



Dear GOMS Staff and Families,

We have been carefully watching the Air Quality Index on the Air Now website used by Rocklin Unified School District to determine if we could hold our GOMS Neon Dance tonight. Students and staff have been busy preparing for the dance and were very excited to have our first dance in almost two years. Today, the AQI reached 151 at 3:00 pm. The RUSD policy regarding outdoor events calls for all outdoor events to be cancelled/postponed if the AQI reaches 151 or more. **We have made the decision to postpone our dance this evening due to the unhealthy air quality measurements.** This announcement was made during the end of seventh period today via our loudspeaker system. We know that this is very disappointing for all stakeholders involved with our Neon Dance, but the unpredictable nature of winds, smoke, and AQI numbers have forced this decision.

However, we are extremely happy to announce that we have rescheduled our dance for October 1st. We were able to quickly contact our DJ and secure this date for our Neon Dance so hold onto those tickets! We will be happy to refund any dance tickets for students if this date is not available to them.

We have had a great start to the year and are truly looking forward to having our first Neon Dance on October 1st! Thank you to all of our students and staff for your patience and resiliency with the rescheduling of the Neon Dance. We hope that you and your families have a healthy and safe weekend!

Mrs. Honegger and Mr. Holmes

Granite Oaks Math Lab

Beginning August 24, 2021, Library

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

Granite Oaks Math Lab provides assistance to students that need extra support with math. 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



8th Grade Foundations of Freedom Tour
April 9 - 15, 2022

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 all your merits? 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, the East Coast Tour visits the following U.S. cities:

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

If all that is of interest to you and you would like to know more about the itinerary, cost, and other details, please join us for an informational meeting!

WHEN: Thursday September 2, 2021 @ 6pm
WHERE: Granite Oaks Middle School Amphitheater
WHAT: Meet the chaperones and get your questions answered!

*****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.*****

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

Welcome and Thank you from the PFC!

We are now into our third week and hope your children are settled into their routines and enjoying school! We would like to take a moment to share some important information regarding the Parent Falcon Club (PFC) as well as invite you to participate in our collective efforts to support GOMS teachers, staff, and students.



Our mission is to secure financial resources for the school to create better educational experiences for our children, promote good citizenship, and support the teaching staff. We are able to fund many GOMS programs including student clubs, academy programs, technology needs, and more because of your support. We had a phenomenal membership drive (\$10,580 raised, a big thank you to these Falcon parents!) which will all go towards GOMS programs.

This year, we would like to bring to your attention several initiatives that we feel would greatly improve the GOMS community:

- Student Learning and Recovery programs - Over the last year or two, many students have “lost” knowledge and are not at the level we would like them to be due to multiple factors. Teachers have requested funds to provide school related necessities and other items for support and encouragement.
- Broadcast Equipment - The Broadcast Club produces morning announcements for the school which are also posted to the GOMS school website for parents. The previous broadcast equipment was cobbled together from donations and had to be discarded this year due to old age, nothing could be salvaged. New broadcast equipment would allow students to develop hands-on skills that they can take to high school. Both Rocklin and Whitney High have great broadcast programs and with new equipment, our students can hit the ground running in either high school. The broadcast equipment would also be used by other groups to record other campus events.
- Stage Lights and Curtains - GOMS has a stage which is used by drama, choir and band classes and clubs. The lights and curtains are original from when the school opened in 1999. The stage lights overheat, which can cause bulbs to shatter and are a safety hazard. The curtains show signs of wear and tear. Replacing both of these will allow performances to continue safely.
- Technology - The Bring Your Own Device program has been very successful. We are glad many parents are able to provide devices for their children. It’s a great investment in your child’s education and will get much use for many years! For families unable to purchase Chromebooks for their children (especially over the past year or two), GOMS provides devices for these students. There is a continuous need for more Chromebooks and to replace those that have worn out with use and or become obsolete over time.

We know there is no single fundraiser that fits every family so we strive to find different ways to contribute. We hope you find one or more options that fit your family! We invite you to join us in supporting GOMS by any of the following:

- 1) Join the Parent Falcon Club by donating through one of three channels: PayPal, Venmo, or check. Any amount is welcome (and appreciated) but with a \$100 donation, you will secure VIP parking at any of our on-campus events (Open House, 8th Grade Graduation, etc.). All donations are tax deductible. Enrollment forms can be found online at www.gomspfc.org and the front office.
- 2) Double your contribution by enrolling in your company's matching donation program. Please contact your HR department for more information.
- 3) We love to support our local businesses. Local businesses can elect to sponsor our PFC at varying levels. All contributions made to our group are 100% tax deductible (Tax ID# 26-1204669).
- 4) Support our Spirit Nights - enjoy a night free from cooking while supporting GOMS at *no additional expense to you*. We hope to offer a monthly Spirit Night.

- 5) Amazon customer? Select Granite Oaks Middle School Parent Falcon Club from AmazonSmile and GOMS will receive a percentage of your purchase at *no additional expense to you*.
- 6) Nugget customer? Pick up a Scrip card in the front office, register online at <https://scrip.nuggetmarket.com/signup/user> and show your card at checkout. There is *no additional expense to you*.
- 7) Download the Granite Oaks Middle School application from the iTunes or Google Play app stores and allow notifications to get the latest news.
- 8) Follow us on [Facebook](#) for up-to-date information on the PFC. We post several times a week and look forward to connecting with you.

In addition, we will be introducing several fundraisers this year that we hope will provide you and your child some value in return for your support. Please be on the lookout for these fundraisers!

The PFC continues to be committed to building strong relationships with our parents, teachers and the school. Thank you again for your support!

Thank you to our new sponsor!



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(You can find the GOMS app by downloading for either iTunes or Google Play).