benjamin the Bunny in a Biology classroom while others helped sophomores and upperclassmen wrap fake wounds in Sports Medicine. Our normally rambunctious group began the day as nervous, shy students and left Chap with smiles and excitement to begin the high school chapter of their life. Thanks, Chap, for the great experience!!

Copper Ridge will take a group of mathematically talented 7th and 8th graders to the Excellence in Mathematics competition on Saturday, February 3 at Chandler-Gilbert Community College. Our thirteen Trailblazers will challenge groups from schools around the state in group and individual competitions. Good luck, and let's go, Copper Ridge!!

- Mrs. Munoz



THANK YOU

To all of the amazing volunteers who helped with teachers holiday gifts. From baking cookies, donating candy, making cards, assembling the gifts, etc. I know the teachers truly appreciated your time and effort. Each teacher received a decorative box of cookies and candy with hot chocolate, a candy cane, and a gift card from the 8th Grade parents.

Have a wonderful February!

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