



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

August	27	GOMS Parent Anti-Vaping Night - 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Multipurpose Room
September	2	LABOR DAY - NO SCHOOL
	11	Picture Retakes
	25	Site Council Meeting, 3:30 pm, Library Conference Room

Principal's Message

GOMS will be hosting Ms. Alex Wride, a speaker from the PCOE Tobacco Control Program, as she speaks to our students, staff, and parents about "Understanding the Vaping Craze". On Tuesday, August 27th, Ms. Wride will be conducting a talk with all GOMS students about "Vaping: Know the Facts!". Students will learn about vaping and the dangers associated with vaping as their academy views the presentation during their enrichment period. Vaping has become an extremely worrisome problem with many students in Placer County.

The parent presentation will take place on Tuesday, August 27th at 6:30 pm in the GOMS Multi-Purpose room. Ms. Wride's very informative presentation will give parents the skills to identify vaping and the effects of vaping on teenagers. We hope you can come and learn about the dangers of vaping and how to stop your student from vaping.

Granite Oaks Math & Language Arts Lab

Beginning August 27, 2019, Library

(Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday- 3:15-4:00 pm)

Granite Oaks Math & Language Arts Lab provides assistance to students that need extra support with math and language arts. Unlike private tutors, the lab instructors are credentialed classroom teachers familiar with textbooks, common core standards, styles of teaching, classroom expectations, and grading.

This Lab is great for students who:

Struggle with completing quality homework assignments

Receive low test scores

Have learning difficulties

Need extra time or one-on-one assistance

Need to improve overall understanding and performance in math and language arts

Student Lunches - Message from Food Services

In Middle School your child now has the option to not only purchase a reimbursable meal but also a variety of snacks & drinks. These items have an additional cost which can be found on the [DISTRICT WEB-PAGE](#). The student has to purchase a meal before they are allowed to purchase snacks. Drinks can be purchased at any time. There is a "No Charge" policy in place for all lunches, snacks and drinks so please ensure they have money on their account or bring money daily if they plan to purchase food. We do allow a 1 time courtesy charge for lunch if the student does not have money that day. You can put money onto your child's account online at [MY SCHOOL BUCKS](#) or bring/send cash or check to the school.

Thank you!

Site Council Information

The Site Council objective is to assist Granite Oaks Middle School in matters pertaining to the school and its educational program. Specific objectives include:

- A. Advising, recommending, and reviewing with the principal, teachers, other school personnel, parents, and pupils the implementation of the school improvement program and assess periodically the effectiveness of the program.
- B. Facilitating school and district communication with parents and community.
- C. Informing and advising school and district staff regarding community conditions, aspirations, and goals.
- D. Assisting in providing support to parents, teachers, students, and community for school programs.
- E. Involving citizens in a meaningful way in problems and important decisions confronting Granite Oaks Middle School.
- F. Foster relationships between homes, school, and staff.

If you are interested in serving on the Granite Oaks Site Council, please [APPLY HERE FOR SITE COUNCIL](#) by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 20, 2019, so that your name can be included on the ballot for the September 25, 2019 meeting and election of parent representatives.

Site Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 3:30 p.m.
Library Conference Room
AGENDA

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Brief explanation of School Site Council and member's responsibilities**
3. **Election of Parent Members and Officers**
4. **Review Meeting Dates/Times and Calendar**

AERIES Parent and Student Portals

Aeries Portal accounts compliment Rocklin Unified School Districts continued effort to improve school-to-home communication by providing parents and students online and timely access to information about:

- Attendance
- Grade Books (Grades 7 through 12)
- Progress reports and report cards

The goal is to use this system to significantly reduce paperwork by maintaining emergency contact information online and making the back-to-school/1st day packet process more convenient and efficient for parents.

[CLICK HERE FOR: Aeries Portal Log In & Information](#)

- [Step-by-step directions for student Data Confirmation \(this needs to be completed every year\)](#)
- [Creation of Aeries Parent Portal Account - Document](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#)

Schoology - On-line Learning Management System

Rocklin Unified uses the [SCHOOLGY](#) (pronounced skool' uh jee) On-Line Learning Management System to enhance the learning environment in and out of the classroom. On-line Learning Management Systems benefit students, teachers, administrators, and parents through:

- 24/7 online access to content and supplemental instructional materials
- Classroom management and paperless workflow tools
- Enhanced communication and collaboration between students, parents, and teachers

A Learning Management System or *LMS* is software designed specifically to help facilitate all aspects of the learning process; assisting teachers and administrators in the delivery and management of instructional content, identifying and assessing individual student learning goals plus organizational professional development goals.

