



Fruita 8/9

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Happy Almost Spring! We have Spring Break coming up the week of March 18th , and then we will be on our way into the last 8 weeks of the school year.

This year testing will begin in April. 8th grade testing will continue to be completed via computer- based technology. Our 9th grade students will take the computer-based PSAT test which is a new platform for this year.

For 8th grade, the State assessments are for Literacy, Math, and Science. The testing window for 8th grade starts April 2nd and extends throughout April. Students will know testing specifics for testing days through Advisory. Students will test 1 day for each content area for a total of 3 days. The 8th grade testing days for Literacy and Math are April 2nd and April 3rd . The Science testing window starts a few days later in April so the last 8th grade test day will be April 9th .

Our 9th grade students will be taking the College Board PSAT for the State assessment. Our 9th grade students will take the PSAT the morning of April 16th which will complete their testing for the year. Please note for April, all 9th grade students will take the PSAT on the 16th and when finished be done for the day. 8th grade students will not have school that day due to requirements of the College Board for PSAT testing and due to facility constraints. Our website will have a listing of days for the testing schedule.

This schedule allows for the least amount of time away from normal instruction with the numbers of students that we have and takes advantage of the technology resources that we have available. This will ensure that we are able to complete required testing within the given window of time and with the best possible testing environment.

Our teachers have worked all year to help prepare students for the academic standards as well as for their future educational needs. Please encourage your student(s) to do the very best that they can on the assessments as they are used to determine what they know compared to State and National requirements, helps in placing students in correct classes for the following year, and provides a body of evidence of their academic performance. 9th grade PSAT will be the first record of student performance through College Board and will stay with each student throughout high school and into college placement.

We recently completed a week of days focused on school spirit, positive school culture, and kindness. Through Kindness Is Contagious Week, our goal is to continue fostering support for one another while spreading kindness throughout our school community.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,
Jason Plantiko



MARCH

Important Dates and Reminders

March 11th - Choir Concert @ FMS 7:00

March 14th- In Service—No School

March 15th - Teacher Work Day - No School

March 18th -22nd - SPRING BREAK



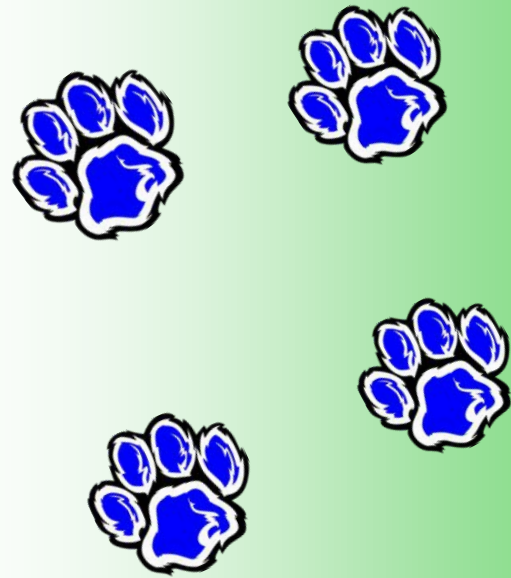


WILDCAT POWER HOUR

Wednesday's

3:15—4:15 Room 100

- ♦ Drop in to get help with your studies
- ♦ Use a computer to finish projects
- ♦ Quiet Place to work on assignments
- ♦ Catch up on missing homework!!!
- ♦ **WE TAKE ATTENDANCE!!**



Counselors will be meeting with all students over the next month to complete their Spring Individual Career and Academic Plans (ICAPS). Students will continue to explore different education and career opportunities, as well as plan for their high school goals and postsecondary plans. They will also explore D51's graduation requirements, pathways, and opportunities.

F 8/9 CLOSED CAMPUS POLICY

If you give permission for your student to leave school for LUNCH with someone who is not the parent/legal guardian, or on the Emergency Contact you are asked to **provide written, signed notification stating the time the student is to be picked up and the name of the person with whom he/she is leaving campus.** That person is required to come to the office to sign the checkout book when the student leaves. Note that when leaving Campus for lunch, the student will be excused for their school lunch wave only. **If the student is not signed out by the person they go to lunch with it will not be excused.** Please plan ahead. Phone calls or faxes will not be accepted as permission.



Current 8th Graders interested in playing Summer baseball for FMHS.

Interest Meeting Wednesday 3/13 at 6:30pm in the F8/9 Cafeteria.



Concert Band State Qualifiers is on March 4th



FMHS Music Department Chili Dinner is on the 12th, starting at 6:00 pm

FMHS BOYS GOLF - FALL SEASON 2024

Boys interested in participating for Fruita Monument High School Boys Golf team please plan on attending the following camp and meet your coaches.

PRESEASON WILDCAT GOLF CAMP

Instruction / Skills / 9 Hole Tourney

July 29 - August 1

10:00am - 12:00

Adobe Creek Golf Course

Fee is \$70 and can be paid at the camp

FIRST OFFICIAL PRACTICE - AUGUST 5

Registration after July 1 & participation physical information for the season at the following link.

<https://fmhsd51-ar.schooltoday.com/>

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

Head Coach Dave Fox

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Congratulations

CMU / Apline Bank Students of the Quarter:

Jaelyn Lopez Dylan Lee



City of Fruita Student of the Month:

Clark Jones

Teacher of the Month:

Janelle Beach



February Athletes:

Caleb Franzen Isabella Martinez

Matalina Diaz Jaxton Molde

Addison Cutshall Olivia Fay

Arianna Mendoza Brynlee Kendall

Gunner Pearson

February Students:

Collin Dykstra Kensley Hassenstab

Mia Metz Talin Cota



Library News



What's Happening in the Library?
MARCH 2024

Genre of the Month – Staff Picks
Realistic Fiction

Student work in the Library:

February flew by this year and students continue to be busy in the Library. All 8th grade students are currently working on their ELA Poetry Performance projects. Students selected a piece of work they wrote in class to perform and edit using our greenscreens and film editing software. We are proud of the work students have put into this project; they are turning out great!

Some of our science students are creating videos based on climates around the world, and will be in to use our VR headsets to go visit locations around the world virtually.

Check out the new Library [Website](#) located on the F89 Homepage. It is a work in progress and as students continue to provide input on what they'd like to see on the site, it will continue to improve. Thanks students!

During March and April, I will be giving away many book and crafting prizes for students. It will be a raffle giveaway and students will be able to sign up during the school day. I'm looking forward to providing reading and crafting materials to good homes.

