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**Principal Interview: About Mr. Gardner**

*By Shawn Cody*

Mr. Gardner’s favorite food is tacos and chicken nuggets.

Mr. Gardner does not have a reading group this year.

Mr. Gardner does not like ice cream.

Mr. Gardner started Academy club to increase student choice and to provide learning about the Green Mountain area K-12 academies.

It is going to be multi grades next year.

The growing dome is part of the Great Outdoors Colorado grant that our school received a few years ago. The growing dome will be part of our community garden and will provide another space and opportunity for students to engage in science learning (also aligned to the STEM K-12 academy).

Mr. Gardner will wear Willy Wonka to the Candyland dance.

Mr. Gardner does not at all know how to dance.

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**Save the Rhinos By Aiden Garcia**

*By: Aiden Garcia*

I'm working on the endangered rhinos so The hunters need to stop hunting rhinos. Just let you know stop hunting them because there are not that how many left. there are 27000 minus 30000 Left in the world so don't Go He'll never got to hunt rhinos to get their friends and their skin. You don't do not need it so. Don't please stop hunting rhinos They need to live as long as they can. If you stop hunting them the rest of the world can enjoy their beauty . Just say. These animals are Herbivores and are usually by themselves in the wild Rhinos help the environment by knocking down trees and eat Trees And Grass instead of killing Other animals. Rhinos only find you if you scare them they were alive when the dinosaurs walked the Earth. So please let them live on. The end.

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**DON'T SAVE RHINOS**

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Mark your calendars for this **FUN family** event!

**What:** Come celebrate with your student and friends at our Candyland Dance. There will be DJ Medema playing tunes and running dance games, a photo booth, candy-grams for sale and light snack for purchase.

**When:** Thursday, February 13th from 4:30-6 pm  
**Where:** GMES Gym  
**Why:** Fun, kindness, friendship and family!  
**Cost:** FREE! Thank you to PTA! Just be sure to return the bottom portion of this page to get your GOLDEN ticket!

ALL students must have a family member over the age of 18 come and stay and actively have fun with them the entire time! Please return your RSVP to receive your Golden Ticket to the dance by...

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**GMES Library New Walls of the Year**  
By Madison Hutchings and Kaitlyn Tran

GMES walls are getting painted! There is so much more stuff that can be fixed. Like the walls. By the way the nook is broken. The kids are very sad about the nook being broken. So, the PTA are see what can we do with the with the place where the nook was. Mr.Jacobson and a few people decided the new things and one furniture was Mr.Jacobson’s new desk! Two kids in leadership team went to the PTA meeting and the PTA and asked for $6,000 dollars for the new furniture. If Students see this please do not kick or break the wall. We are in Falcon crier> Hope you enjoy GMES

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Stay Tuned to see pictures of the new furniture donated by PTA!
Hi I’m Jenesis from the Falcon Crier Club and today I interviewed Mrs. Cicero. Mrs. Cicero is a social worker and she is not a teacher. She likes kids and and enjoys helping others be their best they can be. She loves being in classrooms and teaching students and self coming. She has not been a classroom teacher all the students at GMES are friendly and kind. Mrs Cicero talks about how we feel and how to a break. We are so lucky to have her at GMES!

