



REMINDER: NO SCHOOL MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021

Dear GOMS Staff and Families,

We had our first GOMS “In the Nest” Rally today! Our students who maintained 100 merits this quarter had an amazing time with their friends and teachers playing games and celebrating Respect, Responsibility, and Resilience. Our thanks go out to the GOMS Dance Team and Associated Student Body for putting an amazing rally together!

Rocklin Unified is excited to announce the opening of the second round of the Emergency Connectivity Fund program. The ECF program is a new tool to help districts identify students who need a device at home or may need better bandwidth and reimburse the district for those costs. We have already been awarded devices and hotspots and will be applying for additional devices to support our families.

If you have already applied for the ECF program earlier in the year and have received an email confirmation that you have been awarded, there is no need to apply again unless your circumstances have changed.

Families may qualify for this program regardless of their income. Students' and families' eligibility is based upon their need to have a device at home for school work and their level of access to the Internet. Please go to this [LINK](#) for more information.

We hope everyone has a fun and safe three day-weekend!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Honegger and Mr. Holmes

SITE COUNCIL PARENT MEMBERS NEEDED - We are in need of parents to serve on our Site Council. The Site Council objective is to assist Granite Oaks Middle School in matters pertaining to the school and its educational program. We meet 3 to 4 times a year to develop our School Site Plan for Student Achievement and our School Safety Plan. Meetings are scheduled this year for October 27, 2021, January 26, 2022, and February 16, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. and typically last about one hour. **If you are interested, [APPLY HERE FOR SITE COUNCIL](#)**

Instructions for the safe return to school after your student is out ill with symptoms.

COVID-19 Symptoms			COVID-19 Respiratory Symptoms	
Fever (>100.4)	Muscle or body aches	Nausea Vomiting	Congestion Cough	Difficulty breathing Shortness of Breath
Fatigue Chills	Headache Sore throat	Diarrhea	Runny Nose	New loss of taste or smell

Your child may return to school for in-person instruction only when *all three* of the following criteria have been met, regardless of vaccination status:

1. Fever free without the use of fever-reducing medications for at least 24 hours, **AND**
2. Other symptoms have resolved for at least 24 hours, **AND**
3. **EITHER:**
 - a) Documentation that the symptoms are typical of a chronic underlying condition (e.g. allergies or asthma), **OR**
 - b) A confirmed alternative named diagnosis (e.g. strep throat) is received from a health care provider, **OR**
 - c) A negative COVID LAB or Clinic test (**NO HOME TEST KIT/OVER THE COUNTER TEST**), **OR**
 - d) At least 10 days have passed since symptom onset

Instructions on how to quarantine can be found at www.placer.ca.gov/coronavirus/guidance. You should contact your health care provider or an appropriate testing facility so that your child can be evaluated and get tested immediately. Be sure to let the provider know if you are a close contact to a confirmed COVID-19 case. **After receiving test results, we require you to share the results with us so that we can ensure appropriate safety measures are being taken on campus. Email your test results to rusdcovidnurses@rocklinusd.org and to our Health Office at lpelly@rocklinusd.org and to jholmes@rocklinusd.org**

If you do not have a health care provider, additional testing resources are available at [Testing Resources](#) or www.placer.ca.gov/coronavirus.

Our top priority is the health and safety of our school communities, and we take this responsibility seriously. We strongly recommend that if your child is vaccinated they return to school as soon as possible to ensure continuity in their academic and socio-emotional development.

During the quarantine period, you should receive and/or have online access to classroom assignments. If your quarantine period lasts for more than three days, you should contact your school attendance office for an independent study contract. If your child is too sick to participate, please follow normal procedures for calling in sick to the school office.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us to maintain a healthy and safe learning environment.

Dear 7th grade GOMS families,

The Comprehensive Sexual Health and HIV Prevention Parent Preview Night is scheduled for October 26th, from 6:00-6:45pm. This will be a virtual event, with an option to simultaneously view hard copies of materials in the GOMS multipurpose room (See Parent/Guardian Notification Letter for more details).

Please use this link [Parent/Guardian Notification Letter](#) to:

- 1) View specific details about the event, including links to all items which will be discussed at the Parent Preview Night.
- 2) Request the [Zoom link](#) to attend the event virtually
- 3) Read and complete the opt-out form, should you prefer that your child NOT participate in the district-adopted curriculum this year. (No response is necessary if you do want your child to participate in the curriculum).

