

Cougar Mountain Middle School Summer Newsletter

Important Dates

July 9: Open library to check out books 5:00pm-7:00pm

August 6: Open library to check out books 5:00pm-7:00pm

August 22: Office open 7am-2pm

August 29: 6th Gr WEB Day 9:15-1:45

August 30: Cougar Pride Day
6th Grade 9-11am
7th/8th Grade 11:30-1:00

September 6: 1st Day of School 7:15-1:45

September 6: First day of sports tryouts for Track, Baseball, Fastpitch for ALL grade levels

September 10-12: iPad Deployment- All paperwork needs to be completed online

September 12: Open House 6:00-7:30pm

September 19: Picture make-ups (for those students who missed Pride Day)

September 26: Late Start

COUGAR PRIDE DAY

August 30, 2018

6th Gr 9:00-11:00am 7th/8th 11:30-1:00

During Cougar Pride Day students will pick up their schedules, sign up for sports, check out textbooks, get locker information, purchase ASB card, yearbook, T-shirt, sign up for free/reduced lunch, take pictures and purchase liability coverage for student iPads. O'Connor Photography will be at CMMS to take school photos and make ASB/ID Cards.

6th Grade

WEB Day

Where Everyone Belongs

August 29, 2018 9:15-1:45

6th graders will be teamed up with 8th grade students where they will get to know Cougar Mountain, participate in building activities, get a tour of the school and meet staff members. Transportation is provided, please bring a sack lunch.

Dress Code

Important Dress Code Reminders:

Pants: Pants, which are jeans, sweat pants, or slacks are acceptable. Pants can have NO UNPATCHED holes 3 inches above the knee or show any skin, this includes shredded jeans. Jeans with shreds must not have any skin showing 3 inches above the knee. Students are not allowed to wear pajamas, sleepwear, pants with studs or chains. Pants, skirts, sweats and shorts must fit around the waist. Skinny jeans must be purchased big enough to fit over the student's bottom and stay in place while standing, walking and sitting. No sagging allowed.

Shirts: Modesty is a dominant theme for clothing. Shirts must be high enough around the neck to have the front, sides and back covered. **Shirts must completely cover the shoulders and stomach.** Tank tops are allowed if the shoulders are covered and straps are not showing. Muscle shirts or shirts with the large arm holes are not allowed. Visible cleavage when sitting or standing is not allowed. Any clothing attire with any type of spikes, studs, metal or chains of any length can be dangerous and are not allowed.

Jewelry: Any jewelry or accessories with any type of spikes, studs, metal, or chains of any length can be dangerous.

SPORTS

September 6: First day of fall sports tryouts for Baseball, Fastpitch and Track.

Make sure to fill out all the documents on Family Access and turn in your physical.

All documents must be submitted before any students can try out for a team.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

* Earbuds

- * Binder- 2 inches or bigger
- * College ruled notebook paper
- * #2 pencils
- * Pens (blue or black for writing and one red for correcting/editing)
- * 4 composition books
- * Pencil pouch
- * Highlighters- assorted colors
- * Colored pencils



CLASS SCHEDULES

- All schedules will be passed out on Pride Day and the first day of school. Class Changes: Changes are only made if the student is placed in the wrong level of class or they are/are not a music student. We do not change schedules because students want to be with friends or want a specific teacher.
- Reading and Math Support Classes: Middle School is a pivotal time in your child's academic career. It is critical that students have the reading and math skills to be able to think abstractly and at higher levels so they are prepared for the academic challenges presented by high school level courses.

We are making a concerted effort to identify academic needs of all students using both the STAR and the SBA (Smarter Balanced) assessments. These two tests are used to identify students who need advanced, general education, special education, and math/reading support classes.

If your child's test shows that extra academic time is needed to increase reading and/or math skills, your child will be placed in a required reading and/or math intervention (support) class.

FAMILY ACCESS

Family Access gives you the following information for your student: Grades, Attendance, Discipline, Sports paperwork.

Parent and Student logins remain the same from last year. If you forgot your login and/or password, please call the main office starting August 21st. We will also have the information available on Pride Day.

PAYING ONLINE

On the Cougar Mountain Website you are able to pay for ASB cards, yearbooks, sports participation fees, iPad insurance, etc.

HOW TO ACCESS THE WEBSITE:

1. Go to the Cougar Mountain Website
2. Select POPULAR LINKS
3. Click on PAY ONLINE
4. User Name: Student 7 digit lunch number (including any leading zeroes)
Password: STUDENT LAST NAME (All CAPS)

REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS

Do not delay in ensuring your child receives the vaccinations they need to attend school this fall.

Washington State law requires that all children must have a completed Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) form on file and those attending 6th grade must show proof of having had the following vaccinations or current exemption:

Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis (Tdap) vaccination for all children 11 years and older.

