**7th GRADE NEWSLETTER-February**

Hello 7th grade parents,

**Upcoming events:**

**February 19th:** **Family Reading Night** at Barnes & Noble (Shea location) 4-8pm. All grades are welcome. Mr. Gates will be reading to the younger grades from 6-7pm. A percentage of the proceeds will go back to CRPTO.

**Upcoming Events:**February 26th: Always a good time, never to be missed, PTO Meeting! 9am room 608
February 28th: Middle School Skate Night with DJ & lights is 7:30-9:30pm. $10 to skate & includes rental skates.
\*Students may be dropped off, but parents must sign a waiver, and waiver must be presented that evening. Cash preferred!

March 9-13: Spring Break
March 18-20: Early Release (for conferences)
March 23rd: Coffee with Katey McPherson, 9am Room 608
March 25th: Spring Fest: Art, Garden & Music Night 5-7pm

**We could really use your help!** If any creative parents are interested in helping put together costumes & props for the Middle School Living Statues exhibit for Spring Fest, please email **robyn.wallace@cox.net**

**A message from Mrs. Fortney:**

I am in need of any old Guess Who board games you may like to donate to the class. I turn these games into fun, little activities to help students learn to describe & talk about art. If you can give, it would be very much appreciated.

**Tatum Strong fundraiser:** A **HUGE** heartfelt thank you to all of those who donated to help Tatum and her family. We raised over $3000! It was truly amazing to see such a show of support. Keep the good vibes coming!

**SUSD Outreach Project:** Copper Ridge will be participating in an SUSD Outreach Drive over the course of the first two weeks of February. Many families within our district need assistance, and we have partnered with Desert Canyon Elementary & middle school to collect items suggested by the SUSD Outreach Specialist, Luz Dicono-McClenny. See our flyer below for more information. Also! If you have furniture you would like to donate, please sign-up on the Sign-Up Genius to have it picked up: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094eada823a0fe3-community

***Updates from around the grade***

**Mrs. Wilfert-ELA**

Honors is finishing the coming of age novel "The Outsiders".
General courses have just finished their "51st Dragon" theme essays and are about to conduct a Socratic seminar.

**Mrs. Buongiorno-Journalism/Video Production**

1.       Learning about factors that make news valuable (8 News Values)

2.       Practicing different Camera Shots, Angles, and Movements

3.       Moving into Video Blogs and Ethics of Journalism

**Ms. Love- Strings, Theatre and Music**

These are the following students who represented Copper Ridge at SUSD's annual Honor Band and Strings Concert. Congratulations!
Carol R., Delaney D., Zoe S., Jayla R., Mason B., Hailey C., Adeena F., Bo S., Taite S., Caden M., CJ. V., Sienna J.

**Mr. Chin-PE**

Sign-ups are open for Spring Track and Field on Register My Athlete. Practice begins after spring break.

***NEXT PTO MEETING WEDNESDAY February 26th 9am ROOM 608***

**Cari Hemmert**- **7th Grade Representative**