FOR PARENTS: How to Establish Schoology Accounts

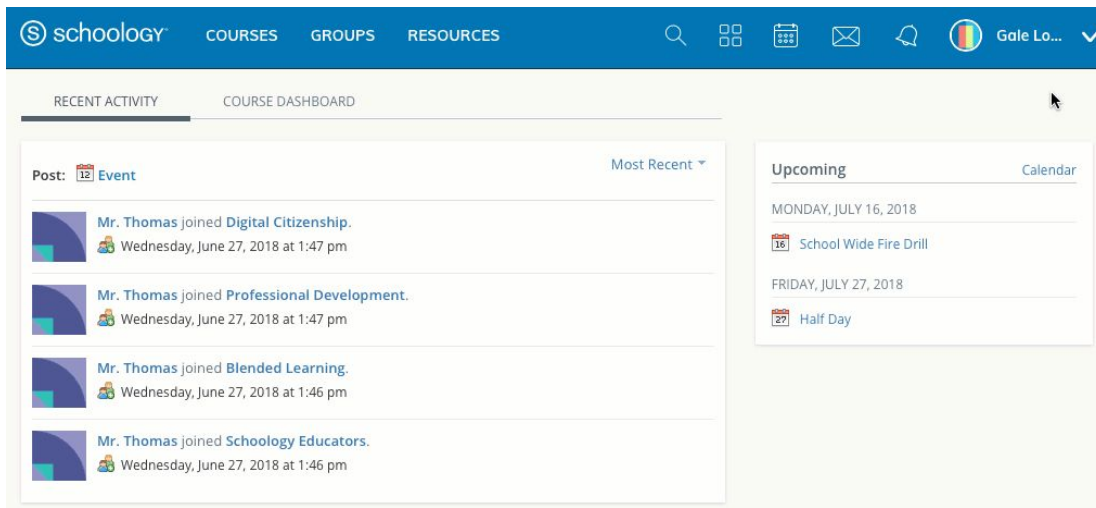
Parents must sign-in and create an account in Schoology before accessing their students' information, calendars, grades, and assignments.

To register, go to www.schoology.com

1. Click the Sign up button
2. Select Parent from Options
3. **Enter the access code provided to your student by their homeroom teacher**
4. Enter your name, email address and password
5. View the tutorial
6. You will receive a confirmation email from Schoology asking for email verification to complete registration process
7. **Modify your Schoology email settings [HERE](#)**

Add a Child to an Existing Schoology Parent Account

1. Login to Schoology
2. Click your name in the top right corner
3. Click "Add Child"
4. Enter the code for your child



The screenshot displays the Schoology web interface. At the top, there is a blue navigation bar with the Schoology logo, menu items for COURSES, GROUPS, and RESOURCES, and utility icons for search, grid view, calendar, email, and notifications. The user's name, 'Gale Lo...', is visible in the top right corner. Below the navigation bar, the main content area is divided into two sections: 'RECENT ACTIVITY' and 'COURSE DASHBOARD'. The 'RECENT ACTIVITY' section shows a list of posts under the heading 'Event', sorted by 'Most Recent'. The posts are: 'Mr. Thomas joined Digital Citizenship.' (Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 1:47 pm), 'Mr. Thomas joined Professional Development.' (Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 1:47 pm), 'Mr. Thomas joined Blended Learning.' (Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 1:46 pm), and 'Mr. Thomas joined Schoology Educators.' (Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 1:46 pm). The 'COURSE DASHBOARD' section shows an 'Upcoming' calendar with events for 'MONDAY, JULY 16, 2018' (School Wide Fire Drill) and 'FRIDAY, JULY 27, 2018' (Half Day).

P.E. Uniforms

A uniform may be purchased from the P.E. teachers during the first two weeks of school. We recommend that students purchase the school P.E. uniform; however, students may wear a black pair of shorts and a gray T-shirt with no pockets or logos during class. The school P.E. uniform includes shorts and shirt for \$25.00 a set or \$13.00 each for the individual T-shirt or shorts. **Make checks payable to Granite Oaks Middle School.**

Student Attendance

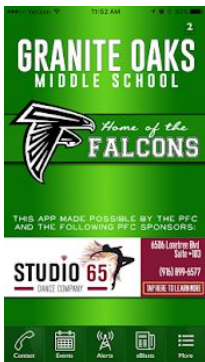
This year parents will be receiving a call at 10:30 a.m. for any student absent and not cleared and again at 6:30 p.m. at night. We are doing this to help provide a safe environment and alert parents. If parents call and clear the absence they will not be receiving a call. Call our Attendance office at 916-315-9009, ext. 4105.