Supplemental School Funding

Rocklin Unified School District needs your help to ensure adequate funding for our schools and students. The Rocklin Unified School District (RUSD) now offers families simple, easy, and online access to complete the [Education Benefits Income Form](#). When all families submit the form, RUSD can receive the maximum state funding and better meet each school's and student's needs in order to leverage additional services for all students. Without everyone's participation, schools may not receive all of the funding they are entitled to from the state, which would result in fewer services for our students and fewer tax dollars returning to our local community benefiting our students.

Funding supports services for students, families and staff, including the following:

- Mental health and wellness services
- Middle and high school counseling
- Full-day Kindergarten
- Staff and parent education
- Academic Intervention programs and tutoring
- Technology for students
- English learner and translation services
- College & Career preparation
- Supports for Foster Youth and Homeless Students

All families are asked to complete the [Education Benefits Income Form](#) as soon as possible, but no later than **Monday, October 31, 2021**. *All information is completely confidential and will not be shared with any other organization or entity.* Your student's identification number is not necessary to complete the form. Participation is critical to ensure our funding levels are not decreased for the current and future years. We can all take a couple of minutes to help ensure that RUSD receives the funding our students deserve. By completing the form, our students stand the chance of receiving valuable resources instead of having those funds go elsewhere. For the 2021-2022 school year and moving forward, this new online submission process will only take a few minutes to complete. Parents click [here](#) or visit RocklinUSD.org for easy access and submission.

Rocklin Unified respectfully requests that all families take a few minutes to complete the form.

Sincerely,

Rocklin Unified School District



Stompoutbullying.org

October is Bullying Prevention Month! GOMS has many fun and educational activities planned to help foster a kind and inclusive culture on our campus. This year's theme is "I'll Be There For You".

WEEK 3

10/18 -10/22 - Week of Inclusion

10/19 -10/21 - Principals' Bullying Prevention Assemblies

10/22 - Bullying Surveys in Elective classes

10/22 ASB: Fun Friday Lunch Activity to promote Inclusion

Red Ribbon Week

10/25-10/29 - Mr. Champ and ASB have many activities planned to promote a drug-free, safe environment. Mrs. Lema's Art students will be creating murals all week in the Amphitheatre.

Yearbook News - Updates



Granite Oaks Yearbook needs your help!

In the past few months, did your student take a trip? Take up a new hobby? Volunteer? If so, we need you! In this crazy year, it is more important than ever that Granite Oaks families share photos of their students and their stories. Sharing photos has never been easier - simply email the photos to Ms. Willson at the email address below . Your help is greatly appreciated! Here is a list of some photos we're hoping to get:

- Summer vacation photos
- First Day of School
- All Fall sports - Cross Country, Flag Football, Volleyball
- Families on the front -lines: pictures of first responders with their GOMS kids

Send your photos to:

cwillson@rocklinusd.org

Yearbooks are now on sale!

Please click on the link below to purchase your 2021-22 yearbook!

[ORDER YOUR 2020-21 YEARBOOK HERE](#)

Did you buy a yearbook last year?

If you did, but were unable to pick it up, please email Mrs. Willson to arrange for pick up.

cwillson@rocklinusd.org or 916.315.9009 ext 4028

California Junior Scholarship Federation



Attention 8th Grade Scholars

The Granite Oaks chapter of the California Junior Scholarship Federation (CJSF) will be accepting applications for membership, starting Monday, October 18, 2021. The purpose of CJSF is to foster high standards, service and citizenship for middle school students. To qualify for CJSF, applicants must meet the following:

1. All grades earned from the spring semester of 7th grade must be "C" or better.
2. Eligibility is based on CJSF's point system. To be eligible, a student must have at least twice the number of points as classes. An "A" = 3 points, a "B" = 1 point, and a "C" = 0 points. Enrichment, Leadership and P.E. **do not** count as academic subjects.
3. Advanced Math 7 Classes: "A" = 3 points, a "B" = 2 points, and a "C" = 0 points.
4. **Applicants must have maintained 85 or more merits throughout the two previous quarters.**
5. Applicants should be willing to participate in volunteer service activities for their school and community while members of CJSF. The minimum requirement is 2 hours of school service per semester.

Applications can be picked up in the front office or in room C8. **Applications are due Monday, November 1, 2021, no exceptions.** Applicants will be notified by Friday, November 5, 2021. Please email Ms. Willson at cwillson@rocklinusd.org with any questions.

