



**Granite Oaks
Girl's Volleyball**

A big congratulations and high-5 to our amazing 7th Grade Girls Volleyball Team! Granite Oaks ended our season this week with a big win over Springview to claim the Division Championship, then followed that with a win over Glen Edwards for the League Championship. The girl's played with lots of heart and determination all year which led to an 11-1 record in season play and 1st Place at the First Annual Whitney Middle School Volleyball Tournament.

Such a great bunch of girls and I am so happy and honored to have been their coach.

This Rockstar Bunch of girls included---Katelyn Azurin, Mikaela Bellows, Olivia Erlandsen, Avery Gottschalk, Cassidy Guevara, Ayla Ingalls, Melia Lambert, Laney Maeyama, Emma O'Connell, Kat Sewell, Lily Spears, Alyssa Thomas, Tatum Tillery and Chloe Westberg.

Shine On Girls,
Ms. Gonzalez

The rescheduled Cross Country Meet will be this Wednesday, October 18th at Spring View M.S. starting at 4:00pm. There will be practice Tuesday, October 17th until 4:15pm.

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

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| October | 13 | End of 1st Quarter |
| | 17 | Fundraiser – Chick-Fil-A, 5:00 – 8:00pm (see flyer) |
| | 17-20 | Key/Rubicon Marine Biology Trip |

Hi Parents! Please help us support **Sonoma County Fire Victims** by donating gently-used clothes and shoes. Drop off is between the hours of 7:30 AM-3:30 PM in front of our school! There will be a sign and a bin out front. Thank you for your support!



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>

8th Grade Yearbook Dedications - Dear 8th Grade Parents/Guardians

We are offering families the opportunity to buy and create their own Yearbook Dedications!

You have the chance to create your own unique message to your child. Parents can use a baby picture, a current photo, or even both. With a variety of templates from which to choose, no two dedications will be the same!

The cost will be \$20.00 for a 1/8 page ad. To get started, click on the link: <http://jostensadservice.com/?REF=A01005442>

You can also access this link on our Granite Oaks homepage, in the Quicklinks section.

The deadline for ordering is February 7, 2018!

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://paceteenagainstabullying.org>

<http://wiredsafety.org>

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RAISING FUNDS FOR GRANITE OAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL

tuesday, october 17 | 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.



Come see your teachers and faculty
that will be there to serve you!

Chick-fil-A will donate 10% of
ALL sales including Drive Thru!

**You do not need to show a flyer to
participate!**



Pleasant Grove