



Principal's Message

The Thanksgiving Break is now upon our GOMS family. The staff of GOMS would like to wish our awesome families a safe, relaxing, and fun Thanksgiving Break! We will see all of our students back at GOMS on Monday, November 27th for the march to the end of the semester. It has been an unbelievable fast moving year for GOMS. Thanks for sending us such great kids to guide and teach in their middle school years. Have a great break!

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

November	20 – 24	Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL
	28	Membership Meeting/Spirit Night at Round Table Clubhouse (See attached flier)

Spelling Bee

Granite Oaks Middle School held its annual Spelling Bee for 7th and 8th grade students on November 8, 2017. After many grueling rounds and extremely difficult words, our first place winner was Praveen Swaminathan. Abhinav Sharma came in second place and third place went to Jasleen Bal. We are very proud of all seventy-nine students that took a risk, shook off the nerves, and got on stage: way to go!

A thank you to our ELA teachers, Sherrie Thompson (judge), Tim Hurrianko (judge), Lynn Owens (judge), and Ms. Siska and the RHS Interact Club for making this event possible.



ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK ONLINE for \$50 at:

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

For 8th Grade Parents/Guardians – Create Your Yearbook Dedication Page for your 8th 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>

The yearbook class is looking for summer 2017 photos to include in the yearbook. If you have a great summer photo of your GOMS student(s), please send them to Mrs. Willson at cwillson@rocklinusd.org

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to be a presenter for our **CAREER DAY** scheduled for Friday, January 19, 2018 at Granite Oaks Middle School.

Here is a quick overview of what Career Day is like. We begin the morning at 8:00am with a continental breakfast. Presentations will start at 8:45am and end at 11:30am. Speakers will give their presentations to four consecutive classes, each class lasting about 30 minutes (20 minutes of prepared presentation and 5-10 min of Q & A). Lunch will be provided for all guests/speakers starting at 11:30am. Spots fill up rather quickly, so if this is something you are interested in being apart of, please let me know as soon as you can so I can reserve your spot.

If you know of someone else that would be interested in volunteering, please feel free to send this email to them and have them contact Julie Kilkenny directly at: jkilkenny@rocklinusd.org

The Looming for Love Club has donated 63 hand loomed hats to the Oncology Departments at Sutter and Kaiser Hospitals in Roseville. We are in need of more yarn to make hats! Please consider donating \$\$\$ or NEW soft blanket yarn to our club, so we can keep helping cancer patients in our community. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Sherrill at wsherrill@rocklinusd.org You can drop either donation off at the front office. Thanks for your support.

Counselor Corner

Granite Oaks Middle School participated in the National Bully Prevention effort during the month of October. As a result of lunch time activities, classroom lessons in PE and Electives, Library book displays, assemblies and announcements, students have been exposed to what bullying behavior looks like, the roles of participants in bullying behavior and strategies to prevent or respond to bullying behavior. This month long focus on the phenomenon of bullying in middle school has been coupled with Granite Oaks Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS) Falcon Creed expectations: Be Responsible, Be respectful and Be Resilient.

In an effort to understand fully what, how and when bullying behaviors occur on the Granite Oaks campus, an annual Bully Prevention Survey was administered during the Elective classes lesson focusing on bully prevention. The Bully Prevention Survey looks at types of bullying behavior, occurrences of bullying behavior, locations on campus where bullying behavior can occur, and what interventions seem to be most impactful on bullying behavior. Here are a few highlights from the Bully Prevention Survey ---

Looking at both 7th and 8th grade responses --- between 17% and 21% reported having experienced a type of bullying that could range from annoyance, discourteous or rudeness to harassment (threats, racial slurs, intimidation and potential physical encounter);

When reporting the type of bullying experienced --- the highest percentages for both 7th and 8th grade students ranging from 45% to 50% for this current school year was rude or discourteous behavior (name calling, inappropriate language and unkind remarks); the positive change for this type of bullying behavior was a reduction of 10% experienced by 8th grade students;

Locations where potential bullying could occur were listed as Lunch area/amphitheatre, 7th and 8th grade Quads, Off Campus, Locker Room and Social Media --- Lunch Area/Amphitheatre areas were reported with the highest percentage; and,

Interventions reported on the survey to be most effective were the school assemblies, classroom lessons/discussions and student advocates.

Hoping to get feedback from students, a small focus group answered questions pertaining to the October month of activities. These students offered additional insight into what can potentially reduce the incidence of bullying behavior on the Granite Oaks campus. Here are a few comments from students ---

“The videos in PE/Electives were helpful --- I feel like I have a better understanding --- I now know bullying can lead to suicide --- having the lesson in a smaller class was helpful”

“The assemblies taught me about internet safety --- I learned to think about what I say before I say or post it in real or digital life --- once something is posted it is nearly impossible to erase”

“I learned the effects of bullying can last forever and ruin people, it is hard for people being bullied to speak up for themselves, I learned the effects can be minor or so bad it can lead to suicide”

Suggestions for next year --- “more activities because I kind of forget about it, more interactive activities, get to know each other games to become more of a school family, personal stories from students who have experienced bullying or learned how to beat it, bully prevention essay contest with the winner reading their report on the broadcast”

Information from the Bully Prevention Survey and the student feedback indicates the following:

1. A need for continuing and even increasing our efforts targeting bully prevention not only during October but throughout the school year;
2. Administrative review of the hot spots on campus;
3. Adding interactive student activities to promote positive school climate; and,
4. More emphasis of the expected behavior of all students on the Granite Oaks campus highlighting the Falcon Creed during our interpersonal interactions (peer to peer).

We welcome additional feedback from parents, families and community members on the Bullying Prevention efforts for the month of October. Please feel free to send an e-mail to either Ms. Marcarian or Ms. Elston. Thank you for your support.

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Parent Falcon Club

Quarterly Membership Meeting

NOV 28 6PM

ROUND TABLE CLUBHOUSE 2345 SUNSET BLVD

Come for the meeting, stay for spirit night!

SPIRIT NIGHT

5-10pm

YOU'RE INVITED TO

A Royal Pizza Feast



Bring this invitation when you order and Round Table will donate a percentage of your purchase to our group. Please save your coupon for your next visit and help support your community!

Host GOMS PFC

Date 11/28 Time 5-10

Store Address 2345 Sunset Blvd.

No other coupons or discounts are valid in conjunction with this fundraiser.