What kind of food is the most popular food on Thanksgiving? By Adrian Garcia

Don't like turkey and pie xxxxxxxxxxxxx  Like turkey and pie xxxxx xxxxx

Rocky has Grown! By Sierra Daughtrey

Did you know Green Mountain Elementary School has a pet? Well we do! Green Mountain Elementary school has a pet bearded dragon. Everybody had a chance to vote on his name and the whole school voted on this one name… Rocky! When GMES first got Rocky he was 7 inches now he is 16 inches. His belly was not very big either, his belly was 1 inch! And now he's made it past that his belly is now ¾ inches. His weight was pretty good he was 3oz and now he's 5.5. Last, one of our teachers at our school, Mrs. Patterson loves rocky she gives him bathes feeds him. Students at our school feed rocky and hold him. Rocky sure loves people and people also love rocky.
When you go to GREEN MOUNTAIN and FOOTHILLS school there will be a show choir that you can join. What is a show choir? Well show choir is where kids from 3rd-5th get to sing and go to games like the NUGGETS. I can tell you about Falcon Show Choir. So Choir is about singing and dancing. The conductor is the music teacher for both schools. Her name is Mrs. Medema and she is sooo nice. When I first came to choir I was nervous but Ms. M. made me feel comfortable. On Tuesday is GREEN MOUNTAIN choir meeting and FOOTHILLS is Thursday after school and the meeting place is the music room. It's one hour but to some 30 minutes. Choir is sooo fun, if you like to sing or like to dance just come to GMES Falcon Show Choir.
Our library has undergone many exciting changes since the school year began. First of all, the new carpet that was installed throughout the building has given our space a much more updated feel. Following the carpet upgrade was a brand-new library checkout desk with matching book drop in shades of modern steel and gray. After these upgrades we assessed the rest of the library for ways to freshen the rest of it up. To our luck, the GMES PTA announced that they would like to help us complete some of the updates. The next thing we knew, Mr. Mike Bencivenga and his commercial painting crew provided us with a complete paint job in just one day! This was made possible by our PTA member Kim Bencivenga, who even brought her daughter and several other teenagers over during a day off to help me take books off of shelves in preparation for the paint. Our new “Sand Dollar” walls made such a difference, and the complementing blue sides of our dropdown ceilings really pop. One loss that came from the new carpet installation was a large “treehouse” loft. But with this came an opportunity. The PTA wanted to provide teachers with a chance to request furniture for flexible student seating. So with the help of the 4th/5th grade team, I gathered a small group of students to meet daily in order to create a vision for this empty space. They used measuring tools with paper and pencil, as well as digital design tools to collect their ideas, and created a digital presentation to show the PTA. Two students were able to attend an evening PTA meeting and give the proposal. To our delight, the PTA gifted us funds for new soft seating to help realize the dream of having an inviting space for students to read, study, and collaborate! I am so proud of the entire student team and the two who were brave enough to present and answer many adult questions that night. We are so very grateful for the generosity that so many people have shown our library since the summer. It is a place that has transformed significantly, been brought into the modern area, and will only continue to become more inviting. -Mr. Jacobson, Digital Teacher Librarian
Most Friday afternoons students at Green Mountain Elementary take a break from traditional leaning and engage in the Green Mountain Academy Clubs. This came about through an innovation grant written by the 7 principals from all the area schools. The goal is to allow students to try on different academies to see what interests they have. The four academies at the high school are Health and Human Services, Business and Global Studies, STEM and Arts, Humanities and Performing Arts. Some examples of the clubs at GMES are Fitness Jenga, Student Leadership Club, Coding, Lego Club and so much more. Next time we will share an interview of Colleen Owens, Principal of GMHS by our own Falcon Reporters, Rylee Sawyer and Janie Henshaw.
GMES Falcon Photo Fun!
PTA Update:

By Kerry O'Sullivan, PTA Secretary

Our 2nd Fun Run was a great success in many ways. We had a wonderful group of family volunteers as well as 5 volunteers from Dunstan Middle School to support and encourage our runners. We raised $5755. to update the library, fund requests for flexible seating and continue to provide many school events! We are very excited to purchase new furniture research edand proposed by 4th and 5th graders in collaboration with Mr. Jacobson.

We are currently planning our Winter Candyland Dance in collaboration with Student Leadership team for Thursday, February 13th from 4:30-6 in the Green Mountain Elementary gym.

Thank you for all your continues support! GMES is a great place for staff, students and families!

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STAY TUNED! Stories in the Works!

Harry Joseph is researching and will be reporting back on the Amazon Rainforest Brushfires

Coi Martin is keeping his next news article a secret for now but we know it will be an interesting read!

Joshua Bergan will be reporting back after interviewing Ms. Thompson!