

## ***The Principal's Message***

The staff at Steamboat Springs Middle School is excited to start the 2009-10 school year. Our custodians and maintenance staff have done an amazing job preparing the school and grounds for our students. While we initially believed that the poor economy might result in families leaving Steamboat Springs and therefore reducing our enrollment numbers, the exact opposite has occurred. We expect to top 500 students this school year. That is a gain of over 25 students from last year. In order to meet the demands of these high numbers, we were allowed to hire three additional teachers.

On a celebratory note, I would like to congratulate our staff and students from last year for all of their hard work and dedication to academics. Steamboat Springs Middle School was recently acknowledged as one of twenty middle schools in the entire state of Colorado as a High Achieving School. This recognition was received due to the high academic growth of our students as measured by the Colorado Department of Education. We are very proud of the kudos given by the Department of Education to our school the past several years. This achievement is a direct reflection of the commitment from staff, hard work from students, support from our community and endless volunteer involvement from our parents.

Please call the main office or myself if you have any questions or comments as we begin the school year. We are here to serve you and your students. I have no doubt that this will be a great year.

Tim Bishop

# Information!

**SSMS UPDATE  
8/2009**

Hello wonderful SSMS parents and students! We hope you enjoyed your summer. We are busy getting ready for the 2009-10 school year and the return of our students and staff. Listed below is an update of scheduled events and information. Please call the office should you have any questions.

1. Our office is open daily 7:45 - 4:00 and our number is 879-1058.
2. All students will receive their schedule and teacher assignment on the first day of school. The preliminary schedule is being worked on and the confirmed schedule will be completed by the 24<sup>th</sup>.
3. The Census Verification Report was mailed to all students the last week of school. It is extremely important to fill out and return the Census forms to our office. On the back of the Census form is the Permission parent signature section. Your student will not be allowed to participate on school field trips if this form is not returned to the school office. Also, please note, *the District Office has requested all students to have a physical address as well as a mailing address listed. This is needed to determine bus routes and demography reports. The information is vital to the district.*
4. SSMS loves parent volunteers!! If you would like to volunteer in the office on a regular weekly schedule or for special projects, please call the office at once and we will get you signed up!!
5. Attention Football and Volleyball students. Practice begins after school at 3:30 on the first day of school. Please bring your practice clothes and shoes.
6. The Football Parent meeting will be Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 and the Volleyball Parent meeting will be Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30.
7. Back-to-School Nights are scheduled as follows:  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade—Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30-8:00  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade—Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:00
8. 6<sup>th</sup> grade Science Camp is scheduled in 2 sessions.  
Session 1 is the week of September 14<sup>th</sup>  
Session 2 is the week of September 21<sup>st</sup>

9. Students should be prepared for school pictures:

6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade—Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>

8<sup>th</sup> grade—Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>

10. The first PIC Meeting (Parent/Principal Information Committee) is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00. We will be determining the new officers for this year and we welcome all new 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents and returning parents to attend!

11. School supply lists were sent home the last week of school, are posted in the local stores and are available in the school office. If you intend to shop at Staples, do not forget to purchase the Staples gift card to use for your purchases and the middle school will receive 5% back!

12. If you are interested in the Free and Reduced lunch program, please pick up a packet of information from the office during the first week of school.

13. Parent Portal sign-up will be available in the school office and at the Back-to-School Nights. Do not forget to bring your ID.

14. Student support books are available in the office for \$19.00.

Math on Call , Algebra to Go , Write Source

15. This August/September newsletter will be our final paper copy of the newsletter. Going forward we will post the monthly newsletter on-line on our home page. If you would like a paper copy of the newsletter, please call the office and we will mail a paper copy out to you.

16. As a reminder, there is no school on Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> for Labor Day.

# CALENDAR

## What's going on in August and September

### August

24 - First Day of School!

