



Patriot Day Writing Contest

We would like to congratulate Megan Price for winning the Patriot Day Art and Essay Contest of 2017. Megan submitted an essay describing Patriotism and "What it means to be and American". Megan's essay caught the judge's attention and was given the best essay award for Rocklin. Megan and all the hard work she put into her essay will be honored at the October 18th Rocklin Unified School Board Meeting. Thank you Megan for all your hard work and effort supporting Granite Oaks and our great Nation.



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES - (Every Monday is Early Dismissal at 1:56 pm)

September	29	Welcome to the Nest Assembly – Gym
October	3-6	Legacy/Odyssey Marine Biology Trip
	9	NO SCHOOL – Staff Development Day
	13	End of 1 st Quarter
	17-20	Key/Rubicon Marine Biology Trip

Looking for Volunteer Assistant Coaches

The Granite Oaks Wrestling Team is currently looking for a few volunteer assistant coaches for this upcoming year. Either part-time or full-time help would be greatly appreciated. We've had a very successful program over the last 5 years, winning 3 league titles and amassing a dual record of 35-2. Unlike most middle schools, we consistently have over 100 students join the team. Although a great problem to have, those numbers require more than one coach. We practice Tuesday thru Friday from 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. and the season runs from December 1st thru mid-March. Wrestling experience is required. Please contact Coach James Weaver at jweaver@rocklinusd.org if interested.

Mathematics Competition

The American Mathematics Competition is coming to Granite Oaks Middle School! The AMC 8 is an optional, after school national math competition being hosted by Granite Oaks on Tuesday, November 14th from 3:30 – 4:10. Click on the [link here](#) for more details and permission slip. Deadline to register is Friday, September 29th. Questions? Contact Mrs. Robeck at lrobeck@rocklinusd.org

Counselor Corner

Granite Oaks Middle School is off to another fantastic school year. Granite Oaks Middle School has approximately 533 7th grade students and 553 8th grade students enrolled for the 2017 - 2018 school year. Both Granite Oaks and Spring View Middle Schools employ a grading system compatible with Rocklin and Whitney High Schools. A student who is not passing the essential concepts of a core, elective or Physical Education class will receive a No Mark (NM) communicating he or she needs to discuss his or her performance with the teacher; if the student continues to not pass the essential concepts for the class he or she will receive a final semester grade of No Mark (NM). Middle school is the bridge to high school; becoming accustomed to this grading system will help your student transition to the world of credits, official transcripts and college entrance requirements. Here are suggestions which may help your student be successful in middle school:

1. Work with your student to maximize his or her planner --- check to see if assignments are recorded daily, encourage using blank space for notes or lists that relate to homework assignments, for long term projects create deadlines to ensure timely completion (share your personal systems for tracking work, appointments or home projects);
2. Monitor the websites for additional information or assignment changes --- use school websites (Schoology) as a good backup to the planner and source of current information;
3. Decide on a weekday with your student where he or she can check grades with you --- ask your student to explain missing assignments or low scores, strategize with your student on ways to improve a grade or remove a No Mark (NM);
4. Encourage communication with your student's teachers --- prompt your student to contact their teachers either before or after class in person or by e-mail --- practicing advocating for themselves will help prepare your student for high school and college.

Ongoing communication is the key to the success for academic success in secondary education. Please contact your student's teachers with questions or concerns. Ms. Marcarian is the counselor working with the 7th grade academies of Key, Legacy, Odyssey and Rubicon. Ms. Elston will be working with the 8th grade academies of Talon, Sierra, Quest and Discovery. Both Ms. Marcarian and Ms. Elston are available via telephone; however, due to the meetings, parent teacher conferences and student contacts, e-mail tends to be the most effective form of communication.

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Rocklin Unified School District
Student Survey Parent Permission

TO: Parents and Guardians of 7th, 9th and 11th Grade Students

RE: Consent for the California Healthy Kids Survey
2017-18 School Year

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Your child is being asked to be a part of our school's California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) sponsored by the California Department of Education. This is a very important survey that will help promote better health and wellbeing among our youth, improve the school learning environment and combat problems such as drug abuse and violence. Your child does not have to take the survey. **If you do not want your child to complete the survey, you must notify your school.**

Survey Content. The survey gathers information on developmental supports provided to youth; school connectedness and barriers to learning; school safety; health-related concerns such as physical activity and nutritional habits; alcohol, tobacco and other drug use; and risk of depression (middle/high school) and suicide (high school only). You may view a copy of the survey in your child's school front office or on the Rocklin Unified School District website www.rocklinusd.org.

The results from this survey are compiled into district and county-level CHKS Reports. To view a copy of your district's Report go to <http://chks.wested.org/reports/search> (Outside Source) and type in the district name. It is Voluntary. Students who, with your permission, agree to participate do not have to answer any questions they do not want to answer, and may stop taking the survey at any time.

It is Anonymous. No names are recorded or attached to the survey forms or data. The results will be made available for analysis only under strict confidentiality controls.

Administration. The survey will be administered October 2-13, 2017. It will take about one class period to complete (about 50 minutes).

Potential Risks. There are no known risks of physical harm to your child. Risks of psychological or social harm are very small. None have been reported in 14 years of survey administration. In rare instances, some discomfort might be experienced from the questions. The school's counseling services will be available to answer any personal questions that may materialize.

For Further Information. The survey was developed by WestEd, a public, non-profit educational institution. If you have any questions about this survey, or about your rights, please contact:

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CHKS Withdrawal Form – 7th Grade Students Only

I do not give permission for my child to participate in the California Healthy Kids Survey.
(Please Print) My child's name is: _____ Grade: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you do not want your child to participate in the California Healthy Kids Survey, please return this completed form to your student's Homeroom Teacher by September 28, 2017.

East Coast Tour 2018

8th Grade Foundations of Freedom Tour



Do you like to travel? Do you like U.S. history? Do you like to experience new things and meet new people? Do you have good grades and all your merits? IF SO THEN THE EAST COAST TOUR IS...

FOR YOU!!

Also called the Foundations of Freedom Tour because of its many links to our nation's history, the East Coast Tour visits the following U.S. cities:

- **Boston**
- **New York City**
- **Philadelphia**
- **Washington, D.C.**

You are invited to attend an informational meeting about this year's East Coast Tour

WHEN: Tuesday September 19, 2017 at 6:00pm

WHERE: Granite Oaks Gym

At this meeting you will:

- **Meet the tour directors, Joanna & Chelsea Cameron**
- **Meet the chaperones**
- **Receive a brochure detailing the trip and cost**
- **Receive an application for the trip**
- **Get all your questions answered!**

Questions? Please email Mr. Champ at dchamp@rocklinusd.org

The East Coast Trip is not a school-sponsored trip.
It is paid for and funded only by those who choose to participate.