

# Centauri Middle School

## March-April Newsletter



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### MARCH MADNESS!

The month of March was fast and furious and April is nearly gone as well! It's amazing how fast time flies when you're as busy as the team of Centauri Middle School. It has been great seeing our students achieve and find success in their classrooms as well as in their extracurricular activities that they are involved in! As a staff, we would like to thank everyone who supports our students and our mission here at Centauri Middle School.

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### CMAS TESTING IS COMPLETE

We started testing on April 3rd, taking one test per day. Students took assessments in language, math, and science. Testing went well! A big thanks goes out to the staff for accommodating the schedule and for all the hard work they have put into working with students to make them successful. Students did a great job as well and can now look forward to finishing up their year strong!

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### SCHOLARSHIPS

The Sangre De Cristo National Heritage Center presented seven students with scholarships for their History Fair projects. Out of the seven students, five of them are from Centauri Middle School. Laila Martinez (7th) Leah Smith (8th) Avery Hostetter (8th) Jeana Dunn (8th) and Alaysha Silva (8th) all competed at the Regional History Fair at



Adams State in January. All of their projects contained information about the rich history of the San Luis Valley.

- Laila Martinez created a Documentary titled "Mission Churches in Conejos County: Frontiers in History"

- Leah Smith wrote a paper titled "Frontiers of the San Luis Valley: The Valley and its Diversity"

- Avery Hostetter wrote a paper titled " The San Luis Valley: Land United by Frontiers"

- Jeana Dunn created a website titled "Settlement of Manassa"

- Alaysha Silva wrote a paper titled "Frontier in Racism and How it Changed Daily Lives Forever"

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## PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

Centauri Middle School was selected to participate in the Pathways to Success program for the 2023-34 school year. *Pathways* is a program implemented in 8th grade that is designed to help all students connect what they are doing in school right now to the person they expect to become one day, with an urgency to begin working hard now. The 8th grade teachers and CMS counselor will be trained this summer on implementation.

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## CMS WEATHER

The Centauri Middle School recently received a new weather station through gifted and talented funds. The weather station will be used by science students to monitor, track, and record weather conditions and data from our local area. In addition to school use, the community also has access to the weather station through our district webpage at

[www.northconejos.com](http://www.northconejos.com)

or directly accessed at:

<https://owc.enterprise.earthnetworks.com/OnlineWeatherCenter.aspx?aid=8333>



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNSELOR

Be sure to check out the Counselor's Corner webpage for summer camps that are available to your middle school students this summer! Camps include; Upward Bound, Saint John's Summer Program, Rochester Summer Program, West Coast Connection, a number of virtual writing camps, Forest & Fire Field Research, and Beaver Creek Youth Conservation camp!

We are glad to have testing behind us, thank you for getting your students here and supporting them as they completed their state testing!

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## BEAR IS HARD AT WORK



You may have seen this fellow around CMS lately. Bear has visited the school a couple times to get used to the environment and students as he prepares for work as a comfort animal. He's a good boy!

# CSU EXTENSION PROGRAMS



CSU Extension labs has been visiting Centauri Middle School and providing programs and lessons geared toward STEM and 4-H. So far students have got the opportunity to experiment with mechanical transfer in the mobile energy lab, do forensic analysis of fingerprints, and practice reading medicine labels and giving practice shots to livestock.



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## AWESOME AG!

CMS student Elena Escobedo, an Ag Club member, has been selected to be on the San Luis Valley Livestock Judging Team.

# HISTORY FAIR STATE QUALIFIERS!!!

On April 27th and 28th CMS students will be traveling to the state history fair! These students qualified in the regional competition at ASU and have earned the right to move on to state! Congratulations students!!! Also, thank you Mr. Talburt, Mrs. Keys, Mrs. Kelley, and Mrs. Haslett for all the work you do with our students! Great Job!

## 7th Grade

Laila Martinez

Bristol Pence & Misty Crowther

Lyndie Sowards & Lincoln Bagwell

## 8th Grade

Ariana Gallegos

Hailey Robins

Diego Cortez & Blake Johnson

Mylee Gallegos & Sophie Sowards

Faith Medellin & Kynlei Curtis

Analyynn Dwyer

Leah Smith

Donovan Jarvies & Dallyn King

Natalie Garcia

Ana Archuleta

Bree Crowther

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## ROTARY CLUB ART CONTEST WINNER

Julius Espinoza, pictured here with Mr. Jason Coombs, was the winner of the Rotary Club Art Contest which was recently held.

Julius took home a new pair of earbuds for his effort!

Great Work Julius!!!



## **MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU PARENTS.....**

May is a busy month at the middle school and even though students are occupied with activities, field trips, and various events outside of school, expectations for their academic progress and efforts are still high. Please continue to encourage your child to attend school regularly and give their best effort in classes. We all get cabin fever about this time of year, but it is so important to finish what we started and finish strong.

Thank you for all you do in support of our students at CMS. We are a family, and your contributions to your child's education is invaluable.

Best Regards,

- Mr. Riccatone

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