

Discovery Canyon Campus

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DCC Thunder Community,

The 3rd Quarter is moving fast and furious and I have many positive events I would like to share with you. During the month of January we celebrated an outstanding Space Day on our K-12 campus. Our staff did an outstanding job of incorporating scientific instructional strategies into their lessons. Our students also enjoyed many engaging presentations for this event. This year we our students had the opportunity to engage in activities on the MESO Bus. MESO is a space center on wheels designed to engage and excite students in the earth/space sciences.

Our Girls' Basketball Team finished their season 12-1. They took 2nd place in the North End Tournament. Our girls did a great job of playing together and demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship that highlights the great students we have at our school. Our Boys' Basketball team just enjoyed a victory over Timberview. They also finished in 3rd place in the North End Tournament. Their present record is 6 victories with 3 losses.

We had a very successful 2nd Quarter as 206 students earned a 4.0 Grade Point Average. In all, we had 536 students earn Honor Roll for the 2nd Quarter. This is 60% of our population of students. I am amazed by the hard work of our students and staff. This is a testament to the work ethic that is demonstrated by our teachers and students alike!

We will have parent/teacher conferences on March 21st and 22nd. The last day before Spring Break for students will be March 21st. When return from Spring Break, we will begin the CMAS Assessments. English/Language Arts assessments will be taken online and math assessments will be taken via paper/pencil. We should have all assessments completed by the 3rd week of April.

We currently have a team of teachers and administrators who are working on next year's bell schedule. Some of the ideas we will be exploring are:

- A possible 7 period day or keeping the schedule "as is."
- 8th grade and 6th grade Discoveries switching times
- The length of Thunder Time

I look forward to a great 2nd Semester of the school year. Please drop by the school should you have any questions about our school initiatives. I have an open-door policy and look forward to any questions or concerns regarding your student. You can always reach me via my office phone at (719) 234-1810. You can also contact me via my cell phone at (719) 510-5895.

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