Football & Volleyball practice 3:30

25 – Football Parent Meeting 6:00

26 – Volleyball Parent Meeting 5:30

### September

1 - 6th & 7th Student Pictures

2 - 8th grade Student Pictures

3 - 6th grade "Back to School" Night

6:30-8:00

**7 - No School**

10 - 7th & 8th grade "Back to School" Night

6:30 - 8:00

14 - Week 1 for 6th grade Science Camp

14 – BOE Meeting 6:00

15 - PIC Meeting 12:00

18 – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Midterm

21 - Week 2 for 6th grade Science Camp

29 - Picture Retake Day



## In the know....

### Main Office

879-1058

### School Fax

870-0368

### Attendance

871-3597

### Counseling

871-3587

### Library

871-3590

### Health Room

871-3594

### Transportation

879-1057

### District Office

879-1530

#### FOR SECURITY PURPOSES

All visitors  
**must check-in**  
at the  
office as soon as they  
enter the school building.

### Helpful Office Information

- Office Hours: 7:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Please call your student excused absent or tardy on the day of the absence/tardy to 871-3597.
- Emergency messages to student must be called in no later than 2:45 p.m.

### Steamboat Springs Middle School

Address: 39610 Amethyst Dr

Mailing address: PO Box 774368

Steamboat Springs, CO 80477

District web page: [sssd.k12.co.us](http://sssd.k12.co.us)

SSMS web page: <http://teacherweb.com/CO/SSMS/>

### Parent Portal

Have you signed up for the Parent Portal yet?  
You can find information on your student's grades,  
assignments, attendance.  
Call the office at 879-1058 for more information.

### P.I.C. Meeting

at Noon,  
Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>  
Meets in the Conference Room

### Yearbooks on Sale

this year they will cost \$30.

### Math & Writing Books on Sale for \$19

stop by the office to purchase

# Information!

SSMS Staff

## **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers**

Matt Anderson  
Rebecca Beacham  
Tracey Bye  
Bettiann Carroll  
Heidi Chapman-Hoy  
Cathy Girard  
Kathleen Huron  
Matt Tredway

## **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers**

Sarah Beurskens  
Jeff Keller  
Lisa Lorenz  
Jennifer McCannon  
Jeff Ruff  
Erin-Rose Schnieder  
Brad Weber

## **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers**

Ben Barbier  
Amy Bohmer  
Lara Craig  
Mindy Mulliken  
Amy Piva  
Jennifer Spurlock

## **Resource/Special Teachers**

Robyn Albertini  
Amanda Anzalone  
Heidi Cullen  
Erin Dargis  
Kathy Rosemond  
Beth Wilson

# Steamboat Springs Middle School Supply List

## Sixth Grade Supply List

### Student Personal Supplies

(The following materials will be kept by student throughout the year)

- 1 three-ring binder
- 3 spiral notebooks
- 4 pocket folders
- 1 ruler
- Scissors
- Markers
- 24 pack (or more) of colored pencils
- 1 dozen pencils
- 1 red marking pen
- 2 highlighters
- 1 glue stick
- 1 package of loose leaf paper

### Student Classroom Supplies

(The following materials will be collected by your core teachers)

- 2 boxes of tissue
- 24 pack (or more) of colored pencils
- 1 ruler
- 2 dozen pencils
- 2 glue sticks
- 2 wide tip, dark colored dry erase markers
- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer
- 1 package of index cards

### Spanish Class supply List

- 1 1 ½" binder
- 5 subject dividers
- 1 composition book
- 1 set of large dry erase markers
- A small Spanish-English dictionary
- 1 package of #2 pencils
- Jumbo book covers

### Sixth Grade Supply List cont...



# Information!

## Testing News Breakfast and Lunch News

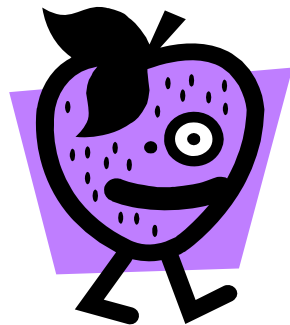
Students, parents, and staff should be very proud of the 2009 CSAP results for SSMS! Parent copies of your student's results will be mailed home by mid-September.

In order to ensure the continued academic growth of our students we will be giving the MAPs (Measure of Academic Progress) tests again this fall and spring to all students. Students will be tested in the areas of Reading, Language usage, and Math. Testing will be completed during the first 3 weeks of school. Spring Testing will take place during early May.

Data from both the CSAP tests and MAPs testing will provide our teachers with more information about your student. This information will be used by teachers to group students during our Intervention time. Intervention time allows our teachers to interact with small groups of students to focus in a specific academic skill or concept. Some examples would be reading instruction, math acceleration, organizational development. Most students will have one intervention time and Foreign Language during the other intervention block.