Checking your Student out during the School Day

If your student needs to leave school at any time during the school day they need to bring a signed note from their parent/guardian before school to the attendance office. They will be issued a slip to be released from class. Students can only be signed out by a parent, guardian, or person listed the Aeries Parent Portal Account and is at least 18 years of age. This policy ensures an uninterrupted learning environment and allows students to be waiting for you in the front office to be signed out.

Messages and Deliveries to Students

Parents are encouraged to let students assume responsibility for remembering lunches, school items, homework and P.E. uniforms. However, you may leave items on the counter for your student to pick-up. The office may send a message to your student to pick up an item if an office aide is available. The **office does not guarantee** that your student will get the message or the item. Students may not order food (pizza, etc.) to be delivered to the office for lunch.



GOMS App

Our Parent Falcon Club (PFC) launched a custom mobile app for our school and it's full of useful information. It's never been easier to access event calendars, class information, lunch menus, bell schedules, district information, fundraisers, volunteer opportunities, and so much more! By installing our app, you will get important announcements and friendly reminders about what's happening at our school.

To download, search for our school or use these links to download our app today.

[Apple](#) OR [Android](#)

GRANITE OAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL

BELL SCHEDULES

ARTICULATION DAY	REGULAR DAY	MINIMUM DAYS
<p>Every Monday</p> <p>O PERIOD 7:30 Tardy Bell 8:20 Passing Bell</p> <p>HOMEROOM 8:25 Warning Bell 8:30 Tardy Bell 8:35 Passing Bell</p> <p>PERIOD 1 8:38 Tardy Bell 9:16 Passing Bell</p> <p>PERIOD 2 9:19 Tardy Bell 9:58 Passing Bell</p> <p>PERIOD 3 10:01 Tardy Bell 10:39 Passing Bell</p> <p>EXTENDED PASSING 10:39 – 10:45</p> <p>PERIOD 4 10:45 Tardy Bell 11:23 Passing Bell</p> <p>PERIOD 6 11:26 Tardy Bell 12:04 Passing Bell</p> <p>PERIOD 5/LUNCH 12:04 – 12:34 7th Grade Lunch 12:07 – 12:45 8th Grade Class</p> <p>12:37 – 1:15 7th Grade Class 12:45 – 1:15 8th Grade Lunch</p> <p>PERIOD 7 1:18 Tardy Bell 1:56 Passing Bell</p> <p>1:56 PM DISMISSAL</p>	<p>Tuesday - Friday</p> <p>O PERIOD 7:30 Tardy Bell 8:20 Passing Bell</p> <p>HOMEROOM 8:25 Warning Bell 8:30 Tardy Bell 8:35 Passing Bell</p> <p>PERIOD 1 8:38 Tardy Bell 9:25 Passing Bell</p> <p>PERIOD 2 9:28 Tardy Bell 10:15 Passing Bell</p> <p>EXTENDED PASSING 10:15 – 10:25</p> <p>PERIOD 3 10:25 Tardy Bell 11:12 Passing Bell</p> <p>PERIOD 4 11:15 Tardy Bell 12:02 Passing Bell</p> <p>PERIOD 5/LUNCH 12:02-12:37 7th Grade Lunch 12:05-12:52 8th Grade Class</p> <p>12:40-1:27 7th Grade Class 12:52-1:27 8th Grade Lunch</p> <p>PERIOD 6 1:30 Tardy Bell 2:17 Passing Bell</p> <p>PERIOD 7 2:20 Tardy Bell 3:10 Passing Bell</p> <p>3:10 PM DISMISSAL</p>	<p>December 19, 2019 May 7, 2020 June 4, 2020</p> <p>O PERIOD 7:30 Tardy Bell 8:20 Passing Bell</p> <p>HOMEROOM 8:25 Warning Bell 8:30 Tardy Bell 8:35 Passing Bell</p> <p>PERIOD 1 8:38 Tardy Bell 9:08 Passing Bell</p> <p>PERIOD 2 9:11 Tardy Bell 9:41 Passing Bell</p> <p>PERIOD 3 9:44 Tardy Bell 10:14 Passing Bell</p> <p>EXTENDED PASSING 10:14 – 10:20</p> <p>PERIOD 4 10:20 Tardy Bell 10:50 Passing Bell</p> <p>PERIOD 6 10:53 Tardy Bell 11:22 Passing Bell</p> <p>PERIOD 7 11:25 Tardy Bell 11:54 Passing Bell</p> <p>PERIOD 5/LUNCH 11:54 – 12:24 7th Grade Lunch 11:57 - 12:30 8th Grade Class</p> <p>12:27 – 1:00 7th Grade Class 12:30 – 1:00 8th Grade Lunch</p> <p>1:00 PM DISMISSAL</p>



Rocklin Unified School District

Maintaining Excellent Education

In Rocklin Unified School District (RUSD), our award-winning schools provide high-quality education to elementary, middle and high school students in our community. We are proud to be ranked in the top 10% in test scores in the state, and our 97% graduation rate helps prepare local kids for bright futures.

