



**Principal’s Message**

We would like to remind our families that school attendance is extremely important for the success of all students at GOMS. Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success—both in school and in life. When you make school attendance a priority, you help your child get better grades, develop healthy life habits, avoid dangerous behavior and have a better chance of graduating from high school. When students are absent for fewer days, their grades and reading skills often improve—even among those students who are struggling in school. Students who attend school regularly also feel more connected to their community, develop important social skills and friendships, and are significantly more likely to graduate from high school, setting them up for a strong future.

But when kids are absent for an average of just two days of school per month—even when the absences are excused— it can have a negative impact. These absences can affect kids as early as Kindergarten. For example, young elementary school students who miss an average of just two school days per month often have difficulty keeping up with their peers academically and tend to fall behind in reading. But when students are able to read on grade level by the end of third grade, which is when kids transition from learning to read to reading to learn, they are three to four times more likely to graduate high school and attend college, post-graduate, or professional development classes than their peers who struggle with reading.

As a parent, you can prepare your child for a lifetime of success by making regular school attendance a priority. By figuring out the reasons for your child’s absences—whether they’re physical or emotional—and taking advantage of support services—such as GOMS Math Lab, GOMS Sports and GOMS Clubs—you can help set your child on the path to success.

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

<b>November</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Veteran’s Day – NO SCHOOL</b>
	<b>20 – 24</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL</b>

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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](mailto:jkilkenny@rocklinusd.org)