



## GOMS Eblast 6-8-18

### Granite Oaks Families,

On behalf of the staff of GOMS, I would like to thank our wonderful GOMS families and their students for another great year. Your support of our excellent school is what makes GOMS such a great place for our teenagers to learn and grow during some of the most challenging years of their lives. We could not accomplish this without your help and support.

Best wishes to our outgoing 8<sup>th</sup> graders with their transition to high school and beyond. You have worked hard at GOMS and have earned your high school stripes! I look forward to another great year of learning and maturation with our transitioning 7<sup>th</sup> graders into 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

Please feel free to email me any questions this summer as I will be periodically checking emails. I will answer your questions as soon as I am able. Thank you again for sending us such great students and individuals.

Have a great summer with your family!

Best regards,  
Jay Holmes, Principal



Our fabulous and talented Falcons put on three great performances last Tuesday during the Talent Showcase! We are very proud of their hard work, dedication, and perseverance which resulted in one amazing show!

If you were not able to be in attendance, check out the whole show on the GO Broadcast YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfRR2moNgcI5ORCVGsPOVsw>, or search “Granite Oaks Talent Show 2018” in the YouTube search bar.



Please support Granite Oaks Middle School Parent Falcon Club  
**Firework Stand 6/28 –7/4** at the

**Corner of Park and Stanford Ranch Rd. (Next to Tops Yogurt)**

Link to volunteer at our Fireworks booth-[GOMS 2018 Fireworks Booth](#)

## Counselor Corner

Congratulations to all 8<sup>th</sup> graders and 7<sup>th</sup> graders --- 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be moving on to either Rocklin or Whitney High Schools and 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be the reigning upper classmen for 2018 - 2019. We have thoroughly enjoyed working with your students on academic, personal, emotional and career related activities.

### **Suggestions for the summer ---**

Explore **Google Education** --- take a few tutorials --- get a jump on using Google Docs/Drive

**NAVIANCE** --- take a moment to review the results for **Career Key** and **Career Cluster** --- continue to explore your career and college choices --- use the information on **NAVIANCE** to interview friends and family members about their occupations, years of schooling, work environment, salary information, work responsibilities and opportunities for advancement ([www.connection.naviance.com/graniteoaks](http://www.connection.naviance.com/graniteoaks) )

**Khan Academy** --- great source of a broad range of topics including math, science and computer science; for math --- find grade level (7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>) and identify area of focus such as variables and expressions

Read, read and read --- **Summer Reading Program/Rocklin Public Library** (packets available in June) or check out free audio Young Adult Books on Overdrive (<http://www.audiobookssync.com>).

### **Maya Math (maya.nmai.si.edu)**

- Smithsonian National Museum of American Indian
- Click on Maya Math Game
- Mathematical challenges are presented in fun game format

### **Freerice.com (Every time you answer a question correctly, you feed hungry people!)**

- At the top of the page, click on SUBJECTS.
- For Math, click on Basic Math (Pre-Algebra); for Language Arts click either English Grammar or Vocabulary
- Answer the first question. Then click on Change Level (at the bottom). Level 5 is a good place to start. After you answer questions correctly, Change Level to Level 6, then 7, 8, 9 and beyond!

### **Emathlab.com (This website has an SOS box which gives the answer.)**

- Under Subject Areas (on the left) hover over Basics.
- Click on one of the basic subjects and strengthen those math skills! The subjects include flash cards, decimals, fractions, proportions, order of operations and even making change. All important skills to know for 8<sup>th</sup> grade!

### **ixl.com/math (This website gives explanations when answers aren't correct.)**

- Click on math (at the top of the page) or language arts.
- Click on 7<sup>th</sup> grade (on the left) or 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- There are LOTS of subjects to explore. Hover your mouse over a subject to see an example of a problem or an activity and get to work!

Exercise --- set a fitness goal for yourself

Volunteer for your church or a social service organization

Have a wonderful summer --- best wishes!!!

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# Family Chromebook Buy Program



Rocklin USD families now have the opportunity to purchase a fully equipped Chromebook **engineered for education** to use at home and school. In partnership with Computer Discount Warehouse (CDW-G), Rocklin USD families can purchase Chromebooks with **personalized engraving** and the added convenience of **delivery to your home**. Visit [www.rocklinusd.org/chromebooks](http://www.rocklinusd.org/chromebooks) for more details.



**Lenovo 100e Chromebook**  
**\$220.00**  
*(includes engraving and shipping)*



Personalized engraving

<http://www.CDWG.com/RUSDparentportal>

## RUSD Digital Learning Strategies

- Creativity
- Communication
- Collaboration
- Global Awareness
- Critical Thinking
- Inspired & Purposeful Learning
- Digital Literacy & Citizenship

Rocklin Unified School District is not a reseller and is just providing this purchase opportunity



## Rocklin USD Family Chromebook Buy Program FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)



**Am I required to purchase a device for my student?** No. Rocklin Unified School District's objective is to promote greater access to technology and increase academic engagement for our students 24/7. The District will continue to use classroom computers and devices, however by purchasing your student a Chromebook you help to ensure they will always have access to valuable digital resources.

**Can I send the Chromebook with my student to school each day so he/she can use it in the classroom and at home?** Yes.

**Can I purchase a Chromebook for more than one student?** Yes. Buy as many as you like. Please submit only one order per student to ensure proper engraving.

**If I am not a parent/guardian of a Rocklin USD student, can I still purchase a Chromebook?** Yes.

**Who do I contact if I need help configuring the Chromebook computer?** Students/families will be responsible for configuring their own devices. This is a direct buy program from CDW-G. The District does not offer any tech support services nor is responsible for defective equipment or warranty issues. If you need assistance or have questions about the hardware you can contact CDW-G. Look for contact information on the CDW-G Webstore. Rocklin USD wireless (BYOD) network instructions can be found here: <http://www.rocklinusd.org/wifi>.

**Does the Rocklin USD Acceptable Use Agreement apply to the Chromebook?** Yes. The policy is always in effect at school, regardless of the device a student is using.

**Who do I contact for repair service?** Students and/or their families are responsible for their personal electronic devices at all times. This is a purchase program ONLY. Rocklin Unified School District does not offer any type of service or warranty on this device. If your student owned Chromebook needs repair, based on the warranty status we recommend that you contact CDW-G, the device manufacturer, or a local repair shop.

**Why CDW-G? Can I purchase a Chromebook elsewhere?** Rocklin USD has partnered with CDW-G to provide a solid value and convenient option for families to purchase a Chromebook for their student(s). Families can purchase a Chromebook from any retailer of their choice.

**Are there suggested accessories?** A padded bag or protective sleeve is suggested. If available, it is also recommended to consider extended warranty protection. Many additional accessories such as headphones are also available at local and online retailers.

**What software will be needed on my student's computer?** None. Rocklin USD uses the Google Suite for Education (GSuite), a highly collaborative platform of web based productivity