Please note that in a continued effort to better meet the needs of each individual student we have included a Parent School Partnership form in the student packets. This information will provide core teachers with input from home earlier in the year. Thank you, in advance, for taking the time to fill out this form.

**Kandise K Gilbertson**



## BREAKFAST & LUNCH! YUM!

Have breakfast at the Middle School. There are many items to choose from.

Breakfast is served 7:40 to 8:15 a.m., Monday—Friday.

School Lunch Prices are \$3.00 for a full lunch. Many other ala carte items are available daily.

You can check out your students breakfast and lunch information and use your credit card to add monies to your student's account at [mynutrikids.com](http://mynutrikids.com).

# Information! Community Service News

## *~Middle School Students Make a Positive Difference!~*

Steamboat Springs Middle School encourages all students to volunteer their time in service to our community and in our schools. The Middle School believes volunteering develops compassion in students and inspires them to take action to make a difference in their community.

The community service expectations are: four hours for all 6<sup>th</sup> graders, six hours for all 7<sup>th</sup> graders and eight hours for all 8<sup>th</sup> graders. All students are expected to obtain the required volunteer hours during each school year. ***Community Service is a graduation requirement for all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.***

Students with the most community service hours earned will be recognized at the end of the

Katherine Mannon 8 <sup>th</sup>	96.5 hours
Erika Kipfer 8 <sup>th</sup>	88.25 hours
Kristi Richardson 8 <sup>th</sup>	70.5 hours
Jack Rosenthal 7 <sup>th</sup>	66.25 hours
Shantel Payne 8 <sup>th</sup>	55 hours
Garrison Osteen 8 <sup>th</sup>	46 hours
Allison Williams 8 <sup>th</sup>	41 hours
Danielle Haxton 7 <sup>th</sup>	38 hours
Garrett Pohlman 7 <sup>th</sup>	36.5 hours
Rachel Grubbs 8 <sup>th</sup>	36 hours

# Information! PIC Minutes & Thank You Volunteers!

## **PIC Minutes from 5-19-09**

**Attendees:** Julie Ann Carta, Barbara Triolo, Brad Piske, Mitzi Franklin, Lou Mathews, Lynn Finkbohner, Julie Ernst, Denise Connelly, Judi Williams, Becky Schmidt, Gail Smith, Kris Bensler, Michelle Caragol

### **Treasurer's Report:**

**Scrip** - As of May 19, a profit of \$2,500

**Safeway** - Mitzi would like to buy the Safeway cards for the summer for the current people that have been buying them. In the fall we will have sign up sheets for Safeway again.

We are going into the summer conservatively around \$4000

### **Spending Approvals:**

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## **Thank you to our Volunteers!**

We love our SSMS parent volunteers! We are so excited to have our "regular" weekly volunteers begin the first week of school! Thank you everyone who signed up for a weekly commitment. Your help is invaluable!

We also would like to thank our substitute/back-up volunteers. We are certain you will be called to help with projects and to assist us in the office!

We would like to give a special thanks to the following wonderful parents for helping us the week school ended and the 2 weeks before school started. We could not have been ready for the students and the staff without your amazing help.

THANK YOU Becky Schmidt, Paula Salky, Lori Livingston, Sandy Pugh, Michael Williams, Judi Higgins, Amy Wharton and anyone else that I may have overlooked for giving up your summer time to help us here at the Middle School.

And finally, a big thanks to all the students who helped as well. You definitely earned your Community Service credit.

# Information!

## Sports Schedule

### **Football**

Day/Date Opponent Venue Time  
Tues, Sept. 1 Summit Home 4:30PM  
Tues, Sept. 8 Soroco Home 4:30PM  
Sat Sept. 12 Craig Home 9:00AM  
Tues, Sept 15 East Grand Home 4:30PM  
Sat Sept. 19 Rangely Home 10:00AM  
Sat, Sept 26 Meeker Away 9:00AM  
Tues, Sept, 29 West Grand Away 4:30PM  
Sat, Oct. 3 Rangely Away 10:00AM  
Tues, Oct. 6 Hayden Away 4:30PM  
Sat, Oct. 10 Craig Away 9:00AM

