

# Sunset Ridge Middle School

## BOOK WHISPERERS TO READ *WONDER*



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- PCCRs continue all month
- 12/02 - MID-TERM
- 12/08 - MESA meeting, 3:00 p.m.
- 12/08 - Winter Dance Concert, 6:00 p.m.
- 12/13 - Choir Concert, 6:00 p.m.
- 12/15 - Band & Orchestra Concert, 6:00 p.m.
- 12/16 - Failing notices mailed home
- 12/22 - 01/02 - Winter Break - SCHOOL CLOSED
- 01/04 - PTSA Reflections Awards Ceremony, 7:00 p.m.

Hey Book Lovers! Our Book Whisperers selection for December is *Wonder* by R.J.Palacio. This is the book that has won awards and inspired the "Choose Kind" campaign. *Wonder* is the story of Auggie, a boy born with a facial deformity that most people can't get past. He has been home schooled until now because his parents worry about how the other kids will treat him. At the beginning of the book, Auggie makes the decision to start attending public school. The story is told from multiple points of view. According to [barnesandnoble.com](http://barnesandnoble.com), "In a world where bullying among young people is an epidemic, this is a refreshing new

narrative full of heart and hope. R.J. Palacio has called her debut novel "a meditation on kindness" —indeed, every reader will come away with a greater appreciation for the simple courage of friendship. Auggie is a hero to root for, a diamond in the rough who proves that you can't blend in when you were born to stand out." Join us for Book Whisperers and read this amazing book! We meet every Tuesday from 3:00-3:30 in the Jungle Pod, which is the south seventh grade pod. You can join now even if you've never come before - we hope to see you there!

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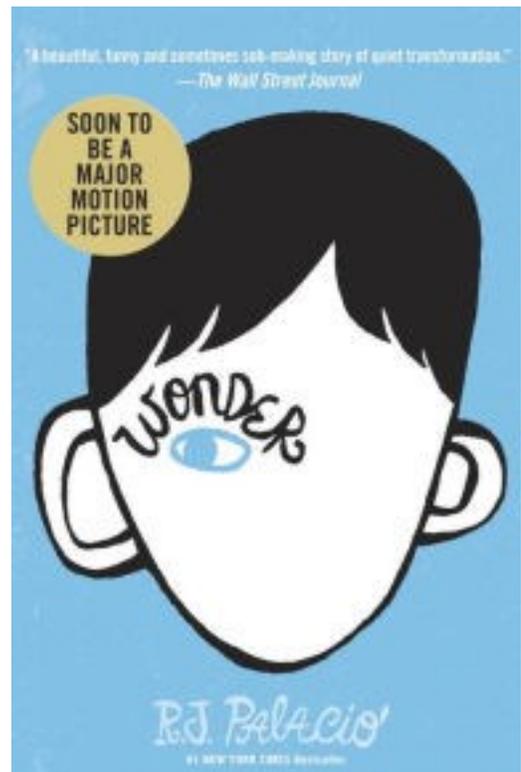
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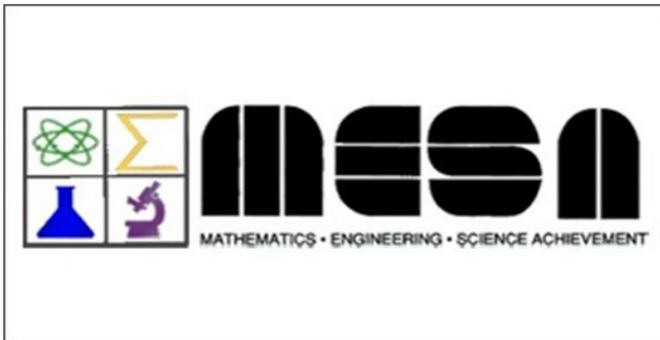
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## DECEMBER MESA MEETING

MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement) will meet on December 8 @ 3:00. Our guest speaker will be a pilot, and we will be doing an activity with paper airplanes! Come and join the fun!



## Groups Now Forming!

The Counseling Center will be starting new groups in January in the following areas:

- \* Friendship (with new students)
- \* Study Skills
- \* Anxiety
- \* Coping

We will rotate what class we take the students out of each week, so that they do not miss the same class. If you are interested in joining, call the counseling office at (801) 412-2485 or stop by to see us!

# SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## 10 THINGS YOU LOVE ABOUT YOU\*

There are many scholarships and colleges that want to know the number one thing you want people to know about you. Just one? That's it? "But, I'm amazing," you say. We hear you, and we know that it's tough to narrow down your awesomeness into one measly reason.

So, inspired by David Letterman and his top ten lists, we created the Top Ten List Scholarship. With so many awards based on grades and extracurricular activities, this unique scholarship gives you the chance to show us what's truly special and different about you. Get creative, be serious, or tug at our heart strings. Whatever you do, you only have ten reasons to convince us, so make each one count.

Need a number one reason to apply? How about the chance to win a \$1,500 scholarship? Our Top Ten List Scholarship can only have one winner, so start narrowing down your own list and apply today!

### Applicants must:

- Be thirteen (13) years of age or older at the time of application
- Be legal residents of the fifty (50) United States or the District of Columbia
- Be currently enrolled (or enroll no later than the fall of 2022) in an accredited post-secondary institution of higher education

### Submit an online short written response (250 words or less) for the question:

"Create a Top Ten List of the top ten reasons you should get this scholarship."

The Top Ten List Scholarship winner will be notified by email or phone on or around March 31, 2017.

## WHY SO SERIOUS?

Scholarships can be fun! Take a break from the boring application routine and make us laugh. That's right; we want a real LOL moment.

Make Me Laugh is a fun scholarship that lets you cut loose and lighten things up. Looking for a scholarship for comedians? Now is your chance to show us your funny bone. Perhaps you always have an embarrassing - but funny - story to share. Great! We'll promise to laugh with you, not at you.

The point is that not all scholarships have to be serious. Relax and have fun! The only thing serious about the Make Me Laugh Scholarship is the money you could win towards your college education. With \$1,500 - you could be laughing your way to the bank!

### Applicants must:

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### Submit an online short written response (250 words or less) for the question:

"OMG... finding and applying for scholarships is serious business, but it's time to lighten things up a little. We don't want to know why you deserve \$1,500 or how great your grades are, we simply want to LOL. Describe an incident in your life, funny or embarrassing (fact or fiction), and make us laugh!"

The Make Me Laugh Scholarship winner will be notified by email or phone on or around August 31, 2017

\*Submit both entries to [UNIGO.com](http://UNIGO.com)