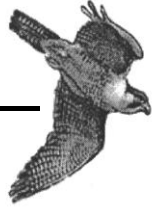


Granite Oaks Middle School



Rocklin Unified School District

"A National Blue Ribbon and California Distinguished School"

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Dear Students and Parents/Guardians:

August 2017

We are working hard in preparation for the new school year and are excited about the upcoming year and the opportunities your student will have to grow academically, socially and individually. New this year, parents will need to create parent portal accounts. Letters will be mailed prior to the start of school for parents to register for Aeries Parent Portal accounts. Our 2017-18 registration packets will be delivered online through these portal accounts to allow parents to update emergency contact information online and receive other important back-to-school information. [PLEASE CLICK THIS LINK](#) if you haven't created your parent portal account. You will need to reference your letter to register.

Enclosed is important information that both you and your student should review before school begins. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office beginning August 7th, 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

In addition to reviewing the enclosed, you will want to mark a few important dates on your calendar:

- **August 8th, Math Placement Assessment (10:00 am in GOMS Library):** For newly registered students to the Rocklin Unified School District. *(Please see attached for more details).*
- **August 9th, is "Welcome Everybody" (WEB) Orientation Day (9:00 to 12:00 pm):** All incoming 7th graders and any new 8th grade students will meet in the gym, located to the right of the bus loop. After WEB Orientation, students may give their families a tour of the campus from 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. *(Please see attached for more details on WEB Day).*
- **August 11th, Homeroom Teacher Posting:** Homeroom teachers will be posted after 6:00 p.m. on August 11th through the first day of school on the windows at the main school entrance. If your student's name does not appear on the posting, please contact Student Services at 315-9009, Ext. 4102.
- **August 16th, First Day of School/Class Schedule Distribution:** On the first day of school, students will receive their class schedules during homeroom. Students should come with a backpack, pencil/pen, and paper on the first day of school *(any additional supplies list will be given to them by their teacher).*

Enjoy the rest of your summer and we look forward to seeing your student this fall.

Sincerely,
Jay Holmes, Principal

W.E.B. Day- 2017

To: **All Incoming Students New to Granite Oaks**

On **Wednesday August 9, 2017**, Granite Oaks will be holding an orientation program for all students new to our campus. The orientation program, **WEB** (for Welcome Everybody) is a fun day designed to provide a student-centered introduction to our school. **This event lasts from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon.**

All 7th grade students, and 8th grade students who are new to the school, will report to their **WEB** leaders at 9:00 am in the Gym. **WEB** leaders are current eighth grade students who conduct a series of fun, team-building activities and help sooth the jitters that accompany the move to a new school. **WEB** leaders also conduct a campus tour, answer questions and provide a friendly face to assist new students transitioning to Granite Oaks. Refreshments will also be provided.

WEB Day is an excellent way for your student to get acquainted with a new school and learn about all of the great programs and activities that await them.

We look forward to getting to know your student as they get to know us!

Granite Oaks WEB leaders

****After WEB day ends, students may give their families a tour of campus from 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm.***

***IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEW STUDENTS
REGISTERING OVER THE SUMMER FOR GOMS***

SUMMER MATH ASSESSMENT

DATE: TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2017

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: GOMS LIBRARY

If you would like your student to be considered for any accelerated math class, they must take two math assessments on this date. Should you have questions regarding math placement assessment for your student, please contact Student Services at (916) 315-9009, ext. 4102, on or after August 7, 2017.

WEB DAY

WELCOME EVERYBODY!!!

DATE: AUGUST 9, 2017

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

GOMS FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Wednesday, August 16, 2017

**The following information should answer any
Immediate questions concerning the start of school.**

Classes begin Wednesday, August 16, 2017

School Hours/Office Hours:

Every **Monday** School starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at **1:56** p.m.

Tuesday thru Friday school starts at 8:30 am and ends at **3:10** p.m.

Office hours are Monday – Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Students should not arrive on campus before 8:10 a.m. unless enrolled in a 0 Period class. Students should plan to be off campus by 3:30 p.m. unless participating in a supervised activity. Granite Oaks does not have supervision to permit students on campus beyond designated times.

Closed Campus Policy:

For the safety of students, Granite Oaks maintains a closed campus policy. Once a student arrives for the school day, he/she is not permitted to leave campus until the close of school at 3:10 p.m., unless checked out by a parent or guardian or person listed on emergency card (*must 18 years of age or older*).

