



GCDMS PIRATES

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2/23

Important Dates

Girls' Basketball @ Omak 5:30PM	2/24/09
1:30 Early Release	2/25/09
Wrestling vs. Nespalem/Brewster. Pateros 6:00PM	2/25/09
Girls' Basketball vs. Okanogan 5:30PM	2/26/09
3rd Quarter Progress Reports Due 2:30PM	2/27/09
Wrestling @ Tonasket 10:00AM	2/28/09
1:30 Early Release	3/11/09
6th Grade Museum of Flight- Seat- tle	3/20-21

Students of the Month

January



**Samantha
Turner
8th Grade**

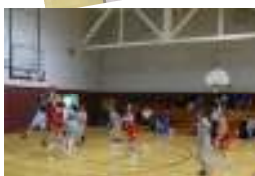


**Savannah
Kentner
5th Grade**



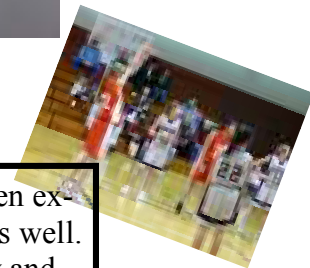
**Trinity Sweat
6th Grade**

Pirate Sports



The basketball and wrestling teams have been experiencing success on the court and the mat as well. The season will be ending soon so come by and check them out. The cheer squad has done a great job in supporting the teams this season.

WAY TO GO PIRATES!!



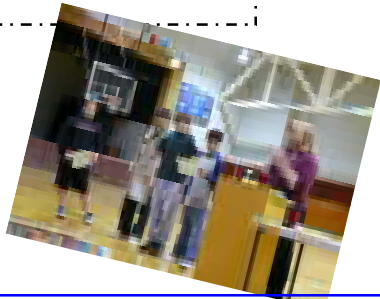
Spelling Bee Results

Qualifiers to Regional Bee in Wenatchee March 19th		
5th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
• Sydney Matheson	MaryAnn Matheson	Abby Williams Alternate



1st Semester Award Winners

122 classroom and attendance awards were given out at our awards assembly on February 5th. Check out the list at the end of this report!





Afterschool Programs on a roll!!

Our afterschool programs are full of students working hard, having fun, and learning new things. Thanks to all of our afterschool leaders and their time and effort to make our programs GREAT!!!




STUDENTS ATTEND BALDE EAGLE FESTIVAL

Friday, February 20th, the 5th, 6th, and 7th grade students attended the Balde Eagle Festival events. Students learned about different types of birds and animals native to our area. This is a great event that we attend every year. A special thanks to the ASB for providing the bus for our students.

GCDMS Hard at Work



PLC Teams

Math/Science Group

We discussed textbooks again. Mr. Caddy said his science books were 4 years old and he doesn't expect to replace them in the near future. Mrs. Rise said her math books will probably need to be replaced because they were only 6th highest on the state's recommended list. She hasn't been able to get samples of Holt Mathematics. Textbook representatives will be meeting with interested teachers from our ESD to demonstrate their math curriculums on Friday afternoon in Cashmere, but Mrs. Rise wasn't able to attend.

Mrs. Rise re-administrated the 3 minute multiplication sheet. A few more students "passed" and all those that passed the first time, did again. Mrs. Derr wasn't here to talk about 6 grade results.

Mrs. Rise asked Mr. Caddy to let her know if there are math skills his students need to work on for science.

Nate and I worked through the "Power Notes Elements of Literature" alignment of EALR's to text. We also discussed what NWEA/WASL scores seem to point to when it comes to our students to see where our needs are.

Language Arts

We decided that non-fiction writing would need to be emphasized more, and are proposing adding the power standard(s):

1. R. 2.2.2 Explain how specific text features help you understand a selection (seems to be nearly identical to 1.2.2)

2. R. 2.4.3 Identify and explain when an author uses opinion to make a point

R. 1.2.2 Use prior knowledge, the text, context clues, and graphic features of the text to predict, clarify, and/or expand words meanings and concepts.

We are considering eliminating the power standard "1.2.1 Understand and apply dictionary skills and other reference skills."

- For next time, we need to bring 7th and 8th grade "Power Notes" to check the power standards to the alignment and make sure we are all synced up.