### **Volleyball**

Tues, Sept. 1 Summit Away 4:00PM  
Sat, Sept. 5 West Grand Home 9:00AM  
Tues, Sept.8 Soroco Home 4:30PM  
Sat, Sept. 12 Craig Home 9:00AM  
Tues, Sept. 15 East Grand Home 4:30pm  
Thurs, Sept. 17 North Park Home 4:30PM  
Sat, Sept. 19 Rangely Home 10:00AM  
Mon, Sept. 21 Soroco Away 4:30PM  
Thurs, Sept. 24 Hayden Home 4:30PM  
Sat, Sept. 26 Meeker Away 9:00AM  
Tues, Sept. 29 West Grand Away 4:30PM  
Sat, Oct. 3 Rangely Away 10:00AM  
Tues, Oct. 6 Hayden Away 4:30AM  
Sat, Oct.10 Craig Away 9:00AM  
Sat, October 17 District Tournament-  
Rangely Away TBA  
Round Robin 8<sup>th</sup> Soroco Away TBA  
Round Robin 7<sup>th</sup> Hayden Away TBA

### **Boys Basketball**

Mon, Oct. 12 Practice starts  
Tues, Oct. 20 East Grand Home 4:30PM  
Thurs, Oct. 22 West Grand Home 4:30PM  
Tues, Oct. 27 Summit Home 4:00PM  
Thurs, Oct. 29 Craig Away 4:30PM  
Sat, Oct. 31 Rangely Away 10:00AM  
Tues, Nov. 3 Soroco Away 4:30PM  
Fri, Nov. 6 Craig Home 4:30PM  
Tues, Nov. 10 Hayden Home 4:30PM  
Sat, Nov. 14 Rangely Home 10:00AM  
Mon, Nov. 16 Soroco Home 4:30PM  
Tues, Nov. 17 Hayden Away 4:30PM  
Sat, Nov. 21 Meeker Home 10:00AM

# Information!

Fun things to do! EOS,

## EOS Schedule 2009-10

### Everything Outdoors Steamboat

*Dedicated to teaching outdoor skills*

#### Activity Dates Staff

Backpacking/14er Sept. 16,17 Tredway

Rock Climbing October 18-19 Keller

April 26-27 Weber

Mountain Bike October 1 Barbier

May 2-3

Horse Packing Fall TBA Bye

Ice Climbing January 28 Tredway

February 18 Keller

Winter

Mountaineering March 14-15 Tredway

Kayaking Fall TBA Kerrigan

June 3

Fly fish October 16 Ruff

Back Country Tele January 13 Barbier

Climbing Wall Wed. Nights Staff

Tree Fundraiser May 7 Staff



### CE!

or the first school dance! It  
the Peer Helpers and is  
October 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00 – 9:00.  
: theme and all the fun

## Check out these fun activities at the Old Town Hot Spring!

### Flick & Float

Event starts at 6:00 with unlimited slide rides.

Movie starts at 7:00.

- Saturday, September 19, Movie: Wall-E
- Saturday, October 17, Movie: Young Frankenstein
- Friday, November 13, Movie: Ice Age
- Cost: \$10/Members; \$12/Non-Members
- Bring your own tube or flotation device.

### Poochy Paddle

- Sunday, October 18, 2-5:00 p.m.
- Old Town Hot Springs Lap Pool
- Pre-purchased tickets: \$5/dog
- Day of Event: \$10/dog
- In addition, please bring a donation of dog or cat food for Steamboat Animal Shelter.
- Please enter at back gate of pool.
- Pool closed for cleaning October 18-24.

### Pumpkin Float

- Sunday, October 25, 2-4:00 p.m.
- \$6 Members/\$8 Non-Members.

### Pentathlon

- Thursday, November 12— 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
- \$25/5-person teams in three grade divisions: K-2, 3-5, 6-8. Boy, Girl, or Mixed Teams are allowed.
- Course includes: Climb slide stairs and take the water slide down. Run the width of the shallow pool. Paddle a kayak on a course in the lap pool. Swim or kick 25 yards (one length of the pool).
- Time stops when all five members touch the wall after swimming laps.
- Deadline to register is November 9. Registration forms at Front Desk.