Attendance/Absences:

To report your student absent, please call the Attendance Office, at 315-9009, Ext. 4105 (or #1 on the option menu). Students must have absences cleared by a parent/guardian. Parents will receive an attendance letter for excessive absences if their student exceeds 10 excused absences or 3 unexcused absences for the school year. If your student is going to be out of school for 5 or more consecutive days, they will need to request an Independent Study Contract through the Attendance Office, which must be notified at least one week prior to the departure date. Granite Oaks website contains important information regarding the importance of school attendance.

Student Check Out/Check In:

If your student needs to leave school during the school day (*i.e.: appointment*) they need to bring a signed note from their parent/guardian before school to the attendance office. They will be issued a slip to be released from class.

This policy ensures an uninterrupted learning environment and allows students to be waiting for you in the front office to be signed out. If no slip is issued before school to excuse the student from class, please be aware that you might wait several minutes for your student to come to the office. Students can only be signed out by a parent, guardian, or person listed on emergency card and is at least 18 years of age.

When checking your student into school, your student must go to the attendance window to sign a slip before going into class.

Messages and Deliveries to Students:

Parents are encouraged to let students assume responsibility for remembering lunches, school items, homework and P.E. uniforms. However, you may leave items on the counter for your student to pick-up. The office may send a message to your student to pick up an item if an office aide is available. The **office does not guarantee** that your student will get the message or the item.

Cell Phones:

GOMS is concerned about the disruptions that Cell phones/Electronic devices have on the educational program and school activities. Therefore, Cell phones/Electronic Devices may only be used before school and after school while on school grounds. **Cell phones/Electronic Devices must be put away and turned off** during the day and may only be used during instructional time when directed by a supervising

staff member. Students who use their cell phone/electronic device inappropriately will have phone/device confiscated and be assigned school discipline according to student handbook. **Granite Oaks Middle School is not responsible for lost or stolen cell phones, personal electronic devices and personal property.** If students need to use a phone, they need to come to the office and use the office phone. Students may not text parents during the school day. **Cell phones will be confiscated if on during this time.**

Student Illnesses/Health Office:

If a student has an emergency or is ill, he/she must notify an adult on campus and report to the health office. Granite Oaks staff will assist your student and allow them to use the office phone as needed.

Medications:

Any student, who needs a medication administered during school hours, must have a written medication authorization release signed by both the parent and doctor (Ed. Code 49423). This applies to all medications; over-the-counter and prescription medications either on file in the Health Office and or carried by the student (i.e., asthma inhalers and auto-injection Epi Pens). RUSD Medication Release Forms can be obtained from the Health Office and the RUSD website www.rocklinusd.org/Departments/Health-Services/Medications-at-School/index.html

Mandated State Immunization Requirements:

All students entering 7th grade and newly registered students must meet all state immunization requirements, including proof of 7th grade Tdap requirement, or have a temporary or permanent Medical Exemption completed by a doctor. A Personal Beliefs Exemption filed in grade span Pre K through 6th grade is not valid for 7th grade entry.

Reference California's school immunization website: www.ShotsforSchool.org

Reference RUSD website for immunization requirements: www.rocklinusd.org/Departments/Health-Services/Immunization-Requirements/index.html

Reference RUSD website for documentation requirement for Medical waivers: www.rocklinusd.org/Departments/Health-Services/Immunization-Requirements/Immunization-Waiver/index.html

Lunches:

ONLINE PAYMENT OPTION!

Online payments are a simple, safe and secure way to make payments to your students account 24 hours a day at your convenience. To set up an account, [CLICK HERE](#). You will be able to: View Current Balances; Receive Low Balance Emails; Add Money to your Students Account; Set it & Forget it (Automatic Payments). Registration is free.

You can set up a lunch account before the start of the school year and accounts are available to use on the first day of school. **Students are not allowed to charge meals**, so pre-paid lunch accounts are recommended. Lunches can be purchased for \$3.25 (which includes milk). Other drink items range from \$1.00 to \$1.50. For more information about Nutrition Services available at our schools, [CLICK HERE](#).

Student Supplies:

We suggest that students have a backpack, pencil, pen and paper on the first day of school. Teachers will give a suggested list of supplies on the first day of school.

Student Planner:

A student planner will be given to each student during the first week of school. The academy teachers will cover the handbook section of the planner page by page with students. Parents and guardians should sit down with their student to make sure they understand the information. This planner is a

valuable resource and contains time schedules, holidays, events, dress code, and school rules and regulations. Replacement cost of the planner is \$6.00.