Aging Schools Need Repairs and Updates

Some RUSD classrooms and school buildings are 40-60 years old, our first high school is 25 years old and newer schools are in need of basic safety repairs and upgrades. Broken plumbing, leaky roofs, decaying walls and aging electrical, air conditioning, heating and ventilation systems must be addressed to maintain a safe and clean academic environment for thousands of local students that attend Rocklin schools every day.

In order to succeed in the 21st-century economy, Rocklin students need to graduate with skills in science, technology, engineering and math. Current classrooms and labs are outdated and need upgrades in order to ensure all students have access to the resources required to be successful at community colleges, universities and in their careers.

As attendance in our school district continues to grow, our schools also need to be able to continue providing personalized instruction that promotes student success. Over the next decade, we expect enrollment growth of up to 2400 students and we need to increase classroom space to maintain manageable class sizes.



Aging buildings in Rocklin schools need repairs.

Potential Local Funding for School Improvements

To maintain safe and modern schools, the RUSD School Board is considering placing a \$198 million school facility improvement bond measure on an upcoming ballot. This potential local school funding measure would provide locally controlled funding to:

- Repair existing classrooms and replace aging portables with permanent classrooms
- Remove mold, asbestos, lead and other hazardous materials from schools
- Replace deteriorating sewer and gas lines
- Repair leaky roofs, decaying walls and aging plumbing and bathrooms
- Update facilities for career and technical education to prepare students for high-demand jobs in science, technology, engineering, arts and math
- Keep schools clean and safe
- Upgrade school security and fire safety

Mandatory Fiscal Accountability

- All funds from a local school facility improvement measure would stay in Rocklin to benefit local students and could not be taken by the State
- This measure would cost property owners no more than \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed value (not market value) per year
- A Citizens' Oversight Committee and independent annual financial audits would be required
- No money could be used for administrators' salaries or pensions

For More Information: To provide feedback on plans to upgrade and repair Rocklin's aging schools, please visit www.tinyurl.com/RocklinUSDSurvey. To learn more, visit www.rocklinusd.org.

Rocklin Unified School District Frequently Asked Questions About Local Classrooms and School Facilities

How are our Rocklin schools doing? In Rocklin Unified School District (RUSD), our award-winning schools provide high-quality education to elementary, middle and high school students in our community. We are proud to be ranked in the top 10% in test scores in the state, and our 97% graduation rate helps prepare local kids for bright futures.

What challenges face our Rocklin schools? Some RUSD classrooms are 40-60 years old, and our first high school is 25 years old. Even newer schools are in need of basic safety repairs and upgrades. Broken plumbing, leaky roofs, decaying walls and aging electrical, air conditioning, heating and ventilation systems must be addressed to maintain a safe and clean academic environment for local students and teachers.

In order to succeed in the 21st-century economy, Rocklin students need to graduate with skills in science, technology, engineering and math. Current classrooms and labs are outdated and need upgrades in order to ensure all students have access to the resources required to be successful at community colleges, universities and in their careers.

As attendance in our school district continues to grow, our schools also need to be able to continue providing personalized instruction that promotes student success. Over the next decade, we expect enrollment growth of up to 2400 students in Rocklin schools and we need to increase classroom space to maintain manageable class sizes.

What is the state of classrooms in Rocklin schools? Most of our local elementary, middle and high schools currently rely on aging, outdated portable classrooms to provide learning environments for our students. These portables degrade much faster than permanent classrooms and eventually need to be completely replaced. Our Rocklin schools need additional permanent classrooms in order to ensure our students can learn in safe and up-to-date academic settings.

How does RUSD plan on addressing these challenges? To maintain safe and modern schools, the RUSD School Board is considering placing a \$198 million school facility improvement bond measure on an upcoming ballot. This potential school funding measure would provide locally controlled funding that would address issues associated with aging facilities, growing attendance and outdated classrooms and labs.

Can't the State fund school facility improvements? Unfortunately, we cannot rely on the State to fund these necessary repairs and upgrades in local schools. In order to maintain high-quality educational facilities and ensure our schools get the updates our students need, local funding is required.