# Fundraisers! How you can help!

## SCRIP CARDS!!

Join in to help your school/ buy gift cards through your school. Shop over your spring break knowing you are helping your school. Buy Gift cards for hotel stays and know that 8 to 12% goes back to your school. It's easy to write a check to Steamboat Springs Middle School and place order for gift cards. Orders will be placed each Monday.

Your gift cards will be in your hands by Friday. There over 300 national stores to choose from. Here are stores in your community/Cold Stone Creamery , Subway, Qdoba, Pizza Hut, Starbucks ,Wendy's, Sport's Authority ,Staples, Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory, Kmart, Blockbuster, Sears KFC, and



## Have you been saving your Box Tops?

Clip Box Tops and bring them to the office and we will earn cash for our school! Each Box Top is worth 10¢ to our school—and that adds up fast! Turn in your Box Tops to the Middle

## Safeway Grocery Certificates

A painless and positive way to donate money to our school!  
It is as easy as buying groceries!



All you need to do is buy grocery certificates to purchase as you would be purchasing anyway. And 5% of every dollar from certificates will go to help raise money for SSMS.

Contact the middle school office at 879-1058 to get buying your groceries certificates for each month and you can make raising money for SSMS. And it is as easy as feeding your family.

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Lunch menu or middle years page

## Steamboat Springs School District Board of Education



The Board of Education members would like to remind everyone of the opportunities for their voice to be heard. Board members may be contacted by e-mail (see below), or you may attend their regular meetings. The Board will entertain public comment at 7:00 pm. If you would like more specific information prior to attending the meeting, please contact the District Office at 879-1530. All meetings are held at Centennial Hall/Citizens meeting room at 124 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

Upcoming meeting dates are: Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup> and Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

### **Board members are:**

Dr. Shalee Cunningham, Superintendent

Robin Crossan, President 871-1284 crossanrobin@yahoo.com

Denise Connelly, Vice President 879-1910 dbconnelly@msn.com

Laura Anderson, Secretary 871-4873 lauraanderson@springsips.com

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John DeVincentis 879-8726 johndpuzzles@hotmail.com

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## **Discrimination Policy**

Steamboat Springs School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs or activities.

Please direct inquiries to:

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Assistant to the Superintendent,

(970) 879-1530

P.O. Box 774368,

Steamboat Springs, CO 80477

## Steamboat Springs School District RE-2 2009-10 Middle School Calendar

August 17-21 Staff work days (no school for students)

August 21 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Locker Party, 1:00-2:00 pm

August 24 First day of school for students

September 3 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Back to School Night, 6:30-8:00 pm

September 7 Labor Day (no school)

September 10 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Back to School Night, 6:30-8:00 pm

October 23 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

November 11 Parent -Teacher Conferences, 4:00-8:00 pm

November 12 Parent -Teacher Conferences, 8:00 am-8:00 pm, (no school)

November 13 **No school**

November 25-27 Thanksgiving Break (no school)

December 21-Jan. 1 Winter Break (no school)

January 4 First day back from Winter Break

January 14 End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

January 15 **No school** (Staff work day)

January 18 **No school**

February 5 **No school** (Staff work day)

February 15-19 Mid-Winter Break (no school)

March 10 Parent -Teacher Conferences, 4:00-8:00 pm

March 11 Parent - Teacher Conferences, 8:00 am-8:00 pm, (no school)

March 12 **No school**

March 26 End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

April 19-23 Spring Break (no school)

May 31 Memorial Day (no school)

June 4 Last day of school for students - End of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter

June 7 Last day for staff REVISED 6/10/09

# Information!

## Mission & Vision Statement

### Steamboat Springs Middle School

#### **Vision Statement**

SSMS will become the Premier Middle School in the state of Colorado.

#### **Mission Statement**

Steamboat Springs Middle School will ensure that each student will achieve their maximum potential by:

- ~Providing a learning environment for our students that are appropriate for their stage of cognitive, emotional, physical and social development.
- ~Providing a diverse, integrated curriculum that ensures the students meet or exceed district content standards and recognize the exploratory nature of middle school students.
- ~Creating a sense of community where students, staff and parents believe they belong and are able to contribute.
- ~Providing an opportunity for all students to experience success.
- ~Encouraging an atmosphere of respect and appreciation for diversity and individuality.
- ~Helping create a climate that fosters interaction and involvement with our community.