Granite Oaks Middle School



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Dear Families,

We are so grateful you are a part of the school community this year. One of the aims of Rocklin Unified and Granite Oaks Middle School is to provide a system of academic and social-emotional support in a culture of acceptance for all students. Through our LCAP stakeholder engagement process, staff, families, and students identified a need for increased behavior and social-emotional support for students. One of the ways we will be expanding our social-emotional instruction and support services to students is by utilizing a social and emotional learning curriculum for students called CharacterStrong. The curriculum spans grades 6-12 and focuses on 3 main outcomes:

- Increasing a sense of belonging for all students
- Improving skills that support student well-being
- Deepening student engagement in their academics, in their school, and in their community.

Analysis of student data from the California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) indicated a need to expand our support to address the social emotional needs of our students, including connectedness/sense of belonging at school, anxiety and depression, and self-awareness.

In response to the need, during summer 2021 a team of RUSD staff met to review social and emotional learning curricula. During the review process, the team utilized resources from CASEL (Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning), a nationally recognized source for knowledge about high-quality social and emotional learning (SEL). Following the review process, the team identified CharacterStrong (for grades 6-12) as a top choice.

The CharacterStrong curriculum is designed to support school communities as they engage in the work of preparing young people to thrive in the 21st century. [Research](#) supports the effectiveness of social & emotional learning in schools to increase student's academic success and college & career readiness. The lessons focus on developing skills and mindsets around building positive habits, understanding our emotions, and increasing empathy.

We recognize that our families may want additional information about the scope and sequence in addition to the specific content within the lessons. CharacterStrong provides a copy of the scope and sequence of the lessons contained within the curriculum, which can be found [here](#). You may also preview the curriculum at the Granite Oaks Middle School by contacting us at (916) 315-9009 to set up an appointment. To learn more about CharacterStrong, check out characterstrong.com to discover other resources for students and families.

Looking forward to a great year!

Jay Holmes, Principal

Karen Honegger, Assistant Principal



Granite Oaks Middle School Parent Falcon Club

Staff Appreciation

Please support our wonderful teachers and staff by contributing to the
Staff Appreciation Breakfast on Wednesday, October 20th:



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044BAFAB229-staff2>

Your support is greatly appreciated!

October Dining Out is at Blaze Pizza!

Our next monthly Dine Out Fundraiser is Thursday, Pct. 21st! Join us at Blaze Pizza, and take a break from cooking while you help raise \$\$ for our school. Did you hear clubs are starting again at GOMS? Funds raised at Blaze Pizza will help support those clubs. So spread the word to neighbors, family and friends that this is an easy way to help our school. Post on social media too, and help share this info NOW.

Here's how it works:

TWO WAYS TO SUPPORT GOMS PFC:

****In-Restaurant:* Bring in this flyer or show it on your phone before paying.

****Online Orders:* Orders must be placed online via Blaze Pizza App or blazepizza.com. Enter code 1044A into the 'Promo Code' field at checkout to have your transaction count toward the fundraiser. If entered correctly, you'll see a \$.01 discount applied to your check which confirms that 20% of your transaction will be counted into the total donation. VALID FOR PICKUP, CURBSIDE & CARRYOUT ONLY.

Organization: Granite Oaks Parent Falcon Club

Date: Thursday, Oct. 21, 2021

Time: 4:30-8:30

Order Mode: In Restaurant, BLAZE PIZZA APP OR BLAZEPIZZA.COM

Location: Blaze Pizza, Roseville 10325 Fairway Drive



Enjoy yourself and support our cause at a special fundraising event for:

Organization name: Granite Oaks Middle School

Date: Thursday, October 21st, 2021

Time: 4:30PM-8:30PM

Location: Blaze Pizza, 10325 Fairway Drive, Roseville

Order Mode: In-Restaurant, Blaze Pizza App, Blazepizza.com

Blaze Pizza will donate 20% of proceeds from your meal back to our organization.

TWO WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR ORGANIZATION:

In-Restaurant: Bring in this flyer or show it on your phone before paying.

Online Orders: Orders must be placed online via the Blaze Pizza App or blazepizza.com. Enter code **1044A** into the 'Promo Code' field at checkout to have your transaction count toward the fundraiser. If entered correctly, you'll see a \$.01 discount applied to your check which confirms that 20% of your transaction will be counted into the total donation.

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For orders on blazepizza.com or Blaze Pizza App

PROMO CODE: 1044A



VALID FOR DINE-IN, PICKUP, CURBSIDE & CARRYOUT ONLY THROUGH THE BLAZE PIZZA APP & WEBSITE. For online orders, only transactions that have the promo code applied during the time and date specified above will be counted toward the donation total. Donation amount excludes proceeds from tax and gift card purchases. Excludes 3rd party delivery or phone orders. Alcoholic beverages excluded. Event proceeds void if flyers are distributed in or near the restaurant.