Dress Code:

Complete coverage of the GOMS dress code will be discussed the first week of school. Please note the following specific information. ***No sagging. No frayed, holed or torn clothing which is revealing or may be deemed inappropriate for school attire.*** Clothes shall be sufficient to conceal undergarments at all times. See-through or fish-net fabrics, halter tops, off-the-shoulder or low-cut tops, tank tops (less than 2 inches), torn off sleeves, bare midriiffs, and hats are prohibited. Skirts or shorts worn shorter than mid-thigh are subject to student changing clothes. Hats, bandanas, visors, etc. are not allowed to be worn at school (district-wide). ***(Please see Student Handbook).***

Physical Education/Uniforms:

A uniform may be purchased from the P.E. teachers during the first week of school. We recommend that students purchase the school P.E. uniform; however, students may wear a black pair of shorts and a gray T-shirt with no pockets or logos during class. The school P E. uniform includes shorts and shirt for \$25.00 a set or \$13.00 each for the individual T-shirt or shorts. **Make checks payable to Granite Oaks Middle School.** For safety, sturdy laced athletic shoes are required. No slip on, backless or raised sole shoes will be allowed during P.E. class. The school will furnish P.E. lockers and locks for students.

Driving Caution during Drop Off and Pick Up:

Please do not stop in the middle of the traffic lane or in the middle of the parking lot to let your student out. Please pull to the curb or into a parking spot. **Also, please do not park in the bus loop, this area needs to be kept clear for buses. Student drop off is not permitted behind the new E Wing Building.**

Bicycle Parking:

A designated area is available to park bicycles during the school day. Students must wear a helmet while riding to and from school and lock their bikes to the racks. Bicycles may not be ridden on school grounds.

Yearbook: A yearbook may be purchased online at www.jostensyearbooks.com beginning in August. Look for yearbook information to come home through your student's homeroom teacher or through our e-mail communications.

Transportation:

Applications for bus passes are mailed to all current bus riders in June. For fastest service, bus passes may be purchased by mail. Application packets are available on the district website and may be mailed with check payable to the RUSD. Please send application and check to 2225 Corp Yard Road, Rocklin CA 95677. Beginning in July, they may also be purchased at the transportation office located at 2225 Corp Yard Road. Passes should be purchased by the start of school to guarantee service. A copy of the tentative bus schedule will be available in the school office for reference in August, and available on the RUSD website. This schedule will list approximate times for pickups. Students should be at the bus stop 5 minutes before the scheduled time to avoid missing the bus. Students planning to get on or off the bus anywhere other than their designated bus stop must have a signed note from their parent or guardian. Please call our District Transportation Department at 624-9106 for an application or if you have questions about the bus schedule.

Electives:

Every effort is made to place students in electives based on preference and space; therefore, elective changes are not permitted. Elective teachers will provide students with any additional information related to course materials and requirements. More information will be given to students during the first week of classes.

Note: Elective courses are subject to change; placement in preferred elective course is not guaranteed.

School Pictures:

Each student will have his or her school picture taken on August 22nd. Picture packets will be available on a pre-pay basis.

Student Activities:

Events are planned throughout the year to provide positive social opportunities for students. Our website includes a calendar of events as well as a listing of clubs. A weekly e-blast will e-mailed to each family. Student Senate applications will be available the first month of school for students wishing to plan and implement school activities.

Sports Tryouts:

Tryouts for girl's volleyball and flag football will be announced soon after school starts. There are no tryouts required for cross-country. Please check our website under the Athletics tag for sports information.

Back-to-School Night:

Back-to-School Night is Wednesday, August 23rd at 6:30 p.m. During Back-to-School Night, teachers will explain student expectations and school curriculum. Please mark your calendars (*this is a parent only event*).

Insurance:

The Rocklin Unified School District does not carry medical or dental insurance for your child should he or she suffers from a school related injury. The district will provide information on a low cost medical/dental insurance program. Students will be given more information to take home the first week of school.

Notice of Rights and Responsibilities of Parents:

The Parent Rights and Responsibility document may be accessed on the school website. If you do not have access to this information electronically, a written copy is available in Student Services at Granite Oaks Middle School.

Parent Falcon Club:

The Parent Falcon Club (PFC) is a parent volunteer group whose sole purpose is to support the needs of Granite Oaks, its students, teachers, and academic programs. Their philosophy is "many hands make light work" and they invite everyone to help out in a small way. If you are interested in donating your time and/or helping financially, please e-mail graniteoakspfc@yahoo.com, or submit the form in this newsletter.

Our PFC launched a custom mobile app for our school and it's full of useful information. It's never been easier to access event calendars, class information, lunch menus, bell schedules, district information, fundraisers, volunteer opportunities, and so much more! By installing our app, you will get important announcements and friendly reminders about what's happening at our school. To download, search for our school or use these links to download our app today.

iTunes: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/granite-oaks/id959213477?mt=8>

Androids: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.app_graniteoaks.layout