Two doses of Varicella (chicken pox) vaccination or history of having had the disease verified by a healthcare provider.

iPads For Every Student

All students will be receiving an iPad during the week of September 10-12th. In order to receive an iPad, paperwork must be completed on Family Access. Insurance is not required but highly encouraged as accidents do happen. The following chart explains insurance cost and the advantages of having insurance. Insurance will also be paid online. You can purchase iPad insurance at any time during the school year.

STARTING IN MID-JULY FAMILY ACCESS WILL HAVE ALL IPAD FORMS. PLEASE COMPLETE ALL FORMS AND PAY THE INSURANCE ASAP.

A PHONE CALL AND EMAIL WILL BE SENT HOME WITH THE DATE WHEN IPAD INSURANCE CAN BE PURCHASED ONLINE.

iPad/Electronics Expectations

All students at Cougar Mountain Middle School have iPads. iPads are for educational use, any misuse of iPads will not be tolerated at CMMS! **You must bring iPads FULLY charged to school. If you don't bring your iPad fully charged to school, you may receive lunch detentions, leading up to after school behavior detentions.**

iPad Use in the Classroom:

- Use it as the teacher asks
- When the class is using the iPad keep the iPad on task and on the class app
- When the class is not using the iPad keep the iPad off, face down and on the desk
- Don't forget: iPads are for educational use only!
- Pictures and videos are prohibited without teacher permission

iPad Use Around School

- iPads are not allowed to be open or used in the hallways
- Keep the iPads out of the bathrooms and locker rooms
- Pictures and videos are prohibited without teacher permission
- Do not access social media or associated apps
- Take care of your iPad; do not drop it, eat around it, or otherwise destroy it.

COUGAR MOUNTAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN IPADS

Annual Cost	Accidental Damage	Stolen	Not Covered
September - June \$35 Full Cost \$20 Reduced Lunch \$15 Free Lunch	Deductible: 1 st Incident: \$0 2 nd Incident: \$50 3 rd Incident: Full Cost	Deductible: 1 st Incident: \$50 2 nd Incident: \$100 3 rd Incident: Full Cost	-Cords -Charger -Case -Intentional damage -Lost without a copy of the police report
Cost after February 1 st of each year February - June \$18 Full Cost \$10 Reduced Lunch \$8 Free Lunch	Examples of Costs: Screen Replacement: \$140 Water Damage: \$160	Examples of Costs: Stolen: \$200-\$500 depending on age of device	
	Covered: Accidental damage, fire, flood or natural disaster.	Police Report <u>is</u> required to file a claim.	

SUMMER READING and SUMMER MATH

We are encouraging ALL students to participate in summer reading and math. Below is summer reading suggestions by grade level, students can read other books as well. Ultimately we just want all students to read! The library will be open two times during the summer to check out books, times and dates are listed below.

All students will have access to Imagine Math with a summer pathway to complete. Current students will have immediate access to the summer pathway, incoming 6th graders will have to wait until mid-July when our new students are rolled up into our system. Imagine Math will reset on August 24th. Our hope is that every student completes their summer math pathway.



Students can login at math.imaginelearning.com

(Current 6th and 7th graders will be given login cards at school before summer vacation)

Complete Benchmark One test

Find the pathway labeled:

CCSS Summer Pathway:
Entering Grade ___ Pathway
2018-1019

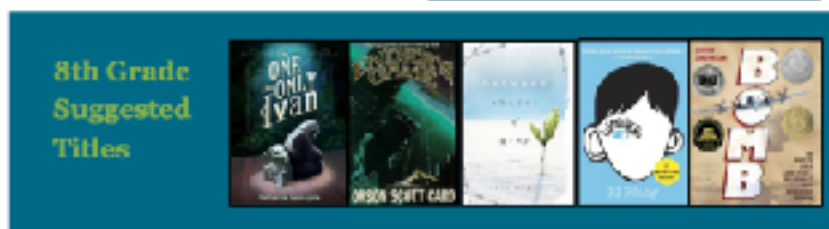
Complete specific summer pathway

Mrs. Aoki will send home emails and phone messages with additional information for Imagine Math, especially for our incoming 6th grade students.

COUGAR MOUNTAIN Summer Reading 2018



Come exchange books you checked out in June or July so that you have enough to keep your summer reading stack supplied! All who come in to check out a book will get a prize!



SUMMER COMMUNICATION

Please check our CMMS website in mid-July for summer updates, as well as weekly updates in August. We will also use Facebook to post announcements. Mrs. Aoki will be sending emails and phone messages through the summer with important information.

Please make sure you have an updated phone number and working email on Family Access.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Attendance: 683-8092
Front Office: 683-8000 Press 2
ASB Office: 683-8082
Campus Safety: 683-8174
Registrar: 683-8084

Principal: Bethany Aoki 683-8000
Assistant Principal: Brittany Corpuz 683-8000

Bethany Aoki email: baoki@bethelsd.org
Brittany Corpuz email: bacorpuz@bethelsd.org

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

We place an emphasis on communication between school and home. We send information out in a variety of formats: emails, phone calls, newsletters, school website, social media, texts, reader board, etc.