What projects would the school facility improvement measure address? If approved by voters, the measure would:

- Repair existing classrooms and replace aging portables with permanent classrooms
- Remove mold, asbestos, lead and other hazardous materials from schools
- Replace deteriorating sewer and gas lines
- Repair leaky roofs, decaying walls and aging plumbing and bathrooms
- Update facilities for career and technical education to prepare students for high-demand jobs in science, technology, engineering, arts and math
- Keep schools clean and safe
- Upgrade school security and fire safety

How do we know funds from the school facility improvement measure would be spent wisely? Strict fiscal accountability would be required for the potential measure:

- All funds from a local school facility improvement measure would stay in Rocklin to benefit local students and could not be taken by the State

- A Citizens' Oversight Committee and independent annual financial audits would be required
- No money could be used for administrators' salaries or pensions

How much would the measure cost? Decisions are still being made about the size and cost of the school facility improvement measure, however costs could not exceed \$60 per \$100,000 in assessed value (not market value) per year.

Would all funds benefit our RUSD schools? Yes. All funds would be locally controlled and would benefit RUSD elementary, middle and high schools. No funding could be taken away by the State or used for other purposes.

Rocklin Unified School District is currently building a new elementary school, so why is a potential bond measure necessary? The construction of the new RUSD elementary school is being funded by developer fees from recent development in that area of the district. This source of funding can only be used to address growth in that area and cannot be used to repair or update aging facilities in other schools.

Is there any other way to maintain and improve our schools? Rocklin Unified School District has very few options when it comes to funding the necessary maintenance and improvements that our schools need. We can't rely on the State to complete these repairs and redirecting funds in the current budget would take resources out of our classrooms and away from our students.

The potential school facility improvement measure would provide local funding to maintain and update classrooms and school buildings to ensure we can provide a safe and modern learning environment for our students.

What level of support would the measure need to pass? The measure would need to be supported by 55% of those who vote on it in order to pass.

How can I provide feedback or learn more about our Rocklin schools? To provide feedback on plans to upgrade and repair Rocklin's aging schools, please visit www.tinyurl.com/RocklinUSDSurvey. To learn more, visit www.rocklinusd.org.

Tough Questions

Has our community supported RUSD with local funding in the past? The Rocklin community has not passed a local funding measure for Rocklin schools since 2002, when voters passed Measure B, a measure to build a new high school. Since this time, our other elementary, middle and high schools have aged. These local, neighborhood schools are in now in need of repairs and upgrades in order to maintain the high standard of education that prepares local students for bright futures.

What's the difference between parcel taxes and bond measures? Bond measures and parcel tax measures are used for different purposes — bond measures can *only* fund facility upgrades and improvements and cannot be used for operating costs or programs. Parcel taxes may be used for teachers and programs.

How is the independent Citizen's Oversight Committee formed, and who selects the members? By California law, a school district has 60 days from the passage of a bond measure to form the oversight committee. It must be made up of seven volunteer members who serve a term of two years each. Composition of the committee must include representatives from the business community, a senior organization and a taxpayer organization, as well as parents with children in the District. In addition, no employee or vendor of the District can be a member of the committee.

Is there a senior exemption? By law, the District cannot offer a senior exemption for a bond measure. However, the cost of the potential measure would be based on the assessed value of a person's property, which is different from market value. The assessed value is based on the original purchase price of a home, which is often much lower for those that have lived in their homes for a long time.

East Coast Tour 2020

8th Grade Foundations of Freedom Tour

Do you like to travel? Do you like U.S. history? Do you like to experience new things and meet new people? Do you have good grades and respectful behavior? **IF SO THEN THE EAST COAST TOUR IS...**

FOR YOU!!

Also called the Foundations of Freedom Tour because of its many links to our nation's history & culture, the East Coast Tour visits the following U.S. cities:

- Boston
- New York City
- Philadelphia
- Washington, D.C.



View the tour itinerary, cost, and other information by visiting:

<http://www.explorica.com/Champ-8424>

You are invited to attend an informational meeting about this year's East Coast Trip

WHEN: Thursday September 5, 2019 at 6:00pm

WHERE: Granite Oaks Gym

At this meeting you will:

Meet the tour organizer, Mr. Champ

Meet the chaperones

Receive information detailing the itinerary and cost

Receive an application for the trip

Get all your questions answered!



Questions? Please email Mr. Champ at eastcoasttripchamp@gmail.com

The East Coast Trip is not associated with Granite Oaks Middle School or Rocklin Unified School District. It is paid for and funded only by those who choose to participate.