

**1. LEADERS OF NJHS** NJHS is an organization that allows students that want to give back to the community space to do so. Ms. Thorp is one of the leaders of NJHS. "Our food drive got really competitive. We raised over 2000 cans which is awesome." Said Ms. Thorp when asked about the funnest thing that happened in NJHS.

**2. MAGNIFICENT MINIONS** This years wish week was Minion themed! At the assembly, high schoolers from Douglas County dressed up as minions to hype up the crowd!

**3. ONE BOOK ONE DISTRICT** As a part of our One Book One District events, students donated socks to the school's sock drive for The Denver Rescue Mission! As a school, we were able to donate 200 pairs of socks, and the district collected and donated over 23,000 pairs! Students Maylen Thompson (Panda, 8th) and Addie Jenkins (Panda, 8th) both contributed to this event and got recognized.

**4. SOURCES OF STRENGTH** Sources of Strength is a club at the school to prevent suicide and help others. "My favorite part is being ale to be apart of making the school better and coming up with ideas to make everyone feel welcome in our school"

**5. DC STUDENT COUNCIL** The student council from Douglas County came to Mesa during the wish week assembly. They led games, cheers, and talked about this years wish week.

**6. VALAGRAMS** This year, student council sold valagrams in celebration of valentines day. They sold ring pops, mugs and stuffed animals. All students were able to buy a valagram for that special someone.

**7. NJHS** NJHS stands for National Juniors Honor Society. When Noah Gold was asked about the best part of NJHS, he said "Its awesome when you get to feel good about making someones day by helping others"



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## MESA'S AMAZING COUNSELORS

Mrs. Halcomb is an eighth grade counselor for Mesa. Mrs Halcomb has been in the Mesa family for twelve years. "My job as a counselor is to provide social emotional support for students, academic support and also career exploration." Mrs. Halcomb said. "Throughout the day my main focus and goal is to help as many students as I can." For Mrs. Halcomb, each day is a new adventure that she takes head on.



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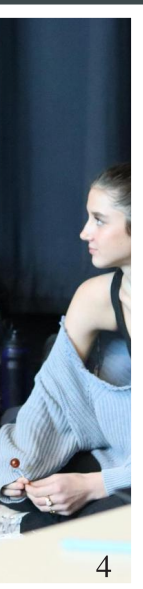


**POLL:** Councilors at Mesa have a big impact on our lives. Their job is to support us through Middle school and prepare us for the challenges to come. They support us, so we can support our community



# BEYOND JUST US

This year for wish week we helped 11 year old Carlos make his dream come true. Carlos' wish was to go to the Virgin Islands and go snorkeling. This year, Mesa raised over 2,000 dollars to help Carlos fulfill his wish! "Wish week was a fun experience to help someone who needed it." said Liliانا Hynek after being asked what her favorite part of Wish Week was. Mesa students showed their competitiveness and generosity during podwars. Grizzly pod did an outstanding job raising money for Carlos. Student council did an amazing job helping with wish week. The halls were decorated with turtles, jellyfish, and coral. Some of Carlos' favorite things were incorporated into wish week activities, such as; minion day, goggle day, and beach day. When Mesa participates in these activities, we bring our school spirit to life! Student council from Douglas County came to Mesa to prepare us for wish week this year. During the assembly, students participated in games and competed against each other, racing to cover their teacher in the most toilet paper, and rushing to grab a cup while playing head, shoulders, knees, and toes. Ringi was one of the students that participated in the cup game and said this, "My favorite part was competing against my friends and raising awareness for Carlos." Douglas County students led Mesa in cheers and chants to hype everyone up. Wish week shows how we can make a big difference and help others. This year we helped Carlos fulfill his dream.



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