



**Principal's Message**

Hello GOMS Parents,

RUSD is now conducting a Facility Needs Assessment for all RUSD campuses. The Facility Needs Assessment will allow RUSD to identify areas of need to ensure that our campuses are meeting the educational needs of our students now and into the future. The Facility Needs Assessment Team has identified the following areas where Granite Oaks Middle School could be improved. Improvements were categorized into facility condition, facility functionality, facility location, and future needs. This [PARENT SURVEY](#) includes a list of each item. We would appreciate your feedback in prioritizing these items as well as including any "other" ideas you might have to add to the list. Please rank each item from good to poor or no opinion. Also, please be sure to fill in our comments section if you have an opinion about our facilities or want to add an area that we may not have thought of adding. Thank you for taking the time to provide us feedback.

Sincerely, Jay Holmes

**Attendance**

Attendance is an extremely important aspect of a student's education. It is one of the best indicators of student success. Here at GOMS we want to acknowledge and reward students for exceptional attendance. Each quarter, the names of those students are put into a drawing. Four student's names are drawn at random to receive a \$5 Starbucks gift card. At the end of each semester, all students with exceptional attendance will be entered into a drawing for a personal Chromebook. You can help your student be successful at school by paying attention to their attendance record. See you at school everyday!



**Donations from GOMS Community to Benefit Fire Victims**

Thank you to all who have donated gently-used clothing items to the fire victims of Sonoma County. We filled the back of this pickup truck! We will be collecting for one more week, ending the drive on Friday, October 27, 2017. A bin will be in the front of the school from 8:00 AM until 3:30 PM. Thank you!

**Sports**

A huge congratulations to all the Cross Country runners who competed at Finals on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Granite Oaks came in 2nd place overall which is the best they have finished in the last 12 years! The 7th grade girls won the League Championship. The girls were Destin Armstrong, Katie Kopec, Caitlyn Winters, Amanda Bell, Taylor Pudge, and Sarah Murphy. Austin Louie came in first place overall in the 8th grade boys division. Great job again to all the runners.

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

<b>November</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>RUSD Parent/Guardian Resource Night (see flyer)</b>
	<b>10</b>	<b>Veteran's Day – NO SCHOOL</b>
	<b>20 – 24</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL</b>

## Counselor Corner

Granite Oaks Middle School National Bully Prevention October activities are in full swing. During the last two weeks, the following activities are planned to promote awareness and prevention on our campus: morning announcements with students, teachers, staff and administrators; follow-up activities with Bully Prevention Pledge Banner focusing on Support, Kindness, Acceptance and Inclusion (your student may even come home with a little finger painted with green nail polish), mural in the amphitheatre, Bully Prevention Assemblies for both 7th and 8th grades, PE and Elective classes providing specific lessons, and our school-wide Bully Prevention survey. Your student may share information gleaned from the above activities --- terms like bystander, upstander, digital citizenship offer opportunities to discuss the importance of recognizing bullying behavior, responses to bullying behavior, how to protect yourself and your friends when using social media and the critical role of the bystander.

On September 29th, the Kickoff Rally for PBIS (Positive Behavior and Support) Welcome to the Nest was held in the gymnasium. In addition to student competitions, announcements of campus clubs, students were again reminded of the Falcon Creed focusing on being Respectful, Responsible and Resilient. As we continue to instruct and reinforce the Falcon Creed at Granite Oaks Middle School, you may hear your student share the personal recognition he or she may have received in the form of Fabulous Falcon awards.

### GOMS Fabulous Falcon Award

#### YOU ARE BEING RECOGNIZED FOR BEING:

RESPECTFUL

RESPONSIBLE

RESILIENT

#### THANKS FOR BEING A FABULOUS FALCON

Thank you for your support.

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# Yearbook

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK ONLINE for \$50 at: <http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A01005442>

**For 8th Grade Parents/Guardians – Create Your Yearbook Dedication Page for your 8<sup>th</sup> Grader by February 7, 2018**  
The cost is \$20.00 for a ½ page ad. To get started, click on the link: <http://jostensadservice.com/?REF=A01005442>

## Halloween Costume Guidelines

With Halloween approaching, here are the guidelines if you are planning on wearing a costume to school:

- **Dressing up for Halloween is voluntary.** Students and staff who prefer not to dress up may choose that option.
- Costumes must be in good taste. No references to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sex or violence will be allowed. Dresses must have at least a 2" strap at the shoulder.
- Students may not have blood displayed on their clothing or makeup.
- Halloween hair dye and makeup must be applied at home. NO hair dye or makeup may be brought to school. Any Halloween hair dye or makeup at school will result in an Administrative Referral to the office.
- Hats may be worn if they are part of a costume. Hats may not be worn if they are not part of a costume.
- Full face masks are not allowed. A mask covering only the area around the eyes is acceptable.
- No weapons or look-alike weapons of any kind may be brought to school. This includes plastic, wooden or other type of sword, dagger, knife, gun, etc. Any look-alike weapon will result in an Administrative Referral to the office.
- On Halloween, the focus for the day is still on learning. While we will have fun dressing up, students are reminded that we will continue to have regular classes and instruction all day long.

