8th Grade is very fortunate to be the Spotlight of the March Newsletter!

March Madness is a term that perfectly defines the 8th grade this month!

We begin our busy month with TCAPs (formerly known as CSAP). We could not be prouder of our students’ efforts and attitudes as we begin our state assessments. We thank you for your support of ensuring a good night’s sleep and a healthy breakfast! It is really making a positive difference!

Students are looking forward to high school and to fuel their enthusiasm. Vista Ridge and Sand Creek came to Skyview to present their respective schools to our upcoming freshman class. They presented their varied academic programs, sports, music, theatre and art programs, as well as the many clubs and activities they offer to students. Please take the time to visit the high school that your student is planning on attending. You can find information on our school website.

Speaking of high school, Lance Carl from College in Colorado, came to Skyview this week and delivered a motivating speech to our students. He did an outstanding job of encouraging students to empower themselves with a strong education. He shared with students the importance of passion, motivation, and attitude to meet their goals. Students left with an understanding that school provides students a great opportunity to follow their dreams. We received a lot of positive feedback from our students!

While this very exciting 3rd quarter is behind us and high school is now in sight, we have the difficult task of keeping students engaged and motivated to finish out the last quarter of middle school in a positive way. Please encourage your child to put forth great effort in their assignments, check IC regularly, and take advantage of our after school homework help opportunities.

As we begin 4th quarter, please note the following dates on your calendars:

May 16th – 8th grade Elitches Trip
May 17th – 8th grade Dance
May 21st – 8th grade Awards

Have a safe and fun Spring Break!

Respectfully,
Lisa Fillo
Assistant Principal 8th Grade
EVENTS

3/12  TCAP Testing
     Wrestling vs. Fountain @ SMS
     Homework Help
     SAC Meeting—6:30 PM

3/13  TCAP Testing

3/14  TCAP Testing
     Homework Help
     NJHS Induction—6:30 PM

3/16  League Wrestling at SCHS

3/18  TCAP Make-ups
     Book Fair through 3/22/13

3/25-

4/5   Spring Break
6th grade Knowledge Bowl Teams Win Second Place!!!!!

The Skyview 6th grade Knowledge Bowl teams took 2nd place on February 13th at Fountain Middle School. The Tri-County Knowledge Bowl is held annually and middle schools from all over the Colorado Springs area compete using their knowledge to answer questions over many subject areas. Skyview students gave up lunch with their friends to come practice questions twice a week with Mrs. Nowak and Mrs. Smith. Our school is very proud that our 6th grade teams placed second after competing in four rounds of difficult questions. This is the first time Skyview 6th graders have placed in the Knowledge Bowl competition. Students received individual medals and an honorary plaque which will be showcased in the 6th grade hall.

Congratulations to the following students: Nolan Wright, Jolynn Charter, Tayven Yadao, Emma Grover, Caleb Keeth, Abigail Williamson, Madison Newel, and Haley Bryant.

Written by Mrs. Nowak/6th Grade Language Arts
Skyview’s Go Green! Club meets on Wednesdays in room 301. There is no cost to participate! We work on environmental projects like feeding the birds. All students are welcome. (We will not meet during CSAP).

**13-14 CLASS REGISTRATION**

On Friday March 8th, 13-14 school year enrichment class registration forms were sent home with 6th and 7th grade students. This will need to be signed and returned by March 15th. Due to large class sizes, requests are top priority but cannot be guaranteed.

Thank you,
Renea Hendershott
6th Grade Counselor

**Save the Date for Skyview’s Spring Play!!**

*Murder at the Goon Show*

Friday, April 19th @ 7:00 PM
and Saturday, April 20th @ 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM

$2.00/seniors & students
$3.00/adults
March 18—22

Track & Field

Any student interested in Track and Field this Spring can sign up outside the gym on the bulletin board or outside the library. Please sign-up on one, not both. First practices will be held over Spring Break at Skyview. Wednesday, April 3rd through Friday, April 5th 9:00am-11:00am

Must have a sports physical on file with the school!
Contact Tony Marino if you have any questions amarino@d49.org or 719-495-1149 x4272

Lost & Found

If your student has lost a clothing item or lunch box, please have them check the lost & found bin as soon as possible. Due to the large volume, these items will be donated to charity over Spring Break.

Smaller items, like jewelry, glasses and keys, are kept in the office until the end of the year.
Now begins the final push – 4th Quarter! The Honor Choir is going to face many challenges that will test their skills as top-notch performers! I’m going to spend a lot of time on our sight-reading skills. I also have all rehearsal vocal parts on my website. Please make sure that your students are practicing weekly. Practicing will not only hone their vocal skills but will put in place a disciplined regiment. Remember, practicing is not always singing, but breathing exercises, rhythm counting, and warm-ups!

Practice logs will be worth 50 points this semester. I cannot stress enough how important it is for ALL honor choir students to turn in their logs. I keep hard copies in my room as well as on my website that can be downloaded.

I will need some volunteers and chaperones to help when we go to Large Ensemble competition. If you are interested, please contact me as soon as possible.
Moving in to the 21st Century is a tremendous challenge for many school districts. Our District has been blessed to receive the technology through various grants to help us keep up with these challenges! In the POWER Zone alone, teachers have been given Mac books as well as iPads to use in our classrooms. Skyview has also been given iPads for our students to use as we pilot this new program of iPads in the classroom.

I will be utilizing these iPads to teach a piano/composition class within the constructs of choral music! I’m extremely excited about teaching this class. Please visit my website at: www.smschoirnews.wikispaces.com

for further information. I also have a link on my website for APPs for iPods, iPhones, and iPads. These apps are all FREE!!!! They are very useful and will aid your student when they are at home or on the go.

**April 15th CHSAA Large Ensemble Competition - Mitchell High School**
GIRLS will be required to wear concert gowns and black shoes. BOYS will be required to wear a white (oxford) long sleeve shirt, black slacks, black shoes. If you have turned in your registration fee of $7, it is due no later than March 20th!!!!

May 11th REGIONALS Festival in the Park - Ralston Valley High School/Elitch Gardens, Denver
GIRLS will be required to wear concert gowns and black shoes. BOYS will be required to wear a white (oxford) long sleeve shirt, black slacks, black shoes. Students will need to bring a change of clothes to wear at the park. If you have not turned in your registration fee of $58, it is due no later than April 1st!!!!

Please visit my website for detailed information for each festival at: www.smschoirnews.wikispaces.com