



## THANKSGIVING BREAK - NO SCHOOL: November 22th through November 26th

Dear GOMS Staff and Families,

The GOMS staff would like to wish all of our families a happy and healthy Thanksgiving Break. We hope you can spend time with your family and enjoy the holiday with fun COVID free activities. Our staff is truly thankful to have such amazing families supporting our students and our school. We are looking forward to seeing all of our students back on November 29th to start our push to the end of the first semester on December 17th. Have a wonderful and relaxing holiday break!



Granite Oaks Middle School is proud to honor the Volkoff/Baik Family for all of their contributions to our school and community. Sume Baik and her family have contributed greatly to the success of GOMS over the last couple of years. Sume fearlessly volunteered to become a Granite Oaks Parent Falcon Club member and President during this school year. At the time, our PFC was in desperate need of parents to step in and take over the leadership role within our organization. It is extremely difficult to develop relationships with families during the brief two year stay in middle school.

Sume not only stepped into becoming a PFC member, but volunteered to take over the entire organization and become our PFC President. Thankfully, Sume jumped into the role with both feet and never looked back. She has been responsible for overseeing or running our pledge drives, fundraisers, dances, monthly meetings, PFC finances, and teacher appreciation. Under Sume's guidance the Granite Oaks Middle School Parent Falcon Club has raised over 27,000 dollars this year that has helped support many facets of our school. The money raised by our PFC has been used to fund clubs, purchase of chromebooks, and support staff appreciation activities. Sume's hard work with our PFC truly creates a positive difference in making our school one of the best middle schools in Northern California. We are indeed lucky to have Sume working hard to make our school a wonderful place to learn and grow.

On behalf of the students, faculty and staff at Granite Oaks Middle School, we honor the Volkoff/Baik family for their contribution to our school. Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Honegger and Mr. Holmes

## Chromebook Giveaway!

RUSD has the opportunity to save hundreds of thousands of dollars by taking advantage of the Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) program. To do so, we need as many families as possible to complete the ECF request form (see below.) This form is easy to fill out and will help us to keep our GOMS BYOD program moving forward. RUSD has already awarded over 2,700 computers to students and our aim is to distribute 6,800. Any family who has checked out a Chromebook from RUSD is urged to fill out this form to receive a Chromebook for their student to keep for their educational needs. Please see the links below for more information about the ECF program.

[FAQ - ECF](#)  
[ECF Flyer for Parents](#)  
[ECF Paper Application](#)

## GOMS Annual Gift Card Drive



During these extremely challenging times, we have found that there is a substantial increase in family/student need for many of our students here at Granite Oaks Middle School. As the Holiday Season approaches, we ask that you please remember our most needy students in your holiday plans. To this end, the GOMS staff would like to ask that you please consider setting aside part of your holiday budget to help make the Holiday Season a little brighter for these families.

From November 29th - December 10th, 2021, we will be holding a Gift Card Drive to help support our families in need. We will be collecting gift cards from local grocery stores, Target, Walmart, etc. to donate to our various families.

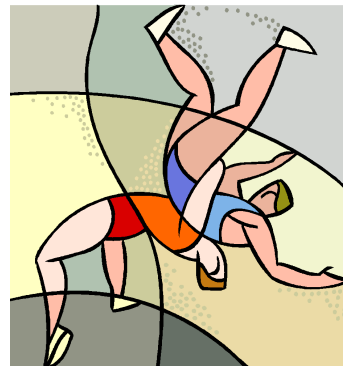
Throughout the school year, our staff has interviewed our families in need and will be matching donated gift cards to these families to fulfill their needs over the Holiday Season. We realize that not everyone can contribute to helping those in need and do not want to place any undue pressure on families to participate in our drive. Our goal is simply to give our GOMS families an avenue to help other families in need. All donations can either be turned into GOMS Student Services or to your student's Homeroom/Enrichment teacher. While we appreciate all gift card donations, we would prefer physical gift cards instead of digital gift cards for the ease of our families. We sincerely appreciate any help you can give to our GOMS families in need this Holiday Season.

## SPORTS

Congratulations to the boys basketball teams on their very successful seasons so far. The 8th grade team had 2 huge wins this week over Buljan MS and Cooley MS. Leading the way for the 8th grade this week were Connor Bow with 16 points against Buljan and Josiah Andrews scoring 32 points against Cooley. Reeves Slone, Nathan Thorndyke, CJ Louis, Blake Smith, and Connor Kostecki also gave big contributions this week.

