

GOMS Eblast 9-29-17



Principal's Message

Hello GOMS Families,

We would like to remind all GOMS families about the importance of not scheduling vacations, appointments, and other activities during the school day. It is critical for your child to receive the valuable instruction our teachers work hard to prepare and deliver each and every day. Students missing prolonged periods of time from the GOMS educational setting quite often fall behind their peers in the overall learning process. After falling behind, many students find it hard to catch up to their peers and very often will earn No Marks for their classes. Also, RUSD counts on student attendance to fund our many programs and activities during the school year. RUSD earns over \$60 dollars per day per child or Average Daily Attendance (ADA) from the State of California. RUSD does not earn this money if your child is absent from our school. Please make every effort to have your student attend school each and every day.

Best regards,

Jay Holmes, Principal

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

October	3-6	Legacy/Odyssey Marine Biology Trip
	9	NO SCHOOL – Staff Development Day
	11	Cookie Dough/Cinnabon Pick-up, 2:00 – 6:00pm – Multipurpose Room
	13	End of 1st Quarter
	17-20	Key/Rubicon Marine Biology Trip



Heads or Tails Event

CONGRATULATIONS to Tyler Dettner for winning the top prize during the Heads or Tails event on Tuesday. Way to go Tyler and THANK YOU to all of the students that helped to make this a successful fundraiser.

Spelling Bee

Our annual GOMS Spelling Bee is underway! The official bee will take place on November 8th in our Granite Oaks multipurpose room. Students are bringing home the first list to study for round 1. In addition they will be collecting pledges to support their efforts. All proceeds benefit the Language Arts department. We appreciate your support in our endeavor to

celebrate our talented students.

Here are some important dates to remember:

- October 2nd - Graded tests sent home
- October 5th - Return pledge sheets and pledge money to teacher

Fundraisers

The Parent Falcon Club would like to thank you all for your help in making our fundraiser a success. Totals will be coming soon.

Cookie Dough/Cinnabon Goopy Bites have been scheduled to arrive on Wednesday, October 11th. You or your student can pick up your orders between 2:00pm - 6:00pm in the GOMS Multipurpose room. The school doesn't have a place to store orders, so please make arrangements to pick up your orders by 6:00pm.

If you don't want to wait in line and you'd like to volunteer, please click on the link below to sign-up to volunteer.

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080E48AEA929A2FB6-cookie1

If you have a high school student that would like to receive volunteer hours, please have them sign up and we would gladly sign off on their hours and give them credit.

Counselor Corner

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. Granite Oaks Middle School supports the national focus on bully prevention with assemblies, daily announcements, lunchtime pledge signing, an art mural in the amphitheatre, specific lessons in elective and PE classes and the annual Bully Prevention survey. Students, staff and administrators participate in the above activities during the month of October to demonstrate our entire campus's commitment to creating a challenging learning environment that is caring, safe and welcoming to all students.

The middle school years are particularly challenging for students, families, staff and administrators dealing with the phenomenon of bullying. Young people adjusting to the personal, physical, emotional and social development of the adolescent years are vulnerable to bullying behaviors. Statistics pertaining to bullying in the areas of reporting and prevention are as follows:

64% of children who were bullied did not report it; only 36% reported the bullying;
More than half of bullying situation (57%) stop when a peer intervenes on behalf of the student being bullied;
School-based bullying prevention programs decrease bullying by up to 25%; and,
The reasons for being bullied reported most often by students were Looks (55%), body shape (37%), and race (16%).
Pacer Bullying Prevention Center (www.pacer.org/bullying/resources/stats.asp)

As a compliment to the October activities, Granite Oaks Middle School will also be kicking off PBIS (Positive Behavior and Support) with an Welcome to the Nest rally reinforcing the Falcon Creed of being Respectful, Responsible and Resilient students on our campus. The ongoing emphasis on positive behavior can be seen in an increased awareness among students of the types of behaviors that promote kindness, compassion, concern and community. The upcoming month of October's activities is also a great opportunity for parents, families and students to have conversations about the Falcon Creed, bully prevention and good citizenship. For parents and family members who would like to check out resources to add to these conversations, the following websites may be helpful ---

<http://stopbullying.gov>

<http://paceteenagainstbullying.org>

<http://wiredsafety.org>

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The word "Yearbook" is written in a large, colorful, stylized font. Each letter is filled with a different vibrant color and has a slightly textured, watercolor-like appearance. The colors include shades of green, yellow, orange, red, purple, and blue.

IT'S TIME! ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK ... Click on the link below to order. The cost is \$50, but will go up after the New Year.

<http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A01005442>