

# Garnet Mesa Elementary Panther Express

## January 19, 2021



### Lunch Hours

**Kindergarten** 11:00-11:40  
**First grade** 11:20-12:00  
**Second grade** 11:40-12:20  
**Third grade** 12:00-12:40  
**Fourth grade** 12:20-1:00  
**Fifth grade** 12:40-1:20

### Important Dates

**1/20 PTO Meeting**  
**1/21 Magner/Rover Field Trip**

We are asking that all parents dropping off children in the morning or picking up after school use our designated area by the flagpole. Thanks for your support!

A reminder that dogs and other pets are not allowed on GMES school grounds.

### Launch of the week

At GMES, our launch is a quote we share at the end of every day with our students. It is a positive reminder of the work they have done and will continue to do. Our quote this week is: "The race is not won by the swift but those who keep running." - Unknown

### Quarantine

We want to thank all of our families, students, and staff for their efforts this past week with our quarantine. We definitely want to have our students in person for their learning! Unfortunately this was not possible last week. We appreciate everyone's flexibility and work to keep students learning through remote measures. While we don't want to have any more quarantines, we are learning and improving our practices. It is important to maintain students' learning during these situations. Thank you again for your contributions in this process.

### Water Bottles

It is important to ensure students have a filled water bottle with them daily. Students do drink from their water in class and also take these water bottles with them to PE. With the continued regulations, drinking fountains are not available, which makes the water bottles so important. Thanks for supplying your student with their water bottle.

### Masks

Thanks to a grant written by our district office personnel, every staff member and student have received two masks.

### Change to Vision/Hearing Screenings

Families of students should have received an email about the change to our traditional vision/hearing screenings. Parents/guardians need to opt in to have their student's vision and hearing screened at school. If you did not receive the message, please contact the school.

### PTO Meeting

The GMES PTO will meet tomorrow (Wednesday the 20th) for our monthly meeting. It was postponed due to the quarantine last week. We will be discussing our playground addition and future fundraising along with other ideas. We hope to see you there!

### Looking for a way to beat those winter blues?

The Grand Mesa is gorgeous this time of year (and often bright and sunny above the inversion.) Come use The Nature Connection's ski gear with your family. Free for kids and \$5 suggested donation for adults. We'll even provide some basic instruction and hot drinks when you're done. Come join us Saturday Jan 23rd from 10am - 2pm. We'll also be hosting full moon skis in Feb and March. Spaces are limited and RSVP's are required so we have your size. See [www.thenatureconnection.net/family](http://www.thenatureconnection.net/family) for RSVP and more info.

### We Love Music Talent Show

The Vision Charter Academy is again sponsoring the We Love Music talent show. More information and how to sign up is available on their website [www.visioncharteracademy.org](http://www.visioncharteracademy.org). The deadline to sign up is February 26th.