### GRANITE OAKS WRESTLING

**PRACTICE**  
STARTS TUESDAY,  
**NOVEMBER 30TH**  
**3:30-5:00 P.M.**



MEET IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM  
A COMPLETED GRADE CHECK WITH PARENTS SIGNATURE WILL BE REQUIRED TO PRACTICE

WRESTLERS WILL HAVE TO GET TESTED FOR COVID ONCE A WEEK STARTING THANKSGIVING BREAK. **YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR RUSD TESTING SITES AS WELL AS SOME OF THE OTHER LOCAL TESTING SITES.** IN ORDER TO WRESTLE ON NOVEMBER 30TH, THE WRESTLERS WILL NEED TO SHOW PROOF OF A NEGATIVE COVID TEST. ATHLETES CAN GET THEIR OWN TEST THROUGH THEIR OWN DOCTOR OR A PHARMACY.

ROCKLIN DISTRICT OFFERS FREE COVID TESTING THE WEEK OF THANKSGIVING:

[RUSD Modified COVID Testing Schedule](#)

DURING THE SEASON, AFTER THANKSGIVING BREAK, HERE ARE THE LOCATIONS, DAYS AND TIMES:

[RUSD COVID Testing Schedule](#)

[LOCAL COVID TESTING RESOURCES](#)

**Our telephone system has changed to route your call to the appropriate staff member.**



**When you call 916-315-9009 please listen carefully to the NEW options.**

**For the Health office Dial 4110**

**For the Attendance office Dial 4105**

**For the Counseling and Registrar's Office Dial 4102**

**For the Assistant Principal's office Dial 4103**

**For the Principal's office Dial 4114**

**Visit our Staff Directory on our website for a list of telephone extensions and email addresses:**

[Granite Oaks Middle School Staff Directory](#)

**READ THIS: if you are checking your student out during the school day** - Remember to give your student a note to take to our attendance window before school starts so we can record their name on our daily attendance list. Your student will then show their teacher your note to be excused from class and meet you down in the office when you come to pick them up. You will need to sign them out on our checkout log when you arrive. **NOTE: If you did not send a note with your student, DO NOT CALL AHEAD; just arrive 5 to 10 minutes before you need your student and we will send for them when you walk through the door.** Thank you.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:cwillson@rocklinusd.org) or 916.315.9009 ext 4028

Dear Granite Oaks Parents and Families:

We are excited to invite your students to our first ever, *in person* Scholastic Book Fair, hosted by our library staff. This event is an opportunity for your student to build their home library and further their love of reading. Scholastic Book Fair purchases will benefit our school library, by helping us raise funds to purchase new library books.

**SCHOLASTIC**  
**BOOK FAIR!**  
COMING SOON!

The Scholastic Book Fair will run November 29th - December 3rd, and will take place in the Granite Oaks Library during regular library hours. We would love to have parents shop at our book fair, too. If you would like to visit our library during school hours, please check in at the front office for a visitor pass. If you want to stop by after school, you will not need a pass. We will be practicing social distancing and everyone will need to wear a mask.

For more information, please check out our Granite Oaks Virtual Library slide by visiting this link: [GOMS Virtual Library Slide](#) Click the links within the slide for more information about our upcoming book fair.

Thank you for your support!

Mrs. Hughes and Mrs. Stokes, Granite Oaks Library Aides



## **Granite Oaks Middle School Parent Falcon Club**

### **See's Candy for Music!**



Support our GOMS Music Program while making your day delicious! 100% of the profits are used to:

- Purchase new sheet music for band, orchestra and chorus to keep music relevant to student interests.
- Maintain school instruments.
- Repair and replace broken instruments.
- Purchase instrument accessories and supplies (strings, picks, valve oil, cork grease, drum heads, etc) for band, orchestra, and guitar lab.
- Expand and update our Guitar classes with **electric guitars and amps!**

Music classes support student's social and emotional well-being and cognitive growth through learning and performing music. Music budgets across the district have been eliminated so *any* support is greatly appreciated by our Music Director, Mr. Just! Please visit our shop at:

<https://tinyurl.com/47bfabvm>

Pick and choose your favorites and buy online! Your candy will be delivered to your home at a discounted shipping rate through 12/3. Or combine orders with a friend to save on shipping (free shipping on orders over \$70, gift cards do not count towards free shipping).

See's Candy makes a wonderful hostess gift or stocking stuffer for the holidays.

Happy shopping, and thank you for your support!