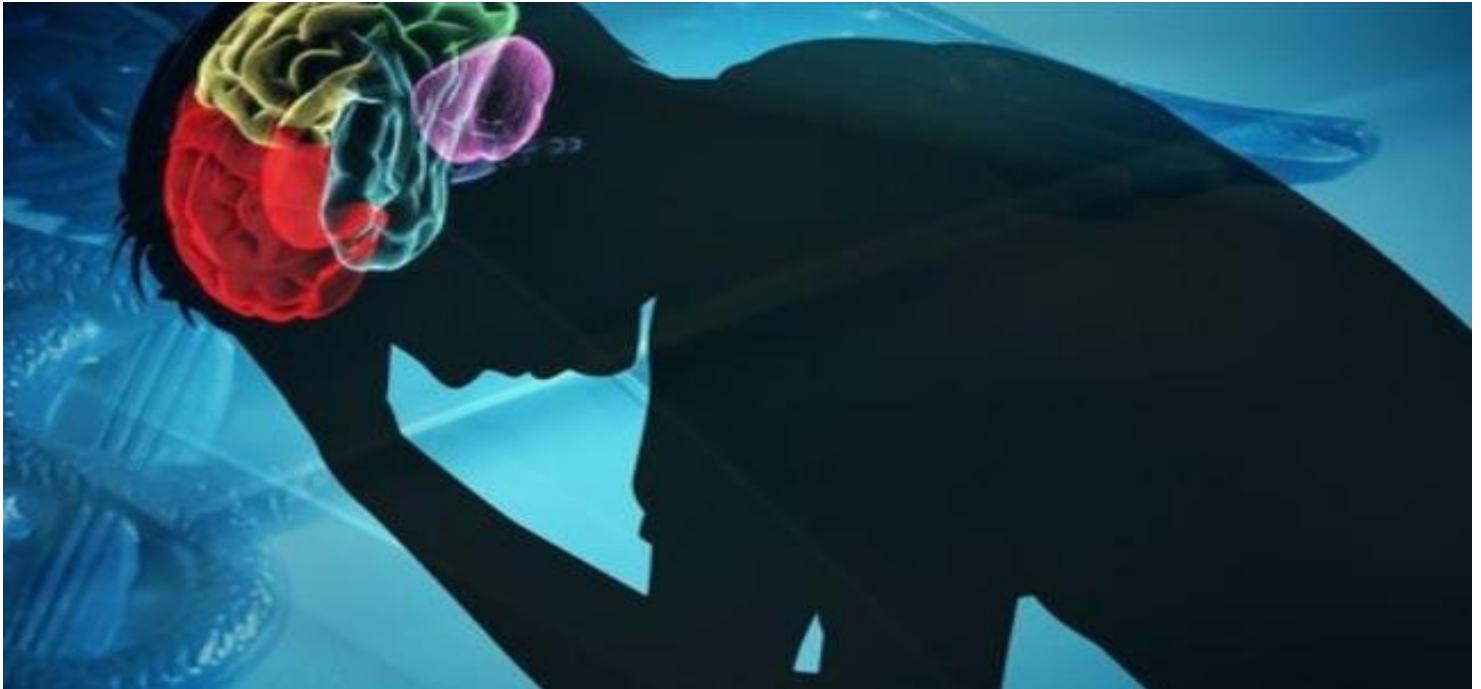


Let's have a good time with dressing up. If you have a question about your costume, tell a teacher or administrator what you plan to wear and let them decide if it is appropriate. Remember to keep all costumes in good taste.

# PARENT & GUARDIAN RESOURCE NIGHT - PART II

November 2, 2017, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Appetizers from 5:30-6:00 p.m.  
Rocklin Event Center, 2650 Sunset Blvd., Rocklin, CA 95677  
[Click here to RSVP – Space is Limited](#)

## Increasing My Child's Wellness & Resiliency: Stress and Substance Use Awareness in Student Mental Wellness



### WHAT WILL PARENTS LEARN?

- ❖ Learn local trends, signs and symptoms of youth substance use
- ❖ Increase awareness of the risks of substance use and student mental health
- ❖ Further understand the connection between stress and substance use
- ❖ Acquire knowledge for increasing resiliency in our youth and community use

### FACILITATORS:

- ❖ Mike Mason, Parent, Program Manager of Outreach & Education - Kids First
- ❖ Alicia Rozum, Coordinator, Prevention Supports & Services - Placer County Office of Education
- ❖ Ariel Lovett, Deputy Director - Community Recovery Resources (CoRR)
- ❖ Nancy Taylor, LMFT - Community Recovery Resources (CoRR)
- ❖ Christina Ivazes, MPH, CHES, CCPS, Director - Coalition for Placer Youth